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Diary

1st Received the following letters.

To W. C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort St. George.

Sir,

From the Persian Translator at Bengal — enclosing Copy a Letter from the Governor — General to the Rajah of Travancore.

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit, for the information of the Honorable Board, the Copy, in English and — Persian, of a letter from the Honorable the Governor General to the — Rajah of Travancore, the Original of which has been forwarded to the Superviser of the Province of Malabar.

I have the honor to be,

Sr &c &c

Fort William
17th Jul 1795.

/signed/ N B Edmonstone
P.S.

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To the Rajah of Travancore.

written 17th July 1795.

Letter from the Governor General to the Rajah of Travancore advising him of the Intentions of Government with — regard to the Dutch Settlement at Cochin.

Considering the Friendship which has so long and closely subsisted between you and the Company, I have deemed it adviseable

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I adviseable to inform you that orders have been sent by the Prince Stadtholder to the Dutch Government at Cochin to deliver over that Place to the English Troops, who have been accordingly directed to take possession of it. For farther particulars I beg leave to refer you to the Supravisor of Malabar who has my instructions to — communicate them to you. — I am happy in an Opportunity of renewing my Correspondence with you, and in assuring you of the continuance of my regard and Esteem.

A true Copy

/Signed/ N B Edmonstone

P.T.

To W.C. Jackson Esq.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

I send herewith for the information of — Government Copy of a letter from Mr Hurdis, Acting Commissary Grain and Provisions in the Baramahl and Salem Countries — with a Statement of the Servants he deems Absolutely Necessary for Managing the Grain and Provision Department at the — Several Garrisons where he is in Charge of Grain &c and which I recommend to the particular Attention of Government being convinced, from every information, that the business of Commissary cannot be — properly Managed in those Districts with a less Establishment of —

From the Acting — Commissary General of Grain and — Provisions on the Subject of Servants required by the — Commissary at the different Stations in the Baramahl and Salem Districts.

Servants

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1st Servants than that proposed by Mr Hurdis, —

Madras
Commissary Generals Office
1st August 1795.

I am
&c &c
/Signed/ I H Skardon
Actg Com.y Gen.l G & P

P.S I also send herewith an Indent of Stationary for the use of Mr Hurdis, as Commissary of Grain and Provisions in the Baramahl and Salem Districts for one year, which I request may be Ordered. —

John Humphrey Skardon Esq.r
Commissary General of Grain and Provisions
&c &c &c

Sir,

Seeing the necessity of an Establishment — authorised by Government for these Districts, and knowing, from the rate of hire allowed by the Auditor General, the improbability of procuring people on whom dependance could be placed for Wages so extremely small, yet feeling it my duty to try what could be done to diminish the expence of the Department, I determined to delay my Application to you for an Establishment, till seeing the Garrisons to the Southward and judging of the labour and expence of living to the Servants in those Garrisons, I could form some tolerably correct opinion.

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The result of my inspection is that the —— Establishment kept up by Mr. Hughes is with a little Variation the one absolutely necessity

The accompanying in the Statement I have drawn up for the approbation of Government and the only difference I have made is in putting an Additional Measurer in the Garrison of Sankerydroog, which, from the quantity of Grain therein stored is absolutely necessary.

I have also with drawn one of the Peons from Salem and sent him to Sankerydroog for the same reason that I placed another measurer there—

I hope to be able shortly to transmit my —— Returns—but the Quantity of Grain and there being One measure and one Measurer only at each Garrison — makes the receipt of the Department very tedious.

I herewith transmit you my Indent for —— Stationary Necessary for this Department—and as Mr. Hughes left me not a Single quire I hope it will be directly complied with.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

T. B. Hurdis

Acty Dept. C. G. P.

Kistnaghurry
26th July 1795.

A true Copy
/Signed/ J H S

Estimate

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1. Estimate of the Sums required for the Department of the — Commissary of Grain and Provisions in the Barramahl &c. Districts for the Month of August 1795.

Kistnagherry

Grain and Provision Department

One Conicoply	5 . .	
Two Measurers	4 . .	
Four Peons	6 — . —	
One Sweeper	1 . .	16 — . —

Ryacotah

Grain and Provision Department

One Conicoply	5 . .	
One Peon	1 21 .	
One Measurer	2 . .	
One Sweeper	1 . .	9 21 .

Chinneroy Droog

Grain and Provision Department

One Conicoply	5 . .	
One Measurer	2 . .	
One Peon	1 21 .	
One Sweeper	1 . .	9 21 .

Kungoondy

Grain and Provision Department

One Conicoply	5 . .	
One Measurer	2 . .	
One Peon	1 21 .	
One Sweeper	1 . .	9 21 .
	Carried Over Pagodas	44 . 21 . —

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1. Brought forward Ps ——— 44 21 .

Pinagra

Grain and Provision Department

One Conicoply	5 ..	
One Measurer	2 ..	
One Peon	1 21 .	
One Sweeper	1 — .. —	9 21 —

Verabuddra Droog

Grain and Provision Department

One Conicoply	5 ..	
One Measurer	2 ..	
One Peon	1 21 .	
One Sweeper	1 — .. —	9. 21..

Sankery Droog

Grain and Provision Department

One Conicoply	5 ..	
2 Measurers	4 — .. —	
2 Peons	3 — .. —	
One Sweeper	1 — .. —	13 — .. —

Salem

Grain and Provision Department

One Writer	12 . —	
One Conicoply	5 ..	
One Shroff	4 ..	
One Measurer	2 ..	
One Peon	1 21 .	
One Sweeper	1 ..	25 21 .

Carried Over Pagodas.

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Brought forward Ps

Atoor

Grain and Provision Department

One Conicoply	5 ..	
One Measurer	2 ..	
One Peon	1 21 .	
One Sweeper	1 ..	9. 21 ..

Namail

Grain and Provision Department

One Conicoply	5 ..	
One Measurer	2 ..	
One Peon	1. 21 .	
One Sweeper	1 ..	9. 21 .

Total Pagodas 121 ..

/Signed/ T B Hurdss
Actg DA CG & P.

Kistnagherry
12 July 1795.

A true Copy

/Signed/ S H S

To W. C. Jackson Esq.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions recommending that an additional supply of Gram be laid up for the 5th Regiment of Native Cavalry.

You will receive herewith for the information of Government Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Sheriff, Deputy Gram Agent with the 5th Regiment N. C. In

Consequence

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Fort St. George — August 1795.

1. consequence of what he therein States I request the permission to accept the offer of Vencatachellum to provide twelve Garce of Gram in — addition to, and on the same terms with that Already Contracted for Viz.t at 56 Pagodas p.r Garce.

Sam
Y.r Y.r

Madras
1.st August 1795.

/Signed/ I H Skardon
Actg P A C S.

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Shirriff Deputy Agent — Gram Supplies with the 5.th Regiment Native Cavalry Dated — Cuddalore. 30.th July 1795.

We have received 51 Additional Horses since the 1.st of the Month and more coming daily. Our present Stock of Gram is by no means sufficient to last till the new Crop comes in, I cannot tell with certainty what Quantity will be wanted, but I suppose about 10 or 12 Garce More, and as it will be much dearer a few Weeks hence than at present, I should think it — adviseable to purchase it just now, Vencatachellum would deliver it in the Cantonment on the same terms as his late Contract provided he gets the money advanced, Please let me know if I should take any Notice of his Offer.

A true Extract
/Signed/ I H S

Delivered

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Fort St. George — August 1795.

To Delivered to the Commander of the Royal Admiral the following letter for Mr. Secretary Ramsay. —

To William Ramsay Esqr.

Secretary to the Honorable Court of Directors

Sir

To the Secretary to the Honorable Court of Directors advising of the permission granted to Mr. Betty, Assistant Surgeon, to proceed to England on the — Lascelles.

I am directed by Government to acquaint you, for the Information of the Honorable Court of Directors, that, at the request of Mr. William Betty, an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment, they have permitted that — Gentleman to resign the Service, and to proceed to England on the Lascelles.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ W. C. Jackson
Secy

Fort St. George
1st August 1795.

Sent the following Letter to the Resident at Hydrabad.

To Captain Kirkpatrick

Resident at Hydrabad.

To the Resident at Hydrabad. Major Roberts directed to proceed immediately with his Detachment to Hydrabad the 3d Battalion of Native Infantry held in — Readiness to move towards the Kurpah Frontier

Sir,

I have the honor to Acquaint you that, in consequence of instructions from the Governor General in Council, Major Roberts has been directed to proceed with the — Detachment

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Fort St. George August 1795.

1st Detachment required by the Nizam, to Hydrabad, with all possible expedition — The Board hope he will be able to leave Condapilly early in the present Month.

I am also to acquaint you that orders have been given for holding the 3d Battalion of Native Infantry in readiness to move towards the Cudapah Frontier, but, in the present situation of Affairs, the Board have judged it indispensably necessary to postpone the order for the march of this Corps, until they have obtained the Sentiments of Lord Hobart, to whom they have written on the subject.

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
1st August 1795.

Sr &c &c

/Signed/ W.C. Jackson
Secy

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To Mr Secy Huey — To the Secretary at Bengal — enclosing a Copy of the latest Intelligence received from the Mysore Country.

To Ditto — To Ditto — enclosing a Duplicate Letter for the Secret Committee to be forwarded on the Mary also Copies of the Dispatches fr Royal Admiral for the Information of the Governor General in Council.

To

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Fort St. George — August 1795.

To the Commander of the Lascelles

2d To Captain Kempt — permitting him to — receive Mr William Betty on board his Ship, as Passenger for England.

To the Commanders of the Royal Admiral and Lascelles

To Captains Bond and Kempt — enclosing Lists of Charter Party Passengers ordered to embarks on their — respective Ships for England.

3d Received the following Letters.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart.

President in Council &c &c

My Lord.

From Lieutenant Colo Wynch regarding a Censure Passed on his Conduct in a Letter from the Public Department for affording contradictory Information respecting the strength &c of the Fort of Chintapillee —

Mr Collector Ram of Guntoor has sent me officially a Copy of a letter from Mr Secretary Webbe to him of the — 18th Instant — The censure which your Lordship in Council have been therein pleased to pass on my Conduct, on account of the — extraordinary contradiction in the several Reports made by — me on the Subject of Chintapilly Fort, has been a matter of no small uneasiness to me, as, with all deference to your Lordship, I am conscious of not having merited it — I have had the honor of addressing your Lordship only twice on the subject of the Chintapilly Rajah Vizt on the 23 of May and 2 of July and on reperusal of these letters I am at a loss to find any thing contradictory in them — I beg leave to observe to your Lordship

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(Signed) W.C. Jackson

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3d Lordship that Mr Collector Ram was never entitled or authorised by me to make use of my name officially in any of his Reports — relating to Strength of the Fort of Chintapilly, or the number of Troops that might be required to take it, for he never officially applied to me either verbally or in writing on the Subject, nor did he ever communicate me what he had written, until after the receipt of Mr Secretary Webbe's letter of the 18th Instant In a desultory conversation with Mr Ram, I recollect having mentioned that when I saw the Fort six years ago it was then in very good repair that its Walls were so high as to prevent an escalade, and that I saw many pieces of Cannon and one or two thousand Stand of french Muskets It will readily occur to your Lordship, that if a Mud Fort is not repaired, it must soon fall into decay, the Rajah particularly mentioned in his petition that since the Guntoor Circar had reverted to the Honorable Company, he had never done the smallest thing in the way of repair to it — This will account for the difference betwixt its present state, as lately reported by Lieutenant Martin, not by me, and what it was six years ago as mentioned by myself — Had Government done me the honor to have addressed me on the subject, or even had the Collector officially applied to me respecting the number of Troops &c required to take it, in case of the Rajahs proving refractory, it would then have been my business to have made the necessary enquiries

3. enquiries and to have reported accordingly — Had this report proved erroneous I should have justly merited such censure as has now passed, without ever having reported at all — But having the most implicit confidence in your Lordships Candour and Justice, I trust you will now see reason to do away such censure — I have only further to assure your Lordship that in the whole of this business I have acted disinterestedly, and, to the best of my Judgement, for the good of the Service

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Guntoor
30th July 1795.

A. Lynch
Lieutenant Colo. Comm.g

To the Honorable Edward Saunders Esquire

Acting President In Council.

Honorable Sir,

From the Attorney General-opinion regarding the Point in Discussion between the Assistant to the Resident at Cuddalore and the Superior Council at Pondicherry —

I have had the honor to receive a your — Secretary's Letter of the 18th Ultimo, transmitting to me copies of a Correspondence between Mr Thursby, Assistant to the Resident at Cuddalore, and the President of the Choultry Court at Pondicherry, relative to a Decree passed by that Court, and Confirmed by the Superior Council, and conceive that the

reasons

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3 reasons assigned by Mr Thursby are not sufficient to justify an — interruption of the course of Justice.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Fort S. George
3 August 1795.

/Signed/ Benjn Sulivan

Received also the undermentioned Letters as entered in

M B Nos 1 2 3 4.

From Mr R Andrews

From Mr R Andrews - acknowledging — Receipt of the Boards Instructions relative to his Embassy to the King of Candia - and requesting Passage May be ordered him to Trincomallee of the Lascelles —

From the Commandant at Dindigul.

From the Commandant at Dindigul - — recommending that a permanent flag Staff be erected on the — Summit of the Rock, in the Room of the Old one, which is totally decayed.

From the Garrison Storekeeper. —

From the Garrison Storekeeper - reporting the proportion and tonnage of Provisions &c Shipped on the — Royal Admiral and Lasalles.

From Commandant at Permacail

From the Honorable Captain Lindsay - — requesting permission to visit the Presidency.

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters — entered in M B Nos 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20.

To

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To the Military Paymaster General —

To M.Z.B. Roebuck 4th

acquainting him that the Reasons he has assigned for not having sent in the accounts of the Kings Troops are considered altogether insufficient – and urging him to send them in without further delay

To the Secretary at Bengal – enclosing

To W. Secretary Hay

Copies of Correspondence with the Military Paymaster and Military Auditor General on the Subject of the Delay that has arisen in furnishing the Accounts of the Kings Troops agreeably to the Instructions sent to those offices in the — Month of October 1792 —

To the Military Board – directing the

To the Military Board

Execution of Repairs to the Officers Quarters at Conatore – Orders regarding future Issues of Stores to the Gun Carriage Contractors – Sundry Stores to be supplied on Account of the — Nizam, on application of Mr De La Faye – Estimates enclosed for repairing the Artillery Barracks and building two Baths at Masulipatam.

To Colonel Collins – authorizing him to

To the Commandant at Vellore

grant permission to Messrs St. Michel and Le Seg to — proceed to Pondicherry on leave of Absence for twenty five days –

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To the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops

To the Deputy Paymaster General of the Kings Troops desiring him to furnish Sundry Accounts required by the Military Auditor General

To the Commander of the Lascelles

To Captain Kempt desiring him to receive on board his Ship and convey to Trincomalee four Sepoys and one Puckally belonging to the 23 Battalion of Native Infantry.—

To the Military Auditor General

To the Military Auditor General - desiring that 1350 Arcot Rupees may be advanced to the Agent of — Rustumjee Camagee on account of extra Expenses disbursed by him in conveying a lot of Horses from Anjengo to Madras.

To the Board of Revenue

To the Board of Revenue - desiring them to instruct Mr Gregory to comply with Lieutenant Forbes's Indents of Cash on account of his Purchases of Horses - communicating the opinion of the Attorney General on the Matter in discussion between Mr Thursby. and the Superior Council at Pondicherry and directing they will give the necessary Instructions on the Subject to the Resident at Cuddalore.—

To the agent for purchasing Horses at Hydrabad.

To Lieutenant Forbes communicating the Orders sent to Mr. Gregory - and approving the application made by him to Captain Kirkpatrick for a Supply of Cash on Account of his Employ.

To

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To the Commanding Officer in the Baramaul and Salem Districts

To Captain A Read — approving his — Suggestion of Disposing of all the Surplus Grain on hand — with the exception of the Sumbo, and desiring him to State how for this Grain might be laid in Store in the Different Garrisons with Advantage to the Company. —

To Mr Vaughan

To Mr Hugh Vaughan — enclosing Copies of a — Petition and Sundry Papers received from one Mootoo, a — Puckally Maistry, and desiring him to State why the Amount appearing to be due to the Petitioners Father, was not discharged at the time it became payable. —

To the Military Paymaster of Fort St George

To the Honorable Basil Cochrane — desiring him to advance to Captain Bond and the Sum of two — hundred Pagodas on Account of Lieutenant Le Vaillants — Passage to England on the Royal Admiral.

To the Commander of the Royal Admiral

To Captain Bond — permitting him to — receive Lieutenant Le Vaillant on board his Ship as Passenger for England — Enclosing that Officers Parole, with Directions to forward it to Mr Secretary Ramsay on his arrival in England. —

To the Garrison Storekeeper —

To the Garrison Storekeeper — desiring him to send on board the Snow Anna, Captain Newbiggen, Provisions for ten days, and Water for 15 days, for 49 Europians ordered to Embark on that Vessel for Masulipatam. —

To

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To the Commandant of Permacoil

4. To the Honorable Captain Lindsay granting him permission to visit the Presidency. —

To the Superavisor of the Province of Malabar

To Mr James Stevens enclosing two letters to his address. received from Bengal. —

Received the following letter from the Resident at Hydrabad.

W. C. Jackson Esq.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George.

Sir,

From the Resident at Hydrabad enclosing Copies of the Nizams orders to the Talookdars of Kurpah and Kummum, regarding their Cooperation with the Company's troops that will be sent to that Quarter

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d Instant and to inclose for the information of Government Copies of the Orders issued by the Nizam to the Talookdars of Kurpah and Kummum, in consequence of the representation which I made to his Highness on the occasion — I shall dispatch the originals myself having received them from the Dubbar for that purpose.

It may be proper for me, however, to notice in this place that mahomed Ameer khan Arab, has not yet received Charge of the District of Kurpah from the Affears of Afsud Alikhan the late Talookdar: which will necessarily prevent his Highness's Orders from having so early an effect as could

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4th could be wished.—

I have also to acknowledge my receipt of your Letters of the 11th and 12th Instant, and shall, in consequence of the former, demand the dismission of Messrs. Martin, with as little delay as possible.—

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Signed W. Kirkpatrick

Hyderabad
26th July 1795.

Translation Copy of an Enayet Namah

To Mohammed Ameen khan Bahadur Talookdar of Cudappa.

Dated 23d July 1795.

Whereas a party of troublesome Free-Booters, protected and countenanced by the Zemindars of Cudappa, are in the practice of making plundering and oppressive Incursions, on every favorable opportunity, into the Talooks belonging to the Nabob Walajah Bahadur: In consequence of which, a — Party of Troops has been detached by the Company, to Cooperate with the said Nabobs People, in punishing those Plunderers.

You are therefore hereby ordered, in the — first place, positively to enjoin your Talookdars, not to protect or encourage

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4th encourage these theeves, and, in the next place, to exert your most strenuous Endeavors, by sending a proportion of the Force present with yourself to join the Affies in Command of the Company's — and the Nabob's Troops, in punishing those Disturbers; and — you will so arrange matters that they may be entirely dispersed

The same to the Tutorkaar & Khummum dated 26 Aug. 1795

Above Translation

/Signed/ A Falconar

P. S.

Sent the following Letters

To Colonel James Stuart

Sir.

To Colonel Stuart enclosing Copies of Correspondence with Mr Powney relative to the Dutch Settlements on the Westside of Ceylon

I am directed by Government to transmit for your Information Copy of a letter written to Mr Powney, the Collector at Rammad, on the 16th Ultimo, together with a Copy of that Gentleman's Reply.

I am

Fort St. George
4th August 1795.

Sir Your

/Signed/ W. C. Jackson
Sec.y

To

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To Benjamin Sulivan Esquire

Attorney General.

Sir,

To the Attorney General desiring his Opinion upon an application of Lieutenant Colonel Geils to be allowed an unreserved Communication with his Dubash Ramah

I have the orders of this Government to — transmit to you Copies of Sundry papers, as per List enclosed, — relating to the Conduct of a Native Servant named Ramah belonging to Lieutenant Colonel Geils who, upon being — accused of various acts of injustice towards the Artillery Lascars of the 1st Battalion was, by authority of the Right Honorable the President in Council, ordered into confinement, and, in — consequence of the deposition upon Oath of Arrop, Syrang, an order was issued for his being continued in confinement.

I have also the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter from the Judge Advocate, written by order of the General — Court Martial, now assembled for the trial of Lieutenant — Colonel Geils, and to desire you will be pleased to State your opinion whether it would be consistent with the due — administration of justice under the Charges preferred against the Dubash, to authorize an unreserved communication — between him and Lieutenant Colonel Geils, during the — prosecution of the Latter.—

The

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4th The Letter to Lieutenant Colonel Smith, from the Secretary, dated the 27th of June, was founded on a Communication from Colonel Brathwaite to the Right Honorable the President. —

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

W. C. Jackson

Secy

Fort St. George

4th August 1795.

List of Papers enclosed.

From Colonel Brathwaite ..... 27th June 1795

with 2 Enclosures .....

To Lieutenant Colonel Smith ..... 27th June 1795

From Lieutenant Colonel Smith ..... 28th June 1795.

Petition from the Family of Ramah, Dubash

to Lieutenant Colonel Gells

Affidavit of Troop Syrang to Lieutenant

Colonel Smith ..... 3 July 1795

From the Judge Advocate ..... 3 August 1795

with Enclosures.

Att

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Fort St. George 4th August 1795.

At a Consultation

Present

Edward Saunders Esqr.

Acting President

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

The Right Honorable Lord

Tuesday Hobart absent on a Tour to the Northward.

4th August 1795

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved.

Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

From Col Brathwaite the 3d Native Battalion ordered in Readiness for service - Recommends that the Company of Artillery attached to Major Roberts's Detachment be immediately reinforced. Movements of Boopiah — Major Dunwoody incapable, from Sickness, of keeping the Field: recommends that the Cavalry Corps be completed with effects to the War Establishment Lieutenant Parkinson of Invalids proceeds to Sea on account of Ill Health

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the communication made to me by order of Government in Mr Secretary Jacksons letter of the 31st Ultimo, in consequence of which orders have been sent to Lieutenant Colonel Wynch to collect, and hold ready for Service, at a Moments warning, the 3d Battalion of Native Infantry; and communication has been made to Colonel Bidcliffe, — a Commanding the Northern Division of the Army, that such an

order

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has bien sent direct to Lieutenant Colonel Wynch to save time - some little time will, however, be required before the Battalion can be collected and ready to move.

It will not be possible for Major Roberts's Detachment to proceed immediately to Hydrabad: it was not only dispersed but some of the Corps which composed it were reduced from the Strength stipulated for them by the Treaty. When the Detachment returned the two additional Companies of the 28th Native Battalion were transferred from that Battalion to the 19th and sent into the Vizagapatam district; and the greater part of Captain Bell's Company of Artillery was also sent into that District. So soon as I had the first hint that the Detachment was to be reassembled I immediately authorized Colonel Bidcliffe to call back these two Companies, and as much of the Artillery as could be spared, and to recruit the 29th Native Battalion to the stipulated establishment; but, from the distance of those in the Vizagapatam District, the two Companies to be returned from the 19th could only march on the 20th, and will scarcely be at Condapilly before the 10th Instant; as I have been informed by a letter received only two days since, by which I am also informed that Major Dunwody thinks it necessary to detain sufficient Artillery men to man four six Pounders, which, with Casualties, since the return of Captain

Bell's

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Bells Company, replacing men unfit, and providing others whose times expire in one Month, under it indispensibly necessary to recruit Captain Bells company with one Lieutenant one Serjeant, two Corporals, four Gunners, and forty one Matrosses, before it can be sent upon this Service. If no conveyance by Sea can be obtained, this may cause great but unavoidable delay — If a Sea conveyance can be immediately obtained, and the Draught and Carriage cattle are in time provided, I should hope the whole may be ready to march about the — 15th from Condapilly where they have been ordered to assemble, — as Major Roberts sailed from hence on the 27th Ultimo for — Masulipatam, with orders to assemble his Detachment near Condapilly with as little delay as possible. —

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council some Communications forwarded to me by Colonel — Biddulph relative to the movements of Boopiah, and of the — Detachments in the Masulipatam District, and request you to recollect that, so soon as Major Roberts Detachment and the 3d Battalion move, the District of Masulipatam will be reduced in Native force to two Battalions only; one of which is indispensibly necessary to Garrison Masulipatam; and that, — consequently, one only will remain for the other Stations and

Field

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Field Service, nor can Colonel Biddulph derive any distance from the Guntoor Circar, which will then be left with one Battalion only, and the Chintapilly Zemindar, who, in appearance, however, is at present well disposed, maintains, I am told, in his Countries, just on the other side the Kistna, 3000 Men. In this Communication from Colonel Biddulph is one letter from Major Dunwoody (Copy of which I enclose) which gives me great concern, as it states his Sickness to be now such as renders him incapable of further duty for the present.

On the Subject of encreasing the native establishment, I have written both to the Southward and Northward for information, and as soon as I receive replies, I shall have the honor to state to you what Probability we have of doing so by Recruiting on this Coast. In the Center Division it is found very difficult indeed to get Recruits — few of the Battalions can keep themselves complete and the two last raised Battalions have never been completed yet — this I am informed in a great measure arises from his Highness the Nabob having lately augmented his Sepoys much, and continuing to do so — I am told men may be had for the Cavalry who will not enlist in the Infantry, and who as yet keep back from entering into any other Service, in the expectation that our Cavalry Regiments are to be augmented to the War establishment,

and

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and as we have now so good a prospect of mounting the — Regiments, I cannot but strongly recommend that they should be ordered to recruit to the War establishment —

I have the honor to enclose a Certificate, in Consequence of which Lieutenant Parkinson, of the — Invalid Establishment, has gone to Sea for his health.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
August 3d 1795.

/Signed/ John Brathwaite

To Captain Ogg
Brigade Major.

Sir,

I have the honor of acknowledging the — receipt of your Letter /Duplicate/ under date of the 19th Instant which was delivered me yesterday Evening on my march for this place —

I beg to enclose a Copy of a letter from Mr Gambier Collector / for Colonel Bilcliffe's perusal / which I received on the evening of the 20th at Wantamoomary, and instantly complied with it, by marching with all possible

Expedition

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Expedition for this place which I reached this Morning.—

Mr Bransfill Collector gives me understand that Boopiah, with His party, are moved off— You will therefore be pleased to make known to Colonel Bilcliffe my intention of proceeding on my route for Masulipatame on the 25th Instant and as Mr Gambier observes that there is no necessity for my making Muglatore shall go by the Route of Ellore— sending off the Jemadars party for the relief of that of the 28th Battalion agreeable to the Orders of Colonel Bilcliffe.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ J Deighton

Lieutenant Comm.g a Det. of
the 11. Batt.n

To Lieutenant John Deighton

Commanding a Detachment of Native Infantry

proceeding from the Northward.

Sir,

I am informed from Colonel Bilcliffe that he has sent you orders to move with your Detachment to this place; as there will be now no occasion for your doing this

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This the Body of Peons under Boopiah having left this —"—
Neighbourhood, and are now moving into the interior parts of the
Country towards Yanagoodum / by the last Accounts) I have
to request, in the event of Mr Branfield's making a requisition
for the Service of your Detachment to act against the above
Peons, that you will accordingly do this, and consider yourself
authorized not to execute the Orders of Colonel Bilcliffe for
moving to this place.

I am
Sr &c
/Signed/ C Gambier

Muglatore
17th July 1795.
11 AM

P.S. Should you not have rcuved any requisition from
Mr Branfill, I request you will, otherwise, take what Steps you
may judge beneficial in acting against the Armed Peons of —"—
Boopiah.

True Copies
/Signed/ Wm Wilson Secy

Colonel Bilcliffe
Commanding Northern Division of the Army.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that, in
consequence

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Consequence of orders from the Commander of the Army I have directed the two additional Companies of the 28th Battalion to proceed to Masulipatam to rejoin that Corps They are on the march under Lieutenant Shaw of the 19th Battalion.

Enclosed is Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Johnson who has been employed with a party of Kimedy Peons under Doogorauze, the Brotherinlaw of the Kimedy Rajah in Search of the Palaundah Rajah—

My indisposition has continued so long and my recovery appears now so distant, that I must request the favor of you to forward my wishes for another Officer to be appointed to the Command of the Troops in the District.

Walter
July 22d 1795.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ Thomas Dunwoody

Major-

To Captain Laland

Commanding the Detachment at

Sir, Veergottom.

I had the honor to receive your publick letter of the 9th and took immediate measures for effectually cooperating with

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with Doogerauze, whom I found extremely willing, to give all the Aid and Assistance in his power, towards seezing the person of the Paulcondah Rajah

On the Morning of the 11th we entered the Hills, by the Sittampet Pass, and found our march greatly impeded by Trees and Jungle, that had been placed there for the express purpose of obstructing our Passage.

The Different impediments, we met with, prevented our getting further than Darlepur a Village, Situated in the very Center of the Hills, and an equal distance from the Villages of Sittempet Paulcondah and Veeragottom.— From its Central Situation, Doogarauze was of opinion it would be better to halt the next day and send out different Parties, for the purpose of obtaining information — I accordingly sent out small Detachments; one of which so fortunate as to seize two Men, Inhabitants of a small Village Called Cockerry on the borders of the Curepaum Country.— They, without the smallest hesitation, declared the Rajah had passed through their Village two days before, and they had no doubt of his being concealed in the Curepaum Country.— upon their information, we entered that Country, and proceeded, with all possible expedition, to the Village of Mandumcolar,

about

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about 22 Cos in direct line from Settamapet, and there I am sorry to say our information respecting the Rajah ceased, Chiefly owing to Sadiah the head Man of the Village, who was extremely backward in giving information. — After remaining there two days, without the smallest success, the want of Provisions (having been out 8 days) obliged us to return to Veeragottam. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ George Johnson

Lieutenant 12th Battalion

Veeragottam
the 18th of July 1795.

True Copy

/Signed/ Thos Dunwoody

Major

True Copies

/Signed/ Wm Wilson Lieut

To Captain S. Ogg

Major of Brigade.

Sir,

Yesterday I was favored with the receipt of your letter of the 16th Instant, on my march towards Attely,

and.

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and on my arrival found the two Bullocks load of Ammunition had arrived which you have mentioned being sent, and I shall send Mr Corbet an Indent for the same with an — acknowledgement of the receipt of it— and be pleased to acquaint Colonel Bidcliffe that I went in Pursuit of Boopiah and his Peons as far as the Village of Anantapilly, but could hear no further intelligence of him, than he had quit the Company's — Country, and, at the requisition of Mr Gambier, has again returned to Attely, and this day received a letter from him informing me he had detained the Semidars guard at Muglatore: the two Barrels of Ammunition sent me from Rajahmundry — I have returned. —

I am

&c &c

Camp at Attely
23 July 1795.

/Signed/ Ja Funston
Lieut 28th Battalion
N.I.

True Copy
/Signed/ Wm Wilson Secy

To

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To Colonel Balcliffe

Commanding the Northern Division of the

Army

Sir

I addressed you under date the 20th and 22d Instant — and having just now received intelligence regarding Boopiah / Copy of which is herewith enclosed / and having further been informed, that Lieutenant Dightons Detachment has arrived in the Masulipatam Districts / having already passed Rajahmundry / I have judged it proper to Communicate to you the above Intelligences — without delay; and at the same time, to suggest to you, the utility of having the whole, or part of Lieutenant — Dightons Force to remain in the Country and further — that such part of it (if not the whole) may be now ordered to the — Village of Anantapallee in the Nozeed Zemindary, for the purpose of either giving a Check to such armed Peons of Boopiahs on their attempting to make an Incursion, or should they — enter in the Country to act against them: in the event of this meeting your approbation, which I beg leave strongly to — recommend, I take the liberty at the same time, to suggest that immediate orders be sent off to Lieutenant

Dighton

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Dighton.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Signed C. Gambier

Coll.

Muglatoor
26th July 1795
6 P.M.

Copy of Intelligence Received the 26th July 1795.

Boopiah is encamped in Ayaravury —
Palaveram at the Borders of Reddy Seema, and Aswenawpetta,
with his Armed Force, endeavouring to devide his whole Force
into 4 Parts and send them into the District, by different —
Routs, after the expiration of the time limited at Muglatore —
which they are talking of. Boopiah left the whole Force at
Palaveram, and proceeded himself to Badrachellum; from
the reports, it appears that they would suffer no one to live, on
their returning at this time — As the Villages that was rented
by Panacall, lay contiguous to the place where Boopiah is
encamped, it is said, that Panacall had the knowledge of
Boopiah's proceeding, and also supplying some necessary —
Articles for him. —

A true Copy of the Translation

Signed C Gambier

Coll.

True Copies

Signed Wm Wilson

Secy

This

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This is to certify that Lieutenant Parkinson of the Invalids, has arrived here very ill of a Bilious complaint, to which he has been frequently subject; an opportunity now offering of his going to Sea, I have advised him to adopt it as the most probable means of restoring him to health.—

Negapatam
16th July 1795.

/Signed/ George Baird
Surgeon

Minutes on the foregoing Letters from Colonel Brathwaite

Before the Board can come to any determination on the suggestion of Colonel Brathwaite for recruiting the Native Cavalry to the War establishment, the opinion of the Right Honorable the President must be had upon it; as well as upon the measure recommended by the Board of Revenue in their letter of the 28th Ultimo for raising Revenue Corps for the Safety and Protection of all the Circars.—

In consequence of Colonel Brathwaite's representation relative to the in-complete State of Captain John Bell's Company of Artillery the Deputy Master attendant is ordered to ascertain whether there be any Vessel in the roads bound to Masulipatam, that could be engaged to carry the number wanting to complete.—

The Deputy Master Attendant informs the

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The Snow Anna — engaged to carry a Reinforcement for Capt. Bell's Company of Artillery to Masulipatam

the Board that Captain Newbiggen of the Snow Anna is — disposed to receive the Troops, provided he be allowed one hundred Pagodas for their freight, and that Provisions and Water be sent on board —

Ordered, in consequence, that the Anna be taken up on the above terms, and that ten days Provisions and fifteen days Water be immediately sent on board, and that the Troops (in all forty Nine) do embark tomorrow morning — In the mean time, however, the Deputy Master Attendant will personally examine whether the Vessel be proper for the Service —

Orders circulated in the Circars by the Right Honorable the President for Augmenting the Native Infantry Establishments in the Northern and Southern Divisions

The Secretary acquaints the Board that he has received a letter from the Right Honorable Lord — Hobart, stating that in consequence of the dispatches from the Governor General in Council, under date the 16th Ultimo, his Lordship had judged it necessary to circulate an order in the Circars, for adding to each Company of Native Infantry in the Northern and Southern Divisions of the Army, twenty Men, to be considered as supernumeraries. — —

Similar orders to be issued at the Presidency

Resolved that a similar order be issued at the Presidency.

Read the following letter from Bengal.

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart.

Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George.

My Lord,

From Bengal enclosing Copy of a Plan submitted by the Commander in Chief for recruiting depots and Lascars for the Coast — Establishment in the Bengal Provinces Power for sending round a Proportion of European and Native Officers for this Service from the Coast —

In our letter of the 22d Ultimo we — acquainted your Lordship that we proposed with whatever uncertainty of success, to endeavour to recruit the Coast — Native Infantry and Lascars from the Bengal Provinces We have now the honor to transmit to you a Copy of Propositions — laid before us by the Commander in Chief, and adopted by us, for this purpose; and we beg leave to recommend that the Native Officers and Men, mentioned in the 3d Article, may be send round to Bengal without delay, and that the European Subaltern Officers of the Madras Establishment required to conduct the recruits to their respective Places of Destination, may be ordered to this Presidency, where we with them to arrive in the month of November or — December next.

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

Fort William
13th of July 1795.

I Shore
Robt Abercromby
P. Speke
Wm Cowper.

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Propositions for Recruiting Sepoys and Lascars for the Establishment of Fort S. George.

1st. The whole business of Recruiting to be conducted under the directions and management of an Office to be denominated Recruiting Office for the Madras Establishment

2nd. Six Subadars, Six Jemmadars, Six Hawaldars, Six Naicks, 20 Private Sepoys, two Sarangs, two Tindals and ten Lascars to be employed on this Service under the Orders of the Recruiting Officer, and to be selected by him from the Men of the Bengal Battalions, and Companies of Lascars who served in the Carnatic during the last, or the former War.

3d. Five Native Officers of the Madras Army, and ten Bengal Men now in the Carnatic Army, to be sent round to Bengal, and employed under the Recruiting Office.

Age Size and Description of Recruits and mode of Recruiting

1st. The Men for the Sepoy Battalions are to be either Hindoos or Mahommedans, strong, able bodied, and well proportioned, and not under the Standard of 5 Feet 5 Inches. Their Age is not to be under 16 nor above 30: but exceptions may

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may be made in favor of Men above the Age of 30 who shall have served the Company before as Sepoys, provided they are strong and healthy and produce sufficient proofs of their having been regularly discharged.—

2.d The Lascars are to be strong and able bodied; — Mahommedans, Natives of the Province of Chittagong are to be preferred, but Hindoos and Natives of other Parts of the Country are not to be excluded — Their Age the same as — prescribed for Sepoys with the same exceptions —

3.d The Recruiting Officer is to proceed to the Frontier Stations of Futtah Ghurr and Cawnpoor, distributing parties of — Officers and Men at such intermediate places as may appear most favorable, who are to proceed into the interior Parts of the Country to Collect Recruits upon the Conditions which will be hereafter specified —

4.th The above Parties are to Communicate with the — Recruiting Officer, and when they shall have collected from the Country into which they are sent as many Men as they can procure, they are to bring them to one of the following — Stations that shall be most contiguous Barrackpoor, — Burrampoor, Danapoor, Chunar, Cawnpoor and — Futtah Ghurr —

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5th On their arrival at one of the above mentioned Stations the Recruits are to be produced to the Commanding Officer and inspected personally by him, such as are approved by him are to be finally admitted into the Service, and placed under the direction of a subaltern Officer who shall superintend their discipline and training and disburse to them their Pay until the Recruiting Officer shall take charge of them—

6th The Recruits assembled at each station are to be mustered monthly by the Commanding Officer of the station, by whom the Review Rolls are to be countersigned on which Pay is to be advanced by the Pay Master of the station, but the whole account to be finally adjusted by the Recruiting Officer, according to a Form to be furnished by the Military Auditor General—

7th The Native Officers commanding Recruiting Parties are to keep exact Rolls of the Men whom they enlist, specifying their names, age, Cast, Height and the Names of the Village and Purgunnah from which they are severally Recruited. These Rolls are to be delivered to the Recruiting Officer and a complete Register of all Recruits to be formed from them

them, by him, and regularly kept up-

8th When the Recruiting Officer shall have completed his business at the Frontier Stations he is to repair to the Presidency; and, on his way downwards is to collect all the Recruits and march them to the Presidency, taking with him as many of the Native Officers and men employed under him in the Recruiting Service as he shall think necessary, and detaching the others to enlist fresh Recruits-

9th On their arrival at the Presidency — which is to be calculated so as to be in the — Months of December or January, the Recruits are to be sent to Fort St. George, or any of the intermediate Stations, according as the Government of Madras shall intimate, either by Sea or Land, as may be judged most expedient-

10th A few Subaltern Officers of the Madras establishment, selected from those who are best versed in the Hindustannie Language, to be sent to Bengal, to conduct the Recruits to their respective Places of distination; and, on their —

Return

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Return, are to be accompanied by a proportion of the Native Officers of the Madras Army employed on this service; who, upon delivering over the Recruits, are to be sent back to Bengal to assist in recruiting for the ensuing Seasons - Conditions on which the Recruits are to be entertained -

1st They are to understand that they are entertained for the Madras Army; the Sepoys to be incorporated into the Battalions of Native Infantry on that Establishment, and the Lascars into the Companies of Artillery Lascars, upon the same footing, in respect to Pay and allowances, as the Men now serving in those Corps -

2d After a reasonable length of service and due experience of their attachment and fidelity to the service, they will partake of promotions in common with the Men now composing the Madras Battalions, according to their qualifications and merits -

3d After a service of five years, discharges will be granted to such as apply for them, -

provided

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provided the Peace of the Country will allow of it, after the same Period of Service and under the same circumstances Leave of absence will be granted for a reasonable time to those who are desirous of visiting their Friends in Bengal, during which absence, their pay will be going on, but no batta, and to be received on their Return to their Corps.

but if actual service or the expectation of War renders it necessary to retain the disciplined soldiers — neither Leave of absence nor discharges can be granted until the necessity for retaining them shall cease

4th The Recruits are to proceed to Madras, or whatever station they may be destined for — under that Government either by sea or Land, as shall be judged most expedient.

5th If they proceed by Sea they will be allowed to take with them as large a Proportion of their Families and followers as can be conveniently accommodated, if by Land they may be attended by as many as they please.

6th It is recommended to them to —

take

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take with them their younger Brothers, who tho' now not of age or Size to be received as Recruits, on any, in the course of a few years, be fit for the service when they will be entertained into it, in the mean time a proportion of them will be admitted on the establishment of Forty Boys or Recruits allowed to each Battalion of the Madras Army with an allowance of 33 Fanams, or about Rs. 2.8.6 p.m.

7th If the Recruits proceed by Sea, provisions will be served out to them during the voyage at the expense of the Company and every possible attention will be paid to their customs and Casts in Cayeing in Water and provisions.

8th Such of them as may be desirous of remitting Money to their Families, will, on paying in the Amount to the Paymaster or such Person as the Government of Madras shall point out, be furnished with Bills of exchange or Hoondeys, payable by the Collectors in whose districts their Families reside, or, if in the Circars Provinces by the Resident at Vizeanagur. These Hoondeys are to be

enclosed

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enclosed in Letters, with a superscription in the — Persian or Hindowie Character, and also in the — English, designating the Persons for whom they are intended with the Village, Purgunnah, and Zillah in which they reside. The Commanding Officer of the Corps to which the Men belong are then to enclose them to the Adjutant General in Bengal to be by him circulated according to their several directions to the different Collectors, who will take proper Care to have them safely delivered. Answers will be received and dispatched thro' the same Channels, and Letters, on all subjects, may be forwarded in the same Mode —

9th Men rendered unfit for service by — Wounds, or by age and infirmities, after having, in the latter case, served the Period of 15 years will be entitled to the Invalid provision, either at Madras or in Bengal as they shall prefer —

Pay of the Recruits

1st So soon as a Recruit shall be entertained by any of the Recruiting Parties, he shall receive — two annas P. day for subsistance, to be — disbursed

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disbursed daily by the Native Officer Commanding the Party. He is to continue to receive this daily subsistance until he shall be brought to one of the grand places of Rendezvous. The Recruiting Officer in his progress up the Country, is empowered to draw, on account, from the Paymasters of Stations, a Sum not exceeding 3,000 S.R. which he is to entrust, in such proportions as he may please, to the Native Officers and men whom he employs in Recruiting, to answer the above Purpose, and from whom he is to require a particular detail of the disbursements

2.d When the Recruits are approved by the Colonels Commanding stations, and, thereon, finally admitted into the Service, they will be entitled to the neat established Pay and half Batta Viz.t a Sepoy Seven Son.t R.s per month, and a Lascar S.t R.s 5.12 V.s month. This is to be drawn for in Abstract, after the monthly muster, by the Subaltern Officer at the Station under whose charge they may be placed: but, as they will require daily subsistance for the first month, the Paymaster of the station is authorized to advance to the

Subaltern

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Subaltern Officer, Money on account for the above
Purpose, which is to be deducted from the amount of
the Abstract. When Pay shall be issued, the whole
Balance due to the Men is to be paid to them without
any deductions on account of Cloathing or Half-
mounting—

3d

When they set out for Calcutta extra
Batta Viz.t—

a Sepoy S.Rs. 28 pr. month and a Lascar one—
Sont Rs. pr. month in addition to what is before-
specified is to be allowed to them. This they will—
continue to receive until they proceed to Madras, or
the day of their embarkation or commencement of
their March, they will be entitled to the Madras
Pay and full Batta Viz.t— a Sepoy Pag.das 2-24-50
or about S.Rs. 8.4.5 pr. month and a Lascar—
Pagodas 2.38.40 or about S.Rs. 9-5-4 pr. month

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On being incorporated into Battalions
of Sepoys or Companies of Lascars they will—
receive the Pay of those Battalions or Companies
Viz.t Pay of a Sepoy Pag.da 1-24 pr. month and if on full
Batta 1-50 pr. month in addition Pay of a Lascar 1-34—
pr. month and if on full Batta 1-4-4 pr. month in—
addition—

x about S.Rs. 5-0-5
xx about S.Rs. 3-4-—
Total 8-4-5

o about 5-12-7
oo about 3-8-9
Total 9-5-4

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Pay and Batta to the Native Officers, Sepoys, Sarangs, Tindals and Lascars employed on the Recruiting Service

1st Native officers, Sepoys, Sarangs Tindals, and Lascars employed on the Recruiting Service are, in all situations, to receive full Batta Allowances to the Recruiting Officer for Writers, Moonshee Kircarrahs and stationary 200 Rs pr month Personal allowance 500 Rs pr Month

Miscellaneous

1st Repaired arms are to be issued from the several Magazines at stations where Recruits may be assembled, and returned into store, when they leave that station

2d That the Men may clearly understand the terms on which they engage in the Service, such of the preceding Articles as relate to those points, and to their Subsistance and Pay, are to be translated into the Persian and Hindustannee Languages. Copies of which are to be furnished to the Native officers & Men employed in the Recruiting Service, and are to be read and distinctly explained

to

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to all men offering themselves as Recruits previously to their being enlisted—

Signed Robt. Abercromby

A true Copy

Signed E. Hay Secy to the Govt

Minutes thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the Propositions of the Commander in Chief in India be sent to Colonel Brathwaite for his information and guidance—

Read the following letter from the Resident at Nagore—

To William Collins Jackson Esqre
Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From the Resident at Nagore Commodore Rainier with the Reinforcement from Negapatam sails for Trincamalee advises of his having been obliged to press Vessels into the Service against the Consent of the owners, and of the advances of Cash made on account of their Freight.

I request you will inform the Right Honorable President in Council, that his Excellency the Commodore arrived here the day before yesterday in the afternoon, and this morning sailed for Trincomalee with the additional detachment from Negapatam—

The Brig that I had engaged not being approved of by Captain Smith, of His Majesty's Ship the Diomede, I, at the recommendation of Captain Smith, pressed into the service, in her stead, a

Snow

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Snow belonging to Noor Mahomed Marcar of this
place, and in addition to her and Mahomed Cassims
Ship and Snow at the earnest recommendation of
Captain Smith, and Major Dalrymple, and Captain
Gay, I found it necessary to press into the service a
ship lately arrived here from Batavia bound to
Bombay, freighted with a Cargo of Arrack and Sugar
belonging to an Armenian Merchant there - the
owner and Commander of her, Malim Mahomed
Vazier, in consequence presented one with a protest,
of which the Enclosed is a Copy; as I had gone so
far, he wished me to go further, and issue an order
for the landing the whole of the Arrack and Sugar
But as Captain Smith, did not deem it necessary
to land, the whole, I did not like to risk this Step;
But it was found absolutely necessary to land a
small quantity of both - He then expressed a wish
that I would order him to dispose of the whole to me
on account of the Company at the price it might
bear at Bombay on the day of such purchase but
this was more than I thought proper to take -
upon me, and there was no time for reference, and

Captain

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Captain Smith urged me not to delay a moment on any account, because such delay might, in this critical situation of affairs, prove of the most serious Conseqa: ience. — The Tonnage finally taken up by me is as follows —

1 Ship called the Saliamany belonging to Mahomed Cassim Burthen — — — — — — — — 5000 Bags of Rice

1 Snow called the Fatta Buckshe — belonging to Ditto Burthen — — — 4000 Ditto

1 Snow called the Mahomed Buckz belonging to Noor Mahomed — Mercoy Burthen — — — — — — 4000 Ditto

1 Ship called the Fatta Kher belonging to Malim Mahomed Vazier of Bombay Burthen — — — — — — 5300 Ditto

18300

And besides these Vessels the Fleet is accompanied by 6 Cattamarams, with 6 Men to each — I have been obliged to allow them 3 Pagodas pr. Month Pay to each Man, and the same provisions dayly as is given to the Sepoys —

I have been under the necessity of advancing the following Sums of Money on account of the Freight of these Vessels Viz.t —

To

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To Mahomed Cassim ---------- Pagodas 800
To Noor Mahomed Manoy ---------- 300
To Malim Mahomed Vazier ---------- 600
1700

unless I had made these advances, I might, in vain,
have expected the Vessels to have been ready in time,
and delay would most certainly have happened - and,
besides, I have been obliged to make use of the most
arbitrary power to man them: the whole place has
been in such an alarm, that not one Volunteer mariner
could be procured - and the necessary People deserted
from every quarter - I have done all I could and hope
there will be no Complaints, tho' I know an unwilling
Crew hastily prest is not to be expected will be
so fit, or give such satisfaction as might be wished -
even Casks and other Vessels for Water I have been obliged
to purchase without the free consent of the owners -

Should it be necessary for the 52d -
Regiment to be sent to Ceylon, I hope this place will
not be depended upon for Tonnage, as I foresee it will
be impossible to procure it, and it will be proper that
they be supplied with the necessary quantity of
Salt provisions, as we cannot hope to obtain a -

further

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Further supply here – I am not sure that I shall be able to get even the quantity of Biscuit that may be wanted –

Nagore
25th July 1795

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most
Obedt Servt
W. Torriano
Resident

I Mallim Mahomed Vazier, Owner and Commander of the Ship Fatta Keer, now laying in Nagore Roads do hereby protest against William Harcourt Torriano Esqr Resident of this place for taking the said Ship Fatta Keer by force, for the use of the Honorable Company – and do hereby declare the said William Harcourt Torriano Esqr or any [illegible] shall take all Risks and Losses that may arise from the date hereof on himself as all Insurance [illegible] from the date Act be Void –

I the said [illegible] with Cargo [illegible] Pagoda Mahomed Vazier [illegible] division of the Fatta Keer consists of exclusive of 11 Cannon [illegible] tons solo to Mr Dorsett 612 Cannesters Balavee sugar – said to weigh 27105 Cwt or Candy 564 allow 2 lb 13 – 11 and sixty Leagers of Batavia Arrack

Nagore
15 July 1795

Atrue Copy
Signed W. Torriano

Signed Malim Mahomed Vazier

Ordered

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The foregoing Letter ordered to lie on the Table

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Read the following Letter from the Collector at Ramnad—

W. C. Jackson Esqr

Military Secretary

Fort St. George

Sir

From the Collector at Ramnad enclosing a Paper of Information regarding the Dutch Settlements on the West Side of Ceylon

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 16th instant. and, in conformity to the order contained in it, report the result of my Enquiries upon the Points I was directed to Obtain Information I am daily in expectation of receiving further intelligence which may either correct or confirm what I have now transmitted—In order to prevent Communication with Ceylon and its dependencies I have laid an embargo on all Boats and Doneys until further orders. which measure I trust will meet the approval of his Lordship in Council—

I have the honor to be,

Sir &c &c

Ramnad
24th July 1795

I have &c
Signed George Powney
Collr.

Information

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Information upon the following points collected from a Danish Gentleman, who has resided more than 8 years in this Country, during which time he had frequent intercourse with the Dutch settlements at Ceylon. Likewise collected from some Native Merchants of this Country, who have carried on Trade with Jafna and Manar—

Whether the Town of Manar on the West side of the Island of Ceylon is capable of any and what defence?

The Town of Manar is open, but the Fort is capable of defence on its east side, being close to the Channel, and having a regular Wet ditch, about 30 feet broad— the depth not known— it is a quadrangular of about 200 by 150 yards, with 4 Bastions constructed of masonry but the Rampart thin.

Whether it could be taken by surprize, and if so, what Force would be necessary for the attempt?

It could not be taken by surprize. I should apprehend, on account of the Wet ditch; but the mode of attack best calculated to ensure success, would be to land the Troops at Talmanar (vide Kelly and Wenyss's Charts) the Western Extremity of Manar, and

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and to proceed by land to the Fort,
which appears, from intelligence
very practicable to be accomplished
with Guns. The Road is made and
all Merchants from Rameram
and this Coast, at this season of
the Year, who have dealings at
Manar generally take it. For
the Eastern Extremity is exposed
to very boisterous Weather during
the South Monsoon - a Detach=
-ment consisting of 100 Europeans
and 4 or 5 Companies of Sepoys
with a Brigade of Guns, appears
to me a Force equal to the —
Capture of it: and, from the —
Character of the Chief, who is —
continually in a state of inebria=
-tion and the little discipline
said to be carried on, not much
resistance may be expected —
The distance between Talmanar
and Manar Fort is 14 Malabar
Miles

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Miles Rs Pullahs intersect the
Road — There are very few Inha-
-bitants in that part of the Island —
at Talmanar there is a Custom-
House, and a Guard of sepoys consis-
-ting of 15 or 20 with two or three
Europeans. the Troops may land
with great facility —

The Distance between the nearest part of the Coast, or rather the shortest period it would take a Body of Troops to reach — Manar, and from what place they should proceed, and the means within my reach for transporting them — thither a

Ramiseram is the nearest part of our possessions to Manar, and a body of Troops might pass over in Con 8 Hours — between it and Manar is the Sea and the means within my reach, at present, could transport at least 1000 Men, but not having received a report of the Dimensions of yet Boats that are now at the Ports in this District. I cannot exactly ascertain this Point — I have, however, laid an Embargo on all Doneys &c — until further Orders

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Orders, to prevent all communication with Ceylon

In the month of February last, the Garrison consisted of 30 Europeans, 50 Malays and as many sepoys - The passage between Manar and Ceylon is narrow, and I am not certain, that it is not fordable - there was a Port at Mundotte (called mentole in Rennell's Chart) a little to the South of the Ferry, consisting only of a few Sepoys, but it would seem, it was only intended to preserve a communication with the different Settlements depending on Columbo, and similar Guards are stationed at certain distances along the Coast - Calputtty or Calpentyn is the first fortified redoubt of any consequence, which, from my information, appears to be about

The Number of Dutch Troops in Garrison at Manar, and the distance between it and the nearest fortified place on the Island belonging to the Dutch, and - between it and Columbo

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about 70 miles from Manar. This redoubt was put in a state of defence when the Dutch were at War with the Rajah of Candy, but I have not been able to learn what number of Troops it now contains — Negombo is the next fortified Post, and is not more than 80 miles from Columbo —

Whether if the Company's Troops were in possession of Manar, the Dutch have the means of expelling them by sending Troops from Columbo, or other place on the Island

The Dutch might send Troops from Calpentyn in five or six days, and in double that time from Columbo, but I should scarce think, they have the means of sending Artillery; for the Bullocks upon Ceylon are of so diminutive an size, as to be totally unserviceable for draught —

I have been informed, by the Danish Gentleman, before mentioned, who travelled over land from Jaffna to Columbo, that he

was

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was 12 days performing the Journey in a Palankeen and that he travelled very much at his leisure, and that he was only four days from Manar to Columbo - that the Road was made, and tolerably good, and broad — enough for two Palankeens abreast; — that it was cut through a very thick Forest about 9 miles, which was said to be infested with Tygers, and Elephants that there are two broad Rivers between Manar and Columbo - he performed the Journey about two years ago —

N.B. The Road between Jafna and Manar was almost impassable -

What time it might be supposed before a reinforcement of Dutch Troops could arrive at Manar?

This is answered on the preceding -

The Number of Gun Boats or Vessels of Force

They have four sloops, — but they never remain in the Gulph between

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Since the Dutch — between March and October, the — have in the Gulph of Manar, and their — general place of — Rendezvous

Weather being too boisterous but they are occasionally employed between Tulacorm and Columbo — these are four Boats employed between Jafna and Manar carrying two Swivels each —

The Passage from Manar to Jafna is performed, at this Season, in three or four hours — The Fort is — strong, modern built, but very small The Town is extensive and open I have not yet learnt the state of its garrison

I am indebted to Captain Rowan of her Majestys 52d Regt for much information respecting — Manar —

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing be — sent to Colonel Stuart

Read the following Letter from Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stuart

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c. in Council

From Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stuart, noticing the Zealous Exertions of Mr. Gay the Master Attendant at Negapatam and recommending that his present Salary be encreased

My Lord,

In consequence of the representation made to us by Captain Smith, of His Majesty's Ship the Diomede, and of our own observation, since our arrival here, of the exertions made by Mr. Gay, the Master Attendant of this place, to forward the Publick Service on the present occasion We beg leave to recommend him particularly to your Lordships notice and favor — We are the more induced to do so from the small Salary he at present possesses (10 P.s pr month) and from the likelihood there is of Negapatam becoming a situation of great Naval intercourse during the period for which His Majestys Forces shall be employed on the service, in which they are about to engage, a situation for which Mr. Gay's perfect knowledge of the Navigation between this place and Jaffnapatam peculiarly qualify him —

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

Suffolk off Negapatnam
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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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My Lord

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Also a letter from Lieutenant Colonels Sale Burr &c. on a subject which has already been before your Lordship —

Also an application from a Pensioned Serjeant Donald Stewart, who, on examination, I find to be a deserving man, and so completely disabled, and helpless, that I think it my duty to recommend him as well deserving the bounty he solicits.

I have the honor to be &c &c

Military Head Quarters
Madras August 4th 1795

signed John Brathwaite
Colonel

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Colonel Brathwaite

Commanding the Army on the Coast

Sir

Being particularly desirous at this time to be present with the Corps to which I stand appointed I take the liberty to trouble you with my request that you will have the goodness to obtain the permission of Government for me to resign the Command of the Hill Fort Sagarow and to join my Battalion without delay

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.

Vellore
2d August 1795

Sigd Robert Montague Strange
Captain

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

Fort St. George

My Lord,

We the undersigned Officers who had the Honour of addressing your Lordship in Council on the Subject of Difference of Pay arising from the removal of Lieutenant Colonel Campbell to the Cavalry, have been favoured with the Reply of Government to the Commander of the Army under Date the 23d Instant, and having Communicated this Reply to some other Officers in the same

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same situation, who have since come to the Presidency we beg leave to be permitted to make the following respectful Representation on the subject—

We are very sensible of the attention of Government to the Claims of Officers, but beg leave to state that, in our opinion, the General Orders of the 29th of June 1780, does not fully apply to the particular situation in which we have been placed by the Transfer of Lieutenant Colonel Campbell. We rather Consider it as an unforseen Circumstance, and, consequently, unprovided for; and as your Lordship has stated in your Reply that you do not think yourself authorised to comply with the request Contained in our former Application we hope to give no Offence by requesting that the Claim, and all the Correspondence on the subject, may be referred by the first opportunity to the Honorable the Court of Directors, who having admitted that the Rank we have at present obtained, was withheld by the Appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Campbell to the Infantry, it may perhaps appear that, by his being added to that Establishment that we have been serving for the length of time between the Dates of Old and New Commissions, with degraded Rank

and

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and inferior Pay—

We are Conscious it is not the Intention of Government, nor of our Honorable Employers to grant us Redress in a qualified Manner, but that, if we can make good our Claim in an Instance unprecedented in their service that Substantial Justice will be done to it—

With the Determination of Government we rest satisfied, for the present, and Consider ourselves as much obliged by the ready Attention bestowed on what we have before represented—

With the utmost Respect, we have the Honor to subscribe ourselves,

Your Lordships

Most Obedient Humble Servants

Fort St George
2d August 1795

Signed Robt Sale Lieut Col
" Daniel Burr Lt Col
" Robert Croker Major
" Geo Tothringham Major

To Colonel John Bathwaite
Commanding the Army on the Coast.

Sir,

I have already done myself the honor of waiting upon you at the Adjutant Generals Office, with

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with a view to solicit your concurrence to the Recommendation transmitted to Head Quarters in my favor, by the last General Invaliding and Pensioning Committee held in the Northern Division — You Sir, were then pleased to inform me that the Multiplicity of business which you had to attend to, precluded you from hearing my Case, but that you would at a future period give me an answer. I therefore hope that you Sir, will now excuse me for supplicating your favorable consideration in behalf of an object of Pity, such as I am, and rendered so in the service of the Honorable Company, not from any irregularity of any own, but by the visitations of Divine Providence —

Your Secretary, Captain Wilson, is in possession of some written testimonies relative to my general conduct whilst executing the duties of an effective soldier, and, as I am now, perhaps, the most helpless man in the service, I hope you Sir, will have the condescension to extend your known humanity to me in the present instance by pensioning me on Full pay, or placing me on the Invalid establishment —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c
(Signed) Donald Stewart

agreed

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Minute on the foregoing Letter

Agreed that the representation of Lieute-
=nant Colonels Burr. Sale &c. be stated in the next dispatch
to the Honorable Court of Directors

Sergeant Donald Stewart pensioned on full Pay

Resolved. for the reasons assigned by
Colonel Brathwaite, that Serjeant Donald Stewart be
pensioned on full Pay

Read the following letter from the
Deputy Judge Advocate in the Center Division

To William Collins Jackson Esqre.
Secretary to the Military and Political Department

Sir

From the Deputy Judge Advocate in the Center Division enclosing a request from Lieut. Colo. Wiles, that his Servant Ramah, now in confinement, may be allowed access to him.

I have the Honor to enclose an Extract of
a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Geils, a Prisoner, on his
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request that this Enclosure may be laid before the
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Madras
3d August 1795

Signed J. Leith,
Dept. Judge Advo.

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Goils to Lieutenant Leith dated Mount 2d of August 1795

"I have to entreat particularly that "my servant Ramah who has been in Confinement in the "Main Guard here since the 27th of June, may not be "prevented from coming to me, as his Evidence, will as "must be apparent to you, from the Charges delivered in "against me, be of the utmost importance"

Lieutenant Leith in reply

"In regard to what relates to your "Servant Ramah - it is necessary to observe to you, that "I have authority to require, by summons, as Judge Advocate "at a Court Martial, the Attendance of any other persons than "those in the Military Line of the Service - But I shall duly "transmit to Government that part of your Letter, which "relates to the above named Person"

A true Extract

Signed J. Leith

Dep.t Judge Advocate

Minute thereon

Resolved that the opinion of the Attorney General be taken on the application of Lieutenant Colonel Goils -

Read

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Read the following Letters from Mr. Macleod—

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

My Lord,

From N. Macleod enclosing an Inventory of publick Property received from the Dutch Government of Pulicat Rolies a Claim made by Mr Bloemo to some Grain on the publick Store

I returned from Pulicat last night, after having delivered to Mr. Judge, the Commissary, all the Public Property received from the Government of Pulicat

I enclose herewith the Inventory of the Property, signed by the late Governor and Council and dated the 15th Instant. also Mr. Judge's Receipt according to that Inventory—

Having been confined for three days with a dangerous Fever, very prevalent at Pulicat. I could not till the day of my Departure receive from the Dutch Government the Sum of 269 Pagodas which had been paid into them by the Nabobs Dewan as their proportion of Duties from 1st September 1794 to 30th April 1795— This Sum had not been noticed in the Inventory; from its having been so lately paid in I believe— I have paid it to Mr. Judge, and enclose his separate Receipt for it—

On receiving charge of the Property from

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From the Dutch Government I found that many of the Articles turned out rather more in the weight and Measurement than was stated in the Inventory - I have accordingly noticed this Difference in my Receipt to the Government, and shall furnish the particulars of the Articles as soon as possible - in Order to complete the account, however, I must request your Lordships Decision on the following point. On finishing the Measurement of the Paddy to the Quantity mentioned in the Inventor (923½ Parrahs) an Overplus remained of about 30 Parrahs - This Overplus was claimed by Mr. Bloeme the Counsellor, in his Capacity of — Storekeeper, on the plea of it's being due to him from the Dutch Company. I accordingly spoke to Mr. Eilbracht the Governor, who informed me — that the Company paid their Storekeeper in Grain, and that he looked upon it as what Mr. Bloeme was publickly entitled - I said I would state the Matter to your Lordship and wait for — Orders on the subject —

Tho

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The Dutch Sepoys were paid by their own Government up to the 15th Instant, and they were discharged when our Troops took Charge of the Fort on the 26th. Instant.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Madras
30th July 1795

Signed A. Macleod

In translating many articles of the Inventory I have marked the English names of them with a Pencil. I allow them to remain so because it was with great difficulty I could ascertain the various Terms especially of the Marine Stores altho I had the assistance of a Dutch Gentleman who understands English very well the same difficulty of course might occur in making a Translate here.

Signed A. M.

Inventory of all such Effects as this Day are found existing with the Administrations hereafter to be named, and by these are notified to serve as a Proof of what is to be delivered up at the Surrender of Fort Geldria, which, on the 16th Instant was summoned by the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor & President of Fort St. George at Madras in the Name of His Britisch Majesty, and resolved, on that Day, by the undersigned,

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undersigned to deliver over to His Lordship or his Order with all what is found in it belonging to the Honorable Company.

The state of the Honorable Company so as it must be according to the Books cannot be exhibited untill the Books of 1793 are brought up and thus also they of 1794/5 can be brought in Order

Cash

At Settling Affairs and closing the Cash Account under this Date, there is a Balance in favor of Jacob Eilbracht of Pagodas 5000. 6. 44 on account of what was supplied by him to pay some Charges for which the supply of Cash was not sufficient. and as such remains running on to be liquidated by the Books.

In the Ware House

Dutch Pounds		
425 3/8	Bb	Japan Copper
8 300 3/8	"	Dutch Iron
550 —	"	Do Steel
660	"	Iron for Hoops
96 3/4	"	Iron Plates for Locks
4711 —	"	Dutch Nail
316 —	"	Tin
528 —	"	Pig Lead
325 —	"	Sheet Lead
22 1/4	~~Bl~~	Scarlet Cloth
42 3/4	"	blue Do
67 1/4	Bb	Sandle Wood
20 —	p	Gauze
10 —	p	red
10 —	"	White
225 —	M	Twine
2 —	p	Copper Scales for Cloth
1 —	"	Wooden assized Ell
3 —	"	empty Chests
2 —	"	Guns for weighing
7 —	"	Iron Balances or Beams for Scales
1 —	pc	Copper Scales
5 —	do	Wooden Scales.

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72 ... p Metal Weights
20 .. p. of 50 ℔ each
3 .. " " 25 " "
6 .. " " 10 " "
2 .. " " 5 " "
2 .. " " 4
3 .. " " 3 " "
2 .. " " 2 " "
4 .. " " 1 " "
6 .. " "—½ " "
5 .. " "—¼ " "
4 .. " "—⅛ " "

2 ... p Sieves
12 .. " Wooden Hoops
14 .. " Blue Stone Bowles or vessels for placing them in
1 .. " Large Copper Kettle.

Of Portonovo

20 .. p Metal Weights
6 ... p. of 50 ℔ each
6 .. " " 25 " "
3 .. " " 10 " "
2 .. " " 5 " "
1 .. " " 4 " "
1 .. " " 3 " "
1 .. " " 1 " "

1 ... p. Wooden Gin for weighing
1 ... " Iron Ballance or Beam of Scales
1 .. pair Wooden Scales

In the Magazine

923 p Parrahs of Paddy
1 ... p. Tin Funnel
2 .. " great Copper
3 .. " Wooden Hand Pumps for Casks
2 .. " Wooden Parrahs with their Strickles
1 .. " whole tin Measje
1 .. " whole tin Pot
1 .. " half tin Pot
3 .. " Wooden Measures
5 .. " Wooden Rat Traps
3 .. " great Tankars or Pots
2 .. " Copper Hand Pumps
6 .. " Jaars
15 .. " Metal Weights
5 p Bundles Java Rattans
101 ½ ℔ Wax and D° Candles
15 2/16 Parrahs Salt.

In the Cloth Warehouse

107 7/16 Different Muster Peices of Cloth. Viz
48 p of Dullicat. of these
9 p. whole Gingham Tafta Chelass viz
1 p Superfine
1 " Middling
1 " Ordinary

48-½ 3 p. Carried Over

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48—½ 3— p Brought Over
1... " whole fine Bethilies bleaches
2 " Do fine allowries de Viz
1 p 27 Cu. long ½ 2 broad
1 " 18 " " " 3 "
2 " whole redchecked Chelahs Viz
1 p. of 17 Cu long and 2 broad
1 " " 16 do do " 2 do
1 — whole superfine Handkerchief of 8 single pieces
6 — do Cambroys fine red diverse Viz
3 p of 8 Cub
3 " " 6 do
3 " Roomals of different sorts Viz
3 p. of whole Roomals Listerganty Viz
1 p of 1½ of 8 single pieces
1 " " 1½ " 8 " "
1 " " 1 " " 8 " "
3 — " whole p Roomals red checkerd of these
1 p of 1½ of 8 single pieces
1 " " 1½ " 8 "
1 — " whole p Roomals of Cota of 1½ of 8 single pieces
1 — " do " Roomals red chekerd ordinary after the Masulipm Pattern of 1½ of 8 single pieces
1... " Whole Bethilles Listerganty 16 Cu long and 2 broad
1... " do do Callevapoo 16 " " " 2 do with Blue small threads
2 — " do do each 16 " " " 2 do without do
1 — " " do allegia — 16 " " " 2 do
1 — " " Moories finer bleaches 26 to 27 Cub long and 2 broad
3 — " " Do superfine Do 18 Cu long and 3 broad
Viz 1 p Roomals Listerganty of 8 single pieces per piece; of these
1 " " of 1½
1 " " 1½ "
2 — " Whole " 1 "
1 p. Roomals checkes in sort of 8 single pieces per piece Viz
1 p of 1½
1 " " 1½
3 — whole Roomals of Cota of 8 single pieces p piece Viz
1 p. of 1½
1 " " 1½
1 " Whole Gingham Jafta Chelas superfine 21 Cu. long ½ 2¼ broad
1 " Do Do Do Do Muslingfine 21 " " 2¼ do
1 " Do Do ree 16 Cu. l. and 2 broad
1 " Do Do striped 18 " " and 2 do
1 " Do Do Jafta Chelas ordinary 21 " " ½ 2¼ do
Handkerchiefs superfine of 1½ with large Square of 10 single pieces.

48 — ½ 44 p Carried Over

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48 ... £ 144 .. p Brought Over
1 .... " whole Bittilies Callevapoo small squares with blue 16 Cu. l. 32 broad
1 .... " do do Allegias with blue Edges 16 Cu. l. 32 broad
1 .. " do do Sistergantry ..... 16 do 32 do
1 .. " Handkerchiefs fine high red 1 Doz of 10 single pieces

3 3/4 p Of Portonovo: Viz
2 .. p whole at 4 half pieces Moors brown-blue Viz
—½ p at 1 p. of 20 Cubt No 1
—½ " " 1 do " 16 do " 2
—½ " " 1 do " 14 do " 3
—½ " " 1 do " 12 do " 4
—½ p. Salempooris-brown blue ..... 3d Sort No 4
—¼ " Long Cloth/Guinies/brown blue .. 3d Do " 2
—½ " Do common bleached ..... 3 Do " 1
—½ " Salempooris common bleached .... 3 Do " 3

24 3/4 p Of Palicole: of these
1 .. Long Cloth/Guinies/fine bleached of 50 Dr of these
—½ p 1 Sort
—½ " 2 do
1 .. p Long Cloth/Guinies/middling fine bleached 50 Doz Viz
—½ p 1 Sort
—½ " 2 do
1 .. p. Long Cloth/Guinies/bleached of the Comp.s old sort of 50 Doz Viz
—½ p 1 Sort
—½ " 2 do
1 ½ p. Long Cloth/Guinies/common bleached of 50 Doz Viz
—½ p 1 Sort
—½ " 2 do
—½ " 3 do
2 .. p. Salemp.s fine bleached 22 d long and 1 p. broad
1 .. p 1 Sort
1 .. " 2 Do
2 .. " Salemp.s middling fine bleached: of these
1 .. p 1 Sort
1 .. " 2 do
3 .. p Salemp.s common: of these
1 p 1 Sort
1 " 2 do
1 " 3 do
3 .. p. Dongaries with red Heads 16 Cu. l. and 2 br. Viz
1 p 1 Sort
1 " 2 do
1 " 3 do
3 .. " Parkallas bleached 16 Cu. l. 32 br.s of these
1 p. 1 Sort
1 " 2 do
1 " 3 do
—½ p Long Cloth common-bleached 2 Sort. The other p.s is sent to Palicole for a Pattern

76 ½ £ 18 .. p Carried Over

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76 ½ & 18 ... p. Brought Over
—½ " Long Cloth Guineas common unbleached; of these
—¼ p First Sort. another ¼ is sent to Bimlipt.m as a Pattern
—½ " Second Sort

3 ... p. Salempores common unbleached; of these
1 ... p 1 Sort
1 ... " 2 Do
1 ... " 3 Do

2 ... p. Sail Cloth fine bleached 24 Cubs & 2 br. Vejr.
1 ... p 1 Sort
1 ... " 2 Do

1 ... p Sail Cloth common unbleached 3d Sort 36 Cu. l. & 2 br.

2 ... p from Bimlipatm; of these
—½ p. Bethilles unbleached without Flowers
—½ " Salemp. common unbleached 1 Sort
—½ " do do
—¼ " do bleached 1 Do
—¼ " do bleach
15 ¾ p. from Jaggernaick pr; of these
1 ... p unbleached
Long Cloth Guineas fine bleached
—½ p. 1 Sort No 1
—½ " 2 do " 2
1 ... p Long cloth Guineas bleached the Compt old sort; Vejr
—½ p. 1 Sort No 5
—½ " 2 do " 6
1 ... " Salemp. fine bleach'd; Vejr
—½ p 1 Sort No 9
—½ " 2 do " 10
1 ... p. Salemp common bleached; Vejr
—½ p 2 Sort No 13
—½ " 3 do " 14
1 ... " Salemp bleached middling fine; Vejr
—½ p. 1 Sort No 11
—½ " 2 do " 12
—½ p Bethilles allegias with great squares No 1
1 ... " do Chelloupoy; Vejr
—½ p. with blue threads 16 Cu. l. & 2 br. No 3
—½ " of 2 p without blue threads each of 8 Cu. or both 16 Cu. No 4
—½ p Bethilles Sisterganty with blue Edge ordinary Pattern 16 Cu. l. No 5 small squares
—½ " Bethilles Sisterganty new Pattern great squares 16 Cu No 6.
14 ... " Chelaps diverse Patterns, Vejr
1 p. of 5 half-pieces each of 8 Cu. long No 7.
3 ... " whole diverse Patterns

94 ¼ & 11 ½ p Carried Over

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94 1/4 & 11 1/2 p. Brought over

1 1/2 p. Roomals undergarty: Viz.t

—1/2 p. or 2 quart. of 1 1/2 d of 4 each both N.os 8

—1/2 " " 2 do. " 1 1/2 " " 4 do do " 9

—1/2 " " 2 do. " 1— " " 4 " " " 10

3/4 p. Roomals of Esla with old squares: Viz.t

—1/4 p. of 1 1/4 d of 4 each N.o 11

—1/4 " " 1 1/2 " " 4 " " 12

—1/4 " " 1— " " 4 " " 13

1 1/2 p. Roomals checked in sort: Viz.t

—1/2 p. or 2 p. of 1 1/4 d each of 4 p.s N.o 14

—1/2 " " 2 do. " 1 1/2 " do " 4 " " 15

—1/2 " " 2 do. " 1— " do " 4 " " 16

1/2 p. Roomals ordinary of 4 single pieces of 1 d N.o 17.

13 7/24 p.s From Sadrespatnam; of these

3 13/20 p.s Long Cloth/Guinies/unbleached: Viz

—3/16 p.s 1 Sort long 9 5/8 d N.o 1

—3/16 " 2 do " 9— " " 2

—1/2 " 2 do " 22— " Lra A

—9/20 " 3 do " 22 1/2 " " B

1— " 3 do " 48 3/4 " " C.

1— " — — — " 48 " " D

1 9/20 p.s Long Cloth/Guinies/common bleached: Viz.t

—3/16 p.s 1 Sort long 9 7/8 d N.o 3.

—9/20 " do 23 3/4 " Lra E

—9/20 " 2 do " 22 1/4 " " F

3/16 p.s Long Cloth/Guinies/brown blue: Viz.t

—3/16 p.s 1 Sort long 9 1/2 d N.o 4

—3/16 " 2 do " 9 1/2 " " 5

—3/16 " — — — " 8 1/2 " Lra A.

—1/4 " 3 do " 12 1/2 " " A.

9/8 p.s Salempt common unbleached 1 Sort long 8 d N.o 6

1 1/2 " do do bleached: Viz

—3/8 p.s 1 Sort long 8 1/2 d N.o 7

—3/8 " 2 do " 8 1/2 " " 8

—3/8 " — — — " 8 5/8 " Lra H.

—3/8 " — — — " 19 1/2 " " J.

2 7/8 p.s Salempt brown blue Viz.t

—3/8 p.s 1 Sort long 8 1/2 d N.o 9/10

—3/8 " 2 do " 8 5/8 " Lra K

—7/8 " 1 do " 20 3/4 " Lra L

—11/8 " 2 do " 18 3/8 " " M.

—3/4 " — — — " 7 3/4 " " N.

7/8 p.s Parkallas common bleached long 8 1/4 d Lra N

7/8 " do brown blue 1 Sort long 3 5/8 N.o 11

2— " Baftas brown blue: Viz

—7/8 p.s 1 Sort long 20 1/2 d Lra O

—3/4 " 2 do " 19 " " P

—3/8 " — — — 7 1/2 " " Q

107 17/48 12 17/24 p.s Carried Over

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107 17/24 12 7/4 pc. Brought Over
... " Long Cloth/Guinies/common bleached from Nagapatm after the Cuddalore Pattern Viz
—7/8 p. 2 Sort
—7/8 " 3 d.
107 7/8 pc. of various Patterns of Cloth

5 p. Sorting Tables
12 " do Chairs
1 " Chest for keeping the Patterns of Cloth
1 " Wooden Horse

Of Porto Novo

8 1/2 half p Pattern Cloth; of these
2 half Long Cloth/Guinees/3d. Sort; Viz.
—1/2 p. bleached and
—1/2 " brown blue
2 half p. Salamp/3d Sort Viz.
—1/2 p bleached; and
—1/2 . brown blue
4 half or 2 whole pc Moors brown blue of 20, 16, 14. & 12 Cubs.
1/2 p or 2 quarter Long Cloth/Guinies/common bleached of 50 Pt of these the half 2d Sort and the other half 3d Sort.

1 p. Measuring Ell
23 " Seals for Cloth
1 " Wooden Lamp
2 " Sorting Tables
4 " Chairs.

In the Mint

4 p Scales for weighing Money
2 -- Iron Do. with Copper scales
1 -- Copper Do. " -- do. do.
1 -- Iron ---------- do. -- do.
1 -- do ---------- do. -- do. with its Gir

18 -- p Metal Weight
8 -- pcs of these
1 -- p of 50 Pt
1 -- " " 25 "
1 -- " " 10 "
1 -- " " 5 "
1 -- " " 4 "
1 -- " " 3 "
1 -- " " 2 "
1 -- " " 1 "

Carried Over

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8 ps Metal Weight Brought Over.
10 " of which
1 " p of 25 ℔
1 " " " 10 "
1 " " " 5 "
1 " " " 4 "
1 " " " 3 "
1 " " " 2 "
1 " " " 1 "
1 " " " ¼ "
1 " " " ⅛ "
1 " " " ½ .

1 p Weight for Gold and Silver of 16 Marcq

In the Equipage Warehouse

84 ℔ Vermillion
4 " Yellow
46 " Red Lead
94 " Persian red Earth
1 p Ships Engine
12 " Leather Buckets
136 ℔ Small Line (2 threads)
93 " Jack thread
7 Rolls Bengal Cavas
2 p Compass Lamps
1 " Tin Hand Lanthorn
6 " Tin dark Lanthorns
5 " Small Cables 1 of these
1 p. of 18 thread
2 " " 15 Do
2 " " 12 Do

2 pcs Lyktrossen Rope
1 " Warping Anchor of 592 ℔
1 " Anchor Do " 2626 "
1 " Kluk Rope
1 " Jack
4 " Compasses
11 ℔ Tool
1 p Pump Leather
2 Kegs of black Paint
4 p Tar Brushes
1 " Large Saw
1 " Crooked Saw.

2 pcs Saws

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107 7/8 12 1/4 pcs. Brought Over
... " Long Cloth Guinies common bleached from Nagapat.m after the Cuddalore Pattern Viz
—1/2 p. 2 Sort
—1/2 " 3 d.

107 7/8 pcs. of various Patterns of Cloth

5 p. Sorting Tables
12 " do Chairs
1 " Chest for keeping the Patterns of Cloth
1 " Wooden Horse

Of Portonovo

8 1/2 half p Pattern Cloth; of these
2 half Long Cloth Guinees 3d. Sort; Viz.
—1/2 p. bleached and
—1/2 " brown blue
2 half p. Salempy 3d. Sort Viz.
—1/2 p bleached and
—1/2 . brown blue
4 halfs or 2 whole pcs Moories brown blue of 20, 16, 14. & 12 Cubs.
1/2 p or 2 quarter Long Cloth Guinies common bleached of 50 D. of these the half 2d. Sort and the other half 3d. Sort.
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1 -- " " 3 "
1 -- " " 2 "
1 -- " " 1 "

Carried Over

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8	ps	Metal Weight Brought Over.
10	"	of which
	1 "	p of 25 ℔
	1 ...	" " 10 "
	1 .."	" " 5 "
	1 ...	" " 4 "
	1 .."	" " 3 "
	1 . "	" " 2 "
	1 ...	" " 1 "
	1 . "	" " ½ "
	1 . "	" " ¼ "
	1 ...	" " ⅛ .
1	p	Weight for Gold and Silver of 16 Marcq

In the Equipage Warehouse

84	℔	Vermillion
4	"	Yellow
46	"	Red Lead
94	"	Persian red Earth
1	p	Ships Engine
12	"	Leather Buckets
136	℔	Small Line (2 thread)
93	"	Jack thread
7	Roll	Bengal Cavas
2	p	Compass Lamps
1	"	Tin Hand Lanthorn
6	"	Tin dark Lanthorns
5	"	Small Cables (of these
	1	p. of 18 Thread
	2	" " 15 Do
	2	" " 12 Do
2	ps	Lyktrosen Rope
1	"	Warping Anchor of 5 92 ℔
1	"	Anchor Do " 2626 "
1	"	Kick Rope
1	"	Jack
4	"	Compasses
11	℔	Soot
1	p	Pump Leather
2	Kegs	of black Paint
4	p	Tar Brushes
1	"	Large Saw
1	"	Crooked Saw.

2 ps Saws

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2	pr.	Saws with wooden frames, Viz^t
1	pr	large, and
1	"	Small
4	"	Gages of these
2	pr.	with ——, and
2	"	without.
3	"	Instruments for boring Pumps.
2	"	Graplings of 355 & 325 ℔
1	"	Wheel for Rope making
2	"	Thimbles for Sailmakers
1	"	Buoy Chain
2	"	Chains of 5 ℔ 6 fathoms
2	"	Ledge anchors.
2	"	Splice Rods
1	"	Irons for the Fret
2	"	Plank benders
1	"	Dutch Cable of 8 Inches
4	"	Iron Instrument for making Cables
32	"	D^o
1	"	Middle sized Balance
2	"	D^o Wooden scales.
100	℔	Copper weight, 9 pc of 50, 25, 10, 5, 4, 3, 2 & 1 ℔
49	"	Cayer Ropes
9	pc.	Topsailing
4	"	wooden Horses
1	"	D^o Water Funnel
1	"	tin —— D^o
1	"	D^o whole Can
1	"	D^o half D^o
6	"	Augers ¾ 1 1¼ 1½ Inch
4	"	Pincers.
1	"	Anvil
1	"	Azymuth Compass
1	"	Vice
69	℔	Nails
1	pr	Coil Cable of 9 Inches
197	"	Knees of Ceylon Wood
16	"	Wood for Rafts
2	"	Padlocks
2	"	Broad Mattocks
4	"	Common Files
5	"	Pitch Ladles
167	℔	Dutch Iron
1	pr	Octant
1574	℔	Wood for Blocks
9	pc.	Wood for twisting Ropes
8	"	Marlin spikes
1	"	Spying Glass
4	"	Hand spikes.

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10	pc.	Teek Planks of 1½ Inch/under the Rope/
1	"	Plank for Rope making
1	"	Grind Stone
5	"	whole water Cask
1	"	Copper Hand Pump
4	"	Blocks.
2	"	Do
1	"	small Grapnel
1	"	Copper Lamp
1	"	Sounding Lead of 5 ℔ 8 ℔
1	"	Tin Lanthorn
1	"	Compass
1	"	Hour Glass of ½ an Hour
2	p.	damaged Ropes
2	"	old Ballast-spars

In the Arsenal

224	"	Muskets
2	"	spontoons
12	"	Halberds
13	"	Gun Locks
20	"	Swords
4	"	Sheaths
6	"	Iron Ramrods
2	"	Brass Drums
15	Bundles	of Sized Musket Ammunition
1	p.	wooden Drum
7000	"	Flints

Things for daily use

3	p.	Hand Screws
2	"	Bellows
4	"	Iron Lamps
2	"	Ammunition Chests
1	"	Anvil with 2 Hooks or Corners
1	"	Vice
2	"	Cutting Irons
2	"	Pincers or Tongs

In the Garrison

80	p.	Muskets
80	"	Slings
2	"	Ordinary Cartridge Boxes with their Belts
78	"	Grenade Bags Sulphur
78	"	Do Do Belts oiled Leather
78	"	Bandoleer Belts
80	"	Bayonet Sheaths
4	"	Swords
4	"	Do Sheaths
4	"	Sword Belts

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2	ps	Brass Drums
5	"	Half Pikes
3	"	Iron worms
2	"	Tin Lanthorns
3	"	Iron Lamps
1	"	A half Hour Glass
80	Bundles	fixed ammunition 12 ps in a Bundle

In the Ammunition House

2013 ¼	℔	of Powder
25	ps	Barrels
1	"	Large Powder Box
13	"	Iron Cannon of 6 ℔ each
10	"	Do Do " 3 "
16	"	Carriages
66	"	Lynch Pins
10	"	Truck Carriages
70	"	Pederero or Swivel Gun Balls
8061	"	Round shot of 6 ℔ Ball
180	"	ditto " 3 " "
150	"	Grape " 6 " "
4	"	Do " 3 " "
300	"	Double headed shot of 6 ℔
1140	"	Do " 3 " "
100	"	Hand Grenades filled
5	"	Wooden Cartridge Boxes
114	"	Cannon Ladles with Screws
6	"	Brass Boxes for Gun Cartridges
15	"	Pickers
24	"	Link Stock
19	"	Ram Rod and Sponges Staves
14	"	Iron Crows
6	"	Wooden Horses
37	"	Wooden Mass
4	"	Cartridge Mould
3	"	Do Chest
8	"	Small Barrels for Gun Powder
7	"	Brass Gunpowder Measures
7	"	Powder Horns
52	"	Brass priming Pins
7	"	Do dark Lanthorns
4	"	Metal Mortars
24	"	Gun Levers
2	"	Limber
1	"	Gin
2	"	Large crooked Compasses
6	"	Gun Powder Sieves

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1	p	Copper Addice
1	"	Reamer
4	"	Powder Funnel
1	"	Copper Quadrant
1	"	Balance with its Scales
4	"	Bags of Shot for shott
1	"	Pitch Ladle
10	℔	Lead weights
2	p	Tarpauling
1	"	Engine or Hand Screw
1	"	Block for the Cannon Gin
1	"	Ball Mould
8065	Bundles of Fixed Ammunition or Cartridges	
120	℔	Match Rope
27	p.	Coverlids of Sail Cloth
1	"	Ladder
200	"	Bombrueyses
2	"	Pistols hang things on
29160	"	Musket Ball
1	"	Mortar Quadrant
696	"	Linne Cartooches
1	"	Tub
2	"	Iron
2	"	Grenadiers Fuses
2	"	Do Mowers
2	"	Do Do Sheaths
2	"	Sword Belts
2	"	Cartridge Boxes
10	"	Flints
12	"	Handles of spoons with their Bobbins
2	℔	Dutch Nails
50	fathom old heavy	Chialoop Cayer Rope

at the Carpenters yard & Smith Shop.

215	℔	Hoop Iron
54	Bundles of	Rattans
15	p	Glass
1	"	Metal Clock
3	"	Engines or Hand Screws
1	"	Saw fit to saw great Trees
1	"	Grind Stone of 5 feet
1	"	Vice
6	"	Levers
2	"	Hand Screws
1	"	Cutting Iron
5	"	Iron Anvils
2	"	Nail Hammers
27	℔	Japan Copper

In the Essay Shop

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In the Essay Shop

2	pr.	great Bottles
2	"	Essay Lanthorns, of which 1 defective
2	"	Do. Balances, of which
	1	pr. with silver scales
	1	" common
1	pr	Weights for Gold and silver of 32 Manq Trois
1	"	Copper Plate
2	"	Do. Moulds
1	"	Iron Hammer
1	"	Small Iron Anvil
1	"	Wooden Rak
5	"	Essay Thongs
1	"	Bed of Iron
1	"	Small Desk defective
2	"	Tables
1	"	Iron Thong
4	"	Chizels

Household Furnitures

for the service of the Honorable the Governor

2	pr.	Book Cases of these
	1	pr with Lock
	1	" without Do
1	"	long writing Table

In the Council Room. Viz

1	"	Wooden Table with
1	"	Green Cloth 3½ D long belonging to it
2	"	Setts of silver Ink stands and Sand Boxes, and
1	"	Silver Bell weighing together 33½ Dollars
7	"	Chairs with Red Velvet Cushions
1	"	Carpet
1	"	Book Case to keep secret Bundles and Papers in.

For the service of the Secretary's Office

1	"	great open Case with Partitions
3	"	Book Cases of which 1 large
4	"	double or 8 single Desks

For the service of the Board of Trade

4	"	double or 8 single Desks
2	"	Pins to hang things on
1	"	Chair
1	"	Single Desk
2	"	Book Cases, of which 1 large

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Booklinders Instruments Viz

1 Booklinders Knifes with their Irons
1 Scissar
1 Hand press
1 Iron Rule
1 Bench
1 Large Table with 6 Drawers

For the Service of the Military Office

2 Book Chests
1 Large Table
1 do. Desk

We the undersigned Governor and Counsil for the Dutch East India Company here on the Coast declare by these that this is a true and faithful Inventory of all what this Day belongs to the Company here in Pullicat, and according to the monthly written — Statement of the Administrators, each in his own particular Department; thus all Errors or Disagreements with the Books excepted; which cannot be examined, and redressed to advantage or Disadvantage, untill the Books of Trade since the year 1792 to this Day shall be adjusted and brought in order; mean while the said Remainders, in Consequence of the Resolution of the Council of the 15th Instant shall be given over and payed to him, who shall be qualified and authorized by the Madras Government to receive them, to be taken for and in behalf of His British Majesty, and to be kept untill further Disposition

Done at Pullicat in Fort Geldria 15th July 1795

p/signed Jacob Eilbracht
Fsk Wm Bloeme
Jn Jm Hasz
Js Fs Cantervischer

p/signed C. W. Gericke
translate

Recieved

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Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr. Articles of
Public Property taken by Capitulation at Pulicat ——
according to the Inventory signed by the Pulicat Govern=
=ment and dated the 15th. Instant.

Pulicat
29th. July 1795 (signed) Ralph Judge

Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr. Two hundred and
Sixty nine Star Pagodas being part of the Public Property
Surrendered at Pulicat.

Pulicat
29th. July 1795 (signed) Ralph Judge

W. C. Jackson Esqre
Secretary &c.

Sir Fort St. George

From W. Macleod rectifying some Errors on the Inventory of publick Property

I beg leave to enclose a letter from the late Governor of Pulicat explaining a Mistake in the Inventory of Stores at Pulicat.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) Alexr. Macleod

Madras
4th. August 1795

Alexander Macleod Esqre
Madras

Dear Sir

As there is a Mistake discovered in the Inventory of the Public Property I delivered you, I therefore beg

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beg leave to direct this and to inform you that you will find under the Ammunition Stores 8061. Shots of 6— pounders and 780 D.o of 3 pounders and it must only be 761. of the former and 130 of the latter, and among the fixed Cartridges you will find 8065. bundles. but there must only be 865. bundles: I beg you will be so kind as to have this mistakes Corrected which occasioned by the Hurry of business

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c

Pulicat
31 July 1795

Signed Jacob Eilbracht

Ordered that the Inventory be translated

Minute regarding Mr. Bloemes claim

when the Board will take up the subject brought forward by Mr. Macleod relative to the 30 Parahs of Grain claimed by Mr. Bloeme.

Read the following letter from —

Major Dallas.

To W. C. Jackson Esqre

From Majr Dallas recommending that an Compensation be granted to Rustumjee on account of Extra Expences incurred on bringing one of his Lots of Horses by Sea to Madras.

Sir,

Some time ago I applied to Government for an allowance to Rustumjee Camagee for the — Expence of Extra freight for his Horses between Anjengo and Madras. I stated that, as it would have cost the

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the Company two months Feeding /equal to 12 Pagodas/ besides the Expence of Carriage, and Batta to the Escort; a recompence of fifty Rupees pr. Horse would be fair for both Parties. I have received a Letter from Sum — acknowledging the Receipt of /8000 Rups/ the price of the first 20 Horses, and expressing a Wish for a reimbursement for their Freight: he declares that each Horse cost on that Account 150 Rupees, but will be satisfied with whatever the Madras Government may please to pay him, in this Case, less than 50 — Rupees cannot, in my opinion, be offered, and I must beg of you to get him reimbursed. the Bearer is his Brother, who is authorised to act as his Agent, and will grant a Receipt for the money, amounting, on 27 Horses à 50 Rs each, to Rs 1350. The Horses sent by him are far superior to those from any other quarters and improve very much — I am Sir &c &c

Arcot
31st July 1795

Sign'd Thos Dallas

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This is to certify that Rustumjee Comagee has got two Receipts from me; one for twenty Horses at 400 Rupees . . . . . Rs. 8000

The other for Seven Horses at the same rate - do - 2800

Total Rupees - 10. 800

The first Sum he acknowledges having received and by this time both much have been paid by the Bombay Government according to his Contract Viz.t 400 Rupees (at Bombay) for each serviceable Horse when landed at Anjengo: but the Monsoon on that Coast, having prevented their being put a shore there, he claims reimbursement for Extra Freight — paid to Madras. equal to 50 Rs. p.r Horse for - 27 Horses . . . . . Rs. 1350

This Sum he requests may be paid to his Agent — Soffurjee Camajee at Madras, and, in my opinion, it is very moderate, being far less than they would have cost if brought from Anjengo to the Carnatic by land.

Arcot
31 July 1795

signd Thos. Dallas
Majr 4th Regt N.C.

Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the Sum of One thousand three hundred and fifty Rupees be paid to Rostum Ghee's Agent on account of extra Freight, as the Board are persuaded it would have cost the Company much more had the Horses been brought from Anjengo to the Carnatic by Land

E. Saunders

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Chas Fairfield

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Geo. Barlow
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Diary

Received the following Letters

To the Honorable Edward Saunders Esqure

Acting President in Council.

Honorable Sir,

From the Attorney General stating his opinion upon a suit in the Superior Court at Pondicherry between one Verdaramah Chetty and one Ponnapah Chetty, which has given rise to Dessentions among the Members of the Superior Council.-

I have attentively perused the several papers Government was pleased to refer to me on the late dissentions in the Superior Council of Pondicherry, and find they have arisen from a desire in Mr. Bastro and Mr. St. Paul, two of the Members of that Court, to revise an Arret or Decree passed on the 28th November 1792, which is strongly opposed by Mr. Gerard, the President, and Mr. Caillaud the Procureur General, who wish to carry that Arret into execution.-

The Suit, which is between one Verdaramah Chitty and a Company of native Merchants, represented by one Ponnapah Chitty and an other, was originally in the Choultry Court, where it seems to have been decided in Ponnapah Chetty's favor, and came, by appeal, before the Superior Council, who, reversing that decision, decreed in favor of Verdaramah Chitty.-

This Decree was passed several Months before the Capture of Pondicherry, which did not take place until August 1793, and, remaining unexecuted at the period of its surrender, application was made to the Court when re established under the authority of this Government, and two orders were accordingly passed on the 21st June and 27th September 1794 for carrying it into execution.-

The Decree, which had been pronounced by Mrs. Mollet, Gerard, and Caillaud, was that Ponnapah

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Chitty, and the other person whose name was Adwera Chitty, should, as well on their own accounts, as on that of the Company of Merchants pay to Verdaramah Chitty 3080 Rupees, part of the sum of Rupees 27,720 mentioned in a "billet" under the hand of Mr. Du Pleix in favor of these Merchants, with 4 % interest, not exceeding the principal, and a Commission of 12½ % Cent on 771 Star Pagodas, for recovering so much on their account, and it condemned Ponnapah Chitty, and the other representative of these Merchants to the payment of Costs in both Courts.—

By the laws of France no revision of a Civil suit is allowed, except in a matter of account the Judgement ought to contain a Calculation of receipts and disbursments and strike a ballance, if any be due. the reason of this regulation probably is to give the party who may suffer by an error of Calculation by an Omission of Credits, or a Charge of improper debits, an opportunity of applying to have that grievance redressed, which De Ferriere, the Author cited both by Mr Caillaud and Mr Bartho, says may be done at any time, for that in all accounts an exception of errors is understood, and hence that an error of account is never covered "ni par Arrêt ni par transaction" neither by Decree nor consent, but is, at all times, open to correction.

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5.th Decree did not contain a Calculation of receipts and disbursements, it ought to have done it, and further that the omission of it was an Error in the Court which rendered its decree absolutely Null.

He says the suit was founded in a ballance of Accounts among a number of Malabar Merchants associated together that the existence of this association appears by a contract they entered into with the French Company in 1767 where the father of Verdaramah Chitty appears under the name of — Tevaricaca Chitty, and, by an Account Current between this — association and the Administrators of the french Company that this Account Current shews, on the debit side, the association was indebted to the Company in the Sum of Rupees 64,000, and on the Credit side that the Payments including that the Sum of 27,720 R.s Lent M.r Du Plix amounted to about 50,000 R. which left a ballance, still due to the Company of about 12,000.

This association he says consisted of two societies united and distinguished by the Name of the Old and New Merchants of the Company that it appeared to him they were all Debtors to the Company, that from the opposition made by the Commissaries, on the part of the Company, to the credit to be Allowed Verdarama Chitty in case of the failure of Ponnapah Chitty, it appeared that Verdarama Chitty was himself a — debtor and that the Sum of 27,720 R.s passed to the Credit of these Merchants by order of the Kings privy Council, was so passed in part discharge of their debt to the Company.

In this Sum of 27,720 R.s he says Verdarama Chitty had a right to one Ninth, meaning, I apprehend, that

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5th that he had a right to the Credit for so much, and not a right to demand so much as due to him, for he soon after says it appears to him that this Ninth, with the interest arising on it, ought not to be allowed him, that is, I imagine, ought not to be decreed to be paid him, as it was by the Decree of 28th. November 1792 for 3080 R. the sum adjudged to be paid is exactly one Ninth of 27,720.-

Mr. Du Pleix's declaration of the loan, which appears to be the same with the "billet de Creance" mentioned by Mr. Caillaud of the Contract between the association and the Company, and the account Current between them and the Company, form, in Mr. Bartos' opinion, three evident proofs that the cause had no other basis than Commerce, and should be proceeded on, according to the Ordonnance for the Regulation of Commerce of 1673, by the 9th 10th 11th 12th 13th and 14th Articles of which it is Ordained that such suits as may arise among Partners in trade shall be submitted to Arbitration, that the sentence of the Arbitrators shall be confirmed by the Consular Jurisdiction, if there is any, and, if not, by the Judge of the place: and he concludes that as this Ordonnance was not observed in the Decree of November 1792 it became absolutely void.-

He observes that the Procureur General should have recollected this ordonnance, and not have come forward with citations inapplicable to the case, and serving only to perpetuate error, and he closes his Contredite with giving his opinion that the order of that

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day, without paying attention to the requisitoire of the Procureur General or to his Conclusions, should confirm the orders of the 30th May and 6th June passed at the Prayer of Ponnapah Chitty and his partners, that these persons be allowed to bring the Decree of 28th November to a revision for error in Calculation, and that the Parties be directed pursuant to the Ordonnance of 1673 to Name four Arbitrators to decide upon the merits of the case.-

The Consequence of this Contredite was an immediate protest from the Procureur General against any Orders being passed either in regard to his Requisitoire, or the Revision of Accounts, in which Mr Bartro may vote as Judge: this he did on the pretext of Mr Bartro's having prematurely declared his opinion, and openly announced himself the Defender of Ponnapah Chitty, contrary to the Ordonnance of 1667: but how far he was justifiable in this unusual measure is a question. The requisitoire was not entitled to implicit compliance on the part of the Court; they had a right to take it into Consideration, and to adopt, or reject it, as they thought proper; and Mr Bartro, in my opinion, did not go out of his province in entering fully into the Procureur General's Arguments, or in endeavouring to refute them, where he thought them weak; and, in doing this, it was scarcely possible to avoid leaning to the side opposite to that supported by the Procureur General.

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This Protest however seems to have been considered by Mr. Gerard as a preclusion of Mr. Bartro from further voting as a judge in the Suit, and there being two only remaining, namely himself and Mr. St. Paul, who, had they concurred in opinion were not sufficient in number to pass any Judgement, he retired from the court leaving the cause as it now stands without decision, a conduct that can not in my opinion be reconciled to any principle of Justice, nor Justified by any visible necessity. The Procureur General says that by the Ordonnance of 1667 a judge may be "recusé" challenged if he gives his opinion before Judgement: this I believe is true. But I imagine the challenge should come from a party in the Suit, and not from the Procureur General who seems to me to have no right to challenge a Judge in any Cause where the interests of the King or of the public are not concerned. It appears indeed that if the Court loose sight of the Ordonnances, he may oppose their decision; that is, he may point out to the Judges the error they are ready to fall into, and, if they pay no regard to this intimation, it seems that he may immediately appeal to prevent the Sentence being carried into effect, but he has no right, that I can find, to prevent any Judge, in a private Suit, from giving his opinion, and, in my conception, the cause he has assigned for objecting to Mr. Bartro, Viz.t that he had given his opinion before Judgement, is wholly groundless; for it was an opinion given, as it were, in the very act of passing Judgement, to prevent the inconvenience of

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Though I think Mr. Caillaud went too far in protesting against any Order in which Mr. Barto may vote as a judge, and caught rather unfairly at the occasion. I think his Requisitoire was well founded, at least in one instance, and that Mr. Barto and Mr. St. Paul were blameable, in hurrying on too much the nomination of Arbitrators. for Verdaramah was entitled to eight clear days, from the 30th may, when the order of revision was passed, and they allowed him only six: neither do I think they were altogether right, in so earnestly endeavouring to bring the suit before themselves by revision, for it seems to me that, by the laws of France, the revision of an Arret must

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In regard to the Arret of 28th November 1792 which Mr. Gerard and Mr. Caillaud want to have executed, and Mr. Bartro and Mr. St. Paul want to have revised, I do not conceive that it will be proper to meet the wish of either - that arret was pronounced while Pondicherry was still in the possession of the French, and while the Court which passed it exercised a jurisdiction derived from the French Government - the Court tho', at present, subsisting under the same name, and allowed to administer justice according to the same system of laws, is yet a Court under a different jurisdiction to what it was before. it is now an English Court, and must, I apprehend, consider all Arrets or Decrees passed in the French Courts as foreign Judgments - and foreign Judgments cannot be revised, because the revision cannot be before the same jurisdiction, and yet cannot be executed without re examination, for the operation of the Judgement is in the State where executed, and on persons subject to or under the protection of that State, whom it will not compell to pay or satisfy a foreign Judgement until some one of it's own Courts has examined and adopted the decision. In England a foreign Judgment cannot be executed without a new Suit by an action of debt or of Assumpsit grounded upon it, neither can a foreign Judgment be executed in France without a new action and the reason is the same, for they acknowledge according to Ferrier those Judgments only which are pronounced by Judges deriving their jurisdiction from the Sovereignty of the King, and, in all independent Countries, I imagine the rule must be the same, for no Sovereign will place such implicit confidence in the justice of a foreign

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5th Judicature as to suffer its Decrees to take effect on his own subjects without a previous examination — Hence it follows, I conceive, that the Decree of 28th November 1792 cannot be executed, unless the Arrest of 21st June 1794 was pronounced in consequence of a new action that brought the foreign Judgement compleatly before the English Court for re-examination if that was the case it ought, I think, to be carried into execution; but, if it was not, I apprehend whole of the proceedings since the re-establish-ment of the [illegible] under the British Government ought to be set aside, and that Verdaramah Chitty, if he wishes to take Advantage of the foreign Judgment in his favor, ought to bring it regularly before the Court, by a new Action. —

I have the honor to be,

Kr. a Kr. a

Signed Benj.n Sulivan

To the Honorable Edward Saunders Esq.r

Acting President in Council.

Honorable Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your Secretary's letter of yesterdays' date, covering several Papers relative to Ramah, the Dubash of Lieutenant Colonel Geils, and desiring my opinion whether it would be consistent with the due administration of justice, under the charges preferred against the Dubash, to authorize an unreserved communication between him and Lieutenant Colonel Geils during the prosecution

From the Attorney General is of opinion a free Communication should be allowed between Lieutenant Colonel Geils, and his Dubash Ramah. —

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prosecution of the latter. –

I have perused, in consequence, the papers transmitted to me, with attention, and have the honor to submit it to you that as, by the law of England, every man is presumed to be innocent of the offences laid to his charge, until he be legally convicted, and that, until then, he has the same rights with other subjects, so far as they are consistent with the security of his person, I see no legal objection to the authorizing a free communication between Colonel Geils and his Dubash. –

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

Substance of a letter from the Nabob.

Received letter from the Nabob, entered in C.C. No. 77 advising of his Intention to discharge the amount of Extra Expences incurred on account of Captain Macleans Detachment, in two Kists, from the 1st October next. –

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in W.B. Nos. 21-22.

To the Commandant at the Mount

To Lieutenant Colonel Smith desiring him to allow the Dubash Ramah to have a free Communication with Lieutenant Colonel Geils, so far as may be consistent with the Security of his Person. –

To the Deputy Judge Advocate in the Centre Division

To Lieutenant Leith advising of the abovementioned orders having been transmitted to Lieutenant Colonel Smith. –

Received the following letter from the Military

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

In conformity to the Commands of Government under date the 26th of September last, We have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that Seven hundred and two Candies of Saltpetre will be required from Bengal, for Military purposes on the Coast for the next twelve Months.—

Having in obedience to your commands — under date the 8th of April last, made the necessary enquiries relative to the charge made by Lieutenant Colonel Stirling for transporting Baggage from Pondicherry, We have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that the whole of it was public and belonged to his Majesty's 74th Regiment — We therefore beg leave to recommend that Lieutenant Colonel Stirling be paid One hundred and fifty Pagodas the amount it appears he disbursed on that account.—

We have the honor, in further reply to your Lordship's letter of the 16th May last, to lay before you the* accompanying copy of a Minute from the Chief Engineer respecting the State of the Commanding Officer's Quarters at Madurah, and the estimate expence of repairs.—

In Obedience to your Lordship's Commands through Mr. Secretary Jackson under date the 22d May and 25th June last, We have the honor to acquaint you that, having taken the suggestion contained in Major Dallas' Letter into

From the Military Board — Salt Petre required from Bengal for the ensuing year — opinion on Lieutenant Colonel Stirlings Claim for the Conveyance of Regimental Stores by Sea to Pondicherry — Estimate enclosed of Repairs to the Commandants Quarter at Madura — Recommendation regarding the Stabling at Arcot and Connatore — Bills of the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs recommended for Payment — Suggestion regarding Ordnance & Carriages at Trichinopoly requiring Repair and the Ordnance attached to the Royal Artillery.—

* Entered in Mil. B. for August / Nº 2324.

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5th Consider Consideration We are of opinion that the Stabling and accommodations stated by him to be requisite at the Cavalry Cantonment at Arcot are necessary We agree also, with him in opinion that tiled roofs for the Stabling are, for the reasons he has setforth, preferable to thatched roofs, and having called upon the Chief Engineer for the requisite Estimates we have the honor herewith to x enclose copies of them, and beg leave to observe, as has been remarked by the Chief Engineer, in a Minute now before us, that the Estimate which Major Dallas laid before Government being 696 Pagodas for each tiled roof Stable, and the Estimate transmitted by Lieutenant Wood for the same kind of building being 760 Pagodas, it makes a difference in each Stable of 64 Pagodas, and on the whole of 704 Pagodas He is further of opinion, that the Contractors should build the Stabling at the rate their Agent at Arcot, has given it to Major Dallas, which will decrease the Estimate to Pagodas 9912. 18. 60 So soon as your Lordship shall be pleased to determine thereon, we shall give the necessary directions to the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs for carrying the several buildings into execution. –

x entered in W/B / for August / No. 25

We have directed the Chief Engineer to cause an exact Survey to be made of the Cantonment, which, when completed, will enable us to address your Lordship on that part of Major Dallas Letter relative to grants of Ground &c.

We are of opinion, from what Major Pater represents with regard to the Stabling at Connatore, that an encrease is necessary and that it might be proper to repair the four Stables at present standing. –

We beg leave to recommend that tiled roofs be also adopted at Connatore, and to be authorized to call for Estimates of the expence of substituting them. –

The Contractors for Buildings and Repairs having

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5th having laid before us for payment the accompanying six bills, amounting to Pagodas 2781: 30: 60. for buildings and repairs made in the Military and Civil Departments, which being properly certified by the Chief Engineer we recommend may be discharged.

The Committee of Stores at Trichinopoly having forwarded to us the Proceedings of a Committee of Survey dated 7th May on Field Carriages, Limbers and Ammunition Tumbrils, requiring repair at that Station, as also a Survey held on the 8th of May on the ordnance Carriages belonging to the Royal Artillery we have the honor to lay before your Lordship x copies thereof, together with the Estimates of the expense of repairs that will be incurred Viz.t

x entered in MS. for August 1795 Nos. 26 27. 28. 29.

For 6 P.r Carriages and Limbers			232 36 57
Ammunition Tumbrils			527 24 76
Total Pagodas			760 19 53

which repairs appearing to be absolutely necessary, and on considering the Carriage of timber from Madras to Trichinopoly are as low a rate as the same repairs could be executed for at the Presidency; for which reason, we beg to obtain permission to order them to be executed.

The repairs required to be made to the Ordnance Carriages brought from Woolwich, and attached to the Royal Artillery, are such as appear to us not to be warranted as they cannot be rendered very serviceable by any expense bestowed upon them we therefore recommend that new carriages should be made for them, unless your Lordship shall be pleased to determine that they be deposited in the

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5. Stores in their present situation. —

We embrace this opportunity of further laying
entered in B/3 for August/ No 30 before your Lordship * copy of a Survey report of the Ordnance
Carriages belonging to Trichinopoly dated 8. May last, together
with × copy of the Estimate of repairs required amounting to
× entered in B/3 for August/ No 31 Pagodas 1235: 6: 61 which appearing to Us to be moderate
and absolutely necessary, we beg to be authorized to order
the same to be carried into execution. —

We have the honor to be,

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John Brathwaite
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"
Signed Wm. Gent
Wm. Younge
George Hall

6. Dispatched the undermentioned Letters
entered in B/3 Nos 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38.

To the Board of Revenue

To the Board of Revenue advising of the —
Reference made to the Right Honorable the President regarding
the Protection of the Muglatore Zemindary, and the raising
Sibbendy Corps for the Protection of all the Circars: communicating
also the steps taken for securing the Persons of Boopiah, —
Vencataram Rauze, and the Pylney Poligar. —

To the Resident at Hydrabad

To the Resident at Hydrabad — requesting
him

him to represent to the Nizam the Situation of Boopiah and Vencatanam vauze and obtain his order for their being seized and delivered up to the Company - requesting him also to obtain from the Nizam pointed orders to the Zemindars of Badra = chellum and Aumil of Cummamut not to afford Protection to delinquents escaping from the Company's authority. -

To the Commandant at Pondicherry

To Lieutenant Colonel Stirling enclosing a Copy of the Attorney Generals opinion upon the Point in Dis= =cussion between Mr. Thursby and the Superior Council of Pondicherry. -

To the Military Auditor General

To the Military Auditor General enclosing Lieutenant Forbes' Receipt for Hydrabad Rupees 15,489-2-1 advanced him by the Resident at Hydrabad with directions to carry the Amount to the Head of Bengal Presidency - desiring him also to pass Colonel Stirlings Bill for repairing the Flag Staff at Pondicherry. -

To the Military Board

To the Military Board desiring them to report their opinion as to the Amount that should be allowed the Members of the Committee ordered to inspect the Works executed by Captain Pong in the Baramaul and Salem Districts, to indemnify them for the Expence of providing themselves with Tents and Carriage. -

To the Acting Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies

To Mr. Skardon desiring him to accept Vencatachellums offer for providing an additional Quantity of 12 Garce of Gram for the 5th Regiment of Cavalry. -

To the Commandant at Dindigul

To the Commandant at Dindigul - directing him to report the expense that will attend the erecting

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7th erecting a new Flag Staff.

Received the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From Colonel Brathwaite with letter from Captain Read recommending some removals &c of Detachments in the Baramaul.

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council a Copy of a letter I have received from Captain Alexander Read, which as it goes to the removal of, and employing Troops, that were in garrison, in the Field, requires the sanction of Government.

I have the honor to be with great respect.

&c &c &c

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
August 7th 1795

(Signed) John Brathwaite

To Colonel Brathwaite

Commanding the Army

Sir,

The incursions made by the Poligars and other Robbers in the Vicinity of the Southern Districts, under my Command having required some Augmentation of the Troops in charge of Lieutenant Irton, they are now equal to three Companies, which are posted along the eastern frontier, from the pass leading into the Tarrior Country, to that leading into the Amboor Districts, by which means these districts have remained, for some time past, quite unmolested; -

Conceiving

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Conceiving that Rytota, while its works are in their present State, should have a stronger Garrison, than four Companies of which it consists, and that the 4th. Battalion must be Kept greatly back in point of Discipline from so few of it being together, and its furnishing so many Detachments as at present, I am desirous of Withdrawing the Company of that Corps with Lieutenant Irton, and of relieving it by one from the 22d. / the only Corps in the Ceded Districts from which there are no Detachments / but apprehending it is necessary to obtain your Authority for the movement of any Party amounting to a Company, when delay is admissable, I submit the expediency of the measure to your determenation

The troops under the Command of Lieutenant Irton, would then consist of a Company from the 13th. one from the 22d. and one from the 24th. I propose that they never shall receive any further Augmentation, and that, when persuaded it may be done with safety, they shall be reduced Again to two Companies, or be wholly withdrawn.

I am likewise desirous of your permission to relieve the troops on this service, by other Companies from their respective Corps, once in three Months, or as often as Commandants may judge necessary for the purposes of Discipline.

I have the honor to be,

Dr. Sr.

Yr. Obt. Hble. Servt.

Vaniambaddy
4th. August 1795

Signd Alexr. Read
Capt.n Comm.g Ceded Districts

True Copy
Signed W.m Wilson Secy

Received

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Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in MB. Nos 39. 40-45.-

From Capt. Stephen Towns

From Captain Towns requesting a Reply to his former Letter regarding off Reckonings, and to be furnished with a Copy of the of the Board's Resolutions with respect to the claims of Individuals on the late Zemindar of Noozeed

From Brigade Major Pierce

From the Acting Adjutant General recommending the Promotion of Ensign John Hawkins to the Rank of Lieutenant vice Annesly deceased.

From the late Chief of Sadras

From the late Chief of Sadras requesting leave of absence for the purpose of adjusting his private affairs at Madras and Pulicat.

Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 42-43-44-45.

To the late Chief of Sadras

To the late Chief of Sadras granting him leave of Absence.

To the Commanding Officer at Vellore

To the Commanding Officer at Vellore desiring him to grant immediate Permission to Mr. Gillespie to proceed to Condapillee in order to join Major Roberts's Detachment.

To the Commander of the Army

To Colonel Brathwaite advising him of the Board's Intention of ordering two Native Batts from the Vizagapatam into the Masulipatam District

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7th District and of their having it in contemplation to raise Revenue Corps for the Protection of all the Circars,— — Communicating also the orders issued for the Augmentation of the Native Corps in the Northern and Southern Divisions of the Army and for completing Captain John Bell's — Company of Artillery— His Recommendation for augmenting the Cavalry Corps to the War Establishment — referred to Lord Hobart for his opinion —

To Ditto — To Ditto enclosing Copy of Sir Robert Abercromby's Propositions for recruiting the Coast Native Establishment on the Bengal Provinces, and desiring him to hold in Readiness the Detail of European and Native Officers required to proceed to Bengal to take Charge of the Recruits —

8th Received the following Letters

Right Honorable
The Governor in Council.

My Lord,

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly — acknowledging Receipt of the Boards orders for securing the Person of the Pylney Poligar

I have the honor of receiving the Commands of Government, dated 31st Ult.o regarding the Pylney Poligar together with an extract of a Letter from the Board of Revenue on the same subject —

All diligence shall be used in — carrying the Orders of Government into effect — Some delay

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delay will probably occur, either in correspondence, or arrangement, or waiting for a proper opportunity: For, as I am informed, the Poligar lives in an open village, near the Hills and it is highly probable that He would evade any open Force. And, of course, Stratagem, or surprize is more likely to accomplish your intentions—

I beg leave to enclose a letter addressed, I believe, to the Right Honorable the Governor, at the request of Sunkea Naigue—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Trichinapoly
August 5th 1795

signed J. Floyd Col.

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

My Lord,

From Col. Brathwaite the Officers on Commans of the King's Regiments on the Coast request that an allowance may be granted for the subsistence of the European Women attached to their respective Corps—

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council the copy of a letter originally signed by the Officers Commanding his Majesty's Corps serving under this Presidency and addressed to me. I shall not withhold from your Lordship the true reason why it appears in its present shape, and so long after its date. It was by some accident mislaid, and had escaped my memory on sitting out the late expeditions,

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the subject of the Family chits recalled it to my mind, and, not being able to find it, I wrote to Lieutenant Colonel Stirling who I believed to be in possession of a Copy, and he transmitted to me that which I now enclose. I am extremely sorry for the delay, and request as a favor to myself that, if your Lordship shall be pleased to determine to make any provision for the Women, as is requested in the letter, that you will permit this Provision to take place from the date it would have had in case I had forwarded the application when received—

And I beg leave to recommend that in case of your Lordship's determining to make this Provision, that it may also include the European Wives of the privates in the Company's Service—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/s/ signed/ John Brathwaite

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
August 8th 1795

To Colonel Brathwaite
Commanding the Army on the Coast

Sir,

We the undermentioned Officers, Commanding His Majestys Regiments serving on the Coast of Coromandel, beg leave to state the situation of

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of the European women attached to the several Regiments on this station—

By the order of the Honorable Court of Directors, four women per Company, or forty to each Regiment of Infantry were allowed to accompany the Regiments to India— These women drew provisions on board the ships as sanctioned appendages to the Regiments

Four Women to every hundred Recruits— have uniformly been allowed to come to India—

For each woman of the above discription the supreme Board has admitted a monthly allowance to be drawn in the abstracts of the Regiment stationed in Bengal, of eight Current Rupees—

On this Coast where provisions, and every necessary of life are perhaps double the price, — nothing has been allowed the women, except when attending their husbands on actual service in the field—

Thus has the soldier, his wife, and children been involved in accumulated distress, even to dissolution

We therefore solicit your approval of this application, and request you will forward it to the Right Honorable the President in Council with

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with such recommendation as you think fit, in the hope Government will be pleased to extend some indulgence to the European Women of His Majestys Regiments on this Coast, married to soldiers under the degree of Serjeants—

We have the honor to be,

[signed by the respective Commanding Officers of His Majestys Regiments on the Coast]

November 26th 1794

A true Copy
[signed] M. P. Stirling

True Copy
[signed] Wm. Wilson Jun.y

Ordered that the above letter do — remain for consideration—

Minute on the foregoing letter from Col. Braithwaite

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore.

10th Received a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore [entered in C. C. No. 78] advising of his — having issued positive orders prohibiting the Exportation of supplies of every Description for the Dutch — Settlements—

Received the following Letters

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council.

From the Military Board—enquiry Directions of Government carried into Execution

My Lord,

In obedience to your Lordships' commands

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10th commands contained in your Lordship's letter of the 2d. Instant, directing that, in case the Gun Carriage Contractors shall want more stores from public Store Houses, your letter of the 15th ultimo is to be attended to, by which we suppose your letter of the 15th of June is meant, as we have not received any of the 15th ultimo We shall take care, as we trust we have ever hitherto done, that such Indents of the Gun Carriage Contractors for Issues from the Company's stores as may be submitted to our consideration, shall not have our sanction but in proportion to the Work they may have on hand, and we shall signify to the Military Storekeeper / The Import Ware Housekeeper not being under our orders / that 50 per Cent is to be charged upon all articles furnished to them -

We hope we shall not be thought to trespass too much on your Lordship's time in recalling to your Lordship's recollection that the Import Ware House Keeper, who is not under our orders, may feel himself authorized to comply with Indents from the Gun Carriage Contractors, that may not have been submitted to our consideration, and should this happen,

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happen; and your orders to us be thus deviated from, we cannot be responsible.

We have given the necessary directions to the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs, to — execute the repairs required to the Officers' Quarters at Connatore; and to the Artillery barracks at Masu- -lipatam, as also for building the baths there.

The Military Storekeeper has likewise been directed to furnish the Nizams' Agent, upon his — paying for the same, at the usual rates, with the — Stores specified in the list. We had the honor to lay before your Lordship.

We have the honor to be

S^r & S^r

[signed] John Brathwaite

" Henry Malcolm

" Jn Richardson

" W. Gent

" W. Younge

" George Hall

Fort St George
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To

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We have the honor to be

&c &c

(signed) John Brathwaite

" Henry Malcolm

" Jn Richardson

" W. Gent

" W. Younge

" George Hall

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To

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To

To the Honorable The acting President in Council of Fort St. George - Madras

Honorable Sir,

From the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops - in reply to the Board's Directions for furnishing sundry accounts applied for by the Military Auditor General

I do myself the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary Mr. Jackson's Letter of the 2d. Instant - enclosing copy of a Letter from Colonel Malcolm dated the 22d. ultimo - requiring the Distributions of the application of that Money advanced by the East India Company to my predecessor, on account of His Majesty's Old Regiments serving under the parliamentary agreement of 1781 - for the period from the 25th June to the 24th of December 1792.

I think it my duty to inform your Honorable Board that, on a retrospective view of Major Hart's Business, I find the Distributions and Vouchers of subsistence required by Colonel Malcolm, were regularly transmitted to the Right Honorable the Paymasters General of all the Forces (in Duplicate) early in the year 1793, and that, from the nature of Major Hart's securities and Instructions, I humbly presume I cannot, consistently therewith, now furnish the Company with any of his Vouchers for the disbursing

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disbursing of the Kings Money to the old Regiments prior to the 24th day of December 1792 — I have however, the honour of sending herewith to Government an Account of the Expenditure for the above period — extracted from Major Harts publick Books, the same as furnished by himself to his own immediate principals, — and which will I trust, — answer all necessary purposes of your Auditor General

I have the honor to remain with the greatest respect

Y: Y:

Kings Pay Office
Madras the 10th of August 1795

[signed] Marcus Beresford
Deputy Paymr. Genel. to His Majs.
Forces serving under the Presidency
of Fort St George - Madras

Account or Abstract of Subsistence Y:. Y: as Disbursed by Major George Hart to His Majestys Old regiments serving under the parliamentary agreement of 1781 — Viz.t — the 19th Dragoons — and the 36th —, 52d —, 71st. 72d. and 73d. Foot — from the 25th June 6 the 24th of December 1792; as transmitted to the Pay Office General of England by the Contractor on the 30th January 1793, and again in Duplicate by the Pondicherry the 5th of February following —

Amount

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Viz.t

P. F. C.

Amount of Disbursements from 25th June to the 24th August 1792	37,318	4	56
Ditto from 25th August to 24th October	26,504	11	65
Ditto from 25th October to 24th December	26,290	2	15
Total Amount Disbursed	90,112	18	56

King's Pay Office Madras - the 10th of August 1795.

I certify the above to be a true Extract from Major Hart's publick Books

signed Marcus Beresford
Deputy Paymaster General to his Majesty's Forces serving under the Presidency of Fort St. George - Madras.

Sent by Express a Letter to the Secretary at Bombay entered in MB. No. 46 enclosing a Letter from Commodore Rainier - addressed to the Governor in Council at Bombay -

Substance of a Letter to the Secretary at Bombay -

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in MB. Nos. 47-48-49-50-

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From the Commandant at Palamcotah enclosing the Letter from the Rajah of Travancore entered in a former Part of this Diary.

From the Commanedant at Palamcottah

From Major Roberts advising of his Intention to set out from Masulipatam in order to take command of the Detachment assembled at Condapillee on the 5th Instant.

From Major Roberts

From Captain Dalrymple expects to arrive with his Corps at Condapillee on the 9th or 10th Instant.

From the Officer Commanding the 29th Native Battalion

From Lieutenant Colonel Wynch advising of his having relieved the two Companies of the 29th Battalion at Chintapilly and issued orders for their joining their Corps at Condapillee.

From the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar

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Sent letter to the Nabob entered in C.C. No 79 requesting him to nominate two Persons to meet Messrs Woolf and Smith for the Purpose of drawing out a Statement of the Balance account for the year 1794/95.

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55

To Messrs Robert Woolf and Cecil Smith.

To Messrs. Woolf and Smith desiring them to meet the Nabobs' Deputies for the purpose of adjusting the account abovementioned.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board desiring them to lay before the Board on account of the Length and Weight

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15th Weight of the 12 Pdr. Iron Guns in the Arsenal at this Presidency.

To Secretary to Ditto desiring him to

To the Secretary to Do. send 25 Lascars on board the Mary to assist in the Embarkation of her Cargo—

To the Garrison Storekeeper directing him to

To the Garrison Storekeeper send one Months Provisions on board the Mary for the European and Native Troops at Trinconalle

To Ditto desiring him to purchase the eight Garce of Dholl alluded to in his Letter of this

To. Do. Date entered on the Minutes of Consultation—

Sent the following Letter to the Attorney General—

To Benjamin Sulivan Esqre

Attorney General

To the attorney General requiring his opinion upon an objection made by Colonel Geils to answer to a charge preferred against him of tampering with the Witnesses summoned on the Court Martial now sitting

Sir,

I am directed by Government to transmit to you copy of a letter from the President of the General Court Martial, with copy of an additional charge preferred against Lieutenant Colonel Geils, and Copy of that Officers address to the Court Martial in consequence, and to desire you will be pleased to state your opinion, how far the admission of the charge

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"in question is in the present stage of the trial, in any
"shape repugnant to the Laws of England as those Laws relate
"to Courts Martial.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c

Fort St George
11th August 1795

(signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

At a Consultation

Present

Edward Saunders Esqre
Acting President
Ernst William Fallofield Esqre

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart absent on
a Tour to the Northward

Tuesday
11th August 1795

Minutes of last Consultation read and
approved —

Read the following letter from Commodore
Rainier —

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

From Commodore Rainier
advising of the Loss of
His Majesty's Ship
Diomede suggestions
regarding the Purchase
of a Ship for His Maj-
esty's Service, requests
permission to detain
the outward bound
Indiamen Endorses
Copy of his Letter to Bombay
regarding the Bombay
Frigate —

My Lord,

Your Lordship will no doubt be fully
informed of the proceedings of the Expedition through
Colonel Brathwaite from Colonel Stuart, & shall —
therefore

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therefore content myself with acquainting your Lordship how much I regret the loss of His Majesty's Ship Diomede being so sensible a reduction of the Naval force now with me, and am at a loss whether to order the Honorable Company's Cruizer the Bombay Frigate round here or not, as there is no other ship of any Force on the Malabar coast, and they have most likely some kind of expedition on foot which requires her protection and assistance, shall however write the Governor and Council of Bombay to send her to join me, if not so wanted. I have it in contemplation to purchase some Ship to supply the Loss of the Diomede: unfortunately the Bombay Ships best calculated for that purpose, are gone to China, and the Catharine is the only ship here that would answer my purpose, but so wretchedly found as would require much time and expence to make her any thing like a Man of War, nevertheless shall desire Messrs Chase Lowell, and Chase to ask the lowest price her Owners will take to put her, as she stands, into my hands and shall be glad to know if there are any 12 Pdrs in the Honorable Company's ordnance Stores fit to arm her with and what number. Should any of the outward bound

ships

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ships arrive, will your Lordship allow one to detain them if there should be a necessity for it. 'tis somewhat strange that Governor Van Angelbeck should doubt the authority of your Lordship's sole signature to the publick letter addressed to him by Major Agnew which is I believe authorised by act of Parliament — and yet look upon him to sign the Order to deliver up Fort Ostenburg with his own signature only, which Major Fornbauer the Commandant of Trinquemale, denies ever to be the usage on the most trivial — occasions —

I have desired Captain Thistleton to receive on board the Swift such Stores as your Lordship may be desirous of putting on board her, and, which he can conveniently stow

I have the honor to remain

Your &c

Suffolk Back Bay
Trinquemale
7th August 1795

p[er] sign[d] Peter Rainier

The Honorable George Dick Esq[re]
Governor in Council
Bombay.

Honorable Sir,

The loss of His Majesty's Ship Diomede
lays

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Says one under the necessity of requiring the assistance of the Honorable Companys Cruiser the Bombay Frigate, which you will please to order to join one here, or not finding one here, and no orders lodged here for the Commander should the place be in our possession, to proceed to Madras, and there wait any Commands: nevertheless, should the Bombay Frigate be employed attending any expedition which it would be extremely prejudicial to the public Service to withdraw her from, you may detain her till that Service is ended. but please to favor me with your determination thereon, by return of the Express, for my Government

I am informed all the large Merchant Ships belonging to the Merchants of Bombay, are sailed for China, otherwise I was disposed to have purchased one that could boldly mount from ten to thirteen twelve pounders on the upper deck.

I have the honor to remain

&c &c

Signed Peter Rainier

Suffolk Back Bay
Trincomale
august 7th 1795

Resolved that the following answer be returned

To

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To His Excellency Commodore Rainier

Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships and Vessels

in the East Indies

Sir,

To Commodore Rainier in Reply to the foregoing Letter.

We have had the honor to receive your Excellency's letter of the 7th instant, and are much concerned at the loss of his Majesty's Ship Diomede. –

We have given orders for sending on the swift Cruizer and the Mary Transport the Ordnance Stus and Provisions indented for by Colonel Stuart; and, agreeably to your desire, we enclose an account of the length and weight of 12 Pounder Iron Guns in the Arsenal at this Presidency. –

If it should appear to your Excellency to be indispensably necessary for the good of the public Service to detain one or more of the Company's outward bound Ships, you will be pleased to use your own discretion on the occasion. –

We rely, however, that, in the event of your being obliged, from necessity, to adopt this measure, it will not materially interfere with the prosecution

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of the Voyage of the Ships to the Ports to which they may have been destined. —

We have the honor to be with great Regard and Esteem. —

Fort St. George
11th August 1795.

&c &c

/Signed/ Edwd Saunders
E. W. Tallofield

Agreed that the following Letter be written to Bengal. —

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

Honorable Sir,

To Bengal advising of the Arrival of the Troops at Trincomalee and consequent Proceedings &c. of the Diomede — Discretionary Power given to Commodore Rainier to detain the Company outward bound Ships.

We have the honor to acquaint you that the Troops under the Command of Colonel Stuart landed at Trincomalé on the 3d. instant, and that we have learnt from Colonel Brathwaite that, notwithstanding an order had arrived from the Governor of Columbo for putting the British Troops in possession of Fort Ostenaburgh, the Commandant at Trincomalé had refused obedience to it, under the plea, that the order should have been

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been signed by the Governor, and a majority, at least, of his Council. –

We are likewise informed by Colonel Braithwaite, to whom Colonel Stuarts Despatch was addressed, and by whom it was read to us, that he had transmitted a Copy of it to the Commander in Chief in India – we are therefore under the necessity of referring you to Sir Robert Abercromby for particulars, as no Copy has yet been sent to us. –

We have received a letter from Commodore Rainier, informing us of the loss of his majesty's ship Diomede, and expressing a wish to have our sanction to his detention of one or more of the Company's outward bound ships, in case he should find it necessary, to which we have replied, that we left it to him to act as he might judge best for the public service, trusting, however, that there would not be a necessity for his detaining any of the ships so long as to prevent them from pursuing the voyage to the Ports to which they were destined – Besides the loss of the Diomede, we had another reason for complying with the Commodore's request – Vizt. the instructions

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of the Secret Committee dated the 3d march last, by which we are enjoined to give positive directions to the Commanders of any armed Ships in the service of the Company in India to obey such orders as they may receive from the Commanders of the King's Squadrons, or ships on this station.—

We enclose for your information a copy of the Commodore's letter, with copy of our reply.—

We have the honor to be with respect.—

&c &c

Fort St. George
11th August 1795.

/Signed/ Edwd Saunders
E. W. Fallofield

Read the following letter from the President of the Court martial assembled for the trial of Lieutenant Colonel Geils.—

To

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To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary &c.

Sir,

From the President of the General Court Martial requests to have the opinion of the Attorney General on an objection made by Lieutenant Colonel Geils to answer to a charge brought against him of tampering with the Witnesses.

I am directed by the General Court Martial, now sitting, by Lieutenant Colonel Geils, a Prisoner on his Trial, before the Court, how far it is proper that he, Lieutenant Colonel Geils, should be now tryed, or desired to plead to a Charge, as given in yesterday by Captain Clarke, under the Signature of the Acting Adjutant General. I beg leave to inclose the said Charge, and also the Paper given into the Court, this day by Lieutenant Colonel Geils to you, and as the Court has no other object in view than the Discharge of Public Justice in the most unexceptionable manner, they are solicitous for the better satisfaction of the Prisoner, in the present instance that the said Papers may be laid before Mr. Sullivan, as the Companys Law Adviser — and that he may be desired to give an opinion how far the admission of the said Charge, is, in the present stage of the

Trial

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Trial in any shape repugnant to the Laws of England.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/Signed/ Ed. Collins

Col. & Prest.

Court
11th August 1795.

Charge against Lieutenant Colonel Geils.

In having, of himself, and by the means of one Ramah/ at that time in Confinement by Government/ and one Subboriah, both Dubashes to him, Lieutenant Colonel Geils as also by the means of said Syrang, and ameer Syrang/ both at that time in arrest/ or others sometime since the 1st. of August 1795 tampered with the Witnesses, who were to give Evidence, on his, Lieutenant Colonel Geils's Trial, now pending.—

Instanced in the cases of the following Persons and complained of, by them, to me, as Commanding Officer of the 1st. Battalion of Artillery Viz.t.—

Venket Ramon — writer of the 13th. Company
Ramasawmy — Writer of the 2d. Company
Adjunam — Syrang of the 9th. Company
Vencatachellum — Vackeel.
Outchapaw — Writer of the 5th. Company
Vonkatachelum — Writer of the 9th. Company
Rofak — Writer of the 6th. Company

/Signed/ J. Clarke
Capt.n Comm.g 1st. Bat.n Artillery

Mount 10th. Aug.t 95

Head Quarters
August 10th 1795

/Signed/ Fred. Pierce
Major Brigade acting for the
Adjutant General

A true copy from the original returned to the President of the Court Martial

/Signed/ George Parry
Lieu.t & Adj.t

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To the President and Members of the General Court
martial.-

Gentlemen

Taken, as I certainly was, by surprise, yesterday, when the copy of a charge delivered in to Court against me, only a few minutes before 3 o'Clock, was put into my hands, and pressed, and urged, in the strongest, and Humbly submit to the Court, in the most extraordinary manner, by the judge Advocate to plead to it immediately - I had not sufficient time to state to the Court, in the manner which the importance of the object required, those objections to that charge, which I conceive may be legally taken to it. I am under the protection of the Court, and to their justice I appeal. I ask no more than justice: it is by that alone, and by no other aid or means, that I mean to defend my character. -

I Humbly submit to the Court that, by the Laws of England, and the usage and custom of Courts Martial no man is bound to plead to the general issue, upon a general charge, and that every charge is to be so framed that the Prisoner may know how to defend himself, and to that end every charge, is to specify

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specify, the time when, and the place where, the alledged crime was said to have been committed, and how, and in what manner committed — and I submit to the Court, that the charges in question dated the 10th Instant, states that I tamper'd with witnesses, but it does not state the particular period, when, nor the place, where, nor does it state, how nor in what particular manner I so tamper'd with them, and I therefore except to the charge as being general, and, as such ill wanting certainty, and sufficiency, and I humbly submit to the Court that I ought not to be required otherwise to plead thereto. —

Yesterday was the second day of my trial, and I submit to the Court, that, after a Prisoner has appeared on his trial that it is not according to the usage and custom of Courts Martial, to bring forward additional charges against him, as relative to Evidence to be adduced in the course of that trial because, in that case a Prisoner would not have the benefit of communicating with his witnesses, and I therefore except to the charge, upon that Ground also; and I humbly submit to the Court, that I ought

not

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not to be required, otherwise to plead thereto.-

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/Signed/ Thomas Geils
A true Copy from the original returned
to the President of the General Court Martial
/Signed/ George Garvey
Actg. Deputy Secy

Minute thereon.

Resolved that Copies of the foregoing papers be sent to the Attorney General for his opinion.-

Read the following letter from the Garrison Storekeeper.-

To Wm. Collins Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir.

From the Garrison Storekeeper requests orders regarding the Purchase of some Dholl required for the Troops at Trincomalee.

Eight Garce of Dholl being required for the Expedition, and not being able to procure Dholl of the best quality at a cheaper rate than Pagodas 100 P Garce, agreable to the Accompanying Master, of which Sheluing only Six Garce is to be procured, and in consequence of its being rather dear &c which must be attributed to the circumstance of the times - obliges me to request the Honble Board's

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Board's permission to purchase the Quantity if required, if possible, on the Terms abovementioned.—

I am &c &c

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/Signed/ J. Greenhill

Garrison Storekeeper

Minute thereon.

Agreed that the Dholl be purchased at the price mentioned by the A Garrison Storekeeper, if it cannot be procured on more Reasonable terms.—

Read the following letter from the Deputy master attendant.—

W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose the following Bills.—

From the Deputy Master Attendant enclosing sundry Bills for Expences incurred in his Department on account of the Expeditions to Ceylon and Malacca

For a Schooner purchased for the Expedetion by Order of the Commodore . . . . . 150—"—"

For Stones provided for the Schooner by Order of the Commodore . . . . . 197—21—"

For some Canvas supplied for Wind Sails by Order of Col. Stuart for the Expedetion 26—"—"

For Repairing the flat Bottom Boats sent on the Expedetion by Order of his Lordship 553—16—70

and For supplying some Sheathing Boards to one of the Transports by your Order . . . . . 12—7—40

Amounting to Pags. 938—44—30

and for the payment of which I have to request

your

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you will be pleased to obtain an Order from Government.—

I have the honor to be.

&c. &c.

Beach

8th August 1795.

/Signed/ Wm Abbott

D. M. A

Order thereon.

Ordered that the Bills be countersigned for payment.—

Read the following letter from Mr. Powney.—

W. C. Jackson Esquire

Military Secretary

Fort St. George

Sir.

From Mr. Powney advising of his having seized one of the Dutch Gun Boats.—

I have to request the favor of you to inform the Right Honble the President in Council that one of the Dutch Gun Boats, mounting two Swivels, has been seized by my orders at Ramaseram, where it arrived — P yesterday with Letters from Manar — these Letters have not yet been brought to me but they are said to be for the Factor at P Kilkerry and Chief of Tutacorin, if they should prove to be addressed to them, I shall detain them, untill I receive the orders

of

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/ Government. –

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Ramnad
1st August 1795.

/ Signed / George Powney
Colr.

Read the following Letter from
the Government of Columbo. –

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor &c. &c. &c. Council
at Fort St. George.

Right Honble Sir and Sirs,

From the Government of Columbo. inclosing Letter from the Officers of the 5th Regiment stationed at that Place complaining of a most scandalous Imprachment of their character, in a late Publication in the Madras Courier, and soliciting the Interference of Government in their Behalf.

The Colonel, Staff officers and Captains of the 5th Regiment in our Service have ..... presented us the accompanying Letter for your Lordship and Gentlemen, in which they complain of the Editor of the Madras Courier who has promulgated in his paper of the 3d July last, Calumnies drawn out of a letter from Columbo against that Regiment, which Blemishes its honour, and therefore desire that the Editor may be ordered to name the Author, and to insert this their letter in a following paper. –

We

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We declare publickly, by this, that the said Regiment came to us from the Cape of good Hope, with a laudable Testimony from the Government of its honourable and loyal behaveour then and that its irreproveable Conduct during all the time that it has been under our orders deserves our compleat Approbation, and in particular that the quotation of the letter from Columbo contains a Malicious Calumny.—

We lay hold of this opportunity to represent to your Lordship and Gentlemen that the Editor of the said Courier has inserted in his Papers several false accounts which tend to the Disgrace of the Dutch Nation, as for instance by that of the 20th June 1794 the quotation from the Asiatic mirror concerning Malacca, and by that of the 4th July of the same year the article drawn from the same Source, concerning Batavia and by that of the 11th may last, the article out of a Letter from the Cape against and Republick and Government &c. &c. &c.—

We do not accuse him as the inventor of those indecent Calumnies, but he is nevertheless the propagator of them,

who

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who should the more have refrained himself
therefrom as his paper is read throughout whole
India, and who cannot be ignorant that the
propagation of such calumnies is a crime, which
differs but little from that of inventing them. —

We have the honour to be
with great Esteem. —

Columbo
the 22d. July 1795.

&c. &c.
/Signed/ I Gysan Angelbeek
C: Van Angelbeek
A Ysendorp
B Pvan Litter
Samland
I Vollenhove

A true Translation
/Signed/ A Giesler
Sworn Trans.r

To His Excellency Lord Hobart
Governor, and to the Members of the Council
of the City of Madras & its
Dependencies.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

The Swiss Regiment of Meuschatel,
commanded by Colonel Meuron, which has, for the
last fourteen years, been in the Service of the
Honble

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Honorable Dutch East India Company, and whose Conduct, both in a Military and Civil point of view, has acquired the approbation, esteem, and thanks of its Chiefs, as well in Europe as at the Cape of Good Hope and on the Island of Ceylon; notwithstanding they are in possession of the most honorable testimonials, in writing, of the several Governors whom they have had the honor to serve under, on different Stations, have experienced an attack upon their Honor in a false and Slanderous Paragraph of a Publick Paper entitled the Madras Courier dated the 3d. June 1795 - printed by William Urquhart, and marked in the Corner Volume XI No. 504. -

The Regiment of Colonel Mawrow in order to Vindicate its injured Honor, and having the utmost confidence in your Justice, respectfully solicits of you, my Lord and Gentlemen, that you will call upon the Editor of said Courier to give up the Name of the Author of this infamous aspersion of the character of the Troops Regiment in the Service of the Dutch East India Company, which is contained in the Paper above alluded

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alluded to; and that, previous to the Regiments inflicting upon the Author of this Calumny the Punishment due to his Crime, you will require the Editor to insert this Letter, word for word, in his next Paper, & to make ample apology for his imprudence, in receiving and espousing such libellous productions. —

Colonel Munro's Regiment has too much respect for the Representatives of an English Government to enter into a Detail of the Reasons which actuate them in urging the present Requisition — And the Generosity of so Respectable a Nation affords a well grounded Hope to the Regiment, of a speedy and favorable Issue — On this Assurance, My Lord, and Gentlemen, the undersigned Officers will conclude with tendering the best Wishes of the Corps for your constant prosperity, united to an Assurance of the Sentiments of Respect with which they individually

Have

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have the honor to subscribe themselves.—

My Lord and Gentlemen

&c. &c.

/Signed/ P. F. De Meuron

Colt. Commanding

L. C. De Meuron Bullot
Lieut. Colonel

De Meuron Molien
Major

P. Lardy. Captain

Bernard Captain

Meuron Dedra Jour
Captn.

Zneffel.
Captn. Lieut.

Mayer.
Captn. Lieut.

Greener. Captn. Lieut.

Dongel. Captn. Lieut.

H. Gradman
Captn. Lieut.

L. Boyer
Captn. Lieut.

Beer. Lieutenant

De Bergeen

Dez

De Meuron Bayard
Lieut.

Wolff Lieutenant

Steufay Adjutant

De Montmollin

De Meuron Tribolet

Jean Saltzman

For and in the Name of the
Officers absent on Detachment

Fwar
Captn. Lieut. Judge Advte

A true Translation
/Signed/ George Carey
Actg French Translr.

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The foregoing Letters ordered to lie on the Table.—

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Read the following Letter from

Mr. Alexander Macleod.—

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

My Lord,

From Mr. A. Macleod enclosing a Statement of the Monthly pay of the Dutch Company's Servants at Pulicat and recommending that an advance be made to them.—

I have received several applications from the Gentlemen of the Dutch Service at Pulicat stating the necessity they are under of requesting that Subsistence may be issued to them, as they have nothing but that to support their ordinary expences of living—the Pulicat Government paid their Servants up to the 15th Ultimo as mentioned in the Capitulation so that one Month, nearly, has elapsed since any pay was issued to them.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Alexr. Macleod

Fort St. George

11th August 1795.

Statement

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Statement of Sums to be advanced to the Dutch at Pulicat upon account till the allowances shall be fixed according to the Capitulation —

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Jacob Elbrachtt Esqr. Governor				100 — " — "
Willm Bloome Esqr. Counsellor				87 — 22 — 74
J. Joachimi Hasy Esqr. Dº				87 — 22 — 74
J. L. Canterveicher Esqr. Dº				21 — 6 — 74
P. E. Van Hogendorpe				15 — 22 — 74
P. H. Mappen Surgeon				24 — 12 — "
P. Brosette Chief Engineer				19 — 4 — 21
W. H. Neuver. Com: of Artillery				16 — 10 — 74
E. Gregoor. Com: of Sepoys				16 — 10 — 74
A. Van Odyk master attendt.				12 — 21 — 48
E. De Frees Bookkeeper				13 — 57 — 48
	Bookkeeper			12 — 57 — 48
Fred Meykamp				14 — " 48
	an Assistant			6 — 22 — 32
	One Writer			2 — 20 — "
Jacob Hamer Assistant Surgeon				4 — 23 — 5
Portuaguese reader S. Paul				6 — 22 — 32
W. Heyman Summoner of Court				6 — 22 — 32
D. Borgonje Provost				6 — 1 — 5
Jacob Peters book binder				4 — 16 — 42
E. Alexanders — Garrison Writer				7 — 4 — 32
H. J. Jacobs Artly Writer				3 — 2 — "
	Serjeant			

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	P.	℔	C
Serjeant	7	4	32
John De Jong beach master	7	4	32
Walter Pieters — bookkeeper	13	17	48
Gerrit Rappe — Serjeant	6	22	32
Peter Leibner — Do.	2	16	—
Total	382	10	24

Minute thereon.

Resolved, in consequence of the foregoing representation of Mr. Macleod, that an advance of one hundred and ninety one Pagodas, five Fanams and ten Cash /191. 5. 10/ be made to him on account of the Dutch Servants at Pulicat, being the amount of their Subsistence /as per Statement transmitted by Mr. Macleod/ from the 16th to the 31st of July 1795 — Ordered also that this Sum be paid by the Civil Paymaster General, and carried to the head of expedition against the Dutch Settlements in India. —

Death of Captain Joachim Sundt of the Invalids and Lieutenant Thomas Graham of the Infantry. —

The Secretary reports to the Board the Death of Captain Joachim Sundt of the Invalids at Vellore on the 8th instant — and of Lieutenant Thomas Graham of the 28th Battalion Native Infantry at Masulipatam on the 5th instant. —

" Con^d Saunders

" Ch^s Stuart Cockfield

(a/c George Parry)
Sec^y to B^d

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Diary

M
12. Received the undermentioned letters Entered in

M.B. Nos. 56 57.

From the Honble. Basil Cochrane

From the Honorable Basil Cochrane requesting permission to embark about 200 Tons of Provisions for his Majesty's Navy on the Vigilant Captain Lennon.

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

From Mr. Ikarson enclosing Copy of a letter from Mr. Hurdis regarding the State of the Granaries in the Salem District, in which he advises of his having refused to receive a large Proportion of the Grain, for want of proper Places to lodge it in.

Substance of a letter to Colonel Brathwaite

Despatched a letter to Colonel Brathwaite, entered in M.B. No. 58, requiring his opinion upon Captain Read's suggestions relative to the Movement of Troops alluded to in his / Colonel Brathwaite's / letter of the 7th. Instant.

M
13. Received the following letters.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord

From Colonel Brathwaite opinion on Captain Read's suggestion relative to the Movement of Troops. Prospect of success in raising Recruits in the Northern & Southern Divisions.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 11th. instant, wherein, by order of Government, he informs me that

Government

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13. Government is desirous of any opinion in regard to the propositions contained in the letter of Captain Read of the 14th instant, Copy of which I had the honor to enclose in my letter of the 7th. I have that full confidence in Captain Read that I recommend his Propositions to be complied with, but recommend that the Reliefs he proposes to make for the purposes of Discipline, should not be made oftener than once in four Months, and that he should be strongly urged to reduce the Detachment under Lieutenant Irton as soon as possible to two Companies, and that, when that can be done, to return the Company of the 22d Battalion to its Corps at Sankery Droog, which is a Garrison, that I am desirous should not be weakened for any length of time, even by the withdrawing from it a single Company.

I have the honor also to lay before your Lordship in Council the Copy of a letter I have received from Colonel Floyd, which, I own, contains information more discouraging than I hoped to receive from that Quarter, in regard to the augmentation of our Native establishment, and I am led to believe that the only probable chance of doing it speedily, is by local Corps; there are many men who would make good Sepoys, who have local attachments and connections that prevent

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13th prevent them from entering into the Service with the prospect of being removed from those attachments and Connections, but to whom it would be very convenient to receive constant Pay, and who would I am convinced behave with great courage and fedelity, in defence of their respective Homes. I had occasion to observe this particularly at Masulipatam, where I think a strong Battalion might be raised, if assured that it was for the Service of that Garrison only, and I have reason to think that Battalions or Companies might be raised at other places on the same principle, so as to answer all the purposes of the proposed augmentation.

I have the honor to be, with great Respect,

&c &c

Signed John Brathwaite

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
August 13th 1795

Colonel John Brathwaite

Commanding the Army.

Sir,

In answer to your enquiry, this Brigade Major Pierce, dated 31st Ultimo, whether any number of Sepoys could be raised in this Division — I have the honor to inform you, that, having consulted the Officers at all the Stations, they are of opinion that no considerable Number could be raised for old Corps — but

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13. but that they enlist more freely into new Corps, where there is more promotion and some Officers think the bounty too small.

Lieutenant Colonel Campbell observes that a great number of Natives of the Tinnevelly Province are in the Travancore Service who would readily Return if a permanent Corps was raised.

From my own observation of the Corps, I am well persuaded that but few proper Recruits could be acquired, South of the Coleroon, as, notwithstanding the exertions of very active Officers there are a great many Sepoys in the best Battalions much too small and much too slender for the Service.

A Recruit of four or five thousand Stout Bengalese would infinitely improve the Native Battalions of the Coast, and I dare say would be excellent Sepoys, under proper Management.

In my opinion, these Countries do not now produce, whatever they may have done, any number of proper built Men, fit for the Service.

I have the honor to be.

&c &c

Signed / J. Floyd

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August 10. 1795

True Copy
/ Signed / W. Wilson Secy

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No 13.

To W. C. Jackson Esqre

Secretary to the Military Department.

Sir

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions inclosing Returns of Grain and Provisions in the several Garrisons dependent on this Presidency. Notices a want of Communication from the Storekeeper in the Guntoor Circar. Progress made in completing the Store in the Baramhaul.

You will receive herewith for the information of Government, a Report of Grain and Provisions in Store at the several Garrisons dependant on this Presidency, agreeable to the latest returns received at my Office.

Mr. White, Acting Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Ongole, in his letter to me of the 4th June last, Copy of which accompanied Mine to Mr. Jackson of the 11th. of that Month says "He has that day sent "proper People to Mostapillee to receive the Grain expected "from Nagore." Since when, he has made no report to me of "the Quantity received, or his progress in forwarding that part "of it intended as Store for the Garrisons of Jemeryeoba, Innecondа, Ongole, Guntoor, and Bellamcondah.

Mr. Hurdis promises in the Course of a very few days to make me a report of the Quantity of Grain he has received from the Collectors, at the several Forts in the Baramahl and Salem Districts, the ruinous State of the Granaries at several of these places will cause considerable delay in receiving the Grain, but it is to be hoped that no time will be lost in having them repaired

by

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13th. by one of the modes proposed in my letter to Government of the 10th instant.

The resolution of Government to admit no sort of Paddy being Stored but Sumbah, will, I fear, be a great obstacle in the way of the Stores being completed to the quantity Proposed, as very few proposals have been received for supplying that Sort of Grain; the Statement A, which accompanies this, will shew the quantity that may be expected at those Garrisons where the Store is ordered to be completed by Contract.

My next report will I trust be more Satisfactory, as a considerable Quantity of Grain was received in the Course of last Month at Tanjore Trichinopoly, and Vellore, the Returns of which have not yet arrived at my Office.

I am

Madras Sirs

Commissary Generals Your most obt. Servts

Office 13th August 1795 /Signed/ J. H. Skardon

Actg Commy Genl. F. & P.

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		Quantity Required	Proposals received and accepted	Deficiency
		Garce M. S.	Garce M. S.	Garce M. S
Vellore	Paddy	304 - -	179 - -	125 - -
Amboor		76 - -	- - -	76 - - No Offer
Arnee		76 - -	76 - -	- - -
Masulipatam		304 - -	180 - -	124 - -
Trichinopoly		456 - -	456 - -	- - -
Tanjore		256 - -	256 - -	- - -
Madura		152 - -	- - -	152 - - No Offer

/Signed/ J. H. Skardon

Actg Commy Genl. F. & P.

Report

2450 Fort St. George 12th August 1795

13th complete the demands on my Department in the present Month which will encrease the Statement already sent in by me in the advances at the Presidency Pagodas 12,375.32.48.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Fort St. George
12th August 1795.

&c &c
/Signed/ B. Roebuck M.P.G.

Additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General to answer Demands on his Department in the Month of August 1795.

Agent for the purchase of Horses at Hydrabad.

1 Amount of his Draft dated the 22d Ultimo ——— Rs. 30,000 - -

2 Amount of his Ditto &c. his letter Dated 23d Do. ——— } 8,804 - Exc

Rupees 322 ℔ C. Pag.s is ——— 12,044.28.76.

Ongole Paymaster

3 Amount of Lieutenant Forbes's draft in favor of J. Parrow Esq.r &c. his letter dated 1st August ——— } 1,050 - - Exc

Rs. 322 ℔ C. Pag.s is ——— 326.3.52

Pagodas 12,375.32.48

Military Paymaster Generals Dept
Fort St. George
12th August 1795.

E. E
&c /Signed/ B. Roebuck M.P.G.

To

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No. 13.

To Benjamin Roebuck Esqr.

Paymaster General

Fort St. George.

Sir,

Fifteen days after sight of this my first Bill of exchange / the second of the same tenor and date not being paid / please to pay to Gopaldass Manoredass or order the Sum of /30,000/ thirty thousand Company's Rupees in silver or in Gold at the Bazar exchange of the day, for the Sum of

/ . . /

Hydrabad Rupees received by me here on account of the purchase of horses the exchange being

Sam
Za. Za.

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/Signed/ G. Forbes Lieutenant & Agent for the purchase of Horses at Hydrabad

N.B. The rate of exchange will be mentioned hereafter the particulars of this Negociation have been explained to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart.

/Signed/ Uhthoff Assistant

Poona 22d July 1795

A true Copy

/Signed/ B. Roebuck M.P.G.

To Benjamin Roebuck

Paymaster General

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that I have this day drawn on you a set of Bills in Duplicate for Eight

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13th Eight thousand and Eight hundred Company's Rupees payable to Shaw Vippeny Saug or his order, at fifteen days after sight in silver or in Gold at the Bazar exchange of the day, for the Sum of Eight thousand Hydrabad Rupees received by me hereon account of the purchase of Horses, the discount being, ten ℔ Cent against the Draft and the number as ℔ Register enclosed.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your
Obt. Servt.
/Signed/ G. Forbes Lieutenant
Agent for the purchase of Horses at Hyderabad

Hydrabad
23d July 1795

A true Copy
/Signed/ B. Roebuck
M. P. G.

Extract of Agency Register of Bills drawn on the Presidency

No. of Bills	date of Specified Sum in Pucca Rupees to be paid at the Presidency	Term from Payment is granted at the Presidency	Number of Duplicates	Amount of ready Cash received in Rupees and the rate of exchange.
29	23d July 1795	Eight thousand and eight hundred	8,800	Shaw Vippey Saug Duplicate, 8000 at 10 ℔ Ct discount against the Draft

/Signed/ G. F. Agt.

A true Copy
/Signed/ B. Roebuck M.P.G.

To Benjamin Roebuck
Paymaster General

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that I have this day drawn on you a set of Bill in duplicate for one thousand and fifty Company's Rupees payable to

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No. 13. to Mr. George Garrow or his Order at fifteen days after sight in Silver or in Gold at the bazar exchange of the day for the Sum of One thousand Hydrabad Rupees received by me here on account of the Paymaster at Ongole the discount being five p.c. Cent against the Draft and the number as p.r Register enclosed.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ V. Forbes Agent
for the purchase of Horses at
Hydrabad

Hydrabad
1st August 1795

A true Copy
/Signed/ B. Roebuck
M. P. G.

Extract of Register of Drafts on account of Paymaster at Ongole.

No. of Receipts	Date of Receipts to be paid at the Presidency	Specified Sum in Rupees	To whom payment is granted at the Presidency	No. of Receipts granted	Amount of Ready Cash received in Rupees and the rate of Exchange.
8	7 Augt 1795	One thousand and fifty	1050	Geo. Garrow Esqr	duplicate 1000 @ 5 p.c. Cent discount against the Draft

/Signed/ G. F. Ag.t

A true Copy
/Signed/ B. Roebuck M. P. G.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

Fort St. George.

My Lord,

From the Military Paymaster General - forwarding the whole of the Accounts of the King's Troops required from his Office.

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of M.r Secretary Jackson's letter of the 1st. Instant.

I beg leave to state, for the information of Government, that, in consequence of the letter quoted by M.r Secretary

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13th. Secretary Jackson of the 13th. October 1792, I did myself the honor, on the 22d. of the same Month, to forward the accounts required from the 25th. June 1789 to the 24th. June 1790. On the 16th. September 1794 I forwarded the accounts from the 25th June 1790 to the 24th June 1791, and I have now the honor to lay before you the Accounts from the 25th. June 1791 to the 24th June 1792 Subsistence, and to the 30th. June 1792, Company's Allowances to the Kings Troops, which closes to the demand on my Office for those Accounts.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

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&c &c &c / Signed / B. Roebuck
Mr. F.

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Officers and His Majesty's Deputy Pay Office
Charges, with enclosures No 1 & 2 and No 41 Vs.
Abstract A

William Collins Jackson Esqre
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

From the Resident at Hyderabad with an account of Cash advanced and Bills negociated in favor of the Agent for purchasing Horses.

I have the honor to enclose a receipt from Lieutenant Forbes / the Company's Agent for purchasing Horses at this place / for the Sum of Hyderabad Rupees twenty two Thousand / Hyde. Rs 22000 / being my second advance to him on account of the 60,000 Rupees required by him in his letter of the 19th Ultimo, Copy of which accompanied mine of the 20th July, to you. These two Sums making together 37,489. 2 " 5 Rs. " P.

will

To. will be all that I am likely to be under the necessity of supplying him with. the Assistant to the Resident at Poonah informing me that he has negotiated to the Amount of thirty thousand Rupees worth of the Agents Bills on the Military Paymaster General of Fort St. George.

The terms on which these different Sums have been raised will appear from the following Extracts from the Bill Register of this Residency.

1st. Received from Mr. Ukthoff Bills on Hydrabad for 15,489. 2. 1. negotiated at Poonah by means of Bills on the Resident at Benares: the terms not exactly specified by Mr. Ukthoff, but said, generally to be about 3 ⅌c. Cent above par in favr of Benares.

2d. Raised at Hydrabad by Bills granted by me as follows.

One on the Resident at Benares, payable to Bearer at 20 days sight for Benares Sa. Rs. 8240: being value received here of Bunmale Dofs and Duarika Dofs at the exchange of 103 Benn. Sa. Rs for 100 Hyda. Rs. ——— 8,000.—

One on Do. payable to Bearer at Do. for Ben. Sa. Rs. 10,300 being value received here of Muthra Dofs and Brindaban Dofs at Do. exchange ——— 10,000.

One on I Ukthoff Esqr. Assistant Resident at Poonah for 3921 Poonah Rupees being value received here of Bunmale Dofs and Duarika Dofs at the exchange of 102 Hyda. Rups for 100 Poonah Rupees payable to bearer at 15 days sight 4,000

22000.

Hydrabade
2d. August 1795

I have the honor to be
&c &c / Signed / W. Kirkpatrick To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council.

My Lords,

From the Military Board forwarding a Petition from the Syrangs Tindals & Lascars employed in the field during the Mysore War setting forth their Claim to participation in the Prize Fund

We have the honor herewith to lay before your Lordship, copy of a Petition from Syrangs, Tindals, and Lascars who were employed during the late War against Tippoo Sultaun, and we are of opinion that as the Lascars, in the course of Service, frequently, lose their lives and limbs, and as provision has been made for them in regard to invaliding, and pensioning in like manner as has been allowed for other Natives of the Military Establishment, that the Petition, in regard to Prize Money in future, may merit the candid consideration of Government.

We have the honor to be

Fort St. George
10th August 1795

Sir Sir
Your most obedient humble Servants
(Signed) John Brathwaite
" Jr. Richardson
" Wm. Younge
" George Hall

To

Hon.

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To Colonel John Brathwaite

President &c. Members of the

Military Board

The humble Petition of Syrangs Tindals, and Lascars, who were employed during the Expedition against Seringapatam.

Sheweth,

That with great submission of your Petitioners beg leave to approach your Honors to state that, from the remote period of their entertainment in the Company's Service, the Commander in Chief for the time being has regularly paid off your Petitioners share of the Prize Money on the same terms that the Sepoys are paid.

Your Petitioners had actually received their shares of the Prize Money for the reductions of Manilah, Madura, Tanjore, Ramanaudapuram & Pondicherry, and Negapatam during those expeditions the Rice was sold very cheap, but in the War with Tippoo Sultaun in a Country whereabout 28 Seers of Rice was usually sold for a Rupee, your Petitioners were obliged to pay even 4 Rupees P. a Seer of Rice, the hardships and difficulties which your poor Petrs. have

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13th have undergone in the field are well known to the — Gentlemen, who have been in the field; if they were to be deprived of their Share of the Prize Money, what are they to do? —

It is humbly submitted to your Honors humane Consideration whether or not your Petitioners were employed in the Company's Service, amidst the dangers of War in the same manner as the Sepoys who have received their Share of the Prize Money; if they had been employed why they are not entitled to Prize Money, had your Petitioners been previous to the movement of the Army hinted that they are to have no Prize Money for the Conquers in the present War they cannot have the boldness to claim it.

Your Petitioners have petitioned to this Military Board on the subject, who said that they have made an Establishment of Tent allowances, and your Petitioners were no longer considered as Lascars in the Company's Service to entitle to Prize Money it is very true such allowance was established, and in consequence the Commander of the 4th Regiment, who declined to consent thereto, and retired to the Paymaster if your Petitioners have been apprized of the infringement of their Right to the Prize Money, whereto they are

entitled

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13th entitled, according to the Articles of War and usage of the Service they would have left the Field at the same time.

It is evident by the Paymasters Accounts, that ayour Petitioners have been employed in the Company's Service until the termination of War, and received the Pay from the Paymaster therefore the Establishment of Tent allowance cannot deprive them of the Prize Money they are entitled to.

That six Months Batta which the Honorable Court of Directors having been pleased to Order for all those who served the Company over the Ghauts which had been punctually paid to the Sepoys &c are unjustly withheld from ayour poor Petitioners, who are entitled thereto according to the usage of the Service.

Your Petitioner, placing their strongest confidence in ayour Honors reputed Justice and candour, most humbly beg and hope that may it please ayour Honors to order the payment of Prize Money and six Months Batta due to ayour Petitioners according to the usage of the Service, and, if it appears upon enquiry they are entitled thereto, and thereby secure a Right which the Lascars in General enjoyed from the period that the British Flag had been erected at Madras. In Granting the Relief herein craved ayour Petitioners

as

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Mr. 13. as in duty bound.

Shall Ever Pray

P.S. That your Petitioners are ready to proceed to such place where your Honors would send, if your Honor would pay the prize Money and 6 Months Batta hereinbefore alluded to agreeable to the law and to establish us in our Service for ever.

A true Copy
/Signed/ T. Wallace
Depy Secry Mty Bs.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council.

My Lord,

From the Military Board inclosing a List of the Iron 12 Pounder Guns in the Arsenal and reporting that there are no proper Carriages for them.

We have received the commands of Government conveyed to us in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of this date, and, as we understand Ships are about to depart for Trincomalie, have the honor to lay before Government immediately, a list of the twelve pounder Iron Guns in the Arsenal as required for the information of Commodore Rainier, to whom we recommend that it may be explained that there are no proper Carriages for them; so that, should any of them be required for His Majesty's Ships, no time may be lost in specifying them

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13th them, when, if authorized so to do, we will Order
Carriages to be constructed for them with as little
delay as possible.

We have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

Fort St. George
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/Signed/ John Brathwaite
" Henry Malcolm
"
"
"
"
" George Hall

Accounts

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Account of the length and weight of 12 Pdr. Iron Guns in the arsenal at the Presidency of Fort St. George August 10th 1795.

Number	Length Feet	Inches	parts	Weight Cwt.	Qrs.	lb.	
Iron Guns ---------- 12 Pdr. 1	8	6	"	30	2	14	
" ---------- do. 2	"	"	"	31	3	3	
" ---------- do. 3				31	3	3	
" ---------- do. 4				31	2	17	
" ---------- do. 5				31	"	3	
" ---------- do. 6				31	2	3	
" ---------- do. 7				31	2	3	
" ---------- do. 8	each						
" ---------- do. 9	8	11	50	31	3	3	
" ---------- do. 10				31	2	17	
" ---------- do. 11				31	3	3	
" ---------- do. 12				31	"	3	
" ---------- do. 13				31	2	10	
" ---------- do. 14				31	1	17	
---------- do. 15				31	3	3	
---------- do. 16				33	2	7	
---------- do. 17	8	7	"	34	2	15	
---------- do. 18	8	7	"	32	2	"	
---------- do. 19	8	8	"	33	3	"	
---------- do. 20	8	7	"	33	"	"	
---------- do. 21	9	1	"	"	"	"	weight worn out
---------- do. 22	8	6	50	"	"	3040	
---------- do. 23	8	6	50	32	3	14	
---------- do. 24	9	2	"	"	"	3290	
---------- do. 25	9	"	"	34	8	10	
---------- do. 26	8	5	50	30	1	20	
---------- do. 27	5	1	"	11	3	12	
---------- do. 28	5	"	"	12	"	7	
---------- do. 29	5	"	"	12	"	14	

Signed / Geo: Hall
Commissary Genl. Stores

True Copy
Signed / T. Wallace
Depy Secry Mily. Board

Received

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13th Received also the undermentioned letters entered in MPB. Nos. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. —

From the Secretary at Bombay — From the Secretary at Bombay acknowledging the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter on the subject of advancing Cash to Lieutenant Montgomery on account of his purchase of Horses. —

From the Secretary at Bengal — From the Secretary at Bengal enclosing a letter for Commodore Rainier.

From Mr. Hugh Vaughan — From Mr. Hugh Vaughan representing the cause of Mootoo, the Puckally Maistry's, Bills not having been discharged.

From Messrs. Tulloh Jervis and Brodie. — From Messrs. Tulloh Jervis and Brodie tendering the Ship Charlotte for the Service of Government.

From the Garrison Storekeeper. — From the Garrison Storekeeper enclosing for Countersignature sundry Indents for Marine Stores Supplied to Lieutenant George Collier Commanding the Suffolks's Tender.

Despatched the undermentioned letters entered in MPB. Nos. 64. 65.

To the Secretary at Bengal — To the Secretary at Bengal forwarding Copy of a letter from the Military Paymaster General, together with the accounts of His Majesty's Regiments serving under this Presidency from the 25th June 1791 to the 24th June 1792 for subsistence and to the 30th June 1792 for Company's Allowances. —

To the Military Auditor General. — To the Military Auditor General enclosing Copy of a letter and Statement received from the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops. —

Received

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Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in MB. Nos. 66 67 68 69 70 71.

From Lieutenant DuBuc

From Lieutenant Dubuc representing the peculiarity of his situation, and urging his Claim to a Continuation of his subsistence so long as he remains a Prisoner of War.

From Lieutenant I. Lang.

From Lieutenant I. Lang advising of his having taken possession of the Dutch Settlement of Jaggernaickporam on the requisition of the Collector.

From Major Roberts

From Major Roberts the 29th Battalion arrives at Condapillee expects the 28th Battalion and the Artillery will join him about the 15th Instant, when he purposes to commence his March towards Hyderabad.

From the Commandant at Dindigul

From Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage enclosing an Estimate for erecting a new Flag Staff.

From the Commander of the Chartered Ship Mary

From Captain W. Turnbull requesting the Assistance of 20 more Lascars to expedite the Embarkation of his Cargo.

From the Commander of the Brig Luckall.

From Captain Mac Donald advising of the Crew of his Vessel having mutinied on these Roads on account (as stated by them) of their apprehensions that the Vessel might again be loaded with Gunpowder, and of their having made their escape on the Ships Boat, taking a Northwardly direction. Requesting the Interference of Government on the Discovery of the Mutineers and in obtaining another Ships' Company.

Received

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14 Received the following letters.

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary Fort St. George-

Sir,

From Captain Read recommending that the whole of the Cumbakullay on hand be laid in Store on the Company's Account.

In reply to your letter about the amauny grain in Store, I herewith transmit you estimate the quantity and price of it, on the supposition that Sankledroog will be deemed the most eligible part for sending it to, both for the security of the Grain, and that place being the nearest station to the farms which yield it excepting Namcul, which is sufficiently stored already. The other Garrisons are all of them so distant from those farms, that the expence of Carriage would double the Cost of it, which it appears will be only about 39 Pagodas per Garce, that is 20 pagodas less than the price of the Grain lately procured for the Stores in the Baramahl. I beg you will mention to the Right Honorable the Governor, as an additional reason for taking this Grain for Store, that the Carriage only, will be an immediate disbursement of Money, and that, if approved of it will be no more than a transfer of collection of revenue to the Grain Department. It is very necessary to mention to his Lordship that it will be of importance to it's preservation, to remove it with the least possible delay into

Estimate of the Quantity of Jumbao Paddy the produce of Jumanie Lands in the Southern Division of the Ceded Districts on the 31st July 1795 exprissive of its value and expence of Carriage to Shinkle Droog.

	Quantity by the Districts measurement and valued by the Jamabundy.	Hire of Carriage to Shinkle Droog.	Total actual Price including the Carriage	Estimated Quantity by the Commissary's Measurement in Garce & Mercals			Remarks
	Pardies Pagl. Ft. C.	per Bullock Pagl. Ft. Cs. Pagl. Ft. C.	Pagodas. Fant. Cs.	Garce	Mercals		
Parmutty	1502 2112	8.35. -	10.17/16 787.22.40	2899.	30.	75.	75. - Distances from Parmutty to Shinkle Droog about 30 Miles
Namaul	350 492	8.35. -	15.26 5/16 237.22.40	729.	30.	75.	17. 200. Do. Catpatoor to Do. 54. -
Catpattoore	814.1001	11.20. -	17.3 1/16 632.26.45	1634.	2.	65.	42. - One Pardy is equal to about 200. Madras Seers.
Total	2692 3603	28.10.	1657.26.45	5263.	19.	55.	134. 200.

Note — The Calculation in Garce and Mercals is drawn from the relative proportions between the District Measurements and the Commissary's Measurement of Grain delivered at Shinkle Droog in the Months of May June and July 1795

Selum
10th August 1795

[Signed] William Macleod
Assistant Collector Southern Division

" A. Read
Superintendant Ceded Districts

No. 14. Enclosure in Mr. Read's Letter to Government dated 12th August 1795.

Estimate of Jumbao Paddy the produce of Jumanie Lands in the Southern Division of the Ceded Districts on the 31st July 1795 exprissive of its value and expence of Carriage to Shinkle Droog.

[Signed] Alexander Read
Superintendant Baramahl &c.

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11th
14.

To the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Colonel Floyd with a letter from Captain Oliver on the subject of seizing the Pulney Polygar and his Minister encloses a Bill for Repairs made to the Barracks of the 36th Regiment at Warriore.

I have the honor to enclose, for your information, a letter from Captain Oliver, on the subject of seizing the Person of Vellaida Naigue, the Pulney Polygar, from which it appears advisable to wait for a favorable opportunity, as it is probable open force would not succeed.

When the attempt has been made whether with success or not I would recommend that one Battalion with a Brigade of Guns be stationed for a while at Pulney.

Having learnt that Vellaida Naigue was a Young Man, and much under the influence of his Minister, it occurred to me that unless the Adviser were secured also, the same objectionable conduct might continue, and thus your intentions would be but imperfectly fulfilled. I therefore ventured to direct Captain Oliver, when circumstances admitted of the attempt, to seize the Minister also. But should this measure not meet your approbation it may be countermanded or, if accomplished, he may be released.

I now beg leave to enclose an Estimate for work actually performed at Warriore, in the Barracks of H. M. 36th Regiment, for securing the Ammunition

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14. Ammunition and repairing Lentry Boxes, which appearing to me absolutely necessary, I took it on me to Order the work to be done.

I have the honor to be

Trichinopoly
August 10th 1795.

&c &c
/Signed/ J. Floyde
Colo.

To Colonel John Floyde
Commanding the Southern Division of the Army.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, with its enclosure, and to inform you that the plan I intended to adopt, but which I did not particularize in my letter for seizing the person of Vellayadda Naick Polygar of Pylney, was to take him by surprize.

Open Force is not likely to accomplish it, as he is at present, and has been for some time, surrounded by a considerable number of Armed Men, and the Country would favor his escape. There are now about three thousand Armed Men of different descriptions in and round Baulsundrum, where he resides, at the distance of three Miles from me, a fine open road; and last night I received information, from Dindigul that a Company was to March immediately to Pylney, and gave Orders for

14th for all his Peons in the different parts of the Country, to assemble.

As soon as this alarm subsides, the greater part will return to their Villages, which, and the favor of the dark nights now approaching, will afford me an opportunity of apprehending him, and I am very sanguine in any expectation of accomplishing it. I shall wait patiently, the favorable Moment, and observe the strictest secrecy. The return of one Company and any Adjutant can give no real cause of alarm.

It will be equally adviseable, as you are pleased to intimate, to seize his Minister, Sangar, a Brahmin, who it is said, is his Sole Adviser, and has instigated him to persevere in the Conduct, which has drawn upon him the displeasure of Government.

I shall, in obedience to your Orders, communicate with Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage and give him timely information when I intend to carry my plan into execution so as to enable him to detach the Peon to meet one. Should I fortunately succeed in securing this Man, which I am very sanguine in any expectation of, I shall convey him instantly to Dindigul.

The Killidas of Chuckleghery lately threatened to enter the Pollygar's Country, and make reprizals, which induced him to send a number of Men to

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14th to guard his Western Frontier - I could then apprehend him without difficulty - should it be repeated - I will instantly avail myself of the opportunity offered.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest Respect.

Sylney
August 7th 1795.

&c &c
/ Signed / James Oliver
Captn Commanding.

To the Honorable Edward Saunders Esqr.
Acting President in Council

Honorable Sir,

From the Attorney General communicating his opinion on the Exceptions made by Lieutenant Colonel Geils on the charge preferred against him of treasoning with the Enemies.

I have had the honor to receive your Secretary's letter of the 11th instant, covering Copy of a letter from the President of the General Court Martial, with Copy of an additional charge preferred against Lieutenant Colonel Geils, and Copy of that Gentleman's address to the Court Martial in consequence of the charge - and desiring my opinion "How far the admission of the charge in question "is, in the present stage of the trial, in any shape repugnant "to the laws of England, as these laws relate to Courts "Martial."

This additional charge appears to be - for having, since the commencement of his trial, by himself and others, tampered with some of the Witnesses, who were to give evidence on the trial - and, from Colonel Geils's address, it appears that he wishes to decline an enquiry into the

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4th
Has the alledged offence by taking two exceptions to the charge.
first for want of sufficient certainty, and 2.dly as not being
agreeable to the usage of Courts Martial.

Whether Colonel Gils is correct as to the
usage I cannot take upon me to say - but the want of
absolute certainty, in the several circumstances of time, place,
and manner, is not, I conceive, in the present case, an
exception that ought to be allowed at common law, the time
and place, in which an offence is supposed to be committed,
are considered as circumstances necessary to be stated in an
Indictment; but, in General, they seem to be more matter of form
than of substance for mistakes in these points are not held
to be material, if the time laid be previous to the finding
of the Indictment, and the place within the Jurisdiction
of the Court - the manner how is also necessary, and in the
higher offences is denoted by particular words of Art: but, in
those of an inferior nature, this nicety is not required, and
when the act charged is clearly unlawfull, it is not necessary
in an indictment to lay it as unlawfully done.

But at common law, the offence now imputed
to Colonel Gils would not be proceeded upon in the form de
mode of Indictment. To endeavour to dissuade a Witness
from giving his testimony, is a high misprision, and
contempt of the King's Courts, as tending to betray them into

14th into unjust decisions, and as such is enquired into in the much more summary way of attachment, which, if the defendant be at large, is awarded by the Court upon a base suggestion, or on their own knowledge, without either information or Indictment, and, when in custody, he is immediately punished by fine and imprisonment, if upon Interrogatories, to which he is obliged to answer upon Oath, he cannot clear himself; and this Summary method of correcting evils of so serious a tendency is, by the common law, thought essential to the furtherance and execution of Justice.

The common law of England is not however the law to direct the proceedings of Courts Martial, though it Superintends and keeps them within the due exercise of their authority. they have a common law of their Own - the custom of War - and by this, and their own consciences they are sworn to decide in all matters not explained by the Articles of War. If therefore in the present case these Articles are silent, and no precedent can be found to determine their Judgment, they have no other Guide to direct them their own understanding. I have stated what I conceive to be the common law of England in cases of contempt, and do not think the admission of the additional charge against Colonel Gells would be repugnant

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the repugnant to the laws of England in the present, or any stage of the trial; for in my opinion, not to enquire into a charge of endeavouring to suppress truth, before the suppression has time to obstruct the course of Justice, is, at the least, to be indifferent whether it be suppressed or not.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Benjn. Sullivan

Fort St. George
13th August 1795.

Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in MB. Nos. 72. 73. 74. 75.

To the Secretary at Bengal.

To the Secretary at Bengal - stating the quantity of Salt Petre required for the service of this Presidency for the next twelve Months - and enclosing two french letters for the Governor General received from the Commanding Officer at Masulipatam.

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board - acquainting them that an application has been made to the Bengal Government for a supply of Salt Petre, and that Colonel Stirling's Expences for conveying Regimental Stores from Pondamallee to Pondicherry have been reimbursed - The Stabling at Arcot to be completed in the manner suggested by Major Dallas - Estimates for repairing the Officers Quarters at Conatore to be laid before Government - Bills of the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs countersigned for payments - Ordnance Carriages, Limbers and Tumbrills at Trichinopoly to be delivered the Ordnance Carriages attached to the Royal Artillery to be deposited in Store in this Fort

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To Captain Turnbull — To the Commander of the Chartered Ship [illegible] giving him on the most positive manner to expedite the embarkation of the Cargo.

To the President of the General Court Martial — To Colonel Collins enclosing Copy of the Attorney General's opinion on the exceptions made by Lieutenant Colonel Geils on the charge preferred against him of tampering with the Evidences.

15th — Received the undermentioned letters entered in M.B. Nos. 76-77-78-79.

From the Commanding Officer of Sunday pot. — From Lieutenant Seton advising of his having quitted Sandaypoor with a part of the Garrison, in consequence of Orders published by Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage.

From the late Paymaster and Storekeeper in the Baramaul & Salem Districts. — From Mr. Robert Hughes advising of his having delivered over charge of his Employs to Mr. T. B. Hurdis.

From Mons.r Pigot — From Monsieur Pigot requesting that his Passport from the Malabar Coast, which accompanied a late letter, may be returned to him.

From the Garrison Storekeeper — From Mr. Greenhill representing that the Commander of the Mary Transport has refused to sign his Bills of Lading unless a larger allowance is made on account of Wastage than is customary.

Despatched undermentioned letters entered in M.B. Nos. 80-81-82.

To the Commander of the Chartered Ship Mary. — To Captain Turnbull directing him immediately to sign his Bills of Lading, and acquainting him that every reasonable Indulgence will be granted on the Score of Wastage.

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To the Secretary to the Military Board

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To the Secretary to the Military Board directing him to send twenty Lascars on board the chartered Ship Vegilant in order to expedite the embarkation of her Cargo.—

To the Commander of the Chartered Ship Vegelant

To Captain Lennon directing him to receive on board his Ship for Trincamallee a private of the 72d Regiment, and and Sundry Regimental Stores.

16th Sent the following letters.

To Captain Thistleton

Commanding the Swift Cruizer

Sir,

To Captain Thistleton directing him to take under convoy the Chartered Ship Mary and proceed to Trincomallee.

As the Ordnance and Military Stores for Trincomallee are laden on board your Ship, and as the Mary has completed her lading of Provisions required for the use of the Troops, I am directed by Government to acquaint you that they have thought it advisable not to delay the Despatch of these important Supplies until the vegelants cargo can be completed, and to desire you will, in consequence, make the best of your way to — & Trincomallee, taking the Mary Transport under your convoy — Inclose a letter for Commodore Rainier which you are requested to deliver immediately on your arrivale at — & Trincomallee.—

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

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

Sir,

We beg leave to request that you will be so good as to give orders that we may be made acquainted with such instructions as may be furnished to the Commanders of the Transports upon their leaving Trincomalé so that we may be apprized whether the Transports returning hither may be dismissed from the Service, or are meant to be further employed.

To Commodore Rainier requesting he will communicate to Government his wishes regarding the Transports the Jackall dismissed the Service this Day, sails for Trincomalee under convoy of the Swift Cruizer.

We have thought it right to mention this Circumstance to your Excellency, because neither the Vigilant nor Jackall brought to us any Documents by which We could judge of your intentions respecting them.

The whole of the Jackall's Crew having deserted, we shall be under the necessity of dismissing her from the Service.

As the Ordnance and Military Stores indented for by Colonel Stuart are laden on the Swift Cruizer, and the Provisions for the Army, on the Navy, we considered the immediate Despatch of these Vessels

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16th a Matter of so much importance to the Service that we were unwilling to detain them till the Vigilant Transport should have completed her loading, which will still take up some Days. We have therefore judged it proper to desire Captain Thistleton to proceed with them Navy to Trincomallee.

We have the honor to be,
with great esteem and Regard
&c &c
(Signed) Edward Saunders
&c Council

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17th Received the undermentioned letters entered in

MD. Nos 83-84.—

From the Resident at Nagore — From Mr. Torriano — the Vessels lately engaged by him for the public Service having been returned to Nagore, without any communication to him concerning them, requests to know if he is to consider them as discharged from the Service.

From the Commandant at Palamcotah. — From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell enclosing Extract of a letter from the Post Master at Cochin regarding the letter for the Rajah which accompanied Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 5th instant.

Received also the following letters. To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor of Fort St. George.

My Lord,

From the Assistant at Poona
requiring advances of Cash and
Negociations of Bills in favor of Mahomed
Ibrahim Lieutenant Montgomery's Agent
and Lieutenant Forbes on account of their
purchases of Horses.

My last address was dated the 23d. Ultimo, and I have now the honor to enclose, for your Lordship's information, Extracts of my subsequent Correspondence with the Governor General, and the Residents at Hydrabad and Benares.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully
&c &c
(Signed) I. Uhthoff
Assistant

Poona 1st August 1795

Extract of a letter from the Assistant to the Resident at Poona to the Governor General, Dated 1st August 1795.

It was very much my wish, to have regulated my conduct towards Mahomed Ebrahim charged, as already advised, with a Commission for the Supply of horses for the Madras Cavalry, by the Answers to the letters that I have forwarded for him to Mr. Montgomery, the Company's Horse Agent, who I understood to be at Bombay, but who, I have just learnt, proceeded, some time ago to

17th to Surat, which will occasion some Delay, yet, in my hearing from him. In the interim, Mahomed Ebrahim has represented to me that He is very much in want of about four thousand /4000/ Rupees, which he cannot possibly procure through any other channel than that of this Residency, for the payment of which, in eight days, He has requested me to give Security to the Person to whom he is indebted, assuring me that it is indispensably necessary, for the support of his Credit, an Object of public importance, not only, from the letter of Recommendation that He delivered to me from Mr. Montgomery, /in Itself sufficient/ but also from the Circumstances of several Horse Dealers now here having agreed with him to proceed with their Horses to the lower Carnatic. I have, in consequence, engaged for the Payment of four thousand /4000/ Rupees, in eight Days from the 30th. Ultimo.

Mahomed Ebrahim has purchased in the Maratta Country, near twenty Horses, for which the requisite Passports are promised by a Person here, to whom Mahomed Ebrahim brought Letters to that effect, from their Maratta Vacheel at Madras.

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Considering the Extreme Jealousy of this Court I am disinclined to agitate any thing with them on the occasion, without ayaur sanction for putting their disposition to the Test, fearing that it might rather be productive of impediment to the Object We have in view, than tend to facilitate it. The Point is, likewise, in Itself, of a delicate Nature.

True Extract

/Signed/ S. Ukthoff Assistant.

Extract of a letter from the Assistant to the Resident at Poona, to the Resident at Hyderabad, Dated 28th. July 1795

Understanding that yaware in want of about twelve thousand Rupees, for the use of yaur Residency; I have the honor to enclose Bills of Exchange on Hyderabad, at eight days sight, for Rupees 12,320 Rs. 3. 42 raised here by a Bill of this date on the Resident at Benares for twelve thousand Rupees, the double negociation producing upwards of 2½ p. Cent above Par, in yaur favor.

I have also the honor to enclose a Bill of Exchange on Hyderabad, at eight Days sight, on account of the Company's Horse Agent, for twenty three thousand /23000/ Rupees, negociated at the Rate

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17th. Rate of 93 3/4 Poona Sicca Rupees for 100 Hyderabad Rupees.

Extract of a letter from the Resident at Hyderabad to the Assistant to the Resident at Poona, Dated 23d. July 1795. Received in Poona 29th. of the same Month.

I am to request the favor of you to make me a Remittance, as early as may be practicable, of 12,000 Hyderabad Rupees, on account of the expences of this Residency.

I am afraid I shall be under the necessity of drawing upon you shortly, for the purpose of supplying Lieutenant Forbes / the Company's Agent at this Place for the purchase of Horses / to the Amount of ten or fifteen thousand Rupees.

Extract of a letter from the Resident at Hyderabad to the Assistant to the Resident at Poona, Dated 18th. July 1795.

I hope you may be able to strike out some mode of supplying the Company's Horse Agent here with Money, that shall preclude the necessity of either your or my drawing on Bengal for this Purpose; the more especially, as I doubt whether I could raise the Sum He requires, and am certain that

17th. that I could only do it upon very unfavorable Terms.

Extract of a letter from the Asistant to the Resident at Poona to the Resident at Benares, Dated 30th. July 1795

You will have received Instructions from the Governor General, for the Regulation of your conduct, in the possible Event of my drawing on you to the amount of a lac of Rupees on account of the Company's Horse Agent at Hydrabad.

It is yet uncertain, whether or not, I may be reduced to the necessity of drawing on you on the latter Account; but, at all events, the Draft will not exceed seventy thousand /70000/ Rupees, having raised thirty thousand /30,000/ Rupees by the Agents Bills on Madras

Extract of a letter from the Asistant to the Resident at Poona, to the Resident at Hyderabad, dated 1st. August 1795.

I trust that my Remittances within these twelve Days for the Company's Horse Agent at Hyderabad, to the Amount of forty eight thousand /48,000/ Rupees, will have relieved his immediate Necessities; and I hope, in the course of a few Days, to make him further Remittances.

True Extracts
/Signed/ J. Uhthoff Asistant

W.

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W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Fort St. George.

Sir,

From the Resident at Hyderabad with a letter from Captain Mackenzie relative to his continuation at Hyderabad.

I have the honor to transmit you, for the notice of Government, Copy of a letter addressed to me by Captain Mackenzie.

In consequence of the approaching return of the Detachment, I have recommended to the Gentleman to wait at Hyderabad for further Orders thinking it likely that Government may have been pleased to re-appoint him to his former Situation in it. —

I have the honor to acknowledge my Receipt of your letter of the 23d Ultimo and to be,

Sir &c &c

Hyderabad
11th August 1795

Signed/ Wm Kirkpatrick

Captain William Kirkpatrick
Resident with the Nizam.

Sir,

As the period to which my stay here was limited by Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of 10th June, expired Yesterday, I think it proper to state to you

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you the progress I have made in arranging and laying down the Geographical materials collected for a Map of this Country, on which I have been employed, without any intermission, since the beginning of June.

All the Surveys I had executed myself, with several other measured Routes, which have been obligingly communicated to me, have been laid down on one general plan connected by such observations as have been made, and connected with well ascertained points extending north from the parallel of Bangalore to Burhampore, about nine degrees of latitude and extending west from the Sea Coast to Moor Ghaut, whose distance to Poona appears well ascertained, though not, as yet, cleared up from any measurement in any hands.

On this ground work I have laid down all the Corps roads and information that could be depended on, part of which had been already collected, and a great part procured here through the efficacious assistance I have procured by your means.

All the Chief points being thus laid down as accurately as could be expected in such Circumstances, I have now to mark out the parts belonging to each Circar, which I shall be enabled to do

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1st I/n do with some precision, from the accounts of the Soubahs and Circars which you have been pleased to communicate to me, and which will give a stamp of authenticity to the whole, that would not otherwise have been readily obtained.

These enquiries remaining only now to be extended to part of the Circar of Berar, belonging to the Nizam, I am, in the mean time, employed in forming a plan to be transmitted to Government, from an inspection of which I hope it will appear that I have not lost a moment in attaining the object I proposed, and that it will give a clear view of the whole of an extensive tract of Country, and facilitate the labour, in future, of any Surveyor employed to ascertain such parts as will be here laid down from information.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Signed C. Mackenzie

Capt.n Engineer & Surveyor

Hyderabad

August 8th 1795

A true Copy

Signed W. Kirkpatrick

To

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To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary Military Department

Sir,

From the Acting Adjutant General recommending Promotions in consequence of the death of Major Dunwoody and Lieutenants Morgan Graham and Macleane

I have the honor to communicate to you, for the information of the Right Honorable President in Council, Colonel Brathwaite's recommendation of the undermentioned Officers for promotion.

Ensign John Steuart, to be Lieutenant, vice Charles Stanley Morgan deceased, date of Commission to be settled hereafter.

Captain George Waight, to be Major, vice Dunwoody deceased. Date of Commission 5th August 1795.

Lieutenant William Orrok, to be Captain of a Company, vice Waight promoted date of Commission 5th August 1795.

Ensign James Patterson to be Lieutenant vice Orrok promoted date of Commission to be settled hereafter.

Ensign F. P. Patterson to be Lieutenant, vice Thomas Graham, deceased date of Commission to be settled hereafter.

Ensign Thomas Spencer to be Lieutenant, vice Alexander Macleane, deceased, date of Commission to

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17th. to be settled hereafter.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
Signed Fred. Pierce
Major Brigade

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

From the Military Auditor General on the subject of the Balance due from the Nizam on account of the Detachment.

My Lord

I have prepared the account, and have annexed it to this letter, which was directed to be sent to the Accountant General, by your Orders conveyed to me in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 23d Ultimo as follows. —

"I am directed by the Right Honorable "the President in Council to transmit, for your information, "Copies of Accounts Current between the Resident at "Hydrabad and the Honorable Company on account of "the late Detachment, from the Month of July 1790 "to the 8th of July 1795, as documents that you may "perhaps hereafter have occasion to refer to." —

"The President in Council desires you "will acquaint the Accountant General with the exact "amount due from the Nizam on account of the late "Detachment that he may adjust his Books accordingly."

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The Accounts Current alluded to are three in — number Viz.t

First — one between the Nizam and the Honorable Company Signed by the Resident Sir John Kennaway Bar.t

Second — one between the Resident and the Company, signed by Sir John Kennaway who debits himself for a Balance carried forward from the first, and

Third — one, in continuation, between the Resident — [Captain Kirkpatrick] and the Company, which brings forward the Balance of the Second.

These Accounts Current transmitted to me, as above, are the only documents in my Office whereby I have an opportunity, of judging of the Sums chargeable to and received from the Nizam, with the exception of the Sum chargeable under the Second or new Estimate, the — Amount of which appears to have been agreed to by His Highness, on reference to the Copy of Sir John Kennaway's Letter which accompanied the Orders of Government to my Office under date 5th. February 1793, and, on reference to these Accounts Current, it seems to have commenced from the 23.d of May 1792.—

I have therefore been guided by these — Documents in striking the Balance due from the Nizam

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17th on account of the late Detachment, reckoning the 10th May 1795 as the day up to which inclusive His Highness is ~ chargeable with the expence of that Detachment, as I observe it is the latest date, as Yr these Accounts Current, for which the Subsidy is acknowledged to have been received, and as I have no other means of judging of it

I am thus particular on the subject of your Commands of the 23d Ultimo relative to the ~ Nizam's Ballance which I have been called upon to state exactly, because, from the causes assigned for sending the Accounts Current to me, it is reasonable to believe that Government has considered me to be in possession of other documents on which to strike the Ballance, and further that in case your Lordship shall be of opinion, after this explanation, that more materials are necessary arising out of the Correspondence that may have passed with the Nizam and the Residents, or from other causes, they may be furnished to the Accountant Generals' Office, to enable him to adjust his Books in respect to the Nizam's Ballance; or if you shall see it more proper to send such additional materials, if any are required to my Office, I shall arrange

17th arrange them under the form of an Account Current, in communication with what appears in the documents I have now proceeded upon. In the mean time I shall hope that the Ballance struck from the Accounts Current, as above, may be found Correct, and, at all events, should it prove otherwise, that the error will not be attributed to me, provided the Amount is supported by these documents.

I have transmitted to the Accountant General a Copy of this letter and the Account Current annexed to it, as the only information, in my power to afford him of the exact Amount due from the Nizam on account of the late Detachment; and I have only to add that, as the first of the Accounts Current transmitted by the Residents, is between the Nizam and the Company, and that the second and third are between the Residents respectively, and the Company, I have, consequently, in the Account Current annexed made use of the entries in the two last, in communication with, and under the form of the first, by giving the Nizam Credit for the Several Sums that the Residents have Debited themselves in Account with the Company, for Money and Tuncas received from His Highness, who stands Debited for one

Months

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17th Months Pay of the Detachment, in lieu of Equipment, as a separate Sum which seems to have been settled by Lord Cornwallis as payable by the Nizam previous to His Highness being charged in Account, upon a Monthly computation, according to the first Estimate of the Expence of the Detachment, the amount of which appears from the Accounts Current of the Residents, to have been considered chargeable from 12th May 1790 to 23d May 1792, and the Amount of the Second, or new Estimate, to commence from the latter date (23d May 1792) and to terminate on the 10th of the same Month 1795: the Amount of both Estimates are entered, accordingly, to the Debit of His Highness in the annexed Account Current.

I have the honor to be
Sr &c
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor General

Military Auditor
General's Office
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P.S. I have omitted to observe that, in the last Account Current of the Residents, Captain Kirkpatrick debits himself for a Ballance of Rupees 1272.8.9.; and beg leave to enclose, herewith, a Copy of my letter of this date to the Accountant General on the subject of the Amount due for

D.

His Highness the Nizam in account with the Honble Company for the Payment of two Battalions of Sepoys and a Detachment of Artillery, serving with him. &c.

	Rupees	a	P.
To one Months pay of the Detachment, in lieu of Equipment and Account Current signed by Sir John Kennaway, 10th November 1792 with reference to Letter from Lord Cornwallis to the Nizam of 10th July 1789	35959.	5.	-
To the pay of the Detachment from 12th May 1790 to the 23d May 1792 being 25 Lunar Months and 5 days at Rs 35959. 5. P Month agreeable to the above Estimate P Account Current Signed by Sir John Kennaway, 10th November 1792	90,4976	-	6.
To Amount of a Tunkah on Hussein Ali Khan not realized but Debited to Sir John Kennaway, in Account Current of 25th December 1793	16,139	15	9.
To the Pay of the Detachment from the 23d May, 1792 to the 10th May 1795 being 36 Months and 2 Days at Rs 153713. 5. 3. P Month agreeably to the new Estimate as stated in said Account Current	197760.	11.	2
Rupees	303936	-	5

	Rupees	a	P.
By Amount of Cash received from the 10th July 1790 to the 11th September 1792 P Account Current Signed by Sir John Kennaway 10th of November 1792	9,59,783	-	-
By Amount received in Money and Tunkahs from the 10th November 1792 to December 1792 P Account Current signed by Sir John Kennaway, 25th December 1793	9,63906	3	6
By Amount received in Money and Tunkahs from 26th December 1793 to 28th December 1794 P Account Current Signed by Captain Kirkpatrick 8th July 1795	592346	9	9
By Amount of an Order upon the Madras Government to be discharged from the arrears of Peshcush due from the Company to the Nizam P Account Current signed by Captain Kirkpatrick 8th July 1795	590727	-	-
By Ballance due the Company which at the Rx of 365 P 100 Pagodas is Star Pagodas 6,184. 18. 39.	22573	3.	2.
Rupees	303936	-	5

Errors Excepted
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Signed Henry Malcolm
Mily Audr Genl

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We the Nizam, on the part of the Honble Company, do hereby certify that the manner Shewn and stated of the Nizam's Account with the Honble Company, in the foregoing accompanying Statement, is true and conformable to his Highness's Orders on that head, so far as we have been able to ascertain the same, with the assistance of Government Servants, with the approbation of Government

Signed Henry Malcolm
Mily Audr Genl

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To
Robert Woolf Esqre
Accountant General.

Sir,

Having received Orders from the Right Honorable the President in Council, under date 23d. Ultimo, to acquaint you with the exact Amount due from the Nizam on account of the late Detachment, that you may adjust your Books accordingly. I have in consequence made up an account Current between the Nizam and the Honorable Company, which I have laid before the Government this day, accompanied by a letter of the same date, explanatory of the Grounds and materials on which the Balance has been struck, in case it should be necessary, to refer to any other documents for ascertaining the amount due by the Nizam.

I have the honor, at the same time, to enclose, herewith, to you, attested Copies of the above mentioned letter and Account Current, under an opinion that such Communication will shew you the state of the Account between the Nizam and the Company, so far as my Office affords information on the subject; or, if it shall not appear sufficient, that it will enable you to refer to such other Documents as you may judge most proper,

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11 proper for ascertaining the Amount due from His Highness.

I also enclose herewith a Copy of Accounts Current transmitted by the Residents to Government, and omentioned in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 23d. Ultimo to my Office, that you may form a judgement how far I have applied them properly, and thereby, have an opportunity, in communication with such other documents to which you may see it advisable to make reference, of correcting any error, in the account prepared in my Office previous to the adjustment of your Books in regard to the exact amount due from the Nizam on account of the late Detachment.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Milty Aud. Genl.

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
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A true Copy
(Signed) J. Brunton
Depy M.A.G.

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

From the Military Auditor General reporting on Mr. Roebuck's additional Estimate of Cash for July.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter dated 24th Ultimo, accompanying

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1st. accompanying an Additional Estimate of the Military & Paymaster General to complete the demands payable in July 1795, and to report, that I see no objection to the Sum of two thousand five hundred and seventy nine & Pagodas, four fanams, and forty six Cash / Pagodas 2,579. 4. 46. / being passed on account of pay and field allowances to Captain John Bell's Company of Artillery and Gun Lascars, for the Months of May and June last, which will fall to be discharged by a Bill on the & Military Paymaster General. —

The Sum of three thousand, five hundred and forty five Pagodas, twenty nine fanams and two Cash / Pagodas 3,545. 29. 2. / being estimated for, on account of the 28th. Battalion by Mr. Corbet, without & specifying for what period, I am not therefore enabled to report upon it, but as I observe there is a Balance of Rice Money equal to four thousand, and ninety six Pagodas / Pagodas 4,096. " " / separately, Estimated for on account of Captain Bells Company of Artillery, and the 28th. Battalion, concerning which, I have received a Copy of the Abstracts, I presume it is admissible, Major Roberts having informed me that there was an arrear or that sum due to the Detachment.

Mr.

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Mr. Acting Paymaster Corbet, in his Account of Arrears due to that part of Major Roberts's Detachment which come into Masulipatam, includes by mistake I apprehend, two Thousand, Seven hundred and fifty eight Pagodas, twenty, two fanams and forty six Cash Pagodas 2,758.22.46/c on account of Pay &c to the 28th Battalion Native Infantry, for May 1795, although an Estimate to that Amount, for the same Corps and period, was forwarded to me in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of 11th June last, which I recommended, in my report dated the 16th following, might be discharged in the usual manner. the Estimate I allude to, refers, like the present one, to letter of 25th May to the Military Paymaster General, and is for the same Sum, and period, as stated in Captain Mackay's Abstract that accompanied that letter.

I am not enabled to report on the Sum of three Thousand, nine hundred and sixty, five Pagodas Eighteen fanams and forty Cash Pagodas 3,965.18.40/c Estimated on account of two Months Arrears to a part of 11th Battalion come from Vizagapatam, the particular Months not being specified, and as I have not received Mr. Wilson's Accounts for any latter Month than March.

Mr. Paymaster Wynch will be in Cash

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17th Cash for the payment of 14th Battalion of Native Infantry, without complying with his additional Estimate for the Current Month, as the 23d Battalion, Estimated for by him for July, fell to be paid at the Presidency.

Abstract of Sums admissible in the additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster General which accompanied Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of 24th Ultimo, and payable by Bills.—

	P.	F.	C.
Pay and field allowances to Captain John Bell's Company of Artillery and Gun Lascars for three Months of May and June 1795.	2,579.	4.	46.
Amount of Rice Money for Captain J. Bell's Company of Artillery and the 28th Battalion Native Infantry from September 1793 to April 1795 inclusive	4,096.	.	.
Total admissible and payable by Bills as per above Report	6675	4.	46

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed/ Henry Malcolm
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Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
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Despatched

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17th Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in M.P.B. Nos 85 86 87 88.

To the Commandant at Pondicherry

To Lieutenant Colonel Sterling - enclosing Copy of Mr. Sulivan's opinion regarding the Suit pending in the Superior Court of Pondicherry, between one Veeraswamah Chitty and a Company of Native Merchants; and notifying the Board's disapprobation, in this instance, of the Conduct of Messrs. Gerard and Bartro. —

To the Accountant General

To the Accountant General directing him to bring to the Credit of Military Charges the Amount that will be paid into the Treasury, by His Highness the Nabob on account of Extra Expences incurred by Captain Maclean's Detachment.

To the Commander of the Chartered Ship Anne

To Captain Haigs acquainting him that Government have no farther occasion for the Services of his Ship.

To Ditto of the Jackall

To Captain Macdonald to the purport abovementioned.

Received the following letter from the Commandant at Shevalapatore.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

From the Commandant at Shevalapatore representing the insufficiency of the Pay hitherto drawn on account of the Native Troops composing that Garrison.

My Lord, Having lately discovered that the Company under my charge, have suffered a very great loss of

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Pay of Pay, I should be doing them an injustice, and remiss in
my duty, did I not lay their case before the Honorable Board

In order that your Lordship may have as
little trouble as possible in finding out the nature of the
original Establishment, it is necessary I should premise
by informing the Honorable Board; that, during the late
Assumption, when the Nabob's Troops were paid by the
Company: the Battalion at this Station, from which
Corps the present Company was draughted was on the
footing, and received the Pay of Regulars —

But when the Command was reduced to one
Company orders were sent by the Military Auditor General
to the Paymaster at Palamcottah to pay them as Sibbendies
which however I have reason to suppose rather a mistake
of Office, than the real intention of Government; for in
answer to a representation made to the Honorable
Board I received the following Reply.

"The President in Council having already
"reported to the Honorable Court of Directors the footing
"on which the Nabob's Troops are entertained at Ramnad
"and the Shevelapatore, no increase of expence can now
"take place. —

I therefore presume it must have been
supposed

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At 17. supposed by the Honorable Board that they received the same Pay as the Garrison of Ramnad; being expressly entertained to compose the Garrison of Shevelapatore.

In order to avoid any error in drawing for the Pay of the Company, I applied to the Paymaster at Palamcottah to fill up my Abstract, conformable to the Establishment, and, by some unaccountable mistake, it was made out, that they have been neither paid as Regulars or Sibbendies; but, unwilling to mistrust the authority, of a publick Office, I acquiesced, and have only drawn for each Man as follows.... Pags Fans Cch

Semidar	1	32	—
Havildar	1	12	—
Naig	1	2	—
Drummer	1	32	—
Puckally	3	2	72
Vakeel	1	38	—
Sepoy	—	10	—

It would have been utterly impossible for a Semidar to subsist, and support the Character of a Native Officer, had I not constantly given him a Monthly allowance myself; and I now perceive his Pay is not so much as a Sibbendy Naig, according to the Establishment. As these Sepoys have suffered much unintentional distress

17th. distress, from this error in drawing their pay, I earnestly hope the Honorable Board will be pleased to place them on such a footing, that they may enjoy the same comfort as other Troops in the Honorable Company's Pay. I have to entreat your Lordships permission to fill up the vacancy of Subadar, by promoting the Jemidar, who has behaved remarkably well, and attentive to his Duty.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) C. Deighton
Comdg at Shivelapatore

Shivelapatore
August 12th 1795

18th. Received the undermentioned letters as

Entered in M.P.D. Nos 89 90 91.

From the Commander of the Army. From Colonel Brathwaite Lieutenant Colonel Prindergast requests permission to proceed to Sea for the Benefit of His Health.

From Messrs Colt Baker & Co. From Messrs Colt Baker and Co. enclosing Abstracts of Pay and allowances due to Captain Mackenzie of Engineers for July and August.

From the Commander of the Brig Jackall. From Captain Mc Donald repeating his application for Extra Freight.

Despatched the undermentioned entered in M.P.D. Nos 92 93.

To Commander of the Brig Jackall To Captain Mc Donald informing him that the Board cannot admit of any claim on account of the

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18th the Freight of his Vessel beyond the Sum stipulated by Charter Party.

To the Resident at Nagore

To the Resident at Nagore informing him that all the Transports which may return from Trincomalé, without any communication to him from Commodore — Rainier or Colonel Stuart of a contrary Nature, are to be considered as discharged from the Company's Service — Directing him also to take off the Embargo on Grain, excepting to any foreign Settlements on the Coast, or — Island of Ceylon.

At a Consultation

Present

Edward Saunders Esqre

acting — President

Ernst William Fallofied Esqre

Tuesday 18th August 1795

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

absent on a Tour to the Northward.

Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved.

Read the following letter from —

Colonel Brathwaite. —

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From Colonel Braithwaite enclosing Copy of a Dispatch from Trincomale containing Accounts of Colonel Stuarts operations before that place and his Correspondence with the Commandant - Major Agnews report of the Result of his Mission to Columbo - the Reply of Governor Van Angelbeck to Lord Hobarts Letter - Minute of Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stewart, with Colonel Braithwaites Sentiments thereon and List of Ordnance Stores lost on the Dimsdale - Claim of Captain Cockburn to full Batta as Senior Officer of Artillery South of the Coleroon also submitting more Troops requisite for the Masulipatam District & Guntoor Circar

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council Copy of a Dispatch I have received from Colonel Stuart, with a Copy of my reply to Colonel Stuart, and of a letter I have addressed to the Commander in Chief in India, to whom I forwarded a Copy of this Dispatch on the 10th instant, by express.

I have the honor to inform your Lordship, that from the Reports I have received from the Northern Division, Major Roberts's Detachment will have been assembled near to Condapilly, as I conjectured, on the 15th instant; but it would be that day, before part of it could reach the place of assembly. - Colonel Bilcliffe, however, reports to me, that, on sending the 28th. Battalion from Masulipatam, in consequence of some Detachments from the 11th., which must unavoidably, remain out, he will not have it in his power to relieve the Natives Troops on duty, and that the whole must stand fast 'till the Garrison is reinforced; and he further adds, as Report from Lieutenant Colonel Wynch, that when the

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the 3d. Native Battalion marches from Guntoor, that District will be left with one Battalion only, and that he will with difficulty, be able to carry on the current duty, and will not be in a situation to provide for any extra Service, if called upon by the Collector.

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council a letter from Colonel Floyd Commanding the Southern Division of the Army, and covering one from Captain Cockburne Commanding the Royal Artillery at Trichinopoly; and who has, in consequence of his being Senior Officer of Artillery, south of the Coleroon, considered himself, and has been considered, as precisely in the same situation as the Senior Officers of Artillery, who were there before him.

Since writing the above I have received the enclosed French Packets under cover from Colonel Bideliffe, who in the letter which conveys them makes use of the following expression "I have "the honor to transmit to you, at the request of "Monsieur Des Chein / the French Prisoner mentioned "to you in a former letter / two addresses, to be forwarded "thro' the Madras Government, to the Governor General in

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"in Council, one of which has been sent under a flying Seal
"to me, and appears in my opinion by no means Justifiable,
"unless written under a strong conviction of the Injustice
"complained of."

Both these Packets, however, came sealed to me, and just as I have now the honor to lay them before your Lordship.

I have the honor to be with great Respect.

&c &c

(Signed) John Brathwaite

Head Quarters
Choultry plain
August 13th 1795.

P.S. I have the honor also to enclose Copies of two letters from Major Agnew and of my Reply to them.

Colonel Brathwaite

&c &c &c

Sir,

You will receive herewith a letter I had proposed forwarding to you by an express Catamaran to Negapatam; but, understanding that it might be in danger from the Dutch Settlements, and conceiving that a Direct conveyance by Sea to Madras, would be more expeditious, the Mary is now dispatched, and I avail myself of this opportunity of transmitting to you Copies of the several papers I mentioned in my letter of the 4th

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4th. and also Copies of some letters, which have passed since, between the Commandant of Trincomale and me.

I have little to say, in addition to my letter of the 14th., except that we have advanced our position, and now occupy the ground across the Peninsula from the great harbour to Back Bay, and that our outposts are within 1000 Yards of the Fort. The great labour and difficulty attending the landing and conveying the Stores Provisions &c. to our last position /where I have left the Coast Artillery, Gun Lascars Pioneers &c, as working parties, covered by the 1st. Battalion N.I/ will retard our operations so much, that I am unable to state when I shall be able to break ground. All the Troops that can be spared from the lines are employed in the laborious Service of transporting those various Articles from a distance of between 3 and 4 Miles.

The Garrison hitherto have avoided every kind of hostility, and we have observed the same conduct. My answer to Major Fornbauer's letter /No. 10/ and his Reply /No. 11/ will best explain to you the footing we are upon - we shall loose no time however in our preparations.

I cannot too earnestly entreat your immediate attention to my request of a supply of Stores

and

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and provisions, stated in my letter of the 11th the loss of the Diomede renders both absolutely necessary, as Comodore Rainier has notified to me, to replace immediately the Provisions issued to the Troops from His Majestys Ships during their passage, and prior to their landing, the Crew of that Ship pressing hard upon his Stock; and the original deficiency, of the Provisions embarked even for 1,200 Men, as then calculated, is still more severely felt, when we find that we have actualy near 1300 Europeans to supply, from the Stock sent with us For particulars of this, I beg leave to refer you to the Statement enclosed, signed by the Commissary of Provisions No 13.

The necessity also of an immediate supply of Mortars, Shells, and ammunition, as per List in my letter of the 14th Signed by the Commissary of Stores, to replace those lost in the Diomede, will appear evident to you, more especially as the Shells were of a different Caliber from the Mortars lost with them.

I enclose an Abstract of our proceedings from the time of our arrival, upto this date, drawn up by Major Agnew, for your further information and satisfaction. —

I am

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I am to request that you would have the goodness to communicate the Contents of this letter and its enclosures to Government, as I have not time to write to them my self, and as they contain all I have to say at present. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ I. Stuart

Camp near Trincomalé
7th. August 1795

P. S. Should there be any scarcity of Salted — Provisions in the Stores at Madras, There is as I am — informed a large Supply, and of excellent quality, to be disposed of at Tranquebar, from whence the Royal — Artillery was supplied for the passage. Arrack also, I understand, may be purchased there, and on — reasonable terms. —

/Signed/ I. S.

True Copy,
/Signed/ W. Wilson Secy

Colonel Brathwaite

&c &c &c

Sir,

After a tedious passage we arrived in — Back Bay, on the 1st. instant; but the Diomede and the Transports, who were astern, not arriving until the 2d.

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2d. and from the Diomede striking upon a rock in turning into the Bay, by which she foundered, the landing of the Troops could not be effected until the 3d. instant.

Previous to the disembarkation of the Troops, various communications in writing passed between the Commodore, myself, and the Commandant of Trincomalle, the result of which not proving satisfactory, I was obliged to land the Troops in a very different manner from what I had expected. I shall take an early opportunity, of transmitting to you, by a more secure conveyance, Copies of those Communications, with a Duplicate of this letter, and, in the mean time, beg leave to refer you to Major Agnew's letter for what passed between him and M.r Van Angelbeck.

The Troops have taken up a tolerably good position within about two miles of the lower Fort, and about four from that of Oostenburg. We shall continue to occupy it, or one very near to it, for a few days, until the Camp Equipage, Provisions and Stores shall be landed, as our left flank communicates with that part of the Beach where they

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they can be safely collected, after they are put on Shore.

The unfortunate loss of His Majesty's Ship the Diomede, will occasion, I fear, a considerable delay in our operations; several important Stores, a list of which I enclose, having been shipped, and lost on board her, I must therefore request, most earnestly, that I may be furnished with a supply, to replace those Articles with the utmost expedition, and you may rely, that, in the meantime, every operation in our power shall be carried on with all possible dispatch and effect.

The Inhabitants, having abandoned their habitations, are not yet come in with provisions, for the use of the Troops - I must therefore also request, that an immediate supply may be sent, as well for the Native as the European Corps; although, perhaps, in a few days, a favorable change in this respect may be effected / as the strictest orders have been given and obeyed for the preservation of the property, of the Inhabitants, and such of them as we have met with, encouraged to bring in provisions / yet I do not think it right to run any hazard, and am therefore extremely solicitous upon this head, and more particularly so, as I am at present obliged to issue Arracke and Salt

Provisions

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Provisions for the daily subsistence of the European Officers, who actually, neither have, nor can they procure any thing to eat or drink, their baggage not being yet landed nor provision of any kind to be purchased in the neighbour-hood we are now in This, you may easily suppose, will considerably, lessen our Stock of European Provisions, nor can I depend upon any supply of live Stock, until we are in possession of the Place, which I am afraid will be tedious, as all the Ordnance and Stores, as well as Provisions, after being landed, must be brought from the distance of three Miles, along a deep Sandy Beach, to our present ground; and, as we have not more than half of the Publick Followers, that ought to be attached to us to assist in this laborious business, & there are not any Coolies, or other People to be hired here to aid us.

This letter goes by a Catamaran Express by Negapatam.

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

Near Trinconallé
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P.S. From the great hurry with which I am obliged to dispatch this letter, I have not had time to write more than a line to Mr. Saunders, and have taken the liberty of referring him to you for information: may I request that you will be good enough to forward my letter to him, and to communicate with him upon the subject of it, as soon as may be in your power. Mr. Gay the Master Attendant at Negapatnam, will forward your's and the Government's letters to me, by the Return Catamaran, if you have no better opportunity.

True Copy
Signed / W. Wilson Secry

Minute

Taken on Board His Majesty's Ship Suffolk off Trincomallee 1st. August 1795.

Major Agnew having returned from Columbo this morning, and delivered to us Mr. Van Angelbeck's answer to the propositions made to him in the letter with which that Officer was charged from the Right Honorable Lord Hobart to the Governor of Ceylon, by which it appears that the

letter

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letter containing the Orders of His Serene Highness the Prince Stadtholder was by no means so full as is implied by the letter of instructions to Colonel Stuart, and the Orders of His Majesty, communicated by Mr. Dundas to Commodore Rainier in his letter of the 19th. February; and we having also received Major Agnew's Report of the disposition of the Governor of Ceylon towards the English, which he conceives to be very favorable, a presumption apparently confirmed by the concessions made, we are of opinion that if the Fort of Oostenburgh is delivered to us, and the remainder of the Troops are suffered to land; the Spirit of His Majesty's intentions will be better accomplished, than by a Strict adherence to the letter of the Orders and instructions we have received; those orders and instructions being evidently founded on a mistaken idea of the orders of the Prince Stadholder. The opinion we are induced to form, from the conviction that, when thus situated in Oostenburgh, and the vicinity of Trincomalee, we shall be as fully able to take complete possession of that place at any time, as by an immediate resort to force, which, besides an unnecessary effusion of blood in the first instance might, and probably would, have the

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the effect of determining the Government of Ceylon to act hostilely against us, whereas their present disposition " appears so favorable, as to promise the most important advantages in any future operations. —

/Signed/ Peter Rainier

" J. Stuart

True Copy

/Signed/ W. Wilson Secry.

Note

Sir Captains Renaud & Roffman

1st. These Gentlemen will present my Respects to the Commodore.

2d. They will acquaint him that I am disposed to adopt the line of Conduct to be expected from a Commandant in the Service of an Ally,

3d. But that I have received accounts " that the English Company are making warlike — " Preparations on the Coast, and particularly at — " Negapatam, where it was publickly avowed that these Preparations were intended against the Island of Ceylon,

4th. That it rests with the Commodore to

Contradict

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contradict such Reports, by a Declaration, upon Honor, under his hand writing, that he has no orders authorizing him to adopt hostile measures against us - In case the Commodore should decline making such Declaration, he is to be informed that it is my Duty to prevent any English Ship of War from coming into the Harbour until I receive Instructions on this Point from the Government General of the Island, until which time I must also decline entering into any Negotiation on the Contents of the letter delivered to me by Major Agnew.

/Signed/ I. G. Fornbauer

Trincomalé 2d. August 1795.

True Copy
/in French/
Signed W. Wilson Secry

A true Translation
/Signed/ George Parry
Act. Fr. Translr.

Commodore Rainier presents his Compliments to Major Fornbaur, and will transmit his answer to the Note delivered by Captains Ranaud and Hoffman, as soon as the Papers he judges necessary for his information

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information can be Copied. Major Agnew and Captain Borough will have the honor to deliver Commodore Rainiers Answer to Major Fombain, and will be authorised to give such farther Explanations as may appear necessary.

On Board His Majesty's Ship Suffolk
2d. August 1795

True Copy
Signed, W. Wilson Secry

Abstract

On the evening of the 1st. of August, part of the Fleet under Commodore Rainier having anchored in Back Bay, Major Agnew and Captain Borough were ordered by Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stuart to accompany Mr. Franken, a Gentleman deputed by the Governor of Columbo, on shore, and to deliver to the Commandant the letters said to contain the Orders of Mr. Van Angelbeek for the delivery of Fort Oostenburgh with directions to arrange with him the time when our Troops should take possession, and when the remainder, not employed at Oostenburg, should land. The Commandant desired

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desired till the next morning to send his answer, when the Message contained in the note of Instructions to the Officers who brought it on board of which N.2 is a Copy was delivered. They were informed, by a Note N.3, that Major Agnew and Captain Borrough would be charged with the answer of Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stuart, and authorised to explain any particulars he might judge to be necessary. These Officers were then dispatched with the following Note.

N.4

In reply to the Note of Major Fombaur delivered by Captains Renaud and Bellow, Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stuart have to observe, that the object for which the Troops under their Command were ordered to Trincomale was particularly explained to the Government General of Ceylon in a letter from the Government of Madras, and their Communications transmitted to Columbo by Major Agnew, who has brought to them the reply of Mr. Van Angelbeck, and delivered to Major Fombaur the orders issued by him in consequence of those

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communications. The Officers Commanding his Majesty's Sea and land Forces conceived that no farther explanation of their object was necessary; but, as Major Fornbaur requires it. They assure him that they are come, as the ancient friends and firm allies of the Republick of the united Provinces, to protect, with the Troops of his Britannick Majesty, the possessions of his Allies, and prevent their falling into the hands of their Common enemy; under the express Condition that, as soon as the Constitution of the Republick of the united Provinces is orecstablished, as guaranteed in the Year 1787, the places occupied by his Majesty's Troops shall be orestored.

It is necessary that Major Fornbaur should be fully acquainted with the Instructions under which Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stuart act; which are, in the event of refusal to admit the Troops for the purposes of protection as above stated, to use the force under their Command to compell obedience and should Major Fornbaur render it oncessary to oesort to Force, he will be himself responsible for the consequences which may ensue, from a line of

conduct

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conduct so opposite to the Orders of his Serene Highness the Prince Stadholder and of the Government of Columbo that it can only be attributed to his determination to take part with the common Enemies of his Brittanick Majesty and the Dutch Republick.

Given under our hands on board his Majesty's Ship Suffolk in Back Bay, Trincomale this 2nd day of August 1795.

/ Signed / Peter Rainier

" James Stuart

Major Agnew and Captain Borough were about to proceed with the above note, when information was received that an Officer of the Suffolk had been arrested by a Guard on Shore, while landing at the place where the Squadron was usually supplied with wood. This circumstance they were also instructed to enquire into. Major Fombaur stated the information he had alluded to, as having received, to be official, from the Chief of Jaffanapatam expressed his wish to consider the British Forces as friends, but, on account of certain informalities in the orders he had received from Columbo, requested leave to

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to send again two Officers to Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stuart — He stated the seizure of the — Lieutenant of his Majesty's Ship Suffolk to be owing to a mistake of the Guard posted where he landed, and offered to give any satisfaction by apology that might be required. — Captains — Renaud and Bellow were dispatched with Major Agnew and Captain Borough and delivered to — Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stuart the — following Note.

Instruction

N.5 Pour Messieurs Renaud and Bellow.

Ces Messieurs presenteront mon respect a Mons.r le Commodore Rainier et Mons.r le Colonel Stuart, and les remercierons de ce qu'ils ont bien voulu par leur declaration, annuller les avis que le Soussigné avoit reçu comme de la Compagnie Anglaise — avoit dessein d'envahir l'Isle de Ceilon — qu'en — consequence les Vaisseaux de sa Majesté and — autres Batémens anglais pourront entrer dans Baye, et qu'en general les Troupes de deux nations

vivront

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vivront en bonne amitie.

2d. Ce Saussegné a ordre de recevoir dans le Fort Oostenburg 300 Teles Militaires de sa Majesté Brittanique. mais que malheureusement dans la lettre que porte cette ordre, il y a omission de forme, en ce que la lettre n'est signé que de Mons. le Gouverneur Leub que selon la Constitution de la Compagnie des Provinces Unies, toutes les lettres portant ordre des petits objets d'administration, doivent etre signees constamment du moins, par la pluralité des Membres —

3 Que cette omission de forme constitution aire rend la lettre de pas plus de poids qu'une lettre particuliere et que Monsieur le Gouverneur qui est d'un age très avancé mourant, la Regence pourroit accuser de de haute trahison le Saussegné, et lui trancher la tete, sur un echaffaud, sans que le Saussegné auroit une Seule piece pour justifier l'admission des 300 hommes des Troupes de sa Majesté Brittanique.

4 Le Saussegne Supplie pour cette raison Mons. le Commodore Rainier et Mons. le Colonel Stuart, D'avoir egard a cette difficulté, et d'accorder un delai au Saussegné pour l'admission des 300 Teles dans

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Oostenburg, jusqua ce que Mons.r le Gouverneur Van Angelbeek aura levé par une lettre, une ordre signé de lui, et de la pluralité des Membres du Conseil, cette difficulté en quel cas, le Soussigné admettra aussitot les 300 hommes — S'interval peuvoit etre employé de prendre les arrangemens necessaires pour toutce qui a regard a cet objet.

5 Pour engager Mons.r le Commodore Rainier et Mons.r le Colonel Stuart d'accorder ce delai, le — " Soussigné declare qu'il a ordre du Gouverneur et Conseil de l'Isle de Ceilon en cas d'attacque par le — " Gouvernement actuelle de France, d'en donner avis au Gouvernement de Madrass, et autres Chefs de sa — " Majesté Brittanique, et de demander le secours que Sera jugé necessaire, pour empecher l'ennemi de faire la conquete des Forts sous son commandement et le Soussigné engage par la presente, sa Parole d' — " honneur qu'il observera fidelement l'ordre ci dessus.

/Signed/ J. G. Fornbaur

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2 Aout 1795 — No. 6 — is a Copy of the Reply sent to the above Note and No.7 a Copy of Major Fornbaur's Message in consequence.

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On the 3d. at day break, the Troops were embarked in Boats, and the landing of the 1st. Division consisting of about 600 Men, with 4 Field Pieces, was effected about 5. Miles from the Fort, without opposition by 7 OClock. An Officer from the Garrison was sent by the Commandant, to demand the cause of our landing in Arms, and was referred to the Note & for a reply. In the course of the day, application was made to Commodore Rainier for a Passport for the family of the Commandant to quit the place, by Sea - this was granted, and a similar request to Colonel Stuart for Mr. Franken / the Gentleman deputed from Columbo / to proceed by land; was also complied with; but as the flight of the Natives prevented him from procuring the means of conveyance, the latter passport was not morning returned.

On the evening of the 4th. Instant, an European, accompanied by three other persons armed, and a quantity of Copper money, was taken by an ambuscade. He was sent back to the Garrison with the Note of which No. 8 is a Copy. Major Fornbaus replied by a letter, of which No. 9 is a Translation. - Colonel

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Stuarts answer to this was sent on the morning of the 6th. and is contained in No. 10.

In the course of the 5th, a party of Malays with 2 Officers, were surrounded in a Village near the Fort, by one of the parties of our Troops employed in reconnoitring the ground — they were released and cautioned against interfering with our Posts — On the morning of the 6th. Mr. Fornhaur sent the Note, of which No. 11 is a translation; and soon after a Company of Malay Troops posted near the Fort, was surrounded and taken by another reconnoitring Party — They were also released by order of Colonel Stuart, as the state of our Provisions would render Prisoners a burthen, to us, and the state of half hostility we are now in leaves us more at ease with the great work of landing Provisions and Stores, than we could be had we come to blows — Before this party had returned to the Fort, an Officer came, by another road, to demand the cause of their confinement, and was answered by renewing the expression of Colonel Stuarts wish, to avoid hostility if possible and

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a recommendation to Major Fombaus to keep his Garrison within his Walls, as the readiest mode of preventing actual hostilities, 'till the necessary obedience to the Orders Colonel Stuart had received rendered them unavoidable — On the same Principle an European Soldier taken last night was returned this morning the 7th.

No. 1 is a Copy of a Minute of the Resolutions of Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stuart on the receipt of Mr. Van Angelbeck's letter.

No. 12 a Copy of Mr. Angelbeck's letter, with a translation of that of the Prince Stadholder.

/Signed/ J. Stuart

Camp near Trincomalé, August the 7th. 1795.

True Copy

/Signed/ Wm. Wilson Secry

Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stuart have received the Note which the Captains Ramsay and Bellow were charged to deliver to them from Major Fombaus, they have by every means in their power endeavoured to avoid an occasion of disagreement between His Majesty's Officers and those of the Republick of the United Provinces on a Object of Service equally important to the Interests of both

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both — For this reason Major Agnew was dispatched to Columbo, to learn the Sentiments of the Government of Ceylon, and the British Squadron avoided entering the Bay of Trincomallee, 'till his Return gave the Officers Commanding the assurance of the Continuance of Friendship, which has hitherto subsisted between those States.

Having acted with such delicacy towards the Officers of the Government of Ceylon, they did not expect any omissions of Form would have operated to prevent the immediate conclusion of an arrangement proposed by Governor Van Angelbeck, in answer to the demands made by the British Government.

That arrangement was by no means equal to the demands conveyed in the British Proclamation; but Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stuart, from a wish to avoid hostility, if possible, took upon themselves to accept it.

Major Fornbaur's last notifications — obliges the Commanders of the British Forces at Trincomallee to resort to their original instructions, Major Fornbaur has received a Copy of their Proclamation, and he is hereby required, in Conformity to the demands it contains, to deliver the Forts under his Command into the

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the possession of the British Troops, to be protected by them against the attacks of the French, or his refusal will be considered as a declaration of hostility.

Given under our hands on board His Majestys Ship the Suffolk in Back Bay at Trincomallee. This 2nd day of August 1795.

/ Signed / Peter Rainier

I Stuart

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True Copy

/ Signed / W. Wilson Secry

Instructions for Captains Renaud & Bellow

After presenting my Respects to the Commodore and Colonel Stuart, Captains Renaud and Bellow will protest formally against the Contents of the menacing Note transmitted to the undersigned - they will notify to Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stuart that the consequences which may result therefrom will rest upon them, and they will assure these Gentlemen that the Garrison and its Commandant will study, to oneret the esteem of the English Nation, to console themselves for the disgrace which the last note has reflected on their

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Commanding Officer.

Trincomale
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/Signed/ I. G. Fornbauer

True Copy,
/Signed/ W. Wilson Secry.

A true Translation
/Signed/ George Parry
Lt. & Interp. French Transl.

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Colonel Stuart presents his Compliments to Major Fornbaur, and sends some of his Garrison who were stopped by the outposts of the English Camp. Colonel Stuart will, at all times, be happy to pass out any of the Families of the Garrison on application being made for that purpose, but he requests that Mr. Fornbaur will not attempt to send other partys like the present, as he must be sensible that, under existing circumstances, which Colonel Stuart much laments, they cannot be allowed to pass.

The Money stopped by the Party is returned with them.

True Copy
/Signed/ W. Wilson Secry

Copy

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Copy of a Letter to Colonel Stuart

&c &c

Sir,

The Man whom you had the goodness to send back is a Purveyor who wished to go into the Country to buy Cattle — It is you, Sir, who assured me upon your word that the Troops of his Britanic Majesty were come as the friends and ancient Allies of the united Provinces.

Upon the Confidence of your word I doubt not to believe that you would prevent the Garrison from drawing Provisions from the Interior of the Country.

I think I have a right to demand of you to draw a line for my advanced posts beyond which none of the Garrison shall pass — If you would give an order of the same nature on your part, you could prevent the quarrels which will no doubt happen between Individuals — If you do not agree to this arrangement it will not be my fault if you meet with them from time to time.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/ Signed / I. G. Tombaure

Trincomallee
5th. August 1795.

True translation from the French
/ Signed / John Mc. Dowall

2531 Fort St George 18th August 1795.

To Major Tornbour.

Sir,

I have received your letter of this day - The Troops of His Brittannic Majesty, under my command were certainly sent to this place as the Allies of the Republic of the united provinces; but, as your refusal to admit them as such, reduced me to the necessity of supposing your determination to be hostile to the Interests of both, I am obliged to inform you that the only line your Troops can occupy, is that you may think proper to defend - those under my Command will take such positions as circumstances may render necessary.

I have the honor &c
(Signed) J. Stuart

Camp near
Trincomallee
5th August 1795

True Copy
(Signed) W. Wilson Secry

Copy of a letter to Colonel Stuart
&c &c

Sir,

I request you will allow me to pass over in Silence the discussion with regard to the admission of the Troops of his Britannic Majesty.

My

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My intention was not to trouble the position of the Troops under your Command in case the caprice of Circumstances determines that we should have the misfortune to become open Enemies, in consequence of Superior Orders I only wished to testify my attention on the great probability of our being friends and allies. whatever happens, we shall all be infinitely flattered by commencing our Career towards Glory under your Auspices.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) L. J. Tombaud

Trincomalé
6th. August 1795

A true Translation from the French
(Signed) John M.c Dovalle

True Copy
(Signed) W.m Wilson Secry.

To the Officers Commanding the
English Naval and Land Forces in the
Bay of Trincomallee

Sirs,

I received through Major Agnew a letter

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letter from Lord Hobart, the contents of which you are acquainted with, and I am desired to send you my Answer by Major Agnew; In consequence, I have the honor to declare as well for my self as for the Members of the Council which form the Government of this Island that all of us, and each in particular, adhere faithfully to the Old and lawfull Government system of the Republick of the Seven Provinces with the states General, and the Hereditary Stadtholder at the head, as guaranteed in the Year 1787, and that we still acknowledge the English as our close and intimate allies.

Our principal Forts are thank God well provided with every thing that is necessary, for a vigorous defence, and therefore we are not so much in want of the Supply, which has been offered, but, nevertheless, it will be agreable to us, if the Government of Madras will now Return the friendship which we shewed it last Year, with an equal quantity, of Eight hundred Europeans, of which three hundred ought to be placed in the Fort of Ostenburg, Three hundred near Columbo in the Forts of Negombo and Caliture, and two hundred near Gale in the Fort of Matura, but thereby we ought to inform you that we are destitute of Money, and

Therefore

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therefore unable to pay those Troops, and thus we beg that your Government will charge itself with the payment to be indemnified hereafter by our Superiors.

With this supply, we trust that we will be sufficiently able to repell the Enemies which may attack us, and frustrate their designs, and this our confidence is founded on the Strength of our Forts, the quantity of Troops in the Garrisons, the Stock of all that is requried for a vigorous defence, and the firm Resolution with which all our Officers and Troops are animated to hazard their lives and property for the defence of the Establishments which have been committed to our care.

The recommendation of his Serene Highness our Hereditary Stadholder and Chief Governor general to give every help in our harbours, to his Britannick Majesty's Ships, shall be obeyed according to our power.

But respecting the proposal of Lord Hobart to put our settlements under the protection of his Britannick Majesty, I am obliged to answer that we are in duty and by Oath bound to keep them for our Superiors, and not to resign the least part of them; I hope that this declaration will be approved of by you, as

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as the letter of his Serene Highness the Prince of Orange, on which his Lordship grounds his proposition, does not make the least omention thereof, as you'll see by the Copy which joins this.

This is also not required to attain the purpose as we are thank God, able to defend the Establishments which have been committed to our care, especially if the English Government pleases to supply us with the aforesaid Troops, and that his Majesty's Ships please to cooperate for the defence of our Coasts and harbours.

As I do not doubt, but that this My first declaration will be accepted, the Major and Commandant Tombauer is ordered by me to take in three hundred Europeans and to station them in the Fort of Ostenburg and to deliberate with you about the measures which ought to be pursued for that Garrison, and to deliver to the Commandant of the Fort, the Cannon Stores and other Goods according to an exact Inventory, and for which purpose, agreeable to Lord Hobart's proposition, the Junior Merchant Frankin is sent from hence to assist jointly with the administrator Martinez as Deputy at the Inventorisation.

I have the honor to be with much Esteem
Sr Yr
Signed J. J. Van Angelbeck

Columbo
the 27th July 1795

True Copy
Signed W. Wilson Secy

A true Copy Signed P. A. Agnew
Honble

2536 Fort St. George 18th. August 1795

Honorable Sir

We have thought it necessary, by this opportunity, to write to you, and to Order that incase of any Troops from His Brittanick Majesty, being sent to Trincomallee or its dependencies, or Ships of War, Frigates, or armed Vessells on the part of his said Majesty, being sent into the Roads or other places where Ships can lay with Security, to Consider them as Troops and Ships of a Power in friendship and alliance with their High Mightnesses, and who come to prevent the Colony, being, invaded by the French.

May God protect you / underneath / your Sincere freind / Signed W. P. of Orange - Lower / by order of His Highness in the Absence of the Private Secretary / was signed / J. W. Boyink / in the Margin was Rew the 7th. February 1795 / Lower was / to the Governor of Ceylon.

A true Copy
/ Signed / R Vansittart
Secry

True Copy
/ Signed / W. Wilson Secry

Memorandum.

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Memorandum for Colonel Stuart

The number of Europeans to be victualled in Camp is nearly thirteen hundred, they would require for three Months from the 3rd of August to the 3d of November 1795 which is 92 days 119,600 lbs of Salt Provision.

The whole of the Salt Provision sent, is on Board the Gloucester. Mr Greenhill's return states it at 238 Casks containing 89,600 lbs the deficiency is therefore 30,000 lbs, besides which the Squadron are to be repaid what was served to the Troops who came in his Majesty's Ships which I understand to be 15,810 Pounds: when this last quantity is deducted from the Stock sent, there remains 73790 lbs which will serve for between 56 and 57 Days. In this calculation it is taken for granted, that the Casks contain the stated weight, which I have reason to doubt, judging from those I have opened, the contents of which have been accurately weighed.

A small proportion only of the rice has been landed, but the quantity damaged by the surf, and lost in the way to Camp, independent of wastage on board, has been considerable, and you must know that

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that similar losses cannot be avoided in landing and bringing up what remains.

/Signed/ W. S. Limrick

Camp 7th August 1795

True Copy

/Signed/ W. Wilson Secy

List of Stores Shipped on board His Majesty's Ship Diomede in Madras for the Service of the Expedition Commanded by Colonel Stuart

Beds Mortar		8 Inch	3
Cartridges Musket Shotted		Barrels	100
Gun Powder Corned		60 lb Barrels	100
Mortars Brass		8 Inch	2
Shells Empty		10 Inch	600
D° D°		8 D°	100

/Signed/ J. G. Scott

August 2nd 1795

True Copy

/Signed/ W. Wilson Secy

List of Papers enclosed in Colonel Stuarts dispatches of the 5th and 7th August 1795.

No 1 { Minute of Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stuart 1st August 1795

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No 2.	Copy of a Note of Message, delivered by the Officers first sent by Major Fornbaur 2nd. August 1795
" 3	Note from Commodore Rainier to Major Fronbaur 2d. Augt. 95
" 4 & 5	Abstract including Numbers 4 & 5
" 6	Reply to Major Fornbaur's second Note of the 2nd. August 1795
" 7	Note of Message from Major Fornbaur 2nd. August 1795
" 8	Note to Major Fornbaur.
" 9	Translation of a letter from Major Fornbaur 5th. August 1795
" 10	Answer to Major Fornbaur from Colonel Stuart 5th. August 95
" 11	Reply of Major Fornbaur to Colonel Stuart 6th. August 95
" 12	Copy of a letter from Governor Van Angleback to Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stuart - Columbo 27th. of July 1795 - enclosing Translation of his Serene Highness the Prince Stadholder's letter to the Governor of Ceylon.

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To Colonel Brathwaite
&c &c &c

Fort St. George

Sir,

I had the honor to Report to you on the 13th. instant my arrival on Board of His Majesty's Ship Heroine, which sailed immediately from Batticaloo in obedience to the Orders of Commodore Rainier, for Columbo.— Contrary winds and Calms prevented Our arrival at that place 'till the 25th., when after announcing the object of my omission, as directed by your instructions, I landed, and delivered to Mr. Van Angelbeck the letters intrusted to my charge.

The necessity for translating the Despatches to be laid before the Council and the disposition of the only person capable of performing that duty, obliged Mr. Van Angelbeck to request I would prolong my stay at Columbo to the utmost extent permitted by the Instructions under which I acted; and as I was convinced the reasons he assigned were just, I thought it my duty to comply with his Request.

In various conversations with the

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the Governor and principal Officers of the Troops — during my residence at Columbo, the constant tenor of their declarations went to impress one with the belief that they were friendly to the British Interests, as the allies of the Republic; the ancient constitution of which as Guaranteed in the Year 1787, by which the Prince of Orange is declared Hereditary stadtholder, they considered as the only legal authority by which the Seven Provinces could be Governed, and that which they had sworn to obey — But on the immediate object of my mission, I could obtain no answer till the day before my departure, when the Governor informed me in General terms, of the measures which he thought the Council would adopt. On this, I judged it expedient to communicate to him a Copy of the Proclamation intended to be issued by the Commanders of his Majesty's Forces, that he might see clearly the extent of the demands they were instructed to make — expressing at the same time my apprehensions that the measures his Council was about to adopt would not be satisfactory. This he said he would consider and communicate to me a Copy of the Letter with which I was to be charged in answer to Lord Hobart's

Despatch

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Dispatch.

On the morning of the 28th. instant the Governor gave me the Papers he had promised, informing me, that, in the line of conduct the Government of Ceylon had adopted they had perhaps done more than they could justify, to their Superiors, from a desire to mark their Sense of what was due to Britain, as the Ally and firm friend of the Republic, that he had not been able to carry through this measure without opposition; That the Orders of the Prince Stadholder, on which the demands of the Right Honorable Lord Hobart were principally founded, did not go to the extent which those demands seemed to imply; and that, although he had, personally, no doubt of the authority, under which Lord Hobart made those demands, yet a recent Communication from the Government of Madras, did not permit the Council of Ceylon to receive, as an act of that Government, any address signed only by the Governor; such an address having been declared in express terms not binding on the part of the English Government. This circumstance would, in itself, have been sufficient to prevent the Government of Ceylon from entering into any decisive arrangement on the subject of Lord Hobart's letter

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letter, and Mr. Van Angelbeck requested that, in any future Communications, measures might be taken to obviate this objection.

Under these circumstances, the various Articles of my Instructions, relative to the transfer of the European Troops, never came into discussion, and, having received the Official answers to the Despatches I had delivered, and every assurance from Governor Van Angelbeck of his wish to cultivate the friendship of Great Britain, and to cooperate with his Majesty's Forces in defending the possession of the Republic against the common Enemy, I took my leave, accompanied by a Gentleman deputed by the Government of Columbo, to put the Fort of Oostenburgh in the possession of our Troops, should the terms they have proposed meet the approbation of the Officers Commanding His Majesty's Forces ordered to Trinco-malee.

I have now, Sir, reported the Result of my Mission. I regret that it has not proved more favorable; but I trust that my conduct may meet your approbation. The delicacy of my situation prevented me from making those local observations

which

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which I might perhaps have been able to do, had my employment been of a less public nature; but from what I saw in passing through the Fort of Columbo and part of its environs, I conceive it to be strong, in good Order and the Garrison very respectable.

I have the honor to be with great Respect

&c &c

/Signed/ P. A. Agnew

Heroine at Sea
July 30th 1795

True Copy
/Signed/ W. Wilson Secy

To Sir Robert Abercromby K. B
Major General of his Majesty's Forces Commander in Chief in
India &c &c &c

Sir,

I have the honor herewith to lay before you exact Copies of all the Documents I received in a dispatch from Colonel Stuart.

It was brought by the Ship Mary, and delivered to me yesterday evening after Sun Set.

By an enclosed Copy of a letter of mine to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart, you will be informed, Sir, that pressed for time, in Order that his Lordships

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Lordship might, as soon as possible, derive the same information, I have taken the liberty to forward this dispatch to you, open to his Lordship, requesting that his Lordship will, after reading, have the goodness to cause it to be sealed and forwarded to you, and by that letter you will, Sir, also be informed of the Steps I have taken; which I hope will meet with your approbation.

Since writing that, I have seen Captain Thisleton of the Bombay Frigate the Swift, and have ascertained to him the Tonnage required for the Ordnance and Stores which are to replace those lost in his Majesty's Ship Diomede, and he has promised to receive the whole on board his Ship and that his Ship will be ready to receive them tomorrow noon. I have been to the Arsenal to press matters forward. Some of the things are now in Motion, and the whole will be in the Boats before tomorrow Noon so that, as far as relates to my Department, what has been required may leave these Roads tomorrow Evening within forty eight Hours of my receiving the dispatch.

I am assured by Mr. Jackson / to whom I have written on the subject of the Provisions / desiring that matters may be pressed forward in that Department

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Department, and that due attention be paid to the actual quantity, and the good quality, of the several Articles / that every exertion is using; I therefore am in great hopes that the Mary, on which the Provisions are to be shipped, will not detain the Swift.

Head Quarters
Near Madras
August 10th. 1795

I have the honor to be with Respect,
Sir &c &c
/Signed/ John Brathwaite

True Copy
/Signed/ W. Wilson Secry

To Colonel Stuart.

Sir

On the 9th. instant in the evening I had the honor to receive your dispatch by the Mary, consisting of the several pieces recited in the enclosed List. I immediately wrote a Note to M. Saunders, requesting that I might have the honor to meet him and Mr. Fallofield at any place he would appoint, as I had received a dispatch from you which it would require time to Copy so as to lay it before Government in form, with what I had to propose in consequence; In answer he appointed the meeting for the next morning /Yesterday/ at Breakfast. I accordingly attended, and having

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having communicated your dispatch, gave in a memorandum recommending, that I should immediately, as President of the Military Board, be authorised to replace the Ordinance lost in his Majesty's Ship Diomede, and requesting Government to take the most Expeditious means of sending, to you one Complete Months Stock of provisions for the forces under your Command, both Europeans and Natives - stating, that I took this method to save time, but that I would, at more leisure, Communicate this request in a letter to Government of the same date, with which I would enclose transcripts of your Dispatch: my request was acceded to - and, as there was in the Roads the Bombay Cruizer the Swift, as well as the Mary which brought your Dispatch, I judged there was tonnage sufficient - I should have proposed a larger supply of Provisions, but, as it was then doubtful whether the Swift could take in all the Shells, I thought it better to limit my self to a quantity that I was certain could be carried to you immediately, by the two Ships in the roads, than hazard any delay from the want of Tonnage. In the course of the forenoon, however, I settled it with Captain Thistleton, Commanding the Honble

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Honorable Company's Cruizer the Swift, that the whole of the Ordnance Stores should be embarked on that Ship, and it was immediately put in motion to the Beach, and as I was assured similar exertions were making in the Provision Department, I have reason to think that both Ships will sail this Evening, with Ordnance and Stores to replace those lost in his Majesty's Ship Diomede on the Swift, and the Complete months provisions on board the Mary, conformable to the enclosed lists No. 1 and No. 2.

The mode I took to establish the quota of Provisions to be sent was, by ordering the Acting Adjutant General to notify, to the Garrison Storekeeper the whole of the force with you, as contained in my Report to Sir Robert Abercromby, and as I directed all the Officers to be included, who probably will, by this time, be better provided for I hope this supply will make you easy in regard to provisions, even should you be obliged to repay what has been expended by his Majesty's Ships but should it be inconvenient to you to do that, I trust that as there are plenty of good provisions to be had at

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Tranquebar, that the Commodore will not object to purchasing there, and debiting the Company in Money, with the Amount for what has been furnished to the Troops from the Stores of his Majesty's Ships.

I have, Sir, forwarded by an express last night to Sir Robert Abercromby a Transcript of your whole dispatch, and have so sent it, that Lord Hobart will have an opportunity of reading it in its passage, as I think it necessary that both the Supreme Government, and his Lordship should, as early as possible, be informed of the contents; as, from them, very probable Conjectures may be formed of what is to be expected at other distant Settlements.

I observe that Major Agnew, in his Report under date the 30th. July, states, "that, in various "conversations with the Governor and principal Officers "of the Troops, during his residence at Columbo, the "constant tenor of their declarations went to impress "him with the belief that they were Friendly to the "British interests as the allies of the Republick "the ancient Constitution of which, as guaranteed in "the Year 1787, by which the Prince of Orange is

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"only legal Authority by which the Seven Provinces
"could be governed; and that which they had Sworn to
"Obey". but the mode of conduct pursued, impresses
one with ideas very different from those which these
Conversations were calculated to impress on Major
Agnew. It appears to one, that under the Oaths and
the Orders by which they must be, at all events, as
yet bound - and must continue to be bound untill
released from them, by what they may think a
Competent Authority - that they could not express
themselves otherwise than they did to him; officially
sent to Columbo, without being guilty of high Treason,
nor could they, under the existing treaties, prudently
have declined to avail themselves of our proffered
assistance, It does not appear to me therefore that
such part of their Conduct as, in some degree,
suited with such discourse, is to be attributed to
inclination, but rather to the Obligation under
which they are, as yet, bound to Obey the only
Orders which they have received - and that what
they

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they did, in obedience to those Orders, was done upon so cautious, narrow, and guarded a plan, as to leave them pretty much at liberty, to change their System, — whenever they should be willing to declare themselves — authorised so to do - therefore, although I should, in all probability, have determined just as Commodore Rainier and you did on Mr. Angelbacks proposition, on the supposition that it was made in good faith - and — considering the advantage which might result from our immediate possession of Fort Oostenburgh, I am not sorry that the development of the Business determined you to resort to your original instructions, as there is but too much reason to believe that the proposition was — not made in perfect good faith, but made with a knowledge that even that would not be sanctioned by a Majority of the Council - As Mr. Van Angelbeck, after having fully stated, in writing the objections made to Lord Hobarts letter, on account of it's wanting the signatures of a Majority of the Council - and in full knowledge of the usage of his own Government did nevertheless, send his Order, of so much importance to the — Major Commandant of Trincomale, under his —

own

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own Signature only, which he must have had occason to believe would render it null and void. Nor did this order even, sent as it was, if Major Fornbauer's represen-tation of it as stated in your Abstract is correct, fully correspond with his letter - for it goes no farther then to admit three hundred of our Soldiers into Fort Oostenburgh / Ce Soussigné a ordre de recevoir dans le Fort Ostenburg 300 tebs. Militaires de sa Majesté Brittanique / - without stating any particulars as to our Independency in the Command of it, or many particulars which would remain to have been adjusted had the Major thought himself justified in obeying the Orders.

Upon all these Considerations, I cannot but highly approve of your determining to resort to your original instructions, and of the measures you have taken for carrying them into effect, and, as I have every occason to hope that the Supplies now sent to you will reach you in good time and have the fullest Confidence in your judgement and activity, I trust, that the measures which the conduct of the Dutch Government whether by design, necessity, or accident

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accident has compelled you to resort to, will be attended with success.

As I could not but observe what you stated in regard to the Mortars and Shells lost in the Diomede being of different Calibers, although in the same Ship which would occasion the loss to be more seriously felt, I called upon the Commissary General of Stores, and enclose to you a Copy of his Reply under No. 3.

As we may soon have occasion for his presence I shall be glad if you can soon make it convenient to return Lieutenant Trend of the Artillery to the Coast.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) John Brathwaite

Head Quarters
Near Madras
August 11th 1795

P.S. I was sorry to learn, after concluding the foregoing letter, that matters are not likely to be so soon ready in the Provision Department, in Short, I hear now that two days more are talked of as the soonest - I can only say that I shall use my endeavours

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endeavours to press matters forward as much as can be consistent with your being well supplied - you will omit the list of Provisions stated in the letter to be sent to you under No 2 - the fact is, the List sent to me was procured by Mr. Jackson, but was without any signature; and on my objecting to an unsigned list as an official — or any, Document, I was told, that the List was a mere — of what should be sent of each Article to constitute a Complete Months provisions, and was not meant to make any one responsible that precisely, that would be sent. that the Garrison Storekeeper would, of course, send a Correct list of what was sent to the Commissary in Camp - in consequence I returned the List which I had marked No 2.

/Signed/ S. Brathwaite

True Copy

/Signed/ W. Wilson Secry

Dear Sir

I send you the list you require of the — Articles to be Shipped on the Swift.

A List will of course be sent with them to Lieutenant Scott.

The

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The loss of the Diomede will no doubt be severely felt, for the reasons mentioned by Colonel Stuart: however I think it much better as it is, than if all the 8 Inch Shells had been lost, as that would have rendered the Howitzers useless; there are for the 10 Inch Mortars now with Colonel Stuart 1400 Shells which were shipped on the Suffolk, so that they are not entirely without Shells for the Remaining Mortars. And cannot Suppose before the Swift arrives, he in want of these now laden on that Vessel.

They have for the Howitzers 8 Inch 1900 Shells with which they will no doubt, if necessary contrive to annoy the Enemy.

The Articles to be taken by the Squadron for the expedition having been left to the Commodore, I received from Mr. Page, the 1st Lieutenant of the Suffolk's directions what to put on each Ship, and complied without hesitation; had the Selection been left to one of what was to be on each of the Men of War, I should have preferred putting the Shells which belonged to the Mortars on Board the same Vessel with the Ordnance; however, as I before observed, it is a fortunate circumstance that all the 10 Inch Shells were not

proceed

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ordered to be put on the Diomede, and I hope, by the timely arrival of the Swift arriving at Trincomale, that the supply of 10 Inch Shells will be sufficiently early for the two Mortars of that Caliber.

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) George Hall

Arsenal
11th. August 1795

P.S. I suppose Colonel Stuart must have settled with the Commodore what Articles were to be shipped on the Squadron - if not in particular yet in General Terms.

True Copy
(Signed) W. Wilson Secry

To. Major Agnew

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your three several letters, namely, One dated off Battacalao 13th. Ultimo, one dated on board his Majesty's Ship Heroine at Sea 30th. Ultimo, and one dated Trincomale' 4th. instant. The two latter I received at the same time by the Ship Mary, that of the 30th. Ironsider as the one which you request may be communicated to Lord Hobart, and I have included it in a report

which

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which I sent Express last night to Sir Robert Abercromby, but which goes, in the first instance, to Lord Hobart, in the Circars, with a letter from myself, in which I have mentioned your desire.

As I have written fully my Sentiments to Colonel Stuart in regard to the conduct of the Dutch Government of Ceylon — and am very much pressed for time, I will refer you to him; and, in this, only express my full approbation of your Conduct.

I have the honor to be

Head Quarters
near Madras
August 11th 1795

&c &c

/Signed/ John Brathwaite

True Copy

/Signed/ W. Wilson Secry

Right Honorable the Governor in Council

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before you an address from Captain Cockburn of the Royal Artillery, praying to be allowed to draw full Batta as Senior Officer of Artillery South of the Coleroon from the date of his being so; and, as his Predecessors

I have

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have uniformly been allowed to do.

I beg leave to add my testimony to what is stated by Captain Cockburn, in the fullest manner — and my hope that you will find it entirely conformable to the Rules of the Service, as I believe it to be, to admit Captain Cockburn's Claim.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ I. Floyd Colonel

Trichinopoly
August 4th 1795

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President and Governor in Council.

My Lord,—

I am sorry to trespass upon your time; which must of necessity, be taken up; with matters of more importance; but, as the subject of this address to your Lordship is of Material consequence to my finances, I am compelled from necessity to state my case, which is briefly as follows. when removed with the Royal Artillery, to Trichinopoly. I there learnt that my Predecessors / Senior Officers of Artillery / had been accustomed to draw full Batta as Commanding the Artillery, South

of

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of the Coleroon. I naturally followed the Example. but find that the Military Auditor General. has retrenched the difference between full and half Batta alledging that I was not properly authorised to draw that allowance. 'Tis certain true, My Lord, that I was not onamed personally by Government Order. for that situation, but having been placed exactly in it. from receiving all Reports, from Subordinate Stations, as Commanding the Artillery South of the Coleroon and all ammunition &c. being made up, under my Orders with which the Out Stations were supplied, I conceived my self entitled to draw the same allowances, granted to my Predecessors. perhaps I may have been precipitate in not requesting, the acquiescence of Government. for this apparent negligence I trust to your Lordships kind indulgence to Overlook, and refer you to Colonel Floyd, Commanding the Southern Division of the Army, to vouch for my acting in every sense of the word. As Commanding Officer of the Artillery South of the Coleroon.

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

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Signed John Cockburn
Capt. Commanding the R. Artly

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Read the following letter from Mr. Daniel Ince.

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary in the Military Department

at

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Deputy Secy. stating Lord Hobart's wish that no steps be taken as yet, respecting the proposed detachment for Cuddapah. Two Battalions withdrawn from the Vizagapatam District intended application of them.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor to acknowledge the Receipt of the Board's letter of the 31st. Ultimo, and to acquaint you, for it's information, that he took a very early opportunity after receipt of a Duplicate of the communication from Bengal, of addressing the Governor General upon the subject of the Orders for carrying into execution the whole of the Stipulations made by the Resident with the Nizam, and as an Explanation of those orders may be expected in a short time; and adverting to the existing exigencies for Military Services, It is His Lordship's wish that no further measures should be adopted for the present, with respect to the proposed Detachment for Cuddapa.

From

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From the result of a conference which the Right Honorable the Governor held yesterday, with the Minor Rajah Narrain Rauze and the present appearances in the District His Lordship is hopeful that the General tranquility now prevailing, will not be interrupted — He has, in consequence, issued orders for Two Battalions to be withdrawn from thence, the one to march direct for Masulipatam, and, with respect to the application of the other, His Lordship will defer the consideration until he shall have an opportunity, of seeing M. Gambier, and advising with him as to the steps if may be expedient to pursue for repressing the disorders occasioned by the irruption of Boopiah into the Zemindary of Muglatore.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Vizagapatam
7th August 1795

/Signed/ Danl. Ince
Depy Mstery

Read the following letter from Colonel Stuart.

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c. in Council

My Lord,

I trust Colonel Brathwaite has, agreeably to my request, communicated to your Lordship all my proceedings, since our arrival here, a detail of which, containing the fullest information in my power, I have transmitted to him, and I have to request of your Lordship's excuse for not immediately communicating with Government upon the subject of my dispatches to Colonel Brathwaite, which want of time and great pressure of business prevented me from doing. I could not however, be more particular, if those difficulties did not lie in my way, than I was in my letters to him.

From Colonel Stuart has not forwarded either of the Letters for the King of Candia and by one of his Aenters offers to supply provisions. want of Masoola Boats has appointed Mr. Morrison Agent for Transports his Salary.

The undetermined situation we have been, and still continue to be in, with respect to our being Friends or Foes with the Dutch, has hitherto prevented me from forwarding either of the letters, with which I am charged for the King of Candia, independent of Mr. Andrews not being arrived, and of the difficulty of a safe conveyance through that part of the Country occupied

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occupied by the Dutch — but I have the pleasure to inform your Lordship that I hope this latter difficulty will be soon removed, from my having this morning received a message from a Renter of the King of Candia / the nearest to our Posts, and by desire of his Master / offering to supply us with Cattle and Provisions. This message however, which was verbal, I cannot entirely rely on, and I shall therefore send one of my Kircarrahs this evening with the Renter's People, to ascertain it's being no imposition, or a trick played upon me by the Commandant of Trincomale.

We have got the greatest part of our Stores and provisions landed, and are going on, though slowly, in making Fascines and Gabions, from want of a sufficient number of hands — every man, that can be spared from other duties, is employed in working.

It is necessary, for me to request that such Ships as convey Military Stores or Provisions to this place, should be well provided with

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with Boats, in order to enable us to unload them, in the
went of the King's Ships having left this Station. I
would particularly recommend that Massoola Boats
be employed for this Service, as the Surf has been very
high since our arrival, and consequently, considerable
difficulty, and loss in landing the various Articles
of Provisions, Military Stores &c. with the Boats of
the Fleet.

I have nothing further to add than to
entreat your Lordship's most serious attention to the
requests made by me in my letters to Colonel
Brathwaite, who will communicate such further
military operations, as have taken place here since
the date of my last letter to him.

I have the honor to be with great respect

&c. &c.
/Signed/ I Stuart

Camp near
Trincomalé
12th. August 1795

P.S. I have omitted to mention, that Commodore
Rainier and I thought it absolutely necessary, to
appoint an Agent for Transports, and have nominated
Mr. Morrison to that Office, with a Salary of
Fees

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Pagodas 100 P. Month. I trust that this appointment will be approved by your Lordship as it would have been impossible to have made the different arrangements for landing Stores Provisions &c without an Officer of that discription; and that the Salary, which the Commodore and I have thought not more than adequate to the duties of the appointment will not be thought unreasonable.

/Signed/ I. S.

Order in consequence

Ordered that the Master Attendant at Pondicherry, be directed to use his best endeavours to engage Six Mussoola Boats, completely manned, for the purpose of being sent to Trincomalé to be engaged there on the public Service - reporting, the terms on which the Owners are willing, to engage their Boats, and the best mode for their proceeding to Trincomalé.

Ordered also that the Deputy Master Attendant at the Presidency, be directed to engage as many Boats as can be conveniently spared without material inconvenience to the business of this Port

Read the following letter from

Colonel Braithwaite.

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From Colonel Braithwaite - Colonel Stuart requests instructions for his Guidance, in case Mr. Van Angelbeck's proposals relative to Port Ostenburgh, be renewed - proving to the reduction of Trincomalee his own opinion upon the subject - with observations - requests authority to send a supply of Tents to Trincomalé.

I have received a letter from Colonel Stuart, under date the 10th. instant, which is a Duplicate of one sent by a Catamaran which has never come to hand, and two other letters of the 12th. It is my intention to bring these before Government in a regular way, as soon as Copies can be made of them, in the mean time as Ships are upon the point of sailing for Trincomalé I trust I shall be allowed to make a partial communication in this letter of what is immediately material.

Colonel Stuart, in his letter of the 10th. has the following Paragraph" and to solicit particular "Instructions from you and from Government regarding "the line of conduct to be adopted, should the proposals "contained in Mr. Van Anglebeck's letter of the 27th. "ultimo to Commodore Rainier and myself, be "renewed, on the Receipt of regular orders from "Columbo, before we are able to possess ourselves of "Trincomalé. The Minute drawn up and agreed to by

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"by the Commodore and one, on receipt of that letter, will
"acquaint you with our opinions at that time, but it is
"particularly my wish to receive fresh Instructions on
"this subject. The posession of Oostenburg would enable
"this Detachment, posted as it may then be, to secure
"the posession of Trincomale in a very short time; and
"the places proposed to be Garrisoned by our Troops in other
"Parts of the Island, are well situated to give us the
"Command of the Roads by which supplies must be
"sent to Columbo or point de Galle, as well as to secure
"us the power of landing, when necessary, to reduce those
"places; but this arrangement would render another
"Equipment necessary for field Service, as the Troops
"those Garrisons would require, would amount to more
"than half of the efficient European Force allotted for
"the Expedition". —

I do not hesitate to give it as my opinion that the proposition contained in M.r Vangelbeck's letter of the 27.th Ultimo to Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stuart, is not sufficiently explicit in regard to Fort — Ostenburg, as it does not go to give us the entire and independent posession of it, more especially when the Order sent to Major Fombaur / according to his

declaration

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declaration, merely, to admit therein three hundred English Soldiers is taken into consideration, and that an accession to the whole of the propositions might place, not only the Soldiers in Ostenburg, but the others, distributed into other Garrisons, eventually, in a very insecure — situation, and even the Detachment of Colonel Stuart thus diminished, till such time as it could be reinforced. I should therefore rather incline to decide, that it would be most adviseable to reject the proposition altogether, and adhere strictly, to the original Instructions given to Colonel Stuart; for, should a large combined force — arrive from Europe composed of French and Dutch Ships and Troops, and authentic Notification to the — Gouvernment of Ceylon that the Constitution of Holland was changed, and that, in consequence, a Rupture with England, and a close alliance with France, had taken place, with consequent Orders to that Government — which it were disposed to obey, our force on the Island of Ceylon might be cut off in detail, Partly, while the rest could only, if at all, be supported by — Equipments from this Coast, which we are not — sufficiently prepared to make. My own opinion as I

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I have said, certainly, goes to the Rejection of the terms proposed in Mr. Vanangelbeck's letter of the 27th Ultimo; but if it is thought by you that they may be acceded to, on the reasoning offered by Colonel Stuart, I most strongly recommend that it should only be upon the condition that we should have the sole, and Independent Command of the places into which our Troops are admitted, with the posession of all their Ordonance, Stores, Provisions, and means of defence, and that Colonel Stuart should be satisfied that they are defensible Posts, or can be immediately made such by means within his Reach and Control, and that he should also be put in entire posession of Jaffanapatam and Manar, by which we on the Coast may have a tolerably secure and expeditious communication with the Island of Ceylon, and the Island with us, by which we may be better able to support our situations on that Island. It may be agreed, that in all those places into which our Troops are admitted, altho' delivered completely over to us, the Dutch colours may be kept flying, and each place be considered as under our Protection only, according to the original Instructions regarding such

Places

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Places as may be delivered over to us, unless an actual declaration or Commission of hostility, on the part of the Dutch Government shall compel us to a contrary conduct; under such conditions, only, do I think that Mr. Vanan-glebeck's Proposal can be acceded to with any safety; and, even with these, it may lead us into an extent of Operations on the Island of Ceylon, which I can venture to say, was not in view when the expedition was resolved on and ordered.

I request to be authorised to send to Colonel Stuart a supply of Tents by the Ships first for dispatch; and, as it is of much importance that I should as early as possible, send to Colonel Stuart the Instructions he has required, I shall be much obliged by your replying to this letter so as to enable me to write by Commodore Thistleton.

I have the honor to be with great respect
&c &c
(Signed) John Brathwaite

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
August 15th 1795

The Board, upon the receipt of the above letter, wrote the following answer to Colonel Brathwaite

To

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Fort St. George 13th. August 1795.

To Colonel Brathwaite

Commanding the Army on the Coast

Sir

We have received your letter of yesterday's date in which you have acquainted us with such part of Colonel Stuart's Despatches to you of the 10th. and 12th. instant as appear to you to be necessary for our information, under the idea that instructions are requisite from us upon a particular point submitted by the Officer in Command of the expedition.

To Colonel Brathwaite with the Board's opinion upon the point above submitted. Letts to be applied.

The letter from the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, to Sir Robert Abercromby, dated 19th. February 1795 is so very explicit, in regard to his Majesty's intentions towards the Dutch Settlements in India, that even if our Instructions had been considered as necessary to the Officer Commanding the expedition, we could only have enjoined a literal observance of his Majesty's Orders, as communicated through the channel of the Minister for the War Department. But, circumstanced as we are with respect to those Orders, we should be very unwilling to prescribe any positive

positive rule for the guidance of Colonel Stuart, when it would seem, by the Orders above referred to, that this Government was only to be consulted in respect to the employment of such of His Majesty's and the Company's Troops as might be judged to be sufficient for the end proposed. Viz.t for frustrating the designs of the enemy and for securing possession of the Dutch Territories on the continent of India, and in the Indian Seas" altho' the mode of carrying into execution the King's Orders is left with his Majesty's Naval and land Commanders, and that you, in the character of Commanding Officer of the Forces at Madras, have given to Colonel Stuart such instructions as you judged requisite towards the accomplishment of his Majesty's views, yet if the opinion of this Government be considered essential either by yourself or Colonel Stuart, on any point relating to the Service in question, we shall very readily afford it to the best of our judgment.

It appears to us, after the most deliberate consideration of the case submitted to you by Colonel Stuart, that the proposals contained in

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Mr. Van Angebeck's letter of the 27th. of July, are neither consistent with the letter nor spirit of his Majesty's instructions; and that to admit three hundred British Troops into Fort Osnaburgh, unless it were expressly stated that that Fort with its Garrison were to be under the Command of a British Officer, free from the controul and authority, of the Dutch Government, might lead to all the consequences stated in your letter now before us.

We can have no objection to your sending on the Ships first for despatch for Trincomalé, the supply of Tents required by Colonel Stuart, provided there be time, but we do not wish Captains Thistleton to be detained, and the more especially, as the vigilant Transport will sail from hence in the course of a few days.

We are

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16th. August 1795

Fs. Fs.
/Signed/ Edward Saunders
Fs. Council

Read the following letter from Colonel Stuart

W. C. Jackson Esqre.
Military Secretary Fs. Fs. Fs.

Lt. Colel Stuart advising of all the Transports being arrived except the Gloucester.

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of Government, that all the Transports are now

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now dismissed / the Glaister excepted / and that I have directed Mr. Morrison, the Agent for Transports, to write and inform Mr. Abbot of the day each Ship was dismissed from this place, and of the different Articles on Board of each belonging to the Honorable Company, and carried by the Ships to Madras, such as water Casks Kettles for Cooking &c &c

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/ Signed / I. Stuart

Camp near Trincomalé
12th. August 1795

Resolved that the Ann and Jackall chartered Ships be discharged the Service.

The Ann and Jackall Transports also discharged.

Read the following letter from
Colonel Brathwaite

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

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council Copies of the Dispatch I received from Colonel Stuart on the 14th. instant, and to which I alluded, and from which I made an Extract in my letter of the 15th. instant, the answer to which I have duly

From Colonel Brathwaite submitting three letters from Colonel Stuart with his Replies thereto - recommends that the appointments made by the Colonel be confirmed.

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duly received.

I have also the honor to enclose Copies of my letters to Colonel Stuart in reply to that Dispatch. By one of my letters it will be seen that I having been previously informed that it would be approved as President of the Military Board, I took upon myself to order a supply of Tents to be immediately shipped, as I had before done, to save time, in regard to the Ordnance and Stores requisite to replace those lost in his Majesty's Ship the Diomede.

As I have the greatest reliance that Colonel Stuart would not recommend any appointments that he did not find to be essentially useful in forwarding the Service on which he is employed, I beg leave to recommend the Confirmation of those which he has now reported to be necessary, with the allowances proposed by him. But, as the mustering of the King's and the Company's Troops has been always, on the Coast, a distinct duty, performed at different times and by different persons, it may be necessary to publish, that the allowance granted to Lieutenant Hayes, as Muster Master, is granted on the idea that he is to Muster the whole of the Forces

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Forces under the command of Colonel Stuart, whether belonging to his Majesty or the Honorable Company.

I have the honor to be with great Respect

&c &c

(Signed) John Brathwaite

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
August 12th 1795

Colonel Brathwaite

Commanding the Army on the Coast &c

Madras.

Sir,

In my letters of the 4th and 7th instant, per Mary, I had the honor to report the nature of our situation which was more particularly explained by the Copies of Correspondence &c contained in the last of these reports. I now, by return of a Catamaran to Negapatam, despatch this letter to express my request that particular attention may be paid to the Representation I formerly made of the necessity for an immediate supply of Stores and Provisions, to replace our losses and deficiencies in these departments, and to solicit particular instructions from you and from Government regarding the line of conduct to be adopted, should the proposals contained in

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Mr. Van Angelbeck's letter of the 27th. Ultimo to Commodore Rainier and one, is renewed, on the receipt of regular Orders from Columbo, before we are able to possess ourselves of Trincomalé. The Minute drawn up and agreed to by the Commodore and one, on receipt of that letter, will acquaint you with our opinion at that time, but it is particularly, my wish to receive fresh Instructions on this subject. The possession of Oostenburgh would enable this Detachment, posted as it may then be, to secure the possession of Trincomalé in a very short time; and the places proposed to be Garrisoned by our Troops, in other parts of the Island, are well situated to give us the Command of the Roads, by which supplies must be sent to Columbo or Point de Galle, as well as to secure us the power of landing, when necessary, to reduce those places. But this arrangement would render another equipment necessary for Field Service, as the Troops these Garrisons would require would amount to more than half of the efficient European Force allotted for the expedition.

Since my last letter we have been constantly

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constantly and laboriously employed in the great work of landing our Stores and provisions, an operation which a violent surf renders extremely difficult, and, at times, impracticable: a strong working party was this morning employed in making fascines and Gabions, and these preparations will be continued with every possible exertion on our part, to enable us to break ground as soon as possible — 'Till then we shall find considerable advantage in avoiding open hostility, not only by leaving an opening for future negociation, but in carrying on the various works on which we are employed, without interruption.

We have not yet been able to get any Cattle in from the Country, and as the Inhabitants have left their habitations, and are all gone to the woods. I see no prospect of its soon being the case, which obliges one to subsist the Europeans entirely on salted Provisions.

The most exp[illegible] Madras to this place is by dilatious conveyance from Negapatam. The one that carried [illegible]'s letter was only 3 days on her passage from Negapatam to this place

I have the honor to be
&c &c
[illegible] Signed [illegible] Stuart P.G.

Camp near Trincomale
10th August 1795
4 O Clock P.M.

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P.S. I request you will have the Goodness to communi=
=cate the contents of this letter to Government my time,
at present, being so very fully employed has prevented
my addressing them by the present conveyance.

To Colonel Brathwaite
&c &c &c

Sir,

Since my letter of the 10th instant by —
Catamaran, a Duplicate of which I have the honor
to enclose, we have had no farther communication —
with the Fort. Every man that could be spared from
the important labour of landing, and Securing our
Provisions and Stores, has been employed in making
Fascines and Gabions; but, from the want of Hands,
this work proceeds but Slowly. The landing of our
Stores and Provisions I am happy, to say, is now
nearly completed; and, considering the Circumstances
of Surf &c. I hope with little loss.

The supplies we have received from the
Country are so very trifling, that, understanding
the possession of Tambagamme, a village about

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16. Miles distant, would open our Communications, and forward this very desireable object. I last night detached a Company of Sepoys to take possession of it — A Mr. Neale, an Englishman who has been some time settled here, and accustomed to supply the Squadron with Provisions, has undertaken to assist us in the same way, and proceeds to that place, to collect Cattle &c. under the protection of the Officer who Commands the party detached. A few days will enable us to judge how far he will be successful.

Our situation, with regard to the Dutch, is precisely the same as when I last addressed you; The Garrison seem to profit by the Armistice, as we do, employing themselves in preparing for hostility.

My letter to Government of this date which will doubtless be communicated to you, will inform you of a probable opening to communication with the King of Candy, which I hope to improve to advantage.

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

/Signed/ J. Stuart

Camp near Trincomalee
August 12th 1795

True Copy

/Signed/ W. Wilson Secy

To

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To Colonel Brathwaite

Commanding the Army on the Coast.

Sir,

I have the honor to report to you that I have judged it necessary, to make the following appointments, which I hope you will approve, and recommend to Government for Confirmation

Lieutenant Whitlie of His Majesty's 72d. Regiment to be Major of Brigade to His Majesty's Troops - an appointment which I think requisite to collect reports from, and carry on correspondence on various subjects of Detail with that part of the Troops under my Command.

Lieutenant Drummond of his Majesty's 19th. Light Dragoons, who came here in consequence of indisposition, being sufficiently recovered to do Duty, I have appointed an Assistant Engineer, Captain Norris having stated the necessity of every possible assistance to enable him to carry on the Duty of that Department.

Lieutenant Hayter I have, from a conviction of the necessity, of such an appointment, ordered to act

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act as Muster Master; and have, at the same time, given him charge of the Duty of Post Master. For Lieutenants Whittie and Drummond I trust the usual allowances annexed to the situations to which I have named them will be allotted, and that Lieutenant Hayter may be authorized as Muster and Post Master to draw the Pay and Batta of a Captain.

The bad condition of the Camp equipage of the 23d. Native Battalion induced me to order a Committee of Inspection to examine and Report its State. I have the honor to enclose their Proceedings, and request that a supply of Tents may be sent, by the First opportunity, to replace those of that Corps, and to supply various deficiencies which, from similar causes, appear in the Equipment of other Corps, on which no committee has yet been ordered.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
/Signed/ I. Stuart

Camp near
Trincomalee
August 12th. 1795

True Copy
/Signed/ W. Wilson Secy

Proceedings

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Proceedings of a Committee Held for the Inspection of Tents, by Order of Colonel Stuart Commanding in Camp before Trincomalé 8th August 1795

Major Smart Deputy D. M. Genl. — President
Lieutenant Moore D. M. to the Flank Corps
Lieutenant Sutherland D. M. to the 72d Regt. } Members

The Committee having examined the Camp Equipage of the 23d Battalion Native Infantry, find them in the following Condition Viz.t

Marquee Fly's	4	totally unserviceable
Sepoy Tents	9	totally unserviceable
Private Tents	7	totally unserviceable
Marquees	7	Repairable
Ditto	1	Wanting to complete

The Committee are of opinion that the above Tents have been rendered unserviceable from their being wet when they were packed up, and getting over the Surf when they were shipped at Madras, and having remained in that state while on Board.

/Signed/ C. Smart
D. D. M. G.

To

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To Colonel James Stuart

&c &c &c

Sir,

About eight O'Clock yesterday evening I received from Mr. Abbott two letters from yaw, which were, I believe brought by the Anna, the one containing Duplicate of yaur dispatch of the 5th. and 7th. Original of which I received by the Mary, and have replied to.

The other contained two letters from yaur under date the 12th. the proceedings of a Committee held on the Camp Equipages of the 23d. Native Battalion and a Duplicate of a letter of yaur's of the 10th. instant original of which was dispatched by a Catamaran to Negapatam but has not yet reached me.

As I had reason to think that the Bombay Cruizer, the Swift, and the Mary Transport would be said tomorrow evening, I thought no time was to be lost Therefore, this forenoon, addressed a letter to Government, Copy of which I enclose pressing, as yaw will see, a speedy reply, which, if I receive in time for these Ships, I shall immediately forward to yaw; if not, by the most expeditious means I can

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can adopt — In the mean time, Sir, the Copy of my letter to Government will fully inform you of my Sentiments and what are the Instructions I should give to you for your conduct in the event of the proposal contained in Mr. Van Angelbeck's letter of the 27th Ultimo being renewed in consequence of a regular Order being received from Columbo before you are able to possess yourself of Trincomallee, if it depended upon me solely — But as the instructions of Government are also required by your letter of the 10th, and I cannot command or accelerate it's determination in the event of the proposal being renewed to you, before you receive the opinion or instructions of Government in regard to the conduct which you are to pursue under such circumstances, I must leave it to your own discretion how to act.

In reply to your letters of the 12th I shall, when I send Copies of them into Government, recommend the appointments you have judged it necessary to make for confirmation.

I wish you had been more specific in your demand for a supply of Tents, as my wish is to comply with what you may judge to be necessary, while I am unwilling, from the present state

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Sale of our Stores to do more than what is necessary — from the information before me I have taken upon myself to order the Military Storekeeper to ship immediately, on board the Mary, and consigne to you the following supply of Tents.

Officers Marquees	10
Private Tents	20
Sepoy Tents	20

and if the orders I have given concerning them are attended to I trust they will come to you undamaged. I cannot take upon me to say, how the Corps embarked at Negapatam were provided with Camp Equipage, but I have understood very completely, and the enclosed Account from the Commissary General of Stores will show what was issued to the Corps &c. which embarked here. — but, from the state of those of the 23d Native Battalion, I am very much inclined to think they were not covered with Tarpaulins in the Boats carrying them off from Madras, which they ought always to be.

I am sorry, to observe, in your former dispatch, that you have not a sufficient complement of followers; had you stated the particular classes which were deficient, I might, perhaps, as these Ships have staid so long here, had it in my power to

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to send them.

I shall be glad to receive from ajau, as soon as convenient, a Return of the Force under ajaur Command, and that ajau will order the Deputy Quarter Master General and the Commissary of Ordnance to send to the Quarter Master General, and Commissary General of Stores, Returns of the Camp Equipage, Ordnance Stores &c.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/Signed/ John Brathwaite

Head Quarters
near Madras
August 15th 1795

P.S. I am just now informed that a Lieutenant Skinner, of the Coast Artillery, who was on the Service under ajaur command, is arrived at the Mount — is extremely ill — but I cannot learn that he has any Certificate, or that it is known how he obtained leave of absence, I shall be obliged to ajau to call upon Captain Carlisle to explain this matter to ajau, for my information.

A Dutch man that has been brought here, as Mr. Abbott tells me, as a prisoner, on suspicion of being a spy, reports that the Soldiers, in general, both at Trincomallee and Ostenburg, are very desirous of being

Account of Tents Issued to the Troops Composing the Detachment Commanded by Colonel Stuart in the Month July 1795

	Ackb Tents					Canvas Tents	
	Field Officers	Officers	Private	Store	Bell	Necessary	Field Officers / Private
Delivered to Major Smart							
For 1 Colonel Commandg	2	3	2	1	1	"	"
1 Secretary and D.P.M.G. of K.T.	1	1	2	"	"	1	" "
1 Aid de Camp	"	1	1	"	"	1	" "
1 Dep.y Adj.t G.l & Deputy D.r M.G.	2	1	4	"	"	2	" "
1 Surg.n Maj.r 1 A.s Surg.ns							
1 Sub Asst. and General Hospital	1	2	4	5	"	2	" "
1 Pay Master General	1	1	2	"	"	1	" "
1 Commissary General and Judge Advocate	1	1	2	"	"	1	" "
To Brig.r Genl. Graham							
For 1 Lieutenant Colonel	1	1	2	"	"	1	" "
1 Major of Brigade	"	1	2	"	"	1	" "
1 Quart.r M.r Ditto	"	1	1	"	"	1	" "
For 1 Captain and 2 Sub Engineers	"	3	5	"	"	3	" "
For the Commissary of Stores and his Dept.	"	1	1	"	"	2	1 6
For the Troops Hond. 72.d Regiment	1	17	70	"	22	5	" "
The Artillery	"	7	18	"	4	3	" "
The 23.d Native Battalion	"	3	7	9	"	2	" "
The Pioneers	"	1	3	1	"	1	" "
Total	10	43	127	17	27	28	1 6

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True Copy / Signed / George Hall
Com. Gen.l Stores

True Copy / Signed / W. Wilson Secry

To

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[illegible] Service, but that the Major
[illegible] Officers are determined to defend
[illegible] have accordingly been
[illegible] and are attended. But
[illegible] is obliged to be frequently recruited
[illegible] Boats across the
[illegible] by Boats is probably
[illegible] Commander in Chief may
[illegible] Guard Boats if necessary.
[illegible] likely that this mean Assistants,
[illegible] had to say.
Signed / P.B.

True Copy / Signed / W.m Wilson Secry

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To Colonel James Stuart

Sir,

The detention of the Bombay Cruiser till this hour, and the accounts I have that she will not probably sail till some time in the night, affords me, I trust an opportunity, to convey to you at the same time, with the Copy of my letter to Government, which I enclosed to you in my letter of yesterday's date, a Copy of the answer of Government.

By this you will see that Government, altho' it does not feel itself precisely authorized to give any orders to you upon the subject, agrees with me in opinion in regard to M. Van Anglebeck's Proposal relative to Fort Ostenburg, and I must candidly own to you that the more I think on the propositions of M. Van Anglebeck, whatever may have been the intention with which he made them, the more do I feel myself confirmed in the idea that it would be very dangerous for you to accede to them. They seem calculated to divide the British forces on the Island of Ceylon, so as, not only, in a great measure, to render them useless as to the object for which they were sent thither, but so as to render it

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not very difficult to make a conquest of them in Detail. should it hereafter accord with the Political principles of the Dutch so to do.

I certainly have not much information of the situation, state and condition of the Forts of Matura, Negambo, and Calitiure, but I have always understood them to be very inferior and Subordinate to Point de Galle and Columbo, and am led to believe that, should the Garrisons of these Capital Forts be strongly reinforced by the arrival of an Armament from Europe, it would not be difficult for them to reduce the inferior ones, into which they are willing, to admit our Troops, and supposing that you were so circumstanced as to be able to go to the relief of those on one side of the Island, it could not be possible for you to relieve both, and, to do this, those in Ostenburg must be left exposed to an attack - To give you such a force as would enable you to attend to the defence of Posts so scattered is utterly impossible at present, I therefore, Sir, am decidedly for your adhering, to your first instructions. Was the Dutch Government sincere in their attachment to the constitution of 1787, and in their desire to profit by the protection offered to them,

I think

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I think they could not hesitate one moment to put you at once in possession of Trincomale and Fort Ostenburg on the terms required; also of Jaffanapatam and Manar, — giving you, at the same time, every aid in their power to enable you to add to the strength, and, consequently, to the Security of these Places.

The possession of these, so easy and secure would be the means of adding to your force, if necessary, from our Southern Stations, that there could scarce remain a doubt but that every effort of the French, or the disaffected Dutch would be baffled, and the Island of Ceylon would be completely, & trust, protected agreeable to his Majesty's beneficient intentions.

But if want of heartiness to the cause, or mistaken ideas of duty, operate upon the Gouvernment of the Island to prevent an honest, open, and fair acceptance of His Majesty's gracious offer, it is my desire that you will abide by your first instructions, and use every exertion your means and powers admit to possess yourself of Trincomale and Ostenburg, and to render them and the Harbour and Backbay as inaccessible to an Enemy as possible. I consider Jaffanapatam and Manar, as Posts well worth acquiring, if they can be then

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then be defended; the latter might perhaps be carried by a small equipment from the Southward; if the accounts I have received are to be depended upon, and no particular attention has been very lately paid to it, it certainly might: but I should be much obliged to you to give me, as soon as you conveniently can, your opinion in regard to Jaffanapatam and Manar.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) John Brathwaite

I have this instant heard that a Ship of what nation I do not know, is arrived at Trangueber from Mauritius after a Passage of 29 days. When this Ship left the Island there was no talking of the French having arrived at the Cape, nor any well-founded hope that the distressed situation of the Island was about to be relieved.

Head Quarters
near Madras
August 16th 1795
5 P.M.

True Copy
(Signed) W. Wilson Secry

Minute thereon.

Resolved that the consideration of the subject respecting the appointments made by Colonel Stuart, be postponed until the return of Lord Hobart to the Presidency.

Read.

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Read the following letter from Bengal.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council at Fort St. George.

My Lord,

Upon receipt of your Lordship's dispatches of the 31st. of May, relative to a claim made by Captain Mears of the Ship Favorite to the restitution of certain Property, seized by him in the Roads of Pondicherry, in April 1794 we communicated them to our Advocate General, and desired his report upon the Claim, as well as upon that part of Mr. Sullivan's letter, in which he appeared to question the authority of the Supreme Court to entertain Prize causes, in the event of a special Commission not having been received for that purpose.

From Bengal - relating Copy of the Opinion of their Advocate General upon Captain Mears's Claim to the Bales seized by him at Pondicherry - and in regard to the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in Prize Causes.

Your Lordship will observe, from the enclosed Copy of Mr. Burrough's opinion, that he concurs entirely with Mr. Sullivan in thinking, that the Claim of Captain Mears cannot be supported, and that the Capture appears to him to have been so illegal and unjust, as to lay a Foundation for expecting that Captain Mears would have been condemned to pay Costs and damages to the Owners of the Property, if it had become

become the subject of a contest in a Court of Prize.

The Advocate General does not subscribe to the doubts which Mr. Sullivan appears to entertain with respect to the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in Prize Causes and the authority, which the British executive Governments in India may have been supposed to possess of determining the legality of Prizes made at Sea under the Company's Commissions. He thinks that the Supreme Court does derive, from it's Charter, and the Statutes on which it's Jurisdiction is founded, a clear right to take Cognizance of Prize Causes, provided the Prizes in question be brought into any of the Ports of those Provinces to which it's process extends — and he is of opinion that the executive Governments here, and at the other Presidencies, cannot assume or establish any Prize Jurisdiction.

Your Lordship will notice what Mr. Burroughs says, in regard to Cases of Captures at Sea, where the Property captured is carried to Madras, Bombay, or other places or Ports, beyond the Provinces of Bengal, Bahar and Orissa Viz. that there is not any Court or Authority, in India competent to condemn or liberate the Prize, or to decide the incidental

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incidental Controversies occasioned by it. It was in consequence
of this opinion that we were induced, long since, to make
an application upon the subject to the Honorable Court
of Directors.

We have the honor to be

&c &c

Fort William
20th of July 1795

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

To Edward Hay Esqre
Secretary to the Government.

Sir,

I have had the honor of receiving your letter,
bearing date the 22nd of last Month, and the several
Papers mentioned in it, relative to a Claim made by
Captain William Mears of the Ship Favorite, to the
Restitution of certain property, seized by him in the
Roads of Pondicherry, in April 1794, and, in obedience
to the Commands of the Governor General in Council
communicated by it, I have considered the several
questions upon which my opinion is desired, with all

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all the attention in my Power.

The Company's Attorney General at Madras, in his letter to Lord Hobart of the 28th of May last, has so fully, and so ably discussed the Merits of the Claim, made by Captain Mears as to render it wholly unnecessary for me to detain the Board by assigning any Reasons for saying that I entirely concur with Mr. Sulivan in thinking that the Claim cannot be supported, and that the Capture appears to me so illegal and unjust, as to lay a Foundation for expecting that Captain Mears would have been condemned to pay Costs and Damages to the Owners of the property, if it had become the subject of a Contest in a Court of Prize.

But I cannot subscribe to the opinion, or rather the Doubts, Mr. Sulivan appears to entertain, with respect to the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in Prize causes, and the authority, which the British executive Governments in India may have been supposed to possess, of determining the legality of Prizes made at Sea, under the Company's Commissions.

The Supreme Court derives, I think, from it's Charter, and the Statutes on which it's Jurisdiction is founded, a clear Right to take Cognizance

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Cognizance of Prize Causes; provided the Prizes in question are brought into any of the Ports of those Provinces to which its process extends. And, in support of this opinion, I have the authority of the Court it self, which, in several Cases brought before it, since the commencement of the present War, / one or two of which were strongly / litigated / has exercised a Prize Juriadiction, without deeming a special Commission from the Admiralty, / necessary, to warrant its doing so.

But in all cases of Captures at Sea, / where the Property captured is carried to Madras, / Bombay, or other places or Ports beyond the Provinces of Bengal Behar, I fear there is not any Court or Authority in India competent to condemn or liberate the Prize, or to decide the incidental Controversies / to which it may give rise. The Supreme Court / cannot, I think, take Cognizance of such cases, and, without a proper Commission from the Admiralty, I know not any other Tribunal, within the limits of the Company's exclusive Trade, which, as the Law / now stands, can support a claim to prize Jurisdiction in any Case whatsoever.

The Courts which administer Justice in other matters, civil and criminal, at Madras, and Bombay

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Bombay, cannot assume any prize Jurisdiction the executive Gouernments there and here cannot, in my opinion, assume, or establish any such Jurisdiction; and, until Courts of Prize shall be constituted by Commissions from the Admiralty, or by act of Parliament in other parts of India, no authority can, I think, be legally resorted to but that of the high Court of Admiralty in England, or the Supreme Court here, for the purpose obtaining Decrees in matters of Prize, this by such Decrees, only, can the property be legally secured to the Captor, or Redress legally afforded to parties aggrieved by the Capture.

That great inconvenience may arise from the want of Prize Courts at Madras, Bombay, and other places in India, cannot be denied. and, at the Commencement of the War, so necessary did they appear to me that I thought it my Duty to recommend an application on the subject to his Majesty's Ministers and the Court of Directors; which I have some Reason to believe was made in consequence, by the then Governor General, Marquis Cornwallis. But I cannot admit that any such Inconvenience is sufficient to warrant the executive Power at any of the Company's Settlements in India, to

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to assume the judicial Authority of a Prize Court; nor can I persuade myself to consider such an authority as incidental to the Right of fitting out naval forces which the Company derives from its Charters. The exercise of judicial authority, cannot, in my opinion, be, in any Degree, justified by more inconvenience or even by urgent necessity; and, independent of many legal Objections against considering any judicial power as given by Implication or Construction, and against the Policy of giving such a Construction to the Company's Charters as would render them competent to judge by themselves, or their Servants, of the legality of Prizes, which, if legally made, become their own property, it appears to me that they might exercise the Right of fitting out naval Armaments, tho' no judicial Power of determining Controversies relative to the Prizes they might take existed in India; which since the Establishment of the Supreme Court is not the case; and tho' all such judicial power still remained in the Crown, or Admiralty of Great Britain. And the inconvenience to them could not be greater, than that which must occur in all cases of Captures in India by his Majesty

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Majesty's Fleet from the want of Prize Courts, of which — Captures it never can be contended the Company would have any Right to take Cognizance judicially.

It may be said that in many, and indeed in most cases of illegal Captures, by Persons acting under the Company's Commission, The Company is answerable to those aggrieved for all injuries sustained, to the same extent and in the same manner as the Owners of Privateers in England are answerable, for the illegal Acts of the Commanders they employ; and thence it is certain the Company derives a Right, which it is highly expedient they should, on many occasions, to exercise of enquiring into the conduct of persons to whom they have granted Commissions, as well for the purpose of withdrawing them if they are abused, as of insisting on the Restitution of property unlawfully seized, notwithstanding such Commissions give to the Captors all the Claims of the Company to Prizes taken under them, and the Captors are answerable over to the Company for all their unauthorized Acts.

But, altho' this circumstance no doubt will justify the interference of the Company's executive Governments, in such cases, yet that Interference cannot take place under any claim of Judicial authority

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Authority, or prevent the Captor, in case He thinks proper, to institute legal proceedings, from having the property condemned, and decreed to him by a Court of Prize, or obtaining a judgment at law against the Company, for the Damages he may have sustained by such an Interference, on the part of the Company, as may appear in a Court of Law, to have been illegal and contrary, to his Rights under his Commission.

According to your desire, I return, with this Letter, the several papers you laid before me on this subject and I have the Honor to be.

&c &c &c (Signed) Wm. Burroughs

Actg Secy Govt

Calcutta
July 17th 1795

A true Copy
(Signed) E. Hay Secy to the Government

Ordered that a Copy of the enclosure be sent to the Attorney General.

Over thereon

Read the following letters from Bengal

To W. C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary at Fort St. George.

From Lt Secy at Bengal with Copy of another letter to the Resident at Hyderabad requiring the subsidy to be paid by the Nizam for the Detachment.

Sir,

In addition to the letter transmitted to the Governor in Council of Fort St. George on the 17th Instant

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Instant, the Governor General in Council requests you will submit to him the enclosed Copy of a letter written to the Resident at Hydrabad on this Date.

Fort William
July 20th 1795.

I am &c &c
(Signed) I. H. Harington
Sub Secy

To Captain William Kirkpatrick
Resident at Hydrabad

Sir

In addition to my letter to you of the 17th Instant I think it proper to leave it to your discretion to fix the commencement of the Subsidy to be paid by the Nizam, from the date of the actual March of the Detachment towards Hydrabad, instead of the date of its receiving Orders to March, if you should judge this conciliatory / expedient with a view to give his Highness a still more favorable impression of our liberality /

I am &c &c
(Signed) John Shore

Fort William
July 20th 1795

A true Copy
(Signed) I. H. Harington Sub Secy
To