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Diary

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in Mr A.S. Nos 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198.-

From Comet Macleane

From Barrack Master at the Presidency stating the Necessity of repairing and cleaning the Privies of the Main Guard and Officers quarters North of the Parade.-

From Mr Skeen

From Acting Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies recommending the purchase of Ten Carts for Europe for the 5th Regiment of Cavalry-

From Lieutenant Webber.-

From Commandant at Carryan reporting the Damages which the Fortifications have sustained from the late heavy Rains.-

From Mr Cruttenden

From the Reverend Mr Cruttenden recommending a Assistance for the Divine Reader Schoolmaster - and Two indigent Widows at Madras - and Soliciting a Remission of the Postage on his letters.-

From Captain Hartshorne.

From Resident at Hydrabad Enclosing Copies of his letter to the Collector at Nuggulcondah relative to the Seizure of Boosiah and the Desperation of his Banditti.-

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From Mr. Roebuck

From Military Paymaster General the Paymaster at Madura has procured a supply of 3000 Star Pagodas thro Mr. Vaughan's Means, for his November payments the Collector being unable to supply him - Advantage of Remitting Treasure from Madras - Mr. Hughes — requests Explanations on the Genl. Order of the 2nd Instant respecting the Exchange of Coilly Fanams and Cash.-

From Colonel Braithwaite

From Commander of the Army transmitting a letter from the Engineer at Masulipatam Containing Complaints against Mr. Topping-

From Lieutenant St. Leger.-

From Officer Commanding the 3d Regiment of Cavalry - submits a difference of Opinion between him and Mr. Paymaster Marten, relative to the intention of the General Order above Noted.-

From Colonel Floyd

From Ditto of the Southern Division of the Army - stating Mr Paymaster Hughes' objections to paying Batta to a Detachment escorting Military Stores &c. to Palamcotah.-

From Captain Macleod.-

From Captain Macleod - submitting his Claim to Batta while employed adjusting Disputes relative to the Bounds of the Coded Countries - with his Correspondence with the Accountant General upon the subject.-

From

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From Major Munat — From Major Munat — advises of Lieutenant Riddel having dislodged a party of Peons from a post near Railly - The appearances of insurgency have encreased.-

" Dispatched the undermentioned letters Entered on Dv 13 Nos. 199. 200. 201 202. 203 204 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213.-

To Mr Secretary Hay - To Secretary at Bengal - transmitting Copies of the General letters to England 27 May - 5.

To Mr Sharden - To Mr Sharden - the Rotten Grain to be written off - proposals to be again invited for supplying Grain at Masulipatam and the Ten Garce of Grain to be provided for the 5th Regiment -

To Ditto To Ditto the Indents of the Commissary at Trincomale to be supplied - and the Contmandant's quarters on the Hill Fort of Dindegul may be appropriated for a Granary -

To Mr Roberts To Commandant of the Nizam's Detachment - Lieutenant John Kirkpatrick to be ordered to proceed to Hydrabad in consequence of his Appointment as Assistant to the Resident -

To Dr & Mr Gregory To Collector at Masulipatam with Instructions for the payment of one Lac of Rupees to the order of

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of the Regamon Amount of Pickeuch—

To Colonel Billiliffe

To Commandant at Ditto—each of the Officers of the 4th Regiment to draw fifty Pagodas for building temporary Bungalows and one of the quarters that will be vacated in consequence to be allotted to Brigade Major Agg.—

To Colonel — Malcolm

To Military Auditor General desiring his opinion on a reference from Captain Maidwell relative to Batta drawn by him; and returned upon Audit.—

To Military Board

To Military Board—referring a proposal of Captain Johnstone for providing Sentry Boxes for Masulipatam; and an Application from the Officers of the 78th Battalion for Compensation for supplying themselves with Camp Equipage—

To Colonel — Malcolm

To Military Auditor General—the — Commandant at Dindegul to be allowed House Rent his Quarters having been appropriated for a — Granary.—

To Ditto.—

To Ditto—directing the payment of the Allowance to the Officers of the 4th European — Battalion the Town Major to supply the French Prisoners with Slops as usual—an Application from the Acting Port Adjutant at Calamcotah for a Writer

Referred

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Referred.-

To Military Board

To Military Board - the Regulations framing for the Ordnance and Stores Department.- to provide for Writers and Stationary for the Offices of Custody.-

To Colonel Braithwaite

To Commander of the Army desiring him to submit Draft of an Order for raising a Depoy Battalion for the Service of the Presidency.-

To Captain Allan

To Town Major - permitting him to provide Slops for the French Prisoners on the usual terms

To Mr Torriano

To Resident at Nagore desiring him to prepare accommodation for the Regiment De Meuron, about to arrive at Nagapatam Captain Teagean one of its Officers to receive the pay of his Rank and his Arrears.-

To Colonel Floyd

To Commandant at Trichinopoly directing him to give orders for supplying the said Regiment with Provisions &c. for its march from Tutocoryn to Negapatam - the necessary advances of Cash to be made - Lieutenant Colonel Campbell to be informed that all Public property taken from the Dutch is to be kept in deposit until the Kings pleasure be known - Mr. J. Baggot to take charge

of

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28th of that Mr Tutocoryn and of the Affairs of Beach — Master.—

30th Received letter from the Nabob Entered in C.C. No 101 enclosing Copy of two letters received — by him from Tippoo Sultaun.—

Substance of a letter from the Nabob.

11 Received the following letter

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

We received a letter from Mr. —— Snodgrass in the preceding Month enclosing a proposal from one Balapragada Chelmiah for renting Jaggernaick peram and its dependencies for three years, but as it included the Customs &c. we judged it unnecessary to direct the Collector to furnish us with a Statement of each branch of the Revenue ascertaining the rates of assessment and reporting his Opinion in regard to the — abolition or reduction of such duties as appeared Vexatious and oppressive— We have now the — honor to submit these Papers to your Lordship — with

From Board of Revenue submitting Sundry papers relating to the Revenues of Jaggernaick Peram &c. Dutch property at Sriharipatam and allowances to the Servants at those Factories Agreeable Instructions.—

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with a letter from Mr. Snodgrass enclosing a —— Statement of the Revenues at Jaggernaickporam —— and Gollapallam, under the late Administration of the Dutch; and in addition to the duties which Mr. Snodgrass proposes to be abolished, we recommend that those under the following denominations be also remitted.

The taxes on Weavers.—

Do. on Cotton Cleaners and on Sheepherds

Having already Communicated to Mr. Snodgrass your Lordships order for laying an embargo upon the Exportation of Goods from Jagernaickporam, it becomes unnecessary to remark on the last Par. of his letter of the 17th instant—

Mr. Snodgrass being of opinion that the offer of Balapragada Chelmiah is as high as he could have expected we recommend that it be —" accepted allowing a reasonable deduction for the taxes proposed to be remitted in case your Lordship should approve of their abolition as recommended—with —" respect to the Statement, accompanying Mr. Snodgrass's Letter of the 7th Ultimo, of debts due to the Dutch —" Establishment of Jaggarnaickporam, amounting to —

Negapatam

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30th Negapatam Pagodas 3127. 16. we submit to your Lordship under the circumstances stated whether any of the persons therein particularized are to be required to discharge the balances due by them

We have the honor to lay before you a letter from Mr. Snodgrass enclosing — Statement of allowances to the Dutch Servants at Jaggernaickporam furnished by the Governor of Pulicat, with a list of Monthly Allowances — which the Collector proposes should be allowed to the inferior Dutch Servants from the date of the Surrender of that Factory on the 6th August last —

As Mr. Snodgrass has not included any allowance for the support of the Dutch Chief and Second at Jaggernaickporam and as we have not been furnished with the list referred to in your Lordships' letter of 31st August for regulating the allowances to be received by the Dutch — Servants at the Subordinate Settlements We request your Lordships' instructions on the papers now submitted for your information —

We beg leave at the same time to lay before your Lordship a letter from Mr. Snow

enclosing

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30th enclosing Statement of the property and Cash delivered over to him at the Dutch factory of Bimlipatam, with a list of the Allowances granted to the Dutch Servants at Bimlipatam during the last war and a letter from the Chief and Second requesting that the same may be allowed to them, and we beg leave to refer your Lordship to an Extract of another letter from Mr Snow enclosing a representation from the Dutch Government at Bimlipatam, requesting that they may be permitted the same indulgence which they enjoyed during last War in respect to trade.

We have the honor to be
Sir &c.

Fort St. George
29th October 1795

/Signed/ Edw.d Saunders
Chas. N White
Thos. Cockburn
Wm. Harrington

Received the undermentioned letters Entered
vi. Ad Bk Vol. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219 220. 221.
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From Captain — Flukepatrick &c.—

From Resident at Hydrabad enclosing Copies of Orders proposed to be issued by the Nizam to certain Aumels for seizing all vagabond Europeans and to — Monsr. Raymond for furnishing a List of Frenchmen who may of late have enlisted in his Service—

From Major Roberts

From Major Roberts enclosing Copy of a Letter written by him to the Resident at Hydrabad—

From Mr. Roebuck

From Military Paymaster General enclosing two additional Estimates received from Palamcotah and Anjole.—

From Mr. Webb

From Military Storekeeper enclosing his Accounts of Stores provided by him from February to July, both Months included.—

From Mr. Torriano

From Resident at Negore—has embarked the recovered Men of the 52nd Regiment on the Hyder and sent by her four Masoola boats with their Crews.—

From Captain Bond

From Commander of the Drake Cruizer advising of his having detained the Ship Sultaun Buckshe, alias Olympe sailing under Tippoo's Colours—sends the Papers he found on board.—

From Ditto

From Ditto—sends the Instructions given to the Commander of the said Ship—

From Mr. Morten

From Paymaster at Palamcotah — requesting the Board's Sanction for Supplies of

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30th Matts Pottle Yea. Barrack Articles sent by him to Tutocoryn for the use of the Meuron Regiment

From Mr Topping at Manulipalam

From Mr Topping - stating that Captain Johnstone had Siged and detained some Dead Portia Stumps that he had felled for the Public Works on the Ground of their being the private property of the Engineer. -

Substance of a letter to the Nabob

Sent letter to the Nabob Enterceni &c - Pr 102 requesting he would cause regular Supplies of Sheep for the Troops at Pondicherry upon payment at the accustomed Rate. -

Sent the following letter. -

To Mr. George Powney
Collector &c.
at
Ramnad

Sir,

To Collector at Ramnad Mr. Baggot Appointment - Approved orders - regarding the public property on Dutch Vessels and all Charges incurred by him in the Toppy Boats to be Continued. -

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to Acknowledge the Receipt of your letters dated the 27th Ultimo and 2d instant and to acquaint you that this Lordship approves the Appointment of Mr. John Baggot to the Office of Commissary and Beach Master at Tutacoryn with a Salary of Thirty (30) Pagodas P Mensem. -

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It will be proper that you should acquaint the Officer Commanding the Bombay Cruizer in the Gulf of Manar that altho it will be their duty to detain all Dutch Vessels and Boats, yet that tho' public property laden on them must be safely lodged at Tutocoryn, and remain for disposal as may be hereafter directed - This is Conformable to his Majesty's orders conveyed through the Minister for the War Department -

The President in Council approves the mode suggested in your letter of the 21st Instant, for bringing to Account the different Sums you have advanced at the requisition of Lieutenant Colonel Campbell and of Lieutenant Hall the Commander of the Queen Company's Cruizer - and you are desired to acquaint Mr Marten that he is to open a Head in his Books of "expedition against the "Dutch Settlements," under which these, and other Charges of a similar Nature are to be brought to Account -

The Establishment of four Tappy Boats, for the purpose of preserving a communication between the East and Ceylon by the way of Ramesseram is to be Continued until further orders -

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A Detachment of the Regiment of Meuron is expected to arrive at Tutocoryn from Columbo early in the ensuing Month - Colonel Floyd has been desired to issue the necessary orders for the March of these Troops to Negapatam, and whatever they may stand in need of you will of course supply to the extent of your means. -

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Jun.y

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Dispatched the undermentioned letters
Entered in Mr. B. Nos. 223. 224. 225. 226. 227. 228.
229. 230. 231. -

To Mr Sharan — To Acting Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies Notifying the dispatch of 20 Horses from Hydrabad to Arcot. -

To Mr. Cruchley — To Import Warehouse-Keeper directing him to State the quantity of Cloth, and Number of Hats drawn from the Warehouse by Mr John Jervis on account of his Contract for Clothing the Army. -

To Mr. E. M. White — To acting Paymaster at Guntoor directing him to discharge Mr. Abernethies' Bills for Medical Servants. -

To

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To Lieutenant Lieth

To Deputy Judge advocate informing him that Lieutenant Fireworker Haddon will be called to the Presidency so soon as the season and the Public Service will admit.

To Mr. Ulhoff

To Assistant to the Resident at Poonah requesting he will continue his communication on the political State of Affairs at Poonah when relating to the interests of the Company.

To Colonel Malcolm

To Military Auditor General the refund of Full Batta drawn by Lieutenant Colonel Sale to be dispensed with and the Claims of Captain Burne. Major Wahab. the Commandant of the Cavalry Cantonment near Jinjinopoly and of the Officers detached from the 4th European Battalion in the Vizagapatam District to that Allowance to be also admitted.

To Ditto.

To Ditto. the Barrack Master to be allowed to furnish the Dutch and Malay Pensioners with Barrack Articles from the period of their Arrival at Madras.

To Military Board

To Military Board. the 6 Pounder Gun Carriages and Ammunition Tumbrils to be supplied. the Bills for Repairs &c. passed for payment.

To

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To Mr. G. Wilson

To Storekeeper at Vizagapatam transmitting

Invoice of Military Stores delivered there in ——

September—

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor —— President

Edward Saunders Esqr.

and

Ernst William Tallofuld Esqr

Friday
30th October 1795

Minutes of last Consultation Read

and approved.

Read the following letter from Mr.

Robert Andrews.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor &c.

at

Fort St. George

From Mr Andrews forwarding the Preliminary Treaty concluded by him with the King of Candia.

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform you that a Preliminary Treaty was yesterday agreed upon executed, and mutually exchanged between the King

of

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of Candia and the Honorable Company Copy of which is now forwarded for your Lordships information: four Setts of the Treaty were made out two in Malabar and two in English each of which bear the signatures and Seals of contracting Parties; I trust the terms agreed upon will meet your Approbation the attainment of which I can assure your Lordship has been attended with many difficult and disagreeable circumstances from being obliged to acquiesce in the performance of many extravagant forms and customs which will be detailed in the public proceedings of the Embassy—

For an arrangement of the finial Treaty I proposed that Deputies from the King of Candia should accompany me to the Presidency this has been acceded to and I trust will tend to improve and induce them to alter their present mode of carrying on business in the Court of Candia situated as I am it would be needless residing here in the hope of acquiring information which might be useful in any future Arrangements for understanding the severest punishment and imprisonment the Natives of every discription are strictly forbid holding any conversation either with myself or any about me which

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which could be considered of a political nature tenne
and the future conquests of the Dutch Settlements
will I hope furnish the several points of information
necessary to promote the Company's permanent —
arrangements — Intend setting off from this place
tomorrow and shall wait at Trincomale the arrival
of the King of Candia's Embassadors who are to —
Accompany me to the Presidency — It would be
injustice were I not to take the earliest Opportunity
of making known to your Lordship that the —
conduct and unremitted attention of Lieutenant
Kingston who is in command of the Escort has been
of such service in forwarding the public business
that I trust it will henceforward engage him —
your Lordship's favorable opinion —

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

Candia
13th October 1795

(Signed) Rt Andrews

Treaty of Alliance and friendship proposed and agreed to
by Vezeir Shundanah Rajah Karunah Seanavee —
Ruttanah Agra Seenaetepulleyangiah Pillay —
Gumbahay Atchaurah Mangiellinnah Annergel
and Nauwah Ruttanah Veerah Vikramah —

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Ruindunum Sunanteputtenyangiah Oudagenbahay
Atekaurah Mangullamah Auvergul first and
Second Ministers on the Part of Sheelunkaupuwarah
Naugiah Mahah Rajah Maniah Raujestue
Mailaunah Oottamah Puriah Jeevanuel the
King of Candia and Robert Andrews Esqr. Embassador
on the part of the Honorable English East India
Company.-

Art. 1st The King of Candia and the Honble
East India Company shall henceforward continue
in perfect alliance and friendship to each other so
long as the sun and moon exist that is forever--

Art. 2nd That henceforward neither the Honble
Company or any who may be under their Jurisdiction
shall be a friend to those who may be the Enemies
of the King of Candia neither shall the King of
Candia or any under his Jurisdiction be a friend to
those who may be the Enemies of the Honorable
Company.-

Art. 3rd That henceforward it shall be incumbent
on the Honorable Company to Guard and protect
the King Country and religion called Pootangaanum
of Ceylon against all its Enemies.-

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Art: 1st That inorder to secure the constant protection and assistance of the Honorable Company by — enabling them to keep a Force on the Island of Ceylon the King of Candia shall cede to the Honorable Company for ever some favorable situation to which the Dutch can have no right or title whereon the Honorable Company shall have full permission from the King of Candia to erect such Forts and Factories as shall appear necessary. —

Art: 5th That in order to cement and strengthen the alliance and friendship proposed the King of Candia engages that the trade and — commerce of the Island of Ceylon (particularly that of the Cinnamon) shall hereafter be carried on with the Honorable English East India Company in preference to any other Nation under such conditions and regulations as shall hereafter be established by the contracting Parties. —

Art: 6th That after a final arrangement of the Treaty proposed and other subjects at present under discussion shall have taken place no fresh matter of public concern shall be undertaken

or —

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or executed respecting the Island of Ceylon previous to its being made known at the Court of Candia and his Majesty's sanction being first had and obtained.

This above Treaty to be considered preliminary to a more comprehensive treaty of alliance and Commerce which I promise shall hereafter be signed by the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor the Members of Council and that the Honorable Company's Seal shall be affixed thereto.

Signed and Sealed by the contracting parties at the Court of Candia Monday the 29th of Pouratathy of Rachada year, answering to the twelveth of October one thousand seven hundred and ninety five 1795.

In the presence of
Stricken Ringston
and
Naullve Korraly Tichaby

(Signed) Prime Minister (L S)

Second Minister (L S)

R. Andrews (L S)

a true Translation as near as can be
from the Malabar Language
(Signed) Poondamaly Iyah Moodaly
Company's Interpreter

A true Copy
(Signed) R. Andrews

Received

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Resolved that the following Letter be
despatched by express to Bengal.

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

Honorable Sir,

We have the honor to forward copy
of a letter from Mr Andrews, with copy of the preliminary
treaty agreed upon with the King of Candia

To Bengal forwarding Copy of the Preliminary Treaty. their early determinations thereon requested. the Ships Bombay engaged for the Transport service.

It affords us much satisfaction,
that the several articles so exactly conform to the objects
we had in view in opening the Negotiation; and we
doubt not you will concur with us, that a definitive
treaty upon the ground-work of these articles will
eminently conduce to the Interests of the British
Nation, both as it affects our present situation on
the Island of Ceylon, and as it leads to as permanent
footing thereon, even if the Dutch Settlements should be
restored to the Republic at the conclusion of a general peace.

As Deputies from the King of
Candia may shortly be expected at the Presidency, we
earnestly entreat the favor of your early sentiments with
respect to the definitive Treaty — we should hope
that the ratification may be left with us, not only
as it would prevent any great delay at this important
Juncture, but because we can be furnished
with your opinion at large upon the
preliminary

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preliminary articles now transmitted.

We have the honor to enclose a duplicate of our address of the 27th instant, and to acquaint you that we have engaged the Ship Bombay of about 500 Tons for the transport Service, upon the condition that the Freights shall not commence until the month of December – We shall not therefore require from Bengal for the expedition against Columbo more than 1000 Tons at the most...

Fort St George
31 October 1795

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

Read the following letter from the Accountant General

William Collins Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir

From accountant General with a Corrected Comparative Statement of the Proposals for Clothing and a letter from Mr Dring on the Subject of observation on the latter –

Having procured from Mr Greenhill the Import Warehouse Keeper a Statement of the prices and quantity of Cloth delivered to the late Contractor and which I find were to be rated at the same price as those for the Year 1792 in conformity with his Contract, and having Compared this with the prices for this Year also received from Mr Greenhill, and calculating on the quantity of cloth to be issued this Year the same as last year, the total amount of the former is Pagodas 33,898. 18. 6½ and the latter Pagodas 35,890. 12. 36. so that on the inference that the Cloth is to be delivered at the prices of – this year as mentioned in your Advertisement, the difference between that and the year

1792

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1792 stipulated by Mr Jervis is Pagodas 1991.38.52. against the Honorable Company taking therefore the amount of Mr Jervis's proposals at the rates in the enclosed Statement No 1. being Pagodas 31189.38.40 and adding thereto the difference in the prices of the Cloth of 1792 and 1795 as abovementioned his Proposals are still Pags 6,084.31.38 lower than Mr Doring's and more in favor of the Company. But the latter Gentleman having written me a Letter of which I have the honor to inclose a Copy wherein he speaks of a quantity of Cloths delivered to the Contractor more than was required by him for Cloathing the Troops. a circumstance that never came to my knowledge by any other channel and conceiving that due care would be taken by the proper Officer who signed the Indents for the Cloth that no more was delivered than actually required it did not occur to me to suppose such a circumstance existed, as it appears that a considerable loss to the Honorable Company might probably be incurred thereby seeing that the Contractor received it at a less rate than it was sold to others. His Lordship in Council can be pleased to pass such Resolutions thereon as He may think proper; and taking it for granted that no more Cloths will be issued this Year than actually required. Mr Jervis perhaps might not be inclined to abide by the offer he has made without the additional advantage as stated by Mr Doring to arise from the surplus Cloth which he says has been issued. but if he abides by his proposals they appear to be Pags 6,084.31.38 in favor of the Honorable Company as may be seen at the foot of the accompanying Statement No 2. which you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Robert Woolf
acct Genl

Fort St George
Accountant Generals Office
28th October 1795.

European

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	Mr Jervis's Proposals	Mr Fraser's Proposals	Mr Casin's Proposals marked A	Mr Casin's Proposals marked B	Mr Dunj's Proposals
	P. f c	P. f c	P. f c	P. f c	P. f c
European Artillery Effective					
Serjeant Major	4 10 .	5 34 .	5 10 48	7 25 40	6 12 .
Quarter Master Serjeant	4 10 .	5 34 .	5 10 48	7 25 40	6 12 .
Serjeant	4 . .	5 17 20	4 43 40	6 43 34	5 26 .
Corporal	2 . .	2 22 50	2 14 2	4 10 11	2 4 40
Gunner	1 10 .	1 39 40	1 27 52	2 16 28	1 44 .
Matross	1 10 .	1 39 40		2 16 28	1 44 .
Drum and Fifer Major	6 10 .	7 40 .	6 37 68	10 39 16	8 21 .
Drummer and Fifer	1 26 .	2 6 .	1 40 40	2 31 45	2 19 .
Puckally				2 15 40	. . .
European Artillery Invalids					
Serjeant Major					
Serjeant	2 10 .	2 34 .	2 18 62	4 12 45	. . .
Corporal	1 15 40	1 42 40	1 30 42	2 36 16	2 28 40
Bombardier	1 15 .	1 37 60	1 27 54	1 42 3	1 31 .
Matross	1 15 .	1 37 60	1 27 54	. . .	1 31 .
Drum Major				1 41 3	1 31 .
Drummer and Fifer	1 20 .	2 5 60	1 40 40	4 29 54	. . .
				2 25 34	1 42 .
European Infantry Effective					
Serjeant Major	4 . .	4 29 .	4 10 .	5 1 55	4 22 .
Quarter Master Serjeant	4 . .	4 29 .	4 10 .	5 1 55	4 22 .
Grenadier Serjeant				2 27 34	. . .
Serjeant	2 3 .	2 34 .	2 15 36	2 26 34	2 25 .
Corporal	1 15 .	1 37 60	1 24 28	1 36 2	1 25 .
Grenadier Private				1 34 [illegible]	. . .
Private	1 14 40	1 37 60	1 23 70	1 33 2	1 25 .
Drum and Fife Major	6 10 .	7 17 40	6 38 60	10 4 12	7 5 .
Drummer and Fifer	1 30 .	2 11 40	1 43 28	2 24 8	1 43 .
Puckally				1 34 11	. . .
European Infantry Invalid					
Serjeant Major	3 5 .	3 39 40	3 22 56	4 19 32	3 24 40
Quarter Master Serjeant	3 5 .	3 39 40	3 22 56	4 19 32	3 24 40
Serjeant	2 1 .	2 28 20	2 14 40	2 24 75	2 16 .

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Mr John Abbotts Proposal		number of each Rank	Mr Dring's Total		Mr John Abbott's Total		Mr Jervis's Total	
			A					
			P.	C.	P.	C.	P.	C.
5	33 60							
5	33 60							
5	16 70	50	278	40	268	33 60	200	
2	22 40	50	149	20	125		100	
1	39 30	100	197	35	187	22 40	122	10
1	39 30	620	1,226	10	1,162	22 40	757	35
7	39 30							
2	5 30	20	48	20	42	22 40	31	25
		20						
2	33 60	51	134	13 40	140	11 20	113	15
1	42 45	11	18	26	21	14 5	14	35 40
1	37 45	6	10	6	11	30	8	
1	37 45	112	189	7	205	22	149	15
2	5 30	2	3	39	4	11 20	2	40
4	28 10							
4	28 10							
2	33 60	96	245	15	264		198	18
1	37 45	128	194	5	234	38	170	30
1	37 45	2,176	3384	40	3,992	16	2877	7
7	16 70							
2	11 20	64	125	7	144		106	30
		64						
3	39 30							
3	39 30							
2	28 10	112	263	37	294		226	22
Carried forward			6,475	5 40	7,097	34 15	5,079	12 40

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	Mr Jervis's Proposals	Mr Fraser's Proposal	Mr Casin's Proposals marked A	Mr Casin's Proposals marked B	Mr Doring's Proposals	
European Infantry Invalid Continued	Pr	Pr	Pr	Pr	Pr	Pr
Corporal	1 10 "	1 34 "	1 24 28	1 33 63	1 23 "	
Private	1 9 40	1 34 "	1 24 26	1 32 "	1 23 "	
Drum and Fife Major	2 36 "	3 34 50	3 22 56	5 15 72	3 23 40	
Drumm and Fifer	1 17 "	1 34 "	1 24 66	2 17 8	1 23 "	
Native Cavalry Effective						
Serjeant Major	8 " "	8 20 "	7 35 6	9 44 72	8 12 40	
Quarter Master Serjeant	8 " "	8 20 "	7 35 6		8 12 40	
Serjeant	8 " "	8 13 "	7 27 "		8 4 70	
Jemadar	8 " "	8 13 "	7 27 "	9 25 40	8 4 70	
Havaldar	8 " "	8 13 "	7 27 "		8 4 70	
Naig	1 16 "	1 31 20	1 22 36	2 1 77	1 28 "	
Private	1 12 40	1 11 40	1 2 40	1 21 67	1 9 "	
Trumpeter Major	1 " "	1 11 40	1 2 40	1 20 67	1 9 "	
Drum Major	6 34 "	7 18 "	" " "	" " "	7 11 40	
Trumpeter	" " "	" " "	6 29 20	9 15 42	" " "	
Drummer	1 " "	1 11 40	" " "	" " "	1 9 20	
Farrier Major	" " "	" " "	1 2 40	2 4 40	" " "	
Fife Major	6 34 "	7 18 "	" " "	9 11 51	7 11 40	
Farrier	" " "	" " "	6 29 20	" " "	" " "	
Fifer	1 " "	1 11 40	" " "	1 14 32	1 9 20	
Puckallee	" " "	" " "	1 2 40	" " "	" " "	
Doctor	1 " "	1 11 40	1 2 40	1 19 57	1 9 20	
Governor's Body Guard						
Serjeant Major	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	
Quarter Mr Serjeant	" " "	" " "	" " "	13 13 10	" " "	
Serjeant	12 " "	9 5 "	8 14 40	" " "	10 21 10	
Subadar	12 " "	9 5 "	8 14 40	12 38 16	10 21 10	
Jemadar	12 " "	9 5 "	8 14 40	" " "	10 21 10	
Havildar	1 24 "	1 34 "	1 21 40	2 25 17	1 34 "	
Naig	1 24 "	1 17 "	1 7 20		1 16 "	

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Mr John abbotts Proportion	Number of the Ranks	Mr Dring's Total			Mr John abbotts Total			Mr Jervis's Total		
		P.	f	C	P.	f	C	P.	f	C
Brought forward	--	6475	5	40	7097	34	15	5079	12	40
1 33 60	25	37	35	"	43	33	60	30	25	"
1 33 60	125	188	40	"	218	33	60	157	17	40
3 39 30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1 33 60	21	31	33	"	36	33	60	28	42	"
3 16 70	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
8 16 70	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
8 11 20	30	243	11	20	247	22	40	240	"	"
8 11 20	30	243	11	20	247	22	40	240	"	"
8 11 20	90	729	33	60	742	22	40	720	"	"
1 30 75	120	191	30	"	202	22	40	162	30	"
1 11 20	120	144	"	"	150	"	"	126	30	"
1 11 20	1.440	1,728	"	"	1,800	"	"	1,440	"	"
7 16 70	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
" " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1 11 20	30	36	7	40	37	22	40	30	"	"
" " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
7 16 70	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
" " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1 11 20	30	36	7	40	37	22	40	30	"	"
" " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1 11 20	35	42	8	60	43	33	60	35	"	"
" " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
" " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
" " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
9 " "	2	20	4	20	18	"	"	24	"	"
9 " "	2	20	4	20	18	"	"	24	"	"
9 " "	5	52	15	30	45	"	"	60	"	"
1 33 60	9	15	36	"	15	33	60	13	36	"
1 16 70	9	12	9	"	12	16	70	13	36	"
Carried forward		10,253	8	50	11.014	39	65	8,450	4	"

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	Mr Jervis's Proposals		Mr Fraser's Proposals		Mr Casin's Proposals marked A		Mr Casins Proposals marked B		Mr Brings Proposals	
	Pr	f c	Pr	f c	Pr	f c	Pr	f c	Pr	f c
Governor's Body Guard Cont.										
Private	1	4 .	1	11 40	1	2 40	1	26 57	1	15 .
Farrier Major	.	. .	.	. .	.	. .	10	25 62	7	11 40
Trumpeter Major	11	. .	8	30 .	.	. .	.	. .	10	30 .
Drum Major	.	. .	.	. .	8	1 .	12	25 22	.	. .
Drummer	1	8 .	.	. .	.	. .	.	. .	1	28 .
Farrier	1	8 .	1	57 .	1	16 40	2	10 40	.	. .
Fifer	.	. .	.	. .	.	. .	1	24 52	1	26 .
Drum and Fifer	1	8 .	1	17 .	1	5 28	.	. .	.	. .
Fife Major	.	. .	.	. .	.	. .	.	. .	1	11 .
Native Doctor	1	24 .	1	11 40	1	2 40	1	24 57	1	11 .
Puckallee	1	4 .	1	11 40	1	2 40			1	4 .
Native Infantry Effective										
Serjeant Major	4	. .	4	29 .	4	10 .	5	19 25	4	15 .
Quarter Master Serjeant	4	. .	4	29 .	4	10 .	5	19 25	4	15 .
Serjeant	2	3 .	2	29 .	2	15 36	2	31 60	2	17 .
Subadar	3	. .	3	17 .	2	44 72	4	25 25	3	10 .
Jemadar	1	20 .	1	37 60	1	26 40	2	5 13	1	36 .
Havaldar	.	42 .	1	5 60	.	42 60	1	15 25	1	4 .
Naig	.	34 .	.	42 60	.	34 75	1	. .	.	43 .
Sipoy	.	33 40	.	42 60	.	34 16	.	44 .	.	42 40
Drum and Fifer	1	15 .	1	25 40	1	16 60	2	20 7	1	26 . .
Native Doctor	.	33 40	.	42 60	.	34 16	1	22 .	.	42 40
Puckallee	.	33 40	.	42 60	.	34 16			.	42 40
Revenue Serjeant	.	. .	.	. .	.	. .	2	17 78	.	. .
Artillery Lascars										
Syrang	1	10 .	1	29 .	1	16 40	2	40 60	1	23 .
1st Tindal	1	. .	1	11 40	1	1 52	1	15 2	1	8 .
2d Ditto	1	. .	1	11 40	1	1 52	1	5 40	1	8 .
Lascar	.	40 .	1	5 60	.	42 60	1	2 .	1	6 .
Puckallie	.	40 .	1	5 60	.	42 60	1	1 40	1	6 .

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	Mr Jarvis's Proposals	Mr Fraser's Proposals	Mr Casin's Proposals marked A	Mr Cabin's Proposals marked B	Mr Doings Proposals
	Rs. f c	Rs. f c	Rs. f c	Rs. f c	Rs. f c
Native Infantry Invalid					
Serjeant Major	2 " "	2 40 "	2 24 "	" " "	2 25 "
Quarter Master Serjeant	2 " "	2 40 "	2 24 "	" " "	2 25 "
Commandant	" " "	3 19 "	3 2 60	4 20 60	3 13 "
Serjeant	2 " "	2 40 "	2 24 "	" " "	2 25 "
Subadar	2 25 "	3 12 "	2 38 20	3 43 40	3 5 "
Jemadar	1 8 "	1 22 60	1 10 8	1 38 22	1 18 40
Huvaldar	" 36 "	1 3 "	" 38 "	1 2 67	" 43 "
Nary	" 34 "	1 42 40	" 34 36	" 44 17	" 41 40
Sepoy	" 33 40	" 42 40	" 34 34	" 43 "	" 41 "
Drum and Fifer	1 12 "	1 28 20	1 16 60	1 11 40	1 23 "
Native Doctor	" 33 40	" 42 40	" 34 36	" " "	" 41 "
Puckallie	" 33 40	" 42 40	" 34 36	" 43 48	" 41 "
Artillery Invalid Lascars					
Syrang	1 5 "	1 28 20	1 16 60	1 30 40	1 22 "
1 Tindal	" 43 "	1 11 40	1 1 52	1 4 16	1 6 "
2 Ditto	" 40 "	1 11 40	1 1 52	1 2 25	1 6 "
Lascar	" 36 "	1 5 60	" 42 60	1 1 75	1 2 "
Puckallie	" 36 "	1 5 60	" 42 60	" " "	1 2 "
Pioneer Corps					
Serjeant	" " "	2 26 "	2 11 40	2 20 "	2 15 20
Subadar	" " "	3 6 "	2 38 20	3 " "	3 1 "
Jemadar	" " "	1 22 60	1 12 "	1 15 "	1 19 "
Huvaldar	" " "	1 11 60	" 42 60	1 " "	1 2 "
Naigue	" " "	42 60	" 36 8	" 38 "	" 42 28

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Mr John Abbotts Proposal	Number Each Casks	Mr Deings Total	Mr John Abbotts Total	Mr Jervis's Total
		R A		
		Pr / C	Pr / C	Pr / C
Brought from		35,999 41 50	36702 40 75	29032 5 "
2 39 30	"	" " "	" " "	" " "
2 39 30	"	" " "	" " "	" " "
3 16 70	5	16. 20 "	16 39 30	" " "
2 39 30	"	" " "	" " "	" " "
3 11 20	183	569 15 "	594 33 60	467 30 "
1 22 40	115	162 12 40	172 22 40	135 20 "
1 2 65	195	473 " "	525 42 15	396 " "
" 42 15	245	225 42 40	229 30 75	185 5 "
" 42 15	1187	1081 22 "	1112 36 45	883 29 40
1 28 10	31	46 38 "	50 16 70	39 12 "
" 42 15	"	" " "	" " "	" " "
" 42 15	4	3 29 "	3 33 60	2 54 "
1 28 10	6	8 12 "	9 33 60	6 30 "
1 11 20	5	5 30 "	6 11 20	4 35 "
1 11 20	2	2 12 "	2 22 40	1 35 "
1 5 50	43	44 11 "	48 16 70	34 18 "
1 5 50	"	" " "	" " "	" " "
2 25 25	6	14 1 40	15 16 70	" " "
3 5 50	"	" " "	" " "	" " "
1 22 40	6	8 24 "	9 " "	" " "
1 11 20	18	18 36 "	22 22 40	" " "
" 42 15	18	16 40 40	16 39 30	" " "
Carried forward		38698 42 50	39,540 10 "	31189 38 40

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	Mr Jones's Proposal	Mr Fraser's Proposal	Mr Cafsin's Proposals marked A	Mr Cafsin's Proposals marked B	Mr Dring's Proposals
	Pr C	Pr C	Pr C	Pr C	Pr C
Pioneer Corps Continued.					
Sepoy	"	4260	364	37	42

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Mr. Johnstone's Protocols	Number of each rank	Mr. Brings's Total	Mr. Johnstone's Total	Mr. Jervis's Total
		P. f c	P. f c	P. f c
C/Brings/forw:		38,698 42 50	39,540 10 "	31,189 38 40
"	4215 608	567 21 "	570 " "	" " "
Pagodas		39,266 18 50	40,110 10 "	31,189 38 40

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Errors Excepted

(Signed) Robert Woolf
Accot. Genl

(Signed) Cecil Smith
Depy Accot.

Comparative

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Comparative Statement of the Prices of Cloth to be issued to Messrs Jervis and Dring Shewing the difference on an equal Quantity of Cloth, the former Calculated at the Invoice prices of 1792 and the latter at the Invoice prices of 1795 as furnished by the Import Warehouse Keeper —

	Quantity of Cloth		Invoice prices of 1792		Total at Invoice prices of 1792	Invoice prices of 1795	Total at Invoice prices of 1795
	Pieces	yards	Pags Fs C	₱ yard	Pags Fs C	Pags Fs C	Pags Fs C
Broad Cloth superfine Scarlet thick		230¾		2 31 70	₱ 6244252	2 35 .	6404360
₱ — ₱ thin		389		2 . .	₱ 778 . .	1 43 10	761 3550
₱ Blue thick		28¾		2 20 20	₱ 70 1955	2 26 .	74 5 .
₱ — ₱ thin		158½		1 36 45	₱ 287 1252	1 40 25	300 222
₱ — Green		161		1 36 25	₱ 290 4125	1 38 .	296 43 .
₱ White		55		1 29 40	₱ 91 240	1 39 .	102 30 .
₱ Yellow		263½		1 37 40	₱ 483 360	1 36 45	477 2657
Fine Scarlet		923		1 7 20	₱ 1071 3160	1 10 62½	1144 . 26
₱ Yellow		308½		1 . 30	₱ 311 315	1 4 36	339 . 26
₱ Green		108		. 44 20	₱ 106 9 .	1 2 65	114 3360
₱ White		108½		. 40 70	₱ 96 3345	1 . 40	109 3560
₱ Blue		267		. 42 60	₱ 253 2920	1 5 50	300 1670
Aurora		159		21 28 10 ₱ piece	3438 1670	22 23 .	3579 12 .
Ordinary Red		942		18 . .	₱ 1696 . .	19 1 70	17937 1120
₱ Yellow		198		18 40 60	₱ 3743 1340	20 15 .	4026 . .
₱ Blue		171		18 15 30	₱ 3136 1910	19 16 70	3313 5 40
₱ Green		101		18 16 20	₱ 1854 2120	20 23 75	2073 3255
Perpetuanoes Fine Scarlet		25		7 33 60	₱ 193 3360	7 25 .	188 40 .
Ordinary Green		5		6 . .	₱ 30 . .	6 3 20	30 1620
₱ Red		12		5 33 60	₱ 69 . .	5 28 10	67 2240
₱ Blue		2		6 . .	₱ 12 . .	5 39 .	11 33 .
			Total Pagodas		33898 1864		35890 1236

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28th October 1795

Errors Excepted
(Signed) Robert Woolf
acct Genl

NB. The Broad Cloth Superfine Blue thick is Calculated for this year at the prices of 1794 none having been received this year.

Total of Mr Dring's proposals as per accompanying Statement ..... Pags 39,266 18 50
₱ of Mr Jervis's ₱ as per ₱ 31189 3840
Amount of Cloth to be issued according to Mr Dring's proposals at the prices of 1795 as above 8,076 25 10
₱ — Mr Jervis's at the prices of 1792 ..... Pags 35890 1236
33898 1864
Amount Mr Jervis's proposals are lower than Mr Dring's ..... Pags 1991 3852
6084 3138

(Signed Cecil Smith
Depy Accot

To

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To Robert Woolf Esqr.

Accountant General

Sir,

Having addressed a letter to the Right Honorable the President in Council stating certain reasons which may not appear to him sufficient to prevent a Comparison being made between the proposals delivered in by me for Clothing the Army and those tendered by Mr. Jervis, I beg leave in further elucidation of the subject to call your Attention to the following Circumstances.—

When I applied to the Secretary to the Military Board for the Musters of Cloathing My Taylor was Shewn the New Musters he observed at the time they were not Sealed as Set forth in the advertisement, and he was told they would be Sealed when delivered to the Contractor By these Musters I formed my Calculation which is higher than for the former years Cloathing because they require much more Cloth being cut out so as to prevent any joining or piecing under the Arm in the Sleeve, or under the lappels; or any joining whatever

whatever but at the proper places. They are there made
I am informed in Consequence of a General Complaint
that the Old Cloathing parted at there joinings and
looked Shabby in the course of a Months wear.

You will observe by my proposals that
muster Coats not Jackets being thrown me for the
Effective Artillery I engage to furnish Coats.

I mentioned these Circumstances being of
Opinion that the proposals to be Compared with mine
are calculated to furnish According to the Old Musters
for the following Reasons. first to the sum of the prices
proposed for the Effective Artillery which are evidently
Calculated for Jackets of which there are none of the
New Musters. Secondly because the Sepoy Cloathing
cannot be delivered made up like the New musters
at the price offered without a Great loss.

I ground this apportion on the following Data
which I think cannot be disproved a piece of Ordinary
Red Cloth for which Mr. Jervis Stipulated to pay 18 Pags.
will make of the New Musters only 26 Jackets - so
that the.

	Fs	Cs
Cloth for each Jacket Amounts to	31	12
The facing at this price	4	40
Making Buttonings &c &c	3	75
is Fans.	39	47 (½)
and he engages to deliver at	33	40 each
Loss on each	6	7

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I am aware that if the time of Government admitted a Minute Consideration of this Subject it may be said it is the proposers business to ascertain his profit or loss, but when he holds out that it will be for the advantage of the Company to Accede to his terms in opposition to the Clear fair and unequivocal proposal I have made I consider it necessary to state the fallacy of such an Assertion, and to demonstrate that however favorable his offer may appear, that the Acceptance of it would be really prejudicial to the Company's Interest.

The estimate made for the Cloathing Contract last year Amounts to 34381. 43. Lid from an Account furnished me by the Import Warehouse Keeper I find the Cloths and Hatts issued to Mr. Sevis for that Contract Amounts at the Company's Invoice prices to Cloth 39029:16:30.
Hatts 1703:10:0
St. Pag. 40733.11.30.

But on Account of the Stipulation he made to pay the price at which the Cloths were issued to the former Contractor there must be a deduction of . . . . 5130:12:16.
Which sum if not Charged to the Off Reckoning fund is a dead Loss to the Company: and if
Balance Cur. Over 35602.13.64

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Balance Brought over . . 35602. 13. 64.

it is charged to that fund the Army
loses the difference of price on all
the Cloth not Actually expended
for the Contract. –

To which add the . . .
Advances made in Cash as Stated
in the 14th Article of the Government
Advertisement is in all 45 ₰ Cent on
the estimated Amount 15471

is together . . . 51073. 13. 64

To perform a Contract calculated to
Amount to no more than . . . . 34381. 43. "

Surplus . . 16691. 15. 6.

But allowing for Extra Cloathing
packing godowns hire &c. &c. &c. . . 5691. 15. 6

There yet remains the Sum of — Pagodas — 11000 " " Surplus Cloth
which may be concluded to be in
taken from the Ware house (at the low price of 1792)
over and above the Quantity Actually required and
which might otherwise have been Sold @ 25 to 30
₰ Cent advance of Invoice price of 1794 a Loss to
the Company of about 4000 Pagodas with Interest

Having Set forth these facts – I beg your
attention to the following Statement. –

Say

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Say my Proposals estimated to Amount to Pags. 39766 . . .

From which the following Items

should be deducted in Comparing with

that of Mr. Jervis —

Difference of Cloathing the effective

Artillery in Sackets instead of Coats About 600 —

The difference for making up

the whole of the Cloathing of the Army —

According to the Old instead of the —

New Muster — about 4400

Amount of the Pioner Cloathing not —

included in Mr. Jervis's Statement about . . 600

Difference of Cost in the Cloths —

calculated on the quantity issued last Year

and the price I engage to pay more than

Mr. Jervis Says 2000

7.600

This Reduces my proposal to 31666

present proposals

Mr. Jervis is about 31189

So that he is below me 477

Apparently in favor of the Company

But should I be wrong in my Idea

of the Cloathing he means to furnish

and

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and that he actually will deliver.
According to the New Musters he
Must add to . . . . . 477 " "
My estimation of the different old
and New Musters . . . . . 4400 " "

4877 " "

This not however fair to suppose that a —
Man of Business would make a losing Contract
and for the Credit of his understanding we must
trace in some Advantages not avowed: his Mode
of Reimbursing this Apparent loss. —

As it is fair to judge of a Man's future
Conduct by his past. I consider that in forming
this Comparison you ought to calculate upon Mr.
Jervis's intention to take from the Ware House this
year a quantity of Surplus Cloth equal to that
he did in the last and hence will Arise His —
Reimbursement and profit at the sole expence
of the Honorable Company. —

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
/ Signed / Wm Doring

Fort St. George
26th October 1795.

/ A true Copy /
/ Signed / Cecil Smith
Dep. Sec.

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Resolved that the following General Order be immediately issued.—

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G. O. By Government.

The Right Honorable the President in Council is pleased to direct that the Military Auditor General do immediately call upon the Persons who have held Contracts for clothing the Army to transmit to his Office their Accounts that they may undergo an Audit and that the balances due to the Company may be regularly accounted for.—

The Military Auditor General will be enabled to adjust the Accounts in question by calling upon the Import Warehousekeeper for an Account of the quantity of Cloth issued from the Company's Stores with the Invoice Price at which it was delivered; and upon the Military Paymaster General for a Statement of the advances of Cash made to the Contractors. These documents, when compared with the Contract Prices will shew the exact balance due by each Contractor.— —

General Orders requiring an adjustment of the Accounts of the late Clothing Contractors.—

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If it should appear on Audit that a greater quantity of Cloth had been delivered to any Contractor, than was necessary for making up the Army Clothing of any given year, such surplus quantity is not to be charged for at the Invoice Price, but according to the public rate of sale of the Company's Cloth at the time of delivery

It will be the province of the Military Auditor General, to call in future for the Contractors Accounts at the expiration of each year, for the purpose abovementioned.-

By order of the Right Honorable the President in Council.-

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Sec.t

Ordered also that the following letter be written to the Military Auditor General.-

To Colonel Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor General

Sir.

To Colonel Malcolm with Instructions for adjusting the Accounts of the late Clothing Contractors.- -

The Right Honorable the President in Council having received information, that the Contractors for Clothing the Army have retained in their hands the balances due by the Company

and

and that a greater quantity of Cloth had been indented for than was necessary for making up the Army Clothing, his Lordship with a view to put an end to such practises, has directed a General order to be issued, of which a copy is enclosed for your information and guidance

The President in Council is aware that you may find some difficulty in ascertaining the exact quantity of Cloth that was required for the express purpose of each Contract; but by calling for the different Musters of Coats and Jackets (that are lodged in the Military Board's Office) for the Several years that the Contract has been established, the quantity of Cloth that each Muster required can be determined and when this point has been gained, the Indents of Commandery Officers which are the Vouchers of the Contractors will shew the Number of Coats and Jackets made up, and give with accuracy the proportion of Cloth necessary for the Clothing of each year.—

The Accountant General will lay before you upon your Application, the Total Amount of each Contract According to the Proposals that were delivered in and Accepted

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Accepted.

Fort St. George
30th October 1795

Sam Gr. Gr.

(Signed) M. C. Jackson Secy

The Import Warehouse Keeper to report the quantity of Cloth issued for the last years Contract.

Agreed that the Import Warehousekeeper be called upon to state to the quantity of Cloth issued to Mr. Jervis during the last year on Account of the Contract for Clothing the Army; and that it be finally decided on Tuesday next to whom the Contract for the Next year shall be given.

Hobart

Edw. Saunders

C. H. Pallopeida

Examined
Edwd Robt Hargrave

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31st

Diary.

Received the following letters. —

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge

Auditor Generals Report upon the Estimate for the Grain and Provision Department for November.

the receipt of Mr. Deputy Secretary Ince's Letter of 24th instant, with the Estimate of the expected Disbursements in the Department of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for the Month of November 1795, and to report thereon as follows. —

	P.	F.	C.
Expected Disbursements at Madras	2577.	3.	9
Chingleput	223.	"	"
Vellore	71.	12.	"
Tanjore	1822.	21.	"
Palamcotah	905.	31.	40
Baramahl	121.	"	"
Chicacole	200.	"	"
Ongole	260.	"	"
Nagore	3336.	21.	69
Pagodas	12517.	4.	78

From

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Fort St. George, October 1795.

31st.

From the Total Amount of the 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 him, and transferred through the General Treasury.--

	P. F. C.
Madras	257-3-9
Chingleput	223-"-"
Baramahl	121-"-"
Pagodas	2921-3-9

Consequently the Amount of issuable at the Presidency on account of Disbursements in November 1795, as per Estimate of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, is Nine thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety Six Pagodas, one fanam, and Sixty Nine Cash (Pagodas 9596-1-69)

I have the honor to be,

&c. --- &c.

(Signed) Henry Malcolm

Mily Audr. General

Military Auditor Generals Office

Fort St. George

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to report as follows upon the General Estimate of the Acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for the Month of November 1795, accompanying Mr. Deputy Secretary Ince's Letter of the 24th instant.

Ditto on Ditto for the Bullock Agency for November.

	P.	F.	C.
Madras	1290.	27.	..
Vellore	17.	..	..
Palamcottah	145.	3.	60
Baramahl	190.	..	..
Chicacole	200.	..	..
Itchapore District	12.	..	..
Ongole	1172.	40.	48
Major Roberts's Detachment	891.	18.	..
Pagodas	3919.	5.	28

From the Total Amount of respected Disbursements as above stated, the Acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks deducts the following Sums, as not issuable from the General Treasury at the Presidency, but payable from the Subordinate Treasuries, for

which

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which Bills will be drawn upon him, and transferred through the General Treasury.—

	P.	F.	C.
Madras (Cash in hand)	1290.	27.	—
Vellore (Ditto)	17.	—	—
Baramahl (Ditto)	190.	—	—
Cheacole	200.	—	—
Ichapore District	12.	—	—
Major Roberts's Detachment	291.	13.	—
Pagodas	2601.	3.	—

Consequently the Amount if payable at the Presidency as per Estimate of the Acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for November 1795, is One thousand, three hundred and Eighteen Pagodas, Two Fanams and twenty eight Cash (Pag.s 1318. 2. 28)

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

6) Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in M.B. Nos. 232–233–234.—

To M.
Murden.—

To Acting Commissary General of Grain and provisions — enclosing Copy of

Colonel

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Colonel Malcolm's report upon his Estimates for November. —

To Military Paymaster —

To W. Rochuck

General with Ditto — Ditto. —

To Clerk of the Treasury — dereit-

To Clerk of the Treasury.

ing him to issue the Amount of the above men-

tioned Estimates. —

2d November.

Received the undermentioned

letters Entered in Mis. Rs. 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10. —

From Sub Secretary at Bengal —

From Mr. Harrington

transmitting an Indent for 10,000 — Eighteen —

Pounder Round Shot. —

From Mr. John Servis — requesting

From Mr. Servis

Copy of the letter written by Mr. H. Dring to the

Accountant General, tending, as he is informed,

to implicate his Conduct as Contractor for Clothing

the Army. —

From Secretary to the Hospital

From Mr. Connolly.

Board — submitting another Application from

Mr. Gahagan for leave to proceed to the Sea Coast

From Resident at Hydrabad —

From Captain Kirkpatrick

enclosing Copy of a letter addressed to him by

Major Roberts. —

From

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From Captain Isaacke-

From Captain Isaacke requesting payrment of his Expenses in travelling from Masulipatam to Madras. —

From Colonel Brathwaite

From Commander of the Army transmitting Copies of his Correspondence with Colonel Stuart - and requesting that the dispositions and appointments made by him may be confirmed. — Testimony of the services of Major Smart and Mr. Surgeon Briggs. —

From Mr. Powney.

From Collector at Ramnad - forwarding a letter from the Rajah of Cochin, and translate of one addressed to himself. —

From Mr. Topping --

From Mr. Topping - submitting a Petition from a Bricklayer Maistry, belonging to the Engineer's Department, complaining of being deprived of part of his pay by Captain Johnstone. —

From Colonel Floyd.

From Commandant at Trichinopoly - Captain Oliver and Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage - request that the Arrears due to the 13th. Battalion and troops in the Pendigul District may be paid according to the General Orders of the 2d. October. —

From

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From Major Mcrat. — From Major Mcrat — transmitting reports of the Damage the Fort of Sengaracotah has sustained from the late Ruins. —

3? Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in Mss. Nos. 11-12-13-14-15. —

To Secretary Navy. — To Secretary at Bengal — forwarding Two letters from the Nabob addressed to the Governor General. —

To Colonel Malcolm. — To Military Auditor General — the Families of the Malay Prisoners to receive a subsistence of one Pagoda each per month.

To Ditto — To Ditto — referring the additional Estimates of the Paymasters at Palamcotah and Cingle for November. —

To Colonel Brathwaite — To Commander of the Army — the necessary orders to be given, respecting a lot of Horses despatched to Arcot from Hydrabad.

To Mr. Gahagan. — To Head Surgeon at Vellore — permitting him to proceed to the Sea Coast for the benefit of his health. —

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor - President

Edward Saunders Esqr.

and

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

Tuesday 3 November 1795.—

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Read the following letters from Colonel Floyd.—

Right Honorable the Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Colonel Floyd - reporting the Seizure of the Pyluy Polygar

I have the Honour to report that in consequence of Orders from Government dated the 31st. July ultimo the person of Vellaida Naig, Polygar at Pyluy, was seized by Captain Oliver, early in the morning of the 7th. Instant. by surprise.—

I shall have the Honour of communicating further particulars as soon as I am informed.—

On the morning of the 7th.

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage despatched from Pondigul one Gun well manned by the Royal Artillery, which had been for some time in readiness for this occasion, and, as the reports, all the Sepoys off Duty, which I suppose may amount to two Companys, with orders to join Captain Oliver. This Officer has directions to proceed with his Prisoner to Pondigul — and then returns to his Station at Pylny, with the Gun and three Company's, which he considers sufficient force to maintain himself. —

I have posted on the two Company's stationed at Manapar, to Pondigul, not to leave that Station entirely naked; and have supply'd Manapar with two Company's from hence, subject to the Orders of Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage, if He has occasion to call for them: —

Inclosed is Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage's Letter to me, with his copy of a Letter from Captain Oliver. I have none direct from Captain Oliver as yet.

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

Trichinopoly
October 9th 1795. —

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To Colonel Floyd
Commanding the Southern Division
of the Army

Sir,

Since writing to you this Morning I have the satisfaction of report-ing to you Captain Oliver's success in se-izing the person of the Pyleey Polygar, annexed is a Copy of his letter to me. —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c

Dindigul
7th October 1795. —
6 Clock P. M.

(Signd) J. Cuppage
Lieutenant Colo. Comm.g

To Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage
Commanding Dindigul

Sir,

I have great pleasure in re-telling you that I was extremely fortunate in surprising and securing the person of Velladah Naig and I have an additional one in saying without a Man of mine being hurt. —

I must remain in Baud-erndrum until reinforced unless an oppor-tunity offers for getting as far as my Canton-

ments

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Cantonments, numbers are about me and they must encrease. —

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

Pyhney
October 7th. 1795.

(Signed) James Oliver

6th. A. M.

Right Honorable the Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Colonel Floyd enclosing Accounts of Certain particulars of the above transaction — notices the meritorious conduct of Captain Oliver and of the Officers and Men under his Command.

I have the Honour of reporting to your that the Polygar of Pyhny, Vellaida Naick, made Prisoner by Captain Oliver, on the morning of the 7th Instant, with two of his Relations, was safely given in charge to Lieutenant Colonel Capspage, at Pondigal in the Evening of the 10th. Instant. —

For some particulars of the transaction, and of the good Conduct of the Officers, European and Native, and of the Men of the 13th. Battalion Native Infantry particularly of Boodhsing, Jemidar, who secured the Polygar, I beg leave to refer your Lordship to the Inclosed No. 1 and No. 2 Letters from Captain Oliver to me, and I am persuaded the Patience, Arrangement, and compleat good conduct of Captain Oliver himself will not escape your Lordship's

observation

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Observation. —

The person mentioned in N.o 2 is the Minister or Adviser of the Polygar — Imagining your intentions would be imperfectly fulfilled unless this person were secured; I took on me, long ago, to desire Captain Oliver to secure him likewise, if practicable; and He thinks it may be easily accomplished still. —

Captain Oliver was to leave Pindigul, early on the 11th. with his three Companys, reinforced with a Field Piece, to return to his Station at Pyluy. —

Two Companys under Lieutenant Oliphant, that were moved from Manapar to Pendigul, and two others moved from hence to Manapar, on this occasion, will immediately return to their proper Stations. —

If Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage can conveniently secure His Prisoners at Pindigul, He will detain them at that place — if not, I propose sending for them to this Fort, till your further Orders. In e.ither case I request you will be pleased to order a Sum for his Subsistence. —

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I have the Honour to be,

Tritchinopoly &c. &c. &c.

October 12th. 1795. (Signed) J. Floyd Colonel

Note: The letter from Captain Oliver to Colonel Floyd, is a Counterpart of the letter from the former to Government dated the 9th. of October 1795.-

To the Right Honorable Robert Lord Hobart

President in Council

My Lord,

The Situation in which I was placed, altho' not exposed to danger, by having the communication with my Cantonment shut up until six o'Clock yesterday evening when I was joined by two Companys and a Gun from Dindigul, and not having with me Pen or Ink, will I hope plead my excuse for not addressing your Lordship sooner. —

I have now the honor to inform your Lordship in Council, that pursuant to orders I received from Colonel Floyd on the 7th August, I had the great good fortune to surprise and secure the Person of Vellayed Naick, Pollygar of Pylny, in his own place, about three o'clock

on

on the Morning of the 7th with the additional satis-
faction of accomplishing it without a Man of -
mine being hurt, and but five Killed belonging
to the Pollygar, and those in the Act of Hostility,
which rendered it unavoidable - I have also -
secured a very near Relation of his, and one
of his Brothers in Law - His Minister and other
Principal Men were at the time absent. -

Obliged to march at once and -
wanting some refreshment and rest, will I trust
excuse my not entering into a further detail
until my return from Pundegul - But cannot
conclude without expressing how very much
I am indebted to the Service which Lieutenant
Smith, my Adjutant rendered me upon this
occasion; the steadiness and gallantry dis-
played by Lieutenant Seton in the performance
of the part allotted to him - and the very essen-
tial Service rendered by Boodh Sing, Jemadar,
an active and excellent Native Officer, who
seized the Pollygar after he had got over the
Wall, but not before he brought him to the -
ground by a cut, which I am happy to say is not
very dangerous - I beg leave to recommend this

Officer

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Officer to your Lordship's particular notice, and to express the perfect satisfaction I ~ experienced from the Conduct of the Detachment of my Battalion employed upon the ~ Service. —

When the whole is detailed respecting the Arrest of this Pollygar, and the circumstances leading to it laid before your Lordship, I promise myself the satisfaction of meeting with your Lordship's approbation —

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect.

&c. — &c.

Pylney
October 9th 1795 (Signed) James Oliver
10 o'clock A. M. Capt. Comm.

My Dear Colonel

It has and ever will be a great satisfaction to me to merit your approbation — and I feel much pleasure in telling you that I delivered Vellayed Nauk and his two Relations safe to Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage. —

I return to Pylney at four in the morning and have ordered the Gun to ~

return

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return with my Party – it shall not be my fault if the Traduirner is not secured, if he remains in the Country. –

I am much fatigued but always

&c. . . . . &c.

Pendigul
October 10th 1795. – (Signed) James Oliver

Right Honorable the Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Colonel Floyd – forwarding Captain Oliver's Narrative of His Seizure of Vellayda Nayque – recommends rewards to certain natives instrumental therein –

I have the Honour to inclose, for your full information, Captain Oliver's narrative of his exploit in seizing the person of Vellayda Nayk, Polygar of Pyloy. –

Your Lordship is already apprized of the general facts – The Polygar with two of his relations are now Prisoners on the Rock at Pendigul, in charge of Lieutenant Colonel Capprage, who reports that they are perfectly secure there – The Polygar in endeavouring to escape, received a Cut on the Shoulder, but not of a nature to endanger his Life. He is attended by Mr. Dalton, Assistant Surgeon.

Captain Oliver mentions by name several of his Officers who distinguished

them

themselves — but nothing but the most perfect good behaviour was to be expected from all his Officers, and from all his Men. —

There are some Natives, not in the Service, who appear deserving of your Lordship's notice, as having been chiefly instrumental, under Captain Oliver's admirable management, and to whom he made promises of reward. —

First — to his Servant Arnachelum, who discovered a discontented Person in Office about the Polygar. —

Secondly — to Lingam, the Monegar, who gave information, and conducted Captain Oliver to the completion of his Views. —

Thirdly — to a Shoregar, who being promised one Hundred Pagodas, if the Polygar was seized, cleared the Barrier Gate of the whole Guard, except one Man. —

Captain Oliver's Letter, N°. 2. contains some further circumstances. —

I have the Honour to be,

Trichinopoly
October 16th 1795. —

&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) J. Floyd Colonel
To

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To the Right Honorable Robert Lord Hobart

President in Council

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform your Lordship in Council that I returned to my Station at Six ō Clock yesterday evening with the Detachment and Gun which took with me to escort Vellayed Naick, Pollygar of Pylney, to Pirdigul where I delivered him safe to Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage without meeting with the smallest interruption on my march and feel much pleasure in expressing the very great satisfaction, I have experienced from the chearfulness and expedition, with which a long march was performed. —

The Royal Artillery marched one hundred and three miles in four days and three hours from three ō clock P. M. on the 7th to six P. M. on the 11th

The Detachment of my Battalion from Pirdigul eighty four miles in three days and three hours from three ō clock P. M. on the 7th to six P. M. on the 10th —

That

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That part of my Battalion from Pylney sixty one miles in two days and four hours from two o' clock P. M. on the 6th to six on the 11th. —

I now beg leave to give your Lordship a detail of every Circumstance, as nearly as I can recollect, leading to the accomplishment of the Orders I received to seize the Person of the Pollygar — On the 7th August I received Orders from Colonel Floyd " to arrest the Person of Vellayed Nauck, Pollygar of Pylney, but not to make the Attempt until there was a moral certainty of success." From January to the 3d May, the last time he came publickly out of his place, the Pollygar was much in the habit of going abroad attended by very few. — about that period his dispute with the Pollygar of Veerapatchee commenced, and he persisted in Keeping up an Armed Force, taking into his Service men of other Countries, and attacking the other Pollygar, contrary to repeated Orders sent to him by Mr. Wynch, the Collector. —

The Guards about his Person

and

and Baudsundrum, the place of his residence, were numerous, and precluded even the hope of surprising him, the only method by which it appeared to me that he could be seized, as open Force could not effect it from the situation of the Country, which was very favorable for his effecting an Escape, even tho I should get into his place unless his Attendants and Guards were small in number at the time — Well convinced of the difficulty I had to encounter and that the bribing some of his own People would be the only sure and certain means of seizing him, in a careless and indifferent manner I repeatedly asked Arnotchillum, a Man in my service, who copies english and keeps my Battalion Accounts, whether it would be possible to seize the Pollygar, should Government order it — to which he constantly replied in the affirmative; and to my great surprise and satisfaction came to me with joy in his countenance on the 20th past, and told me he had gained over a Man, who would engage to lead me to the Pollygar, if I wished for it — upon inquiry I learned that Lingam, Monygar

of

of the Gurrydalla District (lying South of the Pagoda Hill and extending to Baulsundrum embracing the whole Country to the foot of the large Range of Hills) had been very severely punished in the most public manner, and kept in Irons for many Months, the marks of which he bore, was much exasperated against his Master for the cruel treatment he had experienced, and that he would engage to lead me to him, when he had very few about him, provided I would promise that Government would make a provision for him and his Family - He came to me in Person on the 29th. at midnight and repeated what I have already related - I assured him that Government would reward him handsomely, provided the Pollygar was secured by his means, but that it was not in my power to say how, or either to enter into any particular engagement - He left me about one perfectly satisfied, and assured me the Pollygar should be secured within a week.

On the 2d. Instant the Company which attended Mr. Wynch in his tour returned into Garrison.

On

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On the 3d the Pollygar had a report sit from Dindigul. —

On the 4th He told Sungar, his Minister, who slept every night at the Barrier, that there was no necessity for his watching any longer as the Company with Mr. Wynch had gone into Garrison, and the Troops with me were very few and of no consequence — I had for some time posted out Guards and a number of Centries every night to lead to a belief that I was much alarmed and appre-hensive of an attack, which compleatly took, from them off their Guard and prepared my Men to fall in at a moment without noise or confusion. —

On the 5th a Ceremony com-menced at the Pagoda in the Village of Pylney, which was to continue the 6th and 7th that night the Minister Goundahs, Monygars and Theregars had leave granted them to go to Pylney to celebrate it. Few went

On the 6th at Midnight A moto dullum with Lingum Monygar came and informed me that Sangar, all the Principal Men, and the greater part of the Guards were

arrived

arrived at Tylney, and that Lingum Monygar had brought off the Sheregar of the Guard at the Barrier, who engaged for one hundred Pagodas, to be paid if the Pollygar was seized, to give all his Guard, but one Man, leave to go to the Feast, and that that Man should be posted outside the Barrier to favor my passing undiscovered into the great Road by a small Circuit.

I instantly assembled 2 Subaltern, Lieutenant Smith, my Adjutant, and Lieutenant Seton, 1 Subidar, 3 Jemadars, 9 Havildars, 10 Naigues, 2 Bearers and 164 Sepoys, with eight of my Supernumeraries to carry two double ladders, and moved off nearly at two, as an earlier hour I could not have answered, and reached Baulsundrum a little before four without being discovered — Lieutenant Smith with a Party escaladed the S. W. and Lieutenant Seton the N. W. Angles of the Fort with great success, whilst I marched along the South and West Faces towards the Gate in the Center of the N. Face — Very fortunately Boodh Sing, a Jemadar, an excellent Young Officer saw a Man drop down the Wall, whom he instantly

pursued

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pursued and brought to the ground by a cut of his Sword — Apprehensive of another Cut he discovered himself and cried out that he was the Rajah and not to kill him, when he was instantly secured and brought to me — the Gallantry and Promptitude with which Lieutenant Smith executed his orders and his general Conduct on all occasions have gained my warmest approbation and I beg leave to recommend him very particularly to your Lordship's notice — Lieutenant Seton acquitted himself with great honor to himself, and to perfect satisfaction to me for a Young officer of very promising abilities and very deserving of your Lordship's Countenance — A small Guard of five outside the Gate were the only Men that fell and suffered by making resistance, which rendered it unavoidable — I think myself extremely fortunate in having it in my power to say that I had not a Man hurt. —

Well acquainted with the Enthusiastic Zeal of this People for their Chief and the Veneration in which they are generally held, as well as the Rage which

would

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would seize them upon seeing their Prince
wounded and a Prisoner, and this heightened
by their being obliged to quit their religious
Ceremony, instead of proceeding towards my
Cantonment and unavoidably meeting them in
my Route, I thought it more prudent to remain
in Bandsundrove until reinforced from
Dindigul to save the Lives of the Pollygar's
People, but more particularly those of my own,
which are invaluable – the event proved the
measure to be wise – About Day break the little
Fort was compleatly surrounded, and all the
some approached within thirty yards of the Walls,
but one Man, who fired at a Naigue and drove
his ball thro his turband, was fired at and
killed – to pacify the Rabble and prevail upon
them to disperse to save lives, I took the Rajah
to the Rampart repeatedly, and made them
assure them that his life was the forfeit, if
they attempted or dared to approach, which had
the desired effect – they retired to a distance and
remained quiet the remainder of the day (the
7th.) very few appeared at night and none came
near on the 8th – about six in the Evening Lieu =

tenant

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Lieutenant Evans with a Detachment and Gun joined me from Dindigul, but it was too late to move - next morning they marched unmolested to my Cantonment followed by a Crowd. —

I cannot sufficiently praise the chearfulness and steadiness which prevailed every Rank during the whole of the Service, and particularly apparent at the moment of assembling and moving off, which was done with the utmost Order and Silence - My greatest apprehension arose from the danger of a noise being made by the Sepoys Families after I moved off, to prevent which I left Subadar Jewun Sing, a tried Soldier, Steady and excellent Officer, who kept all perfectly quiet, and with the few Men I left with him not only kept all quiet, but preserved the property of every Individual, and prevented my Cantonment from being in the least molested or even insulted. —

I cannot dismiss this subject without recommending to your Lordships notice Booth Sing, Jemadar, as an Officer highly deserving of a mark of favor from

Government

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Government — and I trust the very essential — Service performed by Subidar. Jewan Sing. will not pass unnoticed. —

The seizing a Principal Pollygar in his own place, with a prospect of little or no loss appeared to me of such consequence, that I did not hesitate to pay One hundred Pagodas to the Sheregar in charge of the guard at the Barrier; and to assure Lingam Monygar that he may be certain of being provided for by Government — He this day informed me that if Government would be pleased to settle upon him and his Family the District of Sumpalla as a Jaygheir immediately under the protection of the Company, he will pay yearly the same Rent, or Sum of money, as the Pollygar received from it. I hope it will not be thought presumption in me to say, that a reward of such nature would promise very beneficial consequences, by holding out a prospect of Reward to others, who may be instrumental in seizing any refractory or disobedient Pollygar. —

The great trouble my Servant, Arnotchellum, took in the management of this

Business

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business, the happy and fortunate conclusion he brought it to, the fidelity with which he conducted himself throughout, and the danger he was exposed to in leading me will I trust recommend him to the countenance and support of Government, and to a maintenance for life. —

This morning I levelled the Barrier leading to Bandsurndrum, and have People watching the Minister, whom I shall use every effort to seize. —

It will be a great satisfaction to deserve your Lordship's approbation of my proceedings on this occasion. —

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect,

Rt. Hon.ble — — — Rt. Hon.ble

Pylney
October 12th. 1795. —

(Signed) James Oliver
Capt.n Comm.d 13th B.n N. I.

My Dear Sir,

I omitted mentioning that I sett fire to a quantity of gun powder in Bandsurndrum, and brought away a three quarter pound brass gun lately cast by the Pollygar and a number of lead balls for firelocks and match locks — this morning I levelled the Barrier

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Barrier and made all clear about it – I hope to be able to catch the Minister – he stays in the Fort – during the day and goes off towards the hills at night – I expect Mr. Wynch in two or three days – he in all probability will detach the People – about 600. who are with the minister. –

I have the pleasure to be,

&c. – – – – – – &c.

(Signed) James Oliver

October 12th. 1795. –

Resolved that the following be published in General Orders. –

General Order respecting the Conduct of Captain Oliver and the Detachment under his Command.

The Right Honorable the – President in Council being highly sensible of the meritorious conduct of Captain James Oliver, and of the Officers and Men composing the – detachment employed on the occasion of securing the person of the Pylney Polygar, who had – been guilty of the most flagrant acts of contumacy towards Government, his Lordship takes this method of conveying his public thanks, to the detachment in general, and in particular to Captain Oliver, for those – judicious arrangements, which enabled him

to

to surprise the Fort of Baulsundrum, the place of the Polygar's residence, and to seize his person without the smallest Loss. —

The President in Council has noticed with much satisfaction the favorable mention made by Captain Oliver, of the gallantry and good conduct of Lieutenants Smith and Seton, who were employed on this Service; as well as of Jemidar Boodh Sing, who first discovered and secured the person of the Polygar, of Subidar Jewan Sing, who had the charge of the Cantonment during the absence of the Detachment, and prevented it from molestation or insult, of Arnatchellum, a Servant of Captain Oliver, who was a principal instrument in the success of the plan — and of Lingam, the Moneygar of the Jarnpeetta district, who was also of material Service. —

His Lordship in Council being always disposed to reward conspicuous merit wherever it shall be found, has been pleased to direct that Jemidar Boodh Sing be promoted to the rank of Subidar and presented by Captain Oliver in the name of Government with a Gold

Medal

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Medal having on one side the Words "
Courage and Fidelity" and on the reverse, "By
Government" 7th. October 1795. —

His Lordship is further pleased
to direct that the Sum of One hundred Pagodas,
promised by Lingum Monigar, to the Sherogar
of the Polygar's Guard, be paid to the latter;
and that the same Sum be given as a "
gratuity to Arnachellum for his good conduct.

The particular recommendation
of Captain Olivier, in favor of Lingam Monigar,
is under consideration.

Read the following letters from
Colonel Stuart. —

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

&c.a — &c.a — &c.a

My Lord,

From Colonel Stuart - inclosing a Report on the Military Stores. Ordnance &c.a taken at Jaffnapatam - also a Letter from Mr. Van Meybring -

I have the honor herewith to
transmit to your Lordship a Letter forwarded
to me by Major Dalrymple, the person (Mr.
Van Meybring) who writes it, I understand
has been long employed by the Dutch on the
Island of Delf where the small Horses are
Bred which are sent to the Carnatick under

the

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the Name of Jaffnapatam Horses, and pro=
bably, from his Experience in that Business,
he may prove useful to us I therefore request
to be honored with your Lordships directions
respecting him — I also now have the honor
to enclose a Copy of the proceedings of the Com=
mittee ordered to examine the Ordnance,
Stores &c. &c. found in the Fort of Jaffna=
patnam — The Grain and some other Articles
are not specified in that Report. But Major
Dalrymple has appointed Commissaries who
in Conjunction with those appointed by the
late Dutch Government of that place are to
take an Account or Inventory of every thing
there, which Inventory, He informs me in
his last letter dated the 13th Instant is not
finished — But that it will be sent to me, so
soon as it is when it shall be forwarded for
your Lordship's further information. —

I have the Honor to be,

Trincomalé
16th October 1795. —

&c. — — — — — &c.

(Signed) I. Stuart

P.S. Since writing the above I find the Grain is
specified in the enclosed Report but not the
Elephants and some other Articles. I. S.

(Signed) I. S. To

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To Major Dalrymple
Commanding the Troops at Jaffanapatnam.

Sir,

You will be surprized that a Stranger, whom you not know takes the liberty to importune you with a Letter; however I hope you will pardon this Freedom. . . .

Your Generosity is known to me, which gives me hope that you will take me in your protection in the distress, wherein I am put with my Family in losing the means of subsisting. —

I have always considered myself a true Servant and Subject of his Highness the Prince of Orange and the States General, and as such done my Duty; but now I must suffer with others, who think not as it should be. —

Thus I intreat you most humbly, to take me in your protection, and if possible to employ me here by the Horse breeding I flatter myself that the Experience I acquired of this Place, and some knowledge of the stud should be of use to his Britisch Majesty. —

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I have the honor to be with all

Delft possible Respect, &c.a ——— &c.a

October 11th. 1795. — (Signed) F. F. Van Meybring

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c.a — &c.a — &c.a

My Lord,

From Colonel Stuart - enclosing a Return of the Ordnance and Military Stores taken at Manar, and another Inventory of the public property at Jaffnapatam — requests orders respecting some Pensioners there — suggestions relative to Copper Coin —

Herewith I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship a Return of the Ordnance and Stores found in the Fort of Manar, also a Copy of Captain Barbutt's Letter enclosing that Return to me, by which your Lordship will be informed of the State of the Revenue produced by the Island of Manar and the other dependencies on that Fort &c.a

Major Dalrymple writes to me in a letter dated the 10th. Instant That there is a number of old People at Jaffnapatam both Civil and Military to whom small Pensions have been heretofore paid from the Revenues of the place, and who are now starving that there are some of them sent to him almost every day by the late Governor, but as there is nothing in the Capitulation respecting them, he desires to have my Instructions how to act. I therefore request

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request to be honored with your Lordship's Commands respecting those people. Major Dalrymple has farther informed me that the 12 young Elephants found at Jaffnapatam, have been disposed of for 3599 Porto Novo Pagodas because of the great expense attending the keeping of them - which Sum he has received on the publick account. But that the 8 old ones, (for three more were brought in from the Country after I left the place) which were kept by the Dutch Government for the purpose of taming and training the young ones, were still unsold. These I have directed not to be disposed of, on any account, until such time as your Lordship shall be pleased to give directions concerning them.

I have received from Major Dalrymple copy of the Inventory taken and of the Report made by the Commissioners appointed by us and the Dutch to examine the Ordnance, Stores and Public property found in the Fort of Jaffnapatam, which agrees exactly with that I formerly had the honor to forward to your Lordship, excepting in the Articles of the 20 Elephants, and the Copper Coin in the

Treasury

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Treasury acct. amounting to Rix Dollars 9912..42 - -

I have the honor to enclose a Letter dated the 19th, addressed to me by Mr. MacDonall, the Paymaster, on the subject of being supplied with small Coin to enable him to make the necessary Payments &c. I do not wish to authorize the Dutch Coin passing current in places now subject to us - as I think it of consequence to adopt such measures as will soon make the Inhabitants forget their old Masters, in order that they may readily become more firmly attached to our Government; and this is not likely to happen while we continue to sanction the Currency of the Money coined by the Dutch although at a depreciated value.

Should it be deemed necessary to have copper money in circulation I beg leave to suggest that it would be better to have it sent from Madras, or Dies being furnished for the purpose of its being coined here, and let the money so coined, and no other, pass current in those parts of the Island which are now under our Protection. The putting a

Chop.

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Chop upon the Dutch Coin, as proposed by Mr. Mac Donall, would still keep up the remembrance of that Currency; Besides it could be easily counterfeited by the Dutch remaining on the Island, and thereby give to all their Copper the sanction and value of British Currency.

But this is a subject of which I do not pretend to be Master, and submit it to your Lordship's superior Judgment. - It is necessary however that something should be done to furnish us with a supply of small Coin, and that speedily, in order to put a stop to the currency of the Dutch Copper, to convince the Inhabitants that they are under another Government, and to provide them with a Coin which will be received by us in payment of the Revenues of the Country. —

Head Quarters
Trincomalé
22d. October 1795. —

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

Return

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Return of the Ordnance and Stores taken in the Town and Fort of Manar on the 5th of October 1795.

Nature of the Ordnance &c.				Remarks.
From the Flag Staff Bastion.				
Guns	Iron	12 Pounder	1	Good
"	Brass	9.	1	Honeycombed near the Breach
"	Iron	4	1	much Honeycombed
"	"	4	2	Honeycombed near the Breach
"	"	12	2	Ditto
"	"	8	1	Good
"	"	4	3	Good
"	Brass	8	2	Honeycombed near the Breach
"	Iron	12	3	Good
"	"	12	4	much Honeycombed
"	"	8	3	Good
"	"	4	4	Good
"	Brass	1	0	Good } In Front of the Governors House in Town.
"	"	1	0	Good }

NB. - Round Shot of different Sizes 940 Grape Cartridges 465 - Blank Cartridges 1 Chest. Gunpowder 3 Jars - Cartridge Papers 50 Bundles - Handspikes 15 Sponge Staffs 15 - Shovels 4 - Firelocks 124 - Swords 47 Pouches and Belts 86 - Belly - Pouches 33 - Bayonet Scabbards 300 - Belts 151. Musket Cartridges 5 Boxes - 1000 Flints - 3 Lanterns. Were found in the Store Rooms and 2 Armed Boats mounting 2 Swivels each -

(Signed) B. G. Barbut
Capt.n 73d Reg.t Comm.g the Detachm.t
Colonel

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Colonel Stuart

&c. &c. &c.

Dear Sir,

I did myself the honor of writing to you on the 6th. Instant, a Duplicate of which I beg leave to send you. —

Agreeably to the instructions I received from you, I have endeavoured by every means in my power, to obtain such information, as I judged would be useful to you in prosecuting your further views against the Dutch possessions, on the Island of Ceylon. —

I am myself inclined to place implicit confidence in the information, I have already received, but for your satisfaction, I shall dispatch persons worthy of trust, to make further enquiries. —

I have learnt that the Road — between this place and Columbo, is perfectly open to the progress of Troops, with light Guns; and that there are only two Rivers that which flows by — Negombo, and another half way between it and Columbo) that is not fordable. It is by no means my intention, that you should infer from my remarking only

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only on the light Guns, that heavy ones could not or pass the same way.— On the Contrary I expect to be able to inform you that it is highly practicable.

I have also heard so favorably of the direct Road between Manar and Trincomalli, that I have been induced to accept of the kind offer of my friend Lieutenant Campbell to take charge of my dispatches, and make such remarks on the nature of the Road, as may prove that his Zeal for the public Service, has not been employed in vain.—

The Country between Manar and Columbo, abounds in Cattle and is well watered— The latter advantage it cannot easily be deprived of, but if the Garrison of Columbo are active and wise they will deprive it of the former— Any efforts in this way to obstruct your views might be obviated by making Manar a depot for Grain and Cattle.—

Lieutenant M.Leod sailed for the Island of Middleburg this Morning, and I expect his report will be satisfactory to you, from the Accounts I have received of the quantity of the Grain he will find there.—

I enclose you a Return of Ordnance and Military Stores I have received also an Inventory of Stores, which I shall not trouble you with, but send

to

to one of the Proje Agents at Jaffenapatam and mention only those that are of any value which are as follows -

Two thousand three hundred and thirty one Rix ⅋ Dollars in Copper Coin - two hundred and thirty parrahs of fine Rice, twenty parrahs of coarse, and five ⅋ thousand three hundred and ninety nine parrahs of paddy - The weight of a parrah is forty pounds: -

It does not appear that Manar ⅋ derives any consequence from its produce - The ⅋ Lordship of the soil, was sold many years ago by the Dutch Company; retaining a right to the tenth part of the produce - this tithe is farmed annually, to the highest bidder, and was sold this year for nineteen thousand six hundred and sixty three parrahs of Rice

There is a collection of Butter in kind, amounting to three thousand, and thirty seven Pounds:

The duties were farmed for six ⅋ thousand, six hundred and fifty one Rix Dollars -

a Poll-tax amounting to Three thousand Rix Dollars - from ten to twelve Elephants for which the Company pays from eight to eighty Dollars, and sells again for from one hundred and sixty to two thousand, one hundred - besides two which are given as a tribute - There is also a kind of Tribute, from particular Casts of nine thousand, and

twenty

twenty pieces of Slow match—and half a pound of small pearl, for the liberty of sifting the sand on the spot where the pearl is collected, in search of that Article—

I hope the above particulars, may prove acceptable to you.—

To enable me the better to carry on the details of this place and its Dependencies, and to manage the Correspondence that I must necessarily enter into I must request you will allow me the assistance of a Fort Adjutant—and in case of your complying with this request, I take the liberty of mentioning Lieutenant Campbell of the 73d. Regiment as well qualified for this appointment.—

I have the honor to be,

&c — — &c

Madar

October 12th. 1795.— (Signed) B. G. Barbut

To Colonel Stuart

&c &c &c

Sir,

A supply of small Coin for circulation here and the other ports on this Island in our possession being necessary and without which it will be impossible for me to manage the detail of payments to the Troops &c in the present state

of

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of the Currency, I beg leave to call your attention to the Subject that the Government of Madras may come to some resolution thereon. —

The Copper money now in circulation here is so much depreciated, that the Natives will not without difficulty receive it in payment even for Articles of Provision and as it appears that the very high price of Silver prevents the Government from coining a sufficient quantity of Sarrans some arrangement must be made for a Supply of Copper either by my being authorized to issue the Dutch Coin, a new Coinage, or by a Chop upon the old Coin to be issued at a fixed Exchange and for which the English Company shall be responsible. —

If the old Coin continues in Circulation all Rents, duties &c must be received in it and the dutch Government have been so much distressed for Specie that at Jaffanapatam they made their Sales of Elephants &c at a certain rate to be paid in Gold or one third more if paid in Copper a depreciation of their own Coin likely to increase as their Credit falls, and a loss which the Revenue must suffer, until it is called in

and

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and Completely replaced by a new Coinage. —

A new Coin or a Chop upon the old rendering, the English Government responsible during aweer may be thought improper, I beg leave therefore to offer it as my Opinion as the best Resource at present, that permission may be given me to issue in Copper at the rate of four Stivers per Fanam the pay of Coolies &c. and the remaining Fanams of Bills &c. exchanged at 45 Fanams per Pagoda and to prevent the circulation being distressed by the Natives buying it up to resell it where less depreciated, that you should by Beat of Tomtom prohibit the exportation of it upon pain of forfeiture without your permission.

I have the honor to be,

Trincomalee
19th. October 1795. — (Signed) John McDonall
Paymaster

Read the following letter

From Lieutenant Limrick. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President in Council

From Lieutenant Limrick — requesting leave to resign his office of Commissary at Trincomalé. —

My Lord,

My health having materially suffered since my arrival at this place I find my

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myself unequal to the duties of the office you did me the honor to appoint me to. I have therefore — most respectfully to request that you will accept my resignation of the appointment of Commissary of Grain and Provisions - and that you will permit me when I have delivered over charge to the person appointed to succeed me to proceed to the Coast. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

Trincomale
October 17th 1795. — (Signed) W. S. Limrick
Commissary of Grain & Provisions

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

To Colonel Stuart
Commanding the British Troops on the Island of Ceylon

To Colonel Stuart - advising of a supply of Copper Coin being sent on the Bombay - Orders in consequence - Mr. Atkinson appointed Commissary vice Limrick

Sir,

By the Ship Bombay, Captain Robertson, the Right Honorable the President in Council has sent Copper money to the amount of four thousand Pounds Sterling, for the use of the Settlements on the Island of Ceylon now in our possession; and his Lordship recommends, with a view to give this Coin general Currency, that the Copper money coined by the Dutch, and now

in

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in Circulation on the Island, be entirely disused.

In consequence of an application from Lieutenant Limrick for permission to resign the office of Commissary of Provisions with the expedition under your Command, the President in Council has been pleased to appoint Mr. Edward Atkinson to succeed him, with a Salary of three hundred (300) Pagodas per Month, of which you will be pleased to acquaint the Paymaster. —

The Ship Bombay is to be considered as a Transport in the Service of the Company from the 10th. day of December next, when she will be employed in the expedition against Columbo. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

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3d. November 1795. —

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite —

From Colonel Brathwaite submitting papers from Lieutenant Strachan respecting the Horse Island of Delft and two Brothers with a Register of the horse found thereon. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

&c. &c. &c.

Governor in Council

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council a Packet transmitted from

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From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell to Colonel Floyd,
and from Colonel Floyd to me, for your Lordship's
information. I must observe however that this
communication would have been more regular
had it been transmitted through Colonel Stuart,
who does not seem to have been informed of the
proceedings on that side of the Island. —,

I have the honor to be,

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
November 2d. 1795.

with great respect,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) John Braithwaite

To Colonel Floyd
Commanding the Southern Division of the Army

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Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a letter
from Lieutenant Strachan with the different
papers that accompanyed it, which I request of
you to forward to the Commander of the Army,
for the Information of Government, allow me
to hope, that your knowledge of Lieutenant —
Strachan's Merits, will induce you to honor
him with your recommendation to be appointed
Superintendant of the Breeding Stud at the
Islands of Delft and Two Brothers with an —

allowance

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allowance suitable to the Importance of the undertaking. —

Favourable as is Lieutenant Strachan's opinion of some under sized mares and fillies, that are at Delft, I cannot but adhere to what I had the honor of laying before you the 23d. Instant with his first report, and I hope that Government will order every exertion to be made to provide a sufficient number of the best Mares and Stallions that can be found; it is not improbable but that a Stallion or two may be had from each Regiment of Cavalry on the Coast, Fine Mares will be high priced, but this should be no Impediment to the Prosecution of so great a National Object as remounting our Cavalry in a few years with young and sound Horses. —

I entreat of you to forward this letter with Lieutenant Strachan's to the Commander of the Army. —

I have the Honor to be
&c. - - - - - &c.

Pallamcottah
26th. October 1795. —

(Signed) Dugald Campbell
Comm. Pallamcottah

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Campbell
Commanding the Troops on the Island of Manar

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you an Inventory of Public Property found on the Island of Delft, the 10th Instant, together with a Register of the Breeding Stud, and List of Servants employed in charge of it; with their monthly Wages - I also enclose you Charts of this Island and the Two Brothers, with the Parole I received from Captain Meybrinks on my Landing, and taking possession. -

Agreable to your instructions I have minutely examined into the Condition of the Stud and how far it might be rendered useful in remounting the Cavalry - The Stallions No 1 and 2 Excepted, are Deficient in Size, bone, and Figure; but the Mares, altho' rather Low, are in general clean Limbed, remarkably well formed, and if served with Horses of proper Size and bone, capable of producing an offspring in my opinion, well calculated for our Service. Many of them as will appear by the Register, are

under

under 13 Hands; I must however observe, that as they are accustomed to run loose during the whole year I found it impossible to measure them, as I did the Stallions, by the Standard. I have been therefore under the necessity of guessing at their height, but have been particular ~~in~~ rather under, than over stating their size.

Many of the Fillies are very promising, and were they properly fed, and Confined, would turn out valuable Breeders. — The present Condition of the Brood Mares is wretched indeed, for since the Fall of Rain no Grain in my belief, nor forage, but what the Pasture grounds at this dry season, afford, has been provided for them.

The Island of Delft is nearly twenty English miles in Circumference, the whole a Rock covered with a light Marly Soil; It produces in plenty the finest grass and abounds with Springs of Fresh Water. The Dutch and before them the Portugueze have appropriated it solely to the Breeding of Horses, and for this purpose it seems peculiarly well

adopted

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adopted. About four hundred Families, Chiefly Malabars, inhabit the Island, and have Grants of Land from the Dutch Company for the Services they tender the Stud. They pay besides a Capitation Tax, a Duty for the Palmira Trees, and are obliged to furnish a certain proportion of the Chary Road which grows here. - The Stud has always been Extremely Productive; the Rates of its annual encrease, may be easily determined from the accompanying Register, and from the Luxuriance of the Pasture, and low rate of Servants Wages, it will evidently appear, that in no part of India can Horses be breed at so small an expence. Permit me to request that the above Cursory observations together with the Register, may be submitted to Government, whose decision respecting the Horses found here, or further Orders from you I shall hope soon to be honoured with. -

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

Island of Delft
October 15th. 1795. -

(Signed) Alex. Strachan
Lieut. of Cavalry

P.S. I have hitherto received no report from the Island of Two Brothers. -

Inventory

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Inventory of the Property belonging to the Dutch East India Company found on the Island of Delft.

2 Saddles complete
2 Bridles
6 Caregons
13 Collars
9 Bredoons
34 Curry Combs
6 Brushes
17 Embarcation Truffles
30 Watering Briddles
8 Mangers
10 Buckets
7 Watering Pails
4 Water Tubs
10 Mamties
5 Iron Crows
12 Axes
4 Hammers
13 Wedges
21 Knifes for cutting wood
4 Bundles of Coir
240 Parras of Paddy
Rs. 445 Copper Money
1 Piney belonging to the Company burden 20 Candies
251 Horses, Viz.t

Hallions	10
Brood Mares	107
Young Mares	16
Felves	81
Colts	37
Total	251

Delft the 10th October 1795, Signed G. F. Meybrink

(Signed) Alex. Strachan
Lieut. of Cavalry

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List of Public Servants attached to the Breeding Heads on the Islands of Delft and Two Brothers.

Servants on the Island Delft

	monthly Wages Rds.	Fans.
1 Captain Inspector of the Stud		
1 First Sub Inspector Christian Arenty	18	"
3 Grooms - Viz:		
C. Speelts		
A. Brede		
G. Vink at Six Rd. each p. Month	18	"
12 Natives Horse Keepers at 1 Rd. 3 fans. each per Month	15	"
6 Stable Boys at 1 Rd. 3 fans.	7	6

Employed on the Island of Two Brothers

1 Second Sub Inspector G. Koch	15	"
1 Groom P. Leander	6	"
3 Native Horse Keepers at 1 Rd. 3 fans.	3	9

Total of Monthly Wages Rd. 83. 3 f.

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(Signed) F. F. Van Meybrink

(Signed) Alex. Strachan
Lieut. Cavalry

Register

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Register

Of the Stallions on the Island of Delft - October the 10th - 1795 -

No.	Age	Height Hds.	Inch.	Cast	Colour	Marks	Remarks
1	Aged	15	..	Arab	Light Chesnut	Blaze off fore Leg & hind Coronet white	Sound of good bone and Figure Serviceable
2	D.	14	2½	Persian	Dark bay with White hairs	Star and Snip near fore and both hind Pasterns White	A good fore Stand but heavy breast strong & bony Serviceable
3	D.	12	1	Bred on the Island	Grey	under Lips and Throat broken White. Small White flesh on the Muzzle	A good Figure but very small unfit for the Service -
4	D.	14	..	D.	Black	Brown Muzzle	A bad figure & loose made unfit for the Service -
5	D.	14	..	D.	D.	Without Mark	Serviceable
6	D.	13	2	D.	Bay	Small Star and Snip turning towards the left the Nost	A Sound horse but under sized
7	9	14	..	D.	Light Bay	Star and Snip	Sound and Serviceable
8	9	14	1	D.	Bay	Small Star & Small white Streak on the Throat	D. ——— D.
9	6	14	1½	D.	Sound	Star & Reaches	Has lost an Eye Serviceable
10	Aged	14	..	D.	Bay without hair	Star reach & Snip	Past all Service.

(Signed) Alex. Strachan
Lieut. Cavalry
Register

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Register

Of the Brood Mares.

No.	Age	Height Hds.	Inds.	last Foal	Colour	Marks	Remarks	Mares now In Foal
1	Aged	14	"	Bred on the Island.	Dark Bay	Without Mark	A good breeder but very old	In Foal
2	8	14	1	Do.	Bay	A small Star	Sound	Do.
3	9	14	"	Do.	Grey	without Mark	Do.	Do.
4	Aged	14	2	Do.	Flea Bitten Grey	Do.	Do.	Do.
5	Do.	14	....	Do.	Grey	Do.	Very old and unfit for breeding -----	"
6	Do.	14	....	Do.	Do.	Do.	Sound	In Foal
7	6	14	1	Do.	Bay	Do.	Do.	"
8	Aged	14	1	Do.	Chesnut	Star and Neck	Do.	In Foal
9	Do.	14	....	Do.	Grey	Without Mark	Do.	Do.
10	9	14	1	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
11	Aged	14	....	Do.	Bay	Star and Snip	very old unfit for breeding	"
12	Do.	14	....	Do.	Do.	Small Star	Sound	In Foal
13	11	14	....	Do.	Dark Grey	Without Marks	Do.	Do.
14	Aged	14	....	Do.	Grey	Do.	Do.	Do.
15	8	14	....	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
16	Aged	14	1/2	Do.	Do.	Hollow backd	Do.	"
17	Do.	14	2	Do.	Bay	Large Snip	Do.	In Foal
18	Do.	14	1	Do.	Black	Without Marks	D.	"
19	Do.	14	1	Do.	Grey	Do.	Do.	-
20	Do.	14	"	Do.	White	Do.	Do.	In Foal
21	Do.	14	....	Do.	Dark bay	Small Star	Do.	Do.
22	Do.	14	....	Do.	Bay	Small Star & Snip	Do.	Do.
23	Do.	14	....	Do.	Do.	Small Star	Do.	Do.
24	Do.	14	....	Do.	Grey	without Mark	Do.	Do.
25	Do.	14	2	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
26	6	14	2	Do.	Bay	Small Stars	Sound	Register

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Register of the Brood Mares Continued

No.	Age	Height Hds.	Inch.	Cast	Colour	Marks	Remarks	Mares now in Foal
27	8	13	1/2	Bred on the Island	Bay	Star	A very good breeder	In Foal
28	Aged	13	3	D°.	D°.	Without Mark	Sound	D°.
29	6	13	3	D°.	D°.	Star near hind Coronet white	D°.	D°.
30	Aged	13	3	D°.	Chesnut	Star	D°.	D°.
31	D°.	13	3	D°.	Grey	Without Mark	D°.	"
32	D°.	13	"	D°.	D°.	D°.	Very old Past breeding	"
33	5	13	"	D°.	Blue Bottle Grey	D°.	Badly formed & Weak	"
34	Aged	13	3	D°.	Grey	D°.	Sound	In Foal
35	D°.	13	3	D°.	D°.	Large Swish	Very old and Weak	"
36	D°.	13	1	D°.	D°.	Without Mark	D°. D°.	"
37	6	13	2	D°.	D°.	D°.	Sound	In Foal
38	Aged	13	"	D°.	Dark bay	Near hind Pastern White	D°.	D°.
39	4	13	1	D°.	Bay	Star & snip near fore pastern White	D°.	D°.
40	Aged	13	3	D°.	D°.	No. muzzle and near fore pastern	D°.	D°.
41	D°.	13	1	D°.	D°.	Without Marks	D°.	D°.
42	D°.	13	3	D°.	D°.	D°.	Very old	"
43	D°.	13	1	D°.	D°.	Star and Reach	Sound	In Foal
44	4	13	2	D°.	Grey	Without Mark	Sound	D°.
45	Aged	13	3	D°.	D°.	Upper Lip White	D°.	D°.
46	6	13	1	D°.	D°.	Without Mark	D°.	D°.
47	3	13	1	D°.	Bay	D°.	D°.	"
48	8	13	1	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	"
49	Aged	13	"	D°.	D°.	Star	D°.	In Foal
50	9	13	"	D°.	D°.	Without Mark	D°.	D°.
51	Aged	13	1	D°.	D°.	Small Star	D°.	D°.
52	D°.	13	2	D°.	D°.	Small Star	D°.	D°.
53	5	13	3	D°.	D°.	Star near fore pastern White	D°.	D°.
54	9	13	"	D°.	Chesnut	Star and Reach	D°.	D°.

Register

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Register of the Brood Mares Continued.

No.	Age	Height Hds	Height Inds	Cast Colour	Marks	Remarks	Mares Now In Foal
55	Aged	13	1	Bredon Island Chesnut	Star and Reach	Sound	In Foal
56	7	13	1	Do.	Grey	without Marks	Do.	"
57	7	13	2	Do.	Grey	Do.	Do.	In Foal
58	Aged	13	3	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
59	Do.	13	"	Do.	White	Do.	Do.	Do.
60	4	13	1	Do.	Bay	Blaze	Do.	"
61	Aged	13	1	Do.	Do.	Star Reach & Snip	Do.	In Foal
62	8	13	"	Do.	Do.	Small Star	Do.	Do.
63	8	13	2	Do.	Chesnut	Blaze	Do.	Do.
64	Aged	13	2	Do.	Ilea Bitten Grey	without Mark	Do.	"
65	8	13	3	Do.	Bay	Do.	Do.	In Foal
66	8	13	3	Do.	Do.	Do. hind pasterns white	Do.	Do.
67	Aged	13	1	Do.	Do.	Star & Snip near fore & both White	Do.	Do.
68	9	13	"	Do.	Chesnut	Blaze near fore pastern	Do.	Do.
69	8	13	"	Do.	Chesnut	Blaze	Do.	Do.
70	9	13	"	Do.	Ilea Bitten Grey	without Mark	Do.	"
71	4	13	2	Do.	Bay	Small Star	Do.	In Foal
72	Aged	13	"	Do.	Do.	Star and Reach	Do.	Do.
73	4	13	1	Do.	Do.	Small Star	Do.	Do.
74	Aged	13	"	Do.	Do.	Star off fore Pastern White	Do.	Do.
75	Do.	13	"	Do.	Do.	Star	Do.	Do.
76	Do.	13	"	Do.	Grey	without Mark	Do.	"
77	Do.	13	2	Do.	Bay	Small Star	Do.	In Foal
78	Do.	13	3	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
79	7	13	3	Do.	Do.	Star and Reach	Do.	"
80	7	13	"	Do.	Do.	Star	Do.	In Foal
81	8	13	"	Do.	Do.	near hind pastern White	Do.	Do.
82	Aged	13	3	Do.	Grey	without Mark	Do.	Do.
83	5	13	3	Do.	Dark bay	Do.		Register

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Register of the Brood Mares Continued

No.	Age	Weight 7 lbs.	Inch.	Cast	Colour	Marks	Remarks	Mares now In Foal
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84	4	13	3	The Island	Grey	Without Mark	Sound	In Foal
85	8	13	"	D°.	Chesnut	Star	D°.	D°.
86	4	13	"	D°.	D°.	Small Star	D°.	"
87	4	12	1	D°.	Grey	Without Mark	D°.	"
88	8	12	2	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	In Foal
89	4	13	"	D°.	D°.	D°.	Weak	"
90	Aged	12	1	D°.	Bay	Large Star	Sound	In Foal
91	D°.	13	"	D°.	Black	Without Mark	Sound	"
92	5	12	1	D°.	Chesnut	Blaze four white pasterns	Sound	"
93	Aged	12	2	D°.	Bay	Small Star	Very Old	In Foal
94	D°.	13	"	D°.	Chesnut	D°.	Sound	D°.
95	D°.	12	1	D°.	D°.	Star	Sound	"
96	D°.	12	"	D°.	Grey	Without Mark	Small & badly formed	"
97	4	12	3	D°.	Bay	D°.	D°. D°.	"
98	4	12	1	D°.	Roan	Blaze	Sound	"
99	8	12	1	D°.	Chesnut	Blaze	D°.	In Foal
100	7	12	1	D°.	Grey	Without Mark	D°.	"
101	Aged	12	2	D°.	White	D°.	Has lost an Eye	"
102	D°.	12	"	D°.	Grey	D°.	Weak	In Foal
103	6	12	2	D°.	D°.	D°.	Sound	"
104	8	12	2	D°.	Bay	Star	D°.	In Foal
105	Aged	12	3	D°.	Bay	Blaze	Swelling on the near fore knee	D°.
106	4	12	3	D°.	D°.	Without Mark	Weak	"
107	4	13	"	D°.	D°.	Small Star	Sound	In Foal
108	9	13	"	D°.	Dark bay	Without Mark	D°.	"
109	Aged	12	1	D°.	Chesnut	Star and Reach	Sound	In Foal
110	9	13	"	D°.	Grey	Without Mark	Badly formed	D°.

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No.	Age	Height Hds.	Inch.	Last Brand	Colour	Marks	Remarks	Mares now In Foal
111	Aged	12	2	Poland	Bay	Small Star and Remarks	Sound	In Foal
112	D°.	12	3	D°.	D°.	Without Mark	D°.	D°.
113	D°.	12	.	D°.	Chesnut	D°.	Small and weak	"
114	D°.	12	1	D°.	D°.	D°.	Sound	In Foal
115	D°.	12	2	D°.	Grey	D°.	D°.	D°.
116	D°.	12	2	D°.	White	D°.	Weak	D°.
117	6	13	.	D°.	Chesnut	Small Star	Sound	.
118	4	12	2	D°.	Bay	Star and Reach	D°.	In Foal
119	4	13	1	D°.	Chesnut	Blaze	D°.	D°.
120	5	13	3/2	D°.	Bay	Without Marks	D°.	D°.
121	5	13	3/2	D°.	Grey	D°.	D°.	D°.
122	4	12	2	D°.	Roan	D°.	D°.	.
123	5	13	3	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°	In Foal
124	4	13	.	D°.	Bay	D°.	D°.	D°.

(Signed) Alex.r Strachan
Lieut Cavalry
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Register of the Colts

No.	Age Months	Colour	Marks	Remarks
1	13	Bay	Without a Mark	Small
2	13	Bay	Small Star near hind Coronet White	Promising
3	1	Grey	Star	Very Promising
4	1	Black	Without Marks	Weak
5	1	Bay	Star	Promising
6	13	Dark Bay	Star	Do.
7	13	Light Chesnut	Small Star	Sick
8	12	Bay	Star	Promising
9	12	Do.	Small Star	Do.
10	12	Do.	Do.	Sick - since dead 15th Oct.
11	1	Do.	Star both fore Pasterns White	Do.
12	13	Do.	Large Star	Promising
13	10	Do.	Blaze	Do.
14	7	Do.	Star, near hind Pastern White	Do.
15	9	Do.	Without Mark	Do.
16	1	Do.	Star upper Lip White	Do.
17	1	Do.	Blaze	Do.
18	9	Do.	Blaze off hind Pastern White	Small
19	1	Chesnut	Small Star	Promising
20	12	Bay	Large Star	Small and Weak
21	6	Do.	Small Star	Promising
22	9	Do.	Without Mark	Do.
23	7	Do.	Star	Small and Weak
24	1	Black	without Mark	Promising
25	8	Bay	Star	Small
26	12	Do.	Without Mark	Weak
27	1	Dark Bay	Do.	Do.
28	1	Chesnut	Star	Promising -

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Register of the Colts Continued

No.	Age Months	Colour	Marks	Remarks
29	7	Chesnut	Star and Snip	Promising
30	12	Bay	Without Mark	Small and Weak
31	5	Do.	Do.	Promising
32	1	Do.	Do.	Do.
33	7	Do.	Do.	Very Promising
34	8	Iron Grey	Star	Do.
35	12	Bay	Without Mark	Do.
36	9	Do.	Star	Do.
37	8	Grey	Do.	Do.
38	9	Bay	Do.	Do.

(Signed) Alex: Strachan
Lieut. Cavalry

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of the Fillies

No.	Age Months	Colour	Marks	Remarks
1	24	Chesnut	Without Mark	Promising
2	18	Do.	Blaze	Do.
3	12	Bay	without Mark	Do.
4	8	Do.	Star	Do.
5	8	Do.	Small Star	Do.
6	19	Dark Bay	Star	Very Promising
7	12	Bay	Small Star	Do.
8	9	Do.	Without Mark	Do.
9	17	Do.	Do.	Do.
10	30	Roan	Do.	Do.
11	27	Bay	Star and Snip	Do.
12	24	Chesnut	Blaze	Do.
13	30	Dark Bay	without Mark	Do.
14	12	Bay	Star and Snip	Do.
15	26	Do.	Small Star	Do.
16	34	Black	without Mark	Do.
17	24	Bay	Small Star	Do.
18	12	Light Chesnut	Star and Reach	Sick
19	1	Bay	Small Star	Promising
20	34	Dark Grey	Blaze	Do.
21	20	Chesnut	Do.	Do.
22	22	Light Chesnut	Without Mark	Very Promising
23	8	Bay	Star	Small and Weak
24	24	Roan	Without Mark	Very Promising
25	18	Bay	Star and Snip	Promising
26	23	Do.	Near hind Pastern White	Do.

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No.	Age Months	Colour	Marks	Remarks
27	24	Bay	Without Mark	Promising
28	25	Do.	Star	Very Promising
29	31	Do.	Star	Do.
30	12	Do.	Star	Do.
31	31	Do.	Star	Small
32	9	Do.	Without Mark	Promising
33	35	Do.	Blaze off fore Pastern White	Do.
34	12	Do.	Star and Reach	Do.
35	18	Do.	Large Star	Do.
36	18	Do.	Without Mark	Do.
37	18	Black	Small Star	Small
38	7	Bay	Blaze	Do.
39	19	Dark Grey	Without Mark	Do. but Promising
40	12	Bay	Blaze	Promising
41	10	Black	Without Mark	Do.
42	23	Bay	Star	Do.
43	19	Do.	without Mark	Do.
44	31	Do.	Do.	Do.
45	15	Do.	Small Star	Do.
46	7	Dark Grey	Without Mark	Do.
47	16	Roan	Small Star	Small and Weak
48	36	Do.	Blaze	Promising
49	15	Dark Grey	Without Mark	Do.
50	7	Dark Bay	Small Star	Small and Weak
51	32	Bay	Without Mark	Promising
52	31	Do.	Star	Very Promising
53	31	Do.	Small Star	Do.

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№	Age Months	Colour	Marks	Remarks
54	7	Bay	Without Mark	Very Promising
55	32	Do.	Small Star	Do.
56	9	Do.	Star near fore Pastern White	Do.
57	34	Black	Without Mark	Do.
58	34	Roan	Do.	Do.
59	12	Bay	Near fore Pastern White	Do.
60	32	Do.	Star Pastern White	Do.
61	14	Grey	Small Star.	Do.
62	10	Bay	Star.	Small and Weak
63	9	Do.	Small Star.	Do. Do.
64	9	Do.	Star.	Promising
65	8	Black	Star.	Do.
66	20	Chesnut	Blaze.	Do.
67	8	Do.	Small Star.	Small and Weak.
68	20	Bay	Star and Reach.	Promising
69	21	Chesnut	Without Mark.	Weak and badly formed
70	9	Bay	Star.	Promising
71	1	Chesnut	Blaze.	Do.
72	5	Grey	Without Mark.	Do.
73	9	Chesnut	Star.	Do.
74	1	Bay	Star.	Do.
75	1	Do.	Do.	Do.
76	12	Do.	Do.	Small
77	36	Dark Grey	Without Mark.	Very Small
78	18	Chesnut	Star.	Do. Do
79	7	Grey	Without Mark.	Promising.
80	34	Do.	Do.	Do.
81	21	Chesnut	Star.	Sick
82	-	Bay	Blaze	Foaled the 15th Instant.

(Signed) Alex. Strachan
Lieut Cavalry

To

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To Lieutenant Strachan
of the Cavalry

Sir,

I pass my Parole of Honor that during the present War I will not bear Arms against His Britannick Majesty or His Allies; and that until the Pleasure of the Government of Madras be known I will remain on the Island of Delft, or at such other Place as shall be pointed out by Colonel Campbell Commanding Officer of the Troops at Manar. —

I remain, with respect,
&c. &c. &c.

Delft
10th. October 1795

(Signed) F. F. VanMeybrink
Captain Commanding the Islands
of Delft and the Two Brothers.

A true Translation
(Signed) George Parry
Act. French Trans.

Minute thereon.

As there is very great probability that the breeding Studs on the Islands of Delft and two Brothers may be turned to good account, the Board are inclined to give every support that is may be necessary for the accomplishment of so important an object — Resolved therefore that

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Strachan be appointed the Superintendant of the Breeding Stud, with such an Establishment of Native Invalid Troopers and Servants, as Colonel Brathwaite may judge adequate to the Service —

Agreed that Colonel Brathwaite be desired to state his opinions on the subject, as well as on the points suggested in the letter from Lieutenant Colonel Campbell to Colonel Floyd, with regard to improving the breed of Horses on those Islands.

Read the following letter from Captain Barbuto.

To the Right Honorable the President in Council
Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Captain Barbuto — Enclosing the Gross Accounts of the Revenues of Manar &c. Explanations thereon —

I have the honor to enclose, for your Lordship's Information, Translations of the Gross Accounts of the Revenues of Manar, and its Dependencies; and to address your Lordship at some length, explanatorily of them. —

Manar and its dependent Provinces of Montotte, Manatar, and Moesalle, are comprehended within a circumference (as far as I can learn) of one hundred miles; and contain between ten

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ten and twelve thousand Inhabitants. – Political causes may give to Manar, and the Provinces depending on it, a degree of importance it certainly does not derive from its Revenue; which is collected under the following heads, and modes – And to this Revenue (small as it is) the Island of Manar contributes only in the Article of Grain; and that in the small proportion of little more, than one thousandth part – The Residue is collected from the three dependent Provinces, in Proportions specified in the Account of Sales. –

The Article of Grain, claims the first attention from the superior Revenue it now yields, and the practicability of encreasing it, should the English Government hold the conquests on Ceylon; and becoming Lord of the Soil, make its collection as under the Dewannee in Bengal, and the Joghire in the Carnatick. The Grain is put into the Ground in the Months of October, November, and December; and when the Crop is nearly ripe, the Company offers its Right (a Tithe, which is paid in kind) to the highest Bidder, and the Adigaur (who attends at the Sales,

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and answers for the credit of the Bidders) becomes security for the collection of the tithes of the three Provinces.- The small collection made from the Islands, is under the immediate superintendance of the Dutch Resident.- The Betties is collected by an assessment of two pounds and a half, upon every Buffaloe Calf, produced during the year, and farmed like the tithes of Grain to the highest Bidder. - The tithes of Grain were sold this year, for nineteen thousand, six hundred, and sixty three Parrahs, making forty pounds the Parrah, seven hundred and eighty six thousand, five hundred, and twenty pounds of Paddy, or Rice in the Husk - The Betties Customs are farmed for three thousand and thirty five pounds. -

The Profit upon catching Elephants, is uncertain and variable, and its average trifling, not exceeding (from the best information my means have enabled me to obtain) three thousand Rix Dollars a year.- It sometimes happens, that the Expences are greater than the Receipts; either from the smallness

smallness of the size, and number of the Animals caught, or ill success in mortality during the time of treating them. — The People permitted to catch them, are obliged to give two Elephants, of four cubits height, to the Company annually; who purchase besides from ten to twelve, at Rates varying between sixteen Rix Dollars, for an Elephant of three cubits high, with tusks; and eight for one of the same size without tusks; and eighty Rix Dollars for one of seven cubits high, with tusks; and forty for one of the same size, without tusks. — There is also a present which accompanies the sum fixed by the Company, as the Price of the Elephant, varying in value, between twenty fanams and seven Pagodas, with one or two pounds of powder and Ball, and twenty or forty Stivers, according to the value of the Elephant. — The Price Current fixed by the Company at their sales of Elephants, which are held at Jaffnapatnam, varies between one hundred and sixty, and two thousand one hundred Rix Dollars, according to the size of the Elephant. — The Company employs three hundred People, in collecting a Root from

which

which is extracted, a Red Dye, for the Country Cloths;
the amount of which is on an average twenty four
thousand pounds weight, which it pays for at
the rate of two Stivers per pound; and which
produces on an average, at the Sales, eight Stivers,
affording a profit of three thousand Rix Dollars.

A Poll tax is collected (which with
an additional tax or the purchase of exemption
from particular services; by People of the higher
Casts) amounts to one thousand, seven hundred,
and sixty one Rix Dollars. →

The List of Duties speaks for itself,
and amounts to six thousand six hundred and
fifty one Rix Dollars; and by its Heading your
Lordship will perceive that the Company's year
begins on the 1st of September. — This Arrangement
was originally made, for the convenience of
closing the yearly Accounts, early enough to go to
Europe by the last Ship of the Season, which
sailed from Batavia in January. — But I have
every reason to conclude, from the Accounts at
this pretty Station being three months in Arrears,
that this excellent Arrangement has not been
productive of the good effect reasonably expected
from it. →

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The Company also collects nine thousand and twenty pieces of Slow Match of twelve feet each in length, by an assessment of twenty upon each man of the four Superior Casts, in the three Provinces. —

There is also half a pound of small Pearl collected, for permission to sift the Sand on the Spot, where the Oysters were formerly deposited, after been taken from the Bank. —

Your Lordship will have observed by the Articles of Capitulation, granted to Manar, that the Civilians are detained, and have been given to expect Subsistence from the English Government. —

I have made use of their Services, and have continued all in their Offices, excepting the Resident; the existence of whose authority and mine, was inconsistible. —

The Collection of the Revenues and Taxes continue as before, excepting the Tax upon Spirituous Liquors, of which I have been under the necessity of forbidding the Sale. —

It has been reported to me that there are eighty Slaves on the Island, the property of individuals, who say that they have been forcibly taken from the Coast, and sold into Slavery here. — They now claim the Interference and Protection of the English Government, which I shall feel myself happy in being the instrument of, in their Liberation. —

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

Manar
24th October 1795. —

(Signed) R. G. Barbut Capt.
73d Reg.t Commanding Manar.

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To Gross Account of the Sales of the Tithes of Paddy and of Butter, Customs with the difference of Amount between the last and present years.

Paddy

	Present year Markals	Parahs	Last year Markals	Parahs	Excess Parahs	Deficiency Parahs
The Province of Wanatotte	11,035.	5385. 3/5	12416	6531 1/5		645 17/15
Nanattan	14905	7949 3/5	13334	7111 7/15	857 11/15	
Moodlie	10,909	6818. 2/15	7139	3807 11/15	2010 2/5	
The Island of Manar	20	10 3/5	11	5 9/15	4 4/5	
Total	36869	19663. 7/15	32730	17466	2353 3/5	645 9/15

645. 17/15

Total of this years Excess ... 2207. 7/15

NB. The Excess arises from the greater quantity of Rice that sold this year, than had fallen last, and which permitted the Cultivation of Tracts of Land that is impossible to Cultivate the last year. —

Butter

	Present year Chatties	Pounds	Last year Chatties	Pounds	Excess Pounds	Deficiency Pounds
The Province of Wanatotte	194 1/2	923 3/5	170 1/2	809 3/5	114.	
Nanattan	296	1406	315	1496 1/4		90 1/4
Moodlie	148 1/2	705 3/5	118	560 1/2	144 3/5	
Total	639	3035 1/4	603 1/2	2866 3/5	258. 3/5	90 1/4

90. 1/4

Total of this years Excess. — 168 3/5

Manar March 6th 1795. —

NB. A Parrah of Paddy produces Twenty four Pounds of Rice, and a Parrah of clean Rice weighs Forty Pounds. —

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List of the Farms of the Duties sold to day beginning the 1st September 1795 and ending 31st August 1796.

	Rix Dollars	Total
The Port Duties Viz.t for Anchorage Loading and unloading sold to Soopramanien Woodella Beach Comercoly	970	
The Duty upon Licences to expose Goods for Sale in the Bazar to Santiago Arthonie Bellah	125	
The Duty upon Sheep and Goats Ayamandoe Pullah Mussulman	25	
The Duty upon Licences to sell Arrack Joan D'Silva Inhabitant	1260	
The Collections of the Ferry sold to Anthonie Pachico Pommarede	660	
The Fees upon putting the Company's Chop upon Country Cloths sold to Mugaramdoe Nerrea Emergalla Mussulman	2730	
The Duty upon Cows sold to Soumien Tiago Bellah	75	
The Duty upon Exports of Carriage Bullocks sold to Anthonie Ignatius Raddea	74	
The Duty upon Reservoirs of Water sold to Soumien Tiago Bellah	32	
The Duty upon Imports sold to Audeona Nemina Pillee	170	
The Duty upon Carriage Bullocks crossing the River to and from the Island of Manar sold to Wedale Murthear, Underwuppa Mussulman	530	
Total of Duties Farmed		6651
A Poll Tax (including an additional tax, or the purchase of exemption from particular Services, by the four higher Casts)		1771
Profit upon collecting the Red Dye computed at		3000
Profit upon taking Elephants computed at on an average		3000
Profit upon the Tithes, Butter, Customs, and How Match computed at something more than equal to the foregoing		15578
Grand Total in Cash computed at Rix Dollars		30,000

Ordered

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Ordered to lie on the Table.

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Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord,

From Colonel Brathwaite expressing his thanks for the allowance granted to him. —

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 24th of September, conveying to me by your Lordship's Command Copy of your Lordship's Minute in Council of the 22d of September and of the resolutions thereupon. —

The handsome manner in which your Lordship has been pleased to approve of my endeavors to discharge my duty, and the resolutions of this Government in consequence have contributed greatly to lessen the mortification, which I must have been insensible to the laudable Impulse of Ambition not to have experienced. —

I hope then my Conduct so long as I shall continue to serve, which I mean to do, so long as my Constitution and an allowable

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attention to my feelings, on which the Constitution so much depends, will permit it, will be such as to give your Lordship no cause to repent the opinion you have done me the honor to record and for which I request your Lordship to accept my sincere acknowledgements. —

I have the Honor to be,
Head Quarters with great respect,
Choultry plain
November 3d. 1795. — (Signed) John Brathwaite

Read the following letter from
Major Agnew. —
To W. C. Jackson Esq.
Secretary &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

From Major Agnew requesting payment of his Expences upon the second Deputation to Columbo. —

I have to request that you will do me the Honor to state to the Right Honorable the President in Council that in providing the means of conveyance from hence to Tutecorin, and from thence for my return to the Presidency when lately employed on the Public Service, I have been subjected to a very heavy Expence.

This, I trust the Right Honorable the President in Council will take into consideration, and that such

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such Orders may be issued in consequence as to him may seem proper. —

I have the Honor to be,

Fort St. George

November 3d. 1795. —

&c. — — &c.

(Signed). P. A. Agnew

Minute thereon.

Agreed that the expences incurred by Major Agnew on account of the second deputation to Columbo be paid to him. —

Read the following letter from W. Andrews. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From W. Andrews advising of his return to Trincomale, with an Embassador from the King of Candea — intends proceeding to Madras, by sea. —

I have the honor to inform you that I this day returned from Candea accompanied by one of the King's Embassadors, the other I expect in a day or two, when I mean to take the first opportunity of proceeding to the Presidency with the Deputies from the Court of Candea; should I be enabled to make the Coast before the setting in of the Rains, it will I hope enable Government to make their future Arrangements with the King of Candea so as to admit of his Ministers returning to Ceylon at the

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the breaking up of the Monsoon and co-operating in the future measures to be pursued on the Islands. —

Was I not sensible that the Court of Candia are now gladly brought to embrace the Company's protection and anxious to shake off the yoke they have so long labored under with the Dutch I should have deemed it politic remaining at Candia until acquainted with your further pleasure, but I do not think that during my absence the Dutch will be able to impress them with a change of sentiment and it was only under promise of accompanying the Embassadors and returning with them from Madras that they could be prevailed upon to undertake the Embassy. —

Orders have been issued by the King of Candia for Cattle being collected in different parts of his Dominions from whence they will be sent to such places as Colonel Stuart may hereafter direct, a Vakeel from the King will be stationed at Trincomala to receive the Colonel's Orders. —

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A Diary of the different transactions during my Embassy and other circumstances worthy of note will be laid before your Lordship on my return to the Presidency which I hope will plead in excuse for my not entering into detail by Letter. —

As Colonel Stuart has thought proper to order the Swift to be in readiness to carry the Embassadors I hope to embark with them in two or three days for Madras. —

I have the honor to be,

Trincomala
22d. October 1795. —

&c. — — — &c.
(Signed) R. Andrews.

Resolved that the following letter be immediately despatched by express to Bengal. —

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

To Bengal forwarding Copy of the Letter from Mr. Andrews and requesting the request for authority to ratify the Treaty to be concluded with the King of Candia. —

Honorable Sir,

We had this morning the honor of receiving your letter dated the 16th. ultimo, to which we shall fully reply in the course

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course of a few days. —

We take the liberty of transmitting by an Express Tappal, copy of a letter this instant received from Mr. Andrews, advising us of his arrival at Trincomale, and of his intention to embark in two or three days after the date of his letter with the Candia Ambassador for the presidency. —

The opinion you have been pleased to express, that, "the object of the greatest "importance to the British Interests in India is "the acquisition of all the Dutch Territories on "the Island of Ceylon", assures us that we shall not be disappointed in the expectation we have entertained of your ready acquiescence in the recommendation stated in our letter of the 31st Ultimo, with regard to the rectification of the Treaty with the King of Candia as the early acquisition of the Territories and more especially the security of them, when obtained, will very materially depend, upon our Connection with that Prince. — We can assert with great truth that we have not the smallest desire to infringe upon the prerogative vested in the Supreme Government of

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India — nor could any inducement, but the public Weal, actuate us to repeat our solicitation to be authorized to enter into a definitive Treaty with the King of Candia, upon the ground-work of the preliminary articles and such instructions as may be furnished by you. →

It is now certain, we presume, that the States General of the United Provinces, have entered into a Treaty of offensive and defensive alliance with the French Republic, and that the former have in consequence declared War against Great Britain — This circumstance, we trust, will evince the necessity, if no other existed, of bringing our negotiations with the King of Candea to a speedy conclusion — for whatever difference may have originally existed, upon the subject of the Embassy in question, a total change of circumstances can scarcely have left any with regard to the objects now to be pursued, or of their importance to the National Interests. —

We have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
with respect,
3d. November
1795. —

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Hobart & Council

Read

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Read the following Letter
from the Import Warehouse Keeper.-
To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir,

Forwd W. Greenhill with an Account of the Cloth and Hats issued to Mr. Jervis, the late Clothing Contractor.

I have been favored with your Letter of the 30th Instant, and now enclose for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, an Account of Cloth and Hats delivered from the Company's Ware House to Mr. John Jervis, on Indent by order of Government, on account of his Contract for Cloathing the Army - and for which he is debited in the Books of my Employ Pagodas 40,733.11.30 being the Amount agreeable to the Invoice prices of the year 1794. - But if the Amount of the Cloth and Hats issued from the Stores is calculated at the Invoice prices of 1792 - agreeable to the terms of his Contract - the Sum will be Pagodas 34,892.8.64. and consequently the difference being Pagodas 5841.2.46 - must be written off to the Head of Profit and Loss. -

Sum, &c. — &c.

Madras
31st October 1795. -

(Signed) J. Greenhill
J. W. K.

Account

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Account of Broad Cloth &c. delivered to Mr. John Jervis Contractor for Cloathing the Army agreeable to the Invoice Prices of 94.–

	Pieces	yards		Pags.	fs.	Cs.		Pags.	fs.	Cs.
B. C. superfine Scarlet thick	"	230¾	a	2	42	20	₰ yard	678.	6.	55
Ditto ---do. thin	"	389	a	2.	4	40	do.	816	40.	40
D° Blue --- thick	"	28¾	a.	2.	26.	"	do.	74.	5.	-
Ditto --do. thin	"	158½	a.	2.	"	20	do.	317.	39.	50
Ditto --do. White	"	55	a.	1.	33.	"	do.	101.	20.	-
Ditto --Green	"	161	a.	1.	41	"	do.	307.	31.	-
Ditto --Yellow	"	263½	a.	1.	41.	"	do.	503.	26.	-
Fine Scarlet	"	923	a.	1	13.	55	do.	1203.	33.	45
Ditto -Yellow	"	308½	a.	1	5.	50	do.	347.	2.	65
Ditto --Green	"	108	a.	1	7.	-	do.	124.	36.	-
Ditto --White	"	108½	a.	1	2.	"	do.	113.	14.	40
Ditto --Blue	"	267	a.	1	7.	15	do.	309.	29.	5
Broad Cloth Aurora	"	159	a.	21	23.	"	₰ p°.	3397.	12.	-
Broad Cloth Ordinary										
Red	"	942	a.	20.	33.	10	do.	19533	18.	60
Yellow	"	198	a.	21.	32.	20	do.	4299.	40.	40
Blue	"	171	a.	21.	33.	"	do.	3716.	18.	-
Green	"	101	a.	21.	13.	-	do.	2363	3.	-
Perpetuanoes Fine Scarlet	"	25	a.	8.	13.	20	do.	207.	16.	20
Ditto Ordinary Green	"	5	a.	5.	23.	10	do.	23.	5.	50
Ditto --do. Red	"	12	a.	6.	2.	65	do.	72.	33.	60
Ditto --do. Blue	"	2	a.	6.	16	70	do.	12.	33.	60
								39,029.	16.	30

Soldiers Hats

			S. F. C.			
Serjeant	Hats 460	a.	" 28. 40	₰ a.	" 253. 15.	-
Private	do. 3500	a.	" 18. 52	do.	1450. 25.	"
					1703.	40. "

	Pagodas	40,733. 11. 30

NB. of the above Number of Hats there are 789 in Store to be delivered to Mr. Jervis or his Order being Pagodas 32644-68.

(Signed) E. E. Jp. I. Greenhill
I. H. C.

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Minute thereon.

As it clearly appears that Mr. John Servis in his proposals for clothing the Army for the ensuing year, deviated in an essential degree from the conditions specified in the Advertisement of Government, by stipulating that the Cloth was to be delivered from the Company's Stores at the Invoice Price of 1792 - and as it also appears, by the account sent in by the Import Warehouse Keeper that a very considerable quantity of Cloth was drawn for during the last year, beyond what was requesite for preparing the Clothing - Resolved, for these reasons, but particularly because Mr. Servis's proposals deviated from the conditions expressed in the Advertisement, that, the Contract be given to Mr. Pring's, whose offers were the lowest of those tendered in conformity with the abovementioned advertisement. -

Mr. Pring's proposal for Clothing the Army accepted in preference to Mr. Servis -

Read the following report of the Deputy Master Attendant. -

Master Attendants' report on the Ship Bombay.

Agreeable to the Orders of Government I have this day repaired on board the Ship Bombay and have examined her in every part

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part - I find her to be a very strong Teak Pegue built Ship She measures by Calculation 117 feet Keel and 33 feet Beam in which gives Carpers ~ measurment 657 Tons - She is greatly well found in Stores, and well manned - She is in every respect a perfect good Ship - and has sufficient Accommodations for 750 Men. Given under my hand in Madras Roads this 3d. Day of ~ November in the year 1795.

(Signed) Wm. Abbott
D. M. A.

Resolution relative to the freight of the Ship Bombay - and the price to be paid for her Cargo of Rice. -

Resolved that the Ship Bombay be considered as having been in the Company's Service from the 30th of July - (the day She left Prince of Wales's Islands, with M. Mannington's despatches) to the 30th of October, the day She returned from Trincomalee, and that Freight be paid for that period at the rate of four Pagodas ℔ Ton ℔ month, reckoning the Ships, according to the Master Attendant's report at 657 Tons. -

Resolved that the Cargo of Rice landed at Trincomalee from the Ship Bombay be paid for at the Madras Market Price of that Article at the time Captain Robertson arrived in these Roads from the Eastward. -

Agreed

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Agreed also that the Ship Bombay be engaged for two months certain on the before-mentioned terms, reckoning from the 10th day of December next, when Captain Robertson will be in readiness at Trincomalé, to follow such Orders as Colonel Stuart may give. —

Read the following letter from his Highness the Nabob (entered also in C.C. N.o 103).

Translation of a Letter

From His Highness the Nawab Omdat ul Omra Bahadur &c &c

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

Dated 31st October
Received d.o d.o } 1795.

From the Nabob pays the Kist due the 1st November — a moiety of the Donation to Captain Doling's Family — and remainder of the Expences of Captain Maclean's Detachment. —

To Morrow being the 1st of November, I have the Pleasure, to inform your Lordship that I did this Day, the 31st October, by the Blessing of God pay the Company the full amount of the Kist of the 1st November, which is one Lack Star Pagodas, and obtained Mr. Secretary Webbe's Receipts for the same. —

I have moreover paid into the Company's treasury, the Sum of three thousand seven hundred and fifty Star Pagodas, being a moiety of the Amount I agreed to give the Family of the late Captain Doling, Commander of his Majesty's Ship Swift — Likewise one thousand and Eighty Eight Pagodas, Eight Fanams and twenty Seven Cash, on account of the residue Expense of the Detachment with Captain Mc Leane, promised to be discharged on the 1st November, and I have procured Receipts for this Money also. —

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What more need I write?

A true Translation.

(Signed) A. Falconar
Pr. F.

Minutes thereon.-

The President is requested to take such measures as may appear to his Lordship proper, for securing to the Family of the late Captain Poling, the Nabob's Donation.-

Agreed that the sum paid by his Highness on account of the extra charges incurred by Captain Maclean's Detachment while it was stationed at Rumapatam for the protection of the Nellore and Ongole Districts be written back to the Credit of "Military Charges"; and that notification thereof be made to the Clerk of the Treasury, and to the Military Auditor General.-

" Hobart

" Edw Saunders

" G Falconar

Examined
Edwd Robt Hargrave

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Diary

Received the sent the undermentioned Letters
Entered in MB Nos. 16-17-18-19-20-21-22.

From Captain Read.—

From Commandant in the Baramhaul — submitting report of the Damage which the Works of Sankle-droog have sustained from the late Rains, and want of Barracks and Gateways at Namcul.— ~

From Mr. Secretary Hay

From Secretary at Bengal requesting that the Dispatches for England to go by the Surprize may be ready to be sent on board as soon as She appears signals to be made on her approach.— ~

To Mr. Atkinson appointing him Commissary of provisions at Ceylon Instructions.—

To Mr. Patkenson

To Lieutenant Limericke directing him to deliver charge of his Employ to Mr. Atkinson.—

To Lieutenant Limericke

To Military Board directing a Compliance with the Bengal Indent for 18 Pounder Round Shot.— ~

To Military Board

To Commander of the Army advising him of the appointment of Lieutenant Strachan to the Superintendance of the Breeding Studs on the Island of Delft and two — ~ Brothers his opinions desired on the suggestion of Colonel Floyd and Lieutenant Colonel Campbell for improving the Breed of Horses.—

To Colonel Brathwaite

To—

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To Mr. Powny 4. To Collector at Ramnd. transmitting Copies of the letters from Captain Bond with the Board's opinion relative to his detention of the Ship Sultaun Buckshee of which he is to be informed. The original Papers received from Captain Bond, returned.

Substance of a letter from the Rajah of Cochin. 5. Received letter from the Rajah of Cochin Entered in C.C. N.o 104 containing expressions of attachment to the Company and assurances that the Dutch shall derive no assistance whatever from his Country.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Edward Saunders Esq.r

and

Ernst William Tallofield Esq.re

Friday
6.th November 1795

Minutes of last Consultation Read and Approved

Read the following letters from Bengal.-

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at Fort St.e George

My Lord,

From Bengal have ordered a supply of Rice, as also a Battering Train for Ceylon.-

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships' Dispatches, dated the 17.th and 19.th Ultimo.-

We have given directions for the Supply of the heavy Guns and other Stores mentioned in the Indent upon this Arsenal, for the Detachment of the Army in Ceylon, that they may be in readiness to be sent on board the Hussar and many Transports on their Arrival. We are also prepared to have these Ships filled up, as you request, with the quantity of Rice they may be competent to carry to Trincomalé after the ordnance and Stores shall have been embarked.

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We observe the Tonnage of the Mary specified in the Statement transmitted with your Lordship's Letter of the 21st of July, but we are not appriz'd of the Tonnage of the Meysar. —

The Papers transmitted to your Lordship, by Mr. Cleghorn, appear to contain explicit Instructions for his Guidance, upon an object of material consequence to the Public Interests at this period, and we shall be solicitous to hear of its being attended with Success. —

We have the Honor to be,

Fort William
the 9th of October 1795

Hon.ble Sirs
J. Shore
/ Signd P. Speke
Wm. Cowper

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council at Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Bengal approves the second Deputation to Columbo Sentiments on the Expedition against the Malacca Islands. —

We have the Honor to reply to your Lordship's Letter of the 25th Ultimo, and the satisfaction to express our concurrence in the Resolution you have formed to send a Deputation to Columbo, and in the Instructions to Major Agnew and address to Mr. Van Angelbeck. —

Having no Information which authorizes us to expect the early arrival of a Naval Reinforcement in India, we cannot but express our Doubts on the propriety of undertaking a distant Expedition, which, from the Terms

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of your Letter it appears, will employ the whole Squadron — under the Command of Commodore Rainier, and leave the Malabar and Coromandel Coasts unprotected. —

But independantly of this objection, We are of — Opinion that the object of the greatest Importance to the British Interests in India, is the Acquisition of all the Dutch Territories in the Island of Ceylon, and that all other Expeditions, which may protract the attainment of this Object, or diminish your Power of securing the Possession when obtained, ought for the present to be deferd. —

We are aware of the particular reference of his Majestys' Secretary of State to the Molucca Islands, and we are equally anxious with your Lordship, to carry into Execution his Instructions in their fullest practicable extent. But amidst the various Objects to which they point, the — limitation of our means prescribes the necessity of selecting those which are important in the first degree, and having — secured these, to proceed to the attainment of more remote and less important Objects. That the Conquest of the Molucca Islands, unless the Troops there should have been augmented, may be effected by the Force which you propose sending against — them, we have little doubt, but to preserve it may require — considerable Reinforcements, or the Detention of his Majestys — Ships, but whilst the Dutch Settlements on the Island of Ceylon remain to be acquired, and in the present uncertainty as to the arrival of more Ships of War in India, under these Circumstances, the Risque attending the Departure and — detention of the Squadron on a distant Service, is not

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in our opinion, authorized by the probable Advantages of Success, and we request your Lordship will communicate our Sentiments on this Point to Commodore Rainier. –

We have already mentioned to your Lordship the Impossibility of sending any Detachment of Native Troops by Sea, and of our Determination to send four Battalions by Land as soon as the Season permits, for which purpose — measures have been taken to secure the Concurrence of the Mahrattas The European force in Bengal is too weak to — justify the Detachment of any part of it. –

We have the honor to be,

Fort William
16th October 1795

&c &c
John Shore
Robt Abercromby
P. Speke
Wm Cowper

/ Signed /

Resolved upon mature consideration, 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. –

We have now the honor to reply to your Letters of the 9th and 16th Ultimo. –

When we addressed you on the 17th of September, we had intended to send the Mary Transport to Bengal

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Bengal but the insufficiency of Tonnage for the Eastern Expedition forced us to employ her on that service. The Hussar Transport will, we hope, arrive in Bengal before the close of the present month. Her Burthen, according to the Master Attendants report, and upon which we have calculated for the payment of Freight is 450 Tons.—

We have already advised you of the issue of Major Agnews' second deputation to Columbo, and of our expectation that that part of the Regiment of Meuron, which was serving at that place, would arrive at Tutacorin early in this Month.—

The expression of your concurrence in the resolution we had formed to send a second deputation to Columbo, and in the instructions to Major Agnew and address to Mr. Van Angelbeck, is a circumstance of considerable gratifi=cation to our feelings and we should have been happy if we could have obtained the same favorable opinion from you on other parts of our conduct arising out of the orders received from his majestys' ministers, and the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors. It is indeed to us a matter of serious concern, whenever our Measures have not the good fortune to meet with your approbation.—

In the execution of the orders we have received from Europe with respect to the Dutch Settlements, we are aware of the difficulty of acting in a manner calculated to manifest Vigor, Activity and Zeal, without in some degree exposing ourselves to the charge of impru=dence, since the various contingencies to which all military expeditions, and particularly those in which Naval Operations are implicated, must be liable, will

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generally render the propriety of undertaking them, a question only determinable by their success - we are, however, placed in a most extraordinary predicament - the orders from home direct - that our attention should be turned to specific objects, pointing out the Molucca Islands as one of those most deserving of attention - If we neglect any means of attaining those objects, we — inevitably subject ourselves to Censure from our Superiors in Europe, and when we pursue them with that zeal to which we are prompted by a regard for the public Service, we incur the — animadversions of our Superiors in India; - with such an impression upon our minds, an uncommon degree of Circumspection must naturally suggest itself and if we had more prudence than Patriotism, we might, under such circumstances, be deterred from attempting any thing, where success was not — demonstratively certain. -

We have been led to make this observation from the conviction that the communication of your objections to the expedition to the Eastward could be meant in no other light than a considerate manner of conveying your — disapprobation, as it could not possibly have the effect of preventing its taking place. -

We informed you on the 25th Ultimo, that we had with the concurrence of Commodore Rainier determined upon the Eastern Expedition, and it was not until long after it must have sailed from Madras, that we could receive your letter of the 16th October, - a date even subsequent to the Commodore's departure. -

It remains now for us to enter into a justification of our conduct - we hope to have it in our power to satisfy

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satisfy those doubts you have expressed upon the subject and we rely upon our being able to do so, with the more confidence, because previous to an adoption of the measure, we had fully adverted to all the material circumstances stated in your letter. -

On the 6th of September our Secretary transmitted to Mr. Secretary Hay for your information copy of a paper of intelligence brought by an American Ship that Anchored in these Roads that Morning This intelligence was so clear and distinct with respect to the arrival of Sir George Elphinstons Squadron at the Cape of Good Hope in the Month June, that we had no doubt as to the Fact, particularly as we knew from the accounts brought by the Lord Thurlow that two Squadrons had actually sailed from England for the Cape of Good Hope, and ultimately for India - and on the 29th of September, seventeen days prior to the departure of Commodore Rainier we had the honor to transmit to you copies of a letter from Sir George Elphinston, advising us of his arrival at the Cape of Good Hope in the Month of June - of his expectations of success - and of his intention to proceed to India, with the Squadron under his Command as soon as he possibly could - we did not send you Copies of the papers enclosed in Sir George Elphinstons' Letter to us, because, on the arrival of the Ariston on the 27th September, we had forwarded a despatch from the admiral to your address, which we took for granted contained counterparts of all the documents with which we were furnished by him. As however we are informed by our Post Master General, that the despatch from Sir George Elphinston, forwarded from hence on the 27th of September reached Calcutta on the 14th Ultimo, and as evidently from your letter of the 16th of last Month, you do not think we

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were warranted in expecting a Naval Reinforcement, we suppose by some accident you had not the information communicated in the paper which we have now the honor to enclose, and which we trust will induce you to be of opinion that we were perfectly — justified in accepting Commodore Rainiers Offer to proceed to the Eastward with his majestys' Ships Suffolk and Centurion.—

We have to add, that if we had not embraced the opportunity when it presented itself making an attempt upon the Molucca Islands, several months must have elapsed, before it would have been again practicable. That whether we did or did not accept the offer of Commodore Rainier he was — resolved upon leaving the Coast not to return until the — change of the monsoon. That if we had officially suggested to his Excellency the propriety of his remaining with the Squadron at Trincomale, until the season opened for further operations on the Island of Ceylon, we knew from private Communication with him that his answer would have been unless the arrival of a superior french Fleet should oblige him to take shelter there the sickness usually occasioned by the rainy season at Trincomale must prevent his compliance and we were justified in stating it to be the Commodores decided opinion that the Squadron ordered to cruise during the North East monsoon between Point de Galle and Columbo, and occasionally up the Gulph of Manar, consisting of his majestys' Ship Heroine, the Bombay Frigate, and three Bombay Cruisers, adequate to every necessary purpose of preventing supplies from

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being sent into Columbo and therefore, that the acquisition of all the Dutch Settlements on the Island of Ceylon, an object which we agree with you, is of the greatest importance to the British Interests in India, will not to the best of our Judgement be retarded or protracted one hour, in consequence of the expedition to the Eastward.-

From the situation of Columbo, no Ship of Force can bring her Guns to bear upon the Fort, and of course can be of no other Service towards the reduction of the place than that of affording protection to the Transports employed on the expedition. This object is effectually secured by the small Squadron under Captain Gardner, which is superior to any force that can be sent from the French Islands, unless we are to reckon upon the appearance of an Enemies Fleet from Europe, and in that case, the chances would be against us, even if Commodore Rainier's whole Squadrons were employ=ed on the occasion.-

It will afford us much satisfaction, if the explanation we have now given, should induce you on a reconsideration of the Subject to alter the opinion conveyed to us in your Letter of the 16th ultimo with respect to the expedition against the Molucca Islands.-

We have the Honor to be with respect.

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Honorable Sir,
your most obedient
humble Servants
(Signed) Hobart
&c - Council
Read

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Read the following letter from Mr. Cleghorn.-

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart.

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Mr. Cleghorn requesting an Advance of 5000 Pagodas.-

In consequence of a letter which I received from the Right Honorable Mr. Secretary Dundas, dated Horse Guards 14th April 1795, (an extract of which I had the Honor of Shewing and delivering to your Lordship) I am authorized to draw on the Respective Presidencies in India for whatever Pecuniary advances I may stand in need of while in India for the purposes of my mission.-

I beg leave therefore to request an advance of five thousand Pagodas, and I have the Honor to be, with the most Perfect Respect.-

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Hr. Hr.
(Signed) Hugh Cleghorn

The Advance Board.

Resolved that the Sum of five thousand (5000) Pagodas be advanced to Hugh Cleghorn Esqr. on account of his mission, and that the amount be carried to the head of Expedition against the Dutch Settlements in India.-

Hobart

C. Wm. Saunders

Charles Oakeley

Examined
C. A. Haycraft.
for H. Ramsay

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6th Received the undermentioned letters Entered in

MB Nos 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. —

From Mr Secretary Hay — From Secretary at Bengal desiring that the subsistence of Monsr De Letang may be paid, during his residence in Bengal, for the maintenance of his wife and family. —

From French Officers at Poonamallee — From French Officers at Poonamallee requesting permission to proceed to, and remain at, Pondicherry. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Wynch — From Commandant at Guntoor enclosing Lieute=nant Darley's account of Expence incurred in the repairs of the Public Buildings at Tinnevelly. —

From Mr Marten — From Paymaster at Palamcotah requesting authority to Employ two peons for his Office and for a charge for cloth and Oil to clean Arms &c. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Baird — From Commandant at Tanjore advising of his having directed the Engineer to make the Hospital in the little fort, water-proof. —

Substance of a letter to the Nabob — 7th Sent Letter to the Nabob, Entered in C C. No 105 desiring his Highness will order Grain and Cattle to be supplied in the Tinnevelly province, upon the requisition of Mr. Powney, for the use of the Army on the Island of Ceylon. —

Dispatched the undermentioned letters Entered in MB Nos 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. —

To Mr Secretary Hay — To Secretary at Bengal forwarding a letter from the Nabob, to the Governor General

To Mr Hughes — To Paymaster at Madura Enclosing Copy of a letter from Colonel Floyd and directing him to pay bills of the

of the nature therein described, upon the Colonels authority, reporting in due time to the Military Auditor General.

To Colonel Malcolm

To Military Auditor General enclosing Copy of a letter from Captain Isaacke, and directing that he be paid Full Batta from the day he landed at Masulipatam to that of his arrival at Madras Mr. Paymaster Martens' advances for the Meuron Regiment, and Subsistence to Dutch Prisoners to be admitted.—

To Military Board

To Military Board, transmitting a Report of Stores found at Jaffanapatam the repairs required to the fortifications at Ganjam to be Estimated the Privies of the main Guard, and Officers Quarters North of the Parade to be cleansed and repaired. The Barracks ordered to be built at Guntoor, to stand on the high Ground N. W. of the Village.—

To Colonel Braithwaite

To Commander of the Army expressing sentiments of great displeasure at Captain Johnstones conduct in constantly impeding the works of Mr. Topping and his treatment of Serjeant Hughes.—

To Engineer at Masulipatam

To Captain Johnstone cautioning him against throwing any further impediments in the way of Mr. Topping, or further persecution of Serjeant Hughes and requiring a return of all the public Servants, with their monthly pay belonging to his Department, and to state the authority by which he considered the Portia wood called by Mr. Topping in the Fort of Masulipatam as his private property.—

To Mr. Topping

To Mr. Topping disapproving the Style of—

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7th of his letter to Colonel Bidulph of 25th August and recommending, that in preferring complaints, he express himself in terms more suitable to Official Correspondence.—

To Collector at Ramnad—enclosing three letters to Colonel Stuart, Mr. Atkinson and Lieutenant Pinericke to be forwarded, Viâ Manar.—

To Mr. George Powney

To Board of Revenue—advising of Seizure of the Pulney Poligar—with directions for conferring the District of Jampulla upon Linguim Monigar and his Family in reward for his Services upon that occasion.—

To Board of Revenue

To Ditto—granting a Subsistence of three Pagodas to the Divine Reader, and six Pagodas to two widows at Sadras, per month.—

To Ditto

To the Reverend Mr. Gericke—advising thereof—and informing him that the Deputy Military Secretary will frank all letters written by him as a Missionary, and that those from his Correspondents may be enclosed to his Address.—

To Mr. Gericke

Received letter from the Nabob, Entered in C C No. 106—

Substance of a letter from the Nabob—

9th advising of his having issued orders for the Supply of Sheep for the Troops at Pondicherry.—

Received the following letter.—

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart—

President in Council &c. &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Captain Kirkpatrick—stating a message from Monsr. Raymond, relative to the detention at Angole, of the Party sent by him from Cumonum to Nanjilly for Stores—and his Reply—Suggesting the Stationing of an Officer at Mungaul and Dachapilly to prevent Europeans from passing to Hydrabad—

I yesterday received the following Communication, through a third person from Monsr. Raymond.—

"That I would no doubt recollect Mr. De La Fayes

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9th "Sayes having been commissioned a long time* back to make
"certain purchases at Madras on account of the Nizam that
"these had accordingly been made with the concurrence of
"our Government, that may of the Articles so purchased had ever
"been disembarked under the same auspicious at Nairpelly,
"that protect the little province of Khummum the zemindars
"of which had revolted since the recall of the Troops of his
"Highness from thence, he had thought it expedient to supply
"their place by a levy of two or three hundred Sebundees, for
"whole use he had directed the person commanding on his part at
"Khummum, to send to Nairpilly for 300 Muskets that the
"party dispatched for this purpose, consisting of an European
"Serjeant and 12 Sepoys, charged with a Cart, some Bullocks
"and a small sum of Money, had been arrested by a
"Detachment of our Troops, which had conducted the
"European Serjeant, another Native Serjeant, and the two
"Native Corporals belonging to it, to Ongole where they had
"ever since been detained as Prisoners. —

* See my letter to the Right Honorable the President in Council dated 2 November 1794

Mr. Raymonds Message proceeded to state
"that the business in question meaning the general supply
"had occasioned him great difficulties and pecuniary losses,
"that he had to account for two Lacks of Rupees which he
"had received on this behalf, one moiety of which had
"already been observed by the various expences attending the
"transaction while the other continued in Jeopardy, as well
"as the small sum which he had remitted with the
"view of enabling his Agents to transport the Stores alluded
"to from Nairpilly to Hydrabad, according to the permission

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"which had been obtained for that purpose from our Government.—

He acknowledged the justice of the arrest and detention of his party from Khummum, under the circumstance of its having been unfurnished with a passport from me, an Omission and irregularity which he extremely lamented, and which he would have taken care should not have occurred had the Party proceeded either from Hyderabad or from his own Camp. Professing however, as he did, the passport of Government before referred to /and dated the 16th July last/ he was willing to hope that the indiscretion which had been committed could not be imputed to any improper Motive, since in fact no necessity for proceeding clandestinely in the business had existed.— He concluded with earnestly beseeching my favorable interposition with your Lordship in his behalf.—

To this I have desired an answer to the following effect to be given.—

"That I thought it extremely likely that either his "own inadvertence, or the occasional misconduct of some of those "under him, might have contributed in a great degree to the "difficulties and embarrassments which he had represented "himself to be under, that I reckoned it impossible for him to "conceive that our Government could be indifferent to the circum- "stance of his giving protection and service to men deserting "the Company's Colours, or otherwise justly obnoxious to be "reclaimed by it, and that it was not to be doubted that many "persons of this description were at this time in his Employ, since the fact had been reported both to myself and your Lordship by Major Roberts on abundant good grounds.— Notwithstanding

J. "notwithstanding this aggravation of other obvious considerations,
"Mr. Raymond should think proper to address himself to the
"Durbar, and finally prevail on the Nizam to direct an—r
"application to be made to me relative either to the affair of the
"intercepted party, or to the Stores which he proposed removing
"from Nairpilly to Hyderabad, the utmost I should be able to do
"in the matter would be to represent to your Lordship his—r
"Highness's wishes on the occasion.—

It is for your Lordship to determine how far the Pleas urged by Mons. Raymond in this case are entitled to consideration, but should you be disposed to admit them, I am humbly of opinion that the indulgence may very reasonably be withheld till he shall have delivered up all the deserters Europeans and Native who may be found to have entered into his Service.— ~

Europeans both English deserters and Foreigners have but too often found their way to Hyderabad from the Masulipatam quarter.— I presume to think, however, that were a vigilant Officer to be appointed to the party stationed at Mungaue, and duly assisted in the discharge of his duty by the Collector of the District, it would be next impossible for any improper persons to pass that Post, which though originally established, and still I believe, maintained for the protection of the mail between this and Masulipatam, might, no doubt if fitly commanded, be rendered equally subservient to the purpose just suggested.— It was formerly in charge of a Subaltern who was withdrawn, I understand, about a twelve month ago.—

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9th I would with the same view supposing circumstances to admit of such a measure beg leave to submit to your Lordship the expediency of establishing another small Post at Dachapilly, which is situated near the passage of the Kistna most commonly used by persons proceeding from the Carnatic to Hyderabad, and from whence with proper precautions the avenues leading to others, less frequented, might be so secured to a considerable distance in either directions, as to contribute greatly to the success of the general measures which your Lordship has already taken for remedying the evil in question. - -

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Hyderabad
30 October 1795

Signed Wm Kirkpatrick

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in

Wks Nos 39-40-41-42. -

From Resident at Hyderabad enclosing Copy of a letter from Major Roberts. -

From Captain Kirkpatrick -

From Military Auditor General reporting on the Additional Estimates from Ongole and Palamcotah. -

From Colonel Malcolm

From Military Paymaster General - enclosing an additional Estimate for November. -

From Mr Roebuck

From Mr Topping - enclosing a Plan of the temporary Barracks built by him near the Pettah of Masulipatam the Expense thereof. -

From Mr Topping

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Edward Saunders Esqr.

and

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

Tuesday
10th
10. November 1795

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite.-

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord,

From Colonel Brathwaite submits Draft of a General Order for raising a Madras Battalion - Major Wahab applies for the Command of Condapillee and Captain M Neile for Copy of the Complaints of the Board of Revenue against him. -

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship, in obedience to your Lordship's Commands, the Draft of an order for raising a Battalion for the special duty of the Presidency, which I have named the Madras Battalion, as it is not actually a Revenue Corps, yet on an establishment similar to that of Revenue Corps, and distinct from the regular Coast Native Establishment. I have not recommended either of the Officers for this Corps, because, as it is specially for the Presidency duty I wish your Lordship to select such Officers for it, as shall occur to you as best qualified for the situations. - -

I have the honor to enclose also two letters I have received addressed to your Lordship, by Major Wahab, and

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and Captain McNeil, in support of the application of the former I can say, that he is a very meritorious Officer, and has a very large family. — s

as there is no opportunity of sending such Germans as now entertain for his Majestys Regiments south of the Colleroon to their destinations, I have directed those — s Recruits to be sent to Chinglapet, which I hope your — s Lordships will approve. —

I have the honor to be,

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
2 November 1795

with great Respect —

Hon^ble Hon^ble

/ Signed John Brathwaite

The Right Honorable the President in Council is pleased to order that a Battalion of Native Infantry be raised — s forthwith for the Service of the Presidency to be called the Madras Battalion, and be composed of the following Strength. —

	Europeans.			Natives				Artificers attached.						
	Lieutenant to Command.	Adjutant	Surgeon	Subaltern	Jemadar	Havildar	Naigue	Drummers	Pipers	Pioneers	Sirdar	Armourers	Carpenters	Smiths
One Company	"	"	"	1	1	4	4	1	"	1	68	"	"	"
Eight Companies	1	1	1	8	8	32	32	8	2	8	544	3	1	1
Establishment	1	1	1	8	8	32	32	8	2	8	544	3	1	1

The Native Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers for this Corps to be drawn from the Native Invalid — s Establishment, and the Commander of the Army will issue the Arrangements

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Arrangement by which they are to be furnished. -

The Madras Battalion to be on the same footing in regard to pay, Allowances and Cloathing as the Revenue Corps lately raised at Muggletore. -

To Command the Madras Battalion

Lieutenant Joseph Hill

Adjutant to Do. Do.

Lieutenant T. K. Crewe

Lieutenant Robert Brice to be Adjutant of the 23. Battalion Native Infantry Vice Hill. -

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c

Fort St. George

My Lord,

As I understand that the Post of Condapilly is Vacant by Major Vigors being ordered on foreign Service, as I suppose that Post will be Commanded by a field Officer may I make so bold as to lay in my claim for the Command of that Station - this I must assure your Lordship it will Confer an Obligation on me. -

The Post of Condapilly being of more conse=quence and eligible has induced me to Trouble my your Lordship with this application and hope your Lordship will do me honor of having me appointed to the Command. -

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Cantonment near Masulipatam 24th October 1795

Signed J. Wahab

Major 4th Regiment

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

Within these few days (and not before) I have heard with much concern, that the Board of Revenue in a letter addressed to your Lordship in Council on the 10.th of November last, have imputed to me "Disobedience of orders, Neglect of duty, and want of Vigilence" "in an early part of my military Service in the Vizagapatam District last year."

These heavy charges against my professional Character, I am confident I have not deserved. I therefore beg leave to request, your Lordship will do me the honor of ordering that I may be made acquainted with what has been stated to my disadvantage, that I may have an opportunity of vindicating my Character to your Lordship in Council, and of thereby recording a defence as public as the Accusation, - a defence, in which I shall give such information, and explanation of my Conduct, as shall place it in a very different point of view, to that in which your Lordship must have seen it through the representation above mentioned. -

I have the honor to be, with the most profound respect. -

Guntoor
27.th October 1795

K.r a K.r a

(Signed) Dan.l McNeile Capt.n
11.th B.n N.l Infantry

Minutes thereon

Resolved that the General Order for raising a Battalion of Native Infantry in the Black Town for the Service

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Service of the Presidency, be published in General Orders.

As Lieutenant Colonel Sale has requested = permission to resign the Command of Condapilly to which he was lately nominated. Resolved that Major Wahab be appointed to succeed him.

Lieutenant Colonel Dugald Campbell appointed to the Command of the 3d. Regiment of Native Cavalry.

Resolved, in conformity with the orders of the Court of Directors, that Lieutenant Colonel Dugald Campbell be appointed to the Command of the 3d. Regiment of Native Cavalry, vice Stevenson on leave to Europe.

Read the following Letters from the acting Resident at Poona.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Mr. Uhthoff advising of an accident that has happened to the Peshwa.

I have the honor to enclose, for your Lordship's information, Copy of a Letter that I have just written to the acting Governor of Bombay.

and to be very respectfully

Poona
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&c. &c. &c.

I Signed J. Uhthoff
Assistant

To the Honorable John Griffith Esq.

Acting Governor of

Bombay

Honorable Sir,

An accident to present appearance of some

Consequence

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Consequence, having happened here early this Morning, which is variously Represented, and may probably, at the Distance of Bombay, be much exaggerated. Ideem it incumbent on me to acquaint you therewith, particularly, as from the probable Circumstance of Sir Charles Malet being at Versova, Delay might be involved in your learning it through Them. -

The Account that I have received from — Behroo Pundit, the Person through whom the Business between the Durbar and this Residency is conducted, in answer to my Enquiries and an Offer of the Assistance of Mr. Findlay the Surgeon here, is as follows "That the Peshwa has fallen from an upper Room and bruised his Right Leg and Arm, but that He is now pretty well." -

The Alarm and Confusion in Town occasi=oned by this Accident are great, and the Reports various and extraordinary, but I shall not trouble you with them at — present waiting till I can ascertain the real State of the Case. -

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25.th October 1795

I have the honor to be,
Hon.ble Sir
Sign.d J Uhthoff assistant

True Copy
Sign.d J Uhthoff assistant

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor of
Fort S.t George

My Lord,

From Mr Uhthoff with Extract of his Letter to the Governor General on the Subject of the above Accident. -

I have the honor to enclose, for your Lordship's

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Lordship's Information, Extract of a Letter that I have this Day written to the Governor General.—

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27.th October 1795

and to be very respectfully,

&c.a &c.a

Signed J Uhthoff

Assistant

Extract of a Letter from the Assistant to the Resident at Poona to the Governor General, Dated 27.th October 1795

A little after 8 Clock in the morning of the 25.th Instant I received Intelligence, that there was considerable Alarm and Confusion in Town, that the Gates of the Durbar were shut additional Guards posted there, and no one permitted to enter, except the principal Bramins, who are usually about the Person of the Peshwa. That many of the Shops were shut, &c.a That the Cause of this was Some Accident that had happened to the Peshwa; of the Particulars of which, Reports were various, but that all agreed He was hurt by a Fall.—

I immediately sent a message to Behroo Pundit through whom the Busines between the Durbar and this Residency is conducted enquiring the Particulars of this affair, and in the possible unfortunate event of any accident having happened to the Peshwa, in which medical Assistance might be requisite, offering the Services of Mr. Findlay, the Surgeon here, Behroo Pundits answer, as communicated to You, Honorable Sir, through Mr. Secretary Hay, on the 25.th Instant, was That the Peshwa had fallen from an upper Room, and bruised his Right Leg and Arm, but that He

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"was then pretty well".—

The answers that I have hitherto received from the Durbar to my repeated Enquiries, are "That the Peshwa is pretty well" which account the Durbar People endeavour to spread and — inculcate generally.—

The general Opinion however, corroborated by so many Circumstances as, from present appearances, scarcely to admit a Doubt, is That the Thigh Bone is broken the arm very much bruised if not broken and the Face greatly disfigured and hurt apprehensions also, are entertained for the Peshwas Life.—

Reports are various as to the Cause of this — melancholy affair, scarce one even of the most moderate considering it merely accidental but, at least, originating in imprudence Some say- That the Peshwa was sitting astride on the — Balustrade or Parapet wall of a Terrace or upper Room, and losing his Balance, fell outwards into the Bason of a Stone Fountain. The most prevalent Account, however, is- That the Peshwa, in a temporary fit of delirium or derangement jumped or fell from an upper Room or Terrace into a Fountain below. However Strange this may appear, I assure you, Honorable Sir, that I do not trouble you with it on mere vague Rumour, but from Accounts through many Different Channels. It is even added by some, that the Peshwa had been out of Order for two or three Days, but I must confess that I did not hear this before the accident, which I, no Doubt, should, had it been at all serious, and indeed, on the 22 Instant the

event

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went in public Procession on the Dusra, one of the principal Hindoo Festivals, when nothing of the kind appeared.-

Within these seven Weeks, I have paid two Visits to the Peshwa, the last on the 22 Ultimo, and though He conversed even more than usual, I did not perceive the slightest Symptom of derangement.-

I have, through Behroo Pundit, expressed my Concern for the accident that has happened, with assurances of the most sincere Disposition to render any Service on the occasion which may be within my Power, either by paying a visit to the Peshwa or Nanna, with a View to affording the Medical Assistance of Mr. Findlay, the Surgeon here, or by paying either or both of them a Visit of Condolence and Consolation, or should a Visit not be agreeable, submitting to them to furnish Mr. Findlay with a particular State of the Case, that he might prescribe what might appear to him useful and proper.-

Though these People are very franke in their Acknowledgement of the Skill and Success of European Medical Men, yet, strange to say, between political and Religious Jealousy and Distrust, the principal Bramins here are very averse to avail themselves of their Services, though Numbers of the lower Class of People have every Day, for near ten years past, that this Residency has been established, benefited by the liberal Assistance of our Surgeons, Messrs. Crease or Findlay.-

The Minister sends me Word, that He will

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will give me an answer to my last message after consulting the Peshwa on the subject this Day.-

After all, however, I am inclined to suspend my implicit Belief, both as to the Cause and Extent of the — Accident. though I have not any Doubt that the Peshwa is — much hurt.-

In the possible Events of the Peshwas death at this Juncture, People here seem to look towards Bair Row, the Son of the late Raganat Row as the Successor He is the nearest Kin to the present Peshwa about Twenty years of Age and is now a State Prisoner in the Hill Fort of Juneer about fifty miles to the Northward of Poona.-

I have not heard even a Surmise a that any one was instrumental towards the late accident, and indeed, I understand that the Peshwa has been since the accident, in such a State, that, if it had been the Case, He could have made it known.-

I this Instant learn from Behroo Pundit, through Sir Charles Malets Munshy, whom I had sent to Him to repeat my Enquiries. "That the Peshwa had been a "little out of Order for a Day or two, and that on the Morning "of the 25th Instant, while sitting in an inner Room with "Doorgabyhe / his maternal Grandmother / and some — "Bramins He complained of the Heat, got up suddenly and "went to an adjoining Terrace, from which He fell into a "Fountain below. That the Thigh Bone is Broken, and one Arm "and the Face much bruised and that He is now in Pain "and weak."-

All Busines is at a Stand at the Durbar, the

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the usual Guards in Town increased, and no one admitted into the Presence of the Peshwa, but three or four of the principal Bramins, two or three Native Doctors, and a few attendants. — Baba Surkia, second son of the late Hurry Pundit, is constantly with the Peshwa. —

True Extract
/ Signed J.r Uhthoff, assistant

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor of
Fort S.t George

My Lord,

from M.r Uhthoff announcing the Death of the Peshwa

I lose not a moment in acquainting your — Lordship that the Peishwa is dead. —

I have the Honor to be,
V.re V.e
/ Signed J.r Uhthoff, assistant

Poona
2.d October 1795
10 P. M.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor of
Fort S.t George

From M.r Uhthoff with Extract of his Letter to the Governor General Observations concerning the Succession. —

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose for your Lordships Information, Extract of my Address of this Date to the Governor General; —

and to be very respectfully
V.re V.e
/ Signed J. Uhthoff
Assistant

Poona
29.th October 1795
midnight

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from the Assistant to the Resident at Poona to the Governor General, dated 29th October 1795.

At 10 P.M. the 27th Instant, Sent off an Express, acquainting you with the Death of the Peshwa, which happened that Evening about 6 Clock. The Corpse was burnt in the Course of the Night at one of the Places in Town, on the Banks of the River, where the Funeral Obsequies of the Bramins are usually performed.—

Early the next Morning, Requested Behroo Pundit to fix a Time for Sir Charles Malets Munshy to wait upon Him with a Message from me. To which He replied, that He would Send me an answer, after consulting the Ministers, Nanna Furnavees, on the Subject.—

Nothing further passed in the Course of the 28th but early the next Morning Behroo Pundit desired the Munshy to call upon Him, which He accordingly did, and delivered a Message from me to the following Purport, in the mode and Terms of which I endeavoured to blend Frankness and Sincerity, with Delicacy towards Nanna, influenced thereto by a Consideration of the liberal Spirit of our Institutions, the Treaties and long and close Friendship between the Company and the Marattas, and the peculiar and important Situation that Nanna has held for So many years past in this Government.—

"That ever Since the unfortunate Accident had happened to the Peshwa, I had, in the most unreserved

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"unreserved and Sincere Manner, made a Tender of every Service in
"my Power, both political and Medical, as well on the Part of my
"Government, as of Sir Charles Malet, and myself, and though the
"Minister had not been pleased to avail Himself thereof, it made
"not any Difference. That I could now assure Him that even the Death
"of the Peshwa, which had subsequently happened, would not
"affect the Treaties and Friendship that had so long and so happily
"for both Governments Subsisted between the Company and the
"Maratta State, and in which he /the Minister/ had borne
"so conspicuous a Part. That from the State of the Connexion
"between the two Governments, I trusted He /the Minister/ would
"unreservedly advise me, for the Information of my Superiors,
"of the Measures that might be now adopted here, in particular
"with regard to the Succession. That I also begged to be informed
"of the Ceremonies of Mourning and Condolence that were
"usual and proper on such Occasions as the present that I
"might conform myself thereto That as, in the present very
"critical State of affairs, Sir Charles Malet might probably be
"anxious to resume his Situation here as soon as possible, it was
"my wish and Intention to post four Horses for Him and
"the Road between this and Bombay, to promote and
"facilitate the Expedition of his Journey hither."—

Behroo Pundit merely observed that He would consult the Minister on the above. To which, He added in reply to my personal Enquiries to Himself, that the Succession was not yet settled, that Pursaram Bhow was expected here every hour, and that He believed Ragoojee Bhonsla and Doulut Row Sindia were also Summoned, and would be here soon.—

Bajy Rous' Claims to the Succession will be found

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found in the enclosed Copy of my Letter of yesterday to Major Roberts, as well as in Some of my late addresses to you, Honorable Sir, to which it seems to me, from present appearances, may be added, that his Cause is popular in the Mahratta Empire There is however, an Idea, very prevalent here, that Nana Furnavese (whose Influence in the State is too well known to render it necessary for the to dwell upon it) is disinclined to his succession and that He would wish to supplant him by some Infant of the Family I have all along been aware, that such a Thing was possible, may probable, from the aversion that Nana Furnavese must have towards Baiy Row, and all his connexions and adherents and the apprehensions that He may very reasonably entertain of the diminution of his Influence in the State if not of his total annihilation and even for his personal freedom and Life by the Office of Peshwa being held by Baiy Row. —

This Idea is now Strongly corroborated by the following Circumstances. In the common Course of Things, Baiy Row would have been proclaimed Peshwa (as Ragonaut Row was on the Death of Narrain Row within a few Hours after the Office became vacated) yet to the present Hour, the Succession is confessed by not Settled Baiy Row is so near to Poona, that He might have been here ere now, had his Presence been required. —

From present Appearances, I am inclined to think, that if Nana Furnavese can obtain the Sanction of Raiboojee Bhoonslah Dowlut Row Scindia Purseram Bhow - Tuckojee Holcar and Rasta He will set aside Baiy Row It is doubtful, whether, or not, Ragoojee Bhons

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and Sindia will come hither, and there is some Reason to think that They and Tuckojie Holcar will not acquiesce in Bajy Rows being set aside while Purseram Bhow and Rasta will probably be with Nana Furnavese on the opposite side of the question Mhadoo Row Rasta is arrived here, and his elder Brother, Anund Row, is expected hourly. –

I trust that Sir Charles Malet will resume his situation here before it is necessary for us to take either side of the question or, at last, that I shall have the benefit of his Orders and advice for the Regulation of my Conduct on the Occasion. –

My Intercourse with Town has been a good Deal obstructed by the Guards posted there, and at the Avenues and the Environs, but in other respects I have not experienced the least Molestation, and Nana has this Morning issued orders, that all People connected with this Residency shall have free Ingress and Egress during the Day Time. Every thing is hitherto quiet here. All the Shops in Town are Shut. –

There Seems great Reason to Suppose that Nana Furnavese's principal Arguments against Bajy Rows succession particularly with the great Mahratta Chieftains at the grand National Council will be drawn from the Connexion between that Branch of the Family and us my Messages since the accident of the Morning of the 25th Instant, will probably if he Submits them to the Council tend in some Degree to baffle those arguments and if He with hold them from their Knowledge I shall probably take some Means of bringing them forward again. –

True Extract
Signed J. Uhthoff Assistant

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To Major George Roberts

Commanding the Madras Detachment

Acting with Nizam Ally Khan

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you with the death of the Peshwa, which happened yesterday Evening about 7 O'clock in consequence of a fall from an upper Apart= =ment the Morning of the 25th Instant.-

Guards are posted in every part of Poona and the Environs, and affairs are hitherto in a tranquil State here. no official communication has been yet made to me from the Durbar, but it is generally reported that Ragoojee Bhonsla, Doulut Rau Sindia, Purseram Bhow, and Rasta, are expected here, and that Bajy Row is to be the Successor. Bajy Row is the eldest son of the late Ragonaut Row, the nearest a Kin to the Peshwa just deceased, about twenty years of Age, and now a State Prisoner in the Hill Fort of Juneer about fifty miles to the Northward of Poona:=

Having sent off two Expresses yesterday to Hyderabad by our own Dawk, I dispatched this to you direct by hired Cossids, and have to request you will give the earliest advice thereof to Captain Kirkpatrick, to provide against the possible accident of a miscarriage by our own Dawk.-

I have delayed the Dispatch of this letter, partly on account of the Difficulty of getting Cossids, and partly with a view to convey to you some Important

Information

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Information on the two grand Points of the Succession, and the arrival of the great Chieftains here but on neither Point have I yet been enabled to obtain Authentic Intelligence. I reside without the Town the Avenues to which are so occupied by Guards, that my Intercourse is very much impeded. No Successor is yet proclaimed. Tookojie Holkar paid a visit this afternoon to the Minister Nana Furnavees, the Result of which I have not yet learned. Every thing is hitherto quiet.

I have the Honor to be

&c.a &c.a

Signed J. Uhthoff assistant

Poona
28.th October 1795
Midnight

True Copy

Signed J. Uhthoff assistant

Read the following proceedings of the Hospital Board.

Hospital Board
9.th November 1795

From Hospital Board
Death of Mr. Ponton
promotion and
Arrangements
proposed in Conse-
quence. Mess.rs Orde
and Carnie request
Palanquin allowance.

In communicating to Government the Death of Mr. Andrew Ponton, which took place on the 4.th Instant, we have to regret the loss of a very active and Valuable Surgeon, who upon all occasions executed his professional duties with unremitting diligence and humanity.

Approved

Mr. Samuel Barber being the Senior Assistant Surgeon we recommend that he may be promoted to the rank of Surgeon, and appointed to do the duty of the Black Town and Jails, in the room of Mr. Ponton, and that Mr.

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Approved

Mr. William Todd, the next in seniority, be appointed to act with the 1st. Battalion of European Infantry, in the Room of Mr. Barber.—

Ditto

As a considerable time will elapse before Mr. Todd can reach Vellore, and as Mr. Barber must remain with the 1st. Battalion until relieved, we recommend that Mr. George Baillee be directed to perform the duties of the Black Town and Jails until the Arrival of Mr. Barber.—

Ditto

We recommend that Mr. Charles O'neil, Assistant Surgeon, be appointed to act with the 3d. Battalion of Native Infantry until further Orders.—

We have the Honor to forward to the Right Honorable the President in Council a Letter addressed to us by two Assistant Surgeons doing duty in the Baramaul Country.—

After the repeated refusals of Government to applications of a similar Nature we should not have thought it proper to make any further Representations on this Subject, were we not convinced that a great deal of distress is suffered from the inadequacy of the Allowances of Assistant Surgeons to defray the

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the frequent travelling expences to which they are exposed — we therefore hope that some mode may be devised for removing the inconveniences they labour under, either by giving them full Batta or an allowance for a Palanquin —

Jam.s Anderson
Physician General

/ Signed Colley L. Lucas
Chief Surgeon

Wm. Raine
Head Surgeon

To the President and Members of the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

The Commanding Officer and Superintendant in the Ceded Districts having lately applied to the Commander of the Army requesting him to represent to Government the propriety of some Allowance being made to us for attending him and his Assistants, and the sick of the Garrisons dependant on the Head Quarters of the Battalions to which we are respectively Attached, was given to understand, that all such applications ought to come through your Board —

We therefore presume to beg that your Board do lay before Government the serious inconvenience which we and those depending on us for Medical Assistance have suffered, and do suffer, by our not being provided with the means of moving expeditiously when called upon, which we are constantly liable to be to the distance of Thirty or forty miles from our Stations in a Country where no sort of conveyance are to be hired — The disagreeable way of fatal consequences

that

that may arise from the inevitable tardiness of our movements are —
Evident. —

We owe it to our own reputation to assure your Board that we have hitherto performed the duties alluded to to the utmost of our Abilities, as can and will be amply testified by the — Gentlemen concerned. We trust your Board will do us the justice to believe that we will continue to do so, at the same time we have infinitely too much confidence in the liberality of Government to allow us to entertain a doubt of their not only re-munerating us for what has passed, but that they will also be pleased to enable us to perform those extra Services in future with convenience to ourselves, and that satisfaction to individu-als labouring under disease which must arise from a confidence that they can always procure Medical Assistants a few hours after it is required. —

We beg leave to inform the Board that the extra Half Batta drawn for us when employed on those duties has in every instance been retrenched, and that there are no Doolies allowed in this District for the purpose of conveying the Sick from the out Garrisons to our Stations. —

On you Gentlemen as our particular patrons we rely with the most implicit confidence for the support of what we trust will appear to you as just and reasonable claims. —

and have the honor to be

Barramaul
6th November 1795

Vre a Vre a
William Pryde
Assistant Surgeon 15 B. N. I.
John Carnie Assistant Surgeon
4 B. N. Infantry

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The President lays before the Board the following letter which is Lordship received some time ago from the Governor General on the subject of the Nabobs intention to become a renter to the Nizam.-

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of

Fort S.t George

My Lord

From Sir John Shore to Lord Hobart on the subject of the Nabobs proposition to become a Renter to the Nizam.-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships' letter of the 25.th June, and having communicated an Extract from it, relating to the Nabobs intention of sending a confidential Servant to Hyderabad, to the Members of the Supreme Board, I have now the pleasure to advice you of our concurrent sentiments on this subject.-

That we entirely agree in opinion with your Lordship that his Highness the Nabob should not become a Renter to the Nizam, as such a connexion must evidently lead to many political Embarrassments.-

I shall further add with respect to the object which appears to have suggested this measure to the Nabob, the prevention of the depredations of the Polygars subject to the Nizams authority in the Districts of his Highness, that it may be accomplished by your representation to the Nizam through the medium of our Resident at his Court.-

The second ground of the Nabobs' propo-sition for the deputation of Comaul-u-deen to Hyderabad is-

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is so unimportant that his Highness can never I conceive — to insist upon it. I conclude therefore that his Highness, in compli=ance with the mutual wishes of your Lordship and this Government, will relinquish a measure from which no — possible advantage can arise to him. —

I have the honor to be,

Sir &c &c

Sigd J. Shore

Fort William
July 8th 1795

Some mistake having occurred with respect to the allowances fixed for the Dutch Servants at Pulicat, it is resolved that a copy of the following Statement be sent to the Board of Revenue and to the Civil Paymaster General, with directions to be guided thereby. —

List

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Statement of Pay to the Dutch Servants at Pulicat Corrected Orders.

List of Dutch Servants at Pulicat.

Entitled to Subsistence from the Honorable Company with the monthly Pay to be drawn by each —

	Pd.
Jacob Pitbrachts Esq.r late Governor in Lieu of Pay, Diet money, House Rent Emoluments, and Native Servants	100. — —
William Bloome Do. Do. Do. Do.	14. 21 26.
John Joachim Harz Do. Do.	14. 21 26
James Simons Canteroesche Do. Do.	14. 21 26
Peter Emanuel Van Hogendorp Do. Do.	12 21 26
P. H. Heppen Head Surgeon	19. 8. —
Lieutenant Brofsette	15. 2 53
Second Lieutenant Nuwer	12 21 26.
Ensign Gregoor	12 21 26
Masles attendant Van Odyk	9. 8 48
Assay master Engelbert De Fries	10. 16 48
One Book Keeper	9. 16. —
Frederick Meykamp Reader	11. — —
Twelve assistants at 5 Pagodas each	60. — —
Twelve Writers at 2 Do. Do. /3 Writers/	24. — —
Assistant Surgeon Keyser	6. 10 53
D.o D.o Hamer	3 2 53
Portuguese Reader J. T. Paul	5. — —
John Adels Scaler	5. — —
William Hayman	5. — —
D. Borgonje Provost	4 — —
Jacob Peters Book binder	3. — —
C. Alexandersz Writer	5. — —
H. J Jacobs D.o D.o	2. — —
Two Serjeants at 5. 8 each	10. 16. —
Beach master J. D. Jong	5. — —
W. Pickersz Book Keeper	6. — —
J. Rappe Serjeant	5. 8. —
P. Libnet D.o	2. 16. —
Watermen	19. — —
Pagodas	427. 17. 11. Fr. month

Done in Council the 10.th of November 1795

/ Signed N. C. Jackson Sec.y

Note the fanams / being Gold fanams / calculated at 24 Fr. Star Pagoda

Read

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Read the following Letters from Major Mecat.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord,

From Major Mecat advising of further appearances of Insurgency in the Vizagapatam District describes the general Warfare of Peons = suggestions in consequence

I am concerned to inform you that, the appearances of insurgency mentioned in my letter of the 20th instant have been realized in the Northern Division of this District, on rather a larger scale than was then apprehended.—

I have received a letter from Captain Lalande Commanding the field Stations in that quarter, dated yesterday from Vergottam, containing copies of three from Lieutenant Johnston, who with two Native companies had local charge of the one at Palcondah distant from thence about twelve miles, dated the 27th instant, in which he gives him progressive intelligence, of a general attack having been made on the place at 3 O'Clock that morning by a large body of Peons from the hills headed by the old rebel Zemindar Vizeram Rauz, who was also joined by all those in the village he was with some difficulty repulsed; and the branch of his family—lately settled there under protection of Government, saved, but many of the houses were plundered—nothing is mentioned of the Loss on either side, but that four Armed peons were taken prisoners. In the second notice, Lieutenant Johnston mentions having had an interview with the family, who were unanimously of opinion that, the old Zemindar had a great number of Kimedy peons with him and that he was supported by the Kimedy family, that from the insurgents having halted in the neighbourhood they expected another attack, on receiving this, Captain Lalande detached Lieutenant Vaughan

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Vaughan with a reinforcement of two Companies, - and afterwards had a third note from Lieutenant Johnston saying that, he had precise information of three thousand getting ready for a fresh attack in order to carry off the family, and requesting immediate succour. None however was made, yesterday the 28th Captain Lalande had accounts from Lieutenant Vaughan, who had reached Palcondah the preceding evening and assumed Command as Senior, that he had attempted to surprize the Old Zemindar and his people in a village four Miles off named Carecondah, where he arrived with two Companies early that Morning; but found that they had a short while before quitted it, - that he had however taken a female relation of his, with a guard of the Currapum Sepoys who were attached to her, and likewise three matchlock peons and had returned to palcondah unmolested. -

Such was the State of matters yesterday I have this day written Captain Lalande informing him, that against the event of his requiring additional force, I have ordered the two flank Companies of the 19th Battalion at Vizenagrum to be held in readiness. -

This sudden incursion of Palcondah Vizeram rauz from his fastnesses, evidently tho' covertly aided by the Kimedy people, seems to have had for its object, the carrying off his own family lately settled in management of the Country and the station being now reinforced, it is probable that until the crop is gathering in, which will not be these six weeks, he may not appear again beyond the Skirts of the hills. But from what has just happened, and especially from his having been joined by the feudal peons of the family,

who

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who had taken Cowl and re-settled in the Village of Palcondah, I apprehend that he will then return, and as far as he can, plunder the Country until hearing again from Captain Lalande, I have delayed farther orders our object certainly must be to hunt him with vigour, should he continue in any force, but having failed in his immediate object, it is not improbable that his adherents may for the present disperse, and himself for some time skulk about as heretofore with a very few followers, so as to render his capture impracticable by regulars, and the attempting it only an addition to what the troops have already suffered from unhealthy junguls. I must therefore be locally guided by circumstances. In regard to protecting the country from numerous and dispersed bands of banditti when the harvest time comes, all that can be done is, to place detachments near the passes, so as either to prevent their ingress, or intimidate them from penetrating far by the fear of being intercepted in their return. In the present employment of the native troops on this Establishment I cannot expect reinforcement to effect fully such scattered and extensive protection, for in any point of force that can possibly offer from such oponants, there is now in the district as great a strength as can ever be required. could however any more regular native troops be spared from the wants of the other districts, they might be very efficient here to the purpose I have mentioned.

In the Southern parts of the District, altho' Mouttu has not returned again from the hills with the main

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main body of his adherents, parties of them continue on the borders of the low country, and as the following Extract of a letter to me from Lieutenant Riddell includes some casualties since the last advices from him which I had the honor to communicate, and as it is also a just description of the general warfare of the peons, I take the liberty of troubling you with it.

"I remained two days at Railly, hoping for an "opportunity of attacking Copaindar Rauze's party with better "effect than on the 18th instant, but they continued dispersed — "amongst the Jungull, under cover of which they occasionally "fired upon our advanced posts, by which a Sepoy was severely "wounded. I therefore moved to this place on the 20th and being "obliged to march through a thick jungull, we were fired "upon by the peons and a Naick was mortally wounded"

"The country immediately about Railly is a "cluster of hills, covered with a very thick jungull, and as — "Copaindar Rauz was joined by a party of peons belonging to "that country, who are well acquainted with every bye path "and can lead the others to places which to us are inaccessible, "from whence they have it in their power to annoy us — "greatly by firing from behind Rocks &c." without our being "able even to see them, it is in vain to attack them in a "situation so favorable to their purpose, and not likely to "be attended with any good effect, unless they could be "surprized, for it is evident they will not stand, and "can always escape by dispersing amongst the — "Jungull."

"Under these circumstances, I judged it

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"it most expedient to surround them by guards, placed in situations
"best adapted to confine them as much as possible within those
"hills, and prevent them as far as lays in our power from obtai-
"ning provision from without, at the same time to keep a —
"watchfull eye over them, and be prepared to take advantage
"of any opportunity that may offer to attack them decisively." —

"Toomicapilly 24th. October 1795"

Two observations arising from what has recently happened, I beg to be indulged in making. One, that in such inroads as that by Palcondah Vizeram raaz the Subjects of other Zemindars who are under the Honorable Company's vassalage, may often be seen; yet it is no proof that these Zemindars themselves meditate insurrection, for not only their family connections are so interwoven that they are frequently obliged to wink at such assistance, but very frequently their people without any authority from them, join of their own accord merely for the sake of plunder, as is also too often the case with the villagers of the plains themselves, who under the masque of any insurgency existing at the time, spoil the property of each other. What I beg leave to remark in the second place is, that it might prove of the greatest efficacy in suppressing such marauding combinations, if there was latitude given to Officers Commanding parties for a little Military execution, as in many cases was done in former times for the hanging up a few peons when taken armed in the act of rebellion

might

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might eventually prevent much bloodshed and mischief. -

I have again to reqest allowance for the freedom of such remark, which having nothing in view except the publick service, and being meant with every deference and respect, I trust will be granted. -

I am, with the greatest respect. -

Hon.a Sir

Sign.d Geo: Mcrae Major

Comm.g in the districts of Vizagapatam

District
Head Quarters at Chicacole
29. October 1795

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Major Mcrae advising of the measures he has taken for the Tranquility of the District proposes that some Cavalry be sent there. -

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit a duplicate of my letter dated the 29th ultimo. -

The accounts I have received since then from Palcondah and Vergottam state that, no further attempt has been made by the old insurgent Zemindar, who continues moving about within the skirts of the hills, and it is reported that some of the peons have already left him again. I am confident that, no possible opportunity of surprizing him from either of these stations will be lost. At the former there are now four Companies of the 12th Battalion, under local charge of Lieutenant Vaughan, which I have directed to remain for the present, and there are also with him, one Company of Revenue Sibbendies and an hundred auxillery peons, which arrived on the 30th from Sellanagrum. At the latter, where Captain Lalande who commands in the northern

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Northern division is immediately posted, there will join — a quickly from Vizenagrum the flank Companies of the Nine= tenth battalion, which I have ordered two days ago to march with all expedition, and act under his orders, so that he will — a have four Companies at that station, besides the Kimedy peons — a under Doogy rauz, who makes many asseverations that, none of those belonging to that Zemindary had any concern in the affair of the 27th ultimo.-

I trust that this force in that quarter will prevent any idea of another attempt to carry off the family settled by — a Government, or of an attack in any point- I ordered likewise such supply of ammunition with the reinforcement from — a Vizenagrum, as will ensure a Sufficiency.-

From the southern division, I have had no farther accounts, Mucky and his principal party not having as yet appeared again that, under Copainder Rauz now on the Skirts of the hills in vicinity of Lieutenant Reddells Station, still — a continue there.-

In regard to the prisoners mentioned in my last, I will communicate with the Collectors. the women have been permitted to reside with the family at Pleondah:-

The very great probability of the low Country being infested, by numerous scattered bands of insurgents — a banditti, in about six weeks hence when the grain comes to be reaped still remains. Every thing that can be done with the native troops at present in the district, by posting small detachments near the passes, as mentioned in my last, shall be carefully attended to But the full and — a compleat protection of an open Country, upwards of one — a hundred

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and twenty Miles in length from the Southern to its northern frontier against the many issuing places to skulking plunderers which are in that extent, is with them impracticable.-

I request permission, with every deference to suggest that, two or three troops of Native Cavalry, by being spread in guards with those detachments, might by the rapidity of their occasional movements, in a level Country which in the Harvest Season will be every where dry, terrify and deter them from entering it, or at least to any distance on the plains. Should your Lordship be pleased to approve of this, there is no more than time at present, for such an accession to the military resources of this district, arriving from the nearest Cavalry Cantonments, so as to be usefull in regard to the present Crop.-

I am,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Geo. Muat Major
Comm.g in the District of
Vizagapatam

District
Head quarters at Chicacole
1st November 1795

The Steps taken by Major Muat approved

The Board approve the measures which Major Muat has judged it necessary to adopt with a view to the tranquility of the District.-

A Reward of 1000 Pagodas to be offered for the person of Polcondah Vizeiram Rauze.-

The Board being of opinion that every means should be used to secure the person of Polcondah Vizeram Rauze, who has dared again to appear in Arms against the Company's Government Resolved that Major Muat be authorized to offer a reward of one thousand 1000 Pagodas for his apprehension, by proclamation, unless other methods should occur to him as more likely to attain the object.-

Major

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Minute and Reso: lution respecting Military Execution, as suggested by Major Muat.-

Major Muat observes, in his letter of the 29th. ultimo, that "it might prove of the greatest efficacy in suppressing marauding "Combinations if a latitude were given to Officers Commanding "Parties for occasional Military Execution" Under the conviction that such latitude, if used with proper discretion, would prevent the effusion of such blood, and save the Lives of many valuable men, and that it is consistent with every principle of humanity and public Justice to proceed to an exemplary punishment of a few of the most daring Offenders / when all other methods have failed / in order, if possible to deter others from persisting in a Conduct equally destructive of the peace of the Country at large, as it is ruinous to the property and fatal to the Lives of the people the President and Mr. Fallofield Concur in the propriety and necessity of the measure of inflicting Condign punishment on the Spot, on one, or more, of absolutely necessary, of the persons actually found in open rebellion Resolved however, that major Muat be enjoined, in conveying his orders on the Subject to Officers Commanding parties, to be careful to impress upon their minds the necessity of acting with peculiar Caution, so that they do not go farther than may be indispensably requisite for the Sake of example alone, in punishing one or more / if it should appear absolutely necessary / of those who may be found / as before said / in open rebellion.-

Mr. Saunders dissents

Mr. Saunders begs it may be recorded that he does not concur in the expediency of the foregoing measure.-

Read the following letter from the Military Board.-

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Military Board enclosing the Contractors Bill for a Granary built at Arnee and noticing a Diviation, on the part of the Superintending Engineer, from the prescribed Plan - an advance for Lascar Clothing required by their Secretary. -

We have the honor to lay before your Lordship a bill for building a Granary at Arnie, the materials and workmanship of which is certified by the Superintending Engineer to be of the best quality, consequently we should deem it but justice to the Contractors to recommend that the bill should be paid - but the conduct of the Superintending Engineer has been such, as to preclude us from coming to that resolution, and to submit the case with the several documents relative thereto to your Lordships determination. -

The Superintending Engineer, whose orders it appears the Agents of the Contractors have implicitly obeyed, has taken upon himself, without any reference to his immediate Superior the Chief Engineer, and consequently without any communication with this Board - and as far as we understand without any reference to the Contractors, to deviate from the prescribed Plan, which directed the walls to be three feet in thickness, and to cause them to be built only two feet six inches thick, and this on the plea as is set forth in his letter, of bringing the work as near to the Estimate as possible - which he has nevertheless exceeded by Pagodas three hundred and sixty nine, and twenty one fanams (369. 21.) and by such a deviation it is possible that the work may have been rendered insecure, as there is a great

pressure

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pressure on the side walls of Granaries when filled with grain - so that it may ultimately appear that this Money has been misapplied although there is no just cause of complaint against the Contractors on whom it will certainly bear very hard, if in consequence of this conduct in the Superintending Engineer, any delay should arise in reimbursing them the money they have expended - We have likewise the honor to lay before your Lordship three bills for buildings and repairs made in the Military Department and one bill for building and repairs in the Civil Department, amounting together to Pagodas Eight thousand, six hundred, and fifty nine, twenty seven fanams, and sixty nine cash, /8659.27.69/ which being regularly certified by the Chief Engineer we beg leave to recommend may be discharged.

Our Secretary having applied to our President for an advance of three thousand Pagodas to enable him to make up the Lascar Clothing for the year 1795 we have herewith the honor to transmit his application and to recommend that it may be complied with.

In obedience to your Lordships' commands of the 19th Instant we shall give the necessary directions to the Contractors for buildings and repairs to execute the additions and alterations required at the Cavalry Cantonment at Connatore.

We have the honor to be,

Hon^ble &c^a

Fort St. George
31st October 1795

(Signed) John Brathwaite
Henry Malcolm
John Richardson
Wm Gent
George Hall
James

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James Brodie Esq.

Secretary to the

Military Board

Sir,

I herewith transmit you a Letter of the 12th Instant which the Contractors for Buildings and repairs, have requested me to forward to the Military Board, represent=ing the Granary at Arnie. As Lieutenant Wood has thought it necessary to deviate from the plan sent to the Contractors the 6th July 1794, and as this diviation was made, without any reference on the Subject, In justification of myself, and that no responsibility may rest with me, I beg to enclose a Copy of Lieutenant Woods Letter with his reasons for the alteration, which I request you will be pleased to lay before the Military Board.-

I am,

Fort St. George

14th October 1795

Sir,

your most obedient Servant

(Signed) Wm. Gent

Chief Engineer.

True Copy

(Signed) T. Wallace

Depy Secy. M. Board

To.

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To James Brodie Esq.

Secretary to the Military Board

Sir,

We have the honor to enclose one Bill for Buildings made on the Military Department amounting to Pagodas 9262-17-26. being for a Granary with an Arched roof at Arnee ordered on the 6th July 1794 as in the Execution of the Work the Original Plan has been deviated from and as We understand from the Engineer he has given his reasons to Colonel Gent/ when he forwarded his Certificate for ordering such deviation we beg leave to transmit this Letter through the Chief Engineer.-

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Fort St. George
12th. October 1795

Signed Roebuck & Abbott
Contr. for Buildg & Repairs.

True Copy
Signed T. Wallace
Depy Secy Mily Board

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The Honorable Company ..... Dr.

Work done Building of a new Granary with an Arched Roof at Anjengo.

Cubic feet			
84832	Brick Work in Chunam @ 2½ fanams pr foot		4544-24-0
24752	Ditto Brick Work in Chunam & the Roof and Doors @ 3½ fanams pr foot		2962-28-0
4284	Ditto Cornice Work in Chunam at 3½ fanams pr foot		357-0-0
Sqr feet			
30469	Chunaming 3 Coats Over the Arch at ½ Pagodas pr Square		1218-23-41
15968	Wall Brick Paving 1 Course flat and 1 Course on Edge in Chunam and 1 Course flat in Clay at 5/8 Pagodas pr Square		838-13-35
187	Two Pair of Pannelled Gates with hinges and Bolts at 1½ fanams pr foot		62-14-0
224	8 Pair of Batten Doors with hinges and Bolts at 1½ fanams pr foot		60-0-0
	306 Wt of Iron Hooks for 2 Pairs of Gates and 8 Doors @ 11 Wt pr Pagoda		27-34-30
	Iron Stones Lead and Stone Cutters Work for fixing		
	8 Hooks for 2 Pair of Gates at 24 fanams each		4-0-0
	32 Ditto for 8 Pair of Doors at 18 fanams each		13-30-0
	Eight Teak Wood frames for Trap Doors 2 Fet 6 In Square at 5/8 Pagodas each		12-0-0
	Eight Do Trap Doors at 2½ Pagodas each		20-0-0
	124 Wt of Brass Hinges, Hooks, and Bolts Wt for trap Doors at 12 fanams pr Wt		35-18-0
	Eight Padlocks		6-0-0
		Pagodas.	9262-17-26

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Certified to be exact according to the Measurements taken by Lieutenant Wood.

J. Lyney Wm. Gent
Chief Engr.

E. E. for
J. Lyney Roebuck & Abbott
Contractors for Buildings & Repairs.

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Gent

Chief Engineer

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the measurement of a new Granary finished by the Contractors at this place, in order to account for the excess of Masonry in the measurements beyond what is specified in the Estimate; I herewith transmit two profits or Sections, taken at the opposite angles of the Building shewing the greatest and least depth of the Foundation, by which you will perceive that there is a very considerable difference (about 4f. 6i) in the level of the Ground on which the Granary stands and that an encrease of the height of the Walls on the lowest side, became unavoidable, in order to preserve uniformity in the appearance of the Building with a view however to render the extraordinary expense occasioned by this unequality of the Ground as small to Government as possible I took upon myself to reduce the thickness of the Walls from 3 to 2. 6 and notwithstanding this diminution, I am convinced they are still of a very sufficient strength and solidity I have only to add that the whole of the building is of the best materials and finished in such a manner as I

have

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have no doubt will give entire satisfaction.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

Signed T. Wood

Lieut. of Engineers

Arnee
27th September 1795

A true Copy

Signed Wm. Gent

A true Copy

Signed T. Wallace

Depy Secy. to W. Board

The Bill for the Arnee Granary rejected.

The Board are decidedly of opinion that it was the duty of the Contractors for Buildings and repairs to construct the Granary at Arnee, in exact conformity with the plan transmitted to them and that, as the Superintending Engineer had nothing more to do than that of overlooking the work seeing that the material applied were of a proper quality, and that there was no deviation from the plan if the latter thought proper without any authority to give an order to the Contractors, which they knew they were not

bound

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bound to obey, it certainly does not follow that the Company are under any necessity of paying for a work constructed — differently from what they had directed. —

It is no excuse that the Contractors were unacquainted with the proceeding of the superintending Engineer, since it was their business to have had people of their own on the spot, who could have reported to them the conduct of the Engineer — But, if there were any doubt upon the subject, the observation of the Military Board, that "by such a deviation it was possible that the work might have been rendered insecure, as there — would be always a great pressure on the side-walls of Granaries when filled with grain, so that it may ultimately appear that the money has been misapplied," would completely satisfy the Board, of the impropriety of the transaction. —

Ordered that the other Bills of the Contractors be countersigned for — payment. —

Agreed —

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An advance for Lascar clothing ordered

Agreed that the Sum of Pagodas 3000 be issued to the Secretary to the Military Board, to enable him to make up the Lascar Clothing for 1795:-

" Hobart

" Cor Saunders

" C Brownrigg

Examined
Edwd Robt Hargrave

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Diary

Substance of a letter from the Rajah of Calastry.

Received letter from the Rajah of Calastry Entered in C.C. No 107. advising of his having paid to the Nabob the Nuzzer prescribed by Government

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Received the undermentioned letters Entered in Ov B Nos 43, 44. 45 46. 47. 48 49. 50. 51. 52. 53.—

From Secretary Morris

From Secretary at Bombay, forwarding a Dispatch, received via Bussora, from the Secret Committee

From M. Gleason

From Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. Submitting Correspondence between the Paymaster and Collector at the Baramhaul requests to know whether the former is to receive Sumbah Paddy only.—

From Mr. Eilbracht

From late Chief of Pulicat. Soliciting an Increase of Allowance to himself and other Persons at that place.—

From Major Roberts

From Commandant of the Nizam's —— Detachment. enclosing his Correspondence with the Resident at Hydrabad.—

From

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From Monsr. Morrupheaux

From Monsr. Morrupheaux requesting a Subsistence and leave to proceed to Madras.

From Colonel Braithwaite.

From Commander of the Army proposing that an Officer be sent to Anjengo to receive charge of and grant a Receipt for a Lot of Horses for the Service expected to arrive there.

From Ditto

From Ditto Enclosing an Address from Monsr. Bouvette formerly an Assistant Surgeon & Recommendation in his favor.

From Ditto

From Ditto recommends Lieutenant Robert Brice for the Adjutantcy of the 23d Battalion vice Hill.

From Lieut. Spencer Infantry

From Lieutenant Thomas Spencer stating his Loses by Shipwreck in Balasore Roads and requesting some compensation.

From Lieutenant Colonel Baird

From Commandant at Tanjore stating further observations regarding the retrenchment on Mr. Strange's Accounts for certain Staff Allowances and Repeating his request that the same may be dispensed with.

From Major Grant

From Major Grant giving an account of an attack made on Polcondah Vizeeram Rauze par

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11th Despatched the undermentioned letters

Entered in M.B.: Nos 54 55. 56. 57 58. 59.-

To Mr. Secretary Hay — To Secretary at Bengal forwarding a letter from the Rajah of Travancore to the Governor General.-

To Ditto — To Ditto - forwarding two more letters.-

To Mr. Conolly — To Secretary to the Hospital Board inclosing Extract of a General Order of the 10th Instant.-

To Military Board — To Military Board - advising of Mr. Danig's proposals for Clothing the Army being accepted.-

To Ditto — To Ditto - forwarding Copy of the Contract concluded with him, for their Information.-

To Colonel Malcolm — To Military Auditor General - Ditto. - ditto.-

12th Ordered that the following letter, received on their respective Dates, be now Entered.-

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of November 1795 I have the honor to report, that the Sum of Two Lacks.-

From Colonel Malcolm reporting on Mr. Roebuck's Estimate for November - and Calling the Boards attention to various - Considerations of the Losses by Exchanges where the Star Pagoda is not current in - Consequence of the General Orders of the 2d October -

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12th Lacks fifteen thousand three hundred and eighty four Pagodas thirty four Fanams and Eight Cash / Pagodas 2,15,384. 34-8./ is required for the payment of such Military Charges as become due upon the first of the ensuing Month.-

From the General Treasury 146671: 41: 48:
By Bills on the Military Paymaster Gen.l 68712: 34: 40:

Pagodas. 215384: 34: 8:

In consequence of the acting Military Paymaster at Masulipatam having estimated for two Months pay and Allowances Viz.t Five Thousand four hundred Pagodas / Pag.s 5500./ stated to be due to the 26th Battalion of Native Infantry, I have referred to his last Estimate in which I find the pay and Allowances of that Corps for the Current Month included - I have therefore deducted half the above sum Viz.t Two Thousand Seven hundred and fifty Pagodas / Pag.s 2750./ from the Total Amount of this present Estimate, the Months drawn for not being Specified.-

In the examination of Mr. Paymaster Cooper's Estimate I perceive a sum exceeding by nearly a Thousand Pagodas / Pag.s 1,000/ the Pay and half Batta of a Native Battalion is estimated for the 17th

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12th 18th that amount has hitherto been deducted as no particular cause has been assigned, or occurred to myself for the excess.

I have not included in the above Report the Sum of Eleven Thousand Three hundred and Sixty two Pagodas, Seventeen Fanams and Twenty Six Cash (Pagodas 11362: 17: 26:) estimated on Accounts of the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs not having sufficient documents before me, for the purpose, and being of opinion at the same time that it will be the best plan to issue orders on the Treasury on Accounts of such Bills at the time they are passed by Government, the Secretary advising me at the same time of the Amount of such orders that it may be entered to the Debit of the Military Paymaster General.

I beg leave to bring to your Lordships' Notice before concluding this report, the following part of the Estimate of Mr. Hughes Paymaster at Madura

Amount of the Estimate in Star Pagodas	7000 " "
Estimated probable loss by Exchange on the Receipt of 7000 Pagodas from the Revenue Treasury at an Average medium of 16 ½ Cally Fanams for Star Pagoda and the Remittance of them at 17 ½ according to the Orders of Government of the 7th of October 1795	600 " "
Total Amount of the Estimate in Star Pagodas	7600 " "

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I am induced to submit the Matter for your Lordships consideration on adverting to the proceedings which have passed in Communication with my Office in regulating the Exchange of 4 Caulie fanams @ 1/2 for the Star Pagoda I allude to my Report of 3d November 1792 of which the following is an Extract, and the Orders of Government which appear to have been founded thereon in regard to the rate of Exchange.

"I am of Opinion upon the whole of "this subject that while Mr. Vaughan (then the "Madura Paymaster) Receives Money from the "Collection @ 1/2 Caulie fanams for the Star Pagoda "and 66 Caulie Cash equal to 1 Caulie fanam, the "conversion in paying the Troops at the same rate "reckoning two Madras fanams and 45 5/7 Madras "Cash equal to 1 Caulie fanam will not occasion "any loss by exchange either to the Company or "the Troops."

This Opinion was formed as will appear in the same report on finding that Mr. Wranghan officiating as a Collector in the Southern Provinces had published as the Orders of

12 of Government in April 1791 that 17½ Caulie fanams
should be deemed equal to 1 Star Pagoda, and as it also
appeared that the Paymaster at Madura received
his advances at that rate when he was called upon
to report on the subject in the end of 1792.-

I see it incumbent upon me more
particularly to bring this matter to Notice on the
present occasion, in consequence of the Genral Orders
of the 2.nd Instant under an Idea "that I am directed
"to admit the Charge under proper explanations, —
"whenever any loss is sustained by the Company, at
"Stations south of the Coleroon where the Star Pagoda
"is not current, if it shall happen at any time that
"an Advance of Cash made to the Paymasters for —
"Military Disbursements, the Exchange should vary
"from that which is now established, Viz.t Two —
"Madras fanams and 45 5/7 Madras Cash equal to
"1 Caulie fanam 17½ Caulie fanams equal to 1 Star
"Pagoda and 66 Caulie Cash equal to 1 Caulie fanam.

I think it my duty therefore to observe
to your Lordship in this place before this matter,
which appears of great importance, goes further;
that as I am totally unacquainted with the Revenue
Regulations

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Regulations or with the principle (which may be affected by the Exchange) under which the Amount of the Revenue from any province or Division of the Lands is brought to account by the Collector — whether for the part falling to be remitted to the Presidency, or for the Share of it for which they take Credit as an Issue on account of Military Disbursements, I consequently have it not in my power to judge whether the loss as stated in the Estimate of Mr. Hughes should be admitted, while at the same time I am induced to see the point on which the matter apparently rests, as meriting investigation on adverting to my report of 3d November 1792 from which it will appear, that no such loss was sustained for a considerable time at no very distant period — from the present — I beg leave to refer your Lordships to that report —

I also appear necessary to observe for your Lordships information on this subject that as by the General Order of the 1st Instant a fixed rate of Exchange is established, according to which Paymasters are to regulate themselves in making payments to the Military, while at the same time a loss which may eventually be sustained is considered to arise only

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are made shall differ from the rate that is to —
regulate those Military Payments it will consequently
follow, I apprehend that the Military Charges of the
Presidency will be burthened with the loss —
although it may more properly belong to the —
Revenue Accounts; for example in the case before —
your Lordship, the Military Charges for the ensuing
Month will be Debited with Pagodas 600 more in
the Madura Pay Office alone, than would appear
if there were no loss on the issues of the Collector on
Comparison with the fixed Exchange regulated for the
Military payments unless it is intended that there is
a New head to be raised in the Military Accounts
and which may be called "Batta on the advances —
from the Revenue Department" to which shall be
transferred on the Accounts Current of Paymasters
the Gain or loss under that head, being the difference
between the rate of exchange at which the Advances
are made and the rate fixed for discharging the
Military Payments; and that when the Books are
closed at the end of each year the Balance of the
Batta on those advances shall be transferred to the
Revenue Accounts by the Accountant General. —

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If I am to determine under proper explanations on the propriety of admitting a loss which may — eventually be sustained by the Company depending on the rate of Exchange at which the Advances are made by the Collectors to Paymasters for Military Disbursements it appears essentially necessary that I should be fully informed of the Mode by which the Collections are stipulated for and brought to account in so far as regards the Exchange in all its parts — connected with the subject.-

In the meantime I have not judged it advisable to delay my Report on the Annual — Estimate at this late period of the Month but beg leave to be understood as giving it in with a reserve applicable to the loss that will arise on the — Exchange as Estimated on the advances to Mr. — Hughes Paymaster at Madura and indeed in regard to the whole of the advances for the ensuing Month to be made to the Paymasters South of the Coleroon where the Star Pagoda is not current.-

If only becomes necessary for me to observe further in regard to this part of my — present Report that your Lordship will find on reference

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12th reference to the one already alluded to of date 3d November 1792 and the Statements which — Accompanied it, that the point then at issue and under consideration with Government between the Paymaster and the Military Officer turned on the advantage by the Exchange falling to the former on the difference between Forty two and — Forty five Madras fanams & Star Pagoda viz — discharging the twenty four Madras fanams (over and above one Star Pagoda of the Sepoys Monthly pay) amounting to something more than 7 ℔ Cent; which became a benefit to the Sepoy by the direction of Government on the occasion under the circumstance of the pay being issued in a different coin from what the abstracts Necessarily exhibited Viz.t Star Pagodas and Madras fanams and Cash.

The Matter having been regularly considered in this point of view at that period, and as not involving any loss to the Company or the Troops it necessarily draws into Notice and contrast the operation of the same rate of Exchange applied to the Star Pagoda and Madras fanams and Cash at the present period in

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in conversion with the Caulie Fanams and Cash in payments to the Military while the rate at which the Collector issues is not only inferior but also extends in its consequence to the total Amount of the Advances.-

Thus while the Gain to the Paymaster or the Sepoy arose only on the conversion in the issue of twenty four fanams of the pay of the latter, it does not appear so far as I am informed that the Company experienced any loss.-

In the present case as the difference by the exchange is exhibited on a much larger Amount Viz. the Total of the Advances, and is brought to view on the rate at which they are made on Comparison with the rate fixed for making the Military — " Payments, it may follow in consequence of the — " Agreements for the Revenue that there is no material loss sustained by the Company as they may probably be settled so as to prevent any inconvenience of that Kind arising on the exchange at which the Collections are paid and the advances are made when the whole is ultimately brought to Account in Star Pagodas in the Revenue Department.-

I apprehend however that even if this

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this shall be found to be the case your Lordship will not think it a just cause for a proceeding that may encrease or decrease the Amount of the Military Charges in the Books of the Presidency in a Manner which will have the operation of exhibiting the expence of a station or a Corps in one of two given periods after the order is in force on comparison with what will appear for the other period prior to that date even should the strength in Troops and the Amount of the Charges of each description in the Military Abstracts, for such Corps or Station, be precisely the same during both those periods.—

A fixed Rate of Exchange having been established according to which the payments are to be made to the Military posted in the Districts where the Star Pagoda is not current, and which being founded on the rate at which the Collections appear to have been received and paid at no very distant period besides the advantage of providing against loss either to the Company or the Soldiery by means

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of the Exchange, I am not aware of any inconvenience to the public service by the Advances in those Districts being made at the same rate fixed for the discharge of the Military payments; and am led to believe if this rule shall be adopted that the transaction in the publick Accounts will be simplified; as in such case it will only be required to allow the Collector Credit in the Revenue Accounts for any loss by the Exchange which shall be warranted on just principles for the Service, while at the same time the intricacy will be thus avoided of blending the transaction between the Revenue and Military Accounts of the Presidency on a Matter that is not absolutely necessary to Mix them in the Books; for it does not appear reasonable to suppose either from the general terms in which the order of the 2d Instant are expressed Viz. That "the variation in the Exchange is to be brought to Account" or from the Audit to be observed, under proper explanations in admitting the loss sustained by the Company on the Exchange, that the Order is to be considered as applying solely to the Office of Account in the Revenue Department because the Military Auditor Generals Office (to which

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12th if meant the Order does not express in the usual Manner) Must mutually be concurred, and — entries be accordingly Made in the Military Accounts, relative to the rate at which the Military Paymasters receive their Advances, if the loss is to become a Military Charge in a Situation where the Amount is left open to fluctuation not depending on the Amount of Abstracts while at the same time the Rate for their payments to the Military is fixed; and hence my consideration either that the new head I have suggested in the Military Accounts should be raised and the Necessary information be afforded if I am to be a check on the loss; or — what will be infinitely preferable as simplifying the transaction in Account that the Advances shall be made at the rate fixed for the payments to the Military, thereby confining the operation in Account and the responsibility to the Revenue branch of the Service in regard to the losses by exchange on the advances but in either case I conceive it will be most regular and useful not to burthen the Military Charges in a Case of this kind with the losses by Exchange. —

The whole of this subject appears to be

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of so much importance and my Office to be so very responsibly situated on the occasion, that although the points connected with it in the Revenue branch of the Service, cannot be otherwise than imperfectly considered by me at present, I have thought it a most advisable for the Service, to hazard this + representation in preference to allowing a matter which seems to be of great moment, to remain without bringing it under the consideration of your Lordship to the best of my ability on the first + appearance of loss being sustained to a considerable extent, even should it amount to no more than appearance, in one of the Pay Offices coming within the Regulation in the Orders of the 7th Instant I shall therefore trust that your Lordship will on this Ground, receive with indulgence the + considerations that have occurred to me on the occasion even if they should not be found ultimately to merit the degree of attention, that appears necessary so far as I am enabled to form a judgement on the subject, it may however, I conceive be advanced without any apprehension of inaccuracy that it

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12th will be wise in all matters of Account to avoid by every possible means the practice of transfers in all situations of the Service where they do not become indispensably necessary.

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

I have the honor to be
Yr. &c. &c.
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Dy. Asst. Genl.

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

My Lord,

I beg leave to lay before your Lordship a continuance of the Correspondence since my address of the 15th Ultimo covering Nos. 1 & 2 with Mr. Robert Hughes Paymaster at Madura in consequence of the General Order of the 2d. Ultimo relative to the Exchange at Stations South of the Coleroon, where the Star Pagoda is not current Viz.

From Colonel Malcolm enclosing Correspondence with Mr. Paymaster Hughes, relative to the Exchange and stating several points for the Board's decision adverting to other circumstances of the Service connected with the Subject.

No 3 Letter from Mr. Hughes 14th October 1795
4 Answer to No 3 . . 19th — D — D
5 Letters from Mr. Hughes of 21st and 23d October with one from Captain Oliver to him and the

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answer to Captain Clevin's letter.—
6 Letter from Mr. Hughes 26th October 1795.

This Correspondence, containing a variety of points for consideration has arisen upon me so quickly that it has not been practicable to bring before your Lordship any more specific elucidation of the subject than is stated in my letter of yesterday on observing the heavy Loss to be sustained apparently at least, on the rate of Exchange at which the Paymaster expected to receive his advances from the Collector, and which your Lordship will Notice in Mr. Hughes's letter of the 21st October (1795) would be still more considerable when furnished with Cash for the Military Disbursements from the Collector of Pollegar Peshush at 16 Caulie fanams F Star Pagoda

The points on which the decision of Government seem to be required occur to me as follows

First. The Exchange between Porto Novo Pagodas and Coily fanams in the Military payments and consequently between Porto Novo Pagodas and Star Pagodas as the Exchange between the latter and Caulie fanams has been fixed in making the Military Payments.—

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Second, Supposing the Exchange on the above Coins to be fixed in making the Military Payments whether it shall extend to all the Abstracts or Bills falling to be discharged by the Military Paymasters or be confined solely to Regimental Abstracts and the Abstracts of Military Men for their pay and Military Allowances.-

Third Whether the loss that shall be sustained on the Exchange in consequence of the advances being made at a rate inferior to what shall be established for payments to the Military is to be carried to the Revenue or the Military Charges.-

Fourth, The period from which the General order of the 2d. Ultimo is to have effect in making the payments at the Exchange then published-

I am not possessed of sufficient information on the relative exchange affecting the payments to the Troops in consequence of Porto Novo Pagodas being Current in the Southern Districts, to state any thing that may be accounted useful on this part of the subject

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further than by observing that when the Exchange of Star Pagodas and Caulie fanams was considered in 1792 it also appeared by Mr. Vaughans letter to my Office of 29th September 1792 that the Exchange of Porto Novos had been settled by Mr. Brangham at the same time at 15¼ Caulie fanams which if preserved it appears evident that instead of a loss of 125 Caulie fanams arising on 100 Star Pagodas the matter will be exactly equal - that is to say the exchange being fixed and preserved at 15¼ Caulie fanams equal to 1 Porto Novo Pagoda and 114 Porto Novos and 11 Caulie fanams equal to 100 Star Pagodas the loss to the Troops stated in Mr. Hughes's computation will not be experienced as it appears he makes the Calculation on a Bazar Exchange which Amounts to no More than 14 Caulie fanams and 16 Cash ¾ Porto Novo Pagoda should there appear any difficulty or objection in establishing the rate of Exchange it may be a Consideration how far the intervention of the Porto Novo Pagoda as a Currency in the Payments is indispensably necessary -

With respect to the Abstracts or Bills

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12th to which the Exchange fixed by the Orders of the 2d Ultimo shall Extend - I thought it necessary to observe immediately to Mr. Hughes in answer to his letter of the 14th Ultimo that I could not acquiesce without further Orders from Government in the unlimited sense which he had attached to a rate of Exchange stated to be adopted for the purpose of preventing loss to the Troops, and which I was guided not only by the letter of the Order but from a consideration that it might not be thought proper in many Cases to allow the same rate of Exchange as a matter of course.-

I have already stated generally in my letter of yesterday what has occurred to me in regard to the Account to which the Loss by Exchange should be carried and have only to add further; that as it can arise only on the advances (for I presume the Exchange of the Porto Novo Pagoda will be fixed and enforced) and that if it is to be Accounted a Military Charge it necessarily follows that it should be Audited in my Office and consequently that every information in any shape connected with the subject should be furnished

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for Checking the loss the Company may
sustain under the head of Military Charges
the Collectors Certificate of the rate at which he
made the Advances when under or over 1/12 will
be sufficient as a Check in my Office on the
Paymasters giving due Credit for the same Rate
but the same Certificate cannot I imagine be
accounted adequate to check the loss that may be
sustained by the Company in making the
Advances at one Rate instead of another which
last however is a part of duty, from the Consider-
-ation it involves in this Country in Connexion
with the Revenue Branch of the Service, that
a Military Auditor Generals Office may not be
exactly equal to — and from these causes as well as
others it appears most consistent that both the
loss and the Check onet should appear in the
Accounts of the Revenue Department exclusively
and the Office of Military Audit be confined to
the Check on the Military Paymasters Receipt
and Disbursement.

I observe that Mr. Hughes is very
guarded with respect to the period from which
the

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12th the General Order of 2d Ultimo is to have effect and in reasoning on this part of this Subject — seems to take no Notice of the Order of September 1792 as quoted in my letter to him of 15th Ultimo (N2) from which it would seem he is apprehensive that Claims to a considerable amount May be made for losses by Exchange for periods prior to those which appear to be mentioned in Captain Oliver's letter; — I am not informed of the Grounds on which such — Claims May be founded or to what amount, but suppose the claims if any May arise through payments made in Porto Novo Pagodas —

It is earnestly to be wished that from the whole of What appears in the present Correspondence your Lordship may have an opportunity of arranging and directing the several points on which a Decision appears necessary — while at the same time I cannot help — expressing my Opinion on the present occasion, that it may be ultimately required, in order to remedy — compleatly the Grievances complained of for experienced on account of the Southern Currency to take some — measures connected with the suggestions on this head

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mentioned in my letter of the 31st March 1794:-

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 1st November 1795

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

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mil. Aud. Genl.

To Colonel Henry Malcolm.
Military Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir, I did myself the honor under date the 9th Instant of stating to you my Expectations that a demand would be made upon me to discharge the remaining payments of the Month at the Exchange settled by Government in their orders of the 2d. Instant and now beg leave to inform you that besides application to this Effect the Commanding Officer of the 13th Battalion Native Infantry has desired from the Dindigul Office the same mode of payment for the Abstracts of his Battalions of the 1st September the Accounts of which month are altogether Closed and I have presumed no other mode of payment will be Accepted; But feeling an utter incompetency to decide on these expectations I have done myself the

honor

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12th honor of submitting them to you under the fullest assurance you will afford me instructions when I am thus called upon to make an issue of public Cash to the Amount of about Twelve hundred Pagodas which Treasure could be the less to be sustained for two Months for the Admission of set on any one Bill of September must indispensably extend (as will be said) to every Bill of that Month, and I am in entire doubt whether it can with any propriety commence before the 1st November -

The Orders of Government have caused some further subjects of reference to you which while I shall submit my own suggestions to your Consideration I must on an occasion of so much responsibility to — myself request your most explicit and early instructions as the proper rule for my Guidance. The Exchange of Porto Novo Pagodas is not provided for in the orders of Government, but which form a Considerable part of the advances to the Department, and as they cannot in themselves be considered base currency and have always hitherto been calculated at one into Star in the Bills on the Paymaster General (but I presume not in the Cutcherry Accounts) — without the Medium of Coolly Currency they — might

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might not be included within the Strict Letter tho certainly from what is shewn beneath must be within the Spirit of the Order of the Honorable Board.-

1625 Cully fanams equal to 100 Star Pagodas and also equal to.-

114. M. P. N. Pagodas and Consequently by this Exchange.

114. 18 Porto Pagodas are deemed exactly equivalent to One Hundred Star Pagodas.-

Could one Hundred Star Pagodas be actually procured for this sum of Porto Novo Pagodas converting and paying at Once from Star to Porto Novo Pagodas might be acquiesced in, but as the Troops must Exchange the Porto Novo Pagodas into Cully Currency should they not actually receive it as such they would Consider a loss arising to them as follows.-

One Hundred Star Pagodas equal if paid in Cully Currency to fanams . . .	1750	Cully fs.
When Porto Novo Pagodas paid them at a Certain fixed Equivalent to Star for instance. 114. 11 S would yield according to a Comparative calculation in Cully fs.	1625	

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And the loss by this Mode of Payment would be Stated to be in every hundred Star / Pagodas ..... 125 Cy fs.

It seems therefore proper that the — portion of P. N. Pagodas advanced should be first expressed and rates in my Bills on the Paymaster General as equal to their current Colly Currency and the whole advance stated from Colly Currency into Stars at the Revenue Exchange, but at the same time I beg leave to assure you, I shall in the Method hereafter to be proposed, Render you a very particular Account of all the Coin I may receive, again Requesting in this place to receive your directions as to the Exchange of the Porto Novo Pagodas ..

You are not unacquainted I am aware that the silver fanam is a Coin merely nominal in these Countries and therefore it may be the less necessary to enlarge upon the subject; I shall only represent that the Troops will expect the payment of all odd fanams arising from Batta extra — subsistence and other allowances at the Exchange which Government have fixed being 2 fs 45 7/7 Cash P Colly fanam

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fanam which makes the Pagoda very properly
but 45 fanams But there however as it occasions
so great a Reduction as one half in the Credits under
Batta to the Company, it was incumbent upon me
to bring under your Notice in order to Receive
sanction for the diminution as well as for your
dispensing with the Certificates of Shroffs as they
cannot now answer the least purpose from the
whole Exchange being settled. But I cannot conclude
this Subject, without observing in order to authorise
the reduction, that 48 fanams for a Star Pagoda was
an incredible Exchange even where the Silver fanam
is current and more especially so at this Moment
when the value of Silver Currency in all parts of the
Carnatic has very greatly encreased for this twelve
Month past.

Desirous of having the most adequate
and effectual checks imposed upon myself in this
Disbursement but ignorant of what you may
have in Agitation regarding either that, or the mode
to exhibit it in the public accounts Allow me
however to Recommend that the Collector be desired
to pass me a Certificate of the Coin Exchange and
Amount in Star Pagodas of this Advance - If is true

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12th my Bills expires this but they are not Inclosed Vouchers which are lodged in your Office and to acquaint myself Satisfactorily of the responsibility which I must by this document insure I request you will by means which shall appear to you most expedient give force and efficacy to a regulation that every person shall acknowledge at the foot of every Bill and Abstract payable in this Office the Currency Exchange and Amount in Star Pagodas which it has been made my own authority is unequal I fear to the introduction of such a regulation yet for the sake of Official regularity and for my Own Security I very earnestly solicit your Approval & Assistance in establishing it when a regular Monthly Cash Account can be transmitted to you exhibiting the Appropriation of the public Money in the Coin Advanced.

I have considered the Rates of Exchange now established as applying indiscriminately to every person and every charge whether in the Pay provision or Carriage Department, and trust if I have not judged right that I shall be advised Accordingly

I have the honorable &c &c.

Robert Hughes Esq.

A true Copy
(Signed) Henry Wakefield
M.A.G.

Madura
14th October 1795

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Mr. Robert Hughes

Paymaster

Madura

Sir,

I received yesterday evening your Letter of the 14th Instant Copy of which I this day send into Government but in the meantime think it necessary to signify in Compliance with your request that I do not look upon myself authorised without hurry further instructed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to attach the Meaning to the General Order of Government of the 2d Instant which is stated as follows in your letter of 14th Instant "I have considered the rates of Exchange now established as applying indiscriminately to every "person and every charge, whether in the Pay, "Provision or Carriage Department" because Government appear to have adopted the resolution announced by the General Order in question "to prevent loss "to the Troops by establishing a fixed Exchange "by which the several Paymasters are to regulate "themselves in making Payments to the Military"

I shall

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12th I shall advise you of the Exchange of
the Porto Novo Pagoda as soon as I am further
instructed by Government but think it necessary
to observe beyond it in the mean time that as the
General order of the 2d instant expresses as follows "
"If it shall at any time happen that in advances of
"Cash made to the Paymaster for Military Disburse-
"ments the Exchange should vary from that
"which is now established the difference is to be
"brought to Account and the Charge whenever any
"loss is sustained by the Company admitted by
"the Auditor, under proper explanations" — I therefore
apprehend that if you shall receive any advances
at a less rate than 173/4 Caulie fanams for One
Star Pagoda it will only be necessary that you
take credit in your Account Current with the —
Military Paymaster General for any loss to the
Company sustained thereby: and vice versa that
you shall give credit when the advances are made
at a higher rate than 173/4 Caulie fanams —
"Star Pagoda advising me as directed in my
letter under date 15th Instant of the Cause of
the loss as early as possible in case you shall
Receive your advances at a Rate of exchange inferior

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12th to 17th Carlie fanam of Star Pagoda and thus
at follows I convene under the General Order of
Government under date the 7th Instant that you
should transmit to my office the rate of Exchange
at which the advances have been made Certified by
the Collector who I presume will readily grant the
Certificate in consideration of the Government Order
in question.—

/Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor General

/A true Copy/
Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St. George 17th October 1795. /Signed/ Henry Malcolm
M.A.G.

To Colonel Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your Instructions of the 15th instant in reply
to my reference to you of the 9th Instant, and
apprehensive from your Observations in general, that
I have greatly mistaken the order of the Honorable
Board of the 7th of November 1792 and that therefore
the propriety of my measures may be questioned;

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12th I feel myself called upon to enter into a more full explanation of the subject than I conceived necessary, when I had the honor of addressing you on the 14th. Instant.-

The Resolution of the Honorable the President in Council contained in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter to you of the 7th November 1792 was apparently altogether founded upon an Opinion of yours to Government upon the whole of a subject then pending, that while Mr. Vaughan was receiving Money from the Collector at 17½ Colly fanams ℔ Star Pagoda and that 66 Cattle Cash were equal to one Colly fanam the conversions in paying the Troops at the same rate, reckoning 2 Madras fanams 45 5/7 Madras Cash equal to one Colly fanam, would not occasion only loss by Exchange either to the Company or the Troops as would appear from an Enclosure transmitted; and therefore if it should be seen by the Government in the same point of view you should signify their Orders accordingly.- Their Order has been considered by me as evidently regulating no more than the payment of the public Money exactly

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exactly according to its receipt from the Collectors
the light in which it has always been received by
the late Paymaster since it was apparent that
no Loss was to be borne by the Company which
it must have been known could never have happened
if a greater Exchange was admitted of in the Disburse=
=ments than in the Receipts; and when the advances
comes to be made at a different Exchange, whether a
greater or lesser than 17/ The Paymaster must
have considered the order having no other force or effect
than prescribing a strict and faithful adherence to the
principle upon which he conceived it was published
and which I presume has been attentively abided by
The Resolution of Government if meaning to authorize
the smallest loss I may with difference observed was
in such case rather imperfect in not adverting and
providing for any that might thereafter arise, when
the fluctuation of the Exchange in Advances might
bring it below the rate established since its omission
and the grounds of the Order Contributed to confirm
the Paymaster in the open and plain conduct of
issuing as he received: and gracious as are the intentions
of Government by thus fundamentally Removing
with

12 with so liberal an Act of Justice every disadvantage
and injury the Troops have occasionally suffered by
the Excess of the Bazar over the public Exchange yet
I imagine, it would have exceeded the province of a
Paymaster to have recommended an enhanced
exchange in the Military Disbursements; and his
judgement would have been checked by the reflection
that the exchange by which the Panam Advances
to him were calculated into Star Pagodas, was the
rate in which the Revenue was realized and therefore
must have received sanction as an adequate Exchange
in that Department Such therefore Sir, are the
reasons I have to give for having considered the
order of the 7th November as bearing no immediate
relation to the present circumstances, and which
besides applying to the Dindegul District only
were not Imagined to govern my proceedings —
under the recent Orders of Government.

Considering the doubtful manner
in which Government speak of the loss to be
expected; the uncertainty which you have —
therefore attached to it; and the desire which I must
feel to conform to the construction which I have
given

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12th given as the clear and limited meaning of the Orders of the 7th November 1792 I find myself perfectly — warranted in suspending the payment of the enhanced Exchange for September and October last, demanded — under the plea that the Disbursements of neither Month had finished, for if it is allowed on any Bill of either Month it is fairly payable on all; therefore whatever is my Opinion of the justice of these — Applications, I was aware of the difficulty I should plaw myself in thereafter, if these losses for two Months were Retrenched under the objection that they had been admitted for a period prior than was actually authorized by Government Order, The Order of the 2d (which indeed were not published here until Several days after their date, and when the payments of the Month were far advanced) might not indemnify me for losses incurred on Bills or Abstracts falling to be paid on the first of that Month, still less so, for carrying it back to the payments of another Month and besides a very reasonable desire to be indemnified myself I might more readily wait for absolute — Authority

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12 authority for the loss those two Months, when I was certain that no inconvenience was suffered by — suspending to pay the difference of Exchange and because besides the Sum being some thing considerable to pay under doubt it seemed a subject from Government having expressed itself as if the loss was uncertain, and as only on occasional or trifling one; that should be immediately discussed both for the information of the audit Office and the Security of the Paymaster.

My Estimate for the Disbursements of the ensuing Month amounts to Pagodas 7000 and Darn advised by the Collector of Dindigul that he can — afford me no part of that sum whatever. I have therefore applied to the Collector of the Polygar — Peishcush whose advance to me for the present Month were all in Fanams at the rate of Sixteen the Star Pagoda; supposing therefore for Explanation sake merely that the whole of the Advances for November were made in Colly Currency at 16 fanams and that the same sum of 7000 Pagodas was — issued at 17 I there is at once on these premises a visible difference between Receipt and Disburse=

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ements of 10500 Colly fanams which at 17½ ℳ Pagoda amounts to Pagodas 600 and makes an additional Charge in Military Expences in this Office of 8½ ℳ 100 Star Pagodas - This therefore is a Loss that is real - and undoubted and will be constant until the disproportion between the Revenue and Military Exchange lessens; but on treating of a subject of this nature, I should deem it neglect where ever I to fail to call to mind the seeming probability, that the above disadvantage to its fullest extent had perhaps better ever remain as the lesser one, since it occurs to me, tho' I have not had sufficient time for full enquiry, that the greater the Number of Colly fanams rated equivalent to a Star Pagoda in the Revenue Accounts, or in other words the cheaper fanams are made in those Accounts the more sensibly it must affect and depreciate the whole Revenues of Districts where the Rents are wholly settled settled and the Collections Mostly made in Colly Currency -

From your observation that no delay should be made in the payment of the Troops on the principle of the losses by Exchange being explained and admitted previous thereto, I apprehend my

meaning

12 meaning in requesting as little suspence as possible might be occasioned has been misunderstood, viz — nothing was more distant from my intention than suspending more than the payment of the enormous Exchange; and I purposed only to allude to the — manifest inconvenience of remaining any time without finally and fully discharging the Monthly Accounts; Every person has had it in his power and option to — receive payment at the Exchange advanced leaving the remainder that is claimed for further authority which could occasion no distress, nor give any — reasonable cause of Complaint. Captain Alves has received on account of the Arrears due to his Corps two thousand Pagodas on his Receipt, and there can be very few cases where it would be — absolutely unavoidable to delay, much less withhold payment; for all must be aware it is the undoubted duty of a Paymaster, when holdeing the public Treasure to issue it immediately in discharge of all payments that are due; and should any differences arise either in Account or Charge, it seems necessary only to take

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receipts for part payment of what is due and leave the difference of Opinion to be decided by reference—

Having now gone over the several points which your letter of the 15th instant appeared to — demand of me I trust I have assigned sufficient cause for my own steps hitherto and for still — waiting the result of farther and more express — authority for the differences of Exchange in these two Months; a difference for which no Estimate — having been made, no Cash has consequently been received. The Orders of the 7th November might seem to Comprehend that difference for September to — Dindigul alone, but Captain Alexander declining payment on the 1st September cannot however — entitle his Corps to it exclusively should it be granted; and as the Dindigul District has never yet really benefited under those Orders there — Orders this Garrison would prefer also a request for themselves. With Regard to the method of proving the loss itself I beg leave to say that a concurrence with my suggestions of the 14th instant, will I think afford you the most complete and unexceptionable explanation

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12th explanation and authorities and in regard to exhibiting at on the public Accounts Ipresume that the proportion arising upon each Head of Expenditure Viz.s "Charges Military" "Charges Collection" &.a should be charged under these Heads respectively and therefore that it should be Calculated and ——— Shewn in a full and distinct manner, at the foot of each Disbursements Account, and included — with the General Total of it. A separate Abstract for further information may be made of the whole loss so sustained Monthly. —

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Madura

21.st October 1795

/ Signed / Robt. Hughes

Paymaster

To Colonel H. Malcolm

Military Auditor General

&.a Fort St. George

Sir,

Just after closing my letter to you of the 21.st I was favored with a letter from Captain Alison of which I herewith send you a Copy as also copy of

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of my reply considering it proper that you should now have the fullest information of all that has passed on this subject in order to judge yourself and to explain it or not as may be necessary to Government; observing further from myself that as the Cutcherie rate of exchange whatever it was, has been the constant rate of payment to the Troops from the day of Government Resolutions of the 7th November 1792 to the present time, and the first deviation being expected at the commencement of my Paymastership, or rather my entrance into office, I have naturally from this circumstance been led to be more particular, and to have imagined also that the order of the 2d could not possibly apply to September Disbursements without a further Sanction from the Honorable Board or yourself.-

Advised by the Collectors of Dondigal and the Polygar Peishcush that they can furnish me with no Funds for November I presume now that there will be no Coss in the Month ensuing - yet the Statement which I have given

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12th given you will I hope have been of some
Service in conveying to you an adequate idea of
the Certainty of the Loss to be sustained, and
of its probable extent depending upon the
Amount of Cash advanced by the Collector, etc —
Currency and Exchange —

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

Madura
23d October 1795

/Signed/ Robert Hughes
Paymaster

To Robert Hughes Esqr
Paymaster

Sir, I conceive that the arrears of Pay
due to my Battalion and not paid off before the
publication of the Orders of Government of the 2d
Instant, should be discharged at the Exchange of
Seventeen and an half Coily fanams the Star Pagoda
I request that you will be pleased to state your
Objection for not discharging the arrears of pay
due at the exchange of Seventeen and an half —
Coily fanams as ordered by Government, and to
assign your reason for issuing Sixteen and a Quarter
Coily

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12t Coily farrams & Star Pagoda instead of Sixteen and an half -

Pylney
October 19th 1795

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient
humble Servant
[Signed] James Oliver
Capt. Com.g 13th Batt.n N.I.

To Captain James Oliver
Commanding the 13th Battalion Native Infantry
and
Pylney

Sir,

In reply to your application to me of the 19th Instant requesting me to state my objections to issuing pay to your Battalion for 1th September and 1th October at the Exchange of 17 p.c Colly farrams & Star Pagoda agreeable to Governments Orders of the 2d October I beg leave to say, that bringing any Loss against the Company for the Months of Sept.r and October might I conceive be allowing of it for a period antecedent to the date from which the above Orders may be considered to have effect meaning therefore no objection on my part, but only proposing a desire to have this doubt solved

I have

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12th I have applied to the Audit Department for
instructions and for more express authority, if the
differences for the Months of September and October
are to be issued.-

Under date the 4th of October Colonel
Cuppage did me the honor of acquainting that you
had agreed to accept of payment of your Battalion
for 1st September at the Exchange the Collector paid
the Cash to Mr. Vaughan, and he therefore requested
I would give the necessary Orders for the abstracts
1st September being discharged - To which I answered
on the 7th of October that I should give authority
for their payment, so soon as they had been
examined from hence.-

On the 11th I was advised from the
Office at Dindygul that you had applied on the
10th for payment at 17½ which you was informed
it had had no authority from me to comply
with: and that you then desired an Advance
of two thousand Pagodas upon your Receipt,
which was accordingly, in part payment of
course of your demands of the 1st October, as the

Accounts

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12th Accounts of 1st September were not transmitted till the 18th October which last I am sorry to have detained so long tho it has been unavoidable— When these are returned you have the option to receive all at 16/4 and intermediately as much on account as you please, awaiting therefore for further information as to the difference of Exchange cannot occasion any inconvenience to the Corps.—

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

(Signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymaster

(A true Copy)
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

To Colonel Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir,

I was duly honored with your Letter of the 19th Instant containing first your Opinion on a reference of mine whether the Orders of the 2d Instant, did not apply to all charges in all Departments indiscriminately that you could not attach such meaning to those Orders, without

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being further instructed by the Right Honorable
the President in Council, because Government —
appear to have adopted the resolutions announced
by them to prevent Loss to the Troops by fixing
an Exchange for all payments to the Military. —
With these Letters to the operation
of the orders of Government a very material
distinction arises of paying at one Exchange
to prevent loss to the Military; and paying
at another by which that loss is to be —
suffered on the many and various expenses
incidental to the Service and falling to be —
incurred on their Account — Not sufficiently
conversant with the subject to distinguish
the proposed differences with the precision
and propriety which they demand and —
pardonable Trust for my want of Knowledge
and consequent apprehensions of falling into
Error, I must again resort to your advice and
instructions to direct me in the difficulties
which I must otherwise certainly encounter
Officers, Surgeons, and Soldiers,
Effective

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12th Effective Invalided or Pensioned, are without —
doubt to benefit by the Exchange in pay and —
Allowance and I presume tho' I cannot pretend
to be certain, that all Lascars, Artificers Bamboo
Coolies, Dooly Bearers, with public followers of
this discription are also to participate of it; but
it still becomes necessary I should be advised to
a certainty of the Footing on which the last —
persons are to be considered as well as the mode
of payment to be observed for the undermentioned
Charges which appear now to be excluded —
Barrack Charges by the Paymaster, and therefore
it is presumed Barrack Charges by the Barrack
Master -
Charges by Surgeons on Account of Europeans, —
Hospitals &c. Medicine Allowances Public Postage
Bills -
Rewards for apprehending Deserters if not —
accruing to a Military Servant -
The Paymaster
His Official Servants as such
His Small Contingent Charges for the Carriage
of Treasure of his Office &c.

His

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12th His Establishment of Servants as Storekeeper and authorised Charges for materials for Artificers Work or for articles for the Stores.-

The Official Servants of Staff Officers; Charges — Fortification &c. &c. &c.-

These are the several Charges which at this moment occur to me as excluded from the Exchange 1/7½ by the interpretation which you have necessarily annexed to the Order of Government; and as this distinct and partial Mode of payment would I fear be listened to from the Paymaster with perfect incredulity, it is the more necessary I should be prepared with your definitions, in order to be armed with them — against the objections which might be made by all ranks to the inferior rate of payment. This rate of payment can be no more adequate to those who are not included within the meaning of the Order, than to the Soldier himself; and while I feel the most unfeigned unwillingness to propose any additional expence, yet I cannot but acknowledge a claim upon me from my own Official dependants to

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to state the hardship of exception, nor is it —
consistent with the Bounty which Government have
shewn to imagine they intend it; more espicially
so as the saving on Charges at present excepted is
small in the aggregate Loss arising in the Pay-
Department. Considering however the unexpected
points upon which this subject has turned;
the misconceptions which I have been led into
and the fair conclusion that others will —
misconceive it likewise, I become more and
more necessary to have the intentions of —
Government perfectly understood in the first
Stage of this regulation, because it may obviate
any future Reference, will preclude future —
trouble to the audit and to the Pay Office; and
should any exception be established, it will —
next be more than ever necessary, that the
Drawers of Bills acknowledge the Coin and
Exchange of the Payments, for the double purpose
of evidencing that the Paymaster has scrupulously

adhered

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12 adhered to the Regulations for this Department
and that he has Debited the Honorable Company
with no more than the real loss sustained.-

I had presumed that every Kind of
Supply on Account of the Troops was to be placed
on one and the same footing; and with regard
to the Provision Department whatever Supplies
are furnished for that Office must be bargained
for at the Market price and consequently Bazar
Exchange, therefore in effect it matters not -
whether the difference is shewn in the Amounts
or the price of the provision is enhanced. It was
much more on Account of the Official Servants
of that Office or the Occasional ones of Victualling
Duties, that made me take your Sentiments as
to the Extent of the Order of Government, for all
people tho' heretofore content with the undis =
tinguishing mode of payment then observed
would now be slow in belief, that any exemption
was intended; and in the Carriage Department
the man who let his Bullock at the Monthly
stipulated hire of a Pagoda and 21 Fanams might
justly

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12 justly deny as much as the Native Soldier 16 ✦ fanams of Star Pagoda an equal to his due according to the Bazar rates of Exchange.

On the deduction which you have made from the concluding paragraph of the order of the 2d Instant that it appeared if I should receive any Advance at a less rate ✦ than 17 ✦ Caulie for one Star Pagoda it would only be Necessary that I take Credit for it accordingly as far as this observation may be considered to apply to the Porto Novo Pagoda, I beg leave to remark; that the orders made no mention — whatever of those Pagodas, and as they are ✦ advanced at a fixed rate of exchange to Star — Pagodas, it was naturally a doubt with me, — whether they would not be considered as payable at the rate received and therefore creating no Loss unless I satisfactorily explained to you in the first instance that the value of the Portonovo was estimated by the Troops according to the Coly fanams they would procure in exchange for it and therefore for the sake of precaution —

and

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12th and perspicuity, I wished to intimate to you at once the loss to be expected by them; and that I proposed always to acknowledge them in the Advances not only as Porto Novo Pagodas but also as equal to their sum in Caulie fanams.

The supposition that this arrange-
ment will ever produce any Credits to the Company, is, I beg leave to assure you, altogether erroneous since such a credit would counteract and subvert the Chief and sole view of Govern-
ment whose great object in the orders is to prevent any loss to the Troops a Design which would never be answered if they paid them at a less rate than the Revenue Treasury received and disposed the Colly fanam. Past experience might teach us to expect a frequent fluctuation of the exchange it is not now however my intention to speak of the consequences attendant on it, But I am warranted from present Facts to declare that so far from any Credits arising to the Company it would be rather necessary for Government if at any

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12 any time the Exchange of the Revenue of Treasury should rise above 17/ to advance upon that exchange in their Military Payments in the same rates as the Bazar Exchange is found to exceed it as therefore this payment must always be an undisputed Charge — against the Company and never can bring Cash to their Credit it may yet remain for me to be instructed whether it were proper to charge the proportion of the loss on each head of Disbursements in the Account thereof or make an entire separate Account to be a distinct Debt upon the Paymaster General.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Robt. Hughes. Paymaster
A true Copy (Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mr. A. G.

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

My Lord,

The matters which fell to be reported upon

From Colonel Malcolm reporting several Disbursements brought by authority into the Military Accounts but not properly belonging to Military Charge & the sums of them stand additionally debited to that Head pro memoria since there of to his Office and subjecting a operation to the Service - Reasons why both should be Remedied.

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12th upon from my Office under date 31th Ultimo and 1st Instant affecting the Exchange in some of the Southern Districts and the mode of bringing to — Account the losses eventually considered to be — sustained by the Company by the Advances being made at a rate of Exchange inferior to the one — established for making the payments to the — Military, has more particularly brought to my — consideration at the present period the existing part of the System of Accounts under this Presidency — which occasions some part of the charges of Collection appearing in the first instance in the Military — Account by reason of the Military Paymasters being instructed to Pay the Batta of the Troops employed in the Collections of the Revenue; the Amount so paid being subject at the same time to transfer at the end of each year to the Revenue Charges besides which some of the Commercial Charges have lately appeared in the Military Accounts and have been Retrenched, but which if ultimately ordered to appear in the Military Accounts like those for the Collections must likewise examine a transfer at the Close of each year.

your

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Your Lordship will therefore perceive that if at any period a Statement affecting the Expenses of the Revenue or Commercial Branches of the Service shall be called for, the Amount cannot be fully exhibited without a reference to the authority of the Military Accounts and that if at the close of each year the Accounts of the Revenue and Commercial Branches shall be brought up and given in previous to the Military Accounts it will follow that the Amount of the two first cannot be correctly stated at such period yearly; on a supposition that the same Regulation which now exists in regard to Disbursements on account of the Collections paid by Military Paymasters shall also be extended to the Commercial Charges.-

Where there no other objections to a continuance of the present System than what may arise out of the above considerations, they may appear to your Lordship sufficient. I apprehend, however, that when the subject shall be fully adverted to other reasons may occur which will be found supported by fixed principles;

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12th principles and make no doubt it will appear to your Lordship that an alteration should be made unless it shall clearly be shewn that a superior inconvenience to the Service will be experienced by directing the Military Pay Offices to be exempted from making Disbursements which must be ultimately written back to the Account of the Department from which they receive their advances of Cash for the payments in question among others: for this is precisely the case at present in regard to the head of "Charges Collectors" now in the Books of the Military Paymaster Generals' Office and mine. The Disbursements to which I allude consist principally of Batta to the Troops employed otherwise than on duties which occasion an expence coming under the head of a Military Charge.

I may not therefore be accounted an object of inferior consideration to observe on this subject that the Boards of Revenue and Trade will probably have a better opportunity of judging than appears to me as far as I am informed, of the

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the propriety of the portion of the expences in — question chargeable to those branches of the — Service, provided it is regulated that the Servants under their immediate Authority and Controul shall exhibit in their Accounts the whole of the Charges at the time they are incurred; at present there does not appear to be any immediate and — particular Check on such expences when requisitions are made for Military Guards, as the Authority of the Office in which their Batta is audited does not extend to number, otherwise than on comparison with the requisition and as the charge in a gross Sum is ultimately transferred to its proper head by the Accountant General.

I do not observe that any charge has — been brought into the Military Accounts for the — Revenue Troops in the Vizagapatam District, which were placed under the Command of Lieutenants Riddel and Barclay by General Order of 19th — November 1794 but not having received the — Accounts of the Military Paymaster in the — Masulipatam Districts since a Revenue Battalion

was

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12th Battalion was ordered at Muggletore in September last I have no opportunity of judging how for the same rule has been observed.—

It is necessary to Notice however at this time that a body of men directed to be considered as Sibbendies and stationed in the Ramnad and Shevagunga Districts and at Shevalapatore are paid by the Military Paymaster and are included as part of the Military Expenditure by orders to my Office under date 13th October and 21st November 1792 altho: neither returned or looked upon as part of the Military Establishment in any other respect; it is needless therefore to remark on the manner in which the Military Charges are thus encreased to a considerable Amount Annually while at the same time the cause of the expence and the duty of the Men thus paid appear to belong entirely to the Revenue Department, the expence of which is thus lessened and the Revenue Resources encreased in Amount I apprehend to a larger Amount than they in fact produce after the Charges of Collection shall be deducted which is incurred by the payment of these Sibbendies at least it appears to me in this point of view from the limited extent to which the subject is open to my Consideration.—

I make no doubt of its appearing obvious to your Lordship on adverting to the whole of the

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12th This subject that it will be extremely useful to regulate for all the charges in question, now brought into the Military Accounts being paid by the Collectors and Commercial Residents respectively and Audited with their Accounts by authority of their Superiors in the Boards of Revenue and Trade; thereby affording an opportunity of judging comprehensively of exertion and responsibility on the face of the same Accounts, especially as a Regulation of the Kind will + produce a further desireable operation by relieving the Military Auditor Generals Office from a part of the duty which as it stands at present is so very extensive and laborious as scarcely to admit of the Books being regularly brought up and closed + Annually arising from the great Number of + Military Posts under this Presidency together with the variety of heads forming the Military Charges besides being burthened with keeping the + Accounts in part of other Departments of the Service the circumstance of expected relief to the Military Account has consequently been a principal object with me in bringing these matters under consideration, and has occasioned my touching on other branches of the Service in explanation of the grounds on which an — alteration of the present System appears advisable on general principles

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Henry Malcolm Maj. Gl

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Sent the following letters:-

To Edward Saunders Esqr

President &c. Members of the

Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

To Board of Revenue forwarding Copies of the foregoing letters from Colonel Malcolm and General Orders issued in Consequence, to which Collectors must attend.-

The various representations that have come before us on the subject of the Southern Exchange, and the explanations that have been afforded by the Military Auditor General thereon as well as with regard to certain Sums hitherto brought under the head of "Military Charges - but which properly should be charged to the Revenue, have induced us to adopt the Suggestions of Colonel Malcolm which you will find in the accompanying Copies of two General Orders now sent for your information and guidance.

You will instruct the Collectors to be observant of the Regulations now inforce and that you may be fully acquainted with the whole subject we transmit Copies of four letters addressed to us by the Military Auditor General.-

We are &c. &c.

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(Signed) Hobart &c. Council

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To Ernst William Tallosield Esqr.

President &c. Members of the

Board of Trade

Gentlemen,

We herewith transmit Copy of

To Board of Trade with Copy of the General Order above noticed for their Guidance in Commercial Concerns.-

a G. O. which we have judged it necessary to issue with a View of keeping distinct the Military Charges of this Establishment; and we desire you will instruct the Commercial Residents to be observant of the Regulations now in force.-

We are &c. &c.

(Signed) Hobart &c. Council

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Received the undermentioned Letters Entered viz. on 13 Nos. 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65.

From Captain Read

From Commandant in the Baramhaul. the Officer Commanding at Nammel, requests leave to build a quarter - a Plan Enclosed..

From Mr. Secretary Hay.-

From Secretary at Bengal forwarding dispatches for Madras received from England per Lansdown Indiaman

From Mr. Dring

From Contractor for Army Clothing presenting an

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13th an Indent for Cloth.--

From Lieutenant Colonel Beaufort.-- From Deputy King's Paymaster General transmitting his Account in Continuation to the 24th October.--

From Monsieur Monneron.-- From Mons.r Monneron Complaining of Captain Bond's Detention of his Ship, the — Sultaun Buckshee - and requesting her Release.-

From Mr. Hughes From Paymaster at Madura requesting a more adequate Establishment for his Office Submits a Statement.--

Sent the following Letters

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To Edward Saunders Esq.r

President &c.a Members of the

Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

To Board of Revenue The Taxes on Weavers &c.a at Jaggernaickporam to be abolished. B. Chellamiah's Offer to be accepted - the outstanding Balances to be remitted - List of Allowances to Dutchpensioners at Pulicat enclosed.--

We have received your letter dated the 29.th Ultimo and approve your Recommendation for — abolishing the taxes on Weavers - Cotton Cleaners and Shepherds and the other duties suggested by Mr. — Snodgrass, at Jaggernaickporam and its dependencies -

The offer of Balapragada Chilmiah may be accepted allowing a reasonable deduction for

the

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13th the Taxes now Remitted; and as it appears by Mr. Snodgrass's letter of the 7th of September that the — Dutch Government had recommended to the — Government General of Batavia that the Debts due to the Establishments of Jaggernaickporam should be remitted in toto we do not think it would be proper to require any of the Debtors to discharge their balances.—

We now enclose a Corrected Statement of the Allowances to be paid to the Dutch Servants at Pulicat by which you will be enabled to — regulate for the Subordinate Factories - The Pay to the Chiefs of Jaggernaickporam and Bimlipatam should not exceed forty (40) Pagodas pr Mensem.—

We shall hereafter take into consideration the application of the late Chief and Council for permission to trade to the Port of Madras.—

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Nowe &c.
(Signd) Hobart & Council

To Major Mual
Commanding the Troops in the District of
Vizagapatam

To Major Muat - a warrant to be offered for the Signature of Bleundel Nepier and Ranger Instructions relating to occasional Military Executions.—

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President

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13 President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt
of your letters dated the 29th October and 1st Instant,
and to express his Lordships' approbation of the —
Measures you have judged it necessary to adopt
with a view to the tranquility of the District. —

The President in Council is of opinion
that every means should be used to secure the
person of Poleondah Vigeram Rauze who has
dared again to appear in Arms against the —
Company's Government and to this end My his
Lordship authorizes you to offer a Reward of one
thousand (1000) Pagodas for his apprehension — This
you will do by proclamation, unless other method
should occur to you as more likely to attain the
object. —

You observe, in your letter of the 29th Ultimo
"that it might prove of the greatest efficacy in —
suppressing Marauding Combinations, if a latitude
were given to Officers Commanding parties for occasional
Military Executions" — Under the Conviction that
such latitude, if used with proper discretion would
prevent the effusion of much Blood and save the
lives of many Valuable Men and that it is —

Consistent —

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consistent with every principle of humanity and of public Justice to proceed to an exemplary — punishment of a few of the most daring Offenders in order to deter others from persisting in a Conduct Equally distructive of the peace of the Country at large as it is ruinous to the property and fatal to the lives of the People his Lordship Concurs in the propriety and necessity of the measure of inflicting condign punishment on the spot on one or more, if absolutely necessary, of the — persons actually found in open rebellion — In conveying your Orders on the Subject to Officers Commanding parties, you will be Careful to impress upon their minds the necessity of acting with peculiar Caution so that they do not go farther than may be indispensably requisite for the sake of example alone in punishing — with death such as may be found (as beforesaid) in open rebellion —

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Actg

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Note — Major Hall is hereby recommended to give as short notice of Cattle as may be consistent with the proper performance of the service he is employed on. —