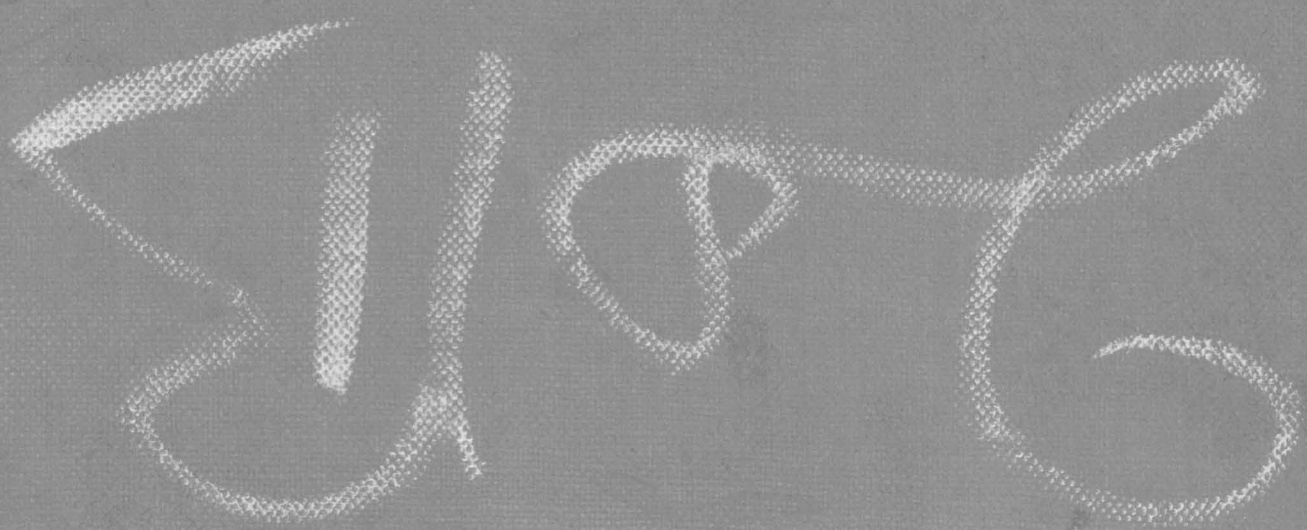


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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

I have to acknowledge the receipt of

From Mr. Rochuk reporting on the List lately received from England of persons to whom Mysore Prisoners Batta has been paid there. –

Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 10th ultimo transmitting Extract of a General Letter from the Honble the Court of Directors under date the 6th May last together with a "List of P "Persons to whom Batta has been paid in P "England for the Sum of their Imprisonment "with Hyder and Tippoo in the War P "of 1780!. –

In consequence of which I have referred to the Receipt Book P kept in my Office, and find P that the payments made now P for the whole of the period they P recommend in Person, all of P which now made by my P Predecessor except the Sum P paid to Thomas Hogan by P me The enclosed List will P

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shew to whom the payments were made, & and I do not find among the Records of & my Office any list of Sums paid & in England except a "List of Persons belonging to His Majesty's Navy and Fortitude Indiaman. —

I have the honor to be with great respect. —

My Lord

Your Lordships most

Obedient Humble

Servant

(Signed) B Roebuck

m.p.G

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List

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List of Men paid at Madras for the period of their Imprisonment in the Mysore Country and who appear to have been also paid in England per List of the Auditor of India Accounts transmitted by the Honble the Court of Directors in their Letter of the 6th May 1795. —

Kenneth McKenzie	Drawn on Lieutenant Mathew Bogg's Receipt by Order of Colonel Elphinston 71st Regiment —	106 — 30. —
John McMellon		106 — 30 —
George Moody		106 — 30 —
Donald Fraser		106 — 30 —
William Welsh		106 — 30 —
William Davies		106 — 30 —
James Foster		29 — 24 —
Abraham Stradwick	Drawn on Ensign J. Macdougalls Receipt by Order of Colonel J. Stuart.	29 — 30
William Spellman		29 — 30
Thomas Preston		29 — 30
Serg.t Fletcher	Drawn on the Receipt of the Town Major at Madras By order of Government the Amount paid into the Treasury for a Bill on Bengal to which Presidency the men now belong	29 — 30
Serg.t Melter		29 — 30
James Walters		29 — 30
Jos.h Honor		29 — 30
Robert Daniel		29 — 30
Robert McWharter		27 — 6 — 60
James Duffly		27 — 6 — 60
Donald Munro	Drawn on Major Dirom's Receipt as D.y Adj.t Genl of the K. T. to be remitted Home by him. — Dublin Indiaman	29 — 30
John Burnian	Drawn by himself two of the same name in the list of Seamen	27 — 6 — 60
Thomas Price	do.	27 — 6 — 60
Richard Hartnell	Drawn on the Receipt of John Harris Corporal as the constituted attorney of the said R. Hartnell's & m. Henning	107 — 8 — 20
Mich.l Henning		107 — 8. 20
John Hill	drawn on the Receipt of Mess.rs Balfour, Spalding & C.o.	29 — 24 —
Thomas Hodgson	drawn on the Receipt of Lieut R. Gronlee Town Major at Madras by Order of Gov.r the amount paid into the Treasury for a Bill on Bengal to which Presidency the men now belong. —	29 — 13 — 70

Military Paymaster General's Office
Fort St. George 10th October 1795

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

A true Copy
/Signed/ Dan.l Ince
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Ordered

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Order thereon.

Ordered that such lists as have been received from the Court of Directors, of sums paid in England on account of Prison Batta, as appear not to have been sent to the Military Pay-master General's office, be now furnished; and that he be called upon to state whether he has any further information to give on the subject contained in the foregoing letter. —

Hobart

Edw Saunders

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Edr. I. Fullerton.

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Diary

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Received the following letter.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council of

Fort St George

My Lord,

From Major Brown detailing the proceedings at Malacca since his last Dispatch Sundry papers relating to that place & R his also Enclosed

although I have had the Satisfaction to learn by Letter from Captain Isaacke his safe arrival at Prince of Wales Island on the night of the 11th in Time to overtake the Intrepid upon which he was to sail for Madras the following evening yet to guard against the chance of Miscarriage I do myself the honor to enclose to your Lordship in duplicate the Papers with my Letter in that dispatch No 3. containing some additional Letters omitted to be therein inserted) together with a Copy of my letter to Sir Robt Abercrombie No 12 of the 4th by the Medway, whose sudden departure after information of her being to sail you will perceive left me not time to address your Lordship.

I have the honor to accompany

this

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15 this with Nos. 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10:11.12. which will inform you fully of matters up to this date-

No. 11 being Extract of a letter of the 19th July from Governor Couperus to the Governor General of Batavia which under the circumstance he was then placed I doubt not will explain to your Satisfaction and relieve him from any unfavorable Imputation that might have attached to his principles from his letters to Mons.r Renaud and Captain Meyers. Copies of which I had the honor to enclose to your Lordship in my Letter of the 8th August The Extract he has given at my repeated Solicitations induced by my having been the Channel of conveying these Letters to your Lordship -

No. 12 - being a Statement of British and Dutch Funds applying to present Establishment with attachment from Rs. 8 in which British Funds omitted to be credited on No. 6 Statement by former Dispatch are introduced -

On the evening of the 15th Captain Newcome, with the Orpheus, Resistance, and Ever Transport, returned here after having brought

off

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off the Garrison. Ordnance. Store and publick Money from Rio. States as per accompanying Nos. 1. 2 & 3. — after performing the Service of Escort to the China Vessels these Ships arrived on the 6th off Rio where the Commandant and Resident Lieut. Wilmer was found on disposition immediately to comply with the Orders of the Government conveyed to him in letter by Captn Newcome and the Garrison (with exception of the party of Malays there) Ordnance and Stores were compleatly got on board by the Evening of the 9th which is chiefly to be ascribed to the Zealous Exertions and good Management of Lieut. Taylor who directed and Superintended the Removal of the whole from the Fort. which being situated upon a Hill. by the defective State of the Fortifications on point of Rampt or ways in ascent to the Ramparts together with the State of the bridge exceedingly out of repair. rendered it necessary to lower the whole over the wale into the Ditch, requiring much Ingenuity with an extraordinary degree of Labor. and his good Service on this occasion will I doubt not obtain him the favorable —

consideration

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consideration of your Lordship —

In returning from Rio Captain Newcome fell in with the Phoenix a Merchant vessel which sails from Bombay and is Command-ed by Captain Hay who after taking the greater part of the Cargo out of a Snow from Java bound to this place had burned her in distant sight of the English Frigates turning her Crew adrift in a boat to make the Shoal how they could. — The reason assigned to Captain Newcome by the Commander of the Phoenix for his Conduct was that the Accounts received over Land just before he had sailed made a Dutch war certain and that when he set fire to the vessel he did not know but that the English Frigates might have been French — The vessel belongs to a Chinese. her Burthen 600 Coyals. and had on board Provisions of Merchandize belonging to a number of People who had shipped it upon freight to this Port.

The Bassein Brig. Fox Commander having sailed from this Port on the 20th Ultimo and falling in with the Java

Snow

15 Snow. seized her and carried her back. on pretence
as he afterwards declard on being met by the —
Orpheus of delivering her over to Captain Newcome
at Rio and from which he had been prevented
by Captain Hay taking possession of her —

The Phoenix proves to be a —
Merchant Ship belonging to Bombay. which
had seized a Prow. the property of an Arabian
Merchant as mentiond in my letter to Sir
Robert. Abercrombie - and Captain Newcome
having received from Captain Hay 5000 Sp. —
Dollars in money with a Security in writing
for the remainder of the value of the Java —
Snow. the Arabian Prow - and their charges upon
the Cargoe and Hull of the Phoenix of which
Captain Hay is understood to be part owner —
In consideration for the owners at Bombay he
permitted the Phoenix to proceed on her Voyage
to Manella leaving on board of her the whole
of the property Plundered — In order to place —
responsibility in the most perfect manner —
upon Captain Hay - a promise was taken by
Captain Newcome from the Commander of the —

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Bassein Brig- Tory who is Sole owner and sail chuefly from Prince of Wales's Island. that he would make the best of his way to Malacca for the purpose of clearing up his Conduct.-

On his return here Captain Rowe come finding the Bassein Brig had passed the Port. and receiving Information of a considerable Quantity of Arrack in Leaguers which had been taken out of the Java snow, being on board the Bassein brig he by Letter to Mr Manningtons required that vessel with her Commander to be detained until his arrival at Prince of Wales Island, whether he sailed from hence with the Orpheus and Resistance on the 22d.- I have to request I may be honored with your Lordship's Instructions for my guidance in event of Captain Way with the Phoenix. a Captain Tory with the Bassein brig touching at this Port in the absence of the British naval Commander-

By the Extract of Minutes of Council and Condition of allegiance No 4. and 5 - your Lordships will be advised of my Motive for retaining so considerable a proportion of the Dutch Troops at Malacca and the Security

therein

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15th therein produced for their faithful Cooperation and eventual Neutrality by the Solemn Pledge given by Governor Couperus with the particular Articles under which one and all have most readily engaged their allegiance to his Majesty I trust will be Satisfactory and meet with your Lordship's approbation —

The observation which I had attentively made affording no reason to expect that the Officers or Men in coming under allegiance to his Britannic Majesty. would engage eventually to oppose a Dutch Force it to me appeared but to dispence with proposal of such condition —

On these Terms affording an important encrease to our means of repelling attack from a French Force. the allied Troops serve upon their former pay. and in case of attack from a combined Force of French and Dutch.

The Highly respectable Character of Governor Couperus. who is revered and Esteemed by all ranks with the Rectitude in Character of the Members of Government and of Captns Stocker and Dick who hold the regimental Command of the Infantry

and

15th and Artillery give me confident reliance upon their Mutrality.-

Their duty is to guard the fortified lines of the Term where many of them have families and some Property and to afford an additional detail to Outports which are within gun shot distance and upon Eminences so Compleatly Commanding the Fort, as to make it a matter of the first consequence to maintain them and which requiring a Detail much exceeding what could be afforded by the British detachment could not otherwise be attempted -

Respecting two Ensigns and 53 non-Commissioned Rank and File of the Dutch Troops who go on the Ewer Transport which conveys this Packet to Bengal, and the Cause given her that destination I have fully advised Mr. Secretary Jackson for the Information of your Lordship in Council. - and which I hope may be approved. -

The Corps of Sepoys received from the Dutch Service, with exception of a few from Bengal are from the west side of India, and most of them from the Carnatic and by furnishing Guards in

Situation

15 Situation better adapted to them than to Europeans.
they perform important Service. – By the enclosed
Return and Statement of allowances they have
been accustomed to receive the Commissioned and
non Commissioned officers appear under different
Denominations and the men to receive more Pay
than the Native Troops in the Service of the
Honorable Company and under circumstances of
recent connection, judging it best to make as
little Innovation as possible – the denomination
of Commissioned and non Commissioned Ranks
is preserved for the further reason that the
Commissioned officers with a change of denomi-
-nation would probably expect an encrease to
equalize their Pay to that of Subedars. and
Jemidars. with the allowance of rice and arrack,
they have been accustomed to receive from the
Dutch. the Pay of the Privates is considerably
more than in the British Service. and although
it might not be expected of them voluntarily
to come into new Connection with smaller
allowances. I shall endeavour to conciliate their
Services under deprivation of arrack and

confining

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15th confining their allowance of rice to half a seer per day which is not above one third of the Quantity they have been accustomed to receive.

For the reason assigned in the accompanying Garrison orders of the 30th ultimo It has become necessary to make the same allowance of rice to the Lascars and bamboo Coolies as to the native Troops and to encourage People of that discription to embark upon foreign Service I would recommend this allowance to be continued in preference to any new arrangement occasioning such diminution of allowance to Families as might enable the Lascars and Coolies to subsist without allowance of rice here

To the System of the Dutch Government making a Monthly allowance to their officers for Quarters is to be ascribed the want of Quarters at Malacca, where excepting the House of the Governor Commandant of the Fort and Clergyman. there is not a house or Quarter belonging to the Public which lays the officers of the British Detachment under the necessity of hiring Houses at a rent considerably above

the

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the allowance as regulated upon the Coast which with the high wages of Servants of this place appearing by No. 10. and rendered Indispensable by the Officers having been permitted to embark no more than one from Madras. added to the dearness of Provisions and of every Necessary of life which may be estimated here, as on other places by the proportion they always bear to the price of Labor. the Officers of the British Detachment under many Inconveniences which are not experienced in the Situations from whence they came, are here upon allowances less adequate to defray requisite effences than those who occupy public Quarters. or receive House rent at a Station in the Carnatic where no Batta is allowed. and as the pecuniary Disadvantage of their Situation here would not be compensated by the Regulated allowance for House rent I beg leave to recommend to your Lordship in Council that a double allowance of their present Batta be granted to them —

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

(Signd) A Browne.

Malacca.
3d October 1795.

Return of the Troops in Garrison at Rhio as delivered by Lieut.t Wilner on the 5th September 1795.

Rhio
5th Sept.r 1795.

	Lieutenants commanding	Captains	Captain Lieut.s	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Surgeons	Asst. Surgeons	Writers	Pilots or Mat.s	Bombardiers	Gunners	Serjeants	Corporals	Drums & Fifes	Privates	Total	Sick present Inclusive	Remarks.
European Infantry &c. &c.	1	"	"	"	3	1	1	2	1	2	6	6	6	3	92	124	1	Private
Sepoys	"	"	1	2	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	4	8	"	93	109	2	Ditto.
Malays	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	2	"	28	34	—	Left in charge of the Fort with arms.
Portuguese Gunners & Lascars	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	24	24	—	
Grand Total	1	1	1	2	4	1	1	2	1	2	6	13	16	3	237	291	3	

NB. 9 Privates Country born returned as Europeans, of which number 2 Deserted on the 8th Instant and 3 Portuguese Lascars on the same day and on the 9th Inst. 2 Sepoys. all Included in the above —

On Board His Majesty's Ship Orpheus
Sept.r 10th 1795.

Signed John Taylor
Lieut. Comg. the Detach.t

(Signed) G. Wilner
comanding —

A true Copy
(Signed) John Taylor Lieut. & Adjt.
Comg. the Detach.t

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List of Military Stores received at Rio September 1795

Guns	Iron	12 Pdrs		12.
Ditto	Ditto	8 Ditto		10
Ditto	Ditto	6 Ditto		14
Ditto	Ditto	3 Ditto		4
Guns	Brass	3 Ditto		2
Carriages		12 Ditto		12.
Ditto		8 Ditto		10
Ditto		6 Ditto		14
Howitzers and Carriages		4 Inch Brass		2
Ditto		2/p Ditto		2
Muskets with Bayonets				350
Cuttasses				400
Worms and Ladle				30
Sponges				16.
Beds and Quoins				59
Hand Spikes				97.
Pouches				85.
Carriage Pins				60
Iron Crows				13.
Gunn complete				1
Large and small Weights				37.
Wooden Buckets				8.
Barr Iron				1
Scales				6.
Beams				3
Powder Measures				5.
Powder Lanthorns				14
Lead Aprons				25
Gun Tompions				15
Triangle				1
Horse Can				3.

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Grind Stone		1
Musket Ball and Flint Stone Barrell		1
Barrell Budge		6
Rammer heads		24
Iron Musket Worms		3
Jack Screw		1
Bell		1
Buckles Brass		20
Empty Barrels and Tubes		8
Cartridge Barrels		4
Round Shot	12 Pdrs	914
Ditto Ditto	6 Ditto	1400
Ditto Ditto	3 Ditto	450
Grape Ditto	12 Ditto	100
Ditto Ditto	8 Ditto	40
Ditto Ditto	6 Ditto	187
Ditto Ditto	3 Ditto	96
Lamps Lead		13
Langrage Basket Shot		36
Powder Barrells filled with loose Powder		137
Ditto Ditto with composition		14
Lumber Do filled with loose Powder		2
Expence Do Ditto Ditto with Cannon Cartridges		25
Ditto Ditto with Musket Ball do,		1
Hand Grenades		300
Fire Balls		270
Blue Lights		100
Powder Horns		16
Barrell Ball Cartridges		6
Mamolies		50
Bell Hooks		30

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Cross cut Saws	2
chizels of different Sorts	10
Barrel nails of different Size	1
Double headed Shot	596
Spade Iron	20

Malacca (Signed) Oliver Coghlan
22nd September 1795 Conductor of Stores-

A Statement of the Public Money found at Rio. brought from thence and lodged into the Dutch company's Treasury here-
23d Septembes 1795.

			Dollars
Rix Dollars	9258.16.	in Span. D	6535:20 — 6535:.20
Ditto	1000	in Rupd.	1600 — 705:.60
Ditto	693.21.3.	in Copper Duits	482.29.3
	10941: 37: 3	Span D.	7723:21.3.

Malacca 23d Septr 1795.

Recd in Company's Treasury
(Signed) Thierens

(Signed) J.G. Wilner Lieut. on the Military and on Quality of resident of Rio.

Malacca 25th September 1795.

under deliberate and mature consideration of circumstances connected with the Defence of the Fort and Town of Malacca. it is the Opinion of Major Brown that such part of the Troops formerly composing the Garrison

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15 of Malacca and Rio. whose Fidelity to the
Interest of Hei Britannic Majesty. as well as
to the Interest of the Prince of Orange can be
depended upon. will be not only Serviceable
but is actually necessary for the purpose of
Defence, and Mr. Couperus the Civil Governor
having voluntarily proposed to become responsible
for their Fidelity and good Conduct. in Event of an
attack being made upon Mallacca by a Fleet
of French Forces. and that they shall remain
neutral even in Event of an attack from a
combined Fleet of French and Dutch Forces under
pledge of his own Life, Major Brown consents
to retain all those not being Frenchmen, for
whom the Governor becomes thus responsible
And in order that each Individual. as well
being an Officer. as Serjeant, Corporal, or Solacier,
may know his Situation of allegiance. he is
to take an Oath of Fidelity to Hei Britannic
Majesty George the Third and to William the
Fifth Prince of Orange for the States General
and that he shall obey all orders he may
receive from Major Browne. or from the Officer

Commanding

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commanding the British Troops for the time being, or any Officer acting under his Authority; under penalty of being tried and punished. according to the Custom of the Dutch Troops by the Sentence of a Court Martial. to be composed equally of British and of Dutch Officers the Senior always being the President —

Although Governor Couperus and Major Brown are responsible for the regularity, good Conduct, and allegiance of the Dutch and British Troops. it is our Opinion after having seen the Fort of Malacca and Works in Connection with it, that to defend them a Force considerable greater than the British Detachmt is required. and therefore having no reason to doubt Governor Couperus's good Intentions by the foregoing proposal We think that Confidence may be put in the Troops for whom he has become so solemnly responsible; and under these considerations We approve of the above Measure —

We.

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We Officers. Serjeants. Corporals and Soldiers being in the Netherlands East India Company's Service and lately composing the Garrison of Rioüw do hereby promise voluntarily without any instigation whatever, solemnly and before an all Knowing God, that we will bind and conduct ourselves by an Oath of Fidelity to the Honorable Abrahamus Couperus Governor and Director of Malacca as our Lawfull Commander. to be faithfull to the Netherlands East India Company and the present Government of this place. and will conduct ourselves as men of honor. will join with our Brother Soldiers the Dutch Troops now in this Garrison. and obey all orders given by our Respective officers without any Difficulty, as a good soldier is oblige to do. and will faithfully obey the following articles viz:-

1st That we will be faithfull to his Highness William the 5th Prince of Orange as our Chief Governor General and to His Majesty George the 3d King of Great Britain

&c. &c.

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15 &c. &c. &c. as being a Friend of His Highness and an Ally of the States General and Protector of these colonies.

2nd That we will acknowledge and consider Major Archibald Brown as commandant of the Fort and Town of Malacca, and of his Brittannic Majesty's Troops who are sent to protect us, and that we shall obey all orders we may receive from Major Brown, or from the Officer Commanding the British Troops for the time being or any officer acting under his authority.-

3rd That we will pay the same respect to His Britannic Majesty's Officers as to our own.-

4th We promise that we will readily on all occasions sacrifice our own lives for the defence of this place, not only between the walls of the Fort but on every Post where we shall be required, will do all prejudice to the Enemy — and in the event of an attack made by the Dutch or any other forces combined with them, we will remain Neutral, and will not hinder the British troops from the defence of the place.

5th That we will consider his Brittannic

Majesty's

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Majesty's troops now in Garrison here as ours — Brethern will co-operate and cultivate Friendship and Tranquillity with them —

6th. We further promise that our conduct shall be regular and under a good discipline. and in case of any irregularity that we will submit ourselves to Military correction and to any Sentence of court Martial but in case of punishment according to the custom of the Dutch troops in their Garrisons and which (Court Martial) will be composed — equally of British and of Dutch officers, the Senior always being the President —

We the undersigned officers of the Garrison of Rioew promise thereby that we will punctually observe the above mentioned articles and declare to our Knowledge that the File officers and Privates have without hesitation accepted and Solemnly promised to obey the same —

Malacca 22nd. September 1795

(Signed) J: P. Wilner. C. F. Schmidt,
I. B. Sprik. I. C. Malchaw & I de Gruyter.

We the undersigned officers of the Garrison here, hereby do certify and promise that

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that we will faithfully obey the abovementioned articles –

Malacca 23d. September 1795

(Signed) A. Stecher. J W. Diehl. P.J.

Daniels. H. Schumens er A. G. Groneveout –

A True Copy

(Signed) Joh Bellemont

Interpr. to Govermt.

A Statement of the Monthly Expences consisting Wages. House rent &c. &c. of the Garrison of Rioune including Civil Servants and Marines. and which is Calculated to an amount of ..... Spd. D. 1453: 4 –

Deductes from the above Sums the wages of 2 Officers and 53. Privates. which are tobe embarkes on board the Ewer Transport ..... D.o 249. 8: –

For some allowance made to them ..... 71: " —— 320-8: –

By which means the Monthly Expences of Malacca has encreased to ..... Spd. D. 1132: 6 –

Malacca 24th September 1795

(Signed)

The above is the Signature of the accomptant General.

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Return of the Dutch Troops who have sworn allegiance to his Baitannic Majesty and to the Prince of Orange &c.z remain for the defence of Malacca 25th September 1795.

	European Infantry								European artillery								Native
	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Sergeants	Corporals	Drummers	Privates	Total	Captain	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Sergeants	Corporals	Gunners	Privates	Total	Grand total
Present for duty	1	2	4	12	20	1	1	105	139	1	2	8	14	22	161		
Sick present					2			15	17						17		
Total	1	2	4	12	22	1	1	120	156	1	2	8	14	22	178		

N.B. 6 privates employed in victualling and other Civil duties — includes present for Duty —
1 Corporal and 7 Privates. aged and infirm included Sick Present —
Captain Lofenbar of the Corps of Engineers belonging to Batavia, and accidentally here not included —

(Signed) Hy. Stecher
L.t N. D. N.

Return of Native Troops doing Duty in Malacca with the Rank they held in the Dutch Service. September 26th 1795

Malacca 26th Sept. 1795.

	Captains Lieuts	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Sergeants	Corporals	Topasses	Total
Present for Duty	2	2	4	7	10	126	143
Sick present						4	4
Grand Total	2	2	4	7	10	130	152

N.B. John aguint Private on the Grenadier Corps doing the Duty of Drill Serjeant not included

(Signed) John Taylor
Lieut. Com.g

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Pay and allowances received by the Native Troops — when in the Dutch Service

	Monthly Pay. Rixdr	Fanams	Cash	Monthly allowance Rice	Garrack.
To every Captain or Capt. Lieut.	26.	"	"	40.	3.
Lieutenant	20	"	"	40.	3.
Ensign	16.	"	"	40.	3.
Serjeants	12.	6.	—	40.	3.
Corporals	11	3	"	40	3
Sipoys	8.	"	"	40.	3.

N.B. 125 Dutch ℔ are equal to 133 ℔ English Wt.
and 1 Khan is equal to 2 Quarlees —

(Signed) H. Stecher

Statement of the daily Hire of common workmen —

One Ship's Carpenter one Rupee	30
One Carpenter	24. Ditto
One Cooly	10. Ditto
One Black Cooly Mastry	12. Ditto
One Caulker	24. Ditto
One Smith	24. Ditto
One Bricklayer	24. Ditto

N.B. One Sp Dr. is 68.

Malacca 22d September 1795.

(Signed) I. H. Die N.

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Major General Sir Robert Abercrombie K.B.
Commander in Chief in India &c. &c.

Sir,

Being only this Moment informed of the sailing of the Ship Medway which is to take her Departure this afternoon for Bengal I embrace the opportunity to advise my having had the honor to address you in a letter begun the 30 Ult.o and close and dispatched the 6th Current by a Prow (expected to find the Suffolks Tender (which had sailed hence the 4th) at Prince of wales's Island) and time by the Medway not being sufficient I write have the honor to write you in Duplicate by the next opportunity —

The Packet which gave it cover contains for your full information papers quoted to No 14: this last being a Statement in abstract of the British and Dutch Funds at Malacca on the 1st Current. all Expences having been discharged previous to that day —

Owing to a greater pressure of time than could have been wished in preparing this dispatch

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15 dispatch it escaped me in making up the Statement to give Credit to the British Funds for 8000 Bags of Rice had been induced to purchase (on account of Government) at Prince of wales's Island from report which has proved true, of the three annual Rice Ships from Java having sailed in their arrival at Mallacca and thence much reason to apprehend distressing Scarcity here, which must have been the case but for a quantity of Rice shipped in Bengal River for China, having been landed here since arrival of the British Troops, in consequence of unfavorable accounts of the Markets at Canton, Six thousand Bags of the Company's Rice are lodged in the Fort where the other 2000. will be deposited in two or three days and will make a considerable addition to our Means, which with unremitting Oeconomy shall be, to the best of my ability applied in accommodation to the publick Service.

We are busy at work in giving strength to weak places, and as in event of the British Troops being hereafter withdrawn the expence of repairs, or additional works will reasonably fall to be ultimately discharged by the

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15 the Dutch Nation the funds for defraying immediate expenditure. together with the materials and workmen are readily supplied by the Dutch Government. and thus the objects will be attained with an ease, Expedition, and Oeconomy that for want of Knowledge in the language and Customs of the Malays and Chinese could not have been effected under the sole management and direction of the British Engineer Lieut. Farquhar who places and Superintends the execution.

In expectation of the reinforcement I had the honor to request from Prince of Wales Island. temporary Barracks for 1000 men are undertaken in the most convenient situation in the Fort and will I trust be so far advanced as with the Tents brought from Fort St George to afford cover for the Reinforcement should no Tents accompany it.

A Merchant Ship belonging to Bombay carrying letters of Marque and bound to the shore of Luconice having on the 7th: Current seized a Prow the property of an arabian Merchant laden with 696 Slabs of Tin & 15 Bales of Rice Goods. Steps have been taken to effect Restitution,

and

15th and to which (though I look with happy confidence, that Circumstance together with a report brought in this forenoon by a Malay Prow and which there is too much reason to believe of a Brig belonging to Malacca having been taken on the Straits within these few days by an English Ship induces me to request permission to suggest for the consideration of the supreme Government whether it might not be adviseable on granting letters of Marque to limit the Powers of their operation, so as to save Arabian and Malay Traders and those of this Port. to whom the British protection by Proclamation has been pledged from being molested.

No accounts have been received from the Resistance or Orpheus since the former on Escort of the China Ships sailed the 28th and the latter the 29th both after Seeing the Ships safely into the China Seas to return to Rio. and there being off the Garrison. Ordnance and Stores —

As time by the Medway does not permit me to address the Right Honorable the President in Council, and the Commander

of the

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B of the army on the Coast of Coromandel in perfor=
=mance of my Duty. I beg permission to request you
may have the goodness to forward this letter for the
Information of his Lordship in Council and of
Colonel Brathwaite —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) A Brown

Malacca
15th. September 1795
One o'Clock P.M.

Extract of a Dutch Letter from Governor
Couperus dated 19th. July at Malacca 1795.
Batavia.

To the Right Honorable Willem Arnold Alting
Governor General and
The Honorable Counsellors of the Dutch Indies
Settlements &a &a &a
Right Honble Sirs and Honored Sirs.

I think it my duty to give you speedily
notice of the Cruising in these Straits of two
French Ships called la Prudente and la Lucille
together with a Brig le Courier the Ship Sea
Nimph. which partly has been fraighted
by

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by the Company has fallen in to their hands,
and so did the Cutter Java. Loaden with the
Provisions for Riow. — the Great inconvenience
principally caused by the Missing of the Cutter
Java with respect to the Cruise in the
Straits of Bancca. Drion and other Districts,
where the Pirates commonly Sculk. made
me Endeavour with the greatest perseverance,
if possible, to get back again the said
vessel. and in order to Succeed. I think it
proper to offer to the Captures a Ransom
for it; and pursuant the Tidings. I have
received. I no doubt of their being ready to
agree to it. considering that that vessel
is not fit to proceed to Mauritius without
the northerly part of this Straits — than —
whether the Sea Nimph can be Ransomed,
is doubtful and even unlikely because
her Cargo being Rice and Cordage. shall be
very welcome at Mauritius; never theless

I will

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15 I will Endeavour to prosper also with regard to them
for the purpose of which. I intend to write such a
letter to the Commander of those ships. Mr. Renaud,
as may procure Credit to Captain Meyer. and by
which he will be convinced my Sentiments being
consonant with his Captain Meyers and to do
this. I have just now the best opportunity. as
Mr. Renaud shews that it is his intention
an to set at liberty all Prisoners Europeans
Malies, and Chinas, provided I would Lend Boats
for that purpose. requesting at the same time
for some Refreshments for his Sick People,
which I will also send him. hoping in doing
this I shall act not wrongly the more while
I so well as the whole Settlement. am much
interested to know their Design-

I forwarded immediately a letter
to Pulopenang and gave the most speedy notice
to the Superintendant there of the arrival in
the Strait of the above mentioned Ships- In a

letter

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15 letter to Captain Meyer inclosed in that for the Command-
-er Renaud. which apparently will be read by him
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ships lying in the harbour of Pulopenang. but
this acquainting extends no farther than what they
already will Know from the Prisoners they have
made upon different ships taken by them. and
therefore this I do merely to gain their confidence
in order to insure the better my Design about
the Cotter with respect to her Ransom.

The commission for ransoming the
Cotter I will resign to a Person who most probably
shall obtain their confidence which requires the
greatest circumspection. for if possible to Know whether
it is their real intention of Cruising in this Straits
according to the Rapport and reference of some Men
which even add. that more two Ships from them
were expected in this Straits. this however has not
been communicated to me by the Commander Renaud,
but it being divulged by some of their released Prisoners,
which if unexpectedly true. will put us and this
place in a most desolate Situation. as it being just
the time for the from Java expected Merchant-
Men out of which they already have captured one —

Translated by me

(Signed) I. L. Beggle

Dutch Interpreter

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British and Dutch Funds

Spanish Dollars

1795
September 4th To amount of monthly expence of the Foreign Detach-
ment of the Civil Marine and Military Establish-
ments under the Dutch Government and Contingent
Expences for repairs of Fortifications &c. as per Statement
No 16. in former Dispatch ---------- 18,726.17.-

To Monthly Expence encreased by attachment of the
Garrison brought from Rio as p Statement in present
Dispatch No 6. ---------- 1132: 6.-

Spanish Dollars 19,859.13.-

N B.

The above shows the Months means for defraying the Expence of the
be improper to take into consideration the amount of Merchandize
be depended upon in case of Emergency by reason of a want of mone
into as certain Reckoning be the cause of prejudice to the Publick

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at Malacca —

Spanish Dollars

By balance in the British and Dutch Cash Chests
Amount of Merchandize in the Company's Warehouses
and monthly Revenue by duties as per Statement No. 16
in former Dispatch 130467.42:2

By amount of 8000 Bags of Rice purchased and Lodged in the
British Stores and omitted to be credited in Statement No. 16. 16000 — —

By amount of 200 Bags of Wheat purchased and Lodged in
the British Stores and omitted to be Credited in Statement No. 16. 400 — —

By amount of 1891 lbs of Biscuit purchased and Lodged in
the British Stores, and omitted as above ..... 161 — —

By amount of Money brought from Rio, and Lodged in
the Dutch Treasury as per Numbers in present Dispatch. 7723.41:3.

Spanish Dollars — 144732.15:5

British and Dutch Establishments from the 1st of September, but it may not
in the Warehouse, which forming a considerable part of the Revenue, and not to
means with the Inhabitants of the place to purchase it might if omitted

Served — (Signd) A. Couperus.

(Signd) A Brown.

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Schedule of Papers in Packet from Major Brown to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart per the Lucas Transport.

N.1 Duplicate of Papers relative to Malacca accompanies with letter from Major Brown to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart. dated 30th August and 5th September 1795 per Intrepid Cruizer -

2 Duplicate of Papers relative to Malacca — accompanied with letter from Major Brown to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart dated the 30th of August and 5 September 1795 and conveyed by the Intrepid cruizer.

3 Duplicate correspondence between Capt. Brown Lieut. Collier Major Mac Donald and Major Brown with some additional Letters not inserted in Dispatch by the Intrepid -

N1 Return of the Troops in the Garrison of Rhio as delivered by Lieut. Wilmer 5th September 1795

2. List of Military Stores received at Rhio Sept. 1795 -

3 A Statement of the Public Money found at Rhio. brought from thence and lodge in the Dutch Company's Treasury Malacca 23d September 1795.

4 Extract of Minutes of Council 21st September 1795

5 Conditions of Allegiance under particular articles entered into by the Dutch Troops who remain at Malacca for its Defence 22 and 23d Sept. 1795.

6 Statement of the additional Monthly Expences at Malacca by attachment of the Garrison of Rhio 26th September 1795.

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15 Nov 7 Return of the Dutch Troops who have Sworn — Allegiance to his Britannic Majesty and to the Prince of Orange &c. and remain for the defence of Malacca. 25 September 1795.

2 Return of Native Troops doing Duty in Malacca with the Rank they held in the Dutch — Service 26th September 1795.

9 Pay and allowances receive by the Native Troops when in the Dutch Service 26th September 1795.

10 Statement of the Daily Hire of common Workmen at Malacca.

11 Duplicate Letter to Sir Robert Abercrombie 14th September 1795.

11 Extract of a Dutch Letter from Governor Couperus to the Governor General of Batavia dated — Malacca 19th of July 1795.

12 Statement of British and Dutch Funds at — Malacca 28th September 1795.

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in M.B. Nos. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109.

From agent for Spirituous Liquors — suggesting an application to Bengal that the Rum he has contracted for may be permitted to be shipped for the Coast on the Indiamen about to leave that Presidency.

From Mr Cochrane

From Major Young requesting that a quarter may be built for him at Arcot at the Expence of the Company — his former one having been — completely.

From Maj.r Young

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Completely destroyed.

From Capt. Lindsay

From Commandant at Permacoil reporting the Effect of the late Hurricane at that place —

From Mr Macleod

From resident at Tanjore reporting his arrival there —

From Col. Floyd

From Commandant at Trichinopoly has given orders respecting the Horse Jaspal.

From Mr Chas. Malet

From resident at Poona stating that strong symptoms have latterly appeared of Serious desention amongst the great chiefs in of that Empire. relative to the Succession —

From Major Muat

From major Muat enclosing Copy of his letter to the Collectors. relative to the families of Insurgents. absent in Rebellion —

Despatches the undermentioned letters —

Entered in M.B. 110. 111.

To James Stevens Esqr.

To Supravisor in the Malabar Province. transmitting Extract of a letter from Bengal relative to the Reinforcements ordered from thence for Ceylon — and Copy of a letter written to major Petrie in consequence.

To Govr Sullivan Bombay

The same to Secretary at Bombay

To Lieut. Col Campbell

To Commandant at Palamcotta directing him to forward the former letter.

Received

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17th Received the following letter —

Right Honorable

the Governor in Council,

My Lord,

Several references oblige me to —

From Commandant
of Trichinopoly
relative to the loss
sustained by the G
Pagoda by differences
of Exchange: a letter
from Captain —
Bannerman —
Inclosed — —

address your Lordship again on the subject of exchange in the Payment of the Troops in part of this Division of the army.

It was clearly your intention in your G. O. of the 2nd October ult. to prevent any loss to the Troops in their Pay, and it was fully effected by the regulation of Exchange you were then pleased to establish —

By your subsequent order dated the 10th November ult. if I do not misapprehend it — that of the 2d October is rescinded, and the Troops are again subjected to the fluctuations of Exchange, which is always perhaps, to continue to turn to their disadvantage —

I beg leave to express my wish that the Pay of the Troops might continue to be regulated by your G. O. of the 2d October, because I think it would be satisfactory to them, and

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of very inconsiderable consequence to Government.

The Loss sustained by the 9th Batt.n appears to me very clearly stated by Captain Bannerman. in a letter addressed to his immediate Commanding Officer Lt. Colonel Gowdie. and forwarded to me. I therefore make it an enclosure No 1. for your information together with this Statement No 2. I also request your attention to the loss sustained by this Batt.n in the October Payment.

Fritchinapoly
December 7th 1795

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Floyd
Lt. Colonel
Commanding

Lieutenant Colonel Gowdie

Sir,

Madura

I had the honor to address you a letter on the subject of the heavy loss sustained by the 9th Battalion in the Payment for October. with a view that it might in toto or substance, be transmitted to our Superiors, it is with much reluctance. you know. I again am compelled to address you publickly. not only on the heavy loss but the vexatious circumstances attending the Payments made to the Troops here. — I have the honor to enclose a Statement. which I hope will clearly point out

the

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17th the loss sustained by the 9th Battalion on the October — Payment. It may appear unreasonable that the Troops should not be satisfies when paid in Star Pagodas. but before that opinion is formed. I beg it may be remembered. that the 9th Battalion have been stationed in Madura nearly four years. and that during all that period. not one Star Pagoda has been disbursed to them. had they. the Corps would most unquestionably have gained by them. The very moment Government fixes a liberal Exchange, at which Fanams were to be issued to the Troops. to obviate the benefit to be derived by it, payment was made in Star Pagodas - a Coin to which the 9th were heretofore utterly Strangers. altho I was conscious that it was far from the intention of his Lordship in Council. to hold out relief. may an advantage to the Troops which it never was intended should have an operation. yet I withheld representation. from a wish to avoid giving trouble - I observe by the letter Mr. Hughes has written you under date the 5th & 6th Instant. and which you have been so good as send me. that the Payment for the present Month is to be made half in Star Pagodas and half in Fanams. not at the Company's Exchange. and we are informed the orders fixing at 7/ are rescinded and that we are for the future to be paid at the Bazar Exchange - I cannot so construe any order which has been issued here. I must therefore entreat you to make such Statement of the matter as to obtain the difference for the Battalion in the October Payment. and Guard us from Loss and Similar vexation for the future —

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Bannerman
Capt. Com. 9th Bn. N. I.

Madura —
7th December 1795

Statement of the Loss sustained by the 9th Battalion of Native Infantry in their Pay for the Months of October and November 1795 By difference of Exchange—

	Sum received from the Pay office at the Exchange if would have been paid at the Star Pagodas	Sum the Sepoy would have received if paid at the Bazar Exchange which was 16% Exchange C. Fanams	Sum the Sepoy would have received if paid at the company Exchange which is 17½ C. Fanams	Loss to a Sepoy between office Exchange	Loss to a Sepoy between office Exchange and Bazar company Exchange.
A Sepoys Pay for October was Star Pagodas 1. 24 Fanams—	P. Cf. cc.	P. Cf. cc.	P. Cf. cc.	P. Cf. cc.	P. Cf. cc.
	" 25 9/11	" 26 20/	" 27 33/11	" 1 17/11	" 2 23/11
Loss sustained by the Battalion in October when paid at the C. Fanams & Star Pagodas — the amount of whose abstract was Star Pags 2120	" " "	" " "	" " "	10. 00 00	20. 00 00
				99 15. 30	198 30. 60
Loss sustained by the Battalion in November by difference between Bazar and company's Exchange being paid in Star Pagodas which exchange at 99 Cash Fanams. The amount of whose abstract was 2119 Star Pagodas	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	63. 9 15

(Signd) I. Bannerman
Capt. Comg. 9th Batn Nat. Inf.

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To William Collins Jackson Esqr

Secretary &c.

Masulipatam 13 Dec 1795.

Sir.

I request you will please to inform His Lordship that a French Prisoner of war named Des Chiens and eleven other french Prisoners, made their escape last night and as a Pinnace belonging to Mr Fullerton is missing this morning it is supposed they carries her off. Proper steps are taking for their Reapprehension. the result of which will be communicated for His Lordship's information.

I have the honor to be —

Sir.

&c. &c.

(Signed) Biliffe

Co.

" Received the undermentioned letters Entered in Mr B. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117 118.

From Commandant at Masulipatam reporting the Escape of Mons Des Chiens and eleven other French Prisoners from thence —

From contractors for repairs —

From Messrs Roebuck and Abbots transmitting Statement of their Losses by the (Hurricane) at arnee. and requesting a compensation also payment for work done at Conatore —

From

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From W. Skardon

From acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions reporting the articles of supply sent by him to Walajabad for the relief of the Troops after the late Storm —

From W. Simons

From late Chief of Sadras requesting that the Dutch Civil Servants at that place may continue to receive their former allowances. a Statement thereof Enclosed —

From W.m Roebuck

From Military Paymaster Genl. submitting an application made to him by the Count de Meuron for an advance of cash on account of his Regiment —

From Mr Parry

From Mr. Thos. Parry requesting a reconsideration of his request for the [illegible] of freight for the Ship Mary —

From Mr Powney

From Collector at Ramnad acknowledging receipt of the Packets sent to him on the 28th ultimo which have been forwarded to Tincomalé —

From Majr. Muat

From Major Muat transmitting Copies of the answers of the Collectors relative to the Families of rebellious subjects observations on the objections contained in Mr. Shows letter —

18 Received the undermentioned letters Entered W.B. 119. 120. 121 122 —

W.B.

From

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From Military Auditor General reporting

From Colo Malcolm upon Mr Roebuck's additional Estimates of Cash

for December -

From Military Paymaster General

From Mr Roebuck transmitting his Estimate for January 1796 -

From resident at Nagore transmitting

From Mr Torriano a Petition from the Owner of two vessel taken

up for the Expedition against Trincomalle -

From the Missionaries at Pondicherry

From Missionaries at Pondicherry requesting compensations for the Damages done

to their Church and other Buildings by the

Troops quarteres therein -

Despatched the undermentioned —

letters Entered in Mss. Nos. 123: 124: 125: 126: 127 -

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To Garrison Storekeeper directing

To Mr Greenhill to supply and ship Provisions for the Troops

about to Embark on the Expedition against Columbo -

To Military Board. transmitting

To Military Board Invoices and accounts of Military Stores and

Goods shipped on sundry Indiaman lately

imported -

To Ditto — To Ditto — Transmitting Copy of a

To Ditto letter from Bengal with the unauthenticated

Invoice

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Invoice received herewith of the Stores Shipped on the Caledonia —

To Mr Torriano

To resident at Nagore - directing him to hold in readiness to be shipped the Rice and Paddy collected by him - and to procure Tonnage for the same —

To Mr Powney

To Collector at Ramnad permitting him to procure Rice from the Nabob's Managers provided he will dispose of it at 70 Pag.s P Garce - Copy of a letter from the Nabob on the Subject of Supplies Enclosed —

To Ditto

To Ditto - with further Instructions for procuring 100 Garce of Rice. The Domes belonging to the deposed Polygar of Ramnad not to be disposed of for the present —

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President - Governor

Edward Saunders Esqr.

and

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

Friday
18th December
1795.

Minutes of last consultation read and approved -

The President lays before the Board the following letter from Lieutenant Ridge commanding at Rampore to the Town Major of Fort St George -

Dear Allan

It was my Intention to write you by this days tappal (even had I not been favoured with your letter of the 5th to acquaint you for this Lordships Information with the Intelligence yesterday brought me by one of the people whom I had sent to the Residence of the Venkatagherry, Bom Rauze and Calastry Rajahs to Inform me of any thing particular that might be going on

Letter from Commandt at Rampore to the Town major confirming his Intelligence regarding the rabobs order to the Rajahs of Calastry &c.

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on at those places. and who has returned somewhat opportunely. to enable me more fully to comply with what you require respecting the Information I wrote you on the 28th ultimo, and which I first received from an orderly of mine. who heard it at the village of a neighbouring Head Polygar. at that time I considered the circumstance as a matter of course. and to be only in conformity to the antient usage of the Country Powers but hearing soon after. that some misunderstanding had occurred between Government and the Nabob. my conjectures took a different turn. which induced my making more particular enquiries. the result of which was. what I wrote you and the Intelligence I have received from the man who returned here yesterday serves fully to confirm what I had already heard. that the Nabob had sent orders to the different Polygar Rajahs in this Quarter. to hold themselves in readiness to assemble with their troops at the shortest notice In the vicinity of arcot but within these few days. orders had been received from the Nabob. countermanding the former one saying. there would be no occasion at the present

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present Juncture for the assembling of the Polygars
or their Troops. In consequence of which the
several congratulatory Nuzzers or presents were sent
by the Vakeels of the different Rajahs to his
Highness the Nabob.

I remain Dear Allan with esteem
&c. &c.

Rampore
10th December 1795.

(Signed) Ridge

Being just now much indisposed with
a Complaint in one of my eyes. I hope will account
for and excuse any Inaccuracyes that may appear.

The President acquaints the Board that
having on the 7th instant Receives from the Nabob
a Sealed Packet addressed to the Governor General,
his Lordship directed his private Secretary to write
the following Card to his Highness entered also
in CC No. 133.

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Mr. Udderly presents his compts to his Highness the Nabob &c. &c. takes the liberty of informing him that the letter he had the honor of writing them yesterday at Lord Hobarts desire was an application for a copy of this letter to Sir John Shore that accompanies the correspondence between his Highness and Lord Hobart which

Mr. Udderly's Card to the Nabob.

his

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His Highness has desired to be forwarded to Calcutta

To which the Nabob made the following

reply entered also in C.C. Vol 134. 135.

His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic

His Highness's reply with Extract from his letter to the Governor General.

presents his Compliments to E. H. Adderley Esquire, and begs to acquaint him that althō it is not usual with the Circar to furnish their Governments with Copies of the letter they write to the Governor General: yet to evince the Nabobs good intention towards his Lordship. he sends him an Extract of the letter he had written to Sir John Shore, the rest relates to his Highness's own affairs - and will be glad to know if the letter for Sir John Shore is sent to Bengal? as the letter to him is always wrote in Persian. it has therefore caused a delay to have it translated before the his Highness could

7th December 1795. answer Mr. Adderley's Card -

Translation

Extract of a letter to Sir John Shore Bart.

Dated 23d Jemaudelowell 1210 Higery -

Since the day of the fatal Calamity that befell my honored father to the present hour I have addressed many Letters to you at different times stating the occurrences which had happened and

and I conceive that you had fully learned therefrom my Situation — my having by the blessing of God ascended the Musnad, and the requisitions which had been made to me by Lord Hobart. But not having had the consolation to receive an answer hitherto, to even one of my Letters, I have deemed it necessary to enclose herein Copies of the whole and to state the Circumstances which have occurred —

When my revered Father departed this Life, Lord Hobart instead of affording me consolation for my loss, required the Surrender of my whole Country, which by the blessing of God is secured to me by seven Phirmans of the Emperors of Hindostan, the Phirmans of the King of Great Britain, by the former — Treaties and that of 1792 and also by the last will of my honored Father — I told him in answer that by the blessing of God I would not deviate a hair's breadth from the Treaty of Lord Cornwallis and that it should be my guide whilst I existed — afterwards his Lordship wrote me a — letter saying I had directed some Pollagars to assemble with their Troops and Guns to Coimbetore under

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under this pretence he has sent orders to those Pollygars directing them not to obey the orders which (he said) had sent by me, but to consider themselves henceforth under the order of the Company. Copy of his Lordship's letter and of the answer I made to it, are enclosed. I do not wish to give you trouble to read a long detail. I hope you will be pleased to give positive orders to Lord Hobart strictly to abide by the Treaty of Lord Cornwallis and on no account to act contrary to that Treaty and in violation of the faith of the Company and of the just English nation to attempt any thing against the honor of their ancient friend.

The President lays before the Board the following draft of a letter which he has judged it necessary to address to the Governor General on the above subject.

To

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To Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

In transmitting to you the accompa-
-nying packet from his Highness the Nabob of
the Carnatic. I judge it necessary to observe that,
upon the Receipt of it I directed my private Secretary
to write a Card to his Highness desiring he would
furnish me with a Copy of the letter he had address
to you. to which the Nabob replies. that "altho
"it was not usual with the Circar to furnish
"this Government with Copies of the Letters written
"to the Governor General yet, to evince the Nabobs
"good intentions towards Lord Hobart. he had
"sent an Extract of the letter he had written to Sir
"John Shore. and that the rest relates to his ——
"Highness's own affairs". — I forebore on this ——
declaration to press the Nabob further on the
subject, since it seemed that the part he had
conceald from my Knowledge (if the tenor of
his note meant any thing) relates to matter
which it was not thought advisable to ——
communicate to the Governor of Fort St. George

and

From Lord Hobart
to the Governor
General objecting
to the Nabobs
practice of sending
letters thro the
channel of this
Government —
without furnishing
me thereof obser-
vations on certain
assertions made
by his Highness

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and having no [illegible] curiosity or curiosity to be made
acquainted with [illegible] Highness's "own affairs" except
as they had reference to [illegible] connection with the
Company, (and which I should apprehend need not
have been suppressed) I was induced out of delicacy
and respect for your situation and the present circumstances
to desist from all further enquiries into the subject
altho I must freely acknowledge that considering
the relative situation between this Government
and the Nabob, a communication made through
the Channel of this Government, without copies of
such communication being furnished by his
Highness is in appearance, extremely inconsistent
and in my mind ought pointedly to be discouraged.

In offering my opinions upon this
subject, I am doing what I judge right for the
permanent good of the Service, tho' as far as
I am personally concerned, I do not feel much anxiety
respecting the representations of his Highness, as
I do not believe he will obtain credit for his
assertions, any where, but as it is possible that
at some period or another, the Supreme Board
might be led by the plausibility of his Statement
to adopt measures, which upon a plain elucidation
of the question, they might not think it expedient
=dient to have taken the interests of the Company
and the due support of the authority of this
Government seem to require, that no letter
from his Highness to the Supreme Government

should

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should be noticed, whereof copies had not been
communicated to the Governor of this Presidency at the
same time it should be expressly understood, that,
the Governor of Madras should not be at liberty
to suppress or with hold any part of his Highness's
correspondence to the Governor General.—

It is necessary for me to make some
observations on the extract of the Nabob's letter to
you, accompanying the correspondence herewith
transmitted merely to shew how little dependence
can be placed on his Highness's communica-
tions.— It is not true that I demanded the
surrender of the whole of his Country nor is
it a fact that I made the orders of his Highness
to the Polygars / which Notwithstanding his
declaration to the contrary I still believe / the
pretence to inform them that they were in
future to consider themselves under the entire
controul of the Company. The intelligence received
respecting the orders in question / intelligence
which has been since confirmed / occasioned my
making the communication to the Polygars
some days sooner than I should otherwise have
done, but the express command of the Company
authorized and directed the Measure.—

The little regard which the
Nabob pays to matter of fact in his publick
representations and the conviction which I
have that he is entirely under the guidance
of some interested Europeans whose pecu-

have

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have been employed in the letters he has sent to me. — persuade me that there can be no use or benefit, in making a reply to those letters, and that it would be an idle waste of my time to devote any part of it, to the maintenance of a controversial correspondence with his Highness's European attornies —

It is my intention in future to refuse to transmit any letters from his Highness, unless I am previously furnished with Copies and I shall persevere in this determination, should I not be ordered by the Supreme Government to act otherwise —

Inclosed I have the honor to transmit the Copy of another letter from Lieutenant Ridge —

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

Fort St George
18th December 1795

Read the following letter from the Collector at Ramnad —

William C Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir,

Fort St George

From Mr Bourney Recommends that the rice for Ceylon be supplies from Ongore, and that the Boats and Bonies belonging to the deposed Poligars be not sold for the present

I am only this Moment honored with your Letter of the 1st Instant and beg leave to express my happiness that my conduct should have merited his Lordships approbation —

I have issued the necessary Orders to beat the Paddy into rice. From the calculation I have made of the price it bears in this District it

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it will cost about 6 Star Pagodas a Madras Garce delivered on the Beach. - and in the Tinnevelly Country the Circar price of it would amount to more than 100 Pagodas a Garce - it would therefore be more oeconomical to have this article sent from Negore where I understand it is not more than between forty and fifty Pagodas a Garce - as there will be some loss to Government in beating the Paddy. I request to be favored with Instructions as soon as possible whether the rice from this District will be required that I may countermand the orders issued for beating it -

In a letter I have this day received from Mr. Secretary Webbe. I am directed to lose no time in selling the Boats and Donjs belonging to the deposed Polygar: I beg leave to suggest - that they will be very useful in transporting supplies from this quarter to Columbo. and will save much Expense to Government in Tonnage I should therefore recommend they be not disposed of until the Expedition is over -

I shall in pursuance to this - Lordships Commands communicate to Colonel - Stuart the Measures that may be adopted by me in Collecting the Supplies and attend to such opinions and recommendations as the Colonel may offer -

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

(Signd) George Bowney
Collr.

Ramnad
7th December
1795.

Resolved

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Resolution thereon

Resolved that Mr Powney be directed to prepare immediately from the Store within his reach, one hundred Garce of Rice, at a price not exceeding Twenty Pagodas p Garce, as mentioned in his letter of the 1st instant; and that the other articles required for the use of the Troops on the Island of Ceylon, be procured on the best terms that may offer.

Ordered that the Boats and Donies belonging to the deposed Polygar of Ramnad be not disposed of at present.

Read the following letter from the resident at Nagore.

To W. C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary to the Military Department.

Sir Fort St George

From Mr Torriano stating the price of Paddy and Rice the quantity that can be procured &c

I have had the honor to receive this day your Letter of the 14th Instant: In reply to which I am to acquaint you that I have on hand 178 Marcas Garces of Sumba and Peshanum Rice, and 164 Garces of Sumba and Peshanum Paddy, which amounts to 1600 Pon. I expect in the course of a month upwards of 600 Garce of Car Paddy from the Inhabitants

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Inhabitants Renters of the Districts and have the pleasure to assure you for the Information of the Right Honorable the President in Council that sufficient Tonnage may be got here to transport the whole to Columbo.

The present Bazar price of Paddy and Rice is as follows—

Car Paddy			12 St. Pags. ℔ M. Garce	
Peshanum	Ditto		19 St. Pags. ℔ Ditto	
Sumbo	Ditto		20 Ditto	Ditto
Car Rice			31 ℔ Ditto	Ditto
Peshanum	Ditto		41 ℔ Ditto	Ditto
Sumba	Ditto		43 ℔ Ditto	Ditto

Nagore

12th December 1795.

Sam
£ a. £ c.

(Signed) W. H. Torriano
Resident

Resolved that Mr Torriano be directed to keep in readiness the 178 Madra Garce of Sumbah and Peshanum Rice for immediate embarkation, as also the 164 Garce of Sumbah and Peshanum Paddy, after it has been beaten into Rice—

Resolution thereon

Resolved also that he be instructed to engage upon the most economical terms a sufficient number of Donies to convey the whole of this Grain to Columbo through the Gulf of Manar—

The

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Death of Lieutenant Thos Averell.

The Secretary reports to the Board the death of Lieutenant Thomas Averell. Fort adjutant of Fort St. George at St. Thomas's Mount on the 12th instant —

" Hobart

" Con Saunders

" C Maddox

Ed. I. Fullerton

Fort St. George 1st December 1795

Diary.

20th Received the following letter —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

My Lord

From Resident at Cuddalore advising of a small Vessel with French Men on board being seen off Porto Novo.

As the information I have this moment received from Porto Novo, is of material Consequence to the Safety of many trading Vessels, and the small craft on this Coast, I lose no time in addressing your Lordship with the particulars which have been communicated to me by Mr. Bodkin who now resides at Porto Novo —

"On Tuesday Morning at 7 O'Clock, a Sail from the N. E. standing about W. B. S. was — discovered from Porto Novo — On her arrival abreast the Port, She stood towards Kuda Bay, and appeared at this time about the Size of a Long Boat — Last Night an account was obtained of her at Porto Novo, that she — was a Schooner rigged Vessel, went into Kuda Bay — Sounded all round, and afterwards boarded an English Ship there, belonging to Surat — Seventeen Frenchmen were in the Boat, and it is reported by the Lascars —

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20th that each had a Pistol and a Broad Sword — that they were supposed to be in want of Provisions, as they plundered the English Ships of every thing they required, which was to be found, and at the expiration of three hours parted, and stood off to a Second Vessel seen at a Distance by an Officer on board the Surat Ship — They apparently made sail to Tranquebar, but previously to their departure, threatened very soon to return —

I take the earliest opportunity of submitting these Accounts to your Lordship, as the Strange Sail appears to answer to an Advertizement regarding a Company's Schooner carried off lately from Bengal River —

I have forwarded Copy of the above information to the Resident at Nagore, also to Col. Stuart at Trincomallee, in the hope that our Ships cruising to the Southward may intercept these Vessells

I have the honor to be.

&c. &c.

(Signed) S. Kennworthey

Received letter from the Nabob, Entered in C.C. No. 136. — Transmitting Tous late Copies of Two letters addressed to him by Tippoo Sultaun —

Paddalore
8th Dec. 1795.

Substance of a letter from the Nabob

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20th Received also the undermentioned Letters —

Entered in M.B. Nos. 129-130 —

From Sub Secretary at Bengal, forwarding dispatches from England received there by the Bellona Sugar Ships —

From Mr. Harrington.

From Messrs. Roebuck Abbott & Co. —

From Messrs. Roebuck, Abbott, & Co. —

transmitting a correct Bill for freight &c. of the Ships Ever, the date of her discharge from the Service being ascertained —

From Mr. Master

From Paymaster at Palamcotah — transmitting an account Sale of the Horses cast from the 19th Regiment of Dragoons —

Sent the following Letter —

To His Excellency Major General Abercr
Governor &c. &c. &c.
at Tranquebar.

Sir.

To Governor of Tranquebar advising of the Escape of some French Prisoners from Masulipatam and demanding the Surrender of their persons should they appear at Tranquebar —

I have the honor of acquainting your Excellency that Several Frenchmen, Prisoners of War, on their Parole, made their escape lately from Masulipatam in a Boat, the property of a Gentleman belonging to that place —

As it is very probable that these Frenchmen have proceeded to Tranquebar, the only place on this Coast, where they might expect to touch, with any Safety to themselves — I take the liberty to request of your Excellency, in case of their arrival at Tranquebar

that,

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20th that you will give directions for their detention, and for their being delivered up to the British Government —

It will occur to your Excellency that these Men can have no claim to the protection of a Neutral State, because they have not only broken their Parole but have been clearly guilty of a piratical act in the mode of which they Effected their escape from — Masulipatam, On these Grounds, therefore, I deem it to be my duty formally to demand the Surrender of their Persons, provided they are within the Reach of your Excellency's authority —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Hobart.

To Edward Saunders Esqr.

President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George
20th Decr. 1795.

Gentlemen

To Board of Revenue — transmitting Copies of the Court's orders relative to the Poligar Countries and desiring their Opinion as to the best mode of carrying them into Effect.

We now transmit Extract of the Company's Political Despatch dated the 10th June last relative to the Poligar Countries referred to in the Treaty with the Nabob executed in the year 1792, and we desire you will take the Subject into mature

20th mature consideration, and report to us your opinion, as to the best mode of carrying into effect the orders we have received "for disarming the Polygars, for punishing the refractory "for Adjusting their disputed Claims, and for the introduc- "tion of such a System of internal arrangement as shall "have a tendency to restore these distressed Provinces from their "present State of Anarchy and Misery to a State of — "Subordination and Prosperity" —

We have acquainted the Rajahs of Calastry Venkatgherry and Bomrauze that they are in future to consider themselves under the entire controul of the Company — and we have directed Mr. Powney to make a similar Notification to the Poligars in the Southern Districts of the Carnatic —

We wish you to furnish the report now called for with as little delay as possible, as a reference to — Bengal will be necessary before we can adopt those measures which have been recommended to our — attention — —

We are
&c. &c.
(Signed) Abbart
&c. Council

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19th Dec. 1795.

"Despatched.

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20th Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered
on M.B. Nos. 131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-
140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150 —

To Mr. Wolff — To Accountant Genl. — directing him to —
debit the Nabobs Account of the New Cavalry Barr. with the
Sums paid to Mr. Burrowes, Mr. M.Callister Mr. —
Stephenson, the late Mr. Redhead, Major Davidson, and
major Martiny —

To Mr. Secy Morris — To Secretary at Bombay — advising of
the Sums advanced at Masulipatam to Capt. Power
of the Intrepid Sloop — Copies of papers received —
from the Commercial Resident at that place Enclosed.

To Mr. Powney — To Collector at Ramnad — Mr. Ebell may
be permitted to retire to Tuticorin with his family
and Effects —

To Mr. Thos. Cooper — To Military Storekeeper at Panjam —
highly disapproving his Conduct in relinquishing
the Duties of his Office, without previous permission
so to do — The Marine Stores not in future to be —
inserted in his returns of Military Stores —

To Military Board — To Military Board — stating the —
Boards opinion upon the Orders issued by the —
Commanding Officer at Panjam relative to the —
Marine Stores at that place — Mr. Cooper's Conduct
on the occasion disapproved —

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To Lt. Col. Wynch. 20th To Commandant in the Rantoor Circar - permitting him to visit the Presidency -

To Mr. W. Corbett To Commercial Resident at Masulipatam - directing him to draw a Bill on the Military Paymaster General for the Amount of his advances for the Intrepid Cruizer -

To Hospital Board To Hospital Board - transmitting Copy of the Instructions, received from England for fixing a Drug - Mill at Fort St. George -

To Lt. Floyd To Commandant of the 19th Dragoons - transmitting Copy of a letter from Bengal relative to the Pay and allowances of the four Serjeants of that Corps, serving at that Presidency -

To Col. Malcolm To Military Auditor Genl. - the arrears Claimed by Major Fotheringham to be paid - all advances for the Regiment de Meuron to be made on Accounts - Capt. Bolli to receive House Rent and the Horse allowance of his Rank, a proper number of peons to be allowed the Kings and Company's Pay Office on Ceylon - and Copy of the letter from Bengal last mentioned Enclosed for their Information -

To Ditto To Ditto - referring Mr. Roebuck's Estimate for January -

To Military Board To Military Board - transmitting Copy of a letter from Bengal relative to the Stores.

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20th Stores lately indented for — The Store houses at — Palamcotah to be repaired —

To Mr. Roebuck — To Military Paymaster General — with Copy of the Auditor Genl's report upon his additional Estimate of Cash for December —

To Lt. Col. Sale — To Lieut. Col. Sale — Stating reasons why his request for retaining the difference of pay drawn by him in consequence of Lt. Col. Campbell's appointment to the Infantry, is inadmissible —

To Mr. Griffiths — To Master Attendant at Pondicherry directing him to procure the most accurate information relative to the Articles which composed the Cargo of the Parquet De Asie' Capt. Caminha, from that place; Copy of a letter from Bengal on the Subject Enclosed —

To Messrs. Roebuck Abbott & Co. — To Messrs. Roebuck Abbott & Co. informing them that the arrears of freight for the Ewer cannot be paid, until it be ascertained that no advance on her account has been made at Bengal, in consequence of the new Engagements entered into with her Commander —

To Clerk of the Treasury — To Clerk of the Treasury - directing additional Advances for the Military Paym.r Genl.

To Lt. Col. Floyd — To Commandant at Trichinopoly authorizing him to take measures, in concert with Mr. Collector Wynch, for —

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20th. dispossessing the Poligars of Vellaida Nargue of the
Sort of Balacondaveram —

To Majr Omiat — directing him to send
To Majr. Omiat the Eight Prisoners in confinement under Capt. Lalande,
to the Presidency by Sea —

To Commandant at Nalagabad — directing
To Capt. McDonald him to send hither certain persons required as witnesses
to disprove the charges preferred against the Cutwal of
that place —

22 Received and sent the undermentioned letters
Entered in Mil. B. Nos. 151-152-153-154-155.

From Acting Commissary Genl. of Prain and —
From Mr Sharden provisions transmitting his Estimates for January —

From Hospital Board — reporting the arrival of Mssrs.
From Hospital Board J. Pratt, J. Daniel, W. R. Bulman — A. N. Brown and C. Rogers —

From Collector at Rammad — reporting that the
From Mr Powney Dolphin Packet are detained at Rameseram
on account of the Weather —

To Secretary at Bengal — forwarding a letter
To Mr Secy Hay from the Nabob, to Sir John Shore —

To Military Auditor Genl. referring —
To Bd. of Trade Mr Sharden's Estimates for January —

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At a Consultation

Present.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor ——— President.

Edward Saunders Esqr.

and.

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr

Thursday
22 December
1795.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Read the following letter from Bengal.—

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council
at Fort St. George

My Lord.

From Bengal— transmitting further on the Jurisdiction of the European Tribunal at Pondicherry— Notice the inaccurate Translation of the Extract from the Register of that Court—

On the receipt of your letters of the 25st. May and 16th. June relative to the jurisdiction of the European Tribunal at Pondicherry, We communicated the papers which accompanied them for the Sentiments of our Advocate General.—

We,

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We have now the honor to transmit you a Copy of his letter, in answer, together with Copies of the letter from Mr. Birch, Superintendant at Chandernagor, therein mentioned and a revised translation of the Extract from the Pondicherry Register, the very unjustifiably inaccurate translation of which Enclosed in your letter of the 16th June, and authenticated by your French Translator requires your animadversion.

The Court of Pondicherry having disclaimed any Rights of Appeal over the Chandernagor Court, It is unnecessary to agitate this question further; but we transmit the abovementioned papers for the information of your Lordships in Council, and for such Notice of the inaccurate translation referred to, as you may judge proper.

We have the Honor to be.

&c &c

Fort William
the 30th November 1795.

Signed J. Shore.
" Robt. Abercromby.
" P. Speke.
" Wm. Cowper.

To Edward Hay Esqr.
Secretary to the Government

Sir.

I have received a Letter from Mr Thornhill the

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the head assistant in the Foreign Department, bearing Date the 9th. Instant and conveying a Letter of the 24th. of Last Month, from Mr R. C. Birch to the Governor General in Council, relative to the Jurisdiction of the Court of Justice at Chandernagore, and the Supposed Right of Appeal from that Court, to the Court at Pondicherry called Le Conseil Supreme

I immediately after I had received from the Company's Attorney, the Several Papers, he was directed to lay before me, for the purpose of obtaining my Opinion, as to that Supposed Right of Appeal, I communicated them to Mr. Birch. and requested he would in a Letter to the Governor General in Council, State the Authorities, upon which he founded his original Denial of an appellate Jurisdiction in the Court at Pondicherry; and Notwithstanding he was afterwards Apprized of the Despatch from the Government of Fort St George, by which it appears, that the Court at Pondicherry insisted as a Right of now receiving Appeals from the Court at Chandernagore, Still he expressed a Desire of complying with the Request I had made, although his so doing was no Longer necessary, for the Determination of the question referred to me or for any other purpose, except those Stated in his Letter of the 24th. of last Month —

The very Satisfactory Detail he has given

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given in that letter, would have decided my Opinion on the Point, even if the Court at Pondicherry has insisted on the appellate Jurisdiction I have mentioned, and I may add, that I should have thought it extremely questionable, on general Principles independent of the Statement Mr Birch has given —

But as the Case now appears I consider all the Doubts Suggested by the Company's Attorney General at Madras, in able Discussion he has given of the Subject, as entirely removed by Mr Birch, and have only to add, that I perfectly concur with him in thinking, that the Court at Pondicherry has not any Right to receive appeals from the Court at Chandernagore and that I conceive any further Orders from this Government on the question to have been rendered in a great Degree — unnecessary by the Papers transmitted from Pondicherry to Fort St George, and from thence hither upon the very improper Translation of which Mr Birch has animadverted, and by which I understand the Opinion of the Court at Pondicherry to be, that no such Right exists —

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) W. Burroughs

Adv.te General

Calcutta

27th November 1795.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) J. H. Harington

Sub Secy

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To the Honble Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

Honble Sir.

The Advocate General communicated
to me the Paper on the subject of reference with him respecting the
Relative Jurisdiction of Pondicherry and Chandernagor,
and as I find the fact of a Separation of Jurisdiction
existing prior to either Place coming under the English
Government, may be a Material point, it may be useful
to State, the Alterations that have been made, and the
apparently relative Situations of the Jurisdictions
subsequent to the Edict which constituted Pondicherry
the Superior Council in 1784. and prior to the
abolition of Monarchy in France.

The Decree of August 1784 constituted
a "_____ at Pondicherry to consist of the "Commandant
or Governor and" _____ and a "_____ at Chandernagor
consisting in like manner of the "Commandant" or
Governor and" _____

On the then, and present State of Pondicherry
and Chandernagor, it may be observed, That the
Commandant of the former was the immediate Civil,
Political, and military, Superior, of the Commandants
of Chandernagor, Mahe, and Yanaon, there was therefore

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a local Propriety, in the Establishment of an Appeal, from a Tribunal consisting of an "Inferior Commandant" and to a Superior Commandant" ——— which might not extend, to a "President and Judges" at the one Place, and a "Sole Judge" at the other both Forms of — Tribunals wholly different from that intended, when the Appeal was established —

Soon after the Revolution happened in — France, revolutions on Similar Principles took place in many of the French Colonies, both in the East and — West Indies; these were at beginning Turnults, but when Sanctioned by the legal French Government, became Law. —

Transaction of a Law of the national assembly and King of France 8th march 1790.

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2. Article Justifies the Colonial Assembly already formed and directs them where they have not taken place —

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Articles 5th such parts of the decree of the Madras Assembly as are adopted by the Colonies may be carried into Execution with the Sanction of the Governor —

Regards only commerce —

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Prior to this decree, a Tumult had taken place at Chandernagore, and various means were attempted by the Governments of Pondicherry and the Isle of France. the latter as Government General to establish Order —

Mr. Canaple was sent by the Governor General with particular Instructions one of which was that he Mr. Canaple should not preside in the [illegible] of. but that the Judges should be elected by the Citizens / the principle by

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by the National Assembly in France / what Power
the Governor General had to give such Orders. is a Point.
I conceive a foreign Government incompetent to decide.
for want of Information that they were acknowledged
by the Governor of Pondicherry to be binding both on
Pondicherry and on Chandernagor, in the very Article
of Judicial Modification, appears by the Sixth Paragraph of a Letter from Mr. De Fresne, as Governor of
Pondicherry, and President of the
at that Place to the Citizens of Chandernagor dated
the 16th. December 1790, which is as follows —

"You will perceive by the instructions of the
"Comptr De Conway to Mr. Canaple, that, this new
"Commandant, and Agent, is not to preside in the
/ Tribunal / at Chandernagor, &c.
"It did not belong to me, to give him Orders, contrary
"to those he has Received from my Superior, but I
"must Observe to you, that According to the Dispositions
"of the Decree of the Council of State, which contains
"the Creation of a Superior Council at Pondicherry the
"Agent for the King at Chandernagor must preside in the Provincial Council of that Establishment. - It has appeared to me therefore, that
"Tribunal, would be illegally Constituted, if

Mr. Canaple.

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"Mr Canaple did not Sit en qualité of President, -
"entié the Decrees of the National Assembly. Sanc-
=tioned by the King's Orders otherwise Have taken on
"this Point the Opinion of the Superior Council
"of Pondichery which has made an Order by which
"it declares, that in case the Agent for the King at
"Chandernagore be excluded from Setting in the
"Provincial Council, the Court could not Receive in
"Appeal, the Decrees of that Tribunal, whence
"would Results a Nullity in the Said Judgements,
"In consequence of this Determination, I have
"Ordered Mr Canaple to make to you the Same
"Observations which I have the honor to make
"to you myself and not to insist on his Right
"of Setting in the Provincial Council, but in so
"much as you may have recognized the Justice,
"and Utility of it" -

Mr Canaple did not Sit in the
Tribunal at Chandernagore, nor has any Comma-
-ndant or agent presided there, from that time
till the Capture -

So. Commissaries sent from the Isle of France in consequence of the Edict of 8th March 90 to form any Constitution for Chandernagore

So Soon as the Edict above quoted of the
8th March 1790. was Sent to the Isle of France,
The Governor General, sent two Commissaries -
Messrs Gautier and Ivon to form a Colonial -

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Assembly, and establish at Chandernagore a Separate Constitution. This Constitution was formed, adopted, and put in Provisional Execution the 6th November 1791. The Tribunal established by it consisted of a President and two Councellors elected by the Citizens, without any Controul of, or Appeal to Pondicherry: but with an Optional Appeal of the Suitors, to Pondicherry, to the Isle of France or to the Mother Country, on the Principles adopted in France.

From this Constitution Resulted the first Regular Separation of the Two Jurisdictions, the Title and Functions of "Superior" at Pondicherry, as far as that Title and those Functions regarded Chandernagore, were annihilated.

The 5th Article of the Edict 8th March gives Authority to put in Execution Provisionally the Constitution willed by the Citizens at each Colony, but requires the Sanction of the Governor to render legal the provisionary execution. This Sanction was given, by Messrs Dautier and Ivon, Commissioners expressly for that Purpose, in a formal act passed by them the Sixth November 1791, The Approbation of Mr. Crossigny the Governor General who succeeded Mr. Conway appears in a Letter from the former to Mr. Ivon dated 9th April 1792. Received at Chandernagore 23 June.

The Provisional Execution of the Constitution sanctioned by the Commissaries 6 November 1791.

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June 1792.—

Since this Period the Tribunal at Chandernagore continued to perform the Functions described in the Constitution like the Day of the Capture a Period from the Sanction I have mentioned of nearly two years before either of the Places came into Possession of the English. On the 11th. August 1791 the National Assembly made a decree which was Sanctioned by the King on the 22 of the Same Month, giving to Commissaries full Power for the Organization of the Isle of France and Bourbon.—

National decree of 18th. August 1791 Sanctd. on 22d. by the King empowers Commissaries to Organize the Isles of France and Bourbon

8th. article authorizes Constitutions regularly formed to be carried into Provl. Execution as having Force of Laws.—

Those two Decrees were officially transmitted to Chandernagore by the Commissaries Appointed under them on the 15th. October 1792, with a letter to the Citizens written after the Constitution and all the particulars of the Resolution had been made Known to them, as Appears by the letter, in which they

The Commissaries enjoin that no alteration should take Place.—

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they enjoin that no alteration whatever should be made
till their Arrival in Bengal this Letter is written
from Pondicherry —

In the month of June 1793 Chander-
nagore was Captured and I think the documents
above quoted shew that prior to either Place falling —
under the denomination of the English, the Functions
of Superior Consul Attributed by the Decree of August
1784 to Pondicherry over Chandernagore had Ceased by
an Authority the Legality of which we are with means
for controverting —

I feel myself Obliged to express my Surprize
that the Judges of Pondicherry, after disclaiming any —
that the Judges of Pondicherry, after disclaiming any —
Superior Jurisdiction over the Councils, that were originally
Inferior that is to say Chandernagore, Mahé, and Yanaon,
which alone could give them either the Title, or the —
Funtions of Superior, Should make a Claim
to it because their has render it a Choultry
Court, Is the Choultry Court a Council of Justice; —
it certainly never was so; and therefore can never —
give the title of "Superior" If it did, Chandernagore,
Mahé, and Yanaon must be all "Superior Council"
for each has under it a Cutcherry or Choultry Court.
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shewn to be unfounded the retaining it under
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Employment you have intrusted me with at

Chandernagor

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Chandernagor to state to you, that of the Opinion of the attorney General at Madras, that Captors can make no alteration in the mode of administering Justice where the laws of the captured Place are retained, were followed by the company's Governments any administration of Justice either at Pondicherry or Chandernagor would be impossible The at both Places was constituted expressly of Persons of particular Descriptions, and at each The french Chief or Agent was indispensably a President and the Number three Indispensable to form a In the french Jurisdiction this Constitution of the Court was deemed so indispensable that the at Pondicherry made a Decree, communicated in the Letter I have quoted from Mr. De Fresne that because Mr. Conway Governor General of India had excluded Mr. Canaple from the presidentship of the at Chandernagor, The at Pondicherry could receive no appeals from Chandernagor nor acknowledge any validity in its acts or Decrees, a fortiori, no appeal could now be received for if it is contended that the Chief Presiding be deemed one of those parts of the mode which War renders impossible, and

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does not prevent what is possibly from being indispensable
still the number of three Judges, is indispensable to form
a Tribunal and at Chandernagore there is only one —
If the number of three Judges which is a part of French
Law as to the tribunals in India be consisted on any
administration of Justice at Chandernagore would
be impossible, for there are not in the place three —
Persons capable of Sitting as Judges who are not
incapacitated by peculiar circumstances of situation
prior to the Capture, Something similar to this
must perpetually happen in all conquests
to render the preservation of the mode of —
administering Justice either Physical or a —
Political Impossibility. It must probably be so
however in every Place taken from the French, for by
a Decree of the Convention a french Subject incurs
the punishment of Death who holds any post
or employment under a foreign Power who may
capture Places from the French, Judges therefore
would probably not continue and consequently
a change in the mode must be generaley —
speaking a necessity every where, as it certainly
was at Chandernagore, While addressing you on
the Subject of these Papers, Justice to my own
Character, as well as that of the Judges at

Pondicherry —

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Pondicherry compells me to complain of the most unaccountable Instance of Perversion of meaning in a translation, which I have ever met with when I read the translation of the Reply made by the Judges of Pondicherry, I was struck throughout with the very extraordinary and unnecessary Violence of the Language, and intemperance of Remark which seemed opposite both to the Nature of the Subject and the Character of Judges; But when I came to the last Paragraph, I was convinced it was not possible that men instructed with the Charges of administrating Justice could in a public order of Court, have made use of Expressions as devoid of Decency, as of common sense, I requested therefore to see the Original and with much Satisfaction tho; not without amazement found Scarcely a Paragraph faithfully translated and every one of those Strangely violent and inapplicable expressions absolutely interpollations of the Translator, who has turned into nonsense, and indecency every temperate and in all respect proper answers, made by the Gentlemen of Pondicherry

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The Expressions,
having been passed over without Censure by the Governor
in Council at Madras, must I fear have appeared
to them not unwarranted, and to clear up any
Character, in their Opinion, would be Sufficient
to justify the Entreaty. I have now to make: But
in addition to this motive, the very Serious national
ill consequences, that might attend such Conduct
in a translator, if applied to Negociations, and
Political Papers of consequence, makes it a
duty to my Employers, as well as to myself, to
entreat that an accurate translation of the
paper in Question may be made and compared
with that now in reference with the advocate
General: and that the two translations may be
sent to the Government at Madras: either accom=
panied by a Copy of this part of the present address,
or such observations in justification of my
Character, as you may be pleased to make.

I am
&c. &c.
(Signed) R. C. Birch

24th October 1795.

The decrees quoted in this letter are
in the Printed Copies lodged with the tribunal
of justice at Chandernagore. The Letters quoted
on

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or alluded to, and the Sanction to the Provisional Constitution at Chandernagor are in Original among the publick Papers in my Possession.

A true Copy
Signed J. A. Harrington
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Extract from the Register of the Superior Council of Pondicherry of the 8th June 1795.

This day there was an extraordinary meeting of the Superior Council, at the usual Place.

After having taken cognizance of the Letter from Mr. Sterling Lieutenant Colonel Commandant at Pondicherry addressed to the President under date the 29th May last, likewise the letter from Mr. Jackson Secretary to the Madras Government to Mr. Sterling dated the 21st. of the Same Month, with Copies of the proceedings at Chandernagore enclosed in the Same, which have been laid on the Table by the President of the Council, and have been communicated to the Attorney General.

Agreable to the Requisition of the Said Attorney General, the Court have deliberated and determine to adopt the Same

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as Archly to the address of Mr. Birch, Superintendant at Chandernagore to Sir John Shore Baronet Governor General in Council dated at Chandernagore the 8th. April last, which said Requisition will be transcribed at the end of this resolution — And that Copies of all the other papers shall be transmitted by the President of the Council to Lieutenant Colonel Sterling, Commander at Pondicherry with a request that he will lay them before his Excellency Lord Hobart Governor of Madras —

To the Gentlemen of the Superior Council at Pondicherry

Gentlemen

The Letter from Mr. Birch Judge and Superintendant at Chandernagore of the 2d April 1795. to the Honble Sir John Shore Baronet Governor General at Calcutta is on three Subjects — 1st. On the Title of Superior which the Council of Pondicherry assume; 2d On the Protest which Messrs Violette and Coulon have made before the Notary public of this Town concerning the nomination of Trustees and substituted Trustees, which have been made.

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made at Chandernagor for the Minor Le France -

3 On the Decree of the Superior Council of -
Pondicherry of the 24th. December 1794 by which
at the Request of the Tutelles to the Effects of -
Vacant Property, they granted to Mr. Regnier in
his Capacity of Guardian to the Children of Mr.
Peingault by the first Marriage a delay of four
Months for the purpose of making the necessary
enquiries to procure the Titles and Papers -
relative to the Estate of Mr. Bent, to which
the late Mr. Peingault was administrator and
which are to be found in the hands of the -
Guardians to the Minor Peingaults in Bengal -

We shall now in as Succent a Manner
as possible reply to these their Points. -

The Council of Pondicherry takes
the Title of Superior Council for three reasons
1st. Because, the Government of Madras estabis-
-hed after the taking of Pondicherry, the -
Tribunals in this Town such as they were before,
and agreable to the Kings Edict of August -
1784. 2 Because it is a Court of Appeal, 3
Because the Choultry Tribunal is dependant
on it - The Council of Pondicherry are not -
ignorant that the other Tribunals of Chandernagor,

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Mahe, and Charical are no longer dependant on them, Since those places have come into the hands of the English, and the Council when they passed the Decree of the 24th December did not claim a Right to the funds accrued but they gave it as their Opinion that the Title deeds and papers, relateing to the Vacant Estate of the late Mr. Bird, ought to be in the hands of the Trustee for — Vacant property. If the Council at Pondichery had afterwards ordered that it Should be delivered up, the Tribunal of Chandernagore would then have reason to complain and to believe that the Council wished to assume a Superiority But nothing of this Kind has been done — Of what then does Mr. Burch Complain; and what inconvenience can possibly result in future by such an Order, which from its Nature must necessarily remain without Effect —

It remains now to answer the — Declamations of Mr. Villebague the Kings Commissary at Chandernagore on the Subject of the protest which has been made by Messrs. Violette and Coulon and with which Mr. — Burch is so much displeased. Mr. Villebague says that, "this protest is of a Nature altogether — extraordinary

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"extraordinary and that it was done and are Authen-
"ticated by Officers who have assumed a title which
"they cannot acknowledge at Chandernagore" The
title which Messrs. Perard and Bouchez take,
has been granted by the Madras Government,
which has authorized them to exercise their
respective functions, A Victorious power, has
certainly a Right to administer Justice to the
Conquered Country in whatever manner they
may chuse, and to institute whatever Officers
they may judge proper. The Tribunal at
Chandernagore has not then a Right to refuse
credit to the Acts of the Notary of Pondicherry,
and to the attestation of the President in Council.
The attestation is no more, than the common
Act which all papers receive that pass through
the hands of a Notary Public, and by no
means indicate that they must be implicitly
obeyed and executed in all places to which they
may be Sent, It is then for the Tribunal of
Chandernagore, to have such regard as it may
think proper to the protest of Messrs. Violette
and Coulon and most certainly the Council
of Pondicherry will not find cause to interfere

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In short Mr. Villebague objects to the Title of Superior Council of Pondicherry, and requires that the Superintendant "be prayed to address "the Supreme Council of Calcutta to the end that "they may cause to be erased from the Proceedings of "the Tribunal of Pondicherry the Words, Superior "Council and that they be forbid to use this Title again" Is it possible we can see any thing more extraordinary than these conclusions; and if they have a retroactive effect as Messrs. Birch and Villebague desire greater inconvenience will ensue than they are aware of -

To conclude therefore We say, that all the allegations of Messrs. Birch and Villebague against the Council of Pondicherry are void of any foundation, as we have demonstrated, and that his Lordship / Lord Hobart / ought to be Solicitous to pay no regard to them -

Pondicherry 8th June 1795

/ Signed / Caillard

Done and passed at the Chamber of the Superior Council of Pondicherry the 8th. June 1795 -

By the Supreme Council -

/ Signed / Colemont.
Chief Register -

/ A true Copy / Signed / P. Buchan.
French Translator

/ A true Copy / Signed / S. M. Lowder.
French Translator

/ A true Copy / Signed / S. H. Harington Sub Secy. The

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Minute thereon

The Board are concerned to find that Mr. Buchan should have translated an so very inaccurate a manner the Official Extract from the Register of the Superior Council at Pondicherry, and on his return to the Presidency it is resolved that the disapprobation of the Board shall be communicated to him.

Read the following letter from Bengal in

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

My Lord

From Bengal - Stating their Sentiments on the Communications with the Nabob relative to a Modification of the Treaty of 1792 with the Demand of the New Cavalry Loan. Translate of the Governor General's address to him on the Subject Enclosed.

We have received your Letter of the 24th Ultimo with its several Enclosures, relative to the Propositions made by your Lordship in Council to the Nabob of Arcot for a Modification of the Treaty of 1792 and to your Demand on him for the Discharge of his Debt to the Company, denominated the new Cavalry Debt, amounting to the Principle Sum of Pagodas 7.20.598. with Interest at the Rate of 8 per Cent per Annum.—

2 The Arrangement pointed out in our Letter of the 28th Ultimo, in adoption of the Sentiments of Marquis Cornwallis is now extensive

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extensive than that proposed by your Lordship to his Highness the Nabob, and of course his concurrence in it cannot be expected, But whilst we regret your Lordship's Disappointment and our own in the — success of measures of the greatest Importance to the Welfare of the Carnatic; and without affirming that the Nabob's acquiescence in the proposed Arra- =ngement could have been obtained by any means or Arguments, We could have wished that the Object had been pursued by the Language of Conciliation and Persuasion only, agreeably to the Sentiments which we communicated to you, and that in your Lordship's Address to the Nabob of the 20th. October, some Expressions and Arguments of a contrary tendency had been omitted —

3 We cannot better express our approb- =ation of the Treaty proposed by your Lordship to his Highness the Nabob than by declaring our Opinion that a further attempt should be made to obtain his Highness Acquiescence to it however discoura- =ging the Prospect may be and in these Sentiments the Governor General has addressed a Letter to the Nabob, the Draft of which is enclosed for your Perusal —

4 It is possible that the Nabob from the Concurrence of Sentiments in the two Governments —

may —

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induced to
may be reconsider the Treaty, and we should be happy
to find that he were disposed to view it in a more
favorable Light, at all events the objects of it are too
important to be neglected, until a Repetition of the
Nabob's Refusal shall preclude all hopes of his
Acquiescence in it —

5th Of the nature of the Cavalry Loan
we have no other Information than what is
communicated in your Resident's Minute and
from his Explanation we take it for granted that
it stands an uncontrovertable Claim against the
Nabob, considering it in this Light we concur with
your President, that it cannot be affected either by
the Treaty of 1792 nor by Lord Cornwallis's Corres-
=pondence in explanation thereof, and indeed we
consider the orders of the Court of Directors in
their Letter of 25th June 1793 as free to this effect,
On the other hand after the fullest Consideration
of the Arguments suggested in your President's
Minute, we are decidedly of Opinion that the
Treaty of 1792 gives no authority for the Assumption
of any Territory for the Discharge of this Loan, as
the Debts for which such Assumption is stipulated
are expressely mentioned, and the Debt in Question
does not form part of them

6. It.

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6 It is obvious that the proposed assumption of the Tinevelly Country for the Discharge of this Loan, and the Requisition to the Nabob to relinquish the Forts of Arcot Chandergherry and Khoylarghur would be considered by him, as an indirect mode of compelling his Assent to the proposed modification of the Treaty and consequently in his Opinion an Infraction of it, and as the case has not occurred in which the Forts in question as specified in Lord Cornwallis's Letter are to be garrisoned by the Company's Troops, we think neither should be attempted —

7 The pressing Exigencies of your Government furnish a Strong Argument for urging the Nabob to liquidate the Cavalry Debt, but unless it be well ascertained that he is in Possession of a Sum equal to the Discharge of it, from the accumulations of his Father, We doubt both the Equity and Policy of insisting upon the immediate liquidation of the Amount, at present however and until the Nabob has repeated his Refusal to admit the proposed Modification of the Treaty, the Demand should be dormant, and if he should acquiesce, the Demand will be provided for but on the contrary if he should persist in his

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his Determination to withhold his acquiescence from the proposed Arrangement, he should be called upon to adopt some Plan for the Liquidation of the Cavalry Loan, and the Public Exigencies may again be urged, as an Arrangement for the immediate discharge of such part of it as his Funds may be competent.

8th We have called upon the Committee to report their Progress in the adjustment of the referred Accounts between the Nabob and the Company

We have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J. Shore
" Robt. Abercrombie
" P. Speke
" Wm. Cowper

Fort William
30th November 1795

To His Highness the Nawaub of Arcot.

I have had the honor to receive your Highness's two Letters dated 29th Rubby ul Awal 1210 (13th October) and 14th Rubbee ul Sannee (28th October) Per a Pituslate those Received 30th October and 11th November) with the papers accompanying the Letter

I have already expressed to your

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Highness the Affliction which I experienced on the
Death of your highly Respected Father, and have
now the honor to reply to the Letters above acknowledged

It is a matter of Real Concern to me to
learn from your Highness, that any additional unea-
=sines should have occurred since the decease of your
Revered Father, The affliction under which you labour,
may have Represented objects in an unfavorable —
point of View, and which will assume a different
Complexion as the Affliction is Removed —

I need not explain to you the high Respect
and Esteem which I ever entertained for your Father, or
the happiness which I felt in being considered by
him as his Friend, Sincerity is the foundation of
Friendship, and my Correspondence and Connection
with his Highness were ever Regulated by this
Principle, Confident, that although Truth might not
at all times be agreeable to him, its Language could
never displease, and that Knowing my Regard for
his welfare and true Interests, he would Consider
the Sincerity of my Language as a proof of my Regard —

In conformity to the Laws of Succession,
the Title of your Respected Father, and the Treaties
between him and the Company. You have now
Succeeded to that Dignity which he held, and as

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at this time the Poignancy of your affliction must be diminished. I shall in Obedience to the dictates of — that Friendship and regard which I profess for — you, communicate my Sentiments freely and fully to you, in the confidence that you will weigh them with candour, and deliberation, and with every favorable Disposition —

In the first place it is my earnest wish and Recommendation, that the most — Cordial Intercourse should constantly Subsist between your Highness and the Representative — of the Company your Friends and Allies, If that confidence to which they are entitled upon every — principle, be transferred to others, it must prove the Source of great Embarrassments and much future Inconvenience to both: and whatever Respect I entertain for the Wisdom and Penetration of your Highness, it is no Reflection to say that under such Circumstances you cannot always guard against the interested Suggestions of Individuals, or the Ill Consequences Resulting from an attention to them — The Observation is founded upon general Experience, but the peculiar Situation of your Highness, gives it force and application which your own Good Sense and Reflection I am

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convinced will admit —

Or perusing the correspondence —
between your Highness and the Right Honble the
President of Fort Saint George, I think it incumbent
upon me to Acknowledge, that although I might
have deferred the Communication of the Propositions
which he made to your Highness until the Abate-
-ment of your Affliction for the irreparable Loss
you have Sustained, I am upon the maturest
Reflection Convinced, that the Arrangement, —
proposed by him was really Calculated to promote
your personal ease and Happiness, the prosperity
of your Country and that of your subjects, and
the Company — That your dignity could have
suffered no abatement by it, and the Voluntary
and generous Relinquishment of what you are by
Treaty entitled to hold, would have been received
by the Company with every Acknowledgement —
due to this Proof of your Friendship and regard
for them — If in the Replies of your Highness
to the propositions of Lord Hobart, I had observed
any arguments Stated for/with. holding your —
arguiescence, I should have thought it my duty
to consider them, with the most dispassionate
Attention, as I ever shall whatever you are —
pleased.

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pleased to write, or if I had observed that your Highness's Interests would be injured by your consent, That your Revenues would be diminished by it, or that the Arrangements for the liquidation of the Debts provided for by the Treaty with Lord Cornwallis were liable to be affected by it, I should with equal candour have communicated my Sentiments to Lord Hobart who would have been happy himself to correct Propositions having such a tendency, But in truth the objections of your Highness are only expressive of your Reluctance to comply and although I feel a Real Concern in combating Objections founded upon the personal feelings of your Highness, I cannot avoid it without a Sacrifice of that regard which I profess for your Interests —

I could have wished therefore that your Highness had condescended to State in what Respect the propositions of his Lordship were contrary to your Interests, your reputation, or your dignity, or how a Compliance with them could tend to disgrace you, The proposition which I have again, and again, attentively perused convey to me a very different impression, It cannot be denied that great abuses and depredations have long prevailed in the Southern Countries, and whilst policy points

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your Highness's Ready Acquiescence in a Proposition — which required so little whilst it involved such extensive utility —

I shall not recapitulate the Substance of the several Propositions in the new Treaty or the arguments of the Right Honble President in Support of them, I have the fullest confidence that the Communication of my Sentiments, will induce you to reconsider them, with candour, and attention, not — without hope also that a Reconsideration will Shew you that any alarms which you may have — entertained from giving your Acquiescence to the — Treaty, are groundless, that your Interests may be promoted by it but cannot be injured that your Dignity will Suffer no Diminution, that your Reputation cannot be affected and that the — Company will Receive your Acquiescence as a — Solid Proof of your friendship and regard for them, as well as evidence of the just Sense which you have formed of your true Interests, But if any — Doubts or objections should Remain on your — mind I have only to Request that you will detail them to me, or to the Right Honble Lord Hobart, — and that you will Communicate with him personally and freely on the Subject, Before —

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This Letter can reach your Highness the Establis-
-hed Period of Ceremonial will be elapsed, and your
mind relieved from the Weights of Affliction, —
will be in a Condition to consider the terms of it —

I will know the obligations which
connect your Highness with the Company, —
and the Rights to which you are entitled under
them, and nothing can be farther from my
Inclination or Intention than to invade those
Rights, and it certainly is in your Highness's
option to enter into any new Treaty or Agreement
or not, The Representatives of the Company —
propose it as conducive, and important to —
your Interests and those of the Company, and
it would I confess be highly gratifying to me
to be able to prevail upon your Highness. I should
esteem it a particular mark of your Highness's
Consideration for me, as well as of your Regard —
for those Interests which I have the honor to
Superintend, and I doubt not but I should
be able to remove any apparent objections —
which you may entertain to the Propositions
for the Treaty made to you by Lord Hobart. —
if you will favor me with the Communication
of them, at all events I beg your Highness

will

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will ever consider me as your Sincere friend, and —
communicate frequently the news of your Welfare —

/ Atone Copy /

/ Signed / N. B. Edmonstone
Pr. Sy.

/ Atone Copy /

/ Signed / I. H. Harington
Sub Secy.

Resolved that the following answer
be returned —

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

Honble Sir.

To Bengal — in reply to the foregoing letter, and suggesting the necessity of stationing the Company's Troops in Chandernagore

We had the honor of receiving your Letter of the 30th. ultimo, inclosing the draft of a letter addressed by the Governor General to the Nabob the original of which has been delivered to his Highness —

Our President is desirous that you should be informed that every argument of a conciliatory nature was used by him to induce his Highness to acquiesce in a modification of the Treaty of 1792 previous to the communication of that address, which the Supreme Board have been pleased to disapprove. Lord Hobart waited upon his Highness at his own request, three days after the

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the death of his Father, and having the most
undoubted information that interested and —
designing Individuals, were preparing his
mind for the rejection of any proposition which
might be made to his Highness, our President —
acquainted him, that, so soon as he could receive
a Communication on the Subject of a new arran=
=gement, which his own, as well as the Company's
clearly pointed out, he should wish to have an
opportunity of Submitting it to his Highness's
Consideration —

The Nabob instantly desired that
our Presidents Private Secretary might wait upon
him for the express purpose of conveying his —
Sentiments upon it — and therefore the early —
discussion arose entirely from his Highness's
disposition to enter into it, at the very first moment
that he knew from authority any thing was
in Contemplation —

Arguments of persuasion alone,
addressed to a Man avowedly under the influ=
=ence of others, in order to prevail upon him
to relinquish power, which they are permitted
to abuse for their personal advantage, however
preferable to any other mode of proceeding, —
would.

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would not be likely, in our opinion, to Effect their object—
His Father's Will, and Lord Cornwallis's Treaty, constituted
the ostensible foundation of the Nabobs refusal — The
manner in which the Refusal is urged, we must
confess, appears to us rather extraordinary, when it
is recollected that the particular obligation his
Highness is personally under to the Company,
arises from the dependance he had on their support
to set aside a Will formerly made by his Father,
in favor of his next Brother, the Ameer; and
that Lord Cornwallis's treaty was conceded as a —
Relief to the late Nabob, from the pecuniary provi-
sions of that of Sir Archibald Campbell whereby
it is evident, that his Highness had little respect
for the late Nabobs Will, when it was likely
to prove disadvantageous to him, and that he has
the example of the Company's acquiescence even
in the alteration of a treaty (a Modification is —
all that is now desired,) which was found injurious
to the Interests of his Father —

We can have no doubt, that a concur-
rence of Sentiment in the two Governments,
must have weight with the Nabob — but we
are afraid that so long as his Highness is assured
that he has nothing to apprehend from a Refusal,
we

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we can look to no change in his present determination

We do not believe that any doubt can be entertained of the claim for the payment of the new Cavalry Debt: It is on account of Money actually paid from the Company's Treasury, for which they are in possession of his Highness's Bonds, + and it is because it does not appear to have been in any shape affected by the treaty of 1792, that we consider the Company entitled to demand its immediate discharge; and we did not, as hath been stated / we conceive by — mistake / in your letter of the 30th. Ultimo propose the assumption of any part of the Tanneevelly country: because that country is included in the treaty of 1792. as Security — for the Debt — but we proposed the assumption of a district / the Southern Division of the Arcot province / not included in that treaty, — under an idea that it might be deemed liable to answer so indisputable a demand —

If we are to resort to no other means but persuasion to urge the Nabob to liquidate the new Cavalry debt, on the score of the pressing Exigencies of our Government, it would be / at — least as far as example warrants the opinion /

we

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we fear of no avail. There is not an instance perhaps to be found on the Company's Records, amidst their greatest distresses, where any thing like a disposition to afford relief has ever been shown by the Nabob of the Carnatic. On the occasion of the late Assumption, when War had been declared for some Months Against Tippoo Sultaun, and when the Funds of this Government were known to be totally inadequate to the prosecution of it, with any probability of Success, a total failure even in the Nabob's ordinary payments took place, nor could any arguments of persuasion, force from his Highness a Single Pagoda. - It is not therefore we presume at all likely that such arguments would make the Smallest impression at present, and we are the more inclined to this opinion from the uniform Tenor of his Conduct since he ascended the Musnud -

We are wholly without the means of ascertaining whether the Nabob be in possession of a Sum equal to the discharge of the Cavalry debt from the accumulations of his Father - Such information could only be obtained from himself, and nothing can be more improbable -

than

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that he should make a voluntary discovery, when he cannot but know that a disclosure of the kind would subject him to a repetition of the demand for the immediate liquidation of the debt —

We are too well convinced of our Duty to act in obedience to the orders of the Supreme Board to have any hesitation in the part we are to take when they are pleased to communicate them — but we cannot subscribe to the opinion that the Equity and Policy of insisting upon the immediate liquidation of the new Cavalry debt is questionable — We consider the Equity of it indisputable from the justice of the demand as stated in a former part of this letter, and it never struck us that the Policy of it could be — doubted: when our pecuniary exigencies were — acknowledged, when the Nabob's ability to discharge it must be greater now than at any future period, and when it might be the means of forcing him to acquiesce in the arrangement for the modification of Lord Cornwallis's Treaty, and which is so essentially necessary to the Interests of the Carnatic —

Our President thinks it advisable to apprize the Supreme Board, that he looks upon

upon the possession of the Fort of Chandernaghurry by the Company's Troops as a measure of great importance to the Security of our possessions, and indispensably necessary towards the object the Court of Directors have recently ordered us to pursue, with respect to the Polygars. Whilst the Nabob's authority over the Rajahs of Calastry, Vencatgherry, and Bomrauze was upheld, some reason might have been found for Suffering them to remain in the possession of that Fortress; and it was probably upon that ground that Lord Cornwallis permitted it, At present there can be no none whilst on the other hand, it has become absolutely necessary that it should be garrisoned by our Troops, as a check upon the Polygars, and on account of its frontier Situation, It commands one of the Passes into the Carnatic, from the Cudapah and Purreamcondah Provinces, the former belonging to the Nizam, and the latter to Tippoo Sultaun - and if the plan Sometime since in agitation at the Soubah's Court, of Stationing a Raymonds Corps on that Frontier, be carried into Effect, we need not point out to you the impolicy and danger that might be the consequence of leaving Chandernaghurry in the hands of a Native Officer, not subjected to our authority, and who

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might be open to treachery, or prove deficient in resolution
to maintain the place —

Previous to the War of 1780 Hyder Aley had
purchased the Killedarship of all the Frontier Forts —
of the Carnatic, the consequence of which was that
Several of them Surrendered on the approach of —
his Army; and even the important Fortress of Vellore
was alone saved by the vigilance of Colonel Lang
who fortunately discovered in time the treachery
of the Killedar —

The venality and intrigue of his
Highness's Government Suggest the apprehension
of a Similar circumstance at Chandernagherry,
and it is wished to avert it, whilst it is still
in our power — If the Supreme Board continue
of opinion against the measure, it must be our
duty to obey — but being Specially Responsible —
for the Security of the possessions under this —
Presidency, we deem it incumbent upon us to
urge the expediency of it; and an intention to —
Carry it into Execution, provided we are not Restrained
by Superior Authority —

In Obedience to the orders of the
Governor General in Council, the demand for —
the Cavalry Debt will remain dormant until
it

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it be their pleasure that it should be renewed —

We have the honor to be

Sir. &c. &c.

(Signed) Holwart

Fort St. George
22 December 1795.

Read the following Letters from
the Secretary at Bengal —

To W. B. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary

at Fort St. George

Sir.

From Mr Harington
the Caledonia proceeds
to the Coast with Stores
and Sepoy Recruits —
Returns thereof
Enclosed with other
Papers —

The freighted Ship Caledonia is this
day dispatched for Fort Saint George with Instructions
to the Commander, Captain Alexander Bannatyne,
to consider himself, on his Arrival at Madras, under
the Orders of the Governor in Council of that Presidency —

A Detachment of Recruits for the
Madras Army, agreeably to the accompanying Abstract,
proceeds on the above Ship, under the Command of
Lieutenant D. Campbell, Copies of a Letter from
the Garrison Store Keeper to Lieutenant Campbell, —
and of the Lists of provisions therein mentioned, —
are also sent, for the information of the Garrison
Store Keeper of Fort Saint George on the receipt

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of any Surplus provisions, and the Water Casks —

The Cargo of the Caledonia, consigned to the Government of Fort Saint Georg, consists of the following Articles —

1 Four thousand Bags of Mooge Rice, according to the accompanying Invoice and Bill of Lading, and to the Master in a Sealed Box — which will be delivered to you by Captain Bannatyne

2 Sundry Articles receipted from the Walsingham and Thetis, agreeably to the accompanying Copy of a List received from the Import — Warehouse Keeper —

3 Iron Ordnance and Shot, intended to be according to the accompanying consigned — Invoice, received from the Commissary of Stores; but as part of those Stores are to be taken on board at Diamond Harbour, the Authenticated Invoice and Bill of Lading could not be sent by the Ships without detaining her, They will therefore be sent Subsequently by the Dawke —

I am

&c. &c.

Fort William
4th December 1795.

(Signed) J. H. Harrington
Sub Secy

To

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To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary at

Fort St. George

Sir

From Mr. Hamilton informing that the Battering Train and Stores for Ceylon will be sent on the Ewer instead of the Hussar &c

The Governor General in Council not having yet received any Information of the Hussar Transport has resolved, with a View to ensure the early arrival of the whole of the Military Stores, required on the Island of Ceylon, that, instead of sending a Moiety of those Stores on the Ewer, and the other Moiety on the Hussar, as determined on the 27th. Ultimo, filling up the Remaining Tonnage of each Ship with Rice, the Military Board be desired to order the whole of the Military Stores, or as large a proportion of them as possible, to be shipped on Board the Ewer, now ready to sail, leaving the Tonnage of the Hussar to be filled up as may be found most advisable, on her arrival &c

I am

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. H. Warrington

Sub Sec.

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7th. December 1795.

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Read the following Letters from

the Resident at Poona —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor &c

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My Lord

From Lt Col. Malet
— Affairs still remain
in Suspense —

I am disposition and a Want of Matter
prevented my troubling You by last Post —

By a Letter from Bombay dated
the 18th Ultimo, I have the Pleasure to learn, that
two hundred Horses were then ready for Embarkation
at Bounagen, to be landed on the Malabar Coast,
for your Cavalry Establishment, I have not lately heard
from Lieutenant Montgomery —

Affairs here remain on the Same —
State of doubtful Suspense, on the important Point
of Succession to the Musnud, as when I had last
the Honor to Subscribe Myself. My Lord.

Your Lordships most obedient
humble Servant.
(Signed) C. W. Malet

Poona
4th December 1795.

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor of

Fort St. George

My Lord.

From Sir Chas. Malet.
announces that the Musnud is to be filled by Adoption in preference to the Sons of Ragoba

I have the Honor to acquaint your Lordship, that, Since my last of the 4th Instant I am given to understand, that the dissentient Branches of this Government have Signified their acquiescence in filling the vacant Musnud by adoption in Preference to the Sons of Ragoba —

But though an apparent Unanimity is hereby Secured, yet from the reluctance with which it has been granted to so palpable a violation of right, I am led to apprehend that the calm cannot be permanent. —

Several Children have been presented for Adoption, but I do not find that any has yet been thought worthy of Introduction to the Test of Astrological Calculation; nor can I pretend to guess at the probable Termination of so extraordinary a Mode of filling a Throne —

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) C. W. Malet.

Poona

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Read the following letter from
the Board of Revenue —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart.
Governor in Council

My Lord.

From Board of Revenue stating the Amount due to the Nabob. on account of his 1/5th of the Southern Peishcush for 1200 and 1201 —

In obedience to your Lordship's —
commands under date the 18th Instno We have —
now the honor to lay before you a Statement,
Shewing the Amount due to his Highness the
Nabob on account of his 1/5 of Arrears of Poligars
Peishcush for the Fasly Years 1200 and 1201. —

We have the honor to be
My Lord.
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants.

Fort St. George
18th December 1795

/Signd/ Edwd. Saunders
" Chas. S. White
" Jno. Lackburn
" Wm. Harington

Statement

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Statement Shewing the Amount due to His Highness the Nabob on Account of his 1/5th of Arrears of Poligar's Peshcush for the Fasly Years 1200 and 1201

	collections within 92/93	collections within 93/94	collections within 94/95	Total
	S Pags. fs. 6	S Pags. fs. 6	S Pags. fs. 6	S Pags. fs. 6
1200	59.885 35 46	942 18 ..	2.500	63.328 17 46
1201	50,262 31 25	17,436 34 56	3.012 6 38	70,712 .. 39
	1.10.148 30 71	18.379 16 56	5.512 6 38	134.040 18 5
	Total due to His Highness the Nabob			26.808 3. 49.

N.B.

It Appears in the Books of the Assigned Peshcush that His Highness the Nabob has been over paid the Sum of — — — 3713 15 38
on Account of his 5th of Assumed Revenue and which has been written off to General Books — — — — — —

(Above Copy)

(Signd) Wm. Browny
Secy

Copy.

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Order thereon

Ordered that a Company's Bond
bearing an Interest of Eight ₱ Cent ₱ Annum
and dated 22d. of December 1795. be granted to
Venkata Soobiah for the Sum of twenty six —
thousand eight hundred and eight Pagodas three —
fanams and forty nine cash / 26,808. 3 . 49 / being
the Amount due to His Highness the Nabob on —
Account of his one fifth of Arrears of Poligar Peishcush
for the Fifty Years 1200 and 1201, and ordered to be
paid to the said Venkata Soobiah / at the request
of the Nabob / by the Honorable Court of Directors
in their letter to this Government dated 10th June 1795 in

Read the following Letters from —

The Military Board —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart.

Governor in Council

My Lord

From the Military Board - inclosing two Bills for Ordnance Works

The Carriages and articles specified
in the accompanying two bills amounting to
Pagodas 2295. 6. 30. having been delivered at
the Arsenal by the Agent to the Gun Carriage
Contractors - They were examined and found —
equal to any, and in every respect fit for —

the

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the Service, and the prices corresponding to the Contract rates — We therefore beg leave to recommend to Your — Lordship that the bills may be passed for payment —

We have the Honor to be

Fort St. George
18 December 1795 —

&c &c

/Signd/ John Braithwaite
" Henry Malcolm
" Jno. Richardson
" Bz. Close
" George Hall.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

Form Military Board — Submitting a proposition for securing the Granary at Arnee by Buttresses — papers on the subject enclosed —

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's letter dated the 12th Instt, a copy of which We forwarded to the Contractors for buildings and repairs from whom We received in reply a letter which We have the honor to enclose under No. 1 — Strongly convinced of the importance of establishing an efficient Granary at Arnee with as little delay as possible, We referred this proposal of the Contractors to the Chief Engineer desiring him to report on it, and a copy of

that

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that report We also lay before Your Lordship under
№ 2. — and as by this it appears that the building
can be rendered efficient for the purposes for which
it was intended, We think it our duty to lay —
the papers before Your Lordship in Council. —
and have no doubt but Your Lordship will agree
in opinion with Us, that it is important the
Granary should be as soon as possible in a situation
to receive grain; — Under this idea it appears to —
Us that it will be prudent to adopt a Plan of
securing it by Buttresses and We do not —
however think that the Company ought to
be at any greater expense than the summ origin-
-nally estimated for an efficient Granary at
Arnee —

We have the Honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordship's
Most Obedient
Humble Servants
(Signed) John Braithwaite
" Henry Malcolm
" Jno. Richardson
" B.z Close
" George Hall. Jr.

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To Colonel John Brathwaite.

President & Members of the Military Board

Gentlemen

We have had the honor of receiving your Letter of the 20th. Instant enclosing one from Government dated the 12th. Instant_ We in consequence beg leave to state some particulars— Our Agents are placed at different parts of the Country at such distances from the Presidency that it was necessary for us to adopt some general line so as to conduct our business without impediment and delay and in consequence we have given them general Orders to Obey all such requisitions as shall be made to them by the Superintending Engineers or Officers Commanding Station. — Our Man at Arnee whose name is Subarey and who has the Charge of the business has written to us that in conformity to our General directions he has obeyed implicitly the Orders of the Engineer on the Spot— And We beg leave to add that in conformity to those Orders, the public business has been considerably advanced during the absence of Captain Boog from the Baarmaal our people obeying the

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Orders of Captain Crans at Sunbery Dorok — have executed Works which he conceived essential for the defence of the place for which no order — had been communicated to us by the Military Board —

We have now made a Calculation of the additional Sum the Building would have cost, had the Walls been made their original thickness of 3 feet instead of 2 feet 6 Inches and the amount is Pagodas 843-18- as per — the enclosed Statement and in order to give — the Walls a Strength fully sufficient to bear the pressure of the Train — We submit a Plan — of Buttresses of the dimensions mentioned in the accompanying Paper No. 2 which will stand in Pag.s 708-25-25 being P.s 134-34-55 cheaper than if the building had been executed as originally intended and we will add that in the opinion of every professional Man it — will be much Stronger than the Original Plan and we will be answerable to uphold the Building for three years if this is executed —

We hope to be excused in Stating that the diminishing the Sizes of the Walls was an injury

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injury to us – It must be well known to you –
that we cannot derive any profit from the present
low rate of Arch Work and our only advantage
was in the plain Work, We must further observe
that building detached small Works as Butter=
=sses cannot yield any profit to the Contractor
at his Contract price, as the expences of –
scaffolding to each, will be considerable –

We hope you will be pleased to –
take this Letter into consideration and recom=
=mend the subject to the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council and also the payment to
us for the above building we have executed
at Once, as we have been long out of our Money –

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servants –

Fort St George
30th November 1795.

Signed Roebuck & Abbott
Contractors for Buildings
and Repairs –

A true Copy
Signed T. Wallace
Dep.y Secy Mily B.

Estimate.

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Estimate of the additional Expense of work wanting to the Granary at Arnee

157 Buttresses in Brick and Chunam foundation of
each according to the Section a mean dimention 4
feet deep by 3.. 4½ long by 3 feet broad Cubic feet ..... 40.. 5
Buttress above the base 3 feet long at the base 2.. at the
top by 2 and 6 thick 6. 9 high Cubic feet ------ 43:75
84:25

Total contents in 157 Buttresses Cubic feet
13227: 25 at 2 Fan: 20 Cash ₹ feet ------ } Pags 708 2525

N.B. The foundation @ 4 feet deep as taken as a
mean depth for the difference of level of the Ground —

Additional Expense in case the walls of the
Granary had been built as originally planned Viz.
3 instead of 26 Cubic feet 15744 @ 2 fan: 20 cash ₹ feet. Pags 843 18 ..
Balance in favor of the Buttresses ------ Pags 134 3455

A True Copy
Signed J. Wallace
Depy Secy Mily Bd

James Brodie Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Board

Sir.

I beg you will inform the Board, that in
consequence of their request transmitted me through
the Deputy Secretary the 4th Instant that I have —
perused the letter of Messrs Roebuck and Abbott and
have examined the Plan and Section of the Buttresses
proposed by them for Strengthening the Walls of the
Granary at Arnee, and am of opinion that the Butt-
-resses will add sufficient strength to the Walls, so as to
render the Building efficient, for the purpose for
which

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which it was intended as

As Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott have entered
bound themselves to uphold the Building in question for
three Years - it leaves me nothing to say on the subject -

I have the honor to be

Fort St George
14th December 1795.

Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) W. Gent.
Chief Engineer

(True Copy)
(Signed) I. Wallace
Depy Secy Mily Bd.

Resolution and Orders thereon -

Ordered that the Bills of the Contractors for
Gun Carriages amounting to Pagodas 2295. 6. 30, be
passed for payment -

Resolved, in consequence of the opinion
given by the Chief Engineer, that "Buttresses to the
"Granary at Arnee will add sufficient strength to the
"Walls, so as to render the Building efficient for the
"purpose for which it was intended" that the plan be
adopted, and the work paid for, after it has been completed,
provided there be no greater expence charged to the
Company than the Sum originally estimated for an
efficient Granary at Arnee -

Mr. J. Dent appointed Agent for Transports and Boats on the Expedition against Colombo - his Salary

Resolved that Mr. James Dent be
appointed Agent for Transports and Boats to be employed
on the expedition against Colombo, and that he be allowed
a Salary of One hundred and fifty (150) Pagodas P. Month -

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Fort St. George 22 December 1795.

Military Genl. Letter from England 8th July 1795 Read and Orders respecting them —

The Board now proceeds to pass the necessary orders and Resolutions upon the Military General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors dated 8th July 1795. and received Via Bengal Fr. Ship Bellona —

No remark —

Para 1st. Date of last dispatch —

Resolved that a Copy of these Paragraphs be transmitted to the Military Board with directions to carry into execution the Honorable Court's orders, — with respect to the demolition of the Small Forts — in the ceded Countries; and to the Selection of a — proper Spot for building a Fort, in case it should be so determined by the Court, upon consideration of the plans Estimate &c. ordered to be sent to England —

2 & 6. Sentiments of the Court with respect to the Western Frontier — Orders for the demolition of all the Small Forts, except those recommended by the Governor General in Council to be kept up — Professional people to be employed to fix upon the most eligible Spot in the ceded Districts for building a Fort, distinct Plans and Sections of which, with an Estimate of the expence to be forwarded to England for the Court's approbation —

Upon this Subject, the Board have no observation to make at present —

J. Barrack Masters

No remarks —

8 Lieutenant Stevenson permitted to remain in England this next Season —

This Gentleman has been admitted on the Establishment —

9 Mr. Frederick Pigou Patterson appointed a Cadet —

This Gentleman has also been admitted on the Establishment —

Ordered.

10 The Friends of Mr. James Bonham Patterson have delivered a Certificate of his Age —

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11 & 12 On the Medical Indents - Observations of Drs Lorimer and Hunter - Bill for producing Bark - Instructions for conducting the Service of his Majesty's Sick and wounded Seamen in the East Indies - Copies of the Accounts to be regularly sent home

Ordered that Copies of these paragraphs be Sent to the Hospital Board for their Information and Guidance -

Ordered also that the Hospital Board be directed regularly to furnish the Accounts required by the Honble Court -

" Hobart
" C W Saunders
" E Fullerton

Ex.
J. Fullerton

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Diary

12 Sent letter to Tippoo Sultaun Entered
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Substance of a letter to Tippoo Sultaun.— ion P.C. No. 137, conveying Sentiments of friendship and regard— and requesting his acceptance of a Khelaut entrusted to the care of the two Sirdars deputed by him to condole with the Nabob on the death of his father and to congratulate His Highness on his accession to the Musnud.—

Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in Mo. B. No. 156, 157, A 158, B 158, 159, 160, 161.—

To Secretary at Bengal transmitting Copy of a Letter from Mr. Cochrane and recommending that the Boats contracted for in Bengal be sent further on the Company's Ships, agreeably to his suggestions.—

To Secretary Hay.—

To the Court De Meuron requesting an explanation of the purposes to which he means to apply the advance he requires from the Paymaster General, and stating the necessity of an adherence to forms in all Issues of Money.—

To Court De Meuron.—

To Mr. James Dent appointing him Agent for Transports and Boats with

To Mr. James Dent &c.—

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4860 Fort St George 22 December 1795.

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To Mr. James Dent appointing

To Mr. James Dent Dated—

him Agent for Transports and Boats with

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a Salary of 150 Pagodas P Month. Instructions

To Lt. Colonel Stuart.

To Colonel Stuart advising of Mr. Dents appointment and of the intention to send the Caledonia and another Vessel with Troops and Stores to Tranquebar.—

To Mr. Money.—

To Collector at Pamnad notifying Mr. Dents appointment.—

To Mr. Gilbraith.

To Late Shee at Pulicat informing him that his Brother at Jaggernaick Poram will be permitted to proceed to Pulicat.—

To Mr. Snodgrass.

To Collector at Tanjore with directions to the above Effect.—

11/25 Received from the Persian Translator a Translate of a letter from the Governor General to the Nabob, Entered in M. B. N. 162. congratulating His Highness on his accession to the Musnud.—

From the Governor General to the Nabob.

11/26 Received letter from the Rajah of Tanjore Entered in C. C. N. 138, requesting to be informed what reply he should make to the letter written to him by the Nabob, as mentioned in his last address.—

Substance of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore.

Received

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Fort St. George, December 1795.

Received the following Letters.

To W. C. Jackson Esq.
Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Captain Kirkpatrick submitting Copy of his Correspondence with Major Roberts relative to Arrears of Rice allowance due to his Detachment.

I have the honor to transmit for the notice of Government Copies of Correspondence which has lately passed between me and the Commanding Officer of the Detachment of the Company's Troops serving in this Country on the Subject of the Rice allowance. Although I think that the Commanding officers of Corps have by no means furnished satisfactory reasons for suffering the present application to lay dormant during so long a period, yet my knowledge of local circumstances strongly inclines me to believe that as far as it relates to future Relief, it is extremely reasonable, and under this persuasion. I beg leave to recommend it to the early and favourable consideration of Government.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Kirkpatrick

Hyderabad
14th December 1795.

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Captain William Kirkpatrick.—
Resident at his Highness the Nizam's Court.—

Sir.

I take the liberty of transmitting you an address to me from the Officers Commanding Corps with their Detachment respecting the Rice allowance to the Native Troops. I can only add to what is mentioned in their letter and the accompanying extracts that I believe the difference of a whole Seer is allowed to the Native Troops on the Coast when the Bazar price of Rice exceeds that fixed by the Honble Company.—

Camp near Vellore
4 November 1795.—

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed George Roberts.—

To Major George Roberts.
Commanding a Detachment
serving with his Highness the Nizam.—

Sir.

We, the undersigned, were anxious at an early period after the re-assembling of the Detachment, to have addressed you on behalf of the Natives of our several Corps on the Subject

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Subject of Rice Money, but were withheld from
the consideration, of the appearance of actual
Service, on which we were likely then to be called.
We now, Sir, intreat your attention, and
request you will be pleased to state to the
Right Honble the Governor in Council, that
the Native Sepoys now have only received
the difference of a half a Seer of Rice, from
the 1st. of October 1792, till the 30th. April 1795.-
This from the general scarcity and dearness
of Rice in this Highness's Country, has
occasioned the men to suffer frequently great
distress, and obliged Commanding Officers to
represent it to you in July 1793. and as the
Military Secretary, in his reply to your
letter of the 26th. July 1793/ dated the 12th. September
of the same Year/ advertizes you of the Honble
Board's acquiescence in Sir John Kennaway's
recommendation regarding the Rice allowance
as per accompanying Extracts.- We
sincerely imagine, that either the half
Seer gratis, or difference of the whole Seer,
not being duly authorized by the efficient Offices
must have been occasioned from some mis-
carriage of letters.-

We

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We further beg your favourable recommendation to our Superiors, of the granting the arrears of the remaining half Batt, which will enable our Men who have unavoidably been compelled to contract debts, to discharge them. From the present distracted State of this Country, any favourable change in the price of Provisions cannot be soon looked for, but on the contrary an unfavourable alteration may be expected we therefore with submission hope the Right Honble Board will be pleased to mitigate the Sufferings of their Troops by a favourable compliance with our intreaties.—

We herewith enclose you a Memorandum or Tarree of Grain and exchange from the 1st to the 23d of this Month, of which we request your transmission of Government

We have the Honor to be &c.

Camp near Renapoor
25th October 1795.—

[Signed] J. Malcolm Capt Comg 29th Batt
R. McKay Capt Comg 28th Batt
J. Bell Capt Artillery

Extract

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Extract of a letter from Major George Roberts Comm.
manding the Detachment Serving with His
Highness the Nizam to Colonel Braithwaite
Commander of the Army &c. dated Camp
near Hindoonapoy 26th July 1793.

Sir,

"I have the honor to transmit
"you a letter from the Officers Commanding
"Corps addressed to me on the Subject of the
"Rice allowance to the Native Troops. I
"also take the liberty of inclosing you
"the Bazar prices of the different Articles
"that you may be better able to judge of the
"difficulties the Troops must labour under
"during the present Scarcity, and hope you
"will be kind enough to recommend to Govern=
"ment the usual allowance of the difference
"of one Seer of Rice per day between the Bazar
"Price and that fixed by the Company, or half
"a Seer gratis as recommended by Sir John
"Kennaway, an Extract of whose letter to me
"on the Subject, of the 6th December 1792, I beg
"leave to inclose herewith for your information.
"As the Auditor General on his Report to
"Government on the rice allowance deems

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"to have mistaken Sir John Kennaway's Recommendation of the Scaffoon having recommended the difference only to be paid the Sepoys instead of allowing it to them gratis."

Extract of Sir John Kennaway's letter to Major Roberts of date 6th December 1792.

"When the Detachment is in motion, it will be cheaper for the Company to pay the difference between the Standard of twelve seers for eleven fanams and the Bazar rate, when it is not, I should conceive it may be cheaper to give the men one half seer of Rice Gratis, than to issue it to them at the above rate, but either of those modes I should conceive preferable to drawing it out at the Company's Standard."

Extract of a letter from the Military Secretary to Major George Roberts Commanding the Detachment serving with his Highness the Nizam, dated Fort St. George 12th September.

Sir,

With respect to your letter of the 26th July last, I am desired to inform you that orders have been sent to the Military Auditor

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Auditor General to carry into execution the recommendation of Sir John Kennaway as stated in his letter to you of the 6. of December 1792. regarding the Rice allowance to the Native Troops &c.

Verick of Rice &c. from the 1. to the 23. of October 1795 in the Light Detachment serving his Highness the Nizam &c.

Month 1795	Day	Fine Rice Rupees	Coarse Rice Rupees	Salt Rupees
A good fat Sheep from the 1st to the 7th of the Month, 2 Rupees	October 1	6¼	7	12
from 8th to the 13th 2½ Rupees	2	6¼	7	12
and from the 14th to the 23d	3	6¼	7	12
2¾ Rupees	4	6¼	6¾	11
	5	6	6¾	10
	6	6	6½	10
	7	6	6½	9
Exchange.	8	5	6¾	9
Madras Pagodas from the 1st to the	9	5	6¾	9
13th of the Month Rs. 3. 10.	10	5	6½	9
D° from the 14th to the	11	4¾	6¼	8
23d of 3. 12	12	4½	6	8
2 Rupees from the 1st to 17th of the	13	4½	6	8
Month 58 Duds	14	4½	5	7
D° from 8 to 10 56 D°	15	4½	6	7
D° from 11 to 13 54 D°	16	4½	5	7
D° from 14 to 16 52 D°	17	4¼	5	7
D° from 17 to 19 50 D°	18	4½	5	7
D° from 20 to 23 48 D°	19	4½	5	7
	20	4½	5	7
	21	4½	5	7
	22	4½	5	7
	23	4½	5	7

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Fort St. George. December 1795.

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Merick of Rice &c. from the 1st to 23d of October 1795 in the English Detachment serving his Highness the Nizam.—

Month 1795	day	Fine Rice 1/4 Rupee	Coarse Rice 1/4 Rupee	Salt 1/4 Rupee
A good fat Sheep from the 1st to the 7th of the Month, 2 Rupees from 8th to the 13th 2½ Rupees and from the 14th to the 23d 2¾ Rupees—				
October	1st	6¼	7	12
"	2d	6¼	7	12
"	3d	6¼	7	12
"	4th	6¼	6¾	11
"	5th	6	6¾	10
"	6th	6	6½	10
"	7th	6	6½	9
"	8th	5	5¾	9
"	9th	5	5¾	9
"	10th	5	5½	9
"	11th	4¾	5¾	8
"	12th	4½	5	8
"	13th	4½	5	8
"	14th	4½	5	7
"	15th	4½	5	7
"	16th	4½	5	7
"	17th	4¼	5	7
"	18th	4½	5	7
"	19th	4½	5	7
"	20th	4½	5	7
"	21st	4½	5	7
"	22d	4½	5	7
"	23d	4½	5	7

Exchange.—

Madras Pagodas from the 1st to the 13th of the Month 3 Rupees 10 Annas

Do. from the 14th to the 23d of 3 Rupees 12

a Rupee from the 1st to 17th of the Month 58 Duds

Do. from 8th to 10th 56 Do.

Do. from 11th to 13th 54 Do.

Do. from 14th to 16th 52 Do.

Do. from 17th to 19th 50 Do.

Do. from 20th to 23d 48 Do.

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To Major George Roberts.
Commanding the Allore Detachment

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 4th Instant transmitting Copy of the representation made to you by the Commanding Officers of Corps on the subject of their Money.

Before I can deliver my opinion on this point it is necessary I should know how it has happened that this Claim has been suffered to lay so long dormant. I could wish to be informed what inference is meant to be deduced from the Table of Exchange included in the Memorial referred to by the Commanding Officers.

Hyderabad
4th
25th November 5795.

[Signed] Wm Kirkpatrick

True Copies

[Signed] Jas. Achl. Kirkpatrick
Assistant
Captain

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Captain Kirkpatrick

Resident at his Highness the Nizam's Court.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you the reply of the Commanding Officers of Corps to your letter of the 25th Ultimo stating their reasons for not making an earlier application on the subject of Rice Money, as also for sending a table of the rates of exchange...

I have the honor to be &c.

Signed George Roberts

Camp near Hyderabad
12th December 1795.

To Major Roberts

Commanding a Detachment

Serving with his Highness the Nizam

Sir,

We have been honored with your communication of the Resident's reply to your letter of the 4th Ultimo, which covered our representation to you on the subject of Rice Money, and beg leave to state the following reasons, for having deferred making an earlier claim

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Claim on behalf of our people, which we trust will appear satisfactory.— Namely that when the Detachment broke up at Bejanah in last May, there was due on account of Rice Money, four Months of the Year 1793. the whole of the Year 1794 and four Months of the Year 1795, Making in all twenty Months. These Situated we deemed the period for such Such long arrears remained due / to be an improper one to urge the point of getting the arrears of the difference on the whole Sum.— The 29th Battalion received the allowance on the whole Sum, during all the time they did duty at Juanpoor.—

We beg leave also to add that what we meant to convey, by the Table of Rates of Exchange, was, That the individual suffers by the low rate at which the Rupee changes, being upon an average of fifty Allum Shahi Rice to Rupee, or Madras Currency ten Fanams and half-Silver as at Juanpoor where the 29th Battalion received the difference on the

whole

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whole Sea, the Rupee changed, for Seventy two pice of that District.—

We have the Honor to be &c.

Camp North of Hyderabad 7th December 1795.

[Signed] J. Dalrymple Comm.g 29th Batt.n

Robert Mackay Capt.n
Comm.g 28th Batt.n

J. Bell Capt.n Artillery

[a true Copy]

[Signed] Jas. Achl. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord,

I have the Honor to lay before your Lordships, Reports and Estimates from Lieutenant Wood Engineer, of the damage done by the late Storm at Carnatore, Annee, and Arnee.—

The Estimate for Carnatore comprehends the whole Expence for putting that Cantonment into a permanent State of repair Viz.— Repairing 2 Field officers Quarters

From Chief Engineer enclosing the reports and Estimates required of the Damage by the late Storm at Carnatic Annee, and Arnt.—

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Quarters, 16 Subalterns Quarters and Building 6 New Sepoy 8 Barracks, 1 Serjeants Barrack and a Store Room amounting in the whole to Pagodas 4658.41...

Lieutenant Wood observes in his report on Cornatore West as the Cantonment is only designed for one Corps, there are six Subalterns Quarters more than are wanted for the Complement of Officers doing Duty there, and as the Buildings in general are but indifferent, it is hardly worth while to be at the Expence of repairing them, and as the Quarters are all Separate, He recommends that six of the twelve in the first range be removed which can be done without inconvenience to the Officers, or injury to the Cantonment, Should your Lordships approve of this, it will reduce the Estimate to Pagodas 3760.41...

The Officers Quarters at Arnee are reported to be in a very Miserable State, that are hardly worth the Expence of a thorough repair, and as the Officers have already been at some expence since the Storm, if your Lordships will be pleased to allot a small Sum to each Officer, (about 35 Pagodas

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Pagodas each / and pray the trifling expence they have already been at, they will be enabled to render them Habitable until such time, as the Quarters now Building will be ready to receive them.—

The Commanding Officer's House at Arnee, has been almost destroyed by the late Storm, that it will be necessary a commodious House be built for his reception.—

The Estimate for the repair of two Sepoys Barracks and Serjeants Barracks at Arnee amounts only to Pags. 165. 32.—

I have also the Honor to transmit a Report on the State of the Sepoy Barracks at Vellore and an Estimate for repairing them Pags. 12 Sepoy Barracks amounting to Pagodas 1463. 36. 60.— a further Report on the State of that Cantonment I hope to lay before your Lordship in a few days.—

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

Fort St. George
26. December 1795.

(Signed) W. Lenk
Chief Engineer

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Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Mr. B. Nos. 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170.

From Mr. Cathcart

From Commissary at Cuddalore requesting an Increase of the Allowance for Servants for this Department.—

From Mr. Sealy

From Collector at Pattapore submitting a Letter from Mr. Josiander, soliciting leave to export some Bales of Cloths from Jaggernaickpooram and to collect his outstanding Balances.—

From Major Roberts

From Major Roberts transmitting Copies of his Correspondence with the Resident at Hydrabad.—

From Lieutenant Ogg & Mr. Sealy

From Brigade Major Ogg transmitting an account of Lieutenant Wm. Godfrey having Shot one of his Native Servants at Policate.—

From Lieutenant Montgomery.—

From Lieutenant Montgomery advising of his having dispatched 100 Horses from Palamcotah, for the Service.—

From Mr. Place

From Collector in the Sagsiere stating observations on Major Boddie

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Brodies Reply to his complaint for irregularity in dispatching the Garrison of Seringapatam with Sheep-enclosing the Declaration of the Commissaries of that place- also Copy of a letter he wrote to that officer with his answer.-

From Lieutenant Colonel Baird.-

From Commandant at Tanjore reporting the Damage done to the Works of the large and little Fort by the late Storm.-

From Messrs. Tulloch Irvine and Brodie- Enclosing a Bill for Articles supplied for the use of the Ships Bombay.-

From Messrs Tulloch Irvine and Brodie.-

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Received the following Letter.-

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart.

Governor in Council

My Lord,

We have been honored with your commands of the 12th Instant, covering the engagement you have entered into with Mr. Patrick Bowie for the making up a certain number of Tents on stipulated conditions- one of which is to deliver them at ten per cent less than has hitherto been charged for them by the Military Storekeeper, and that he is not to be

From Military Board, opinion on Mr Bowies engagement for providing Tents- recommending that those wanting to the Southward, should be made up on the Spot.-

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be seized for them till they have been approved by a Committee of our Board.—

On this subject we beg leave to observe that although a saving will accrue from this engagement in regard to Tents to be issued in the Centre and Northern Divisions, provided those to be issued in the latter may be inspected proved and sworn into Store by a Committee specially appointed for the purpose at Masulipatam, Vizagapatam, and Juggiah, where the Tents may be delivered.—

We are of opinion that there will be no saving upon the whole of the Tents which are to be issued in the Southern Districts, as the carriage of them from Madras to Trichinopoly amounts to little short of ten per Cent on those of Field Officers and to considerably more than ten per cent on Officers Tents for this reason and because we do not apprehend that is to be furnished by Mr. Bowie in the lowest number that could with any degree of propriety be proposed We cannot but still recommend that the Storekeeper should

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authorized to complete the Corps in the Southern Districts after equipping the Regiment of Skinners and the Corps about to be employed on foreign Service / with Tents made up on the Spot, not to be received till inspected and Sealed by a Committee, which will be attended with a Saving of much time, while the Tents will not cost more than if supplied from those made up by Mr. Bowie and the whole additional expense will be trifling as the number of Tents required will be only Seven Field Officers, Seventy Officers, and Nineteen Necessary, as will appear by the enclosed Statement to be sent in by the Quarter Master General —

We are strongly inclined to recommend this measure not only because it will be very long before the Tents made by Mr. Bowie can be conveyed to the Southward, but because Tents which have been made to the Southward have turned out remarkably good, and our President informs us that he believes measures have been taken

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taken to the Southward to collect good materials on the full expectation that it would soon be necessary to make up a Despatch of Tents there. Acted on this subject a Minute of the Quarter Master General

We have the honor to enclose a bill amounting to Pagodas 562—.— for Seventeen new Century boxes, and thirteen old ones, the former made and the latter repaired by the Chief Engineer, and delivered to the Town Major, and beg leave to recommend that the amount may be discharged.—

We have the honor to be

Sir &c. &c.

Signed Tohon Braithwaite

Henry Malcolm

John Richardson

B.J Close

Geo. Hall

Fort St. George
the
26. December 1795.

In my Minute of 24th November I suggested to the Board, that on account of many of the Corps not being complete,

that

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That a proportion of Tents equal to two thirds of the full complement might be thought sufficient to answer the exigencies of the Service, I must however observe that I considered the abovementioned proportion as the lowest possible number that could be thought sufficient to supply the probable wants of the Army. I am therefore induced, on account of the great draught of Tents from the Southward, and the time that must elapse before they can be replaced by Tents to be made up to the Northward, to acquiesce in the recommendation of the Board to complete the deficiency in the Southern division with Tents made up on the Spot.

/Signed/ Jn.r Richardson
D.y M.r G.l

Military Board
24. December 1796.

True Copy
/Signed/ D. Wallace
Depty Secy Milty Board.

Statement

Statement of Tents in the Southern Division — The remains after the Regiment of Meuron and the Troops going on foreign Service are equipped and the number of Tents required to complete the Corps in the Southern Division to the full Establishment.

	Field Officers	Officers	Private	Bell	Hospitals
Tents in the Southern Division		130	650	198	20
To Equip the Regiment of Meuron and Troops going on foreign Service	4	43	110	60	12
Remains after the above Corps are Equipped	0	72	573	141	13
Required to complete the remaining Corps in the Southern Division to the full Establishment of Tents	0	142	478	126	39

From the above Statements it will appear that there will be a deficiency of 11 Field officers 70 officers and 19 Necessary Tents, and an overplus of 65 Private and 7 Bell Tents.

To complete the above deficiency the Expence would be

Field officers	11 @	82.	21.	907.	21. —
Officers	70 @	47.	.	3290.	. .
Necessary	19 @	11. 6.	75.	211.	28. 65.
			Pagodas	4409.	7. 65.

Equally to the average price charged by the Storekeeper

/ Signed / Jn.o Richardson
D.o W.o Gen.l

True Copy
/ Signed / S. Wallace
Dep.y Ad.t Gen.l Mil.y Board

Sept.r 1784.

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Fort St. George. December 1795.

Sent the following letter.

To Colonel Bilcliffe
Commanding the Northern Division of the Army
at Masulipatam

Sir.

To Colonel Bilcliffe requiring a particular account of the Cause of the French prisoners escape

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 13th instant, and to express to your Lordship's surprise that the Circumstances should have been enabled to effect his escape from Masulipatam after the positive orders that were conveyed to you in my letter of the 20th of July last, for the confinement of this Person.—

You are desired to explain very particularly the circumstances that could have led to his escape, and whether any and what attention was paid to the orders above mentioned.

I have

Fort St. George
the
21st December 1795.

I am,
Sir
Your
Most obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
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Despatched the undermentioned letters entered in M. B. Nos. 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186.-

To Secretary at Bengal advising the intelligence brought by the American Ship Paragon.-

To Secretary to Govt. Bombay.

To Colonel de Meuron.

To Colonel de Meuron - desiring a return of his Regiment, specifying the day on which it ceased to be in the Dutch Service.-

To Colonel Malcolm.

To Military Auditor General transmitting a list of Officers and Privates of His Majesty's and Company's Service who have received the Six Months Donation in Europe.-

To Commander of the Army.

To Colonel Brathwaite.

directing him to order the 73d Regiment to march from the Race Ground and Encamp on the Island.-

To Military Board.

To Military Board. The Buildings for the Granary at Arnee may be built, provided the Company are not charged with a greater Sum than that originally estimated for an Efficient Granary.-

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To Ditto. transmitting one Invoice of Military Stores for Tritore for Madras, and one account of Goods, for which Certificates are required.—

To Lieutenant Montgomery

To Lieutenant Montgomery. respecting the prohibition against his Entering into fresh Engagements for the purchase of Horses. and.—

To Captain Dallas

To Captain Dallas. directing him to post a Sloop to carry further purchases by Bankeemgee Lieutenant Forbes to state what Number of Horses may be expected from Hydrabad during the next six Months.—

To Mr. Torriano.

To President at Nagore. informing him that no greater freight will be allowed for Stationed Cossimes Vessels, than what formerly received.—

To Ditto

To D.o directing the Dispatch of the Dorias with Rice— Instructions on the subject.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Campbell.

To Commandant at Palamcotah directing him to forward the Letter to Lieutenant Montgomery.—

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To Paymaster of Pondicherry

To Paymaster of Pondicherry directing him to comply with the usual Orders, to enable five Companies of the 74th Regiment to march from thence to that Presidency.—

To Captain Campbell

To Commandant at Vellore with orders for the march of the above Detachment.—

To Captain Tolfrey

To Ditto of the 33d Battalion directing him to proceed with his Corps to Pondicherry.—

To Mr. Sweney.

To Collector at Ramnad transmitting for his Information Copy of the Letter, last noted, to the Resident at Nagore.—

To Colonel Floyd

To Commandant of the Southern Division directing him to order the march of the 2d Battalion from Tanjore to Trichinopoly.—

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor — President

Edward Saunders Esqr.

and

Ernst William Tallofield Esqr.

Tuesday 29th December 1795.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.—

Read the following Letter

from Bengal.—

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

My Lord,

We think it proper to

transmit, for your information copies

of two Addresses from the Officers

of the Bengal Army and of our

Resolutions upon them of this

date.—

For the reasons assigned

in the Letter We recommend to you

To

from Bengal. Enclosing two addresses from the Bengal Army with directions for permitting officers on the Coast to go home on furlough.

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to grant to the officers of your Establish-
ment, who, from indisposition or the
Urgency of their private affairs, may be
compelled to return to Europe by the Ships
of the present Season, the same indulgence,
with respect to Rank and Seniority as in the
expedition of the new Military Arrang-
ment. We have agreed to allow to the officers
of this Presidency.—

We have the honor to be

Hon.ble Sir

Your most obed.t Hble Servants

(Signed) J. Shore

Robt. Abercromby

P. Speke

Wm. Cowper.

Fort William
the 7th December 1795.

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

Honourable Sir,

At a Juncture when
the Interests of the British Power in
India are more seriously involved than
at any former Period from whence we can
date a Knowledge of our Existence in a
Political point of View, we feel a strong
Persuasion

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Persuasion that the Language of candour and of Truth is above that which it becomes your Dignity to wear, or, the Justice of your own Cause to adopt—

Labouring for a Series of Years under Grievances and Oppressions & more easily felt, than explained, or rendered obvious to the Feelings of others— We will not, as unnecessary to the present occasion a minute Discussion of those Circumstances of Complaint, of which the Principles seem to be so generally and so well understood, being impressed with the Belief, that you have been regularly furnished with authentic Documents on every Point connected with this truly important Subject, which has undergone, in Europe so full and so ample a Discussion—

The several Negociations which took Place at Various Periods between the India Ministers and our Agents in London will have exhibited in no equivocal manner, the Readiness with which the Propriety of our Claims were acknowledged

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acknowledged, even to the Extent contained in our General Address of 9th with an Exception, in the proportion of Subalterns to Native Corps. And, have explained also the Nature of those Causes which subsequently intervened to the Prevention of a general Arrangement.—

Watchful as we have been over our Interests in Europe, as well as in this Country, and, attentive to every Consideration which Considerations either of general, or of particular Policy have necessitated them to assume. It could scarcely be supposed or expected that our Solicitations, and Entreaties for Justice should have produced in Result little more than delusive Hope, or tormenting Disappointment. Or, that at this Moment we should still have to learn the Dispositions towards this Army, of any Party at Home.— If the Expectation of Patronage may be supposed to have influenced one Party.— An Economy, incompatible with the Importance,

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and Support of so wealthy and so powerful a State as that which we maintain, we fear, is not without its Influence in another Quarter.—

Under Circumstances of a Nature so Discordant in themselves, yet all so inimical to our Hopes, and just Claims to whom Sir, with so much Propriety, as to this Government can we make an Appeal, for the removal of those Evils which threaten Ruin on every side? You Sir have been long of our Society.— To you, the professional Conduct of all and the Characters of many amongst us cannot be Unknown.—

In addition to Motives so powerful in themselves, there are others which press on us, at this Crisis, with an Importance neither to be resisted, nor to be denied.—

We confidently believe that you are already thoroughly apprised of the Existence, and Magnitude of those Imperfections inherent in the

System

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System on which this Army is at present constituted, Imperfections which have been most clearly displayed by the former occasions, admitted, and deplored by the late Commander in Chief Gend. of the very injurious Consequences which may be apprehended to the Service should it Continue to be conducted on Principles so evidently insufficient.—

With every disposition to confine our Pretensions to that Redress which the World at large, Provinces we have a claim to, and to obviate all further Questions of Policy, and of Interest, that for a long time past, have not only agitated the Indians. but have extended their influence, to the British Cabinets, allow us to have the Honour of calling your attention to the Copy of the General address which accompanies this, / proportioning Officers to Sirdocks, as in his Majesty's Corps / as the Organization, consistent with the Solicitations of this Army, and which Consequently cannot fail, to be the most generally acceptable to it.—

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To the allowances, and Advantages of the Situations, to which we Solicit Promotions and which to make those Situations truly Respectable must all be avowed and ostensible we do not advert! Conscious that Government cannot, but, be Liberal to Men who have served them with Zeal and Fidelity and who have devoted many of them without Remission. the best Powers both of the Body and mind, to the Service of the State, and, in these Climates from Fifteen to Five and Thirty Years.—

To obviate Sir, Every Idea of Assumption which might suggest itself on observing the Names only, of Officers on the Presidency Station to Subjects of Solicitation that involve in them without Discrimination the Interests of the Army at large. As well as in Explanation of what might otherwise appear Presumptive in the as Individuals, applied to the Respect due from us to this Government and which suffer us, Sir, to say we have never for a Moment lost

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the Recollection of it is incumbent on Us to
declare that in this appeal to your Justice
we act not merely in conformity to authority
from, but in Compliance with the Repeated
and the urgent Solicitations of the other
Stations of the Army. Solicitations which
have been urged in Consequence of Commun-
:tions from Europe, leaving Us in a State
of Suspence on the interesting Subject of
our Reiterated Applications for a Redress of
Grievances and, exciting in our Minds the
Apprehension that, although the con-
:templated Wardobies under which this
Army labours, have been professed by
acknowledged, and very generally Lamented
Yet, the Probability of our being speedily
separated from their Countenance, by any
adequate, or effectual Relief, still Seems
Precarious and Contingent. Under the
Influence of this Impression we do
therefore presume, to Submit to your Notice,
and Consideration the General Address,
above alluded to. That in the Event of the
Arrangements expected to be confirmed,
previous to the Prorogation of the late
Session of Parliament not proving of a

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Nature correspondent to our Claims, or should it appear that no Final Arrangements were fixed upon at that Period. We rely with a well founded Hope and Confidence on the Wisdom and Justice of this Government for the Concession of those Privileges, which have been already Circumstantially detailed, and most fully illustrated, by Instances, deduced from the Relative Situation of the Kings and Company's Officers— But which have been Hitherto withheld from the actual Participation, and Enjoyment of the Latter, to their extreme Mortification and Despondency.—

The accompanying address on the Subject of the Brevet Promotions in His Majesty's Service, has been long in our Possession; And we have been often prepared to the delivery of it. But unwilling to obtrude any Grievance yet in Expectancy, and desirous if Reduced to the Alternative of appealing to it all, to Comprehend the whole of our Complaints in one point of view, we deferred the Presentation of it on Principles

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Principles of which we trust this, will meet your Approbation.

With the highest Respect
We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servants
Signed by the Officers of the
Bengal Army at this Presidency
Stone Dy
Signed J. Thornhill
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Bengal Army
The Address
To the Honorable the Court of Directors for
Affairs of the Honorable the United
Company of Merchants of England
Trading to the East Indies.

Dated 4th August 1795

Honorable Sirs

The Officers of the Bengal Army, in presuming to obtrude themselves upon your notice, at the moment which they anxiously expected would bring with it

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an impartial decision upon the claims that last year they had the honor of submitting to your Justice and liberality, obey reluctantly the dictates of a necessity which prescribes their immediate adoption of every legal and justifiable measure that may contribute to avert a calamity, their unforeseen, but which now openly threatens the sudden and total ruin of their interests and prospects in life.—

Scarcely should they deem any personal consideration however powerful sufficient to justify their trespassing, even apparently, upon the difference and inviolate respect that they bear to your Honble Court but were they on an occasion of the present nature and the last public importance to withhold the information that local circumstances have given them peculiar opportunities to acquaint they would feel themselves not only unjust to their Military character and reputation, but deficient in Zeal for the general welfare and prosperity of the British Empire.—

Persuaded

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Persuaded that these Reasons will vindicate the present address from every imputation of precipitancy, we pray Right Honble Sirs, to lay before you the cause of our disquietude and alarm.—

The Speech in Parliament of the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, one of his Majesty's Secretaries of State, and President of the Board of Controul ascertains that a Plan for new modelling the Armies in India was intended to be submitted to the Legislature whenever the arrival in England of Marquis Cornwallis should enable Government to profit by his advice and assistance: And we know from authentic documents left in this Country, by the most Noble the Marquis, that the plan so much will have the support of his great influence, as framed on a settled and fixed point, the transfer of all the Company's troops European and Native, to His Majesty's Service for ever, a complete Incorporation of the Engineers and Artillery with those branches of the Royal Army, comprehending their occasional relief from Woolwich,

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and states the frequent relief of the corps of European Infantry by regiments from England, as a regulation that will probably take place.—

This meditated arrange-
ment, which affects so deeply the present and future situation of your numerous Veteran Armies at the different Presidencies, and has for its avowed object a complete reversal of the Military System which through many and arduous Vicissitudes of fortune has been found adequate to the conquest and retention of an Empire, will doubtless be weighed with the most scru-
pulous deliberation, and the final decis-
ion judiciously deferred, that this extensive and intricate subject may be elucidated from every quarter: in this conviction, we venture to hope that the following ob-
servations and remarks upon the intended alteration, may be honored by your indulgent attention.—

We do not presume to reason upon the effect which the unqualified controul and patronage of above Sixty Thousand

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Thousand regular troops, added to the Native
-tive branch, would probably leave upon
the balance of the British Constitution,
this being a consideration far beyond
our province, but we hope and believe we
are justly entitled and warranted in hold-
-ing it to be an undefensible right of your
Officers founded on the immutable principles
of equity, that without having committed
a crime, we cannot collectively or individually,
be dismissed from your Service, or transferred
to any other, without or against our con-
-sent, especially when there exists no
reason to suspect that our acquiescence
could be desired to fair and equitable
terms: conceiving ourselves in profession
of this right, we humbly state to
your Honorable Court, the outlines of the
transfer, that in our judgement would be
conformable to strict justice and that
inviolability which our long faithful
and distinguished Services clearly entitle
us to expect.—

We consider it essential that
the new arrangement preserve this Army
as at present, a distinct independent

body

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body, without affecting to it the title of Provincial, or any other species that implying inferiority.—

That every idea of Disarrangement or Disorganization be precluded by expressly guarding against a partial transfer of the artillery and European Infantry only. The relief of these corps from Europe or a division of the European from the Native line, that the rule of promotion by Seniority, in corps established separate from each other, and from the British, be retained and confirmed, and previous to any transfer, every corps in the Company's Army, whether Cavalry, Artillery or Infantry, European or Native, be completed with officers from our own Service to an exact equality in every respect with corps of similar strength in the Royal Army or, with regard to the Native corps, as nearly so as circumstances will admit, placing at the head of Sepoy battalions an officer whose rank shall at least be that of Lieutenant Colonel, so that the same rank shall be attached to the same command in both Services, the restrictions which prevent our European troops from being supplied

with

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with recruits levied in the same manner as those for his Majesty's present regiments should be removed.— Your Honourable Court will admit the propriety of our earnestly deprecating any deviation from these points, they are suggested by the most attentive observation, confirmed through a long experience, and their reasonableness is capable of easy and obvious demonstration.

As Soldiers becomingly jealous of our honor, inseparable connected with that of the body to which we belong we cannot look upon the title which may be henceforward attached to this Army as a matter of little moment:— Bred to arms from our youth, and unfeignedly exercised in the real practice of our profession, we regret all idea of inferiority to any other description of Military Men, and should the immediate controul of all the forces in the East be transferred to the Crown, upon the terms above specified, we most respectfully & request, that these our sentiments may be represented to Government with our expressions of our humble hopes and

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wishes, That it may please his most
Gracious Majesty to Stile us "The Royal
Bengal Army," or in such Similar manner
as to his wisdom and goodness may appear
fitting.-

The measures in contem-
plation of sending to Europe our Engineers
Artillery, or European Infantry, without
manifest necessity, and against their
consent, we feel to be harsh and cruel, as
it respects ourselves, and we are strongly
convinced it will prove highly injurious
to the Public interests- The long course of
service and residence in India, which
after conferring to the grave a great propor-
tion of our original members, have habituated
the constitutions of the Survivors to the
climate of the torrid Zone, have also in
very circumscribed instances, enabled us to
sustain the opposite rigours of a northern
winter, and to order on duty to Canada, Nova
Scotia, or even Britain or Germany, an officer
who had spent twenty years of his life at
Bombay, Madras or Bengal, would be
virtually to pass upon him the Sentence
of death- We have made ourselves masters

of

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of the Languages of the Country, and are acquainted with the manners Customs and religious of the Natives, without whose assistance it is impossible to carry on any branch of the Service by making the proper allowance for their prejudices we can conciliate their affections, secure their attachment, and render ourselves more infinitely more useful to the State than in any Situation which would debar us from the use of these local acquirements.- The expence of transporting the relieving and relieved corps between Britain and India, however enormous, may be ascertained, but human[illegible] refuses to calculate the number and Value of the lives which must unavoidably be sacrificed by the frequent introduction of new troops from Europe, and for what purpose Sacrificed? For the trial of an unnecessary experiment, which in its very commencement, undermines the Stability of your possessions by removing those who are best qualified for their defence. These arguments are so obviously unanswerable that we

cannot

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cannot attribute the recommendations of this measure to any ignorance of their force and weight.— It probably has originated in the policy to discourage and prevent the Military from settling and colonizing on these remote dependencies— If this danger exist, it has grown out of circumstances which have been particularly grievous to me, and it should be removed without adding to the hardships we have already suffered.—

Instead of encouragement and facility of return to Europe being held out, the Company's officer has been left without even an option, it is an evil which the present system has carefully placed far without the sphere of his hopes, his system mutilates promotion, to deprive him of the rank in his profession and in Society that is suitable to his years, and due to his services, exacts the resignation of his commission and immediate means of subsistence, as the conditions on which he may be permitted to revisit his home for a limited period, and makes no adequate provision

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provision for enabling those to retire and
pass the evening of their days in their
native Land, who have spent the prime
of their lives in this Country, without
having had any opportunity to acquire
more than moderate competence. —
Humanity and enlightened policy will
remove these invidious restrictions, and attain
its object by merely giving scope to the
operations of natural causes:— To the country
which gave us birth, we are bound by the
strongest and most endearing ties, and it
must pain us to resist the attraction to
home that acts so powerfully in our bosoms
but no man of Spirit can brook the idea,
that after eighteen or twenty years service
in the East Indies he is to return to his
connections a subaltern, and only for sup-
port on their bounty.— The concession of
one furlough at a time upon the
same terms as it is granted to his Majesty's
Officers and the establishment of reasonable
pensions, proportioned to length of service,
to such as wish to retire after a certain
number of years will excite the most lively
gratitude in the breasts of your officers

command

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commend their dutiful and willing
Services here, enable them to revisit occasionally
or settle finally in their Native Land, and
thus relieve your Honorable Sirs, from the
slightest necessity of having recourse to
the harsh expedient of sending any of
your corps to Europe by a relief, to which, as
involving the destruction of their hopes
and prospects in life, they testify their decided
aversion. The Artillery Officers, from the number
by whom they would be superseded could
never expect to rise, above their present rank;
To the Officers of Infantry it would be
still more severe and oppressive, for the
Pitts, to which we allude, assumes as a
datum, that the Company's European
Regiments, lately incorporated, are to be
numbered from the youngest of the King's
present establishment, although they are
Senior in point of formation to several of
the regiments to which this arrangement
would make them junior in rank, and
consequently expose them to be the first
disbanded upon half pay.—

We do not desire, and have
not solicited for the proposed incorporation:

Therefore

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Therefore we should not be made to suffer the inconveniences attendant on it, particularly those which in strict impartiality, should fall to the lot of others, but we are firmly persuaded, that the justice and humanity of your Honble Court, supported by the generosity of the British nation will interpose to render abortive this and every other design which contravenes the claims and violates the rights of those men, who having devoted their lives to the public service in a remote country, are destitute of friends and powerful private interest in England.—

It has been remarked by those who have considered the general principles of Human Nature as they may be applied to the improvement of Military Science, that the first step, towards rendering a Soldier equal to the most arduous enterprize is to inspire them with confidence and an high opinion of their prowess, consequently, whatever has a tendency to lower them in their own esteem, produces a proportionate real diminution of their efficiency and Value,

on

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on these grounds we are convinced that a
disarrangement of your forces by a partial
transfer of the Artillery and European In-
fantry only or their disorganizations im-
plied in the proposed total Separations of
the European from the Native Corps, would
by degrading them in the Scale of Armies, des-
troy their Spirit reduce them in the course
of a few years to a state of depression and con-
tempt, and thereby furnish an era from
which to date the decline of the British
power in India, the magnitude of these
dominions, their distance from Britain,
the unavoidable destruction of European
Corps by the fatigues of a few service campaigns
in this Climate, the delay and uncertainty
of receiving new levies which cannot be brought
into action for a considerable time after their
arrival, these causes, together with the
almost insuperable difficulty of procuring
and conveying the adequate Supplies of
Carriage equipage, Cattle and Liquors for large
Armies of Europeans, must compel us to rely
alternately for the defence of our possessions upon
the Native Battalions.—

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"The number of these battalions kept on foot is so disproportioned to the extent of frontier committed to their defence, and to the numerous hosts which they are destined to oppose, that their being preserved in the most efficient and formidable state is essential to the stability of your power: it is wholly from the skill and steadiness of their European officers that they derive their respectability and the superiority over their countrymen in the service of their princes, which they have hitherto maintained, but this superiority every day diminishes since all the powerful states of Hindostan have formed and placed under the command of Europeans, considerable bodies of troops, disciplined, armed, and accoutred in imitation of your forces, even the late successful contest must present to your reflection so many convincing proofs of the height to which this alarming evil has already grown, that it would be superfluous to enumerate them.—

"To counterbalance the improvements of the Native powers in the Military art

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act, and retain the ascendancy of your Arms, it is absolutely requisite that you allow to your Military Corps their proper complement of European Officers, upon whom their efficiency entirely depends, the present defective establishment is inadequate to the ordinary duties of peace as laid down by the late Commander in Chief, much less is it calculated to provide for the usual and unavoidable casualties of War, - not only a due degree of attention to the Security of your Possessions but justice to your Military Servants, who now labour under Hardships and grievances, in point of promotion unexampled in any other Service strongly advise the posting to your native Battalions the same number and descriptions of Officers that are found necessary for European Corps of similar Strength, the superiority of Rank, which pervades every branch of your Service, debars your oldest officers from the exercise of their local knowledge and experience, and continually subjects them to the most humiliating Supercessions

devising

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during the late War an Officer, Second in Rank
in one of his Majesty's regiments commanded
an Army of ten thousand Men, comprising three
brigades of the Company's troops, each battalion
of which was of equal Number with the
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suffers from the depression of Rank that has
hitherto obtained, should be removed previous
to any transfer, that the Services may rank
on equal terms, the same Rank being attached
to the same command on either, for it would
be highly unjust to remove an Officer
who by a slow and regular rise had at
attained the Command of a Regiment
in his own Service, to another with only the
Rank attached to the command of a Corps
of any or that which he was to join
this would be a real degradation as he would
stand relatively lower in his own than his
former Situation commanding a Corps he must
enter his new Service on an equality in every
respect with those who command Corps in it
which Preliminary Stipulation being the

Pleasure

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Plain and simple dictate of Justice to admission can be considered but as an exemption from injury a Parity of reasoning applies to the Captains at the head of a Native Battalion the Lieutenant at the Head of a Native Company and to every other Degree and Department of the Company's Service.

"Our Strong attachment of the present rule of promotion by Seniority upon establishments to distinct from each other and from the British arises from a full experience of the Satisfaction and harmony produced among all ranks of your army by this Excellent regulation which leaves not the honour and happiness of your officers at the Mercy of Caprice and which in the want of a transfer may set some limits to the influence of private interest and prevent the obnoxious practice of purchasing command and Military honours, with Money.—

"We observe with much pleasure Honourable Sirs that our Sentiments on this Subject are confirmed by your concurrence and we gratefully acknowledge your

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your repeated discountenance of attempts
at innovation upon this radical institute
of your Service the Idea of blending in one
Mass the Native Corps at the different
Presidencies has been brought forward for
discussion but should this extremely hazardous
and indeed inexplicable Scheme be made
the object of serious deliberation or rest
assured it will meet with your determined
opposition The Bengal Sepoys will
never submit to be torn from their families
and carried for an indefinite period to the
Coasts of Coromandel or Malabar. The know-
ledge that such a plan had been even
agitated, would create universal disgust
and Cause them to reject the generous
Sacrifice of their Prejudices on embarking
on distant Expeditions which alone
could secure first suggested the Possibility of
such a design. —

We have thus unfolded in
the plainest language of truth the mani-
fold dangers that threaten the Public
Interests and the future welfare of your
Officers from any System for the Military

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Government of India, which either through misinformation, partiality, or a despotic disregard, of their claims that Seapoys to obstruct the attainment of a favorite object may violate the sacred Principles of general Justice and in them the first Maxims of sound Policy.—

The conditions of transfer which we have had the honour of stating will, we trust, be found equitable to the parties immediately concerned and calculated to destroy the seeds of jealousy and discontent, give permanence to the British power in those remote regions and add security to the freedom of our happy constitution to you, Honourable Sirs, our Protectors and Guardians who originally placed us in our present Situations, we naturally look up for support at this momentous crisis we confidently entreat that your Honble Court will, on our behalf most humbly represent to our most gracious Sovereign and both Houses of Parliament, the substance of this address, and that by

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every other means you will be pleased to dispose any Transfer of your Troops excepting upon the fair and Moderate terms above Specified.—

"But Should the wisdom of the Legislature continue and confirm in your Honourable Court the Controul of the Military Establishment in India we cannot doubt of your Speedy communication from the Commissioners and engineers dispositions in point of Rank under which we have so long Laboured your Bengal Artillery consisting of Sixteen Companies of European and thirty Companies of Native Seapoys attached to them has not more Officers than a Battalion and a half of the Royal Artillery, of the Officers of the Royal Corps not above half are Subalterns whereas in your Artillery three fourths are of that rank, to this great disproportion of Subalterns to Captains and Field Officers and to the abolition of the Rank of Captain Lieutenant which at this moment does exist in the constitution

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of the Royal Artillery as it formerly did in your immediate attributed. The slow rise of your Junior Officers your Engineers Corps labours under the same disproportion with regard to the higher Ranks.—

The Commandant of an Native Regiment is but a Captain, and has under him three Subalterns, and no Officers in the Army can rise above the rank of Colonel. Such a defective organization. Such an inadequate number of Field officers and Captains and Subalterns Compared with that of the private Men together with the great disproportion of the lower to the higher ranks expose your Officers to the Mortifications of being Commanded by others of his Majestys Corps whose long Term of Service is less, and whose local Knowledge of Professional abilities do not entitle them to such preeminence.—

These circumstances, which we have pointed out, have combined to produce a Stagnation of promotion in

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on your army Weak if not Soon and effectually
Terminated must extinguish every Ray of hope
destroy the Military Spirit and, sink your
Officers into indifference, apathy and dest-
:itution the youngest Lieutenant in the
Bengal Army has Served eleven years and
on the present footing he cannot reasonably
expect in less than Sixteen years more
another advancement. The Senior Captains
have Served twenty six. Majors twenty
Eight Lieutenant Colonels thirty
and Colonels thirty two years, from
this brief Statement it is evident that
the Numbers of your Lieutenants
must Necessarily for Many Years wanted
they Shall have considerably passed
their Fortieth Year, an age at which
men are unfit in this Climate for
the very active and fatiguing duties
that fall to the Share of the Battalion
in the Native Corps to which our Service
Service would soon be left without
Officers, and this was in a great degree
experienced during the late War in
Mysore although two additional
Officers

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officers were posted to each of the Battalions
of the detachment.—

In a former part of this
address, we have offered our opinions on
the Political necessity of allowing to
your Sepoy Corps their proper complement
of European officers on the Justice of this
Measure with respect to the officers
themselves, it is scarcely necessary to
enlarge every feeling Mind will easily
conceive the bitter regret with which
every Man who looks backs upon twenty
Years Service in India as a Subaltern
must deplore the Flower of his days,
and so great a portion of his life
wasted and unprofitably consumed
in toils, hardships, and dangers. He
is wore too late but Retreat is impossible
fatigues and the hand of time have
shattered his frame too much to bear
the inclemency of his Native Climate
without the assistance of comforts which
it is out of his power to procure and
who is to give refuge to him, that
after long absence returns from the
east

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cast distasteful equally of emolument and of Honours He endeavours to forget that he ever had any Home but reflections crowded and foreign affairs dies Sanguid body and at length he expiates two severely his Honourable sins, Where What your Service from being the best in the world to become one of the worst but we look forward to brighter prospects we rely with perfect confidence on your wisdom and impartial justice to remove the disgraceful bar on the promotions of the Colonels in your Numerous Armies and confer the rank of general officer, in its different degrees and to an adequate proportion to the Number of your Forces - and that by compleatening the Corps of Artillery and Engineers with officers in proportion to their Strength to an equality with the Corresponding Lines in his Majesty's Service by giving to the Commandants of the Sepoy Battalions their due Rank of Colonel or at least that of Lieutenant Colonel and posting to these Corps the same Number

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Number and descriptions of European officers that are found necessary on European Battalions your will relieve your officers from degradations and Imprecations eradicate every cause of future Jealousies and discontents & make a honourable addition to the Strength and vigour of your arms and for the British power on the Quarter of the Globe expose a basis to firm and Solid as may Securely bid defiance to every assault.—

With Sentiments of the most profound respect we have the honor to Subscribe Ourselves.—

Honourable Sirs

&c. &c.

True Copy

Signed J. Stronhill

B.n Asst.

To the Honble Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General of India

Sir

We the Officers of the Bengal Army beg leave to call your attention to

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a Subject on which our Interests are deeply involved.—

By an Intelligence lately received the authenticity of which cannot be doubted we learn that his Majesty was pleased to make the following Officers of this own Army.—

To Thirty three Colonels the rank of Major General, To Forty three Lieutenant Colonel the rank of Colonel, To Ninety three Majors the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and to Two Hundred and Forty three Captains the rank of Major. The intelligence adds, that their Commissions are dated from the 1st March 1796.—

By comparing the dates of the Commissions granted to the officers in the above promotions with the dates of His Majesty's Commissions held by the officers of this Army it will appear that three Colonels seven Lieutenant Colonels fourteen Majors and fifty eight Captains of His Establishment have been superseded

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We believe it appears by a reference to the List of His Majesty's Army that a large proportion of the Officers in the above Regiments belong to the Regiments serving in India.—

We persuade ourselves that you feel as lively a concern in the Interests of the Army that it is almost unnecessary to call to your Recollection that it is now upwards of two years since we solicited His Majesty and the Court of Directors to grant us redress of the grievances under which we laboured. We have patiently waited the issue of those addresses, but we are concerned to find that instead of obtaining the Relief we solicited the injuries of which we complained have been aggravated, for whatever may be their intended benefits of the supported Military Regulations, the above provisions if carried under them totally ineffectual.—

Thus situated, we are compelled to call upon you as Governor General

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Journal of Sundries to afford me what I
Presume to conclude the Justice of your
Claims entitles me, and me confidently
expect that when the above Promotion
in His Majesty's Service shall have
been officially notified, a similar
Promotion do take place in the Com-
pany's Army to obviate the effects of
so injurious a Supercession, and to
procure to me the Relative rank we
held previous to its taking effect.—

I have the Honor to be with
the highest Respect.—

Sir

Your most obedient and
most Humble Servant,

(Signed) By the Appointment of the
Bengal Army—

(Attested by)

(Signed) J. Thornhill
Sec. A.G.

Minutes

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Minutes of Council in the Military Department dated 7th December 1795.

The Governor General in Council has perused with great attention the Report of the Bengal Army, and equally anxious with them for the arrival of the long expected Regulations from Europe he cannot but express his concern at their disappointment and his own from the delay.—

The information which the Officers of the Bengal Army state to have received in a Proof that their interest and Representations have met with an attentive consideration in Europe, and that the progress of arrangements should not keep pace with their natural anxiety for its completion, may reasonably be attributed to the magnitude and variety of objects which must necessarily occupy the constant attention of His Majesty's Ministers, as well as to the extent and importance of the arrangement itself.

Admitting

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Admitting the authenticity of the intelligence referred to in the address, that his Majesty was pleased on the 9th September 1794 to request Brevet Rank to various officers of his own Army the non arrival of the ratification of the Commissioners in consequence can only be interpreted as a proof of the favorable dispositions of his Majesty and his Ministers to the interests of the officers of the Company's Army, more particularly as the Governor General in Council understands, the Commissions granted by his Majesty were in the due course of Regular promotion in his Army at large.—

The Governor General in Council without official authority for the declaration, is warranted by information on which he most confidently relies to announce to the officers of the Bengal Army his conviction that the regulations will be transmitted from Europe in the course of the present season, that a vessel will be dispatched expressly for the conveyance of them if they should not be completed

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before the departure of the Honble Company's
Ships, and that they will be highly
beneficial to the Situations of the officers
of the Army in General. By this portion
the consideration of the Speech of the Right
Honble the President of the Board of
Controul in the House of Commons,
printed in the news papers of this
Presidency is clear and circumstantial
testimony.

The Governor General in
Council presumes the officers of the Bengal
Army will upon reflection see that
to anticipate the expected arrangements
from Europe by any Regulations of
Government at this time would on his
part be inconsistent with duty, and
propriety, and he trusts that the explana-
tions soon communicated to them will
tend to diminish those doubts, and that
anxiety, which they have expressed.

But as a proof of his own
reliance on the authenticity of the
communicated declarations of the
President of the Board of Controul to

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The Honble of Commissioners, and with a view to obviate any representations that may be entertained by those officers who from Indisposition, or the exigency of their private affairs may be compelled to return to Europe by the Ships of the present Season the Governor General in Council will not hesitate to take upon himself to declare to the Army that they shall receive Gratifications for this purpose, without prejudice to their Pay, or loss of Pay, and that the same Benefit shall be extended to those who are already gone from the Commencement of the present Season

The Governor General in Council cannot omit this opportunity of impressing on the Servants the attention of the Army contest in which the British Empire is engaged, and the importance of exertion in every Branch to the successful termination of it, in the fullest reliance on the continuance of that zeal, which they have so

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[illegible] exertion, and on the [illegible] of every individual to promote the public interests by an animated attention to the duties of his Station. —

[illegible]

(Signed) J. Shortshill
Mjr. Asst.

Resolved that the following General order be published to the Army. —

Fort St. [illegible]
29th December 1795.

By Government.

General Order in consequence. —

The Supreme Government having communicated to the President in Council that it had been determined that those Officers belonging to the Bengal Army who from indisposition or from the exigency of their private concerns may be compelled to return to Europe by the Ships of the present Season, should receive permission for that purpose, without prejudice to their rank or loss of pay, and that the same benefit should be extended to those who are already gone from the commencement of the present Season.

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Season — and the Governor General in Council having recommended that a similar indul-
gence should be extended to the officers on
the Coast Survey — The President in Council
is inclined to take measures in communicating
to the officers upon this establishment
the intention to carry the recommendation
of the Supreme Government into execution,
and officers under the circumstances above
stated will make their application
accordingly through the officer command-
ing upon the Coast. —

By Order &c. &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Sec.y

Reference to be made to Bengal relative to filling up Vacancies in the Comp.a

Resolved also that the Supreme
Government be requested to state whether
it be their intention that vacancies occurring
by leave of absence should be filled up as
heretofore by promotion, or whether (if it
be meant to limit the period of absence)
such vacancies should remain open until
the expiration of the Furlough. —

The Secretary lays before the
Board the following report of the Deputy

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Master attendant respecting the Ship

Perseverance.—

W. Abbot's report on the perseverance.

Agreeably to the Orders of Govern-

ment, I now Report the Ship's Perseverance

Captain Howden. She is a French Built

Ship about [illegible] old [illegible] tolerable Good

Sea Boat, [illegible] immediate command of one

Course and one [illegible] perfectly found

in Anchors, Cables Rigging &c. to undertake

a Voyage. She measures Carpenters Measure-

ment, Four Hundred and Sixty Tons, her

between Decks are very low but she has a

fine Convenient Hold for carrying Stores

and a Regular Tier of Ports above, with a

Poop and Fore Castle.—

Signed W. Abbot

Dep. Master Attendt.

The Perseverance chartered by the Company. Tons.—

Fort St. George

29th December 1795.—

Ordered that the Perseverance

be engaged for two Months certain, at the

rate of 4 Pagodas p. Ton p. Month—and if not

dismissed at that period that she be con-

sidered as retained in the Service for one

Month longer.—

The

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The President lays before the Board the following letter from His Highness the Nabob, with his Lordships reply thereto Entered also in C. C. Nos. 139 and 140.—

Translation of a Letter

From His Highness Nabob Omdat ul Omra Bahadur &c.

To the Right Hon.ble Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St. George.

Dated 24th. December 1795

Received 25 Do. — Do. } 1795.

From the Board's minutes for the Presidency and Members of Council and for the Supreme Council at Bengal requests the letter may be forwarded.

Agreeable to the customs of this Country I have sent an Elephant, two Horses, some Jewels and Dresses, for your Lordships, and some Dresses and Horses for the Hon.ble Gentlemen of the Board, as per List. I request your Lordship will make me happy by accepting those intended for yourself, and by delivering the others to each of my Friends.

I had earnestly wished that your Lordship, with the Gentlemen of the Council &c. might have favored me with a visit and afforded me the satisfaction of delivering the presents, with my own Hands but, it has happened otherwise.—

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I have also sent your Lordship, as per List, one Elephant, two Horses, some Jewels and Dresses for Sir John Shore, likewise Dresses and Horses for my other Friends at Calcutta, and I request your Lordship will be pleased to forward them. -

Among the Horses which I have sent, there are two Arabs, - your Lordship will be pleased to accept one, and to send the other to Sir John Shore. -

What can I write more? -

above Translation.

[Signed] N. Falconar
Secy.

List of Presents for the Gentlemen of Madras -

For
Lord Hobart
1 Elephant
2 Horses
1 Sapreach
1 Letter and Jegah
1 Khelat

For
Young Lord Hobart
1 Horse
1 Khelat -

For

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For
Mr. E. H. Addersley
1 Horse
1 Khelat

For
Mr. Edward Saunders
1 Horse
1 Khelat

For
Mr. C. M. Talboys
1 Horse
1 Khelat

For
Mr. Jackson
1 Horse
1 Khelat

For
Mr. Webb
1 Horse
1 Khelat

For
Mr. Falconar
1 Horse
1 Khelat

For
Colonel Braithwaite
1 Horse
1 Khelat.

For
The Governor General &c &c &c Three Horses Viz.t
1 Elephant
1 Camel
1 Pooley
1 Shawl Serpauch & Jegah
1 Khelat

For
General &c Robert Abercrombie
1 Khelat
1 Horse
1 Serpauch

For
Mr. Peter Speke
1 Khelat
1 Horse

For
Mr. William Cowper
1 Khelat
1 Horse

For
Edward Hay Saunders
1 Khelat
1 Horse

For
Mr. N. B. Edmonstone
1 Khelat
1 Horse

For
Mr. T. G. Cherry
1 Khelat
1 Horse.—

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

May it please your Highness;

Provisionally Reply on the above Subject.

I had the honor of receiving your Highness's letter enclosing a List of persons you have been pleased to send to me myself and Mr. Addersley with others for the Gentlemen of Council the Secretary, the Persian Translator and Colonel Braithwaite.

On my own part with many acknowledgments to your Highness I must forego the acceptance of these for myself or any of my Family either for myself or any of my Family with respect to the other Gentlemen mentioned by your Highness, you will excuse my declining upon the same Principle to be the Channel of Communication.

Any letter your Highness may wish to address to the Governor General concerning the present intended for him, and the Gentlemen in Bengal I shall immediately forward, and the

Captains

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Captains of the Company's Ships shortly expected to sail for Calcutta shall be directed by me to receive your Highness's instructions relative to the Conveyance of any articles your may be desirous of sending— to your Highness I am persuaded will attribute the sentiments I have now the honor to express entirely to a conviction of duty, with which I do not consider myself at liberty to dispense.—

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Hobart

Fort St. George
27. December 1795.

Read the following letter from the Resident at Hyderabad.—

To
The Right Honble Lord Hobart
&c. &c. &c.

From Resident at Hyderabad relating his late removal at that Durbar.—

My Lord,

I have declined intruding for some time past on your Lordships attention, from the occurrences at this Durbar not having furnished materials of sufficient importance to address you upon.—

Moreover

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Monsieur Raymond was very honourably received by the Nizam at his Presidatory on returning from the Expedition against Adi Jah, but his Highness's lurking fears on his embrace much longer than usual, and extolling his good conduct and services with considerable earnestness.- His only real merit on this occasion however, seems to have consisted in the steadiness which he manifested in the event of the Nizam at a conjuncture when his defection would most probably have been decisive of his Highness's fate: for as to military reputation he would not appear to have deserved or acquired any by his late Campaign.- Whether or not his fidelity was ever strongly tempted by the Prince I know not but it is not unreasonable to suspect the affirmation.-

Apaji Sukhram arrived here attended by about four hundred horse on the 7th Instant.- He is the Mahratta Chieftain who was appointed by Balajee Pundit to cooperate with the Nizams Forces during the late rebellion

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and who actually joined them at the head of eight or ten thousand Marattas on their way to Chowringabad at the distance of some marches from that City, and kept them company with his whole Force on their return, as far as the vicinity of Bidar. The Brother of the Roy Royan was dispatched to conduct Seiva to the Durbar where he was graciously received by the Nizam. His Visit is erroneously accounted for, but Meer Allum would not appear to think that it had any professed object. Seiva Jeswunt was who pretends to be well acquainted with Shiva Mahratta Chief and to have conversed with Seiva Occasionally since his arrival here, that he is one adviser of Gabon Khistna whose conduct of late he says does not meet the approbation of the Peishwa's Court. Whatever may be the trouble with respect to the Fort as often used to fruitlessly ascribed to this Vakeel in the Rebellions of Ali Jah, or to the Rajah which Balaje Pundit has sometimes been supposed to have had in his measures, it will not, under present circumstances be at all surprizing if after the communication

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of them, the latter should the better to satisfy
the Nizam of their entire innocence, consigned
their respected mother to disgrace. No day
is yet fixed for the departure of Golam
Hussun.

Meer Allum although much
better than when he arrived, is not yet been
able to make his appearance at the Durbar.
I understand from him that he continues to
be very warmly pressed as well by Golam Hussun
as by the Roy Royan to use his interest with the
Poonah Sir. Great objection in this importunity
is perceived to be the same, namely, his removal
from the Power and Councils of the Nizam.
They disguise their true motive by pretending
that there is no other person so well qualified
to manage the present important interests
of this Kingdom at the Court of Poonah. Meer
Allum however will hardly I think be re-
prevailed upon to accept of this commission.

Although there would not appear
to be any abatement of the animosities which
prevailed among the principal Omrahs of
this Court immediately on the return of
the Army; yet this King's suspicions of

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and dissatisfaction with the Rajah's Sirkars
if not really diminished, are at least so much
more dispersed at present, that the general
anxiety occasioned at first by so many discordant
and threatening indications, has greatly
subsided.—

Sudda Sheo Reddy continues on
what is generally considered as a kind of parole,
with the Shevelle Cavil Khan.— He gives out, I
understand, that he is no longer desirous of
being restored to the Polook of Maidook,
because the forteresse of it has been so ravaged during
the late troubles, as to be utterly incapable of
yielding even a moiety of its former revenue.— His
followers are entirely dispersed, but we scarcely with
this pecuniary distresses appear to be, and seem
inclined to think really are, very great.—

Syud ab Khan, who returned
further about the same time with the rest of
the Army, was directed upon the submission of
the Jah to discontinue the Siege in which he
had been commanded to make progress to
that event, I was told, however that so far from
complying with this order, he continues to this

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day to entertain every horseman that presents himself to him.— The Pyjah Chiefs are said to be pursuing the same course, and in the face of the same order.—

Succarum Pundit still remains here as the Character of Vakeel from Tippoo, but is apparently in very little credit even with the Boy Rajah. Such of Tippoo's Head ree arrangements of any consequence are at all likely to take place between this Court and Head of Seringapatam through the Agency of this person at least.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Wm Kirkpatrick

Hyderabad
14th December 1795.—

Read the following Letter from
Mr Powney:—

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

My Lord,

I have this instant received your Lordship's Commands through Mr Jackson in his letter dated the 1st of this Month, directing me to transmit to all the Polygars under my authority Similar

From Mr Powney, has published the Order to the Polygars, mentioned.

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Similar Orders to those your Lordships has judged it necessary to direct to Bommaraz and the Rajahs of Tanjore and Vencatagherry, a Copy of which was enclosed for my information.

I have issued similar orders to all the Polygars under my authority, but I do not apprehend any attention whatever would be paid to orders sent to the Tinnevelly Polygars and to the Chevalier of Mayavaram by his Highness the Nabob, for they suffered so much oppression and extortion under the Nabobs Government, that they appear to be very much indisposed to his Highness's Interests. I am not altogether so certain with respect to the Marawar and Madura Polygars, but the latter are very inconsiderable as to their proposing any resistance, and with the former I shall observe a very regular Conduct that they do not obey any Instructions from the Nabob or his Servants.—

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

(Signed) George Pocock
Coll.

Received
12th December 1795.

Read

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Read the following Letter from

Mr. Gericke —

Wm Collins Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

Fort St. George

Sir,

Mr. Gericke's representation relative to the allowance to the Tanjore Family in lieu of Poudy, and postponed to be discussed by the Hon'ble Court —

In Answer to your Letter of the 17th November last, solicits I had the Honor to receive in due Course, on the Subject of the 2500 Pagodas, which are annually allowed to the Tanjore Family in Lieu of 15000 Collums of Paddy, and to which they received during the Administration desiring me to state my Opinion whether the Deprivation of this annual Allowance Kunt Durbar and the Widows of late Rajah of Tanjore to any particular Distress, I beg Leave to observe —

That already in the Year 1793 when the Family were still supplied with 15000 Collums of Paddy, which at the usual Price of that Article at Madras is twice the Value of 2500 Pagodas, they found it difficult to subsist by their Allowances, and desired the Reverend Mr. Kloarke to address Government

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Government for an Augmentation of them. But Mr. Swartz considering the Expence, which Govmt. must be at on account of the Family with regard to the House and Garden. They live in, before he returned to Tanjore, to make their allowances answer their Expences, reduced the number of their Servants; I was about eighty People were then dismissed; and regulated the Pay of those that were left to Sixteen Fanams Per Mensem, this as necessary, was then looked upon, especially by the Natives as no small Hardship, and as a great Diminution of their, and their Posterity Dignity.—

In the Year 1794, when in lieu of 15000 Callums are equivalent I was paid there from the Treasury of only 2500 Pagodas, and when their address to Government could procure them no Relief in the Necessity they found themselves in, when I reminded them how strictly Mr. Swartz had charged before not to take up Money, and run into Debt, I advised against some of the Expences they were accustomed to make on their solemn days, which there were abolished with a good deal of difficultly and much opposition,

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I intended also in pursuing some of their Relations who resided here, to return to Tanjore, where they might be maintained at a cheaper Rate. / What the Relations receive above the Sum which is paid at Tanjore is paid by Serfojee above, as also the Pensions which the Servants of the Widow, that died in Tanjore before Serfojee left it and by whom he was brought up and taken Care of before his Adoption: /—

I know the annexed allowance of 2500 Pagodas should be discontinued I do not know what further Expence could be reduced in order to prevent their running into Debt.—

When their real wants are considered the allowances which the Honble Company are pleased to make them seem to be great, but in the Recollections of their former greatness they feel even on account of the above mentioned Reduction of Expences all the Distress that poor People do, who suffer real want, and ever since the Contents of your last Letter of 22d May in answer to their address to the Right Honble

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Hible President in Council of the 11th of that Month, have been honoured to Hear, They have perused the records to communicate a Letter, which They have written to the Hible Court of Directors soliciting an Encrease of allowance, for which I begged and obtained Leave of the Hible President in Council but the Expeditions against the Dutch Settlements having since commenced, I have endeavoured to dissuade them from troubling Government here and the Hible Court of Directors at Home during the time of an expensive War with Letters on that subject.—

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

Vepery
December 21: 1795.

(Signed) C. W. Jericke.

Brodie Thomas

Ordered that a Copy of the above Letter be sent to England a Pt in the next despatch. The Board being of opinion from Mr Jericke's representation that no reduction can take place in the allowance to the Tanjore Family, without involving them in serious distress.—

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Count de Meuron—

W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Count de Meuron expressing his concern at being required to explain his reasons for applying to Mr. Baber for an advance of cash—

I have received the Letter which you have addressed to me, by Direction of the Right Honble the President in Council, under date the 23d Instant.— I cannot conceal the regret I have experienced, on observing the particular explanations required relative to the small advance which I had solicited of 1200 Pagodas, which Sum, even, I should not have applied for, had I not conceived myself fully warranted in so doing, by the communications of the Right Honble the Governor, on the Arrival of my Regiment at Tuticorin; in which I was advised of his having issued orders for my Brothers being supplied with such Sums of money as he might require for the subsistence of the Regiment.— On this occasion I remarked to my Brother that both he and myself would only take up Money in advance,

until

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entered we were well acquainted with the Forms which were necessary to be observed in the compilations of the accounts, which point, indeed, I set Down as fixed to be accomplished previous to Her Majesty's arrival at Prince Edwards, where the Accounts could be adjusted according to the prescribed Forms. Could I have preconceived the smallest Deviation from Propriety in making the Demand in allusion, I should certainly have continued to borrow Money, at a high Rate of Interest, rather than subject myself to the slightest Imputations of Irregularity—

Not having foreseen Her Majesty of bringing Money with me from Switzerland, my Arrival in this Country; and you, Sir, knowing the high Price of every Thing at this Place, must be well aware that the advances specified for was very inadequate to my Disbursements. Demands have been made upon me by Officers of the Regiment who have lost all their Property at Trincomalé as well as by the Officers who have left Colombo without having had an opportunity of

disposing

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despairing either of their Effects, or their Cossyes Currency, and who thus embarrassed, were on the Eve of commencing a March so long as that from Tutacorin to Nagapatam, with their Wives and Children - Is it to be conceived that I could with such Relief from either the one, or the other? Or is it to be supposed that I could afford this relief from my present Subsistence of ten Pagodas per Diem without having a recourse to pecuniary assistance.-

In regard to my Brothers Draft on me of four Thousand Dollars, his Letter to the Paymaster explains so fully the purposes to which this Money is to be appropriated that I feel it unnecessary to enlarge upon the Subject.- The Janams which I received from the Paymaster at Tutacorin, being current only in the Tinnevelly District, he was evidently right, and indeed conformed to my orders in praying back the Surplus of this Demande Coinage. If the amount of this Demande had been paid in Star Pagodas, in which

Coin

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Your Sequest Government will give directions that all future advances may be made / she would not have been subjected to the necessity of taking up Spanish Dollars, which and which, on the present Instance, he actually procured by Accident.—

Should I have unintentionally been led into a Breach of Form, in my application for the advance in question, which was urged solely by the peculiarity of my Situation. I rely on the Board viewing the Matter in its proper light, and that they will not attach to my Conduct any intentional Deviation from regularity. I beg, Sir, you will have the Goodness to submit the circumstances I have represented, to the Right Honorable the President in Council.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c. &c.

/ Without Date /

/ Signed / Le Comte De Meuron

a true Translation

/ Signed / Jonge Secry

Act. Secret. Trans.

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Minute thereon

The Board are concerned that the Court de Meuron should have felt an uneasiness in being requested to give an explanation of the reasons that induced them to make application to the Military Paymaster General for advances of cash. Because such explanation was undispensably necessary to official regularity.— Ordered that the Military Paymaster General be directed to issue the Money on account to be settled hereafter.—

Read the following letters from Colonel Braithwaite.—

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart.

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord.

From Colonel Braithwaite. has inspected the Bengal Recruits - his opinion after them proposes a distribution thereof -

I have the honor to report to your Lordship that I have inspected the Recruits arrived from Bengal which have been entertained by Captain White for this Establishment, namely, three hundred and fifty Sepoys, and one hundred and fifty Gun Lascars, and think them upon

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upon the whole a very good Lot of Recruits, they are not so tall and stout as Bengal Sepoys usually are, but they appear strong and healthy Men, and the greater part of them very young, and as our Men in the Carnatic are generally of a low Stature they will do better to mix with them than if they were of the taller Cast of Bengallies.-

It is with great pleasure I observe that near one hundred of these Men have brought their Families with them, which looks as if they meant to establish themselves on the Coast, and any thing that promises to add to our Population here must be desirable as I think this plan of recruiting in Bengal from this beginning promises well, the only apprehension I have, is that when these Men discover that rice is so much dearer than in Bengal they will be apt to leave us and their report will deter others from enlisting for this Coast. In fact the price of grain is usually such with us that a Sepoy can scarcely subsist

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subsist on his pay, in truth he could not
but for the indulgence of Government in
issuing rice from the Stores at the price
of seventy Pagodas the Garce when it exceeds
that in the Bazar, which it so often does that
I conceive the expence must be very great
annually, and as it stands our Store Grain
always in a state of uncertainty and
fluctuation it would be fortunate if some
other expedient could be adopted.—

It is my intention with your
Lordship's approbation to send the Gun
Lascars immediately to the Artillery —
Battalions, and the Sepoy Recruits
to the Battalions at Arnee, Vellore, and
Walajanabad, namely, the 14th, 31st, 33rd and 34th,
Battalions, this will increase the strength
of these four Corps to ten Men per Com-
:pany above the establishment, it will
therefore be necessary, if your Lordship approves
the measure, to authorise this augmenta-
:tion of these Corps by an order of Govern-
:ment.—

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

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Choultry Plain
December 21st 1795.—

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Colonel Braithwaite, with a recommendation that an appointment of Quarter Master General for Ceylon take place Major Grant being unable to return thither.—

I have the honor to inform your Lordships that Major Grant, who was deputy Quarter Master General, was sent in that department with the Troops to the Island of Ceylon from whence he returned in consequence of the loss of sight at the attack of Trincomale, & was reported to me that the state of his health will not admit of his resuming that duty previous to the attack of Trincomale.—

Your Lordships may therefore deem it necessary to make some special appointment for the discharge of that duty, as the Officer who now discharges it, Captain Graham a late promotion, has been detained to act during the absence of Major Grant, which is now likely to continue till the Service is over.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(signed) John Braithwaite

Head Quarter
Chinglepet Plain
December 29th 1795.

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Minutes and appointments in consequence.—

Ordered that the Jemadars Lascars and Sepoy Recruits lately arrived from Bengal be distributed in the manner recommended by Colonel Braithwaite.—

Agreed that Colonel Braithwaite's suggestion relative to the removal of Particular Corps, be adopted.—

Resolved at the recommendations of the President, that Major Agnew be appointed Adjutant General and Captain Allan Quarter Master General to the Troops serving on the Island of Ceylon—and that they be permitted to draw the allowances annexed to those Ranks

Death of Lieutenant Wm. Davis.—

The Secretary reports to the Board the Death of Lieutenant William Davis of the 19th Battalion Native Infantry at Chicacole on the 20th Instant.—

The President recommends that the following Letter be written to Colonel Stuart.—

To

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

Sir,

Letter to Colonel Stuart.

We now despatch to you the Chearton Ships Perseverance, with Troops and Stores, agreeably to returns that will be forwarded by the proper officers at the Presidency.—

We hope your preparations for the Expedition against Colombo are in sufficient forwardness to enable you to proceed at an early period on that Service—and as we have received this agreeable intelligence of the Surrender of the Cape of Good Hope to the British Troops under the Command of Major General Clarke, We conceive, that the knowledge of this circumstance, and the little probability of any relief being afforded to the Garrison of Colombo, would induce the Government, upon the appearance of our Troops before the Place, to prefer the Surrender of it on moderate terms, to a resistance

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which they would know not be ultimately
ineffectual. Under this belief we shall
state to you the conditions to which we
would be inclined to accede, with a view
of preventing Bloodshed.—

First— With respect to the
Future Currency of the Island. It is be
inclined we are informed that
such a proposition is likely to be made
that the British Government should
guarantie this paper. It may be admitted
to the extent of two Lacks and fifty
thousand [2,50,000] Dollars and it should
be expressly understood that if Hostilities
do actually commence and that we are
compelled to open a Battery against
Columbo the British Government will
be in no respect responsible for the
paper in question. If on the other
hand, we are left in possession with
out Hostility, notes to the above amount
may be guaranteed upon the following
terms— First that so long as the English
shall keep possession of the Districts now
belonging to the Dutch from Matura to

Chilaw

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The above are the Sentiments which we entertain upon the Subject of your Letter dated the 19th Instant, and we will be ready on the 1st January next for the Surrender of the Palace. There will of course be a necessary Arrangement of Stores &c. which we leave to your own discretion.—

We shall send you a Receipt for the Money by the Caledonia.—

We are
&c. &c.
(Signed) Hobart
W. Comm.

Fort St. George
1st January 1796.

A Receipt for Cash ordered for Ceylon.—

Resolved That the Sum of Seventy Thousand Pagodas, two Thousand for the Pay &c. of the Troops employed on that Island.—

Always advance to the Troops forwarding thither.

Ordered That a Month's Pay and Allowances be issued to the Troops under orders of Embarkation for the Island of Ceylon.—

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Montgomery to Colonel

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Sloyd advising of the Surrender of the Cape of Good Hope to the British Arms on the 16th of September.—

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Montgomery to Colonel Sloyd Dated Cochin 21st. December 1795.

Intelligence of the Surrender of the Cape of Good Hope—

"The inclosed is the substance of all I could extract from the Dutch Indiamen just come on shore, and as the Captain is just going out I take the liberty of sending it as it may prevent any Letter concerning the event which its announces will prove acceptable intelligence to you. Should any thing further transpire worth your knowing I will be troublesome to you again tomorrow."—

Intelligence

The Brunswic Indiaman and Captain Hamilton Bombay Castle Captain Acland and Exeter Captain Wilson just come to anchor in the roads (Cochin) bound to Bombay left the Cape the 17 of October. but bring no European Intelligence of a later date than we are already in possession of.—

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which

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which they would know, must be ultimately ineffectual. Under this belief we shall state to you the conditions to which we would be inclined to accede, with a view of preventing Bloodshed.

First- With respect to the Paper Currency of the Island. If it be insisted on and we are informed that such a proposition is likely to be made that the British Government should guarantie this paper. It may be admitted to the extent of two Lacks and fifty thousand Pagodas and it should be expressly understood that if Hostilities do actually commence and that we are compelled to open our Batteries against Columbo, the British Government will be in no respect responsible for the paper in question. If on the other hand, we are put in possession without Hostility, notice to the above amount will be guaranteed upon the following principle. Viz. That as long as the English remain in quiet possession of the Districts now in the British power Malura to Chilaw

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Should any Interest of three [3] per cent per Annum
be granted, and it shall be
so certified at the foot of each note, under the
Seal and Signature of the Officers Com-
manding of the British Forces or Cor[illegible]
issued under similar restrictions upon
an interest of 6 per cent, determining Do
per cent at the exchange which shall be
to Gold or Silver at an average of twelve Mo
preceding August 1795 This guaran
be considered as effectual only for the
may Sold for Supplies of the said ar
Treasury, if they are restored hereafter
necessarily follow that the respons
Government would revert to the Dut
Government. It would however be unfitting
more desirable that this subject should
be left for discussion between the two Gover
must be understood, and it is worthy a last
remark to prevent misconstruction. What we
would have you endeavour
for the security of the
Second
Treasury upon
you to use your

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in circulation at the different places on the Island already in our possession.- Third- We also understand that it will be required that free permission should be given to the Transmission to Europe of all the Government Records & Accounts &c.- To this you will answer that a Vessel may be taken under the inspection of persons named by the British Government, but that no original paper can on any pretence be allowed to be removed or concealed.-

Fourth The private property of the Inhabitants and Company's Servants to be secured to them.- Military and Naval Stores excepted.

Fifth It may be stipulated that none of the Inhabitants or Company's Civil Servants shall be sent to Europe or removed from the Island, without their free consent, so long as they shall demean themselves to the satisfaction of the British Govern-ment.-

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The above are the principal Heads to which we conceive your Attention will be drawn in the event of any negotiation for the Surrender of Fort St. George, there will of course be many other Points & Circumstances of which we cannot [illegible] your Instructions.-

We shall send you a List of Money by the Caledonia.-

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

Fort St. George
1st January 1796.

Resolved That Application for such ordered for Ceylon.-

Resolved That Seventy Thousand Pagodas, [illegible] of which to be in Specie, be sent to Ceylon for the Pay &c. of the Troops employed or that shall be ordered.-

Ordered That a Month's Pay and Allowances be issued to the Troops under orders of embarkation for the Island of Ceylon.-

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Montgomery to Colonel

Monies advanced to the Troops proceeding thither.

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The

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The Cape surrendered on the 16th September to the English after a short resistance at Wynberg in which we had only two or three men killed and 4 Wounded.—

Admiral Elphinstone expected to be on the Malabar Coast with his fleet of the Line the beginning of January.

Commodore Blanket in the America with some frigates it was supposed would be stationed at the Cape after the admirals departure.—

General Clark was not to leave the Cape till the middle of November.

The troops employed on the expedition consisting of the 7th 8th 95th and 98th Regiments are to remain at the Cape under the Command of General Craig.

Ordered that a Copy of the above intelligence be sent to Bengal.—

Read.

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Read a Letter from Lieutenant Alexander Grant, entered on the records of Council the 1st. December advising of his leaving Seeds with the Islands for the Military Paymaster General the balances of Cash remaining with his Majesty's Deputy Paymaster General on the 24th. of December 1792 and which had been a subject of reference to the Honble Court of Directors.—

Captain Borough and Captain Grant to be ordered to pay the whole of the Balances in Major Hart's hands on the 24th. December 1792—

As the orders of the Honorable Court expressly that "whatever balance" of Public & Major Hart's Money with the Islands on the 24th. day of December 1792, should be considered as applicable to the Payment of the Troops and brought to account — accordingly Resolved that Captain Borough and Lieutenant Grant

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Grant be required forthwith to make over the said balance to the Military Paymaster General who will grant a receipt to them for the amount.—

" Hobart

" Com.y Saunders

" C.l Wallace

Ed.d
T. Fullerton

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Diary

30th Received the following letters

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

auditor Genl's report upon Mr Roebuck's Estimate of Cash for January

My Lord,

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the month of January 1796, I have the honor to report, that the sum of Two Lacks, Twenty four thousand, seven hundred and Thirty Eight Pagodas, Twenty four fanams, and Sixty seven cash / Pagodas 2,24,738.24.67 / is required for the prayment of such Military charges as become due upon the first of the ensuing month.

		O.	F.	C.
From the General Treasury	1,55747.	34.	23
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General	68,990.	32.	44
Pagodas	2,24738.	24.	67.

I have directed Four thousand pagodas / Pag.s 4000) on the Estimate of the Military Paymaster at Palamcottah on account of Pay to the Swiss Regiment of Meuron for the ensuing month, as the amount Estimated

on

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30th on the same account is included and "
passed in the present Report on Major "
Burrowes's Indent, agreeably to Mr Secretary
Jackson's Letter of 21st instant.

The Military Paymaster "
Chicacole having included a Sum exceedingly
nearly Two thousand pagodas (Pagodas 2000)
the Pay and full Batta of a Native Battalion,
on account of the 19th and in the same manner
a Sum equal to Pagodas one Thousand, five
hundred (Pagodas 1,500) for the 12th and 20th Battalions
respectively, I have accordingly deducted Five
thousand pagodas, from the Total amount
of that Paymaster's Estimate, as no "
Account to myself for the Same. —

Military auditor
General's office
Fort St George
28th December 1795

I have the honor to be
Sir "
Your "
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mr Jas Asst Gen.l

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

My Lord,

Auditor Generals report upon the Estimate for the Grain and Provision Department for January

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 22d Instant, with the Estimate of the expected Disbursements, in the Department of the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, for the month of January 1796 and to report thereon as follows.

Expected Disbursements at Madras	150	41	40
Chingleput Do	213	—	—
Vellore Do	71	12	—
Tanjore	12	30	—
Madura	4237	—	—
Palamcottah	2120	—	—
Baramahl	121	—	—
Chicacole	100	—	—
Angole	359	31	40
Nagore	3325	26	61
Pagodas	10,711	15	61

From the Total amount of Expected Disbursements as above stated the acting Commissary

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30th Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

Sir

I have the honor to request you will be pleased to order the following sums, as not payable from the Treasury at the Presidency, but payable from the Subordinate Treasuries, for which Bills will be granted upon him and transferred through the General Treasury

	Pd.	Fs.	Cs.
Madras	150	41	40
Chunglepatt	213	—	—
Vellore	71	12	—
Tanjore	12	30	—
Baramahl	121	—	—
Chicacole	100	—	—
Ongole	359	31	40
Pagodas	1028	31	—

I have the honor to be Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant, at the Presidency on account of Disbursements in January 1796, as per Estimate of the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, is nine thousand six hundred and Eighty Two Pagodas, Twenty six Fanams and Sixty one Cash / Pagodas 9682.26.61

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Brig. Gen. d Genl

Military auditor Generals office
Fort St George
28th December 1795

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

My Lord,

auditor generals report upon the Estimate for the Bullock agency for January. —

I have the honor to report as a
foreseen, upon the General Estimate of the
acting Principal agent for Draught and
Carriage Bullocks, for the Month of
January 1796, accompanying Mr. Gurdharry
Jackson's letter of the 22d Instant.

	Pr.	£	6
Madras	674	14	32
Vellore	20	—	—
Trichinopoly	1500	—	—
Palamcottah	452	37	20
Baramahl	190	—	—
Chicacole	200	—	—
Itchapoor district	15	—	—
Major Roberts Detachment	891	18	—
Pagodas	3943	27	52

From the Total amount of Expected
Disbursements as above stated, the acting
Principal agent for Draught and Carriage
Bullocks discerns the following sums,
as

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30th. as not ispayable from the General Treasury at the Presidency but payable from the Subordinate Treasuries, for which Bills will be drawn upon them, and transferred through the General Treasury

		or £
Vellore (Cash on hand)		20.— —"
Baramahl		190.— —"
Chicacole		200.— —"
Ichapoor district		15.— —"
Major Roberts detachment		891.18.—
	Pagodas	1316.18.—

Consequently the amount ispayable at the Presidency on account of Disbursements in January 1796, as Per Estimate of the 4 Principal agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks, is Two Thousand, six Hundred and Twenty seven pagodas, Nine Fanams and Sixty two Cash (Pagodas 2,627.9.52)

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

Military auditor
Generals office
Fort St George
28th December 1795

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mcy. Dr. Genl

To

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To The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

&c &c &c Fort St George

My Lord

I have the honor to reply to your

From Master attendant at Pondicherry with information relative to the Cargo of the Paquette de Dieppe and the Mercantile Concerns of Captain Caminha her Commander

Secretary Jackson's letter of the 19th instant

covering enclosures from the Supreme Govern-

ment relative to Captain Caminha,

Commander of the Ship Paquette d'Arie

upon an interview with

Monsieur Lombarde he has declared that

he had no further interest in the concerns

of Captain Caminha than having advanced

him a small part of his Cargo, and in

consequence of former acquaintance,

assisted him by his means, and was

desirous to procure more, that he always

understood Captain Caminha was

bound to Mozambique, where his family

resides. —

I am induced to give credit to

Monsieur Lombarde's assurances from

the Knowledge I am possessed of

my

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30th my situation, of great part of Captain Cannichaels
mercantile Concerns whilst at Pondichery in
april last – he repeatedly mentioned to me that
the Cargo he took on board was upon the joint
account of himself and Company at Mozambique,
where he informed me he had a house of
Commerce established, and for which place he
absolutely cleared his ships at my office; a
circumstance which Captain Cannicha
seems to have forgotten in his examination;
He purchased from different Merchants here
a variety of articles, viz.t Bandage a few barrels
of Wood oil, about one hundred Sugars of
smalt, a few barrels of pitch, and a small
quantity of paints, together with Coarse
cloths of different Kinds to compleat his
Cargo; – but no powder, ammo or military
Stores were shipped, to the best of my Knowledge
and belief – The Bandage was I think about
15 or 18 Tons, and was purchased of some
Towns Inhabitants, who in company with
the Moorman Cumberaule brought it
of the Prize agents after the taking of this
place –

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30th plau— the greater part was old, and as all
corroborating proof of what Captain Cousinha
gave me to understand with respect to his
being the purchaser of the cargo, I summoned
him appearing to me for the purpose of
informing himself, whether the prices at
at which Mssrs Cossimalle & Co were desirous
of selling him the cargoe, were the fixed &
prices of the place, and the same at which
I had myself purchased from those
Merchants— from this circumstance &
I conclude the goods were not sent
on speight—

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

Pondicherry
27th Dec. 1795

(Signed) Julius Griffeth
Master Attendant

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord

Town Board of Revenue - opinion on the Claim of Row Venkiah to a house at Pegguinaikpoor and on the remittance of 8000 Pagodas from thence to Pulicat &c.

We have perused the Papers transmitted to Government by Mr. Snodgrass and referred to us with your Lordships Letter of the 27th ulto. with respect to the claim of Row Venkiah, the subject of Mr. Snodgrass's Letter of the 31st October. We find following appears to be the State of the Case. Vizt. In 1788. the Chief of Pegguinaikpoor Thomas Van Halen, received the Sanction of the Government of Pulicat to enlarge the Company's House, inhabited by him, at an Expence not exceeding 1200 Pagodas, and a Regulation was established that each Succeeding Chief should take the house at an abatement of 10 P.Cent until that whole sum should be liquidated by this means, when it was to devolve again to the Dutch Company

M.D.

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30th Mr Van Halen however, it seems, had
mortgaged the House in october 1790 to Mr
Van Someren the Steward of the Factory
for 1000 Pagodas, who, in turn, transferred
in may 1791, the mortgage Bond, with
other Papers relating to the House, to
Row Venkiah as security for the above
Sum borrowed of him - and Interest
thereon - Mr Van Someren having
Juggernaik Sporam, Row Venkiah,
it would appear, demanded payment
of his Loan, but that instead of compliance
Mr Van Someren referred him to Mr
Pelbraicht who inhabited the House
as acting Chief / Mr Van Halen had
having been called away / for the amount
which by the Negotiation before
mentioned he was said to be liable
to, Row Venkiah asserts that Mr
Elsbraicht acquiesced, and promised to
discharge the demand in two months,
but it does not appear that any
written document has been produced

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30th in support thereof Mr Elbracht, on the other hand, admits that he made a pr conditional Promise — i.e. provided he v was confirmed in the Station of Chief but he produces an order from the Government at Batavia, dated 15th august 1791. directing him to pay the Sum due from him according to the Regulation v above alluded to into the Company's Cash Chest as a Deposit on behalf of Mr Van Halen — whose accounts were unsettled — in answer to which it appears, he explained the transaction Regarding the Mortgage of the House to Mr Van Simeron, and eventually to v Row Tenklak, and solicited a reference of the Subject to the Supreme Government at Batavia as well as that he might be excused, under such circumstances from conforming to the Regulation, the Reference was accordingly made, and an answer received, purporting that

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30th. That if the House was mortgaged by
mr. Van Halm as his private property
the amount borrowed of Row Venkiah
should be discharged with Interest
by the Dutch Government and mr.
Elbracht be required to Compose to the
Regulation — But an order having a
arrived about the same time to
prepare for delivering over the a
Dutch Settlements in case of a
Sudden call as was effected, it was
apparently judged most expedient
to offer Row Venkiah the House a
in discharge of Principal and Interest, a
to which effect Instructions were accordingly
sent to Jaggernaut Sorcar towards the
end of 1795. whether the tender, however,
was made to Row Venkiah seems a
doubtful, but as his right was admitted
by the Dutch Government, we submit
whether in justice to the Man he a
should not now be allowed to take
possession of the House as his property

on

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30th on delivering up the Papers in his hands
and as Mr Pilbrauht has offered to pay
him Rent to the amount the Company
has been accustomed to allow him as
House Rent whether the same should
not be required on his Vindicating account
upon the Subject of the other
Letter from Mr Snodgrass, dated the 7th
November, it appears from the following
Extract of Letters addressed to him by the
Chief and Council, to involve a Political
Question, upon which, we apprehend, it
does not fall within our Province to
decide — We mean relative to the orders
dated 15 June 1796 which induced the
alledged Detention of upwards of 8000
Pagodas from Joggernaick Sporam to
Pulicat said to have been dispatched
about the 8th July. —

The Chief and Council in their
reply to Mr Snodgrass on the subject of that
Detention observe, "It gives us much
"pain to Represent that our words were
not

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30th " not sufficient for our late better public
" character, despatching such that your
" Government became inclined to limit
" so strongly your conduct in regard to us,
" but you will oblige us to assure them
" that we declare on our honor that the
" sending away of the Money in reality
" has taken its effect long before the
" Summons. -

" We beg leave to attend to, that the
" Capitulation of Pulicat, and consequently
" of this place, had fixed the manner after
" which we ought to be tried, and as we
" do not know to have deviated from the
" articles agreed by that Capitulation, it
" seems that this opposite against the
" Right of nations and even against
" the Right of humanity, to exact from us
" to give Explanations of business
" transacted before the Summons of this
" place were made"

The Chief and Council upon
Mr Snodgrass calling upon them
again

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30th again for certain purposes as to dividing one day
the money declined any further Explanation
than that above given in the following terms
— "We can say nothing else than to refer
"your former Solemnial apearance "
"concerning the money in question — and
"that we cannot conceive that the articles
"of Capitulation obliges us to any further
"Explanation if we even could do it, — or
"have we also forfeited our proceeding "
"freedom which we had in transacting
"the business? how it be, we request that
"we may refer it to our Superiors and
"to be in course further Correspondence
"on the Subject"

I appears to me that the "
orders from the Superior Government at
Pulicat dated the 15.th June a month
before the Surrender of that Place, may
be considered a perfect justification of
the Chief and Council at Juggernaickpuram
for dispatching the money, and the
former in sending such an order under

the

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30th. The appprehension of Hostilities may certainly be considered to have arisen from a proper regard to the Interests of the Dutch Company. -

But as it would even in prosperity that the money thus Stild to have been Dispatched from Jaggernaickporam could have arrived at Pulicat before the Surrender, we beg leave to Recommend that the Chief of Pulicat, and the accounts of that Factory be ordered to ascertain, whether it was received at Pulicat before, or subsequent to the Surrender on the 16th July and whether due credit was given for it in the Publick accounts, for it appears, upon reference to the Inventory of Pulicat, that there was a Balance of Cash due to the Chief of that Place amounting to Pagodas 5000-6-44. -

The other point upon which we are required to give orders is in regard to the Chiefs having paid privately Pagodas 1129. on account of arrears

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30th arrears of wages and Commission due to him;
tho' it was usual only to receive the 4
Commission in India and the wages in
Europe. —

Mr. Colebrooke has said That it was
the Custom to receive his wages in Europe
every five years, and that he was permitted
to draw his Commission from out of
the Treasury, That on account of the
Troubles he therefore got himself partly
paid what is due on the Trade of the year
1791 & 1792. It remains therefore with your
Lordship to determine whether the Ship
may be considered warranted in paying
him only this sum in Consideration of the
Situation in which the affairs of the
Dutch were involved, and its being in
all probability, the only Chance of his
ever realizing the same. —

We have the Honor &c
" &c
"

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Chas. Oakeley
Thos. Cockburn
Willm Harington

(Signed)

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor &c Fort St George &c &c &c

My Lord

I am honord with the Rec

Receipt of your Lordships Letter of the

20th Instant on the subject of some French

Prisoners of War escaped from Masulipatam,

and supposed to have proceeded to Tran =

=quebar. -

From the Governor of Tranquebar - the French prisoners have arrived there and shall submit to his Council the Demand for the Surrender of these persons

about 8 or 10 Days ago a French

man by the name of Deschiens informed

me of his arrival from Masulipatam

with some French Sailors with an Inten =

=tion to proceed to the Isle of France a

He mentioned their having escaped from

Prison, and stated, that he had been de =

=tained as Prisoner notwithstanding the

Permission he had been granted by the

Governor General of Bengal to proceed

to Manritz. -

I observed, that their arrival

in

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30th in this Colony as Quarters were so ex-
very unpleasant, and of course did not
promise any Protection. They
remained, and I could take no
further notice. —

Of the Contents of your
Lordship's Letter I found they were the
men therein accused of having escaped
from Masulipatam and committed
an act of Piracy, on the Strength of
which I ordered them into Custody
where they now remain

With respect to your
Lordship's Demand of surrendering
their Persons, I must beg to observe, it is
a Step of so delicate a nature, that
I dare not venture to give a decisive
answer till the Case had been
laid before the Council, whose
opinion my Instructions compel
me to be governed by in Cases
which in any way might tend to
unpleasant

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unpleasant Consequences either to
the Persons or Property of his majestys
Subjects.—

after the Holydays the whole
shall be fully investigated in Council,
where every Argument established
on the Law of Nations shall be
produced to bring them your Lordships
Demand. The result, I shall have the honor
to communicate.—

I have the honor most respectfully
to be

My Lord

Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) P. Amker

Fort Dansborg
26th December 1795

Recieved the recommendation
Letter Entered in mis: Nos 187–188.
189–190. 191. 192–193. 194 195.—

From Commandant at
amboor—transmitting a Petition from
mahomet Hussain a pensioned Commandant
addressed

From Captain Macpherson

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30th addressed to the Nabob - Testimony &c &c
his favor. -

From Mr Harrington — From Sub Secretary at Bengal transmitting an authentic Invoice, with the Bill of Lading of the Stores sent on the "
Caledonia. -

From Ditto — From Ditto - transmitting a Survey report of ordnance and Stores "
ordered to Ceylon

From Mr Mendon — From acting Commissary " General of Grain and Provisions. recommends Thomas Rose as an assistant Victualler to the Commissary at "
Ceylon -

From Captain Barnes — From Commandant at Manar reporting his progress in collecting " Donies and supplies of Cattle &c for the Columbo Expedition.

From Colonel Robinson — From Commander of the army submitting a letter from Colonel Floyd reporting the hostile Conduct of Cyangar, the Pylney Minister - also one from " Lieutenant Colonel Oyadenham relative to

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30th to the Appointment of Mr Shearer, a "
Cadet, while on shore at Rio de Janeiro —

From Lieutenant Lloyd — From Commandant at H
Trichinopoly transmitting Copy of the Letter
above alluded to - Opinion in regard to
the Reinforcement required by Captain
Oliver - The Horse Tappal arranged - —

From Captain A. Faulis - requesting
an Extract from the Court's Letter notifying "
their permission for his return to India,

From Major Munt - reporting the
State of affairs in the Northern and "
Southern Division of the Vizagapatam "
Zemindary - and the very sickly State
of Captain Talbot's Battalion - suggests
that a reasonable price be offered for the
European Fire-arms in the possession of
Individuals and dispersed throughout
the Country - Correspondence Enclosed

Sent Letter to the Nizam, Entered
in C.C. N.o 141 acknowledging receipt of His
Highness last Letter. —

Sent

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30th Sent the following letter

To Captain Kirkpatrick
Resident at
Hyderabad

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to transmit a letter from his Lordship addressed to the Nizam, in answer to the letter from his Highness enclosed in yours of the 12th of September. a Copy in English and Persian is transmitted for your information. —

The President in Council being of opinion that the present moment is favorable for reviving the subject of Boopeah's depredations — his Lordship's recommends to your consideration the propriety of bringing the matter once more before his Highness, and it may be urged, and probably with effect, that as the tranquillity of the Soobah's possessions is now restored,

Captain Kirkpatrick
informing a letter
to the Nizam —
and suggesting
the propriety
of the subject of
Boopeah's
depredations

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30th restored, by the suppression of the late
Rebellion, and that as the Troops of the
Company were actively employed in the
re-establishment of his Highness's authority,
it would be disputed from him that he
should take the most effectual means
to meet the wishes of this Government
with respect to the seizure of Boopathi's
Person. -

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

(Signed) W.C. Jackson
Secretary

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Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters Entered in Mil. Br. Nos. 196. 197-198.
199. 200-201. 202.

To Secretary at Bengal -
Secretary
Navy.

transmitting Copy of a letter, containing
advice of the Surrender of the Cape of
Good Hope. -

To Major Petrie at Cochin -
Major Petrie

with

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To Lt. with Instructions for his guidance on his arrival with his Detachment at Tutocorym and ordering he will bring with him 250 Barrels of Gunpowder. -

To Mr Powney

To Collector at Ramnad - with instructions relative to the dispatch of the Boats and Catamarans attending by him for the Columbo Expedition - The Lubby &c. Merchants to be encouraged to carry Supplies.

To Captain Power

To Commandant at Manar - informing him of the above Instructions. -

To Lieutenant Colonel Campbell

To Dito at Palamcotah - directing him to forward the Letter for Major Petrie.

To Clerk of the Treasury

To Clerk of the Treasury - ordering the usual Monthly Advances

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To Major Mucat

To Major Mucat — directing him to comply with Mr. Collector Webb's requisition for the removal of the whole or any part of the Troops or ammo now at Vizianagrum —

31st Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in Mr. B's Nos 203. 204. 206.

F From Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage

From Commandant at Dindigul requesting that 45 Pagodas may be allowed for Cart Hire for bringing the Teak Timbers required for the new Flag Staff from Madras or Negore. —

F From Lieutenant Colonel St. John

From Ditto — of the 73d Regiment requesting an advance of one months pay and allowances for his Regiment, which is about to embark for Ceylon. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell

From Ditto at Palamcotah has forwarded the Boards orders for Examining the Captured arrack, to Captain Bowser at Manar where the whole of it is deposited. —

Sent the following letters

To

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

Honble Sir

To Bengal — approving conveyance of the incorrect Translation made of the Extract from the Pondichery Register — Copy of the letter from the master attendant at Pondichery relative to the cargo of the Paquebot Dieze aboard the Company of Bengal artillery ordered to Ceylon, previous to being sent to Manilla Expedition

We have been honored with your letter of the 30.th ultimo, and are concerned that our French Translator should, in his Translation of the Extract from the Pondichery Register, have committed so serious an Error, as that to which Mr. Birch's letter to the Supreme Government of the 24.th of October, refers.

The absence of Mr. Buchan (who is on service at Malacca) puts it out of our power to convey to him at present the disapprobation we feel at his conduct we shall however point on his return

On the receipt of your letter of the 30.th ultimo, relative to Captain Lemoine, Commander of the ship, Paquebot d'azie, we directed the Master attendant at Pondichery to ascertain the points on which you

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you had requested information - and a
we have now the hon.r to enclose a copy
of his reply. "

We stated in a letter to you under
date the 29th September that we had it
in contemplation / provided you
approved the measure we had suggested
with regard to Major Roberts's "
detachment / to send the Company
of Bengal artillery now serving on
the Coast to Masulipatam, with
a view to its joining the two Bengal
Battalions that were to serve in
the Nizams Country - But we
have since determined to employ
this Company on the expedition "
against Columbo. and as the "
reinforcement from Bengal will
not reach Masulipatam for a
very considerable time, we are
in hopes that Captain Barton
will reach that place nearly about

the

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3d. The same period, notwithstanding the intermediate season on which he will be employed. —

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We have the honor to be,
with respect
Sir
Your most
obedient
humble Servants
(signed) Hobart
for himself & Council

To Colonel John Brathwaite
President & the members of the
Military Board

Gentlemen,

We herewith transmit
copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer with the
estimates and reports of the damage done
by the late storm at Coimbatore, arcot, and adja-
cent stations to the contractors for buildings
and repairs, to execute the repairs wanting
to the Sepoy Barracks at arcot, and Sepoy
and Sergeants Barracks at arnee, and to
build six Sepoy Barracks, one Sergeants
Barrack

We would have you give
directions to the contractors for buildings
and repairs, to execute the repairs wanting
to the Sepoy Barracks at arcot, and Sepoy
and Sergeants Barracks at arnee, and to
build six Sepoy Barracks, one Sergeants

To Military Board
orders for repairs &c at Coimbatore, arcot and Arnee and drawing their opinions as to the amount of a compensation to officers whose gardens were destroyed by the late storm

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3d Barrack and a Store Room at Combatore,
agreeably to the estimates. —

We approve the opinion of the
Chief Engineer with respect to the officers
Quarters at Combatore, and desire you
will give the necessary orders to the —
Contractor. —

upon the subject of compensation
to the officers, whose private quarters
were injured or destroyed by the late
tempestuous weather, we are desirous
of being furnished with your opinion,
before we come to any determination
thereon — We have already acquainted
you that we are very much disposed to
afford any reasonable assistance to those
officers but the state of our Funds, and the
pressing exigencies of the service, will not
admit of our going beyond a moderate
advance to each officer, to enable him
to rebuild or repair his quarters — and
we wish you to keep this in view

Sir

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31st in the opinion you are to offer for our consideration

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31st December 1795

We are
your very
(Signed) Robert
humble Servants
Hobart
Jas Gambier
Wm Page

To Mr Robert Hughes
Paymaster at
Madura

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to call upon you for an explanation of the following passage contained in a letter from Captain Bannerman to Lieutenant Colonel Goodall dated the 7th instant, and forwarded to Government by the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the army viz "The 9th Battalion have been stationed in "Madura nearly four years, and during "all that period, not one Star Pagoda has "been disbursed to them. The very moment

To Paymaster at Madura requiring him to explain by what Authority he has withheld the Star Pagodas lately issued to the 9th Battalion Instruments of the Board upon the subject of Explanation upon the General Orders of 18th December relative to Exchanges. —

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31st "moment, Government fixed a "
"liberal exchange at which Fanams
" were to be issued to the Troops, to ob=
" viate the benefit to be derived by it,
" payment was made in Star Pagodas,
" a Coin, to which the G.t were heretofore
entirely strangers" — If the intention
of Government is thus to be defeated
with a view to private advantage,
for that some Individual or another
has benefited by it, is not to be disputed)
it were needless to establish regulations —
It was repeatedly declared by your "
Predecessor in office that Star Pagodas
were not to be procured in the District
of Madura, and that the Troops could "
only be paid in the Current Coin — the
fluctuation of exchange was a source
of constant complaint on the part of
the Troops — to remedy which and "
to prevent the Soldier from being
deprived of what was justly his due, "
a fixed exchange was resolved on — but

no

3d. no sooner was this Resolution made
known in the District, than Star Pagodas
were tobe found in abundance, tho' v
none had before appeared, or could be
procured - and the object which was
aimed at in fixing the exchange, was
completely overthrown by the introduction
of a new Coin, and the consequent
depreciation of that which had been
hitherto current - If this be a fair &
true statement of the case, and it certainly
is so, if Captain Bannerman's or =
representation be correct, the President
in Council cannot possibly be required
that you can in justice state by what
means the Star Pagodas paid to the
9th Battalion in the month of October
were obtained, and the particulars &
reasons that operated with you to pay
the Troops in that Coin, when it was
perfectly well understood, that no 4
instance of the Kind had occurred for
several years before It is the determination

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21. of his Lordship to pursue the
inquiry to very practicable length-
and if it shall appear that any
undue advantage has been taken
of the orders of Government to the
injury of the Troops, no conjectural
a measure will not be overlooked
- at present, no censure is meant
to be conveyed - it is to be hoped
you will be able to give an
explanation, that, at least, as far
as your office is concerned, will
effectually acquit you from all Blame. -

Colonel Floyd has received
particular instructions to investigate
this subject in the fullest manner,
and this Presidency in Council
notice that you will not keep back
any information respecting it, (whatever
it may implicate) that may be within your
Knowledge. -

J. J.

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35. It is extraordinary that there
should have been any misconception
of the orders of Government dated the
10th of November, because they expressly
stated that "in order to prevent the incon-
"veniences and embarrassment which
"have for a series of years been experienced
"in the Southern Pay offices, it had
"been resolved that whenever a Collector
"should make advances of Cash to a
"Paymaster in Bailey Tarrass, he should
"invariably issue 17½ Bailey Fanams
"in Lieu of every Star Pagoda" - and the
"General order of the 2nd of October 1795
"directed that 17½ Bailey Fanams should
"issued to the Troops in Lieu of one Star Pagoda" -
the order of the 10th November so far from
rescinding the former one (which it
seems was upon mature consideration) had
no such object in view - nor was it any
where said that the Troops were to be paid
in Bailey Fanams at the Bazar Exchange -
But Provision was made against the
misposition

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3d. inspection of Shroffs, by regulating, that " whatever might be the Buzar " Exchange between Coiley Tanarra and Porto nova / not Star / Pagodas, and " between the latter / Porto-Novo / and Star Pagodas at the principal Station in the District, where the first payment was made to the Troops in any given month, that exchange;" / evidently meaning between Coiley Tanarra and Porto Novo Pagodas, and between Porto-Novo and Star Pagodas / should be considered as the rule by which the Paymaster was to be guided in all " Payments throughout the District, " whether fixed or contingent of every discription, for that particular month — The period of payment was to determine the exchange between Star Coins throughout the month, in order to simplify the accounts, and to prevent the fluctuation of exchange — but it was not observed in any shape

What

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31st That the first payment to the Troops was to be made at the Bazar Pchange – in other words, nothing was meant but to establish a date for regulating the Pchange throughout the month between Bailey Fanams and Pagodas, and between the latter and Star Pagodas / as appr[illegible]ed in the order / the fixed and invariable Pchange between the Bailey Fanams and the Star Pagoda in all Military Payments having been previously given. –

Whatever loss may have been sustained by the 9th Battalion in consequence of your misconstruction of my order must be made good, and you will in future take especial care that the Troops be not sufferers on the same account.

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I am
Sir
Your
most obt
humble Servt
(Signed) M.C. Jackson
Secretary

To

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To Colonel John Floyd
Commanding the Southern Division of the army
at Trichinopoly

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 7th instant, and to acquaint you that the General order of the 10th ultimo, was not meant to operate against the regulation of exchange provided for in the G.O. of the 2d of October last.

To Commandant at Trichinopoly - directing him to ascertain the point above-mentioned - and explaining the intention of the G.O of the 10. november

According to Captain Bannerman's representation to Lieutenant Colonel Gowdie dated the 7th instant it would appear that the Paymaster at Madura had most unaccountably mistaken the orders of Government, in regard to the exchange of the Coilery Tanams for the very order which was supposed to have rescinded the regulation of published on the 2d of October strictly

directed

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31. pointed that Collectors should, on
advancing Money for Military purposes
in Coiley Fanams, specify therein to the
Paymaster at the rate of 17½ for one
of the Gl. of the 10.th Pattams was meant
only to prevent any imposition on the
part of the Shroffs by mixing or lowering
the xchange of the other current Coins
in any particular month but had no
reference whatever to the xchange of
the Coiley Fanam with the Star Pagoda.

The President in Council &c.
Desire you will make them orders &
publish throughout your division, so that
there may be no pretence for
with-holding from the Soldier his full
Pay &c.

There is one circumstance in
Captain Bannerman's Letter to the
Officer Commanding at Madura, which
has particularly attracted the attention
of Government, and which it will be
proper

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3d. Proper Steps to investigate — It is said, that
" the 9th Battalion had been stationed in "
" Madura nearly four years, and that during
" all that period, not one Star Pagoda had "
" been disbursed to them, but that the "
" very moment Government fixed a liberal
" Exchange, at which Sums were to be
" paid to the Troops, to obviate the "
" benefit to be derived by it, payment was
" made in Star Pagodas, a Coin to which
" the 9th was heretofore entirely Strangers —
His Lordship would wish that upon "
should cause particular enquiry to be
made into this circumstance, "
ascertaining, if it be possible, how a Coin
heretofore not current in the Madura "
District, found its way there so immediately
after the Orders in question. In the mean time,
Mr. Hughes will be called upon to state "
whether the Advances made to him for "
Military Payments were in Fanams or
Pagodas, for the Subject, as it appears at "
present, is liable to conjectures of an unpleasant
nature. — I am &c "
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secretary
Dispatched

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Dispatches Nos enumerated below Entered in M.P. Nos 206. 207. 208

To Colonel Stuart

To Colonel Stuart ordering of the Pensioners being freighted to carry troops & stores to Ceylon – the Terms – Rations only by Captain Stuart's Staff allowance cannot be continued during his absence – Lieutenant Donnerwald confirmed as his aide de camp – Lieutenant Kingston appointed temporary Paymaster and Commissary at Trincomale – Major Agnew adjutant General & Major Allan Quarter Master General on Ceylon – a Survey report of ordnance and Stores ordered thither from Bengal & Coromandel

To Mr Scott

To Mr Scott – pointing how to take depositions relating to the Murder of Lieutenant Godfrey's Native Servant at Pollicole –

To Military Board

To Military Board directing them to cause a survey of the Damages done to the fortifications &c at Tanjore – and Estimates to be made of the expence of repairing them