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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Hble Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your

From Bengal approving the Preparations for reducing Tranquebar and Malacca. think the Nizam's requisition for a Detachment should be fully complied with. shall send a Reinforcement to the Coast in October

letter of the 7th instant, and it affords us great satisfaction to find that your preparations for obtaining possession of Tranquebar are so forward; and that the respectable Force appointed for this Expedition is calculated to secure possession, when obtained, against any probable attempts of the French.

From the information which we have received of the importance of Malacca, We are happy also to learn that the possession of this place has attracted your early attention.

We have already had the honor to communicate to you the intention which we had in contemplation of sending a Deputation to Batavia; and it will afford us pleasure to learn that this measure has been adopted by your Lordship. The want of the Stadtholder's letters prevented the earliest possible execution of it by us.

We think it important, on various grounds, that the application of the Resident at Hydrabad, for furnishing the Nizam with a Detachment, agreeably to the stipulations of the Treaty, should be complied with, in its utmost extent. From our information of the Dutch Force at Malacca

and

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and of the disposition of Governor Cupellas. We readily
cur in the Opinion which you have adopted that the
Battalion of Sepoys, ordered for that Service may be
spared from it.

We fear it will not be in our power to send a Detachment of Native Troops from Bengal during the present Season, from their extreme reluctance to proceed by Sea, the only mode of conveyance at this time. If however the necessity should be urgent, every endeavour will be used to overcome the difficulties to the measure. In the Month of October the Troops may commence their March by Land, and We hope that the dispatch of them may be delayed to that period without danger or inconvenience.

We have the honor to be,

&c &c

Fort William
July 27th 1795

Signed, I. Shore
" Robert Abercromby
" Peter Speke
" Wm. Cowper

The

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Minutes thereon

The Board are happy to find that the measures adopted by them in consequence of the late dispatches from England have been approved by the Governor General in Council

Death of Major Dunwoody and Lieutenants A. Maclean and C. S. Morgan of the Infantry.

The Secretary reports to the Board the death of Major Thomas Dunwoody, of the 5th Brigade, at Vizagapatam, on the 4th Instant — Of Lieutenant Alexander Maclean of the 6th Battalion Native — Infantry, at Chicacole on the 7th instant and of Lieutenant Charles Stanley — Morgan of the 3rd Battalion European

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Infantry on the 20th of April last

" Edw.d Saunders

" E. H. Fullofield

Ex.d George Parry
Wm. Hy

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Diary

18th Sent the undermentioned Letters
entered in Nos. 92-94-95-96.

To Mr. Abbott. To Deputy Master Attendant —
directing him to use his Endeavours to engage
Masula Boats, required for the Public Service
at Pinconallé.

To Mr. Griffiths. To Master Attendant at Pondi=
=cherry with similar instructions

To Lieutenant Colonel Brendar=
To Lieutenant Colonel Pendergast =gast permitting him to go to Sea for his
health. —

Received letter from the Rabob
20th Entered in C. C. No. 80 advising of his Ap=
Substance of a letter from the Rabob. =pointment of Mr. John Bailey and Venca=
=tachellum to adjust the Balance Account
with Messrs. Woolf and Smith. —

Received the following Letter

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

My Lord,

From Military Pay= I am honored in the receipt
=master General — of Sir Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 16th
=tations to the com= May last, transmitting Copy of Mr. Sub
=plaints from Ben= Secretary Harington's Letter of the 20th
=gal of the irregu= April
=larity of the
Vouchers for advances
made to Mr. Pay=
=master Scott &=
and

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and stating why he cannot furnish more accurate Accounts of them than those already sent. —

20th April last, enclosing Extract of a letter from the Military Auditor General at Bengal of the 17th of the same Month, desiring me to lay before your Lordship a clear and accurate Account of all Advances made to Mr. Scott the Paymaster to the Bengal Detachment with a formal Certificate subscribed thereto — you are also pleased to desire that I will enter into a full and satisfactory Explana- = tion of the reasons for the delay in the transmission to Bengal of the Accounts so often called for, stating, at the same time, the cause of the irregularity of the Vou- = chers furnished by the Paymaster of this Presidency, an irregularity which has occasioned the Supreme Government to debit Fort St. George for the amount of the Retrenchment mentioned in the 10th Para of the above Extract from Colonel Murray's letter. —

I beg leave to inform your Lordship that it is not in my power to transmit any other Accounts to Bengal than those I have already forwarded, du- = plicates of which are now preparing, and also a Statement, to the best of my ability, of what sums Mr. Scott should stand debited with, and I hope to satisfy your

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20th your Lordship that the Accounts transmitted from my Office to Bengal are in conformity to the instructions of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council transmitted to my Predecessor in this Office by Mr Deputy Secretary Jackson - I beg further to state that there is no head opened in my Books for Mr Scott but that Bengal Presidency stands in them debited for all Sums paid to Officers and Men of the above Presidency. -

On the 19th March 1790 a Letter was addressed by Mr Deputy Secretary Jackson to my Predecessor Mr Turing enclosing A. Extract of a Letter from Bengal of the 17 February 1790, which directs the mode into which the Payments are to be made to the Bengal Troops, and in which is the following Para respecting the Accounts -

"The Artillery Bills and Abstracts are to
"be drawn in Pagodas, and the Grand totals
"converted into Current Rupees at a fixed
"rate of exchange to be settled by your
"Government, but we request you will give
"the necessary orders that, instead of remitting
"off these advances to the Military Charges
"of your Presidency, they may be debited
"for the amount after the Charges have
"been audited are being taken to

"forward

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20th "forward to us Authenticated Statements
"thereof Monthly with the Vouchers of the
"same in duplicate to enable our Ac=
="countant General to Credit Fort St
"George in the proper Sum and include
"it in the Monthly Account of Advances
"to the Military Department in Bengal"
I found, when I took charge of this Office
in May 1790, that, in consequence of these
instructions, my Predecessor had issued
his orders to the Subordinate Pay masters
as follows "The payments made to the
"Bengal Artillery on every account are
"likewise to be kept separate and a du=
="plicate Copy of the Vouchers to be trans=
="mitted to this Office Monthly that the
"same may be transmitted to Bengal, as
"the Orders on this Subject from them are
"exceedingly particular, I conceive it will
"be a much better way to keep an Ac=
"Account for that Detachment entirely
"distinct from your other Accounts with
"this Office and you will be careful to
make this up as soon as possible after
"the expiration of every Month": and on
the 3d April 1790, he transmitted Copies
of the Extract of the Letter from the
Bengal Orders to the same effect

were

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were repeated by me after I came into Office, and Copies of the Vouchers of all payments made on Account of the Bengal Residency, having, in Conformity to the above Orders, been transmitted to the Paymaster General of that Presidency, as a proof of this I beg leave to refer to my Letter to Government under date the 9th May 1794.

Mr. Scott, the Paymaster to the Bengal Detachment, arrived with the Troops under Colonel Cockerell's Command, and did not join the Main Army, until a considerable period after the War commenced: as soon as the junction took place, the entire payment of the Bengal Troops, I understand, devolved upon him, with the exception of those who were left sick in Garrison, who were paid as they had heretofore been, and the Copies of the Vouchers were transmitted to Bengal in conformity to the orders of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, already quoted, to enable the Auditor and Paymaster General of that Presidency to make the necessary Adjustment with Mr Scott's Accounts, and also, agreeable to the Words of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, "to enable the Accountant General to Credit Fort St. George"

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No counter orders to the above given by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council were issued to me, and Bengal Presidency was debited with every expence incurred in sending round the Troops to Bengal after the War was over and for the expence of the Elephants until they were disposed off, leaving it to the Officers of that Presidency either to mix them with Mr Scott's Ac= =counts, or not, as they judged proper and to make the necessary Adjustments between the two Presidencies, it was impossible me to distinguish the exact sums Mr Scott ought to be debited with, and as Copies of the Vouchers of all pay= =ments were transmitted it was to be imagined it would not be a difficult matter for the Officers of the Bengal Establishment to distinguish what sums ought to be carried to Mr Scott's Accounts.—

On reference to the records of my Office I find that Mr Farrow, on the 14.th May 1795, applied to me for Summary Vouchers for payments made by him to Bengal Troops, stating that he was to settle these Accounts with Mr Scott himself, and the Vouchers I transmitted him amounted to Pagodas 1652: 11: 65.—

Copied

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Copies having, prior to the receipt of his Letter, been transmitted to Bengal. The Records of my Office do not exhibit Vouchers or Copies of Vouchers of any further Sums paid on account of the Bengal Detachment by Mr. Garrow, after the transmission of the Documents above mentioned. It is therefore impossible for me to give any satisfactory explanation of the full amount of Pagodas 3042: 22: 62. the adjustment of the Sums advanced by Mr. Garrow took place without any communication of the Particulars with my Office. and I humbly beg leave to suggest that Mr. Paymaster Scott should have objected to the Documents offered him by Mr. Garrow when he gave his receipt for the amount, I beg further to say that this was a transaction between Messrs. Paymasters Scott and Garrow adjusted without any interference of mine, that there are a considerable part of the Vouchers, which I have never seen, and I hope my Lord you will not consider that blame can be imputed to me for transaction in which I had no concern.—

The Statement required is preparing with all expedition, and no

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20th no time shall be lost in completing it.

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

(Signed) B. Roebuck.
M. P. G.

Fort St. George
19th August 1795.

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

From W. Abbott.

From Deputy Master Attendant stating the inconvenience of sending Masoola Boats from hence to Pinconamalé.

From Lieutenant Colonel Durand.

From Commandant at Ellore requesting to be furnished with Copies of the Charges alledged against him by Mr. Collector Bracefill.

From Captain Kirkpatrick &c.

From Resident at Hydrabad requesting that the Allowances to the Persian Interpreter to the Detachment may be fixed.

From Colonel Malcolm.

From Military Auditor General stating that he cannot prepare the detailed Account of Distributions to the King's Regiments, for the period required by the Bengal Government, Major Borrisford's Statement being for a Gross Sum only. The Fort Adjutants at all Stations, except Ponamalee draw for a Writer.

From

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From Mr. Roebuck 2 Lts

From Military Paymaster General with Two additional Estimates of Cash for Wages for August.

From Officer Commanding at Nuglatore requesting an Allowance for an Interpreter, House Rent, Sweepers &c.

From Commandant at Pon-
=dicherry proposing that the French Officers still remaining at Vellore, be permitted to return to, and reside at Pondicherry upon their Parole.—

Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. Nos 104-105-106-107 108-109 110-111.—

From Lieutenant Hughes.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Sterling

To Commandant at Dindigul authorizing him to erect a New Flag Staff.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage.

To Mr. Paget.

To M. Paget returning the Passport granted to him by the Supra-visor of the Malabar province.—

To Military Auditor General—

To Colonel Malcolm

notifying an Advance ordered for the Military Paymaster General, and referring a claim of some Puckally Maistries with the Shevaiganga Expedition under Colonel Stewart's Certificate.—

To Ditto transmitting Copy of a Letter from the Resident at Hyderabad with Lieutenant Forbes's receipt for

To Ditto.

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25th the further Sum of 22,000 Rupees advanced to him. —

To Colonel Malcolm

To Military Auditor General — referring the additional Estimate from Nagore above noted.

To Mr. Roebuck

To Military Paymaster General — with the Auditor General's Report on his Additional Estimate for July.

To Captain Lennon.

To Commander of the Vigilant discharging that Vessel from the Service.

To Clerk of the Treasury.

To Clerk of the Treasury — ordering an additional advance to the Paymaster General for August. —

22nd Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in W.B. Nos 112 — 113 — 114 — 115 — 116 — 117 — 118 — 119 — 120 — 125. —

From Mr. Harington.

From Sub Secretary at Bengal — enclosing a Letter, and desiring it may be forwarded to its Address.

From Mr. Kardon.

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

From Mr. E. White.

From Acting Storekeeper in the Guntoor Circar — shall dispose of the Paddy mentioned in his letter of the 7th July to the best advantage.

From W. Harvey Esq.

From Supervisor at Calicut — has received the letter from the Supreme Government

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22nd Government forwarded from hence on the 30th Ultimo.

From Colonel Malcolm.

From Military Auditor General reporting upon Two Additional Estimates of Cash for Nagore for August.

From Lieutenant Forbes.

From House Agent at Hydrabad stating that Cornet Nuthall's Ill health has obliged him to come to Madras.

From Lieutenant Fraser.

From Lieutenant T. A. Fraser relative to certain Arrears due to the late Colonel Fraser which the paymaster at Masulipatam refuses to discharge.

From Mr. Griffiths

From Master Attendant at Pondicherry has engaged six Massoola Boats for Trincomale. The Terms.

From Messrs. Roebuck & Abbott

From Owners of the Catherine request to know if her Services will be required beyond the first period, specified in her Charter Party. Testimony of Lieutenant Colonel Bonnevaux in favor of her Commander.

From Mr. Topping

From Mr. Topping, complaining of half of the Lascars employed upon the Embankment at Masulipatam, being taken away during his Absence and of the Court Martial with which his principal overseer is menaced.

Depatched the undermentioned letters entered in M. B. No. 122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130.

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To Commandants at Arcot, Arnee, Permacoil and Conatore - apprizing them of the Nabob's complaint of the Arcot Inhabitants being forced to part with their Sheep at an inferior price. —

To Commandants at Stations. —

To Mr. Sullivan

To Attorney General with Copy of the opinion of the Advocate General at Bom= =gal upon Captain Means's claim to the Bullocks seized by him, and in respect to the Jurisdic= =tion of the Supreme Court in Prize Cau= =ses.

To Captain Read.

To Commandant in the Bay= =haul with Instructions for returning Sankhydroog the Company lately withdr= =awn from thence. —

To Mr. Secry Hay

To Secretary at Bengal advising of the arrival of the Swallow and requesting orders respecting her fustura= =tion. The Return of the Governor to the Presidency also notified. —

To Mr. Shardon.

To Acting Commissary General of Grain and provisions. Mr Shardis to be directed to receive the grain that may be tendered to him, and to hire Houses, if the Granaries ordered to be repaired be not ready for its reception. —

To Lt. Malcolm.

To Military Auditor General referring Mr Shardon's Estimates for September. —

To

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22nd.

To Military Board

To Military Board — re-
-ferring for their opinion certain papers
containing additional information regard-
-ing the State of the Granaries in the Salem
Districts. —

To Messrs. Rochuck and Abbott

To Owners of the Catherine — no
further occasion for the Services of that
Vessel. —

To Colonel Floyd.

To Commandant at Tuticorin — ly
returning the Bill sent by him on the 10th
Instant countersigned for payment. —

Substance of a letter from the Nabob.

24th. Received letter from the Nabob. Entered
in C.C. No. 81 stating that he waits in expec-
-tation of a Reply to his letter of the 16th
July last. —

Received the undermentioned letters
entered in W.B. Nos. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. —

From Commandant at Arcot. —

From Major Dallas — con-
-prove that all the Sheep killed at Arcot — p
during his Command were purchased
at the regulated price.

From Mr. Ackhoff.

From Assistant to the Resident
at Poona — with Extracts from his Letters to
the Governor General and Resident at
Hyderabad relative to Remittances for
account of the Horse Agency at Hyderabad. —

From Ditto.

From Ditto — with Ditto — upon
the same subjects. —

From

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From Mr. Roebuck

From Military Paymaster General &c with his Estimate of Cash for September.

From Subaltern Officers of 2nd Regim.t of Cavalry.

From Subaltern Officers of the 2nd Regiment of Cavalry at Conatore - soliciting a Compensation for having Kept their quarters in repair.

To Col.o Malcolm.

Sent Letter to the Military Auditor General - Entered in M. B. No 136 referring the Estimate last noted. -

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor President

Edward Saunders Esq.r

and

Ernst William Fallofield Esq.r

Tuesday 25.th August 1795.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letter from the Rajah of Calastry (Entered also in C.C. No.o 02).

Translation of a Letter From the Rajah of Calastry To the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St. George

From the Rajah of Calastry shall pay to

Dated

Received 16th August 1795.

Your Lordship's favor, every word of which

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to the Nabob, the Nuzzer fixed for his Investiture. —

which conveyed Satisfaction and Happiness to my Heart, accompanied with a Chilaat, con=
=ferred on me by your Lordship, every thread of which I considered as woven in the Manu=
=factory of Kindness, arrived in an auspicious Season, and having invested myself with the Dress I looked on it as a Source of distinction and Honor — an Honor, indeed for which I am totally unable to express the Sentiments of Gratitude I feel. —

Conformably to your gracious Com=
=mands, which, and those of the Company, (to whom I am so beholden,) I am ever bound to obey, I shall pay the Sum of One Lack of Rupees, by way of Nuzzer to his Highness the Nabob: I could never think of with=
=standing the orders of the Company (my only protectors and Patrons;) but, as your Lord=
=ship has been informed of certain particu=
=lars relative to the usage of paying Nuzzers, I shall do myself the honor to address your Lordship fully, on this subject, hereafter. —

My Prayer to the Supreme Being is, that, whilst the Earth is endued with the Lustrous Garment of the Firmament, res=
=plendent with the sparkling Radiance of the celestial Luminaries, your Lord=
=ship's Person may be arrayed in the

vesture

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vesture of daily-encreasing Honor and all prosperity.

A true Translation

(Signed) A. Falconar

Pr. Jr.

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob (entered also in C. 6 No. 83)

Translation of a Letter

From His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &c. &c. &c.

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

Dated 16th July 1795

Received 17th Do. P.

From the Nabob requesting that an encrease of Tribute be demanded from the Calastry Rajah, according to his former engagements — and that the Amount of the Nuzzer for his Investiture may be fixed.

Your Lordship's Honor and inherent Good-
-ness induce me to rely with confidence that, in
all your dealings with me, the firm and encreas-
-ing friend of the Company for these sixty
years past, you will be influenced by no other
motives than those of Justice and Propriety. —

The Zemindar of Calestry entered
into a Muchilca with me to pay annually
the Sum of 30,250 Kirk Pagodas — Thereafter
he wrote a letter intimating that he would
pay 10,000 Pagodas of the above Sum to the
Company, and the remaining 20250 Pagodas
to my Sirkar: I enclose for your Lordships
information, Translations of the Muchilca
and Letter alluded to. —

My

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My Friend - it is an established Custom that this Class of Men should be held implicitly to the payment of their stipulated Revenue - for, if any deviation be tolerated, it leads to an Infraction in their Allegiance to the Sirkar.

Now, the Summa bundy assessed on the Calestry Country, Sectrampore &c. is about two (2) Lacks of Kirk Pagodas, which, at 4 Rupees each, make eight (8) Lacks of Rupees: By levying no more than 10,000 Pagodas annually from this Zemindar, whilst he appropriates the residue, it contributes only to his Pride and consequence - the present Zemindar, also, is a person void of all Experience, and who lived at constant variance with his Father - if, therefore, the Demand of the just Revenue be withheld, it is little wonder if this man be enabled to with = = stand our Authority.

I request therefore, that the Zemin = = dar of Calestry be required to pay annu = = ally the Sum of 30,250 Pagodas in con = = formity to his solemn Engagements -

In this Event, there will be little Difficulty in settling accounts with him - and I shall, in consequence, deduct the 20,000

Pagodas

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Pagodas additional from my established Rists - for there is a Clause in the Treaty to this Effect. -

I request, moreover, you will do me the Favor to determine, and advise me of the amount of the Nuzzer which you think necessary as an acknowledgement of my authority, on the Investiture of this Zemindary. What shall I say more.

A true translation
(signed) A. Falconar
Mr Jr

Minute thereon

Agreed to acquaint his Highness that, with respect to the Tribute, there is a necessity for proceeding with peculiar caution before any alteration can be made in the Amount of the Peishcush as fixed by the Treaty between his Highness and the Company, and that, as far as the Board can judge at the moment, they are not warranted in any augmentation of the Tribute, without reference to Superior authority.

His Highness has been already acquainted with the amount of the Nuzzer to be paid by the Rajah of Calastry.

Read the following letter from the Deputy Master Attendant. To.

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To Wm. C. Jackson Esq.
Military Secretary

Sir,

From Mr. W. Abbott with a Bill for Caboosses provided by him. —

Having furnished the Garrison Storekeeper with thirty three Caboosses for the Expedition; I now beg leave to enclose the Bill with his receipt, and have to request you will be pleased to obtain an Order from Government to authorize the Civil Paymaster to discharge the amount being Star Pagodas 252 7-44.

I am

Fort St. George
14th August 1795.

Sir &c.
(Signed) W. Abbott
D. S. S.

passed. —

Ordered that the Bill be paid. —

W. Andrews Bill for presents for the King of Candia ordered to be paid.

"The Secretary lays before the Board
"a bill amounting to Pagodas 1503 for presents
"purchased by Mr. Andrews for the King of
"Candia." —

List of Presents for the King of Candia

	P	7	6
3 Pieces of Grey Cloth at 60 Pagodas ..	180		
3 D° of Black Cloth at 40 D°	120		
6 D° of Bengal Gold Flowered Muslin at 22½ Pagodas	135		
2 D° of Velvet Lustring at 30 Pas	60		
2 D° of Curpoor Cloth	55		
2 D° of Bengal Bab Shah Cloth	30		

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	P	7	C
3 Pieces of Bengal flowered Muslin	30		
1 Do of do Doreis	12		
1 Pair of large Flowered White Shaul	95		
1 Do of Shawl Samavar	66		
3 Pieces of Shawl Rojoye	100		
1 Piece of Shawl Handkerchief	22		
1 Diamond Breast Plate	945	..	..
1 Fuzee	300		
1 Duble Barrel Fuzee }	150		
1 Clock	100		
1 Pair of Trunks			

Pagodas.

(Signed) R. Andrews

Ordered that the bill be discharged on application at the Treasury.

Read the following letter from Colonel Braithwaite.—

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

My Lord,

Having had my attention lately called particularly toward the Establishment of Gun Lascars, I have wondered why the Regulations for that Establishment differ so essentially from those framed for the Native Infantry Corps—and I cannot but think it will be more for the good of the Service, while at

From Colonel Braithwaite proposing Regulations relating to the Establishment of Gun Lascars.

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at the same time it will give a greater uni-
=formity to our Native Establishment altogether,
if they are put in all essential points upon
the same footing - and under this impression,
I beg leave to submit to your consideration
the draft of an Order, which, if approved
by your Lordship in Council, and published
will have that effect. -

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

Military Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
August 18th 1795.

Government is pleased to annul such
parts of the existing Regulations for the Corps
of Gun Lascars as in any degree counteract
those for the Native Infantry on this Es-
=tablishment published in General Orders
under date the 26th September 1787, and to
order that the latter Regulations (the Ar-
=ticles authorizing the entertaining 40
Boys in each Battalion excepted) shall
henceforth be considered, in every case in
which they can be applicable to it, as
having full effect as Standing Regulations
for the Corps of Gun Lascars attached to the
Battalions of Artillery, that any Devia-
=tion from those Regulations in those
Cases, when they can be applicable, &
whether

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whether in regard to Desertion Dis-
=charging Courts Martial and Punish-
=ments Promotions and Appointments
will not hereafter be considered as having
the Authority of Government, and conse-
=quently of no Validity. and that all
Usages heretofore practised in that Corps,
except such as accord in every respect
with the Spirit and Intent of those Re-
=gulations, be, from the publication of
this Order, discontinued - and Govern-
=ment further directs, that Rolls of
all persons now holding the Situations
of Syrangs and Jeist Tindalls, who
entitle them to rank and Act as Non
Officers, in the Companies of Gun Lascars
attached to the Battalions of Artillery
shall, together with the date of each Pro-
=motion to the several gradations of
Rank, be immediately transmitted to
the Adjutant General's Office; in order
to their being laid before government
by the Commander of the Army, to the
end that Commissions may be made out
for them. -

Order thereon

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Read

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Read the following proceed-
-dings of the Hospital Board.

Hospital Board
24th. August 1795.

From Hospital Board
proposg that Mr. C.
O'neil do duty at St.
Thomé, Mr. G. Ander-
-son with the 2d.
Battalion and Mr.
Thomas Shipp and
at Royapuram dry-

Mr. Charles Oneil, Assistant Surgeon to the 3d Battalion of Native Infantry, having been in an infirm state of health for some time, a Residence on the Sea Coast has been judged necessary for him; we therefore recommend that he may be appointed to do duty at St. Thomé, in the room of Mr. Oram.

We recommend that Mr. George Anderson, Assistant Surgeon at Guntoor, be directed to do the duty of the 3rd Battalion of Native Infantry until further Orders.

As there are several European Families at Royapuram at a considerable distance from Medical Assistance, we recommend that Mr. Thomas Shipp Assistant Surgeon

Approved.

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Surgeon be removed fr[om] ...
Nellore, and appoin[t] ... to
do duty at Rajamund[ry] ...

We have the honor ... to
forward a Memorial ... from
Messrs. Gilmour, Bd a[nd]
Peyton, Assistant Sur[geons]
addressed to the Hon[ble]
the Court of Directors ...
upon the subject of Off[ice]

Signed, James Anders[on]
Physician ... Genl
" Colley L. Lucas
Chief Surgeon ...
" W Raine.
Head Surgeon ...

The Memorial will be sent to England. —

Read the following letter fr[om]
Board of Revenue. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart.

Governor in Council.

From Board of Revenue suggest that Lieutenant Oliphant's party at Manapar be reinforced and why—also a reward for Mr Powney's Akbar Nowcier — Copy of his letter inclosed.

My Lord,

We have the honor to submit, for ... your Lordship's consideration, Copy of a lett[er] from Mr. Powney, with its Enclosure, stating the expediency of reinforcing the party und[er] the Command of Lieutenant Oliphant ... Manapar, to three Companies of Sepoys.

In consequence of the circumstances mentioned

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mentioned by Mr. Powney of the good conduct of his Acbar Noweiz, stationed at Manapar, we beg leave to recommend that a remittance present equal to his allowance for a few Months be conferred on him — The Monthly pay allowed to him is Pagodas 10, in his present Station. —

We have the honor to be
Gt.a &c.a
(Signed) "
" — Chas N. White
"
" — Wm. Harington

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14.th August 1795.

Edward Saunders Esq.r
President &c.a Revenue Board
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

I think it necessary to transmit to you the accompanying Extract of a letter I have received from Lieutenant Blackhaven, altho' I am of opinion that it is improbable an attempt will be made on the person of Lieutenant Blackhaven while Tuckiachadick's family have the smallest hopes of their Chief being liberated, it will no doubt appear, to your Board, of consequence to prevent the possibility of an act of this Nature being attempted, which would inevitably occasion a warfare in that part

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part of the Country, for it is unlikely the adherents of Luckia Naick would be so handy as to engage in such an enterprize, without receiving assurances of assistance from their Neighbouring Poligars: I therefore judge it a duty incumbent on me, to recommend that Lieutenant Oliphants party be reinforced to the strength of three compleate Companies of Sepoys, which in a force, as far as relates to the attempt, as well as the tranquility of the Pollams, very adviseable to be stationed there in the present situation that Luckia Naick stands.—

The Manapar Poligars I have found more prone to quarrel with each other than any of the other Poligars under my Authority; a few angry Words between two Shepherds, from the casual trespass of each others Cattle would be a sufficient cause for the interference of their respective Chiefs, and prove the foundation of future bloodshed.— I have therefore made it my particular attention to convince the Poligars, that such disputes were not matters of variance between the two Countries but merely of two Individuals.—

It would be an Act of injustice to my Akbar Nayeez at Manapar were I to omit recommending his good Conduct to the attention of Your Board— Government have

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have dispensed Rewards to the whole Military party concerned in Securing the person of P Luckia Naick, and as my Acbar Noveez was principally concerned in that Business, and conducted himself very much to the Satisfaction of Lieutenant Oliphant P throughout the whole of that Service, I shall solicit your Board will be pleased to bestow on him some favorable marks of your approbation, In addition I am to observe of this Man that he has been extremely active in collecting the Peshcush from the Poligars in that quarter, and equally vigilant of communicating to me every occurrence worthy of my notice respecting them. —

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

(signed) George Powney Coll.

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6th August 1795.

Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Oliphant P Commanding at Manapar to Mr Powney P
dated 22nd July 1795.

A few days ago, the father of one of our Sepoys reported that, being at the Pagoda near this place to pay his devotions, he overheard a Conversation between some of Luckia Naick's people and the Pundaram of the Pagoda to the following purport, Vizt — That the former had been consulting

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with the head people at Commerwaddy, and it was proposed, as the only means of procuring liberty to their Master, that they should by force or otherwise, seize myself, and one or two more of the principal people of the Detachment, and keep us prisoners, till he should be released; This proposal was over-ruled by the Poligar's Wife, who advised waiting till they were further informed what was to become of him, observing that any attempt of that kind while he was a Prisoner would only be the means of rendering his Captivity more rigorous and probably preclude every chance there was of regaining his freedom."

True Extract

(Signed) George Powney
Collr.

/True Copies/

/Signed/ J. R. Lushington,
Act.g Dep.y Secry.

Resolutions thereon

Resolved that Colonel Floyd be directed to reinforce the party at Manapar to the strength of three complete companies of Native Infantry— Resolved also that a Sum equal to four Months Allowances be presented to Mr Powney's Acbar Nowiez, in the name of Government, as a mark of their approbation of his good conduct.

Read

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Read the following letter from the

Military Board. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart. —

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Military Board stating their opinion upon Mr Towns' Claim to a share in the Pagoda. —

We have the honor to acquaint Your Lordship that having, with much attention, entered into the merit of the claim preferred by Mr Stephen Towns to Your Lordship in his letter of the 29th June last, and referred to the consideration and report of the Military Board, by Mr Secretary Jacksons letter of the 12th July last — We have now the honor to report to Your Lordship in Council that, after a most careful examination of the records in the Adjutant Generals Office — We cannot find any such order as is stated by Mr Stephen Towns to have been published on the 28th February 1792. — We find that an order issued on the 10th of March 1794 which directed that he should receive a full share of Off reckonings for the Years 1793 and 1792, or 600 Pagodas for each of these Years; he having been a Captain on the Invalid list entitled, by his Seniority, to such shares, and it must have been on the same principle that He also received a proportioned Share for the Year 1789. —

By an order of Government 4th

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of February 1789 it is directed "that as the Euro-
"pean Invalids are not upon any fixed establish-
"ment, nor appointed with Officers as a Corps, the
"savings, after clothing these Troops, shall be divi-
"ded into shares of 600 Pagodas, and be distri-
"buted among the Field Officers and Captains
according to Seniority" from hence it appears
that Mr. Towns is in an error when he states
to Your Lordship that the Off. Reckonings
Invalid Officers were to be permanent and
invariable - the sum of each full share was
certainly determined to be permanent and
invariable but the right to share must be
subjected to variation, because the shares were
to be distributed according to Seniority, and
an Officer not entitled to a share in one year,
might be entitled to one in the year following
and vice versa - and thus Mr. Towns, although en-
-titled to a share in 1789 and 1791 and in 1792
on a distribution of the Funds of these Years
according to Seniority, was not, on that princi-
-ple, entitled to any for the year 1790, as the
amount of that Fund for that Year did not
per account give a sufficient number of
shares to entitle Mr. Towns according to his
then actual Seniority, on the Invalid List,
to a share. —

We have further the honor to ac-
-quaint Your Lordship that by a reference to
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the Agents accounts for Clothing the Army, which were laid before this Board by order of Government in 1792, with the distribution of Offreckonings for the Years 1789 and 1790, that in that for 1790 no share is allotted to Captain Towns, though a part of one is allotted to him in the distribution of 1789, and the Accounts of the Agents were approved by Government in July 1793.

Upon the whole we think it clear that Mr Towns had no claim to a share in the Offreckoning Fund, while a Captain of Invalids, for any Year, unless when the Fund for the Year admitted of a sufficient number of Shares for one, or a part of one of them to reach him as he stood in Seniority on the List of those among whom the Shares were to be distributed - and that the state of the Fund and his Situation on the List in the Year 1790 sufficiently explains that He could not be entitled to any share that year.

We have the honor to be,

Fort St George
24th August 1795.

&c. &c.
(Signed) John Brathwaite
" Henry Malcolm
" Jn. Richardson
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"
" George Hall

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Minute thereon

The Board entirely approve the opinion given in the foregoing letter upon the claim of Mr. Stephen Towns to a Share in the Off=
=reckoning Fund. —

Read the following letter from the Military Board. —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart.

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Military Board propose a Monthly allowance for the Members of the Committee of Circuit in the Baramhaul for Tents &c. —

We are honored with Your Lordships commands under date the 5th of August with its enclosures from the Officer commanding in the Baramahl; but, as we have no datum by which to discover the period of time to which the Committee of Circuit may last we recommend that the Members compo=
=sing it should receive thirty (30) Pagodas per Mensem each from the day of their assembling as an indemnification for their having provided themselves with Tents, Carriage &c. for the extent of six Months, and that should the business of the Committee render it necessary to be in motion for a longer period, We conceive that after the expiration of that term

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time their allowance should be reduced to twenty (20) Pagodas per Mensem each.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) John Brathwaite
Henry Malcolm
Jn.r Richardson
"
"George Ball.

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Resolved that the Members of the Com=
=mittee of Circuit in the Baramahal be per=
=mitted to draw each thirty Pagodas per Men=
=sem from the day of their assembling as an
indemnification for their having provided
themselves with Tents, Carriage &c. —

The President recommends that
a letter be written to Bengal, stating that
the march of Major Roberts's Detachment
for Hydrabad, and the employment of two
of our Native Battalions on the Island of
Ceylon have occasioned a deficiency in
our Native Establishment, that might render
it extremely difficult to collect a sufficient
force for any sudden emergency — and sug=
=gesting that, for the better security of our
possessions on the Coast, and to enable us,
if circumstances should require it, to

President proposes that a Reinforcement for the Coast be applied for to Bengal.

Thinks the Troops

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fit out other expeditions for foreign Service, three Battalions of Native Infantry, from the Bengal Establishment, be ordered on Service to the Coast with as little delay as possible – The President adds that the opinion his Lordship entertains of the necessity of this reinforcement has been adopted in com= =munication with, and at the recommenda= =tion of, Colonel Braithwaite. –

Approved and Ordered.

Approved and Ordered accordingly

The President informs the Board that he has received a letter from the Governor General of the 12th instant, acquainting his Lordship that one Company of Artillery and two Companies of Lascars would be immediately sent to the Coast.

President advises of a detachment of Bengal Artillery and Lascars being ordered for the Coast

" Hobart

" Com Saunders

" Ch Stuart Macleod

(signed) George Parry
Wm Jas B

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Diary

26th Received and Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in Mr Bs No. 137 138. 139. 140. 141.—

From Assistant at Poonah with Extracts of his letters to the Governor General and Resident at Hydrabad, regarding Remittances for account of the Hon.e Agency at Hydrabad.—

From Commandant of the P Army Captain Godfrey requests the Command of the Hill Fort Sagarow suggests that Captain P Peirce be notified in Orders as Acting Deputy Adjutant General and that Messrs. Mead, P Holdsworth and R Morgan be appointed P Conductors.—

From Colonel Braithwaite.—

From Captain Lennox.—

From Commander of the P Vigilant requesting to be indemnified for an Anchor and Cable lost at Trincomalé.—

To Colonel Stuart

To Colonel Stuart.—

his Indents for more Stores and provisions complied with: Mr. Morrison's appointment, and Stores Reported by him on the 12th Instant to Colonel Braithwaite, confirmed; but it is expected they will be P annulled by him as soon as they can be dispensed

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dispensed with — Six Masoola Boats will be sent to Trincomalle from Pondicherry. —

To Colonel Brathwaite.

To Commander of the Army notifying the foregoing. —

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Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in M B Nos. 142. 143. 144. —

To Messrs. Wolf and Smith. —

To Messrs. Wolf and Smith notifying the persons appointed by the Nabob to meet them, in order to adjust the Balance account: orders on the occasion. —

To Captain Clifton. —

To Commander of the Swallow Packet with orders to prepare that Vessel for proceeding to Trincomalle with provisions and Baggage for the Troops — and to receive on board the Articles that may be tendered to him —

To Ditto

To Ditto — directing them to touch at Pondicherry for six masoola Boats and at Nagore for information from the Resident, in his way to Trincomalle —

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Sent the following letter. —

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

Honble Sir.

We think it necessary to P
acquaint you that the march of Major Roberts's
Detachment for Hydrabad, and the employment
of two of our Native Battalions on the Island
of Ceylon have occasioned a deficiency in our
native establishment, that might render it
extremely difficult to collect a sufficient force
for any sudden emergency — For the better P
security, therefore, of our possessions on the P
Coast, and to enable us, if circumstances should
require it, to fit out other expeditions for P
Foreign Service, we have to request that three
Battalions of Native Infantry from the P
Bengal establishment, may be ordered on
service to the Coast with as little delay P
as possible — The opinion we entertain
of the necessity of this Reinforcement has
been adopted in communication with, and at
the recommendation of, the Officer Commanding
the Forces on the Coast. —

To Bengal R
requesting a
Reinforcement
of three Battalions
of Sepoys from
thence. —

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Our President had have the honor to receive a letter from the Governor General at the 12th. instant, acquainting him, that one Company of Artillery and two Companies of Lascars would be immediately sent to the Coast. —

We have the honor to be with respect. —

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&c. &c.
(Signed) Hobart
&c. Council

Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in Nos. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. —

To Captain Read. — To Commandant on the Baramhaul leaving it to his discretion to dispose of the Cumany Grain to the best advantage. —

To Mr. Secretary Shaw. — To Secretary at Bengal. transmitting Copy of the Military Paymaster General's letter Entered in last Diary. —

To Ditto — To Ditto — with Copies of Mysore Intelligence, and Copy of a letter from Colonel Brathwaite. —

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28th To Resident at Hydrabad desiring

To Captain Kirkpatrick. he will give orders for the Return of Captain Mackenzie to the Carnatic, where his Services are very much wanted.—

To Deputy Kings Paymaster — A

To Major Beresford.— General repeating the Boards desire that he A furnish the detailed Accounts, called for on the 2d Instant.—

To Military Auditor General — A

To Colonel Malcolm.— referring Copy of a Letter from the Resident at A Hydrabad and desiring his opinion upon the Subject of it.—

To Ditto — The Company of Sibbandy

To Ditto Troops at Chevalapetore to be put on the same footing, with respect to pay, as those doing duty in the Ceded province.—

To Commandant at Pondicherry

To Lieutenant Colonel Sterling The Two French officers at Pondicherry on leave of absence from Vellore may remain there on A Parole.—

To Board of Revenue — the party

To Board of Revenue.— at Manapar will be reinforced, and a reward granted to Mr Powney's Peons Accordg.—

To Commander of the Swallow

To Captain Clifton.— with additional Instructions for his future proceedings after

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after he shall have landed the Horses &c at P
Trincomalle.-

To Captain C.
Dighton.-

To Commandant at Sheevalapetore
-advising of the orders above given to the Auditor
General - and permitting him to promote the
Seapoys recommended by him.-

To Colonel
Floyd.-

To Ditto at Trichinopoly directing
him to reinforce the party at Manapar to the
strength of three Companies of Sepoys.-

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Edward Saunders Esqr.

and

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

Friday
28th August
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Minutes of last Consultation
read and approved.-

Read the following Letters
from Bengal.-

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George.

My Lord,

We have the honor of your L
Lordship's Letter of the 21st. ultimo, with the L
several papers referred to in it. -

We had observed that your L
Lordship's Interpretation of the Secret L
Instructions, in your Address to the Governor
of Colombo, differed from ours. We have now
only to hope, that this Intimation to Mr. L
Van Anglebeek, as it must so long have L
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afforded him an opportunity to throw Succours
into Trincomalle, unless he should be disposed
to obey the Orders of the Stadtholder, for the L
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it would have been more advisable to have
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the Invitation and Requisition founded upon it, without any reference to the Conduct of the Government of Columbo. —

We now advert to the Treaty authorized to be concluded with the King of Candia. —

With the fullest conviction that this Measure has been resolved upon by your Lordship, from an anxious desire to promote the Public Interests, We regret the necessity imposed upon us, to notice the adoption of it, as a primâ facie deviation from the Statute, which, with an exception of Cases of sudden Emergency, or imminent Danger, where Delay would be dangerous, requires, in the first Instance, the Sanction of this Government or superior Authority for the Negotiation or Conclusion of any Treaty; and, in the Second, if possible, the Insertion of a Clause in the Treaty, subjecting it to our Ratification or Rejection. —

That your Determination for entering into a Treaty with the King of Candia, is conformable to your Lordship's Construction of the Statute, We must presume:

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but, in a matter of such Importance, We could have wished the Grounds to have been explained to us in the first Instance. -

Without full Information of your Lordship's Views in making the Treaty, We cannot form a correct Judgement of the Policy of it. At present, however, considering the two Circumstances under which it is proposed to enter into an Alliance of Friendship with the King of Candia, Arguments in favour of it may be supposed, in one case, which do not occur in the other; The Admission of the British Troops into Trincomalé and Colombo, in conformity with the Orders of the Stadtholder may be deemed Evidence of a Disposition, on the part of the Dutch, to unite with those Interests, of which the Stadtholder is the Head, under the Countenance and Support of the British Nation; And the Invitation and Requisition for their Admission is combined with a Stipulation for the eventual Restoration of the Settlement, to the States of Holland. -

Considering these Circumstances, and the relative Situation of the Dutch and the

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the King of Candia, the unqualified Proposition for a Treaty with the King, communicated in Terms, which blend the Cause and objects of the Dutch and French, appears to us, to stand in opposition to the Principle on which the admission of your Troops is granted and, if the Island should hereafter be restored to the Dutch, may, as we fear, subject us to the Imputation of disregarding an Ally. If, on the contrary the Possession of the Island should remain with the English, a Treaty might hereafter have been made, with every advantage of previous Information as to the relative situation of the contracting Parties. -

If the Measure were still open to Qualification, We should suggest the following Principles for regulating the Treaty with the King of Candia. -

That, if, for the purpose of obtaining Possession of Trincomalle, or, eventually, of the other Dutch Possessions in Ceylon, or to secure the Possession, when obtained, the Assistance, or even the Neutrality, of the King of Candia were essential, a Treaty with him, under such circumstances,

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if his Neutrality or Cooperation could not be obtained without it, would be expedient; and the Instructions for the Execution of the Measure should be provisionally formed by these Considerations. -

We have already approved the Expedition against Malacca, and We acknowledge, with much satisfaction, the very great Dispatch with which the Troops Ordnance and Stores have been made ready, and embarked for the two Expeditions. -

your Lordship's Orders respecting the Dutch Troops, do not appear to us, to provide for the possible case of their continuing in the Service of the Dutch, in the Event of the voluntary admission of our Forces; and, as the Continuance of part of them on the Spot, in His Majesty's Service, agreeably to the Letter from the Secretary of State, may be expedient if not necessary, for the future Protection of the Settlement, against the French, We are of opinion, that a Discretion should have been vested in the Commanding Officers, to retain such part of them, as they might judge proper, under a Knowledge of their Dispositions and

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the exigency of the Circumstances.—

We do not observe any notice
taken of the Instructions, contained in the
Secretary of State's Letter of the 19th. of February,
that, in the event of the Reduction of any of
the Dutch Settlements by force, the Property
which has, usually, in such Cases, fallen to
the Captors, is not to be considered as acquired
for their Advantage, but is to remain in P.
safe Deposit, untill His Majesty's Pleasure
shall be known.—

From the Information which
we have received of the State of Malacca, We have
room to believe that it will be surrendered at
the first summons, but, in the Event of a P
Disappointment in Obtaining Possession of it,
We do not observe that any Instructions are
given for the future Disposition or Rendezvous
of the Troops.—

We entirely approve the Deputa-
tion of Major Macdonald to Batavia, with
the Prince of Orange's Letters to the Government
there, and also the Letter written by your
President, on the occasion, to the Governor
General.—

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It remains only to notice your Reply to the Articles of Capitulation offered by the Government of Pulicat, and to express our Concurrence in your Lordship's Answers to the several Articles proposed by them. —

We have the Honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ Robt. Abercromby
P. Speke

Fort William
10th. August 1795

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

My Lord,

From Bengal directing the Revocation of Lieutenant Colonel Youngs appointment to a Seat at the Military Board.

We have been honored with your Letter of the 3d. Ultimo, stating reasons for postponing a compliance with our Letter of the 15th June, relative to the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Younge to be a Member of the Military Board at your Presidency, until the Sentiments of the Honble Court of Directors are received upon it. —

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It is with regret we feel ourselves compelled to declare that the Reasons stated by your Lordship in Council, do not appear to us sufficient to justify this [illegible] postponement, and that we are therefore under the necessity of confirming our former opinion. It would give us great pleasure to meet the wishes of your Lordship in Council to wait the result of your reference to the Honble Court, did a sense of duty admit of it, but convinced as we are of the great weight of the objections to the arrangement, and of the consequent certainty of its being disapproved by the Honble Court, we feel it incumbent on us to desire the Revocation of Lieutenant Colonel Youngs Appointment, and that the alterations made in consequence of it, as pointed out in our letter of the 15th June, may be carried into immediate execution.-

We have the honor to be

&c &c

Fort William
10th of August 1795.

/Signed/ J Shore
Robt Abercromby
O Speke
Wm Cowper

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Resolved, after the most mature consideration of the foregoing letters, that the following answer be returned. —

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

at Fort William

Honorable Sir,

To Bengal in reply to the two foregoing letters.

Par 1st. We have had the honor of receiving your letter of the 10th. instant, and have much satisfaction in being able to inform you, that, no ill consequences have arisen from the mode we took of Communicating the orders of the Prince of Orange to the Government of Columbo — Indeed the apprehension you seem to have entertained of opportunity having been offered, by that mode, of succours being thrown into Trincomale, in the event of a disregard to the orders of the Prince of Orange, did not strike us in the same light, because, we had limited the period of Major Agnew's staying at Columbo — we knew that it was not possible for succours to be sent in time by land — we had reason to believe that the season of the year rendered it nearly impracticable for Troops to embark from Columbo and we had the most sanguine expectations of the Commodore's arrival at Trincomalé before any

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any reinforcement could have been sent by Sea. We are much gratified in having it in our power to add, that the information upon which we acted proved perfectly correct, in every point. It is particularly to be remarked that altho' Major Agnew only remained three days at Columbo, he did not arrive at Trincomale before the Commodore.

2d. Instead of transmitting the order of the Prince of Orange, in the first instance, to the Governor of Columbo, to whom they were addressed, had we applied to the officer commanding at Trincomale, to whom the Prince of Orange had not written, we conceived that his reply would have been, that he was under the orders of the Government of Columbo, and consequently bound to obey any directions he might receive from them, and that, without their authority, he could not give up to any foreign power, the Fort entrusted to his charge. Under such a dilemma it would have been difficult for the officer commanding his Majesty's Naval and land Forces to have known how to act. The necessity of waiting until communication could be had with the Government of Columbo, which could

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not have been expected in less than 20 days, might have been so strongly urged, as scarcely to be resisted — A conditional surrender of the place, to be restored if the Government of Columbo disavowed the orders of the Prince of Orange, would have been inadmissible and an unconditional one, from the Officer Commanding could not have expected — Thus circumstanced, & Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stuart would have been placed in a predicament of extraordinary difficulty, and might perhaps hereafter have been accused of being instrumental to an unnecessary effusion of blood. —

3. By the mode we have adopted not one hour's time has been lost, and we have implicitly obeyed the instructions from England — But had we deviated from those instructions and caused the Prince of Orange's Letter to be delivered to a subordinate Officer, in the place of delivering it, as addressed, to the Government of Columbo, & experience has shewn the embarrassment it would have created, since the Officer Commanding in Trincomalé is so wedded to forms, that he has resisted the order of Governor Van Angelbeek founded on the Prince of Orange's Letter, because his signature was not accompanied by that of

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the Majority of the Council. —

4th. We are ready to admit the ℔ unreasonableness of judging of any Circumstances by the event, but we are confident that we ℔ took every precaution that seemed requisite, at the time; and we know that the event, as far as it depended upon us, has completely justified our proceedings. —

5th. We should be deeply concerned at the heavy censure cast upon our Conduct by the opinion recorded by the Supreme ℔ Government, of our having been guilty of a primâ facie deviation from the Statute, if we were not conscious that such an imputation is not justly attributable to us. We are ℔ satisfied that the spirit and letter of the ℔ Statute will bear us out in every Step we have taken; and we have a firm reliance on a ℔ liberal and unbiassed consideration of our ℔ measures by the Court of Directors. —

6th. The words of the Statute ℔ warrant us in entering into a treaty, in the Event of a sudden emergency; words ℔ undoubtedly of an indefinite meaning, but

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which are not difficult to be understood. Our
opinion is, that every measure to be taken, with
respect to Ceylon, was emergent and sudden:
that there was reason to expect a Rupture from
Europe between Ships of war belonging to us,
and to the French; and that if a reinforcement
arrived from France, before we were, to a
certain degree, established upon the Island, we
might relinquish all expectation of a favorable
negotiation with the King of Candia, at P
fear, or an attention to his own interest P
would probably in that case have induced him
to maintain his present connection with the
Dutch. -

When the immediate preparations
necessary for the expeditions had been made,
and we had leisure to consider the difficulties
the Troops might eventually be involved in,
through the want of a supply of Fresh provisions
on the Island of Ceylon, a negotiation with the
King of Candia suggested itself to us, as the P.
most probable, and indeed only certain means
of securing such supply - We were also sensible
of the advantages which might result from
a Commercial connection with him - These P

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circumstances however did not strike us forcibly until the expedition was within a few days of sailing, when the delay of a reference to Bengal would, probably, have defeated every advantage expected from the negotiation – In confirmation of our sentiments respecting our being warranted to act, as in a sudden emergency, we have to adduce the authority of the Secretary of State; who, Considering the emergency of the case, ordered the Officer Commanding the Forces upon the Coast, to open the despatches addressed to the Commander in Chief in India, and take such measures for the execution of the instructions therein contained as he would do, in the event of their being immediately addressed to him – so that our opinion, with regard to the sudden emergency, is evidently consonant to that of his Majesty's Secretary of State for the war Department, who is also at the head of the Board of Controul – We might add of the Secret Committee also who have addressed their orders directly to us, without, as in ordinary cases transmitting their instructions, in the first instance, to the Supreme Government. –

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8th. Having shewn that a sudden & emergency did exist, we have now to prove our further adherence to the Statute, by the following quotation of the instructions to Mr. Andrews, of which you have been furnished with a copy — "The Treaty, however, is to be merely preliminary "to a more Comprehensive treaty of Alliance and "Commerce, the articles of which must be submitted "to the Board before they can be executed, with a "view to communication being had with the Supreme "Government, previous to its' final ratification." If therefore the treaty should be such as the Supreme Government do not approve, we shall, no doubt, be directed to with-hold a ratification; and, in reserving the subject for their consideration, we presume we have strictly attended to the provisions of the Statute. —

9th. We do not conceive that the Island of Ceylon belongs exclusively to the Dutch, nor are we aware that they would have any reasonable ground of Complaint against us, at any time, for endeavouring to procure the King of Candia's consent to our forming a settlement upon that Island, for the purpose of Trade — but we have indeed a strong existence in point, to

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shew what might be expected from them in the pursuit of their Commercial objects, by their frequent attempts to enter into a treaty of Commerce with the Nabob of the Carnatic, with a view to carry on a Trade in the Tinnevelly Country, to the positive exclusion of all other European Nations; and we know that they were never deterred from a perseverance in that object from an idea of it's interfering with the Company's investment; and therefore we did not feel ourselves bound to consider the connection of the Dutch with the King of Candia, as an obstacle (when Political Motives might cease to operate against it) to the extension of our Commercial concerns to the Island of Ceylon — the importance of which can hardly be questioned, as there can be little doubt that the liberal and fair manner in which the English carry on their trade, compared to the narrow and disgusting commercial System of the Dutch, would speedily draw a considerable portion of the trade of the Island into our hands, and might, ultimately, prove a source of essential benefit to the interests of the East India Company.

10th We were not at War with the Dutch, when an attempt of a similar

nature

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nature was made by Mr Pigots Government, and it was only relinquished, because, Hostilities having commenced with Spain, it was not judged prudent to take any measure which was calculated to give umbrage to the States General — If, therefore, at any period of peace, we could have been ¶ justified in forming a Settlement on that Island, it does not occur to us why our being at War with the bulk of the Dutch Nation - our expending our money — and hazarding our Troops, to preserve their settlements on the Island of Ceylon for the remnant of that people who adhere to the Prince of Orange, should preclude us from making an ¶ attempt which was deemed warrantable under ¶ circumstances of perfect Amity. —

We have, however, expressly instructed Mr. Andrews to shape his conduct to the actual situation in which we may stand with the Dutch. —

11th As to blending the cause and objects of the Dutch and French, the Principle upon which we have acted with regard to Ceylon renders that inevitable. If the Dutch Settlements should hereafter be restored, it does not seem unreasonable, that we should derive some ¶ recompence and advantage, for the exertions we shall

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shall have made to prevent their falling into the hands of the French — If they remain with us, we shall have little difficulty in rendering any arrangement we may think proper to enter into with the King of Candia applicable to existing circumstances. —

12th When we are made acquainted with the State of affairs at Trincomalé, of which we are in daily expectation, and how far Mr. Andrews may have proceeded in the execution of his instructions, we shall be able to decide whether the measure is still open to the qualification you have suggested. —

13th Our orders to Colonel Stuart and Major Brown, for sending the Dutch European Troops to Madras, had no other view than to prevent the possibility of those Troops uniting with the French, in case of any attempt on the part of the latter to wrest the possessions out of our hands — It occurred to us that such an attempt might be made at some future period, and we therefore judged that it would be more prudent to rest the defence of the important Posts of Trincomalé and Malacca on our own Troops alone, than to repose a confidence

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in Foreign Troops, whose principles, in the H
hour of danger, could not perhaps have been H
relied on. —

14th The letter of the 19th of February
last, from the Secretary of State, having been H
addressed to the Commander in Chief, it was H
thought right that the instructions respecting the
Dutch Property should be given by Colonel H
Braithwaite, to Colonel Stuart and Major Brown,
and you will find that to have been the Case, on
reference to Colonel Braithwaite's report to Sir
Robert Abercromby dated the 23d. ultimo — It is
possible there may have been an omission in
not providing for a failure at Malacca, but we
take for granted that the Troops would either
return immediately to Madras, or rendezvous
at Prince of Wales's Island — at all events
it appears to us that the Commodore and H
Colonel Braithwaite have acted judiciously
in leaving it to the discretion of the officers
employed upon that service. —

15th We are to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter dated the 10th instant, acquainting us
that you feel it incumbent upon you to desire
the revocation of Lieutenant Colonel Young's
appointment

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appointment, and that the alterations made in Consequence of it, as pointed out in your letter of the 15th. of June, should be carried into immediate execution — We shall pay implicit obedience to this order — But, after the very earnest manner in which we urged the Supreme Government to acquiesce in our application — & that the question relative to Major Yonge and Captain Dallas should wait the decision of the Court of Directors, we are to lament that our several representations upon that subject have proved fruitless — we lament it not mouly on account of the officers themselves, but because it has manifested to the Public that we have not that influence with the Supreme Board, which, in times like these & present, is peculiarly necessary to the — & successful administration of the business of Government —

We have the honor to be with respect —

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&c. &c.
/Signed/ Hobart
&c. Council

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The President lays before the Board the following Letter addressed to his Lordship by Sir John Shore — with the reply thereto. —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

&c &c &c

My Lord

I have the honor to reply to your Lordships Letter of the 29th ultimo from Ganjam. —

I concur with your Lordship in the propriety of the mode which you have adopted for augmenting your Army by adding to the existing Companies, in preference to forming additional ones. —

A Detachment of Artillery, consisting of one Company of Europeans and two of Lascars, will be sent to the Coast with all possible expedition, our Artillery Corps is too weak to admit of a larger supply. —

No convenience can result from the Transmission of the Statholder's Letters to us. I conclude that your Lordship has forwarded those relating to the Dutch Settlements on the Malabar Coast to the Government of Bombay, although I should be happy to find that

From Sir John Shore to Lord Hobart — approves the Statholders orders for the Malabar Coast, will have been sent to the Bombay Government — reasons for the resolutions upon the Nizam's requisition for additional Troops detailed — but leaving the final decision thereon to His Lordship's discretion. —

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that they had been sent to the Superviser or Commanding Officer on the Malabar Coast.

With respect to the application of the Nizam for the Assistance of our Troops, I think it necessary to enter into a Detail of the Reasons which influenced our Resolutions upon that Subject. —

My opinion of the obligation imposed upon us, by the Treaty, to furnish the Nizam, on his Requisition, with a Detachment of our Troops, is conformable to that entertained by your Lordship, and my Instructions to the Resident at Hydrabad, long ago, conveyed these Sentiments to him, with an intimation that I wished the Troops to be relieved from the disgraceful Services on which they were usually employed. But it is to be remembered that the same Treaty, which gives us a Right to Guntoor, authorizes the claim of the Nizam to our Troops, and that the exercise of our Right in resuming Possession of that District was immediately followed by a Notification of the claim on the part of his Highness. The obligations of

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the Treaty derive additional Strength from this Consideration. —

The desire of the Nizam for additional assistance stands upon different grounds; and, for a Compliance with it, if practicable, the following Considerations occur. —

If the Preservation of the Nizam's Power be deemed of importance to the Security of the Company, which I believe is an admitted Point, it becomes our Interest to support his Government as far as it can be done with a probability of Success, and without much Inconvenience, or the risque of involving ourselves in the consequences of its Subversion; and, although there is too much probability that this Event will take place, we may without calculating the possible consequences of it conclude that it is essentially for our advantage to protract it. —

If the value and importance of our Friendship and Assistance are to be estimated by the exigency for them, there is no Period in which the Grant of them could be made with more favourable Impression and Effect, than under the present

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present circumstances of Loss and disgrace sustained by the Nizam, in his late contest with the Mahrattas; the Disappointment in his Expectations of our Interposition; & the Embarrassments in his Government, by the Insurrection of his Subjects, the Defection of his Son, and even the Fears of the Nizam for his personal Safety. –

The present State of his Administration appears very perilous; and if the Commotions excited by Sudderahee Ruddy, and in Kurpah, should not be speedily quelled, they may probably lead to Disturbances in other parts of his Dominions. If, by the moderate Assistance proposed to be given to the Nizam, in addition to that which we are bound by Treaty to furnish, the progress of Commotion and Disaffection in his Dominions should be suppressed, we establish a claim upon the attachment of our ally, by rendering him a most important Service at the Expence of little exertion. –

The recall of Baptiste's Corps from our Frontier is also a consideration of great Importance; and, without discussing

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our Right to insist upon that point, or the Policy of enforcing it, I shall observe that, under the relative circumstances of the Nizam and the Company their Dignity cannot be affected by an Accommodation which provides for the safety of the Nizam as much as it removes a Ground of Apprehension to us. —

I shall not pursue the Reflections suggested by these observations, as far as they might obviously be carried; they are sufficient to satisfy me of the Policy and Propriety of the measure, and have the concurrence of my Colleagues. But the Security of the Company's Possessions is paramount to all other considerations, and as your Lordship seems to be of opinion that the State of our Troops, particularly since the late Embarkations, is insufficient to authorize any Detachment towards Rurpah in addition to the Two Battalions, I leave the final Decision upon the application, from the Resident at Hydrabad, to your Lordship's Discretion, and I shall communicate this Determination to him. —

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It is possible that the exegency of the case may not now be so urgent as it at first appeared; or, on the other hands, that the Embarasments of the Nizam may have increased to a degree, as to render the additional force which can be spared for his assistance of no utility; and on one supposition it would be unnecessary, on the other imprudent, to order the Detachment.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) J. Shore

Calcutta
12th August 1795

To Sir John Shore Bart

&c &c &c

Sir,

From Lord Hobart to Sir John Shore — in reply to the foregoing.—

Last night I had the honor of receiving your letter of the 12th Instant.—

An official letter which was prepared yesterday, will convey to you an application for three Battalions of Sepoys from Bengal to collect a sufficient force for any sudden emergency — for the better security of our possessions on the Coast, and to put it in our power, if circumstances should require it, to fit out other expeditions for foreign service.—

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Our situation with respect to A
Artillery will be much relieved by the detachment
of one Company of Artillery, and two of Lascars
you have ordered to join us. -

It did not appear to us that it
would have been proper to have otherwise disposed
of the Prince of Orange's letters to the Dutch A
Settlements on the Malabar Coast, than by A
forwarding them direct to the Bombay Government,
as we conceived all measures to be taken upon
them, would spring from thence. -

You seem to agree with me
in the objections to the measure of sending the
detachment solicited by the Nizam for quelling
the disturbances, and enforcing the internal A
management of the Rurpah Country, upon
a general principle; and you tell me that A
your instructions to the Resident at Hydrabad
long ago "conveyed your sentiments to him, with
"an intimation that you wished the Troops to
"be relieved from the disgraceful services on
"which they were usually employed" - I have
only to observe that these very disgraceful
services are precisely those for which this
detachment is desired, with the addition of
their being likely to be employed against A

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a fond ally, one of the most formidable Chiefs in the Nizam's Army - so that, if our detachment is not very respectable in point of number, we must expect to encounter not only disgrace but defeat. -

As I am not in possession of the orders of the Court of Directors with respect to the political administration of affairs in this Country, and as I have not the opportunity of seeing the Communications made to you, as Governor General, concerning the Politics and situation of the several Native powers of Indostan, any opinion I can give must be of a partial nature, and under a local view of the subject - If therefore you and your Colleagues who, you say, concur with you in the policy and propriety of the measure, and who are, together with you, possessed of all the information requisite, to enable you to decide upon it, are persuaded it ought to be carried into execution, the insufficiency of my means of forming a satisfactory opinion, independent of many other considerations, would furnish an ample reason for your considering my objections deserving of little attention. -

In all cases wherein it would not be positive intrusion in me, the interests I take

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I take in the public welfare, will ever induce me
to offer my sentiments, but they will only ¶
constitute a part of that general information ¶
upon which your deliberations are made, and must
be very incomplete for the reasons I have before
stated.—

You have been apprized that
my ideas are decidedly against furnishing this
detachment to the Nizam, and you acquaint
me, that you and your Colleagues / having before
you all the political motives which should ¶
govern your determination / are clearly in favor of
the measure. you hold out to me the necessity
of supporting the Nizam, and the danger of ¶
leaving him to his fate; and you throw all the
responsibility of withholding the detachment
upon me, as well as the risk of furnishing it— and
you have done this with the conviction that ¶
I have great repugnance to sending the Troops
to Kurpah strengthened considerably by the
actual posture of affairs— Thus circumstanced
I cannot decide the question without exposing ¶
myself to serious animadversion, and that at a
time when I can encourage no hope of my ¶
conduct being favorably considered.—

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The situation in which you have placed me by this communication is certainly of peculiar difficulty and embarrassment — and I feel it the more, from some recent events, upon which I cannot candidly express my sentiments without hazarding an infringement of my public duty. Under this impression, I am to acquaint you that, however I may be disposed, perhaps too much so, to take responsibility upon myself whenever the public service may require it, circumstances do not appear to me, upon the present occasion, so urgent, as to preclude a further reference to you — I must therefore decline taking any steps upon the measure, save only, having Troops in readiness to obey your orders to march into the Nizam's Country, if you shall so determine — and with a view to enable you to come to a determination as far as any information I can give, can assist you upon the point, I enclose a state of our Army, and have to add, that we have at present no internal disturbances in the Country, nor any orders from home with respect to foreign detachments, except those of which you are already apprized. —

Your opinion, I take for granted, will turn upon the policy of the measure

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under existing circumstances, and with a comprehensive view of the general situation of Politics in India of which I could only be an imperfect judge. —

I am to request that, in the event of your ordering a detachment to march into the Rurpah Country, you would specify the number of which it is to Consist. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

/Signed/ Hobart

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The Swallow Packet to carry Naval and military Stores to P. Trincomale.

The President recommends that the Swallow Packet be sent to Trincomale with Naval and Military Stores — and that the Commander be ordered to touch at Pondicherry for six masoola Boats that are very much wanted at Trincomalé —

Approved and ordered

Ordered accordingly. —

Read the following letter from Colonel Braithwaite —

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From Colonel Brathwaite with a letter & from Colonel Stuart. The approaches against Trincomale began

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council the Copy of a Letter I yesterday received from Colonel Stuart, and a Copy of my reply.-

I have the honor to be with great respect.-

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
August 27th 1795.

&c &c
/Signed/ John Brathwaite

To Colonel Brathwaite

Commanding the Army on the East

&c &c &c

Sir,

Every thing being in readiness for begining our approaches against the Fort of Trincomalé I have the Honor to acquaint you that we began last night to break Ground, and carried on our approach about 300 yards, notwithstanding the Enemy's firing briskly upon us, the greatest part of the time, but without effect as we had not a man hurt tho' working within nearly 600 yards of the Fort.

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I hope we shall be able to complete a parallel to night
and the Night following begin to construct our Battery,
within 600 yards of the place — But We are miserably
off in point of Numbers, not having a Relief for our
working and Covering Partys — every exertion however
shall continue to be made, and no time shall be lost
in endeavouring to bring the Business to a speedy,
and, I trust, an honorable Conclusion on our part. —

I am happy to inform you
that our Supplys of Cattle &c. from the Country
now begin to be tolerably ample, in so much that
I am hopefull, we shall soon be able to furnish
the Europeans daily with Fresh Provisions, and,
tho', perhaps, at a dearer Rate than they would
be in the Carnatick, yet at much less Expence
than by supplying them with Salted meat. —

Not considering the present
Conveyance a Boat bound for Negapatnam to be
perfectly safe, I do not choose to be more particular.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Stuart

Camp before Trincomale
19th August 1795.

As I do not write to Government by the
present Conveyance I must request you having the Goodness
to communicate the Contents of this Letter
(Signed) J. S.

True Copy
(Signed) Wm. Wilson
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To Colonel Stuart

Commanding the Land Forces on the Expedition to

Trincomale.

Sir,

I had yesterday the honor to receive your Letter of the 19th instant by the Capal from Negapatam, and Major Beresford being with me at the time, I gave it to him to show to Lord Hobart, who, when he returned it, informed me that the Swallow Packet should be dispatched for Trincomalé this day, which affords me the opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of your letter. –

Since the enmity and ambiguous Conduct of the Dutch Governor rendered it necessary for you to determine on hostile measures, I am glad that you have begun them with so much activity, and without sustaining any loss by your first approach; and I am well inclined to believe you will bring the business to a speedy and honorable conclusion on your part. –

I am sorry to find that you feel yourself deficient in Numbers, as from what I myself know of the Forts Trincomalé and Ostenburg and their situation in 1775, when I was there – the knowledge I had of the Force successfully employed

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employed to reduce them in the year 1781, and the best information I could get of their present situation, I concluded the Numbers sent with you amply sufficient. —

I am glad to hear that the measures taken by you have proved so successful in regard to procuring provisions from the interior of the Island, and, as the King of Candy seems so well disposed, I trust your supplies from the Island will become plentiful and Regular. —

In the event of your success, you will, of Course, immediately inform me of any wants you may have, and Contrive that a sufficient Vessel may come with your dispatch, to convey such things as it may be necessary to send to you, so as to put you at ease in regard to Stores and Provisions after seeing what you may have acquired with the Forts — or, if you could form some Judgement immediately, it might be well, as we have not above Six Weeks to the Monsoon — which will render the Communication with you precarious, and possibly Impracticable for some Weeks. —

By the enclosed Copy of a letter from Government to me, you will see, that the appointments you have found it necessary to

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make have been confirmed. –

I shall endeavour to send to you what little news we have, in a separate Letter. –

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your very obedient Servant
(Signed) John Braithwaite

Head Quarters
Near Madras
August 27th 1795.

True Copy
(Signed) Wm Wilson
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The following letter having been approved in Consultation was yesterday despatched to Mr. Powney. –

To

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

Sir.

To Collector at Ramnad with Instructions for obtaining possession of the Dutch Settlements upon the Coast. —

As information has been received that hostilities had actually commenced between the British Forces under the Command of Lt Colonel Stuart, and the Garrison of Trincomale, the Right Honble the President in Council desires you will not lose a moment in adopting the necessary measures for taking possession, in the Name of his Majesty, of the Settlements on the Coast belonging to the Dutch Nation, and dependent upon the Government of Columbo. —

The President in Council is not aware that Tutacoryn, has the means of Defence; and Consequently, concludes that Obedience will be paid to your Summons for its Surrender to the British Troops — If however there be any likelihood of resistance, you will consult with Lieutenant Colonel Campbell, the Officer Commanding at Palamcotah, with respect to the Force that may be necessary to compel Obedience — and act according to his opinion. —

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Whether the Dutch Settlements be taken possession of by force or otherwise, you will be extremely careful that all property public and private, be in no respect interfered with until the further orders of Government are communicated to you – It will be necessary however, that an inventory of the public property should be taken, and proper persons appointed to the charge of it. You are authorized to call for the assistance of Military Force from Lieutenant Colonel Campbell or any other officer, but, in so doing, it will be proper that you transmit a copy of these orders. –

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I am &c. &c.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
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" Hobart
" E. W. Saunders
" E. H. Fallofield

Ex. Geo. Parry
Wm. Hy. B

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Diary

Sent letter to the Nabob, entered in

Substance of letter to the Nabob — C: C: No 84 informing him that the Gratuity &
Tribute cannot, in the opinion of the Board, be
augmented without reference to superior authority—
and, as the Rajah is ready to pay the Nuzzer of
one Lack of Rupees, requesting his Highness will
proceed without delay to his Investiture. —

Received a letter from the Superviser

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From Mr. Steven — of Calicut, entered in M: B: No 157, enclosing a letter
~~with the Supreme Government.~~

Dispatched the undermentioned letters
entered in M: B: Nos 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. —

To Commandant in the Baramhaul

To Captain Read — authorizing an allowance of 30 Pagodas per mensem
to each of the Members of the Committee of Circuit,
on account of Tents, Carriage &c: —

To Mr. Secretary Hay — To Mr. Secretary Hay — forwarding
the letter above noted. —

To Civil Paymaster General —

To Mr. Macleod — transmitting a list of Dutch Prisoners of
War, with the sum to be drawn by each —
the public Money at Pulicat how to be
disposed of. —

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To Colonel Wathins

To Commander of the Army - advising him of Major Agnew being allowed a Gratuity of 500 Pagodas on account of his Mission to Columbo - and expressing the Board's sense of the Zeal and ability manifested by him on that occasion - the application of Captain Cockburn for full Batta - inadmissible.

To Captain Lennon

To Commander of the Vigilant - informing him that his application, as noted in Cash Diary, is inadmissible.

31. Received the following letters.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

Report of the Auditor General on Mr. Roebuck's Estimate for September

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of September 1795, I have the honor to report, that the sum of one Lack, Seventy two thousand, eight hundred and sixteen Pagodas, thirty two fanams, and fifty two Cash (Pagodas 1,72,816. 32.52) is required for the payment of such Military Charge as become due upon the first of the ensuing Month.

From the General Treasury	1,09,465.39.60
By Bills upon the Military Paymaster General	63,350.34.72
	Pagodas 1,72,816.32.52

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This sum is exclusive of what may be found necessary to pay the Troops within the Department of the Paymaster at Chicacole &c. the Estimate of Mr. Wilson the Paymaster at that Station, not having been forwarded for examination with the others.

The sum herein reported upon as requiring to be advanced to the Military Paymaster General, does not include one thousand, four hundred, and fifty Seven Pagodas Seventeen fanams, and forty Cash / Pagodas 1,457.17.40 / in the Ongole Estimate under the head of "Commissary General "of Grain and Provisions," as the advances for the latter Department, fall to be applied for, and brought to account, according to the present System, under the Monthly Estimate of the acting Commissary General of Grain and provisions.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
/ Signed / Henry Malcolm
Milty Audr Genl

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 31st. August 1795

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

My Lords,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Sachsen's Letter of the 21st. Instant, with the Estimate of the expected Disbursements, in

Ditto - Ditto - in Mr. Sharden's Estimate for the Grain and provision Department for September

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in the Department of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for the Month of September 1795, and to report thereon as follows

	Pr.	Fs.	C.
Expected Disbursements at Madras	165	31	—
Chingleput &c:	223	—	—
Vellore &c:	131	—	—
Tanjore	12	27	—
Palamcotah	4,815	31	40
Baramahl	121	—	—
Chicacole	500	—	—
Ongole	1597	10	40
Pagodas	7,566	16	—

From the total amount of expected Disbursements as above stated, the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions deducts the following sums, as not issuable from the Treasury at the Presidency, but payable from the Subordinate Treasuries, for which Bills will be drawn upon them, and transferred through the General Treasury.

	Pr.	Fs.	C.
Madras	165	31	—
Chingleput	223	—	—
Baramahl	121	—	—
Chicacole	500	—	—
Ongole	1597	10	40
Pagodas	2,606	41	40

Consequently the Amount issuable at the

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the Presidency on Account of Disbursements in
September 1795, as per Estimate of the acting
Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, it
Four thousand, nine hundred, and fifty nine
Pagodas, sixteen fanams, and forty Cash / Pagodas
4,959.16.40/ — I have the honor to be,

Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St George 31st August 1795

Sir
Your most
obedient Servant
/ Signed / Henry Malcolm
Mily Asst Genl

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council
/ Fort St George

My Lord.

Ditto. Ditto — on
Account of the
Bullock agency for
September. —

I have the honor to repeat as follows
upon the General Estimate of the acting Principal
Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for the
Months of September 1795, accompanying Mr Secretary
Jackson's letter of the 21st instant. — Fo Fo

Madras		574. 7.	—
Arnee, Vellore and Ambore		17.	—
Tanjore		120. 9.	24
Palamcotah		207. 24.	60
Baramahl		150.	—
Chicacole		500.	—
Ishapore District		60.	—
Ongole		2,854. 7.	32.
Major Robertson's Detachment		1773. 36.	—
Pagodas		6,258. 18.	36

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From the total amount of disputed Disbursements as above stated, the Acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks deducts the following sums, as not specifable from the General Treasury at the Presidency, but payable from the Subordinate Treasuries, for which Bills will be drawn upon them, and transferred through the General Treasury.—

		Ps. F. G.
Madras	(Cash in hand)	3,757.24.36
Vellore	do do	17.—
Baramahl		150.—
Chicacole		500.—
Ittchapore District		60.—
Major Roberts's Detachment		173.36
	Pagodas	6,258.12.36

Consequently there will be no advance necessary from the General Treasury on account of the General Estimate in this Department for September 1795.—

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I have the honor to be
Sir. Your
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily Acctt Genl

Received the undermentioned letters entered in M. B. Nos. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170.—

From Major Roberts

From Major Roberts — commences his March towards Hydrabad on the 18th Instant.—

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F From Military Board — From Military Board — of opinion that Mr Hurdis should undertake the repair of the Granaries in the Salem District — copy of a letter from the Contractor for Repairs enclosed

F From Mr Roebuck — From Military Paymaster General — with an additional Estimate of Cash required by him in September —

F From Ditto — From Military Paymaster General — with Chitticole Estimate for September —

F From Colonel Braithwaite — From Commander of the Army — submitting a letter from the Subaltern Officers at Tachanore, stating the loss they sustain by being paid in fanams — and Estimates for repairing the Hospital Barracks and Guard room at Pondicherry

F From Mr Morten — From Paymaster at Palamcotah — requesting leave to draw on Madras for Cash, Mr Collector Conroy, being unable to supply the amount of his abstracts for September — his Office much in want of Repairs —

F From Board of Revenue — From Board of Revenue — with Copy of a letter from the Collector at Masulipatam, containing further intelligence relative to Boopiah —

F From Lieutenant Hing — From Officer Commanding at Tiagar — stating that the Colleries are become very troublesome in that Neighbourhood

Dispatched

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters

Entered in M: B: No.s 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. —

To Colonel Billiff — To Commandant at Masulipatam directing him immediately to allot 150 Lascars to Mr. Topping — and to relieve Serjeant Hughes from his Arrest and place him under Mr. Topping's sole Authority, until further orders. —

To Colonel Malcolm — To Military Auditor General — referring the Chicacole Estimate for September —

To Mr. Roebuck — To Military Paymaster General transmitting for his information the report of the Auditor General upon the two additional Estimates from Vizagapore —

To Ditto — To Ditto — with Copy of Ditto Ditto — upon his Estimate for September —

To Mr. Shardon — To Mr. Shardon — with Ditto — Ditto — upon his Estimates for the Grain and Provision Department, and Bullock Agency, for September. —

To Clerk of the Treasury — To Clerk of the Treasury — ordering sundry advances to Mr. Roebuck and Mr. Shardon on the above Accounts. —

To Messrs. Wolf and Smith — To Messrs. Wolf and Smith — the Kistbundy Account submitted by them being approved, a copy to be furnished to the Nabob's deputies, from whom a Similar Account must be required. —

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The following letters are ordered to be recorded in this place—

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

Having forwarded to the Collector in the Daphne copy of your Lordship's instructions & under date 24th Ultimo, with the papers thereon referred to — we have now the honor to transmit you copy of Mr. Place's letter with the Treaty of Capitulation, entered into, in consequence, with the Chief at Sadras — and we request to be favored with your Lordship's directions in respect to the records, and the three persons found in arrest at that place —

We beg leave to enclose to your Lordship Copies of two letters and their enclosures from Mr. Gambier, containing further particulars on the subject of Boopiah and Venkataraw Rauze — as Mr. Gambier reports the alarms of the Inhabitants to have increased, and that they are preparing to quit the Country, which cannot fail to occasion much

2 From Board of Revenue with Copy of a Letter from the Collector in the Daphne, with the Capitulation entered into with the Chief of Sadras also — copy of one from Mr. Gambier with further Intelligence of Boopiah and his assembling more troops —

6 In Revenue Consult. the 4th August 1795

In Revenue Consult. the 30th July and — In Diary to Consult. 10th August 1795 —

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much detriment to the Revenue, and as these apprehensions appear but too well founded, from the information received by the Collector, of Poopiah's preparations to carry his threat of a second incursion into effect, we are induced to submit to your consideration Mr. Gambier's urgent request for a reinforcement of Troops for the defence of the Country, and Security of the Inhabitants.

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Chas. M. White
" Wm. Harington

Fort St George
8th August 1795

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord,

Having forwarded to Mess.rs Lodge & Gambier copy of your Lordships instructions under date the 24th Ultimo with the papers therein referred to, we have now the honor to transmit you the replies received from those Gentlemen, with the treaties of Capitulation entered into, in consequence, with the Chiefs of Jaggernaickpooram and Policole - and we with

Your

From Board of Revenue with letters from Mess.rs Lodge and Gambier inclosing the Capitulation for Jaggernaickpooram and Policole.

In Council the 22d August

your Lordships further orders thereon.—

We have also the honor to submit Extract of a letter from Mr. Snodgrass, with the Enclosure therein referred to; and, under the circumstances stated by the Collector, we beg leave to recommend that the remission of Mas. P. 24. 2. 20. be allowed to the Renter of Jannam.—

We have also the honor to forward a letter from Mr. Balfour, with a Petition from the Arrack farmer at Ganjam, and we request your Lordships instructions thereon.

We have the honor to be,
Wa: Wa:
Fort St. George
22d. August 1795
(Signed) Chas. N. White
" Wm. Harington

The following answer was in consequence written.—

To Edward Saunders Esqr.
President &c. Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

We have received your letters dated the 8th and 22d Instant.—

To Board of Revenue with Instructions upon the subjects contained in the above letters respecting the Dutch Factories in the Coast Inventory of Public property &c Publication ordered thereon

There does not appear to us to be any necessity for entering into separate articles of Capitulation for the Surrender of the several Dutch Possessions

possessions on the Coast, that were dependant upon Pulicat since the Articles of Capitulation for the delivery of that place, inclusive the Subordinate Factories, nothing more seems requisite than to direct the Collectors to be governed, generally, by our answers to the several articles proposed by Mr. Eilbracht and his Council.

It is not meant that any authority whatsoever except what may relate to judicial transactions as provided for in the 11th article of the Pulicat Capitulation should be exercised by the Dutch in any place which has been surrendered under Articles of Capitulation — The Collectors are to have the management of the Revenue, and all other matters precisely as if such place were annexed to the Company's possessions, but care must be taken that separate Accounts be kept of all receipts and expenditures under the head of "Dutch Settlements" in order to their being forwarded hereafter to the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors agreeably to their orders.

We enclose an Inventory of the Public property which has been delivered over to the British Commissary at Pulicat, such of the articles as are of a perishable nature, should be immediately sold off, and you will instruct Mr. Place accordingly; this measure should also be adopted in regard to the

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the stores taken possession of at the then Dutch Settlements on the Coast.

With respect to the subsistence of the Dutch Servants our opinion is that they should continue to receive their former Salaries, but nothing for Servants Batta or House Rent: in particular cases where such Salary may not be actually sufficient to furnish the necessaries of Life, we leave it to your discretion to augment it, as you may think proper.

As Pulicat was the Seat of Government, we judged it proper to fix the subsistence of Mr. Elbrecht, the Governor, at one Hundred Pagodas p. Month, we enclose a list of the persons at that place to whom we have granted subsistence, with the amount to be drawn by each, and paid by the Civil Paymaster General, this paper will serve as a Guide to regulate the subsistence at the Subordinate Settlements.

With respect to the three persons in confinement at Sadras, Mr. Simones should be required to explain particularly the nature of the Debts for which they have been arrested, and the people themselves should be called upon to state their case, these documents will enable you to furnish us with your opinion of the Measures proper to be taken on the occasion.

We

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We think it necessary to acquaint you that we have sent orders to Mr. Powney to take possession of Tutacorin & and the other Dutch Settlements on the Coast, dependant upon the Government of Columbo

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

Fort St. George
21st. August 1795

At a Consultation

Present
The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor President
Edward Saunders
and
Ernst William Falkofsid } Esqrs.

Tuesday
1st. September
-1795-

Minutes of last Consultation
Read and approved.

Read the following Letter
from Messrs. Wolf and Smith.

To

Fort St. George 1st September

2701 Fort St George 1st September 1795

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart.

&c &c &c

Governor and Council

Fort St George.

My Lord,

From Messrs Wood & Smith submitting the Nabobs Kistbundy and that they propose to deliver to the Nabobs deputy

We have the honor to lay before Your Highness the Nabobs Kistbundy Account Current for the year 1794/5 with the Honorable Company, with the usual Amount of Poligars Peishcush carried to His Highness's Credit. —

We have the honor to be,

with great Respect.

My Lord,

Your Lordships most obedient,

humble Servants,

Signed/ Robert Wood

" Cecil Smith

Fort St George

27th August 1795.

D.

Fort St. George 1st September

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D.r To His Highness the Nabob Mah.d with the Honorable

Co.y

To the Amount payable as follows as per Treaty of 12th July 1792.

1792.			
September	1st	1,00,000. "	
October	1st	1,00,000 " "	
November	1st	1,00,000 " "	
December	1st	1,00,000 " "	
1793			
January	1st	1,00,000 " "	
February	1st	1,00,000 " "	
March	1st	1,50,000 " "	
April	1st	1,50,000 " "	
May	1st	2,00,000 " "	
June	1st	36,600.15.5¼	12,36,600.15.5¼

To the Amount of Poligar Peishcush payable on the Nabob's Account in part of the 9 Lacks for subsidy. 2,64,704.20.2½

Carried forward 1521,105. "

St. George 1st September

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Edmund Alley Cavan Esq. His Majesty's Account Current for the year 1794 & 95 Cr

Company

Per Ship

By Cash received at Madras particulars per Treasury Journal as follows.

1794 August	27th	By Cash on part of the Kist of 1st September	30,000		
	30th	By Ditto in further part of Ditto	38,000	68,000	"
Sept.	1st	By Ditto in full	32,000	100,000	"
	29th	By Ditto in part of the Kist of 1st October	30,000		
	"	By Ditto in further part of Star Madras Pags 10,000 at 8 ff Cent.	10,200		
	30	By Ditto in further part of Ditto	26,000		
	"	By Ditto Ditto M. Ps 15,500 at 8 per Cent.	16,740	83,540	"
Oct.	1st	By Ditto in full of Ditto	16,460	100,000	"
	29th	By Ditto on part of the Kist of 1st November	25,000		
	31st	By Ditto in further part of Ditto	10,500	35,500	"
November	1st	By Ditto Ditto	62,000		
	2nd	By Ditto in full of Ditto	2,500	64,500	"
	27th	By Ditto in part of the Kist of 1st December	25,000		
	28th	By Ditto in further part of Do Madras Pags 11,000 at 7 ff Cent	11,770	36,770	"
December	1st	By Ditto in further part of Ditto	58,550		
	2nd	By Ditto in full of Ditto	4,680	63,230	"
				1,00,000	
		Carried forward		4,00,000	"

Fort St. George

2704 Fort St. George 5th September 1795

Dr { His Highness the Nabob Mahomed with Honorable

Brought forward ——— 15,21,105 " .

Carried forward. 15,21,105 " "

2705 Fort St. Georg[illegible] September 1795

Atty Gann in Account Current for the Year 1794/5 Cr

the Company

1794			Brought forward		4,00,000 "
December	27	By Cash in part of the Kist of	5,200 "		
	1st January				
	29	By Ditto in further part of Ditto	23,350		
1795	31	By Ditto	Ditto	37,650 "	66,200 "
January	2	By Ditto	Ditto	30,650 "	
	6	By Ditto	Ditto	2,500 "	
	7	By Ditto in full of Ditto		650 "	33,800 " 1,00,000 "
	27	By Ditto in part of the kist of 1st Feby		7500 "	
	30	By Ditto in further part of Ditto		28,000 "	
	31st	By Ditto	Ditto	37,000 "	72,500 "
February	2	By Ditto	Ditto	13,900 "	
	4	By Ditto	Ditto	9,100 "	
	6	By Ditto	Ditto	4,000 "	
	9	By Ditto in full of Ditto		1,500 "	27,500 " 1,00,000 "
	27	By Ditto in part of the kist of 1st March		9,280 "	
	28	By Ditto in further part of Ditto		9,320 "	60,500 "
March	2	By Ditto	Ditto	5,650 "	
	3rd	By Ditto	Ditto	11,100 "	
	9	By Ditto	Ditto	16,300 "	
	11	By Ditto	Ditto	1,600 "	
	12	By Ditto	Ditto	1,650 "	
					89,500 " 1,50,000 "
	30	By Ditto in part of the kist of 1st April		20,125 "	
	31st	By Ditto in further part of Ditto		33,600 "	53,875 "
April	1	By Ditto	Ditto	9,870 "	
	2	By Ditto	Ditto	14,600 "	
	4	By Ditto	Ditto	5,755 "	
	6	By Ditto	Ditto	2,000 "	
	7	By Ditto	Ditto	3,000 "	
	10	By Ditto in full of	Ditto	900 "	
					96,125 " 1,50,000 "

Carried forward ..... 9,00,000 " "

2706 Fort St George 1st September 1775

Dr { His Highness the Nabob Mahomed Alley Cawn. Contra
Honorable

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Brought forward ... 15,21,105 " "

Carried forward ... 15,21,105 " "

2707 Fort St. George 1st September 1795

His Hitthiendy Account Current for the Year 1794/5 } Cr

The Company

				Pr. Pl.	
		Brought forward		200,000	" "
1795					
april	28th	By Cash in part of the Nett of Pl. May Mad.a Reg.r 12,000 — at 8½ p.Cent	4,105		
	30th	By Ditto in further part of Ditto	23,000 " "	37,105	" "
May	1st	By Ditto	Ditto	43,670	" "
	2d	By Ditto	Ditto	46,000	" "
	4th	By Ditto	Ditto	10,000	" "
	5th	By Ditto	Ditto	21,000	" "
	7th	By Ditto	Ditto	20,450	" "
	9th	By Ditto	Ditto	9,775	" "
	11th	By Ditto	Ditto	3,000	" "
	13th	By Ditto in full of Ditto	4,000 " "	162,895	" "
	30th	By Ditto in part of the Nett of Pl.t June		16,000	" "
June	1	By Ditto in further part of Ditto		39,200	" "
	2d	By Ditto	Ditto	7,500	" "
	3d	By Ditto	Ditto	20,000	" "
	5th	By Ditto	Ditto	39,172	" "
	10th	By Ditto	Ditto	10,000	" "
	11th	By Ditto	Ditto	15,441	" "
	12th	By Ditto	Ditto	2,200	" "
	13th	By Ditto in full of Ditto	3,887.15.54	140,400.15.54	
				156,600 15 54	
		Carried forward		1,756,400:15:54	

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Dr { His Highness the Nabob Mahomed Ally with Honorable

Brought forward ——— 15.21.105 " "

Pagodas 15.21.105 " "

Fort St. George
Errors
Signed

2709 East India 2d September 1795

Dawn His Highness Account Current for the Year 1794/5
To
Company

Cr

Agt F. C.

Brought forward ... 12,56,600.15.54

By Poligar Peishcush being the
Amount carried to His Highness's
Credit in the General Books
on that Account ... 2,64,705.20.26

Pagodas ... 15,21,105. ..

27th 21st August 1795

Accepted

Robert Wolff
Cecil Smith

Agreed

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Fort St. George 25th September 1795

Minute thereon.

Agreed that Messrs. Woolf and Smith be directed to deliver an attested copy of the Hon'ble Court's Sundry Account to the Nabob's Deputies, requiring from them a similar Account with their Signatures affixed on behalf of his Highness.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Military Board with Bills for Repairs recommend their discharge.

We have the honor to lay before your Lordship the accompanying six bills for Buildings and Repairs made in the Military Department amounting to Seven thousand, five hundred, and seventy nine Star Pagodas, thirty three fanams and twenty four Cash 7579 " 33 " 24 / which being regularly certified by the Chief Engineer, we recommend that the amount be paid to the Contractors.

We have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
25th August 1795

Sir. Sir.
/ Signed / John Braithwaite
" Henry Maleolm
" M. Richardson
" George Hall

Ordered

2711 Fort St. George 1st September 1795

ordered Ordered that the Bills be paid

Read the following Letter from
the Military Auditor General

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council
Fort St. George

From Colonel Malcolm
Lieutenant Colonel
Gells being under
Arrest and Lieutenant
Colonel Smith in
Command at the
Mount, requests to
know what Allowances
they are to draw &
respectively

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from the Honble Basil Cochrane Paymaster of Fort St. George, Mount, Ponamallee, and Tripasore on the subject of which I request your Lordships decision.

Lieutenant Colonel Smith having been appointed by the orders of the 20th June last to the Command of the Cantonment at the Mount until further orders in consequence of the report from the Offier Commanding the Army on the Coast of the Arrest of Lieutenant Colonel Gells there can be no doubt of Lieutenant Colonel Smith being entitled from that date to draw full Batta and the allowance for house rent of his Station as Commanding the Cantonment; but I request to be informed whether or not it is the intention of Government that Lieutenant Colonel Gells is to forfeit the allowances

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allowance of his Station, as Commanding that Cantonment, during the period which, in his present situation, he may be prevented from exercising the Command there— I am induced to request your Lordship's decision on this matter, as the case is particular, none of the same kind within my recollection having occurred nor is there any Regulation that specially applys to it.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord
Your Lordships
Most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Milty Aud.r Genl.

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 31st August 1795

Colonel Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor General

Sir,

I beg leave to lay before you two abstracts sent in by Lieutenant Colonel Gill, in which he charges Batta and Forage for the full months of June and July— this I have objected to pay on account of the Command of the Mount having devolved on Lieutenant Colonel Smith on the 20th June by order of Government who has accordingly drawn the full allowances annexed to the Command of that Station—

I am

2713 Fort St. George 1st September 1795

I am to request to know from you what allow=
=ance Lieutenant Colonel Geils is entitled to =
since the 20th June 1795.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c. &c.
(Signed) Basil Cochrane
Mil.y Paymaster
Fort St. George

Fort Saint George
24th August 1795

a true Copy
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mil.y Asst. Genl.

(+) House rent is supposed to be meant (Signed) H: M:

opinion of the Board thereon

The Board are of opinion that =
Lieutenant Colonel Smith is entitled to draw the
full Batta of his Rank, and the allowance for =
House rent of his Station as Commanding the =
Cantonment at the Present, from the day he =
assumed the Command.

The allowances to Lieutenant Colonel
Geils during the period of his arrest, will be
a Matter for future consideration - any opinion
upon the subject pending the trial would be
premature - Agreed therefore that the Auditor
be directed to acquaint the Paymaster that until
the issue be known, Lieutenant Colonel Geils
can only be entitled to the pay of his =
Rank.

Read

2714 Fort L. George 4. September 1795

Read the following Letter from
Captain Doveton.—

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary in the Military and Political Departments

Sir,

From Captain Doveton advising of his having cleared away the Jungle surrounding Pyacottah to the extent of 1500 Yards and the Amount of the Expence.—

I have the honor to acquaint you that, in consequence of the permission of the Right Honble the Governor, communicated to me in your letter under date the 13th November last, I have, since that period, employed the Sepoys of my Battalion not of duty, and as many country people as I could procure, in cutting down and clearing away the Jungle in the vecinity of this Fort.—

The Jungle is now destroyed, in a very considerable degree, to the extent of about 1500 Yards, which has removed the apprehension of Tygers immediately in the environs, and, by opening the Country, and causing a more free circulation of air, will, no doubt tend much to the healthiness of the place— What has been done appeared absolutely necessary,— and in that idea I pre= =sumed to solicit the permission of the Right Honble the Governor to undertake it,— but I

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as the proceeding further will be cause of an expence greater, perhaps, than the Right Honble the Governor in Council may judge necessary to be incurred on such occasion, I have, for the present, discontinued the Work, until I am honored with the further commands of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

An account, of the Disbursements I have already made, goes enclosed, for which, I humbly trust, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will be pleased to direct the payment.

I beg leave to add that those places which were heretofore covered with an impenetrable Jungle are now in course of Cultivation, and will, consequently, in a few years be productive of Revenue to Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
and most humble servant,

Signed/ Gabriel Doveton
Captain

Rycotta
27th August 1795

The Bill ordered to be paid

Ordered that the Bill be paid

Resolved

2716 Fort St. George 4th September 1795

A Dividend amongst the Nabob's Creditors declared

Resolved that a Dividend of one Lack one thousand one hundred and five Pagodas /1,01,105/ be made to the Creditors of his Highness the Nabob on the 15th. instant.

Hobart

" Cow Saunders

" C.B. Fullerton

(x) George Parry
Wm. Hyde

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Fort St George 1 September 1795.

Diary

3. Received the following letter

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

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

Fort St George.

My Lords,

From Captain Read suggesting that the Committee of Circuit be directed to extend their Survey to all the Works and Buildings in the Baramhaul, without confining itself to those erected by Captain Bong a Correspondence on the subject Enclosed.—

A correspondence that has passed between me and Captain Corner, a Member of the present Committee of Works in the Ceded Districts, having for its objects, the security of the several posts, and the speedily providing for the Accommodation of the troops and Stores in them, and the first steps proposed for the attainment of them, resting with your Lordship, I beg leave to lay it before you.

To Captain Charles Corner

Sir

You being the Senior of the Committee Members who are to perform the Circuit of these Districts, it appears proper to transmit you a letter I have received from the Secretary of the Military Board, with one from Mr Hurdis, the acting Commissary to his Principal, which was forwarded with it, that you may lay them before the Committee, as necessary for its information.—

Since, by the Secretary's Letter, the

Committee

2718 Fort St George 11 September 1795

3d Committee is to ascertain the present state of all the granaries which Mr Hurdis has recommended to be repaired, it is evident the inspection of the Com=
=mittee is now to be extended to other buildings than those which have been erected or repaired by Captain Bong, I am induced, by a wish for the public service, to recommend that its enquiries may comprehend whatever is wanted, and not yet ordered for the Stores, as well as the grain depart=
=ment, also what works may appear necessary for the security of every post, and the accomma=
=dation of the troops at each, applications having been made to me by Commanding Officers, respec=
=ting Quarters, barracks, hospitals, Store Rooms, Gun Sheds &c. which have been forwarded to the Military Board. —

Several powerful motives induce me to propose that the Committee should rather exceed what it appears is included in its instructions, which are, my anxiety to have all those matters reported on — the impossibility of my performing a circuit myself at this time for the purpose — The confidence I feel in the Zeal and abilities of the Gentlemen who compose the Committee — the apprehensions that if these matters should not be fully enquired into, digested, and carried into execution now, it will never be done. — the great convenience that will be found in having

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3.^co having all brought into one view — and the conviction that the Committee's opinions on them all, would be acceptable to Government, as could not fail to meet with its commendation.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
(signed) Alex. Read —

Vanciambadi
2. August 1795.

To Captain Read
Commanding Ceded Districts

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 2.^d August and to inform you, that I took the earliest opportunity of laying it, with its enclosures, before the Committee assembled at Panagra the 19.th August, for its information. —

The Committee, having given every attention to the subject of your letter, direct me to inform you, they will be ready, at all times, with that Zeal you are pleased to commend, to meet your wishes in order to carry on the public Service, they beg leave, however, on this occasion, to call your attention to a few circumstances, which in every view, appear to them, as strong objections to the carrying your wishes, at this moment, into execution.

The orders of Government of the 23.^d June have directed them to assemble in order to investigate the conduct of Captain Bong, Superintendant of the works carried on in these districts; It will be the conclusion of government, as it has been our wish, that their

orders

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3rd orders have been carried immediately into execution — We trust it will appear to you, Sir, that we have lost no time in doing so, by entering upon this Service, under a variety of inconveniences which, to this day, exist — To adopt your wishes would not only carry us again over a considerable extent of Country, but occasion a very considerable delay, as yet unaccountable, for to Government. —

Your letter of the 2nd of August, has for its object, the security of every Post in the Ceded Districts the accommodation of the Troops, Guns, and Stores; the recommendation of Officers' Quarters, Barracks and Hospitals, and the necessary accommodations of the whole Grain and Provision Department. —

The Committee have deliberated on these points, with every inclination to carry your wishes into execution, but find the circumstances detailed, influenced by such a variety of others, of which we are totally uninformed; the fluctuating state of the Garrisons, the unequal distribution of stores, together with the considerable time it would take, under any circumstances, to form such a statement as would afford Government the information you desire; will, we hope, appear to you, as they have to the Committee, strong grounds for objecting to proceed. —

We have therefore to request that you will suspend this important object of the Service

until

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3d until we can be supplied with more materials for our information, until the Service shall be able to supply us the means of covering from the weather, and finally, until Government shall be pleased to sanction our proceeding by an order of its Board.

I have the honor to be

Sir Your

Penagra 9th August 1795.

Signed C. Cornet Captain

Master Master

The time it would take to enquire into every thing recommended to the Committee's consideration, and to devise what would be necessary in every depart=ment would certainly have delayed its accomplish=ing the immediate object of its appointment, but I know not of any ill consequence which would arise from that circumstance, while the advantages at=tainable by their complying with my request would be very important: such a Survey as recommended not having been made before, being the very cause of its present circuit; but, acting by the letter of its in=structions, that objection must be admitted. —

By the result of the Committee's delibe=rations on the points I proposed, it appears to have conceived, that much information would be neces=sary, in the event of its extending (as mention) to them all, but as the situation, figure, and magnitude of every post would suggest their designations, —

fortifications

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3d

fortifications and Number of their garrisons respective=
=ly, thence would appear the ordnance, Stores and pro=
=visions necessary to each, as well as the buildings of
every description required, Only general directions there=
=fore, could be given, to apportion duly, the various
means of defence and accommodation, and particu=
=lar information could only be procured on the Spot=

The Committee having nearly finished its
survey of the buildings erected by Captain Bong, its
first objection will be soon done away when it might
enter upon the general Survey of the Works and buil=
=dings I have proposed, if your Lordship approve=

I feel it incumbent, in that event, to
mention that Lieutenant Wood of the Engineers
having, as I understand, the conduct of considerable
works at Arnee, his department would suffer much
inconvenience from a second circuit which would
be greatly more tedious than the first, and that, as
observed by Captain Corner, the rest of the Committee
are much in need of Tents indents with their applic=
=ation for which, I had some time ago the honor
of forwarding to your Lordship.

I am with great respect
Tripatoor
1st September 1795.

Hble &c

Signed/ Alex. Read
Capt. Comm. Ceded Districts

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3 Received the undermentioned letters Entered in
M. B. Nos 8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15.

From Mr Thackeray — From Acting Commissary General of Grain and provisions - proposing that an additional Granary at Ongole be completed. an Estimate enclosed - this Depaty in the Baramhaul in want of Cash.

From Ditto. — From Ditto - requesting authority for the repair of the Gram Godowns belonging to the 2nd Regiment of Cavalry and 19th Dragoons at Puttoor. -

From Mr Whitehill — From Assistant at Vonah - with extract of his letter to the Resident at Hydrabad, on the subject of a remittance on account of the Horse Agency there. -

From Col. Kent — From Chief Engineer - submitting Estimates for four New drawbridges at the different Gates, and a Standing Bridge at the North Sea Gate - with an Indent for Sentry Boxes. -

From Lieutenant Fortes. — From Commandant at Nellore - requests leave to visit Madras. -

From Mr Griffiths — From Master Attendant at Pondicherry - intends going himself with the Rajoola Boats to Trin-comalle. -

From Captain De Letang — From Captain De Letang - requests his Wife may be permitted to draw his Subsistence during his absence at Bengal. -

From Major Munat — From Major Munat - has taken the Command of the Troops in the Vizagapatam District. -

" Despatched the undermentioned letters

Entered

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3rd Entered in M. B. Nos 16 17 18 19 20 21.

To Captain Doveton

To Captain Doveton - detailing the Heads of the Intelligence received from Europe, for the information of Tippoo Sultaun -

To Secy at Bay

To Secretary at Bengal - advising of the Surrender of Trincomallie and that Colonel Stuart is preparing to attack Fort Ostaburgh. Two letters from the Commodore for the Governor General forwarded. -

To Mr C. Wynch.

To Collector at Dindigul - directing him to supply the Paymaster at Palamcotah with Cash for the Current Month, to the Extent of his Means. -

To Lt. Stuart.

To Colonel Stuart - authorizing him to purchase a quantity of Rice, carried to Trincomalle on the Bombay, for the Company's account, leaving the price to be settled at Madras. -

To Mr Marten

To Paymaster at Palamcotah - permitting him to draw on Madras for the Cash he may require, provided there be no other means - and in future to communicate with Mr Collector Wynch on this subject. -

To Captain De Letang

To Captain De Letang - his application above noted, inadmissible. -

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob.

4th Received letter from the Nabob - Entered in C. C. No 85 - congratulatory on the Reduction of Trincomalé -

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in M. B. Nos 22 - 23 - 24 - 25 - 26 - 27 - From

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From Captain Read 4th

From Superintendant in the Baramhaul sending Copy of his Instructions to his Assistant in consequence of those received respecting the Aumany Grain

From Mr Skardon,

From Acting Commissary General of Grain and provisions requesting to know whether Chintapillee is to be stocked with Grain.

From Mr Tulloh,

From Treasurer of Male Orphan Asylum requesting that New Bonds, upon the terms lately advertized for Loans, may be issued, in lieu of the Promissory Notes constituting the funds of that Institution.—

From Mr Roebuck

From Military Paymaster General stating that the Paymaster at the Baramhaul is in great want of Cash for his Current payments.—

From Ditto)

From Ditto with a 2nd Additional Estimate of Cash for September.

From Messrs Roebuck Abbott & Co

From Owners of the Catherine requesting some Gun powder and Repairing Musquets for the use of that Vessel upon paying for the same.—

11 Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in M. B. Nos 28-29-30-31-32.—

To Colonel Malcolm.

To Military Auditor General, stating the allowance to be drawn by Lieutenant Colonel Smith as Commandant at the Mount— Lieutenant Colonel Gaits to receive only the pay of his Rank during his Arrest— Certain Arrears due to the late Colonel Fraser to be paid— Letter from Lieutenant Fraser on the subject enclosed.—

To Ditto.—

To Ditto directing him to prepare a Statement

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4th Statement shewing the Sum drawn per mensem by Colonels Horne and Musgrave, whilst Senior Officers of the Troops on the Coast respectively, and that drawn by Colonel Brathwaite per Annum, in the same Situations. —

To Military Board

To Military Board directing the supply of the Articles applied for by Messrs Roebuck Abbot and Co. as above. —

To Ditto. —

To Ditto the Bills for Repairs passed — Mr Hurais to repair the Granaries in the Salem District — the accommodating dispositions evinced by the Contractors for Repairs satisfactory. —

To Lieutenant N. Forbes. —

To Commandant at Vellore — permitting him to visit the Presidency. —

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Edward Saunders Esqr.

and

Friday 4th September 1795.

Ernst William Tallofield Esq.r

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. —

The President lays before the Board the following despatches received yesterday from Prince of Wales's Island. —

To —

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council at

Fort St. George.

My Lord,

From Prince of Wales's Island advising of two French Frigates and a Sloop being in the Streights of Malacca & of their having captured many rich Vessels — Sundry papers Inclosed. —

I have thought it a duty incumbent on me to despatch the Bombay, Captain Robertson, to Inform your Lordship, that the following French National Frigates are now in these Straits Viz.t

Sybille of	44 Guns	18 Pounders	450 Men
Prudent	36 Do.	12 Do.	350 Do.
Courrier	16 Do.	12 & 9 Do.	250 Do.

and that they have Captured the undermentioned Ships

The Armenia, in the Straits of Sunda Capt.n Sandes

The Sea Nymph, a Dutch Vessel — Capt.n Parker

Three Java Vessels, which they have Sunk.

Cutter Java, Armed 20 Guns, a Dutch Cruizer

The Bong Success, Portuguese from Bengal,

The Fort Louis from Madras to Manilha

Another Large Ship off the Sand heads, supposed to be either the Lechme, Captain Stokes, or the Upton Castle.

The Penang Grab belonging to this Port

A Small Armenian Ketch from Surat.

I received this Intelligence from Mr. Couperus, Governor of Malacca, in a Short letter, and a confirmation of it from Captain Shepherdson of the Union in Ma=lacca Road, who dispatched a Prow to me for the Purpose — for further particulars, I must refer your Lordship to the Inclosed Papers, which are full

and

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and explicit, I am not of Opinion they have any In-
=tention of attacking this Place, as they would have
been here before now. I strongly conjecture they have
stood over to the Sumatra Shore, the Coast of Pedir
and Acheen, where they will meet with several
rich Prizes, and no doubt will return to the Mau-
=ritius with their Booty, which does not Amount
to less than £ 200,000.

His Majesty's Ship Orpheus Captain
Newcome arrived safe here Yesterday from Acheen, with-
=out receiving any information either of the Dutch War
or of the French Squadron, which has been a fortu-
=nate circumstance, if they had fell in with him,
he must have been captured by so Superior a force, he
intends to remain here for the defence, of the Place
in case it is attacked, the Fort William, Ardesier,
Carnatic and Jane forms a line across the enterance
into the Harbour, under his Orders.-

I have not entered into any Agreement
with Captain Robinson for carrying this Intelligence
to you, as he very handsomely came forward on the Oc-
=casion, and I hope he will be Liberally rewarded
for his Zeal for the Service, and the Public Good.-

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

(signed) Phillips Manington

Fort Cornwallis
30th July 1795.

Phillips Manington Esqr.

Dear Sir- I have the honor to acquaint you
that

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That the Sybelle and Prudent Frigates, as also a Brig
have in sight today at Noon off this Port, and having
Captured and in Company the United East India
Company's Brig the Java, mounting twenty Guns,
the Sea Nymph also belonging to this Port, and the
Fort Louise from Madras, bound for Manilla,
which News I cannot fail sending you an Account
of by this express boat, I remain with regard

Malacca
19th July 1795.

Dear Sir
Yr. Mt. Hble.
(Signed) A. Couperus

To ——— Manington Esqr.
Governor &c. &c.
of Pulo Pinang

Sir,

Two French National Frigates, La Sybelle
and La Prudente, with the Brig La Courier, manned
and armed as follows.—

Sybelle	44 Guns	18 Pounders	450 Men
Prudente	36 Do.	12 Do.	350 Do.
Courier	18 & 9 Do.	12 & 9 Do.	250 Do.

Anchored three Leagues off this Port yesterday in the
Afternoon— they left Mauritius 27th May came through
the Straits of Sunda, and Banca have Captured the
following Vessels.

Armenian Merchant (Ship) ..... Captain Sands
Sea Nymph (a Dutch Ship) ..... Capt. Parker
Three Java Vessels — which, they have sunk
Cutter Java Armed Brig ..... Malacca Cruizer
One Portegueze Ship — they took in sight of this port
last

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last Night supposed to be from Pulo Penang - the Fort of Lewis, from Madras to Manilla, had the Misfortune to be captured by them of the Islands Carraneum, a Gentleman by Name Charles Hansel was put on shore from the Fort Lewis last Night - he learnt, while on board the Commodore Ranaud's Ship, that the fleet meditated an Attack on Pinang, and seems resolutely bent on destroying the Orpheus Captain Newcome, should he be so unfortunate as to fall in with them.

They have from, the best Accounts a Brave sett of Men - 950, all Europeans, on board, with the greatest harmony, and Discipline ever known on board a French Squadron. —

M.r Peters, an English Gentleman on his travels, has interested himself very much to have this Intelligence speedily forwarded to You - he has wrote to the Commanders of his Majesty's Ships that may be at hand, for which we have jointly engaged this person who will deliver you this - and he is to be paid One hundred and twenty five Spanish Dollars — Twenty five of which I have paid down for Outfit of the Prow &c. and take the liberty to draw on the Honble Company for the full Amount - One hundred and twenty five Spanish Dollars. —

One hundred to be paid the Nogueda of the Prow - and the twenty five to be paid to my brother Captain Shepherdson at Pinang. —

In case, Sir, it should not be in your

Power

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Power to answer this Demand this draft on the Honble Company - Mr Peters and myself will from your re=
=presentation immediately defray all Charges accrued from communicating the intelligence - and we shall be highly flattered in having been instrumental in forwarding necessary information to our Patrons.

I have the honor to be

Malacca
July 20th 1795.

&c.a &c.a

Attested by

Signed Robt Shepherdson

Signed Rt Peters

" Charles Hansel

Relation of Marcus a Dutchman.

He was sent by the Government of Batavia to Princes Island, to keep a look out and collect intelli=
=gence with two Prows, the Prudente, Sybelle and Courieur Brig captured him, This Squadron proceeded thro' the Straits of Sunda, where they captured the Armenia which they dispatched away to the Isle of France, Captain Sanas died a few hours after being taken, In the Straits of Banca, off Palambang, captured the Sea Nymph Myers, another Ship, (English) which was in Company made her escape, (this most likely is Sadler) off the Carramuns took a Java shoo took a little Rice out of her then sunk her, off Mount Formosa took the Java Cutter, soon after took the Fort Louis, The People on Board said the

Spaniards

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Spaniards had made peace with the French, and that half the Dutch Nation had sided with the French, and that the French Armies were in Holland; Off Tanjong Cling took the Piriang Grab, and off Cape Rechado took a Ship (said to be a Bombay Ship; but is not quite certain of a Bombay Ship or the Latchmie Captain Stokes - the Native Passengers on Board these Vessels and the Crews of the Dutch Vessels were sent on Shore at Malacca, in an A= =cheen Prow, which was loaded with Rice. - Marcus begging to be released saying he had a Family at Malacca, they sent him ashore, and he was again sent off by the Governor of Malacca to the French Ship, for what purpose he does not know but the Prow brought him here, left Malacca 22.nd July.

The French Ships were full of People and had Swiss troops on Board. The French said on board the frigates were 5 or 600 Men each and 250 in the Courieur when they left the Mauritius. -

The project of their Voyage was to go along the Coasts of Acheen, and the Niccobars, for provisi= =ons, and Water, and from thence they are to go to the Mauritius. -

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A Copy of a Letter from the Governor of Malacca to the Com= =mander of the French Marine in the Straits of Malacca. -

M.r Newbrouwer has just arrived here,

I

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I have had the honor of receiving your very dear Letter, and I thank you very kindly for the liberty you have been pleased to grant to Mr. Byers. I find myself under the necessity of still troubling you some Letters, because Mr. Myers has thought proper to go the Voyage with you, and, seeing he is not provided with acquaintances and Letters of Credit which he will have great occasion for circumstanced as he is will certainly present themselves on his Arrival at the Isle of France, and as he is a very particular of friend of Mine, I consider myself obliged to interest=ose in his behalf, as far as my Circumstances will permit, and I will stand good for every part of his Conduct, at the Isle of France, relative to his Affairs.—

I beg you also to accept this Letter of Credit and Introduction to all your Countrymen at the Isle of France, so that my friend Myers may not be deprived of any source of Assistance. The Attornies who are authorized to manage the Affairs of his Concern in the Absence of Mr. Myers, take the Liberty of requesting you to procure the papers relative to it, as soon as possible.—

Excuse me My dear Sir for asking so many favors and be assured that I deem my friend Myers extremely happy who has the good fortune of being under the protection of persons who think so generously, and so agreeably to the Character

of

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of every Republican.—

Mons.r Commandant you may be persuaded that I am very sensible of the Civilities, which you have been pleased to shew to my friend Myers, and I will endeavour to return the Compliment on every Occasion, allow me to send a letter and some Cloaths to Mr. Myers in a small Bundle.

After having wished you a good and a happy Voyage—

I have the honor to subscribe myself

&c. &c.

(Signed) A. Couperus.

P. S. It is not Lord Howe who has been taken by the French, but Rodney Bligh, I found I had been mistaken on my enquiring of the Governor. The Governor having already finished his Letter begs you to oblige him, with an Extract of the News which you have relative to the War, that he may be able to regulate his Conduct accordingly. —

The Captain of the Sybelle Frigate read to me some News regarding a peace and an Alliance with the French Republic, and this is the circumstance the Governor wishes to know. —

The under written Mr. Couperus Governor and Director of the Town and Fort of Malacca, binds himself, by this, to all who may have any concern or

Negotiation

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Negotiation, with John Henak Meyer Captain in the Service of the Dutch East India Company, But at present out of the Service, and Commander of a small Country Ship called the Sea Nymph and as Such taken Prisoner on Board the same Vessel at present in the Squadron of the French Republic under the Command of Monsieur Renaud, We the under written promise to acknowledge all such Contracts / that is to say in Case of Commerce / as if they were Contracted by himself and to pay and accept of all such Bill or Bills of Exchange and pay the same within the limited time, without delay or Exception. -

Dated Malacca 22d. July 1795.

/Signed/ A Couperus.

My Dear friend Myers

I am exceedingly happy to hear you are so well satisfied in your present Situation, and amongst people who deserves every attention. - I am very sorry that the Vessels with Provisions for the Sick are not arrived, one is not arrived yet, and I dont know Whether they with fetch the Vessels or not. -

I thought it very necessary to send you another Letter of Credit, Inclosed, in which I promise to bind myself to accept all Bills of Ex- change which you shall draw on my A account

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Account and pay the same, according to the Custom; vide the same which I have mentioned, and pointed out, in the Letter of Credit, and present the same to the Gentlemen at the Mauritius; as I have no Particular friends or Correspondance there, but no doubt a number of them know me, having been here a long time, and I think there is no doubt but this letter of Credit will be sufficient.

I believe if you ask the Commandant the liberty of sending me some Letters and papers concerning your business or a letter of your Concern to your Attornies, that they will not refuse, but grant you this favor, as I think it very necessary in case you have drawn any Bills of Exchange at Java, on whose favor and to what amount. did you transmit any Business at Palambang, or had you any Conversation with Lord Hatton concerning the Money he owed us? -

At Penang, are two Ships the Orpheus Captain Newcome, and a small Company's Cruizer, the Intrepid Captain Owen; Commodore Rainier's Ship has taken on board troops to carry to Trincomalay, and am certain the Resistance Captain Pakenham will go there with troops, because he has not arrived yet; and very likely Captain Lawrie's Ship will

be

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be taken up and employed for the same purpose, if
not he will soon be your Companion; Adieu dear
friend live well— I beg to present my Compliments
to the Commandant and all the Gentlemen though
unknown to me— the Report of Mr Neubrower's Charac-
-ter and Conduct makes me and every one have the
greatest regard for that Gentleman, and all others;
and every one here wishes to have once more the sa-
-tisfaction to Embrace those Worthy Republicans,
which endeavours to soften the fate of their friends
and fellow sufferers— every one were very sorry on the
beginning about your unhappy fate, but now they
are all satisfied on your account— I beg in the name
of all our friends to pay their compliments and first
of all Mess.rs Thierens, Rubde de Wind, Fetterton
Kooke &.t &.a once more farewell Mrs Coupeaus
presents her Compliments, I send you a Small
Bundle of Clean Linnen and my best respects—

I am,

Your &.t &.t

/signed/ A Coupeaus

P.S. Of all the Letters which I have receivd
for you I believe there is two of them lately come
from Europe, and to know what became of your
little

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little daughter, and I risque to send you the same by this Vessel.—

The Ladies at Batavia I believe are like us all very sorry for your Misfortune; and If I get any letters of Attorney from them I will send the same to Captain Le Roy with my compliments.

To Peter Rainier Esq.r

Commodore &c.a &c.a &c.a

Sir,

From Captain Home to the Commodore of his having come with intelligence respecting the French Cruizers

I wrote to you on the 15.th from Acheen, but am afraid my letter will not arrive safe; for, on my arrival yesterday, I learnt that the Sybelle, Prudente, and the Courier of 18 Guns sailed from the Mauritius the 27.th May— came thro' the Straights of Sunda— Banca, and into the Straights of Malacca— they have already taken Four Sail and a Dutch Cruizer of 20— 12 Pounders, which they have also converted into a Vessel of War, and a Cruizer— By what we can learn they have threatened to take Penang and send the Orpheus to destruction— I am now moored close in with Fort Cornwallis where I shall remain for the mutual defence of the Fort and His Majesty's Ship, and should they

come

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come, I hope we shall prevent their getting away again. —

The despatches sent me by the Letchmee Mr. Mannington sent them in the Dolphin to find me — so what fate they may meet with is uncertain. —

Orpheus
Pulo Penang
29th July 1795.

I am
&c. &c.
(Signed) H. Newcome.

The President acquaints the Board that he judged it necessary to direct Captain Robertson, Commanding the Ship Bombay, to proceed immediately to Trincomale, in order to give the Commodore the earliest advice of the appearance of the Enemy in the Straits of Malacca — the Bombay accordingly sailed last night, with the following Letter from his Lordship to Commodore Rainier. —

To Commodore Rainier.

Dear Sir,

To Commodore Rainier from the President — with Copies of the Intelligence received from the Eastward. Two Indiamen will be armed and held in readiness to proceed thither, should he think it expedient.

I send you intelligence this day received from Prince of Wales's Island, brought by Captain Robertson, who will have the honor of delivering this Letter, and who will also give you all the particulars he has related to me. — If

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It would appear, by his account, as far as I can judge, that, in the event of Captain Pakenham's having joined Captain Newcome, that they would probably proceed, with the aid they have at Prince of Wales's Island, direct to Malacca, in the hope of falling in with the French Frigates.—

Mr Roebuck, who is arrived here, and was taken in the Letchmi, informs me that the Tender passed Achcen on the 2nd of August, having, two days before, parted with the Convoy; and, all things considered, I have little doubt of the junction of Newcome and Pakenham, in which case, I flatter myself all will be safe: but for fear of accidents, I have desired Captain Gardner to wait your Orders here, to be ready instantly on the receipt of them to proceed to Prince of Wales's Island; and notwithstanding many objections on commercial grounds, I shall have two Indiamen ready to accompany him, if you should think it expedient for both, or either of them to go— They will of course be ordered to make the best of their way to Bengal as soon as the service is performed—

I must apprize you, that the 4th Indiamen

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Indiamen are wretchedly manned, and therefore, with a view to their being competent to fight, if you can send us the Men from the Diomede for this special service, it would be of infinite impor=
=tance.—

I have been so much employed upon the consideration of this business, that I have only time heartily to congratulate you and Colonel Stuart on your success.—

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3rd September 1795.

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

P. S. The Commander of the John Schooner, who has charge of this letter, has my Orders, in the event of his meeting you at Sea, to deliver to you my Public and private Letters addressed to Colonel Stuart, which having read, you will be so good as to despatch him without loss of time with any communication you may be pleased to make.—

September 17th 1795 (signed) Hobart.

The President also wrote the following letter to Sir John Shore.—

The Honble Sir John Shore Bart
&c &c &c

From the President to the Governor General advising

Sir, I have the honor of informing you that I

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advising of the intention to send the Indiamen to the Eastward, and of the communication made to the Commodore on the subject.

I have this day received a dispatch from Prince of Wales Island of which the inclosed is a transcript, and which I was induced to open, with a view to obtain any farther information that it might contain on the subject— I have in consequence dispatched Captain Robertson this evening to Commodore Rainier at Trincomallee, that no time might be lost in communicating to him this intelligence; and I have informed the Commodore that two of the Indiamen now in the roads, will be made ready to proceed with his Majesty's Ships in such direction, as upon consideration, we may judge most advisable for the public service, but I think it necessary to add that no steps will be taken until an answer shall be received from Commodore Rainier.—

I also enclose, for your information, copy of a letter from Captain Newcome of his Majesty's Ship Orpheus, and

I have the honor to be

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3rd September 1795.

Sir
Your
Most
Obedt
Servt
(Signed) Hobart.

P. S. In the event of the Commodore judging

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judging it expedient that both or either of the Indiamen should proceed to the Streights of Ma=lacca, they will be ordered, as soon as the Service is performed to proceed to Bengal.—

The measures taken by the Presi=dent approved.

The Board entirely approve the measures taken taken by his Lordship, in consequence of the infor=mation received from Mr. Mannington.

Ordered that the following Letters be written to the Commanding Officers of the Honor=able Company's Ships now in the Roads.—

To Captain Burrows

Commanding the Honorable Company's

Ship — Francis

Sir

To Commanders of the Indiamen directing them to report the State and Condition of their Ships.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to desire you will imme=diately report to his Lordship the present State and condition of your Ship — the different articles of which the Cargo consists — the number and description of the Crew, and how many Guns you carry, and are able to carry.—

The President in Council expects that you will be particularly accurate in your reply to each of the foregoing points.

and

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and his Lordship has the utmost reliance that no private consideration will be allowed to interrupt the public Service

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secry.

The same to The Commanders of the
— — Lord Hunlow,
— — Hillsborough's
&
— — Minerva,

Read the following letter from Mr. Robert Andrews.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary.

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that I arrived here on the 13th Instant, but no communication having been yet established with the King of Candia 'tis uncertain when I shall depart for his Capital. The letter to be forwarded by Colonel Stuart was sent off but four days ago, an answer to which cannot be received for some time, but indeed I could not have proceeded had the communication been open as the severe duty on the Troops during the late Seige precluded my being furnished with an Escort: but this difficulty

by

From Mr. Andrews hopes in a few days to commence his Journey to the Capital of the King of Candia.

Capts Wm. Thomson
Richd. Hutt
Kerr & Smith

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by the final reduction of Trincomala, will, I trust, soon be removed, and I shall hope, in a few days, to proceed on my journey. —

Trincomala
30th August 1795.

I have the honor to be,
Hr. Hrs
(Signed) R. Andrews.

Read the following letters from Commodore Rainier, and Colonel Stuart. —

To the Honorable the Council
of Fort St George.

Honble Gentlemen,

From Commodore Rainier — congratulating on the Reduction of Trincomalé — the Dutch prisoners sent on the Gloucester. the Mary Transport arrived. —

After congratulating you on the success of the British Arms in the taking of the Fort and Town of Trincomalé the particulars whereof you will no doubt receive from Colonel Brathwaite; I have to acknowledge the receipt of your several Letters by the Gloucester, Royal Admiral, and Swift Cruizer of the 25th and 31st Ultimo, and of the 11th and 15th Current. And beg leave to acquaint you that the Gloucester is now dispatched, with a Dutch Prize, under Convoy of His Majesty's Ship Heroine, with all the Dutch Prisoners, in a State to embark, with the exception of 3 or 4 Officers to whom

Colonel

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Colonel Stuart has given leave to remain to settle their family affairs; their Names Lt. Colonel Stuart will forward to you; and, this Service performed, I know of no further commands for the employment of the Gloucester. —

The Royal Admiral and Lascelles have been detained to carry the News of the taking the lower Fort of Trinconomale to His Majesty's Ministers, as it was forseen the time would not be long, and they will be dispatched to day or tomorrow at farthest. —

I shall pay due attention to your Sug-
=gestions, should I find it necessary to employ any of the outward bound Ships of the Honorable Company and approve of your arrangement in the dispatch of the Swift and Mary without waiting for the Vigilant, the Mary is of course arrived. The Vigilant being a heavy Sailer, and but indifferently managed, shall not I expect her for some time. —

In the event of taking Fort Ostenburg, which does not appear to be very distant, if Colonel Stuart and myself propose to recom-
=mend the dispatch of the John, to announce

it

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it to His Majesty's Ministers previously sending
her to receive your Commands.—

Suffolk Back Bay
Trinconomale
August 30.th 1795.

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

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council
Fort St. George.—

My Lord,

From Commodore Rainier advising of the Surrender of Fort Ostenburgh— suggests the Despatch of the John, Packet to England highly satisfied with the Conduct of Major Agnew.

I have the honor to congratulate your Lordship on the Surrender of Fort Ostenburgh; the terms of Capitulation will of course be transmitted by Colonel Stuart.—

The John Packet is despatched with Major Agnew from Colonel Stuart, with this information, to your Lordship and Colonel Braithwaite, and I beg leave to recommend her being immediately appointed to convey the intelligence of this important conquest to His Majesty's Ministers; for, although Colonel Stuart and myself have acquainted them therewith by the Royal Admiral and Lascelles, who sailed this forenoon; yet, as the latter is a very bad Sailer, and as they must, in compliance with their Orders, stop at St. Helena, add to which their chance of being captured, the delay and uncertainty

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uncertainty of their passage may be very detri-
=mental to His Majesty's Service. As we have
not received our Letters by the Swallow, I send
the Schooner immediately to receive your Lordships
Orders, requesting the Commander may be
ordered to call here, to receive an Officer from
Colonel Stuart, and another for myself, to be
charged with our several despatches to the King's
Ministers, and answer our letters by the Swallow.
The Schooner must be ordered to stop nowhere;
I have employed her chiefly in preventing Sup-
=plies being thrown into Fort Oostenburg
and Trincomomale with an Officer and Men
from the Squadron in which she has been
very useful, and the Master has always con-
=ducted himself to my satisfaction. The intel-
=ligence, a Copy of which he is herewith inclosed,
was transmitted me from Mr. Powney at
Rammad and received here yesterday, is highly
improbable, as it is almost impossible for a
Merchant Ship to get from Bengal to the
Coast of Malabar, in so short a time, at
this Season of the year; and, if it had been

true

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true, we certainly should have received some information of it from Bengal by this time.—

I am much obliged to Captain Maccaul-
=ley for his frequent correspondence from Trin-
=quebar, who I dare say has acquainted your Ld
Lordship of the information he has received
of La Sybelle and La Prudente french frigates
having captured an American Vessel in the Ot
Streights of Sunda on the 30th June last, I
flatter myself His Majesty's Ships Orpheus and
Resistance will be fortunate enough to effect their
junction before those frigates can reach the Ot
Streights of Malacca.—

I beg leave to express to Your Lordship
my entire satisfaction in the conduct of Major
Agnew in the several Services he has been em-
=ployed in, being particularly indebted to him for
his address in the Negociation with the Com-
=mandant of Fort Oostenburg, as it no doubt
hastened his determination to surrender that
important Fortress to His Majesty's Arms,
on the same terms as Trinconomale.—

Suffolk. Back Bay—
Trinconomale 5th September
1795.

I have the honor to remain,
&c &c
Signed Peter Rainier

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

&c &c &c

My Lord,

I most heartily congratulate your Lordship on the speedy fall of Trincomale, which gives us a footing on the Island of Ceylon, and I trust it will soon be improved by further conquests. But, at present, my Views are confined to Ostenburgh, the Reduction of which and the putting those Forts in a proper State of Repair and defence, will be full as much as my present Force is equal to, before the setting in of the Monsoon - particularly if Ostenburgh should suffer as much as Trincomalé has done. —

I have taken the liberty to request of Colonel Brathwaite to lay my public Letter to him, with its enclosures, before your Lordship, for your Satisfaction, - As it is impossible, in the present Hurry of embarking the Garrison and preparing despatches for Europe and Madras, to get another Copy of the different papers made out, before the sailing of the Ships this Evening. —

Your Lordship's letter, marked A, for the King of Candia, was forwarded by two of my Harcarrahs accompanied by some people

From Colonel Stuart - advising of the fall of Trincomale' - correspondence with the Commandant - Summons sent to that of Fort Ostenburgh - with his reply. Encloses has forwarded one of the letters for the King of Candia.

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people sent here by him for the purpose of ascertain-
-ing whether the English were at Trincomale or not,
the day after the place surrendered, which I think
must have ensured it, a most gracious Reception.-

As my friend Captain Burrough is now
writing to your Lordship - I beg leave to refer to his
letter for further particulars - And have the honor
to remain With the greatest Respect,

Camp at Trincomalé
30th. August 1795.

My Lord,
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Stuart.

To the Officers Commanding the British Naval and Military
Forces at Trincomalé.

Sirs,

Having received the News, that you have thought
fit to invade the Company's Territory with Armed
Troops, and to Summons the Forts of Trincomale
and Oostenburg, we have Annulled our Resolution,
to accept of Eight hundred Men as Auxiliars, and to
place three hundred of them in Oostenburg, and have
therefore resolved to defend, with the Forces we have,
the Forts and Establishments which have been
confided to us, against every one that wishes to
make themselves masters thereof, we inform

you

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you thereoff and have the honor to be,

Sirs &c &c

Columbo
the 15th August 1795.

/Signed/ J. G. van Angelbeck
D. C. van Dreiberg
J. Renston
B. L. van Tritter
A. Samlant
J. A. Vollenhove
D. D. van Rawzon
A. Ysendorp
J. G. Hoflande. –

A true Translation,

/Signed/ A. Geisler
Sworn Transl.r

We the undersigned Officers, Commanding His Britannic Majesty's Naval and Land forces before Trincamalay. – Summon you to surrender the Fort under your Command to His Majesty's Arms. Motives of humanity alone induce us to make this proposal to prevent an unnecessary effusion of Blood. –

You must be sensible that the place is no longer capable of defence. By an immediate surrender the lives and private property of the Garrison will be preserved, but if you resolve to stand a Storm they must prepare to meet their fate. – In this event we request that the Women and Children of the Garrison may be

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be immediately sent out, and a passport will be granted for them to proceed to a place of safety. One hour from the delivery of this Summons, will be allowed you to form your Resolution, during which time all firing shall cease on our part, unless provoked by acts of Hostility on yours.—

/Signed/ Peter Rainier
" James Stuart.

Camp before Trincomalee
26th. August 1795.—

Gentlemen,

I request you will grant an Armistice of twenty four hours, for the purpose of adjusting the Capitulation, the first Article of which is, that the Garrison shall be allowed to March out by the Breach and permitted to retire to Columbo or Jaffanapatam; in the mean time I have the honor to be, respectfully

Vr. Or.

Trincomalee
26th. August 1795.

/Signed/ J. G. Fornbauer

A true Translation

/Signed/ George Parry
Actg. French Transr.

The Garrison of Trincomalee in consideration

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consideration of the defence they have made, will be allowed to march out by the Fort with the honors of War, Drums beating, and Colours flying to the Glacis, where they will ground their Arms, and Surrender themselves Prisoners of War – the Officers keeping their Swords. – Private property will be secured to them, but all Public property Papers, Guns, Stores and Provisions of every Kind must be delivered up in their present condition to the Officers appointed by us to receive them. –

The Garrison to march out, and the British Troops to be put in possession of the Fort, in one hour after this Capitulation is signed. – And two Officers of the Garrison of the Rank of Captain to be delivered immediately as Hostages for the performance of this Agreement.

These are the only terms we the under=signed Officers Commanding His Brittannic Majesty's Forces can grant. – Major Tombaner, if he accepts the conditions, will sign this paper, and return it by the Officers he sends as Hostages, within half an hour from the time he received it. –

Given under our hands in Camp before Trin=comalee this 26th Day of August 1795.

Signed { Peter Braimer
J. Stuart

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Gentlemen,

I must consult the Officers of the Garrison upon the Articles of Capitulation, and I shall have the honor to send my Answer by two Officers, whom I shall despatch to you this Evening at four o'clock.—

I request you will be pleased to explain to me whether the Paper you have sent to me is considered a Capitulation; if so it would be impossible to put the British Troops in possession of the Fort one hour after signing the Articles.—

I have the honor to be,
very respectfully &c. &c.
/Signed/ J. G. Fombauer

Trunkonomale
the 26.th August 1795.

A true Translation
/Signed/ George Parry
Act.g French Transl.r

Capitulation

According to the Terms of which the Fort of Trunkonomale shall be delivered up to the Troops of His Britannick Majesty.—

Art.k 1.st

The Garrison shall march out tommorrow morning at Sun Set this Evening

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Morning, at four o Clock, by the Breach, with Drums beating and Colours flying, and shall deposit their Arms on the Glacis; all the Officers, European and Native wearing their Arms. —

The Corpses of the Malays shall be packed up in a Chest, to be restored to them in case they are sent back to their own Country; these Corpses being their individual property, which they would be very unwilling to lose.

Art. 2nd

The whole of the Ammunition and other Property of the Company shall be given up to such persons as may be deputed by His or Britannick Majesty's Officers to receive charge of it. —

Granted

Art.

Evening, in the manner demanded; but the Redoubt the Cavalier on the Flank of the Breach and the Leburg Bastion must be immediately given up to the British Troops. —

The Corpses of the Malays shall be disposed of in the manner requested — and the whole, Officers and Men, shall be considered as Prisoners of War.

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Art. 3rd

The European Officers shall not be sent to Europe against their Inclination. — Granted

Art. 4th

The Persons composing the Garrison, as well as Individuals, shall be secured in the Possession of their private property. — Granted.

Art. 5th

The Persons employed in the Civil Departments of the Company shall be permitted to retire to another Part of the Island. — It is not in the power of the Officers Commanding the British Forces to grant this Article. —

Art. 6th

The Invalids and wounded Men shall be humanely treated. — Certainly. —

Art. 7th

The Garrison shall not be subject to reprisals. — Granted

The Commandant requests permission to despatch a person on the Company's Civil Service Copies of the Papers to be submitted to the British Commanders. —

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Service to the Government
of the Island with the
Papers relating to the
Seige. -

Done in the Fort of
Trinkonomale this
twenty sixth Day of
August 1795.

/Signed/ J. J. Fornbauer

Signed by authority of
Commodore Rainier and
Colonel Stuart. -

/Signed/ P. A. Agnew
Depy Adjt Genl

A true translation

/Signed/ George Parry
Act. Fr. Interpr.

To Captain Hoffmann

Commanding Fort Ostenburgh.

Sir,

The capture of Trincomalee, the Garri-
-son of which place surrendered yesterday Evening
as Prisoners of War, having placed the Fort of
Ostenburg entirely under your Orders, We the
undersigned Officers, Commanding the forces of his
Brittannic Majesty at Trincomalee, demand of
you to surrender the Fort of Ostenburg to the
King our Master. -

The Officers and European Troops of
the

the Garrison, if it is their wish, will be immediately received into the pay of Great Britain with the Rank they now hold, their private property will be secured to them, and every other reasonable indulgence will be granted, as far as the undersigned are authorized by their Instructions to allow.

It must be evident to you that Resistance cannot long preserve the Fort under your Command; if therefore your refusal to surrender, on the very favorable conditions now offer, obliges us to erect Batteries against the Place, no terms will hereafter be granted; and, if you are permitted to surrender, it must be at Discretion.

Major Agnew, the Deputy Adjutant General of the Army, will have the honor to deliver this to you, and is empowered by us to arrange the terms of Surrender. Whatever he may consent to, we will confirm.

Given under our hands in Camp near Trincomalee this 27.th day of August 1795

/Signed { Peter Rainier
James Stuart.

To

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To Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stuart.

Commanding the Naval and Land Forces

of His Britannick Majesty. -

Gentlemen,

The Governor and Council of Columbo having entrusted to me the Command of Fort Ostenburg in the Name of His High. Mightiness the Prince of Orange, and the States General, it is impossible for me to deliver it up on your Summons, to His Butannick Majesty, + without being authorized so to do by a legal order of the said Governor and Council; and without exposing myself to eternal disgrace, and to the contempt of every Military Man. —

The offer of taking the European Officers and Soldiers immediately into the pay of His Butannick Majesty is very flattering to us; but, as our acquiescence would be considered as Breach of Duty, it would tend to annihilate all confidence in us. In declining this offer therefore, we shall hope to merit the approbation of the English Nation. —

Undeviating in my adherence to

the

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the Oath of Fidelity to the constitution of united Provinces of the Year 1787, I will defend Fort Ostenburg as long as my means will permit, and with my Garrison, will meet with firmness the Consequences that may result from my Attachment to my Duty.—

Given in Fort Ostenburg this 27th of August 1795.

/Signed/ G. Hoffmann.—

A true Translation

/Signed/ G. Parry

Sec.y French Transl.r

The Right Honble Lord Hobart.

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

I have infinite satisfaction, in congratulating your Lordship on the Fall of Fort Ostenburg, which yesterday surrendered by Capitulation— the terms of which I have the honor to enclose: the possession of Trincomale' and Ostenburg with their Harbours and dependencies, may certainly be considered as a tolerable footing on the Island of Ceylon— I shall lose no time in preparing to make the necessary repairs in both Forts, in order to get them put in the best state of defence possible, before the setting in of the

From Colonel Stuart. Fort Ostenburgh surrendered the Capitulation and that of Trincomale' enclosed— also Copies of Letters to and from the Commodore— Testimony in favor of Major Agnew—

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the Monsoon - But I am apprehensive, from the very great repairs necessary in both, I shall not be able to extend my views of Conquest, beyond or Jeffnapatnam and Bataculoa - the possession of the former will give us a more immediate communication, with the Coast, and that of the latter will be useful in furnishing us with the Supplies of Cattle and Grain, as the Country about it I understand is fertile and well inhabited.

I have derived the most useful, and able Assistance from Major Agnew's Superior Abilities, Zeal, and Attention, not only in his official capacity of Adjutant General, But likewise in drawing and Arranging the various Negotiations preparatory to the Capitulations &c., As well as the Capitulations themselves, with a degree of judgment and Address, perfectly to my Satisfaction, and much to his own honor and Credit - I beg leave to recommend him to your Lordship as a most deserving and Excellent Officer, possessing infinite merit, and in whom the most unlimited confidence may be placed, and from whose Knowledge the most

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most accurate and Copious information may be derived with this view, I have the honor of sending him to Madras to detail to your Lordship what has passed since the landing of the Troops upon this Island, as well as to give you a description of the present state and Situation of the Forts of Trincomale and Ostenburg, and to receive your Lordships' ideas and Commands regarding our future Operations.—

Camp at Trincomale
1st September 1795.

I have the honor to be
W. &c.
Signed J. Stuart

P.S. I shall have the honor in a few days to transmit a State of the Ordnance and Stores &c. taken in the Fort of Ostenburgh—by the Ships which are to convey the Garrison to Madras.—

The Commandant of Fort Ostenburg delivers up the said Fort to His Britannick Majesty on the following Conditions.—

Art. 1st

The Garrison of Fort Ostenburg deliver themselves up as Prisoners of War, The Officers wearing their side Arms.— Granted

Art.

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Art. 2nd

Captain Wiseman and Lieutenant Zellman of the Engineers request permission to remain here in order to adjust their own private affairs and those of the Officers. —

These Officers will be permitted to remain a Reasonable time for the arrangement of their affairs. —

Art. 3rd

The Officers and Soldiers shall be secured in the possession of their Private Property. —

Granted.

Art. 4th

The Soldiers shall be considered Prisoners of War and delivered up to be transported; they shall not be forced to take Service, and those who are unwilling to enlist shall be sent to Europe, at a convenient opportunity.

Granted

Art. 5th

The Malays shall be well treated, and shall not be forced to take Service either as Soldiers or Sailors. —

Granted.

Art

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Art. 6th

The Storekeeper, his Assistant and the Secretary, request permission to remain here for the purpose of adjusting their private Affairs. —

These Gentlemen will be allowed a reasonable time for the arrangement of their affairs — but are to be considered as Prisoners of War. —

Art. 7th

All the Articles of the Capitulation of Trincommale, although not included in the present shall be extended to the Garrison of Batticaloa being at a convenient opportunity. —

Granted.

Art. 8th

This Evening at 4 o Clock the Garrison shall march out with Drums beating and shall lay down their Arms. —

The Garrison shall march out at 4 o Clock this afternoon in the manner required by this Article. — But a detachment of the British Army must be put in possession of the Water Pass-Gate at 2 Clock this afternoon, and proper persons will be appointed by Captain Hoffman to point out the Magazines &c. that Guards may be posted for their security. —

Signed/ P. A. Agnew
Dep. Q. Mr. Gen.l

Art 9th

All the Military Stores Magazines Paper and public Property shall be delivered up to the Commissary appointed on the part of His Britannick Majesty. —

Fort Batticaloa the 31st August 1795.

Signed/ Hoffmann
Comm.t

A true Translation
/ signed/ George Parry —
Act.g Fiscal Trans.r

Confirmed
Signed — Peter Rainier
" — J. Stuart.

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State of the Garrison of Oostenburg

Companies

	Captains	Captain Lieutenants	Lieut.t and Commandant	First Lieutenants	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Serjeants Major	Serjeants Drill	Surgeon	Serjeants and Bombardiers	V. M.r Serjeants	Drummers & Fifers	Carpenters	Corporals	Cadets & Privates		
N.o 13 Captain Weermans	1	"	"	1	"	"	1	"	"	2	"	"	"	4	22	1	32
N.o 3 Artillery	"	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	2	"	"	"	"	4	"	8
8th Company of the Regiment of Meuron	"	1	"	"	1	"	1	"	"	3	"	1	"	8	52	2	69
Lieutenant Colonel von Dhen " von Wertemburg	1	"	"	"	2	"	1	5	1	4	1	3	1	5	35	"	54
N.o 1 Malays Captain Moendoe	1		1	"	1	2	"	1	"	3	–	1	"	4	36	"	50
N.o 3 D.o Captain Wieremengale	1	"	1	"	"	1	"	"	"	2	"	"	"	3	31	"	39
Total	4	1	2	2	5	3	3	1	1	16	1	5	1	24	180	3	252.

Staff
- 1 Captain Commandant
- 1 Town Major
- 1 Surgeon
- 1 Flag Staffman

A true Translation
(Signed) John M.c Dowall
D. F. at Trincomallee

Fort Oostenburg 1st Sep.r 1795.
(Signed) G. Hoffmann

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Deserters from the 30th to the 31st August 1795.

Company Meermans 14

Artillery . . 6

Meuron . . 4

Wirtemburg . . 9

Rosendoe . . 14

Weeramengale — 3

50 Men

From the above State there are deserted last Night from Weeremengale's Company

1 Serjeant

5 Privates

(Signed) G. Hoffmann

List of the Officers of the Garrison of Oostenburg

Captain Hoffmann of the Regiment of Wirtemberg Commandant Dutch Troops

Captain Weerman

Lieutenant Fleming Commandant of a Malay Company.

" — Trouw — Ditto — — — Ditto.

" — Trikke

Ensign Elke — Fort Adjutant

Artillery

1st Lieutenant Lellemann — Engineer

2nd Lieutenant Baggerd —

8th

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8th Company of the Regiment Meuron

Captain Lieutenant des Bordes
2nd Lieutenant Bugnon
Lieutenant Colonels Company of the Regiment
of Wirtemburg. —

Captain Lieutenants
with pay as Captain Von Frongpiemont
2nd Lieutenant ... Spanoghe
" — — — — — Treffz

Malay Officers

Captain Mondoe
" Wiere Mongolo
Lieutenant Sawith
Ensign — Achmet
" — — — Hilgel
" — — — Buenaviaja

/Signed/ G. Hoffmann

His Excellency Commodore Rainier
&c. &c.

Sir,

The Surrender of Fort Oostenburg & this day having placed this important harbour and its Forts completely in our possession, I have particular pleasure in availing myself of this occasion of joining with my congratulations

on

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on the success of His Majestys Arms, my warmest thanks to you for that able and Zealous cooperation, which has contributed so essentially to it. —

I request that you will do me the favor to assure the Officers and Seamen of the Squadron that I am highly sensible of the obligations I am under to them for the active assistance in every branch of the many important departments, where the Gallantry and Zeal of His Majestys Naval forces under your Command have been exerted so much to their honor and the general good of the Service. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) J. Stuart

Camp
at Trincomalee
August 31st 1795.

Colonel Stuart
Commander in Chief Trinconomale.

Sir,

After requesting your acceptance of my very sincere congratulations on the important conquest of Trinconomale and its dependencies by the British forces under your Command, in the course of which your ability and exertions have

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have been so unwearied and Conspicuous, and the spirited conduct of the Officers and Men composing the Army under your Orders in every respect so deserving all Commendation - I have to make my acknowledgments for the extremely flatt-tering testimony, you have with so much politeness, afforded in your favor of today to the assistance of my Co-operation -

I shall without fail make known to the Officers and Seamen of His Majesty's Ships under my Command, the high sense you are pleased to entertain of their conduct, and the handsome manner in which you have been also pleased to express your sensibility of it -

I have the honor to remain with every sentiment of Respect &c &c

(Signed) Peter Rainier

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ary
romale
31st. 1795

Resolved that the following letter be immediately written to Bengal -

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

Honble Sir,

To Bengal -
advising

We have the greatest satisfaction

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advising of the fall of Trincomale and Fort Ostenburgh, and inclosing Copies of the despatches from the Commodore and Colonel Stuart. Observation on the letter from Columbo, annulling their proposal to receive the British Troops as Auxilliaries. the letter for the King of Candia marked A. forwarded. Two Indiamen intended to be sent to the Eastward.

satisfaction in acquainting you that the Fort of Trincomalé surrendered to His Majesty's Arms on the 26th and the Fort of Osnaburgh on the 31st ultimo. Copies of the despatches to us from Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stuart, announcing this important events are enclosed for your information.—

Among the papers transmitted by Colonel Stuart, you will find a letter from the Governor and Council of Columbo, dated the 15th ultimo, acquainting the British Officers before Trincomalé, that, as the Dutch Territory had been invaded with an Armed force, the Government of Columbo had annulled their resolution of accepting eight hundred British Troops as Auxiliaries, and had determined to defend the Forts and Establishments entrusted to their care. It is evident from this communication, that Mr Van Angelbeck was by no means sincere in the offer he made to receive 300 British Troops into Fort Osnaburgh, an offer which had been accepted on our part, but refused by the Commandant at Trincomalé under the plea of a want of Form. And that, as it was upon this refusal

that

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that Force was resorted to, if there had been even an intention of admitting us as Friends, the Government of Columbo would have repeated their orders in due form, instead of annulling them, in consequence of the disobedience of their own Officer.-

Upon the whole we are disposed to think, that you will now concur with us, that our President's intimation to Mr Van Angelbeek that Force would be resorted to, in case his Majesty's offers were rejected, was a measure of propriety which has been fully justified by the event, since it has led to the prevention of delay, and frustrated the insidious views of the Dutch Government, in their offer with respect to Fort Osnaburgh; and has precluded Mr Van Angelbeek from obtaining any credit to the misrepresentation he has made, of our having made use of the smallest deception in any part of the transaction.-

As Colonel Stuart has informed us of his having dispatched to the King of Candia our President's letter marked A the qualification suggested in your letter

of

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of the 10th Ultimo, cannot now be made.—

Our President has laid before us his letter of yesterday's date to the Governor General, on the subject of the Intelligence received from Prince of Wales's Island, and we entirely con=cur in the expediency of the measures which his Lordship has suggested, in consequence of the information transmitted by Mr. Mannington.

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

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(Signed) Hobart
Pt. Council

Two Companies of Pioneers ordered to embark for Trincomale.

Resolved that two Companies of Pioneers now in the Baramahal be immedi=ately ordered to proceed to Negapatam, from whence they will embark for Ceylon; and that Captain Read be instructed to make provisi=on for their Families agreeably to the ar=rangements already made with respect to the Natives now on foreign Service.—

General letters from England, dated 25th March and 6th May last read and orders passed thereon.—

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4th September
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The Board now proceed to pass the necessary orders and Resolutions on the Letters from the Honble Court of Directors lately received.—

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General Letter
Military Department
25th March 1795

Para 1 & 6. Date of last despatches - Forty four Cadets and Eleven Assistant Surgeons appointed. - Assistant Surgeon Steel and Captain Lennen return to India with their Rank - Mr Surgeon Biggs had permission to proceed to India on the Boddam.

These Paragraphs require no Remark.

7. Aaron Bakies a Soldier on the Madras Establishment to be discharged the Service, and sent to England on the Ships of the ensuing Season.

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be sent to the Officer Commanding the Army for his information and Guidance. -

8 & 9. Respecting Naval, Garrison, and Ordnance Stores. The orders of his Majesty's Privy Council thereon. Certificates to be sent to England -

Ordered that Copies of these paragraphs be sent to the Military Board, with directions to pay particular attention to the instructions they contain. -

General

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General Letter
Military Department
6th May 1795.

Para 1 & 4. Date of last despatches. Officers permitted to return to India with their rank. Mr Surgeon Duffin permitted to return. Two Sons of Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham appointed Cadets.

These paragraphs require no remark.

5 & 8 Mr John Price. James Dunham Patterson and John Carruthers appointed Cadets upon condition of their producing Certificates of their Age, and that they are not the Sons of Native Indians. —

Ordered that Copies of these paragraphs be sent to Colonel Braithwaite for his information.

9. Names of seven Assistant Surgeons appointed to the Service.

Copy to the Hospital Board. —

10. Inclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr Francis Lind regarding a sum charged in his Accounts as Paymaster at Bellary.

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph, with a Copy of the letter referred to therein, be sent to the Military Auditor General, and that he be desired to state whether there are any means now open for

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for elucidating the transaction which gave rise to the claim on Mr Robert Gardiner. —

11. Representation of Commodore Rainier, as to the bad State of the Godowns in which His Majesty's Naval Stores are deposited — An enquiry to be made, and the inconvenience remedied. —

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph with the papers referred to, be transmitted to the Military Board, with directions to report upon the subject.

Requires no remark.

12. Acknowledgement of the receipt of the letter containing advice of the capture of the French Settlements in India.

13. No reply.

14. Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons entitled to Lord Clive's Bounty — Mr Gordon will receive the Commission on making the usual Affidavit. —

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be sent to the Hospital Board, with directions to communicate the purport of it to Mr Gordon. —

15 & 17. No reply.

18. Contract for Clothing the Army. Mr Torriano's proposals approved. Observation that neither the proposals nor comparative Statements were entered upon the Records —

The Board will, in future, be careful that the proposals for Clothing the Army, and the comparative Statements be entered upon the Records. —

Ordered

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19. No reply

20. approbation of the reasons for continuing Mr. Brodie in the Office of Secretary to the Military Board, & of the appointment of Mr. William Linlay to be Deputy Secretary to that Board. —

Ordered that a copy of this paragraph be sent to the Military Board for their information. —

21. Addition in the establishment of the Military Paymaster General approved.

No remark

22 & 25. Further orders on the subject of the additional Donation to the Army.

Ordered that Copies of these paragraphs be sent to the Military Auditor General, with the papers transmitted by the Court; and that he be directed to furnish the further information required. —

Agreeably to the order of the Court, the Board now rescind their former resolution for appropriating unclaimed shares — Notification of this to be made to the Military Auditor General.

26 — No reply.

27 and 28 — Respecting the Capture of Tinnicolah by a party of or Freebooters from the Nizams Country — Propriety of strengthening the Force in that Frontier by Supernumeration

Resolved that copies of these paragraphs be sent to the Officer Commanding the Army, and to the Military Board, for their information and guidance. —

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Representation of the Commanding of Ongole relative to the deficiency of Equipment Vd. Vt. Orders in Consequence.

No remark.

29. No reply.

30. Approbation of the Promotions in the Corps of Engineers in consequence of the death of Lieutenant Colonel Maule. —

The Board are happy in availing themselves of this opportunity to add their testimony to that of the former Government, with respect to the Diligence and Ability with which the Military Secretary executes the Duties of his situation. —

31. Additional allowance to the Military Secretary approved. Not to be given to his Successor without the previous sanction of the Court.

These Paragraphs require no particular Remark. —

32 & 36. Approbation of the abolition of the Paymastership with the Rajah's Detachment of the Allowance to the Deputy Military Auditor General and his Assistant for mustering the Troops of the temporary Allowance to the Resident at Cuddalore during the Seige of Pondicherry

of

of the Salaries to the Paymaster & Commissary with the Army before Pondicherry. And of the Allowance of 1000 Pags'das 7th Month to Colonal Brathwaite & during that Service.—

37 & 38. No reply.

39. Orders respecting Gentlemen Recruits.

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be sent to Colonel Brathwaite for his information and guidance.—

40. No reply.

41. Approbation of Colonel Nixon's having been readmitted on the establishment.

No remark.

42. Remarks on the Military Auditor Generals annual Military Statement.—

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be sent to Colonel Malcolm for his information and guidance.—

43. No reply.

44. Request of Ensign Kelly inadmissible.

Ordered that a Copy of the first part of this paragraph be sent to Lieutenant Kelly.—

45. No reply.

46. Allowance to the Revered Mr Phole Chaplain at Trichinopoly approved.—

No remark.

47 & 49 No reply.

This

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50. Approbation of the measure for the Execution of the Sibbundy Corps.—

This subject will be noticed particularly in the next despatches to the Honorable Court, and the reasons given for having again adopted the measure for entertaining Revenue Corps.—

51 Noreply.

52. Application of the Directors of the Male Orphan Asylum for an extension of the Company's Bounty in support of that institution, not complied with.—

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be sent to the Secretary of the Male Orphan Society for the information of the Directors.—

53. Noreply.

54. A petition will be delivered to his Majesty on the subject of the Booty and Plunder taken at Pondicherry and Orders hereafter sent.—

No remark.

55. Application of Captain Allan of the Guides for the same rank and Allowances as were enjoyed by his Predecessors rejected for the present.—

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be sent to Captain Allan for his information.

56. Compensation to Bullock Owners approved.

No remark.

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57. Table Allowance to Colonel Floyd as Commandant at Pondicherry approved.—

No remark.

58. Twenty three Assistant Surgeons appointed.—

Copy of this paragraph to the Hospital Board.

59. Resolution for postage on private letters to Europe revoked.—

No remark.

60. On the Memorial of Colonel Picon—any discussion upon the subject premature at present.

Ditto.—

61 No reply.

62 & 64. Captain Mackenzies plans have been submitted to Major Russell. Death of Colonel Brace, his Name to be struck off the List of the Army—Respecting the Sons of Lieut.t Colonel Patterson.

Ditto.

65. No reply.

66. The applications of Lieutenant Colonels Geils and Pendergast for the admission of their Sons into the Service cannot be complied with.—

No Remark.

Ordered

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67. a further explanation required with regard to the Surplus Cloathing delivered to the Officers of Corps in the years 1789 and 1790.

Ordered that a Copy of this Paragraph be sent to the Military Board, and that they be directed to give the explanation required as far as they have the means of doing it.

68. New arrangement for the Hospitals.

The Board are satisfied that the present arrangement for the Medical Department is better calculated than any other that has been adopted for the prevention of abuse - They are persuaded that abuses did ..... exist under the former System, but the difficulty of bringing the same to any Individual, precludes the Board from making the attempt with any prospect of success; if any should hereafter occur, they will not fail of noticing the matter in their communications to the Honorable Court. -

69. Authority given to make such Amendments to the existing Medical regulations as shall render the Services of the Members of the Hospital Board as extensively useful as possible. -

The Board refer to the Physician General's correspondence in the other departments as the reason for their not being able to make such amendments to the existing Regulations, as might be calculated to give decided effects to the whole / object recommended in this Para. -

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70. A Comparative Statement of the Medical Expenditure on the Coast under the New, and preceding Regulations to be forwarded to the Court.—

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be sent to the Military Auditor General, with directions to furnish the Statements required by the Court.

71. Animadversions on the Conduct of Mr. Maxwell Thompson. To be suspended from Pay and allowances for the further term of two years, in addition to that of the Six Months, to which the Sentence of the Court Martial was confined.

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be communicated to the Hospital Board and to the Military Auditor General for their information and guidance. — Resolved likewise that Colonel Brathwaite be desired to communicate to Mr. Crane, the Court's favorable Notice of him.—

72. Approbation of the establishment of a Lunatic Hospital.

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be sent to the Hospital Board.—

73 & 74 Hereafter

75. Soldiers Accoutrements will be furnished in future from Europe.

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be sent to the Military Board for their information.—

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76. Mr John Balfour will be called upon for an explanation respecting the sum brought to the Company's Credit in consequence of his Audit. —

No remark

77 Colonels of His Majesty's Regiments to bear in future all contingent expences relative to the Clothing of their Regiments.

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be sent to the Military Auditor General, for his information and guidance. —

78. Balance due by Lieut. Wheeler Government reported to be intended for permitting him to leave the Settlement, previous to an adjustment of the same. —

No remark.

79. Lieutenant Samson allowed fifty Guineas from the contingent Military Fund.

No remark.

80 Mr John Nixon appointed the youngest Lieutenant Fire-worker in the Artillery Corps. —

Ordered that Mr Nixon's appointment be notified in G. O.

Lieutenant

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81. No reply.

82. Lieutenant Stevenson of the Invalids restored to his former rank in the Effective List.

Lieutenant Stevenson is at present on leave of absence to Europe.—

83. Lieutenant Hughes's application to be restored to the effective List not complied with.—

Requires no remark.

84. A present to Mrs Kelly of one hundred Guineas.—

Ordered that Mrs Kelly be furnished with a Copy of this paragraph; and that the Military Auditor General be directed to pass her Bill for one hundred Guineas.—

85. No reply.

86. The Lists from the Mil.y Paymaster General of Batta to Mysore Prisoners not sufficiently or specific—others to be forwarded.

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be sent to Mr Roebuck, and that he be directed to give the information called for by the Court.

87. No reply.

88. Colonel Brathwaite's Allowances for Commanding the Army settled.—

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be sent to Colonel Brathwaite, for his information, and that the Military Auditor General be

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directed to state the sum drawn for Annuity by Colonel Home and by Colonel Musgrave while they were in the Command of the Army - and the sum drawn by Colonel Brathwaite, so that the difference may be precisely ascertained. -

89. Correspondence upon the Memorial of the Assistant Surgeons of 1788 -

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be sent to the Hospital Board. -

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91. No reply.

92. Lieutenant Colonel Cliffe permitted to proceed to India as Aid de Camp to General Clarke. -

Requires no observation.

Geo. Yonge

S. W. Kyte

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Diary

Sent Letter to the Commander of
To Captain Clarkson — the Gloucester entered in M: B: No. 33 discharging
that Vessel from the service. —

Dispatched the undermentioned letters
entered in M: B: No. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. —

To Commandant in the Baramhaul
To Captain Read — directing him to despatch two of the pioneer Compa=
=nies to Negapatam, where they will embark for
Ceylon. —

To Secretary at Bengal — with a
To Mr Secretary Hay — paper of Intelligence brought by an American
Ship. —

To Ditto — To Ditto — with Copy of Mysore
Intelligence. —

To Principal Agent for Cavalry
To Mr. Shaadon — Supplies — the gram Godowns at Conatore and
Pattor, may be repaired. —

To Military Auditor General —
To Colonel Malcolm — notifying the Gratuity of 500 Pagodas granted to
Major Agnew — and that the Members of the
Committee of Circuit in the Baramhaul
are to draw 30 Pagodas P Mensem for Account
of Tents, Carriage &c. —

To

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To Military Board — desiring them to prepare the Draft of an advertisement for proposals for clothing the Army

To Military Board

To Ditto — transmitting Accounts of Goods shipped on the Thurlow, Hillsborough, Minerva, and Francis, for which Certificates are required — Extracts from the Honble Court's orders on the subject, and the orders of the King's privy Council respecting the transportation of different stores, — enclosed

To Ditto

To Military Paymaster General — Bills to be drawn on Madras for the Barrackhaul payments, if the Collector cannot answer the paymaster's demands — his 2^d additional Estimate, ordered to be paid.

To Mr Roebuck

To Commander of the Hillsborough desiring his Report upon a Representation from Robert Armstrong, one of the Recruits on board.

To Captain R. Hall

To Clerk of the Treasury — ordering an additional Advance to Mr. Roebuck for September.

To Clerk of the Treasury

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Tuesday 8th September 1795 Edward Saunders Esqr

and

Ernst William Falloofield Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation —

Read and approved

Read the following Letter from

Bengal —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council at Fort St George

My Lord,

In consequence of the application

From Bengal — advising that one Company of Artillery and two of Lascars will be sent to the Coast on the Eliza Ann — a Battalion of Sepoys will be sent to Malacca

from your Lordship, to the Governor General for a Detachment of Artillery to supply the insufficiency in the Artillery Corps at your Presidency, occasioned by the late Expeditions, We have resolved to send you a Company of Artillery, and two Companies of Lascars, and we have the honor

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of informing you that they will proceed in the "
Country ship Eliza Ann.

We further beg leave to acquaint your Lordship that, with a view to reinforce the Expedition against Malacca with a Battalion of Bengal Sepoys, in the room of the Madras " Battalion first intended for that service, but withdrawn on account of the Detachment for " Hyderabad, We have determined to send a " Battalion, under the command of Captain " Ludovick Grant, to proceed on the Country Ships Triumph and Britannia to Prince Wales's Island, and from thence to Malacca if they " should not receive intelligence that may " render it unnecessary to prosecute their voyage.

The preparations are making for this " Embarkation, and we hope it will be effected by the 20th of the ensuing month.

We have the honor to be,
Sir: Sir:

Fort William
25th August 1795

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

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Resolved that the following Letter, sent in Circulation yesterday, be dispatched to Bengal.—

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

Hon'ble Sir,

To Bengal—advising of the Force preparing to be sent from hence to Malacca as a reinforcement—and requesting a discretionary latitude to ratify any Treaty that may be agreed upon between the King of Candia and Mr Andrews the relief of Major Roberts Detachment by one from Bengal suggested—also a reinforcement for Ceylon from the Malabar Coast—

Para 1 We have had the honor of receiving your letter of the 25th ultimo, advising us of your intention to send on the Country Ship Eliza Ann, for the service of the Coast, one Company of artillery and two Companies of Lascars.—

2 We are of opinion, from the information lately received from Prince of Wales's Island, that the reinforcement you propose to send to Malacca, will conduce very much to the success of the expedition against that place—we are preparing to send thither two Companies of Europeans on the Hillsborough and Minerva, under the Idea, that the Dutch, having received intimation of our views, might have found means

to

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to strengthen themselves so considerably as to render the Detachment commanded by Major Brown, insufficient for the purpose of Reducing Malacca by force. The Hermine Frigate will accompany the Indiamen and the whole will sail in a few days unless Commodore Rainier, to whom we have written on the subject, should be of a different opinion with ourselves - We enclose, for your information, Copy of our letter to Captain Gardner and Major Brown. —

3 From what we have been able to learn of the Character and disposition of the King of Candia, we entertain the most sanguine hopes, that the success of our arms at Trincomale, will induce him to concur with Mr. Andrews in bringing the negotiation to a speedy & Conclusion - Under this impression, and with the view of guarding against the dangers of delay, it has occurred to us that it would be a measure eventually of great expedience, if we were invested with a discretionary Authority from your Government to Ratify any Treaty

that

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that may be agreed upon between the King of Candia and our Ambassador, provided such Treaty, after due consideration shall in our Judgement appear to be compatible with the public Good, and consistent with the objects we have in view in opening a Negotiation with that Prince.

4. From the information received from Major Agnew, with regard to the essential advantages, that would result from an immediate connection with the King of Candia, as it affects the situation of the Dutch at Columbo, we are satisfied in our own minds that we cannot be too early in bringing the negotiation to a point— It would effectually deprive the Government of Columbo of all internal supplies, weaken their means of defence — and afford every prospect of a speedy reduction of all the Dutch possessions on the Island of Ceylon — By awaiting the result of a reference to your Government, the opportunity might be

lost

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lost, of attaching the natives of the Island
to our Interests - the Dutch might receive
reinforcements from Europe, or such induce-
ments held out to the King of Candia, as
might lead him to put a stop to the ne-
negotiation, if it be lengthened out to any
considerable period. - Under the weight of
these circumstances, we submit to you the
propriety of our being invested with the ex-
authority we have solicited, and we are
ready to take upon ourselves all the
responsibility that can possibly attach
to the measure. -

5 The necessity of furnishing at least
two more native Battalions, for the reduc-
-tion of the Dutch Settlements on Ceylon,
as well as an additional European Force,
even in the event of assistance from the
Malabar Coast, and the Danger in which
the Company's possessions belonging to this
Presidency may be involved by the several
Detachments we have already made, and

there

those we may be called upon to make inquiries to ascertain to you whether it would not be an eligible measure, for the present at least, to relieve Major Roberts's Detachement by a Corps of equal strength from Bengal as this assistance might be afforded without the necessity of embarking the Bengal troops, it would probably be the most easy, as it would certainly be the most effectual that could be given us.

6. Colonel Braithwaite has notified to our President, the intention of Sir Robert Abercromby to propose to the Supreme Government, that a force should be ordered from the Malabar Coast, after the reduction of Cochin for aid of any further operations against the Dutch Settlements on the Island of Ceylon. We take the liberty of adding our strongest recommendation of the measure, as of practical consequence to the Public service; and of suggesting that if it should be deemed practicable to send us such a reinforcement, it would be advisable that the Troops to be ordered on that service, should proceed to Tutacoryn, whenever their services can be dispensed with on the Coast of Malabar.

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

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Resolved, on the vote of Commodore Rainier's concurrence in the measure of sending the two Indiamen to Prince of Wales's Island, that the following letters be written.—

To Captain Gardner
Commanding His Majesty's Ship
Heroine.

Proposed letter to the Commander of the Heroine, in the event of the Commodore concurring in the measure of sending the two Indiamen to the Eastward

Sir,

His Excellency Commodore Rainier having concurred in the measure suggested by our President, of dispatching the Heroine, with the Honble Company's Ships Hillsborough and Minerva to Prince of Wales's Island, with a view of supporting the expedition against Malacca — we request you will be pleased to take under convoy the abovementioned Ships, and, on your arrival at Prince of Wales's Island, you will communicate the purport of this letter to Captain Newcome — or to any other Officer under whose command the Indiamen may eventually be placed —

We think it very likely that Captain Newcome will have sailed for Malacca previous to your arrival at Prince of Wales's Island — If that should be the case, and

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and that you hear of the surrender of Malacca
[illegible] from the
information you may receive, we request you
would use your own discretion with respect
to proceeding with the Indiamen to Malacca,
it is of importance that they should arrive
in Bengal at as early a period as possible,
and at all events not to be detained in the
Straits beyond the Middle of November
the Commanders of the Indiamen are put
under your orders, or that of the Senior
Officer of his Majesty's Navy, and we are
to repeat our earnest hope that they
may be directed to make the best of
their way to Bengal, at the very
first moment that their services can
be dispensed with.

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We have the honor to be
&c: &c:
Signed Hobart
&c Council

To

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To Major Archibald Brown

Sir,

Letter to Major Brown in the same event - and

In consequence of the arrival of the Ship Bombay from Prince of Wales's Island, with intelligence of the appearance of two French Frigates and a Corvette in the Straits of Malacca, we have judged it expedient to dispatch the Honorable Company's Ships Hillsborough and Minerva, with two Companies of Europeans, under the Convoy of his Majesty's Ship Heroine to rendezvous at Prince of Wales's Island, and to assist in the expedition against Malacca, if the Troops at present under your Command should not be deemed equal to the Reduction of that place.

Upon this point, you will, of course, consult with the Commanding Officer of his Majesty's Ships, best as our expeditions to Ceylon and Malacca have considerably reduced our European force, we must desire, in

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in case you should both agree that the re-
inforcement now sent is not necessary for
the accomplishment of the object in view Viz.
the Reduction or defence of Malacca / you
will direct the two Companies to proceed in the
Indiamen to Bengal, from whence they can
return to this Coast after the Monsoon

It is of consequence that the two
Indiamen should not be detained a moment
longer than their services may be required - and,
at all events, we recommend that you keep
in view the necessity of their being dispatched
for Bengal by the middle of the Month of
November

We enclose for your information
Copy of a letter to this Government from the
Governor General in Council, advising of the
intention of the Supreme Board to send you
a reinforcement of a Battalion of Sepoys

We are &c. &c.

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/ Signed / Hobart
&c Council

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To Philip Maningtom Esqr.

Governor of Prince of Wales's Island

To the Governor &c
Prince of Wales's Island

Sir,

We have been favored with your letter of the 30th July, and are much obliged by the early intelligence you transmitted to us of the appearance, in the Straits of Malacca, of the Ships belonging to the enemy.

With a view of aiding the expedition against Malacca, his Majesty's Ship the Resource, with the Honble Company's Ships Hillsborough and Minerva, have been dis=patched to Prince of Wales's Island, and we have sent on board the Indiamen two Companies of Europeans - with this reinforce=ment, we have sanguine hopes that the expedition against Malacca will be successful, altho' the french Frigates should be still in the Straits, with the intention of assisting the Dutch in the defence of that place.

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We have desired Captain Gardner, in the event of his receiving information, on his arrival at Prince of Wales's Island, that Malacca is in the possession of Major Brown, to use his own discretion with respect to proceeding with the Indiamen to Malacca — and at all events not to detain the Indiamen in the Straits beyond the middle of November, as we consider it of the utmost importance that they should be sent to Bengal at the very first moment their services can be dispensed with.

We have been advised by the Supreme Government of their intention to send a Bengal Battalion of Sepoys to Prince of Wales's Island, for the purpose of reinforcing the Detachment under Major Brown — The Troops were to leave Bengal on the 20th Instant.

We have the honor to be

Sir Sir

Your most obedient humble Servants

(Signed) Hobart

W. Page

W. Petrie

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Read the following proceedings of the Hospital Board.

Hospital Board
7th September 1795

Mr. Joseph Street, assistant Surgeon, who was permitted to proceed to Sea in January 1794 for the benefit of his health, found it necessary to continue his Voyage to Europe, and is now returned to the service, with the permission of the Honble the Court of Directors.

We recommend that Mr. Street be appointed to do duty with the 5th Regiment of Native Cavalry.

approved

We recommend that Mr. Wynne Peyton, assistant Surgeon, be appointed to do duty in the Garrison of Sunkaderoy, vice Barber, jr. and that Mr. Patrick Nicol, assistant Surgeon, be removed to the 19th Battalion of Native Infantry

approved

From Hospital Board - Mr. Street proposed for the 5th Regiment of Native Cavalry - Mr. Peyton for Sankhydroog and Mr. Nicol for the 19th Battalion

/Signed/ Jas. Anderson
Physician General
" Colley L. Lucas
Chief Surgeon
" W. Raine
Head Surgeon

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The President proposes the raising of a Revenue Corps for the protection of the Masulipatam Circars.—

The President recommends that a Battalion of Revenue Troops be raised at Muggatore, for the protection of the Masulipatam Circars in general, and that the following order be in consequence issued

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General order issd

G.O. By Government

The Right Honble the President in Council is pleased to resolve that a Revenue Battalion shall be formed at Muggatore agreeably to the following Establishment.—

	Europeans	Natives	Artificers &c attached
	Non Commissioned	Invalids already in pay	
Subadar			
Jemadar			
Havildars			
Naigues			
Drummers			
Sepoys			
Sibendies to be raised			
Total			
Head Conicopoly			
Assistant Ditto			
Native Doctor			
Bookkeeper			
Monrunda			
Carpenter			
Smith			
Kummumma			
Bullock Boys			
Chunkallers			
Chunkler			
Company To finish 1 Battalion of	3	5 5 25 25 5 80 525 665	1 1 1 5 3 1 1 1 1 1 1
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The Sibendies to receive the same Pay as fixed for the privates of the Corps under Lieutenants Barclay and Riddell, and to be Clothed

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clothed in the same manner, without any stoppages being made from their pay.

The Commander of the Army will order the Detail of Native Invalid Commissioned and non Commissioned required for this & Battalion, to be furnished from the Supernumeraries of those Ranks now on the Establishment, and the Invalid privates to be given as from the native Infantry Companies in the Northern Division, which can spare them with least inconvenience to the service, directing also, that in the Selection of these Details, preference be given to the Men of good Character, who may appear best qualified to assist in training the Sibundies to the use of their Arms.—

Lieutenant George Bonnefs is appointed to command the above Revenue Battalion.—

By order &c:

(Signed) W. Jackson Secy

Approved and ordered Accordingly

Considering

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Considering the number of Troops now raised for the purposes of Revenue, it is hoped the Board of Revenue will have it in their power to give directions to the several Collectors in the Masulipatam and Vizagapatam Circars to lessen the number of the Cutcherry Peons now employed by them

Minute on the Occasion

Read the following letters from the Military Board.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Military Board recommending that the stated proportion of Military Stores for Port St George be completed — Indent and Statement enclosed — also Orgole Estimates of Repairs and a Bill for Ordnance works —

We feel it incumbent upon us to state to your Lordship that the provision of articles for the late expeditions by Sea, completing the Forts in the ceded Country, and supplying Indents for the service of his Majesty's Squadron in India, have reduced the Stores at the Presidency

to

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to so low a state, that a speedy Supply must either be obtained, or Indents on the Presidency cannot, without prejudice to Fort Saint George, be complied with; and, as we trust the propriety of constantly keeping up the proportion of Military Stores, to the full complement stated for Fort St. George, must be evident to your Lordship - we have the honor to submit, for your Lordship's consideration, the accompanying Lists Nos 1 & 2, which are an account of such Military Stores as are provided by the Military Storekeeper and Gun Carriage Contractors wanting to complete the stated proportion for the Arsenal of Fort Saint George, having affixed to them the price of each article, which we are of opinion should be provided without delay, and we are the more induced to trouble your Lordship at this time, as we find that, at most of the Out Garrisons, those in the Baramahal &c. Districts excepted, there is a great deficiency of almost every article of Military Stores.

&c

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In obedience to your Lordships commands of the 16th of June last, through Mr. Secretary Jackson, we have the honor to enclose copy of an Estimate laid before us by the Chief Engineer of the expence of repairs & wanting to the Officers Quarters &c. in the Garrison of Ongole.

We have herewith the honor to forward a Bill, amounting to Pagodas 1759.. 27.. —, presented to us by the Agent to the Gun Carriage Contractors, for Gun Carriages and ordnance Stores made up by them, and which, having been examined, are found to be fit for the public service, and the charges made for them being agreeable to Contract rates — we recommend that the Amount may be liquidated.

We have the honor to be,
Sir &c.
(Signed) John Braithwaite
" Henry Malcolm
" Jn Richardson
" P. Close
" George Hall
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An Account of Military Stores such as are supplied by the Military Storekeeper, wanted to Complete the Stated proportion for the Arsenal of Fort St. George.—

		Stated proportion	Remaining in Store	wanting to Complete the Stated proportion	Price of each Article	
					₱. ₱. C.	
Adzes Iron Carpenters		50	9	41	33	18 30
Antimony	₰	60	14	46	5	31 40
Arsenic	₰	100	40	60	2	36 "
Axes Broad		300	160	140	53	23 10
" Felling		500	356	144	40	6 35
" Hand		2500	778	1722	270	34 50
" Pick		2500	942	1558	340	2 10
Axtus Teak		21	18	3	30	" "
Bag Gunny for Shot		3000	2500	500	68	27 60
" Sand Large Dungeri		5000	3670	1330	119	34 30
" Small		20,000	7400	12600	664	21 "
Baskets Rattan		5000	2120	2880	86	16 65
Bittilas	Pairs	20	"	20	17	21 "
Black Lamp	No.	4	2	2	16	28 "
Brushes painting Hair		150	107	43	10	31 40
Barrel Bulge		40	5	35	52	21 "
" Powder Tin foiled		2000	1000	1000	850	" "
" Packing		500	160	340	136	" "
Blocks purchase of Sizes		100	"	100	35	30 "
Buckets Gun Leather		300	30	270	72	17 45
" L. " Wooden		300	66	234	234	" "
Buntin Blue	pieces	25	"	25	131	10 40
" Red		25	1/2	23 1/2	123	15 60
" White		25	"	25	131	10 40
Brandy	Bottles	200	10	190	56	23 "
Belts Leather Shoulder Country		12000	787	11213	1322	3 40
Belts Pouch		5000	1406	3594	251	24 30
Bags ammunition		1000	852	148	36	34 50
Bore Belly for Cavalry double		2500	971	1529	323	26 65
Brace for Drums	Setts	300	26	274	27	16 64
Collars Bullock Tape		500	351	149	12	12 25

Curtain

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		Wants	Remaining in Store	Wants to complete Establishment	Price		
Curtain for Grape Practice		20	2	18	141	31	40
Camphor	℔	200	"	200	71	"	"
Canvas	Bolts	150	3	147	1764	"	"
Cloth long of 70 Cubits	piece	200	62	138	414	"	"
" 18 d°		50	"	50	37	21	"
" Wad 18 d°		1000	150	850	1487	21	"
Coal Char	Loop	3000	"	3000	55	23	30
Coir Small	Can	12	½	11.18	148	31	40
Crows Iron Common		200	118	82	37	34	"
" " Miner		100	5	95	41	23	50
Cotton	M℔	5	3.19	1.6	1	36	10
Case brass fife		100	13	87	97	36	60
Cords for Drums		1000	84	916	73	11	60
Dammer	Ca.	5	4.21	4.5.4	58	23	"
Duggies Teak		3	"	3	84	"	"
Emmery	M℔	5	21	4.4	6	10	5
Effi Iron		250	235	15	"	25	50
Files of sorts		480	280	200	47	38	40
Flour	Mun℔	100	25	75	3	15	"
Funnel Copper		50	40	10	4	9	60
Fife of sorts		300	75	225	53	5	10
Grease	Kg	80	"	80	80	"	"
Glue	M℔	8	1	7	43	31	40
Harness Horse Shaft		20	9	11	55	"	"
" " Trace		40	24	16	48	"	"
Haversacks Leather		500	469	31	7	31	40
Hatches for Axes broad and felling		1600	330	1270	69	35	55
" " " " Pick		5000	900	4100	225	21	"
" Mamoties		10000	5640	4360	57	"	"
Hoops Drum batter		200	"	200	12	18	20
" Flesh		200	150	50	1	21	"
" Lining		200	170	30	1	21	"
Heads Drum		500	150	350	8	14	"
Knives Laboratory		80	47	33	2	2	50
Locks Pad with Key		500	390	110	29	33	20
Lead Red	~~C~~	20	2	11 17.3.17	80	8	30
" White	~~C~~	20	"	20	403	8	30

Leather

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		Wanted Inspection	Remaining in Store	Remaining to complete the Wanted Inspection	Price of each Article	
					£ s d	
L	Leather Country	300	35	265	66 10	40
L	Line Hambro	Lbs 100	8	92	23 "	"
	" Hand	50	7	43	21 21	"
	" Log	800	110	690	172 21	"
	Match Country	Lbs 3000	528	2472	120 5	20
	" Cotton	1000	317	683	164 "	"
	Mamoties with Handle new Construction	5000	2900	2100	2625 "	"
	Nail Spike	5000	1696	3304	81 25	70
	Nails Gunny	1000	180	820	3 38	"
	" Sail	1000	360	640	16 8	"
	" Sewing	5000	900	4100	9 9	35
	Oil Coconut	Measr 250	"	250	33 14	"
	Pouches Priming	25	"	25	5 "	"
	Pouches Cartridges	12000	2519	9481	3967 38	20
	Paint Black	lb 120	"	120	40 "	"
	" Blue	lb 75	"	75	25 "	"
	" Red	lb 75	"	75	12 21	"
	" White	lb 500	"	500	100 "	"
	Palms Steel	100	68	32	" 32	65
	Planks Shumbeen	42	9	33	363 21	"
	Paper Cartridge Musket Country	Quires 5000	1660	3340	175 14	55
	" Portgw Country	Do 400	64	336	52 3	30
	Plate Screw Small with Taps	100	"	100	100 "	"
	Rope Country 5 Inch	Coils 15	2	13	288 "	"
	1/2 Do	200	13	187		
	Rosin	Mds 10	8	2	3 "	"
	Reels new Construction	50	18	32	22 36	"
	Rope Tent White	Lbs 500	118	382	46 "	"
	Rasps Tuye	36	12	24	4 31	40
	Salammoniac	lb 100	24	76	48 26	70
	Scissors	pairs 250	18	232	31 17	40
	Shells Cocoanut	1000	"	1000	" 30	"
	Shins Shup for Mortars	100	12	88	2 4	"
	Scabbards Bayonet for Muskets	20,000	1160	18840	871 14	55
	" " for Fuzees	5000	"	5000	231 10	40
	" for Cavalry Swords	500	433	67	53 25	15

Scabbards

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		Stock in Store	Remaining in Store	Number to complete the Stores proportion	Price	£	s	d.
Scabbards for Drummers Swords		200	72	128	16	-	-	
Do. for Serjeants Swords		200	33	167	20	26	6	0
Slings Leather for Musket		10000	7649	2351	94	1	5	5
Stock Drum	pairs	500	220	280	23	33	5	0
Triangle for Scales		6	2	4	54	-	-	
Tape binding for Tents		4	260	-	260	20	33	5	0
Turn Screws		10000	5941	4059	40	24	6	0
Tacks Copper	Mdl	10	1 12/16	8 3/16	70	17	4	0
" Sprenge	Do	12	" 10	11 15	96	28	-	"
Tar and Grease	Keg	100	- "	100	150	-	-	"
Tar Common	Barrels	50	4	46	483	-	-	"
Thread Cotton	℔	250	48	202	52	21	6	5
Thread Cotton	℔	250	105	145	7	10	4	0
Tutenague								
Twine Gunny	℔	250	20	230	6	37	6	5
Wax Bees	Mds	8		8	42	-	-	"
Wood fire	Billets	2000	- "	2000	4	21	-	"
Tables Forming		4	- "	4	25	38	-	"
Laboratory		1	- "	1	13	14	-	"
Mealing		2	- "	2	20	-	-	"
Rolling		4	- "	4	28	-	-	"

Pagodas 22,653 6 6½

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26th August 1795

(Signed) Wm Webb
Mily Storekeeper

A true Copy

(Signed) T. Wallace
Dep.y Secy Mil.y Bd.

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An Account of Military Stores, such as are supplied by the Gun Carriage Contractor wanted to Complete the stated proportion for the Arsenal of Fort St. George.

		Hand Supplies	Remaining in Hand	Number to Complete the Hand Supplies	Price of the articles wanted to Complete	£	S	D.
Atchieu Iron Gun		25	9	16	167	11	"	
" Teak Heavy Field		20	10	10	62	15	"	
Barrows Hand		100	29	71	106	22	10	
" Wheel		100	58	42	231	"	"	
Blinds Gun		56	35	21	303	36	"	
Blocks Trye		10	5	5	12	5	"	
" Portfire		10	6	4	40	"	"	
Coins Gun Upper		800	707	93	13	35	10	
" " Under		800	666	134	74	20	"	
" Mortar 13 Inch Upper		32	16	16	16	"	"	
" " 10 "	Setts	48	28	20	15	"	"	
" " 8 "	Do	48	23	25	12	23	10	
" " 5 1/2 "	Do	80	23	57	12	30	"	
" " 4 1/2 "	Do	80	10	70	15	25	"	
Frontlets		80	23	57	171	"	"	
Gin Complete		10	2	8	480	"	"	
Handspikes Gun		50	19	31	8	8	20	
" " Purchasing		1200	674	526	138	38	70	
Pricker Musket		10,000	"	10,000	144	20	"	
Mantlets		16	2	14	1053	8	40	
Pickets Park		36	10	26	13	"	"	
					3091	28	10	

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	Nos. Inspection	Remaining in Store	Wanting to Complete No. Ord. to Inspection	Price of Each Article wanting to Complete		
				£	s	d
Ounches Shell	100	73	27	3	9	12
" Tube	200	113	87	2	18	60
Spike Gun Round	300	238	62	"	36	46
" " Ragged	300	191	109	1	19	24
" " Spring	150	126	24	"	36	38
Trace Chain brass Gun 18 Par	4	3	1	25	13	50
" " 6 "	60	20	40	291	35	"
" " Howitzer 5 1/2 Inch	8	6	2	33	24	60
" " Tumbril	110	47	63	553	23	50
" " Transporting Carriage	10	1	9	389	11	20
" " Artificers Cart	6	"	6	80	30	60
" " Mortar Cart	6	"	6	70	9	36
" " Laboratory Chest	6	"	6	37	36	60
Staves Sponge Country	1000	400	600	175	27	"
Worms Screw	10,000	4798	5202	64	33	9
Jokes Common Pole	524	310	214	263	42	"
" " Trace	2060	1841	219	264	24	60
" Quadruple Pole	150	85	65	136	22	40
				Total Exp.	5465	12 45

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19th August 1795

Signed / George Hall
Commissary Gen.l Stores

A true Copy
/ Signed / J. Wallace
Dep.y Sec.y Mil. Bd

Estimate

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Estimate of the expence of Repairs wanting to the Offices Quarters &c. in the Garrison of Bugle.—

Commanding Officers Quarters

Repairing the Mud Walls 129 Cubyards @ 3 fanams ℔ Yard ..... } 9. 9.—

Repairing the Roof with Country Wood and Sticks and Lashing with Coconut Strings &c. 28 Squares @ 2½ Pags ℔ Square ..... 70.—.

White washing 132 Squares @ 3 fanams ℔ Square ..... 12.—.

Offices

Repairing the Mud Walls Cubyards 30 at 3 fan. ℔ Yard ..... } 5. 30.—.

Repairing the Roof with Country Wood Sticks Cocoanut Strings &c. 10 Squares @ 2½ Pags ℔ Square ..... } 25.—.—

White Washing 11 Squares @ 3 fan. ℔ Square ..... 3. 33.—. 112 . .

a Range consisting of five Subalterns Quarters

Rebuilding the Mud Walls 463 Cubyards at 4 fan. ℔ Yards ..... } 46. 4.—

Repairing the Roof with Country Wood Sticks Cocoanut Strings &c. 73 Sq.e @ 2½ Pags. ℔ Square ..... } 182. 21.—

White Washing 83 Squares @ 3 fan. ℔ Sq.e ..... 5. 39.—

Offices

Repairing the Mud Walls, Roof and White washing ..... } 25. 21.— 258 1 .

Carried over Pagodas 370 1 .

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Brought over Pagodas ..... 370 1 "

Four quarters for Non Commissioned Officers
Rebuilding the Mud Walls Cubyards
282 at 4 fanams p Yard ..... } 26.36.—

Repairing the Roof with Country
Wood Stick Coconut Strings &c } 75.— "
30 Squares at 2½ Pagodas p Yard ..
White Washing 65 Squares @ 3f. } 4.27.— "
Fd ..... 106 21 "

Two Stone Choultry Magazines
Repairing the Walls and the Roof ..... 50 " "

Pagodas ..... 526.22 "

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(Signed) Jno Gent
Chief Engr

a true Copy
(Signed) J. Wallace
Depy Secy Mil Bd

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Military Board with Bill for Repairs.

We have herewith the honor to lay before your Lordship three Bills for buildings and Repairs made in the Military Department and one bill for buildings and Repairs made in the Civil Department, amounting in together to Pagodas 12058.31.4 which being regularly certified by the Chief Engineer We Recommend may be discharged.

We have the honor to be

Sir Sir

Fort St George
7th September 1795

/Signed/ John Braithwaite
" Henry Malcolm
" Jn Richardson
" B.J. Close
" George Hall

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters.

Resolved that the Stores wanting to complete the Stated proportion for the Arsenal of Fort St George be provided - but, as it will require some time to make up

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up the different articles, it is agreed that such part only of the Money as may be immedi= =ately necessary be indented for — and that the Remainder be taken up by degrees. —

Ordered that the Officers of Quarters at Ongole be repaired — and that the Bills of the Contractors for Green = Carriage, and for buildings and Repairs be Countersigned for payment. —

Read the following Letter =

From Mr. George Powney

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George.

My Lord,

I had last night the honor to receive your Lordship's Commands transmitted in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter dated the 26th Ult.o = that I should not lose a moment in adopting the necessary measures for taking possession in the name of his Majesty, of the Settlements on the Coast belonging to the Dutch Nation dependent upon the Government of Columbo

From Mr. Powney is taking means for obtaining possession of the Dutch Factories on the Southern Coast

Having

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Having been informed that the chief
of Tutahoryn had expressed a hope that a re-
respectable Detachment of Troops would be
appear that he might have some plea for
surrendering the place, I thought it necessary
to dispatch the Copy of your Lordships
orders to me, to Lieutenant Colonel Campbell
in order to have his opinion whether there
would be any likelihood of resistance, and
which he might be enabled to judge of,
from the intercourse which had been
kept up between Tutacoryn and Palamcotah,
and that he might prepare accordingly.
In the mean time, I shall post pala-
=kuri Bearers to convey me to Tutahoryn
to summon it to surrender to the British
Troops; I have further requested of Colonel
Campbell, in the event of his being of
opinion that there would be no resistance,
that he would give the necessary orders
for a small force to be in readiness to re-
garrison the place on its surrender

The

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The strictest attention shall be paid to your Lordship's orders with respect to all property, whether public or private, and a Schedule of the former shall be taken, and proper persons appointed to take charge of it. By the 4th of the Month, I judge Colonel Campbell will have made the necessary preparations, and I shall be at Tutacoryn on the 5th; and, in my way from this, I shall adopt the necessary measures to take possession of the Factory at Kilkary

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

1st Ramnad 4th September 1795

Minutes in Consequence

Resolved that a copy of the article of Capitulation for the Surrender of Pulicat be sent to Mr Powney - and that he be desired to govern himself by them, as nearly as possible, on his taking possession of Tutacoryn, and the other Dutch Settlements on the Coast dependant upon the Government of Columbo

Resolved

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Resolved also, that he be directed to communicate with the Board of Revenue on all Matters relating to their Departement, particularly with respect to the Pearl and Chank Fisheries in the Gulph of Manar

Resolved that the following Letters be written to Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stuart.

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

To Commodore Rainier on occasion of the Reduction of Trincomalee and Portortenburgh

Sir,

We have had the honor of receiving your letter dated the 30th Ultimo and 1st Instant, and beg leave to offer you our warmest sentiments of the Congratulation on the success of the British arms, in the important conquest of Trincomale.

It is with very sincere satisfaction that we bear Testimony to the eminent service you have rendered to the State on this occasion, and we desire to express our highest approbation of every measure that has been taken towards the attainment of it.

We

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We cannot forego the communication of our Sentiments with respect to the Cordiality which has subsisted between us the Naval and Land forces to which we must attribute, in a great degree, the speedy and successfull accomplishment of the important service on which they were employed.

We request you will be pleased to make it known to the Officers and Men of his Majesty's Ships under your Command on the late service, that we entertain a just sense of their meritorious conduct, and that we shall give directions for such of them as were employed on shore during the seige to be paid the usual allowance of Batta, upon our receiving from you a list of their names, and the number of days they were so employed

We have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
9th Sept. 1795

Sir: Your
/Signed/ J. Hobart
Actg Council

To

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To Colonel James Stuart
Commanding the British Forces
at Trincomale

Sir,

To Colonel Stuart on the same occasion

We have received your letters dated the 30th Ultimo and 1st instant, and most heartily congratulate you on the success which has attended your operations, in the reduction of the important Posts of Trincomale and Osnaburgh.

We desire you to accept our warmest thanks for the Signal service you have rendered to the State, and our assurances of the most perfect approbation of all the measures you adopted in the attainment of it.

You will take an early opportunity of notifying to the Troops under your Command, that we entertain a high sense of their meritorious Conduct, that we are convinced of the Labour they had to undergo, and of the Zeal and Spirit with which they executed the arduous duties imposed upon them.

You

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You may be assured that we shall give you every support for the purpose of reducing the other Dutch Settlements which an attention to the Security of the Company's possessions on the Coast will admit of, and from the reliance we have on your Zeal and ability, we are confident that every thing which British Valor and Patriotism can effect will be accomplished

We are, with esteem

Fort St. George
9th September 1795

&c. &c.
/ Signed / Hobart
&c. Council

Read the following Letter from Captain Leighton

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

From Captain Leighton - soliciting the Board's intercession with the Nabob for the discharge of the late Captain Everitt's claim upon him

My Lords,

I have to apologize to you for calling your attention from matters of the moment, in which you must be particularly

particularly engaged at this time, and to
which necessity alone obliges me to do. I
shall however as briefly as possible state
to your Lordship the subject matter of
this address, and trust implicitly to
your Justice, to your humanity, to ob-
tain the end I have in view.

The late Captain Everett,
who formerly served his Highness the Na-
bob, and who died in that service, left
a large family behind him, in a consid-
erable degree unprovided for, the Bulk
of what they had to look up to being entered
in a Bond of his Highness, for Arrears
of Pay &c. due to the deceased, amounting
to Pagodas 3,919, with Interest at the rate
of 6 ₰ Cent, for the payment of which
no provision, nor Arrangement has
ever been made, notwithstanding repeated
applications to that effect, & the support
of

this family by this Country, and a
Girl in Europe has fallen to my
lot, I have no mode of being reimbursed,
but in obtaining the payment of this
Bond, and this I do not expect to effect,
unless your Lordship will have the
goodness to address the Court of
Directors in favor of this orphan family,
and obtain an order from them to place
this debt in a train for liquidation
for which kind intercession I shall ever
be most Grateful.

Samulcotah
24th August 1795

I have the honor to be
Wa: Wa:
(Signed) Thos Leighton

Ordered that a copy of the
foregoing letter be sent a Number in the
next packet to the Honorable Court of
Directors.

order thereon

Ordered that Lieutenant Colonel
Comyngham be appointed to the Command of the Troops
in

appointments to Military Commands.

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Fort Stamps 6th September 1826

In the District of Gwynn – Captain Godfrey
to the Command of Prisoners – and
Lieutenant Richard Powis to Chintapillee

Hobart
Com Saunders