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Received the following Letter.—

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart.—

Governor in Council.—

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My Lord

From Captain Reid inclosing duplicates of his returns from the different Commanding Officers in the Coromandel for stationary, tools &c. for the ensuing year, and other Departments under their charge.—

The Commanding Officers in the ceded Districts have now been six months in charge of the military Stores at their respective Stations, and have severally addressed me from time to time, on the consequent expence of maintaining people, and supplying stationary for the purposes of that department.

Having forwarded their letters on the subject, and incidents to the military board, they were returned, on account of its not being in the power of that board to authorise what was required. I have therefore transmitted them here, to the Commander of the Army, in order to be laid before government. Though as he informs me, that has been done, and they will consequently in the routine of public business, be taken consideration, I beg leave

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* Lodged in the Office

To lay the Letters* and indents I have lately received from the Commandants and the inspector of Stores before your Lordships, the former being more full than their other applications on the occasion there is for every article, and the latter showing their estimated expenditure in a year at every garrison.

The first eighteen numbers are their letters, and the last ten their indents.

From them it appears the only servants they require are English Writers, for keeping their books, drawing up their Monthly returns, quarterly valuations of Stores and indents, making copies of them, and of their correspondence, and of casts of tables for keeping accounts of receipts and issues of Stores. The Stationary wanted consists of all the different articles necessary for those purposes.

The propriety of their applications being evident I have only to remark, that the committee of Stores at Chinguery leaving by far, more to do, than

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There in Charge of Stores, it requires a greater establishment of Servants, and a larger quantity of every article, than at other Stations. The indents for which may likewise be better apportioned, according to the business there is at each, in the Store department.

There is one thing more to which I request your Lordships attention, which is an application from the Inspector of Stores for Coals allowance. His letter on the subject is number 8 of the enclosures, wherein he has drawn a comparison between the duty which he has to perform, and that of Engineers, in this regard, that equally requires their attendance at different Stations; which is the reason assigned for that allowance being granted to engineers. He further states the difference between them and other inspectors in support of his application for stationary.

It is certain that he cannot remove from one Place to another, where his duty calls him, in such an extensive tract of country as these districts, without a conveyance, and that he is incurring some expence for stationary

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is unavoidable. His arguments being of a specific
they will appear to merit consideration, but
according as other circumstances may weigh
in your Lordships opinion.

Baramahl
24th November 1795.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Alex.r Read
Dpty. Commt. Ldd. distinct.

Order thereon.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Received the undermentioned Letters Viz.d
in M.B. Nos. 187. 188. 189.

From Military Board.

From the Military Board.
recommending an advance to the Barrack
Master, on account of the Contractors for
clearing the Privies of the Main Guard and
Company's Barracks.

From Ditto.

From Ditto. transmitting an
Indent for Gun and Mortar Platforms with
a Report of the receipt and delivery of that
article from the Engineer Department since
the 31st August 1779.

From Colonel
Braithwaite.

From Commander of the Army
replying to the Queries proposed to him, relative
to the Rank held by Captain Brudenell in the
Infantry or Cavalry.

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No. 29.

Sent the following Letter—

To Edward Saunders Esqr.

President &c. Members of the—

Board of Revenue—

Gentlemen,

We herewith transmit a copy of a letter from the Sudr Dewanny Adawlut of this Presidency with copies of two letters from the acting Superintendant of Ports in Bengal, and the decision of the Governor General in Council in a similar case—

We also transmit copies of the answers of the Pundits of the College at Benares, and those of the Pundits of the Sudder Dewanny Adawlut respecting the Laws of adoption, together with a copy of Lord Hobart's Minute, and of our resolutions thereon—

You will observe that your enquiries are to be directed to the circumstances that occurred previous to the death of the late Sheiranaja Rau, whose right to the Sarbarakaree, as appears to us from every information we have been able to obtain to have been fully established—

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

Fort St. George
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To Board of Revenue transmitting Copy of Letter from Bengal with its several Enclosures relative to the Amildarship and Sarbarakaree amongst the Hindoos also Copy of Lord Hobart's Minute and the Resolutions thereon—

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To Edward Saunders Esqr.

President & Members of the

Board of Revenue,

Gentlemen,

To Board of Revenue with two letters from Mr. Swedgrass relating to the Dutch Factory at Jaggernaick & Instructions to be given them, directions respecting the three Merchants detained

We herewith transmit two letters from Mr. Swedgrass dated the 31st Ultimo and 1st instant on subjects relating to the Dutch Factory of Jaggernaick & pursuant, and desire you will favour us therewith such orders as may appear to you to be necessary after a deliberate consideration of the several matters to which his letters refer.

We have received your letters dated the 13th and 18th instant and are reply to the former authorize you to give directions to Mr. Blaue to liberate the three Merchants who were detained on arrest, at the time of the surrender of Cabras, provided he shall continue of opinion that the cause of Complaint against them on the part of the late Chief was unfounded. We think however, that the Subject should undergo an investigation as soon as the Collector other duties will permit him to attend to it.

We have much satisfaction in acquainting you that we have received orders from

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From the Court of Directors regarding the Agitations
now in use in the Polygar Countries, That
will enable us to form an arrangement calculated
to reconcile the Evils arising out of so divided a Authority
Power as that Evils arising out of so divided a Authority
upon this Subject we shall write you fully
hereafter.—

We are
H.M. &c.

Fort St. George
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J. Sigrd J. Hobart 4.

Despatched the undermentioned
Letters Entered in Mr. B. Nos 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195.
196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205.—

To Barrack Master. permitting
To Comt Maclean.
him to have a House for the Serjeants of the
3d Battalion.—

To Secretary at Bengal—
To Secretary
Navy—
transmitting Copy of a Letter from the Military
Board relative to the Indent from Bengal
for 10,000 18 Pounder Shot.—

To Mr. Vaughan— permitting
To Mr. Vaughan
him to remain on the Sea Coast for a few
Months— his allowances are to be
drawn by him, while absent from his Station.—

To

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Head Qrs. George Town 1st December 1795

To Col. Kemm

To Acting Commissary General of Stores and Provisions directing Mr. Castleton Reads recommendations with respect to storing of Grain and the quantity to be received at each Station in the Barrambouel, be attended to.

To Ditto

To Acting Principal Agent for Cavalry Despatches approving the proceedings reported in his letter of the 23d. Instant.

To Commissary at Pulicat inforing him that orders will be sent to the Military Board for the removal to the Presidency of all the Stores at that place.

To Col. Mahon

To Military Auditor General transmitting Copy of a letter from the Military Board, and directing that the Compensation therein proposed be made to the Officers of the 28th Battalion, also that a Charge made by the Barrack Master in the Northern Division for three additional Doolies be enquired.

To Ditto

To Ditto. transmitting Extract of a letter from Bengal respecting his arrears

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of Salary and directing him to state the amount, that a Bond may be granted to him.—

To Military Board. transmitting Copies of two Letters from the Sub Secretary at Bengal Captain Schneider's proposal for providing cavalry Horses to be accepted.— The Arms at Pulicat to be removed to Madras, and the unserviceable Store at the Arsenal to be Sold.—

To Military Board

To Military Paymaster. directing that all the families of the Native Troops on foreign service be paid on the 2d. of every Month.—

To Mr. Cahuac

To Commander of the Army. with Instructions for entertaining such of the Native Troopers, lately dismissed from the Nabobs Service, as may be fit for the Company's Cavalry.—

To Colonel Wallace

To Paymaster at Pondicherry directing him to pay Mr. Griffith's Monthly accounts of the Boat people sent from thence to Ceylon.—

To Mr. Sullivan

To Commander of the Johns Packet with Instructions for proceeding to Europe with Public dispatches.—

To Captain Kingsley

To

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To Lieut. Hunt

To Lieut. Hunt forwarding the Dispatches to go by the Intended directing him to hasten his departure as much as possible.—

To Mr. Penny

To Collector at Ramnad directing him to forward the dispatches above mentioned with all possible Expedition to Trincomale.—

To Major Hunt

To Major Hunt approving his Instructions to Captain Lalande and the very active Zeal he has manifested in restoring tranquility to the Polygarships Territory.—

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Received the following Letter.—

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Colonel Agnew Letter respecting the Estimate of Grain and Provision Department for December

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 24th Instant with the Estimate of the expected Disbursements in the Department of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for the Month of December 1795. and to report thereon as follows.—

Expected

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	₱	₣	₢
Expected Disbursements at Madras	150.	41.	40.
Chingleput &c.	223.	"	"
Vellore &c.	71.	12.	"
Tanjore	362.	7.	40.
Pallamcottah	121.	"	"
Baramahl	100.	"	"
Chicacole	350.	31.	40.
Ongole			
Pagodas	8,543.	35.	40.

From the Total Amount of Expected Disbursements as above stated, the acting Commissary General of Stores and Provisions deducts the following Sums as not payable from the Treasury at the Presidency, but payable from the Subordinate Treasuries, for which Bills will be drawn upon them, and transferred through the General Treasury.

	₱	₣	₢
Madras Cash in hand	150.	41.	40
Chingleput &c.	223.	"	"
Vellore &c.	71.	12.	"
Baramahl	121.	"	"
Chicacole	100.	"	"
Ongole	350.	31.	40.
Pagodas	1026.	1.	—

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Consequently the Amount is payable at the Presidency on account of Disbursements in December 1795 as per Estimate of the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions is Seven Thousand, Five Hundred and Nineteen Pagodas, Sixty four Fanams and Forty Cash / Pagodas 7519. 34. 40/.—

The Estimate for Pagodas Seven Thousand three Hundred and Sixty two, Seven Fanams, and forty Cash / Pagodas 7362. 7. 40/ from Palamcotah appears to be for Victualling the Swiss Regiment Pagodas Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and forty Six, and Eighteen Fanams / Pagodas 2946. 18. /, and on account of buying in grain, Pagodas Four Thousand Four Hundred and fifteen, Thirty One Fanams and Forty Cash / Pagodas 4415. 31. 40/ payable from Store, in consequence of the Bazar Price of Rice being above Pagodas Seventy / Pagodas 70. — — /per Madras Parah—

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
30th November 1795.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
Obedt Servt
/ Signed / Henry Malcolm
Mily Aud. Genl.

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to report as follows upon the General Estimate of the Acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for the Month of December 1795, accompanying Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 24th Instant:-

From Colonel Malcolm reporting on the Estimate for the Bullock Agency for December

	£	ƒ	₹
Madras	563.	12.	48.
Vellore	27.	"	"
Tanjore	117.	31.	10.
Palamcotta	68.	35.	20.
Baramahl	140.	"	"
Chicacole	200.	"	"
Ceshapoor District	16.	"	"
Major Roberts's Detachment	944.	18.	"
Pagodas	2025.	19.	28.

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

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Bill payable from the Subordinate Treasuries, for which Bills will be drawn upon them, and transferred through the General Treasury.—

Vellore Cash in hand	27	"	"
Baramahl	160	"	"
Trichinopoly	200	"	"
Ceded Districts	16	"	"
Major Roberts Detachment	391	8	"
Pagodas	12[1]/2	18	"

Consequently the Amount payable at the Presidency on Account of Disbursements in December 1795, as per Estimate of the acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks is Seven Hundred and fifty one Pagodas, One Fanam and Twenty Eight Cash/ Pagodas 751. 1. 28/.—

Military Auditor General's Office Fort St. George 4th 30th November 1795.

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

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily Auditor Genl

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

My Lord,

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

By a Letter received from Mr. Byrch, extract

From Board of Revenue reporting the Contumacious Conduct of the Zeddaui of Williaum Raja

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extract of which we leave the honor to lay before your Lordships, we are informed that the Predatory Polliada Naigue took possession of the Fort of Pulicat, after the seizure of the Poligars and that he still holds it in defiance of the Collectors authority. As Mr. Wynch, in a subsequent letter, represents the absolute necessity of dispossessing him and the expediency of placing a Garrison in the Fort, in order to preserve the authority of Government in the Pollams, and for the security of its revenues, we recommend that such steps may be taken to this effect as your Lordships shall think proper to direct.—

We have only to observe on this occasion, that Mr. Wynch's neglect in not taking the necessary precautions to guard against an event, which he might have prevented by timely & measures adopted in concert with the Commanding Officer of the District, appears to us highly reprehensible. but as we have called on him for particular explanations on this subject, we shall suspend our further observations

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till we receive his Reply.

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed Edwd. Saunders
Chas. A. White
Wm. Cockburn
Webbe Harrington

Extract of a Letter from Mr. George Wynch.
Dated 1st November 1795.

Having been successful in quieting
the minds of the Inhabitants, and Surgar
the Principle Broadcaster having dismissed a
Number of his People, and the Pollam being in
perfect tranquility, I Returned on the 24th to Lagoa,
to take the accounts of that Pollam, and
proceeded to Dunapatche on the Evening of the 27th
for the same purpose, from whence I was under
the necessity of going to Dindigul, on the Evening
of the 30th ultimo. I again left the last night
during this Period I Received several messages
from Vallaida Marque assuring me of his
being sensible of the unprofriety of his Conduct,
and offering to make such concessions as
I should dictate, Requesting me not to pay attention

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To the Representations of the Jagody Poligar,
who he said was his most inveterate Enemy,
and who had been the Cause of his Ruin, for
that it was owing to his Council that he had
been disobedient to the Circar. I was inclined to
give some Credit to those assertions as previous
to his being taken Prisoner, he sent me a
similar Message, assuring me he would meet
any where but at Pylney. Considering the
Extreme ill Conduct of this Young Man, I conceived
it my duety to procure the most unequivocal
Proof of his Sincerity, and that his concessions
should be as ample as possible, previous to my
submitting them to your Consideration, in
the Interim he was taken Prisoner. He assured
me that his Pradanie Jangar would give me
the fullest information of every thing, and that
his People would pay implicit obedience to the
Circar Orders. On the 30th Ultimo, I sent Cowle to
Jangar and the Principle Inhabitants
informing them that I Expected their attendance
at Balaveedrum, and had little doubt but
of their obedience. Unfortunately on the 2d in the
Morning previous to my arrival here, an alarm
was Spread in Pylney, owing to about 100 Peons

proceeding

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proceeding near that Village, on their way to a Shandy at Manoor, 2 Companys of Sepoys and a 6 Pr. proceeded against them, this happening. Immediately after my having given them Cowle this occasioned so great a distrust that I have not yet been able to get any of the principle people to attend me this may be a pretence for Yesterday Saugar sent me word that he could not Receive my Cowle and would have no Communication with the Convoy he had the Principal Inhabitants with him- You will Pardon my observing that as the Fort of Balum- dum was Evacuated by our Troops 2 days after we took it, and Saugar allowed to Garrison it with his own People, the Country is still con- sidered as under his Management, and this has done what Strength'ened the Report given out by the Poligars of Jagady, that he is to succeed to the Pollam, I see with much Concern, I am necessitated to Communicate the ill Conduct of a Man who has received such Repeat Instances of Indulgence from your Board- about 10 days ago he Proceeded to a Village in them Hills where Vallaida Naigue kept his Treasuries the whole of which he removed,

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and it is since come to my Knowledge, that he has taken two of the Sydney Schooners and Confined them in Irons, He has likewise re Stopped up the Public Roads at Pondy Jagordy, to make the intercourse between this Place and Dindigul, as difficult as possible, I have ordered him instantly to Repair the Road and Release the Prisoners In Respect to the Private Property of Vallaida Naigue, he certainely Ought to be held Responsible therefore, his interference in this Pollam is an assumption of Power which I think ought not to be permitted– I have Warned him of the Consequences by Letter and shall have the Honor to inform you of the result. Under the Present Circumstances it is impossible for me to Procure any accounts from the Coniccopley at Sydney– I have Endeavoured to procure authentic Accounts Respecting it and have taken the Particulars from a Tiroovaregoody the late Pradanie Here together with the Produce which under Annamie shall be transmitted for your Information in a few days.–

/Stone Cabact/

/Signed/ Wm Brown
Esq.–

Received

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Fort D. George. December 1795.—

No 1.

Received the undermentioned Letters
Entered in P. C. No 118. 119.—

Substance of a Letter from The Right of Calentay.—

From The Right of Calentay stating That he has received no orders from The Admiralty for attending at Arcot with his troops and Guns and That he shall obey none, without the previous sanction of the Company.—

With the Letter from the Right of Calentay.—

From Dito of Tuesday last in the same Effect.—

At a Consultation
Present
The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor— President
Edward Saunders Esq.
and
Const William Tallofield Esq.

Tuesday
1. December
1795.—

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Read the following Letter from Mr. Cleghorn.—

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Mr. Cleghorn requesting an advance of 500 Pagodas.

As I leave this in a day or two for Trichinopoly I use the freedom to request that your Lordship in Council would order me an advance of five hundred Pagodas.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Fort St. George the 27. November 1795.

(Signed) Hugh Cleghorn

Ordered.

Ordered that an advance of five hundred (500) Pagodas be made from the Treasury to Mr. Cleghorn, and that the amount be carried to the head of expedition against the Dutch Settlements.

Read the following Letter from

Mr. Lowrey.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

&c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord

From Mr. Lowrey stating what steps he will be able to collect, also the number of Troops required instantly

I was Yesterday honored with your Lordships Command of the 11. Instant transmitted to me by Mr. Secretary Jackson.

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I wrote immediately to the Naval Manager at Timmerelly to communicate to me, what quantity of the following Articles of Provisions, and the time in which they could be dispatched from the Country under his management. Viz. Rice, Sheep, Peas and Shott, there being, I apprehend, the principal Articles that will be required. I have desired the Manager would be particularly explicit in ascertaining with exactness the quantity, also the time in which they can be collected.

From the Barrimah District I may be able to supply, and have ready at Kilkenny the most convenient Sea port for exporting & receive Orders to collect them, the following quantity of Supplies if they should be deemed necessary.

2,000 Bags of Rice 150 pounds ℔ Bag
2,500 Pens of Pigs
100 Bags of Shillies
5000 Sheep. and

As much Salt as may be required, but as the Rice is now in Stock, it will be necessary

that

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That I should receive your Lordships Instructions as soon as may be communicated in Order That there may be no delay in Ordering it to be Provided.

Most of the Poligar Countries in the Tinnevelly District produce only dry Grains, and the Paddy Crops being cut in January, at this period we cannot expect any quantity of Rice from them, but there can be no want of this Article, as I understand there is between 2 and 3000 Garce in Store in the Tinnevelly District. I do myself the honor to enclose a Statement of the Quantity that may be supplied from the Countries under my Management. The Supplies from the Tinnevelly Polygars should be exported from Tuticorin, and those from Ramnad and Sivagunga from Kilkerry and Tondy.

I shall be unable in a day or two to report to your Lordships what Number of Boats can be freighted on this part of the Coast, and I have written to the Manager at Tinnevelly to ascertain also what Quantity of Tonnage may be procured within his jurisdiction.

The passage from Kilkarry to Colombo at this Season is generally performed in three

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or four days by Dooneys, such as may be employed on this Occasion, and which can with facility and safety convey all the provisions that may be required, excepting the Sheep, and it may be worthy your Lordships's consideration whether it will be absolutely necessary to send them as they will occupy a great Deal of Tonnage, and probably more than can be procured, as I should apprehend a large Dooney could not well convey more than one hundred and fifty. Upon a calculation that the Detachment will consist of 2000 Europeans the daily consumption of Sheep will amount to between three and four hundred. if this Calculation should be nearly right, your Lordships will be enabled to judge the quantity of Tonnage that will be required to supply the Troops with this Article.—

Every assistance and every power shall be afforded to Colonel Stuart to enable him to make up Fascines and Gabions for the Siege. He informs me he will require about 15

Pursuant to your Lordships's desire I have Communicated to Captain Brown your Orders respecting the regular Battalions

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Sir

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed George Downey
Collector

Ramnad
the
20th November 1795.-

Statement of the Quantity of Grain Salt that may be collected from the Countries under the Superintendance of Mr Downey.-

Names of the Countries.-	Bags of Rice	Bags of Jowr	Sheep Load	Bags of Salt
Ramnad	20,000	2,500	5,000	120
Sheveganga	3,000	4,000	2,000	
Tinnivelly Pollams				
Sheveganga	1333	250	800	
Wodiambaly	467	150	400	
Choonampetty	467	200	500	
Ettyapooram	"	"	300	
Panjalamcoorchy	333	140	300	
Colarpetty	"	60	200	
Sayore	"	70	500	
Sapatoor	"	70	500	
Surridyore	"	40	200	
Savaly	"	30	300	
Total	25,600	7,500	11,000	120

N.B. As much Salt as may be required from the Ramnad District.-

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Downey be directed to lose no time in beating the Paddy into Line, and in collecting the Supplies requisite for the use of the Troops during the expedition against Columbo, according to the estimate transmitted by him. The measures to be taken for this purpose to be communicated to Colonel Stuart, and such opinions and Recommendations as he may offer, attended to, as far as circumstances will admit.—

Ordered that a letter be written to Colonel Stuart on the above subject.—

Read the following letters from Colonel Braithwaite.—

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

My Lord,

From Colonel Braithwaite Lieutenant Preston requesting leave to resign the Adjutancy of the 6th Battalion recommending Lieutenant Gunning to succeed him

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship a letter addressed by Lieutenant Preston the Adjutant to the 6th Native Battalion to Captain Mc Donnell with the Commands that Battalion, and by him to Major

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Transmitted to me to lay before your Lordships.—

I should your Lordships be pleased to accede to Lieutenant Preston's desire to resign the Adjutancy of the 6th Native Battalion, I beg leave to recommend Lieutenant Thos. Gunnell as an officer perfectly well qualified to succeed to that appointment.—

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

Head Quarters
Poonamallee
November 26th 1795.—

To Captain Alex.r Macpherson
Commanding the 6th Battalion Native Infantry

Sir

I beg leave to request you will be pleased to signify to the Commander of the Army my wishes to resign the Adjutancy of Pioneers Corps.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Preston Lieutenant
& Adjutant 6th Battalion N. I.

Madras
16th November 1795.—

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Colonel Braithwaite reporting the Death of Captain Beale and recommending Captain A. Lindsay for the Command of the 2d. Battalion.

It is with much concern that I report to your Lordship the death of Captain Anthony Beale, who Commanded the 2d. Native Battalion and the Garrison of Allore, where he died on the 23d. Ultimo.

I beg leave to recommend for the Command of the 2d. Native Battalion Captain Lindsay now in the Command of one of the Black Companies of the 2d. Battalion of Europeans belonging at Madras, an Officer unexceptionably qualified for the situation from his long Service in a Native Corps, a thorough knowledge of the Hindoostany Language, and the manners and customs of the Natives.

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
December 1st. 1795.

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

Order thereon

Ordered that the presentations and appointments recommended by Colonel Braithwaite be published in General Orders.

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Read the following letter from

Captain Bowser—

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council

My Lord,

From Captain Bowser acquainting of the Surrender of the Fort of Calpentyn—

I informed your Lordship through Mr Sackett of my intentions towards Calpentyn. and have now the Honor to inform you that I arrived off the Bar, the evening of the 12th and summoned the Fort in the Name of His Brittanick Majesty, the succeeding Morning, upon terms similar to those of Mannar which were readily agreed to, by the Commandant of the Garrison, the Garrison having absconded during the course of the day, of the 12th—

I then proceeded to Colombo & a List of Every Article of Warlike Stores there may be in readyness towards 10,000 Pieces—

I have left a small Party, for the present in the Fort of Calpentyn, and the remainder of the Detachment returned hither by sea, on the 17th Instant, without any Kind of Casualty or accident—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. Bowser

Captain Comg. at Mannar

Ordered

Mannar

the 8th November 1795.

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Minute thereon

Ordered that Captain Bowen be informed of the Board's approbation of his Conduct in the Zeal and activity manifested on the occasion of his taking possession of the Island of Callpentam.

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.

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

My Lord.

From Colonel Malcolm stating the sum due to him on account of arrears of salary.

I have had the honour to receive Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of 28th Instant accompanying Copy of the following Extract from the Letter of date 7th from the Governor General in Council and requesting me that in consequence thereof your Lordship in Council will grant a Bond in my favor for the Arrears due to me before any Lieu before Government a Statement shewing the Amount.

Extract of a Letter from the Supreme Government dated 9th November 1795.

"We are of opinion that the different

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between the Salary heretofore drawn by your &
Military Auditor General and that which you
have now judged it equitable to allow him
should be granted to Colonel Malcolm from
the period of his appointment to that Station
and recommend the same to your Consideration
accordingly.—

In consequence of your Commands
I have now the honor to lay before your &
Lordships the Statement required as follows.—

1791/2	Arrears for March and April 1792 at Pagodas 133. 14. ₰ Month being the difference between the Salary of 466. 28. heretofore drawn and 600 ₰ Month allowed from the 2d September 1791 inclusive is for two Months		266.	28.—
1792/3	Arrears from 1st May 1792 to 30th April 1793 inclusive or 12 Months at Pags. 133. 14 ₰ Month as above		1600.	" "
1793/4	Arrears from 1st May 1793 to 30th April 1794 inclusive or 12 Months at Pags. 133. 14 ₰ Month as above		1600.	" "
1794/5	Arrears from 1st May 1794 to 30th April 1795 inclusive or 12 Months as above		1600	" "
1795/6	Arrears from 1st May 1795 to 31st August 1795 inclusive or 4 Months at the above rate	533. 14. —		
D°.	Arrears for 1 day in Septr. to 1795 at above rate	20 — .		
			553.	14. "

Total Pags. 5620. — " — ".

Say

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Say Total Arrears as above Five Thousand Six hundred and twenty Pagodas for which I presume it is the intention of your Lordships although not expressed in your Secretary's Letter to grant the Bond with Interest on the same terms as adopted by this Government in discharging Colonel Braithwaite's Arrears and which I believe has been the custom in all cases of the kind when payment in Cash has not been made.—

I have the honor to be
Dr.— Dr.—
Sign'd Henry Malcolm
Mily. Asst. Genl.

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

Ordered that a Conveyance Bond bearing interest at the rate of 8⅞ per Annum for the sum of Five Thousand Six hundred and twenty 5620/8 Pagodas be granted to Colonel Malcolm, Military Auditor General being the amount of arrears of Salary due to him, and that the same be carried to the Head of Charges Extraordinary.- The Bond to be dated the 2d. of November 1795. being the day on which the Letter from Bengal &

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recommending the Subject to the consideration of
this Government was readier Council.-

Read the following letter from
Captain Doveton.-

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

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of the 20th Instant enclosing
Extract from the General Letter of the Honorable
Court of Directors dated 10th June 1795. And agree-
:ably to the desire of the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council I herewith transmit an
account of the Sums due to me in consequence of
the Orders of the Honorable Court mentioning to
Star Pagodas 8400.-

I have the honor to be
Sir.- Sir.-

Signed Gabriel Doveton.
Captain.-

Ordered

Sum Captain Doveton
stating the Sums due
him under the orders
of the Honble Court.-

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1st
November 26th 1795.

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Ordered that a Conveyance & Bond be granted to Captain Gabriel Doveton for the Sum of eight Thousand four hundred ₹ 8,400 Pagodas being the amount ordered to be paid to him by the Honorable Court of Directors, and that it be carried in the Civil Paymaster Generals Books to the Head of "Charges Establishment".—

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Alexander Grant.—

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

My Lord,

From Captain Grant stating his having paid to the Bengal Guard the Sum remaining which a remittance was made to the Court of Directors—

In the absence of Captain Brough I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary Mr. Jackson's letter of the 19th Ultimo, and the inclosure from you, that the balance that remain in the Hon.ble Company's Paymasters hands on the 24th of December 1792, and which has been referred to the Court of Directors by the Madras Government as by their letter to Major Hart, under date the 5th of March 1794, has agreeably to your orders been this day paid to the Military Paymaster General.—

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1st December 1795.—

I have the honor to be
&c.
Signed A. Grant

4473 Fort St. George 7th December 1795.

Read the following Letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal.

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

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor & General in Council to transmit you, for the information of the Governor in Council of Fort St. George, the accompanying Copy of an application made immediately, for the use of dispatch, to the Collectors of Ganjam Vizagapatam, and Masulipatam

I am
Sir
Your
Most
Obedt Servt
(Signed) J. H. Harrington
Sub Secy

Fort William
the 16th November 1795.

To the Collector
of Ganjam

Sir,

A Detachment consisting of four Battalions of Sepoys, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Erskine, being ordered on Service to the Northern Circars, and expected to commence their March from Bengal early in the ensuing month, the Governor

Sub Secretary Bengal transmitting for circular, written to the three Collectors

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Fort St. George 1st December 1795.-

Governor General in Council, with a view to prevent the great loss that must arise from sending any considerable sum in Silver with the Detachment, has directed me in the first instance, to request information from you to what extent you could, if required, negotiate Bills on Bengal or Madras, or whether you will have any, and what funds, in your Treasury, which could be applied to the payment of the Detachment during its continuance in the Northern Circars.

This information you are desired to communicate with the least possible delay.-

Fort William
16th November 1795.-

I am
&c. &c.

/Signed/ J. H. Harington
Sub. Secretary

The same
To the Collector of Vizagapatam
and
To the Collector of Masulipatam

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ J. H. Harington
Sub. Secy

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Read the following letter from the Agent for purchasing Horses on the Malabar Coast.—

W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary &c. &c.
Fort St. George

Sir.

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honble President in Council of my arrival here this Morning in a Pattamar boat from the Cutch Country and Mount I do still not considering the time I have been absent think I have been idle.—

Be so good as to acquaint them that I have procured five hundred Horses on the Guzerat and Cutch Countries and that I conceive were all my parties called in, I might reckon on seven hundred purchased for the Service, and that I have good reason to think I shall add considerably to that number during the season.—

It is with concern however I have to acquaint the Right Honble Governor that I most unexpectedly met an Opposition purchasing on the Company's account at the place I had ordered the

From Lieutenant Martyn informing the Board that he has purchased in the Cutch and Guzerat Countries. Complaints of the opposition he met with from Bastings Agent.—

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The people I had employed to assemble the persons I called their Agent for Rastorjee a Parsee who some time ago made proposals from Surat through Captain Dallas to supply horses for the service, and what I considered as very mortifying was, his being in possession of a recommendatory letter from the late Governor of Bombay to the Dutch Durbar, a favour which he did not think proper to grant me, and written some time after His Lordship had acquainted that Presidency of my being specially deputed to negotiate with the natives in those parts, and when it was well known to them I was upon my journey thither. This letter which could not fail in most seriously disadvantageing me in the Eyes of these people was not fortunately which I was at Cutch delivered to the Rajah- and I am in hopes will not, as I shall this day address the acting Governor &c. here to have it withdrawn Having learnt from Rastorjee when I was at this place the beginning of last, and whose commission I considered as confined to the Neighbourhood of Surat, and could not be intended to interfere with the plans I had formed and which received the sanction of the Right Honble Board previous to my quitting

Madras

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Madras/ that by twenty horses which he had dispatched to Madras he had lost a much Money that not being bound by a Specific contract he did not intended to purchase any more, I therefore did not think there was any necessity to address his Lordship on the Subject.—

The Parse however by some means got intelligence of my having employ a number of people on this Service sent his Agent who privately followed my footsteps all the way across the Peninsula of Guzzerat, and when I arrived to Bondye the residence of the Cutch Rajah, he took a nearer road to Mandavie the place where a number of the horses were assembled awaiting my arrival, and actually before I saw them, had made what I conceived high offers for the whole but as I considered it to the advantage of the Company that they should receive them through me, at a price that will upon delivery make them average I think about 330 Rupees p instead of 400 through the Parsees I concluded my bargain accordingly—

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We have understand contracted with a man for one hundred horses and advanced some Cash on account but I have very doubtfull of his succeeding even in it, or indeed of any that Man being able to obtain sufficient confidence with the dealers to procure any considerable number: at the same time the necessity of preventing a Competition in the same cause at the expence of the Company, will I trust apologize, and induce the Right Honble President to put a stop to it.

From the knowledge I have gained on this Subject and the confidence I trust I have established I conceive I can with great safety, promise Your Lordships a Regular annual supply in future, and in case of emergency should to the full extent of our whole Cavalry establishment in one season.

The horses from Cutch are embarked and will sail this day or tomorrow from Mandavie those from the Juggeraturte sail the 25th of this Month and others in smaller lots as boats can be procured, I have made the arrangements from a very great difficulty in collecting horsekeepers to take them to

the

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The Carnatic at one time, from the Travancore Country.—

I shall leave this tomorrow on my way to the Malabar Coast where some people with Horses for me are already gone and I trust I shall be in good time to purchase such as may be fit for the Service

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Bombay
3d October 1795.

Signed H. C. Montgomery.—
Agent for Horses.—

Marquis Cornwallis

The Board are well pleased to find that Lieutenant Montgomery's active exertions in the accomplishment of the object of his appointment have been attended with so much success.—

As the Cavalry are likely to be remounted in the course of a very short time it is resolved to direct Lieutenant Montgomery to enter into no fresh engagements for the purchase of Horses—but to hold out an encouragement to the Dealers, provided they will bring their Horses to market within the Company's Possessions in the Carnatic.—

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Fort St. George 1st December 1795.—

An expeditious Communication between the Presidency and Palamcotah, being an object of much Consequence during our operations against Colombo, the President proposes that a Horse Despatch be established— The Governors Body Guard to furnish the detail between Madras and Tondiavarnum, and Trichinopoly, and from thence to Palamcotah, by the route of Madras, the 3d Regiment...

A Horse Despatch to be established between Madras and Palamcotah

Ordered

Approved and ordered accordingly...

Ordered that a Letter be written to the Rajah of Travancore, requesting the words have in readiness one Complete Battalion of Sepoys to Garrison Palamcotah and Madura during the absence of our Troops on Foreign Service so that it may proceed to Palamcotah, upon his receipt of a Letter which the President will write to him in the course of a few days.—

The Rajah of Travancore to be requested to have one of his Sepoy Battalions in readiness to march towards Palamcotah—

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General—

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart.-

President and Governor in Council.

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Colonel Mal-colm reporting on Mr Rochfort's Claims for Deficiencies on certain Articles of the Agreement concerning the Madras Regiment, in regard to pay allowances &c. Major Hart's Account current with Fort St George from 26th December 1794 to 24th March 1795 Enclosed.-

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of December 1795 I have the honor to report that the Sum of Two Lacks Thirty two Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty four Pagodas Twelve Fanams and Fifty two Cash Pagodas 2,32,664. 12. 52 is required for the payment of Such Military Charges as become due upon the first of the ensuing Month.-

	P.	F.	C.
From the General Treasury	1,71,330.	11.	32
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General	61,284.	1.	20
Pagodas	2,32,664.	12.	52

I have deducted in consequence of the General Orders of the 10th Instant Six Hundred Pagodas (Pag.s 600) Estimated by the Military Paymaster at Madura as a Loss by Exchange in the advances received from the Collector.-

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Fort St. George 1st December 1795.—

In the above Sum is included Pagodas 4000 Estimate on account of the Swiss Regiment of Meuron as in the present Situation of that Corps and its Engagements it may not be judged advisable to prevent the Payments of Pallanums from being in Cash to answer their Bills to a certain amount untill the Mode of discharging the allowances of the Regiment is fully arranged— On this subject I beg leave to lay before your Lordship the following observations which have occurred to me since the receipt on the 27th Instant of a Copy of the provisional agreement concerning the Swiss Regiment of Meuron bearing date 30th March 1795.—

It appears by the 1st Clause that "the Regiment of Meuron is to receive "the same pay and allowances as are granted "to the other European Troops serving in the "English Establishments in India".—

As the Regiment is to enter the Service of His Britannic Majesty under the above quoted Stipulation among other, and as I believe it is an Infantry Corps Corps I presume it is intended that the

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pay and allowances of His Majesty's Foot
Regiments as discharged at the Presidency
under which they are serving is in consequence
to be adopted in regulating the payments to
the Meuron Regiment, with only such
variations as shall appear to be separately
admissible in the provisions of the agreement
bearing date 30th March 1795.—

It is stated in the 5th Clause that
"with regard to the administration of Justice,
"the Police, the Discipline and the Detail
"of the Regiment as well as the advantages
"attached to it by the agreement with the
"Dutch Company at the time of its formation,
"they shall remain upon the present footing
"until a new Agreement shall be arranged
"by mutual consent between the Government
"of His Britannic Majesty at Madras and the
"Proprietary Colonel or his Brother acting as his
"attorney which agreement shall be concluded
"within three Months after the Regiment shall
"have been taken into the Service of His Bri-
"tannic Majesty."—

On adverting to the 1st Clause of
the agreement already quoted I am led to

suppose

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suppose that the new agreement alluded to in the 4th is meant to extend no further by the insertion of the words "as well as the advantages attached to it" the Regiment? Hear may be thought to apply to the personal Establishment of the Court Martial which appears by the 11th Clause to be still left open for subsequent Consideration - it may probably be necessary, however, to extend this idea to the emolument on the Cloathing which is not payable in Specie to the Colonels of His Majesty's British Regiments -

It appears by the 6th Clause that "the Proprietary Colonel, the Colonel Commanding, the Lieutenant Colonel and the Major shall receive in addition to the pay of their Rank the pay and allowances of Captain in the same manner as if they were at the head of Companies" -

The Pay and allowances of the Regiment appearing to be disposable according to the stipulation in the 1st Clause, is it to be understood under the 6th that the Field officers of the Meuron Regiment (with the variation which may apply to the Colonel Proprietor) are to be allowed therein more than as the Field

officers

4485. Fort St. George 1st December 1795.—

Officers of His Majesty's British Regiments who are paid and considered as Captains of Companies as well as Field officers.—

It is provided for in the 8th Clause as follows "As soon as the Regiment shall be transferred to his Service His Britanic Majesty shall discharge all sums that may remain due either to the Proprietary Colonel or to the Regiment in virtue of the original Agreement with the Dutch Company" The Documents on which the Colonel grounds the claims above mentioned shall be Examined "by Commissaries to be nominated respectively "by the said Colonel and by the Government of "Madras on the part of His Britanic Majesty. "The Ballance due to the Colonel agreeably to "the adjustment made by the Commissaries shall "be paid either in Bills upon the Bank of "London or in the current Specie of Madras in "lieu of it".—

It becomes essential before the provisions of this claim can be complied with, and is equally necessary before the British pay and allowances of the Regiment can be regularly discharged, to fix in the first place the day on

which

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which the Regiment shall be considered as having been transferred to the Kings Service, and Secondly that the Court Do Recommend that the Agreement adjusted with the Dutch Company and for a detailed Account of the sums claimed as due to Lieut Col. the Regiment from the day fixed for its being considered on British pay, in virtue of the original agreement: Tables which will be required Returns of the Regiment and an authenticate Statement of all Monies paid by the Dutch Company, in consequence of that agreement for the periods corresponding to those in which Arrears shall be claimed.—

It is stated in the 10. Clause that there shall be attached to the Regiment and paid according to their rank two Brigade Majors and Two Adjutants not included in the original agreement.—

Is it to be understood from this clause that the Staff Officers mentioned in it, being over and above those included in the original agreement which the Dutch are to receive Staff pay and allowances:— Or, that the two Brigade Majors and the two Adjutants are to receive the pay of the Rank the Officers hold who are appointed to fill those posts:—

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In the 13th Clause the enrolment of a Captain is provided for on account of an Aid de Camp and of course the pay and allowances of that rank (Captain) will fall to be drawn while the Aid de Camp is present in the same proportion as for a Captain with the Regiment in addition to the Number of Captains present with it.—

On considering the Documents that will be required before the arrears due to the Corps be Mutroll and the Regiment can be adjusted conformably to the 8th Clause I apprehend it will not be practicable for the Commissaries to meet at an early period to settle the Claim, but I beg leave to represent to your Lordship that it will be extremely satisfactory and useful in making the Monthly and Annual Payments in India to the Mutroll Regiment to have all the other points ascertained and established by Government, and more particularly the day on which the Corps is to be considered on British pay, because whatever advances in Cash may be now issued to the Corps must I presume be brought into regular Monthly Account by the Deputy Paymaster General of the Kings Troops and the Paymaster of Company's allowances respectively supported by Vouchers

corresponding

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Corresponding in form and amount to those for British Regiments similarly situated whether in quarters or on the March, although for the present the Expence, after being thus detailed, will appear in the Books under the "Head of Extraordinary Disbursements" according to the Orders I have received.-

It is only necessary to add at present, on this Subject, that I have been strictly guided in stating these observations with a view to establish as early as possible the Allowance to be paid in India to the Regiments without adverting particularly

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particularly to the other parts of the provisional Agreement affecting the proprietary Colonel personally, and what relates to Recruiting the Corps, Pensions and Staff pay or other Disbursements depending upon Casualties the discharge of which in Europe may probably be thought most advisable for all parties.-

The principal Item encreases in this Estimate on comparison with the late Monthly Demands arises from the necessary payment of Half Yearly Contingencies

to

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Fort St. George 1st December 1795.-

To the Kings Troops besides
the 4000 Pagodas admitted, for
the Reasons assigned in the
Paliamentary Estimate.-

As I observe from the
notification to my Office conveyed
under date the 25th Instant, of
Brevet Captains R. Borough
and Lieutenant A. Grant
the Trustees of Major Hart,
have been directed to pay to
the Military Paymaster
General on or before the 1st day
of December next /1795/ what-
:ever Ballance may be in
their hands on account of the
Pay Office, I do myself the honor

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To inclose herewith a continuation of Account Current with Major Hart, since my Letter dated the Account I covered under date 25th March last, in order that Government may adopt such measures as shall appear necessary in communication therewith or otherwise, to adjust the Ballance payable on account of that Pay Office, as I have no information concerning the Amount that may be in the hands of his Trustees to enable me to report to Government the sums to be received by the Military Paymaster General from them, but which should necessarily be deducted from the Amount as per present report is payable from the Treasury at the Presidency.—

The total Ballance as per continuation of Account Current herewith inclosed to 24th of March 1795 inclusive is Twenty Nine Thousand one hundred and ninety Nine Pagodas, Four Fanams and Fifty Five Cash/ Pags 29,199.4.55./

I have the honor to be &c
/Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Lieut. Col. & Pay. Gen.l
&c

Military Auditor Generals Office Fort St. George 30th November 1795.

4492 Fort St. George 1st December 1795.—

Major George Hart Deputy Paymaster

Dr in Account Current with the

from the 25th December 1794 —

To Balance in his Hands on the 24th December 1794 brought from Account Current dated the 25th March 1795			28380 1 54
To Cash received by him from the Honble Company's Military Paymaster General—			
In December 1794		25,983	
In January "		15,200	
In February "		14,300	55,483
Total Pagodas			83363 1 54

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General to the Kings Troops
Presidency of Fort St. George
to 24th March 1795 } &c.

By the Amount for which the Military
Auditor General passed his Debursements.—

From 25th December 1794 to 24th January 1795 as per Audit. 24,976. 19. 24.
From 25th January to 24th February 1795 do. do. 14,614. 5. 43
From 25th February to 24th March 1795 do. do. 14,822. 14. 12
From 25th December 1792 to 24th March 1793 as per Re-audit. 251 " " 54,663. 38: 79.

By Balance in Major Hartley's Hands on the 24th March 1795 —" —" —. 29,199. 4 55.

Total Pagodas —"—" 83,863. 1. 54.

27th November 1795.—

Errors and Omissions Excepted

(Signed) Henry Malcolm.
Mil. Sy Aud. Genl.

Ordered

4494 Fort St. George 1st December 1795.—

Orders thereon

Ordered that the Sums required for Military Paymaster in the present Month be issued from the Treasury.—

Ordered that the other parts of Colonel Malcolm's Letter do remain for future Consideration.—

Hobart

Con Saunders

Ed Wallace

Ed. I. Fullerton.

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Diary

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Received the undermentioned
letters Entered in Mr B. Nos 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9

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From Mr Herrington

From Secretary at Bengal
notifying the arrival of Major W.m Prendergast
of the Madras Engineers at that Presidency

From Messrs Colt Baker & Co

From Messrs Colt Baker & Co
requesting payment of a Bill for 11
Extra freight due on the ship Gloucester,
amounting to 840 Star Pagodas.

From Lieutenant Colonel Bernard

From King's Deputy Paymaster
General transmitting the accounts of His
majesty's Troops employed on the Ceylon
Expedition, from 25.th August to 24th
October 1795.

From Military Board

From Military Board
transmitting an Indent for Petty Stores
required for the Service of the Arsenal
and Laboratory. —

From Mr Roebuck

From Military Paymaster
General presenting an additional
Estimate of Cash for December. —

From

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From Mr Parry 2.

From Mr. Thomas Parry. soliciting an augmentation of the Terms of Freight for the Ships many - in consequence of the present demand for shipping.

From Major Munro

From Commandant at Arcot reporting the damage done to the Stables and Officers quarters at that Cantonment by the late Storm.

From Major Brodie

From Ditto at Chinglepeet with a similar Report.

From Major Wright

From Ditto at Vellore - Ditto Ditto -

From Captain Macdonald

From Ditto - at Walajabad - with Ditto - Ditto -

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in Mr. B. Mr. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17.

From Mr. Dring

To Contractor for army clothing permitting him to supply the Recruit Corps with an Uniform of Red & turned up with Green. -

From Mr. Hardon

To acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - inclosing Copies of

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2d of the auditor generals reports upon his " different estimates for December.

To Mr Powney / To Collector at Pennorad - approving " the measures taking by him for collecting " supplies for the Columbo Expedition - and directing him to report the price of the " Rice that can be procured by him, but in the mean time to go on beating into Rice, the Paddy he has already collected. -

To Colonel Stuart To Colonel Stuart - advising him of the orders sent to Mr Powney to collect supplies with whom he is to correspond upon that subject - and recommending " that he procure sheep from the Western part of Ceylon, instead of the Southern " Countries of the Peninsula. -

To Military Board To Military Board - directing them to give immediate orders for the Repair of the Damages done to the Public Quarters at Tanna arcot, Tiagar, Chinglepet, Conatore, Vellore, and Amboor by the late tempestuous " weather. -

To Mr Roebuck To Military Paymaster General with the Copy of the auditor Generals Report upon

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To Clerk of the Treasury

2 upon his Estimate for December. —

To Clerk of the Treasury —
Printing advances of Cash to Mssrs "
Roebuck and Hardcastle for their "
respective Departments

At a Consultation
Present
The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor — President
Edward Saunders Esqr "
and
Ernst William Tallosius Esqr "

Friday 4th 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

From Bengal — stating their Justification for entering into the Treaty negotiated by Lord Cornwallis with the King of Candia — and the Explanation he has made to his ministers on the part of the Honble "Government.

My Lord,

We have now the honor " to communicate to your Lordship " Minutes on the Treaty entered into by

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by Mr Andrews on the part of the "
Company and the Ministers of the "
King of Candia as preliminary to "
a more comprehensive Treaty "
of alliance and Commerce. –

2 The Treaty, in substance, "
is a perpetual Guarantee of the "
King of Candia against all Evil = "
sue, in return for which, and to "
enable the Company, to protect "
and guard the King this Country
and Religion the King is to ob
cede to the Company in perp=
petuity, some favorable Situa=
tion, with full Permission "
to them, to erect Forts and Factories
as they please, and the Company are
to have a preference in the Trade and
Commerce of Ceylon, particularly in
that of Cinnamon. –

3 As your Lordships in Council
have declared that the several "
Articles of the Treaty, chiefly conform to

the

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the objects you had in view in opening
the negotiation; that in your opinion, a
Definitive Treaty upon the Ground work of
these articles, will eminently conduce
to the Interest of the British nation, it
is to be presumed, that the more com-
prehensive Definitive Treaty, which
you propose to conclude, and request
our Sanction to ratify, is meant to
conform in all respects in Principle, to
the articles already agreed upon; We are
therefore in the first Place led to consider
the merits of the Treaty now before us
with reference to the Interests of the
Company and the British nation.-

4th To undertake the perpetual Guarantee for Prince &
or State, is the most serious obligation
which a Nation can impose upon
itself, and previous to contracting
it, the relative situation of the Parties
ought to be fully understood, and the
Risks and advantages of the obligation,
ought

ought to be weighed under a comprehension
view of the circumstances likely to
involve either Danger or Benefit. —

5 How far this has been done
in the present case, we at least are
ignorant. We know not the actual
Power or Resources of the King of Candia,
the Relation in which he stands
towards the Dutch, the Treaties
subsisting between him and them,
what Rights whether Territorial or
otherwise he may have surrendered
or retained, nor the Value or Extent of
the Commerce of the Islands. From the
Instructions to Mr Andrews it may be
collected that the Importance of establishing
the British Influence on the Islands of
Ceylon, has heretofore attracted the attention
of your Government, that the King of
Candia has been impatient under the
Dutch Controul, and will probably be
anxious to relieve himself from this
Inconvenience, by embracing the
proffered

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profferd alliance, and that the
Dutch have Treaties or Engagements
with the King, upon which they have
established an exclusive Trade from
the Island. —

I consider in the first Instance
consider the consequence of the Guarantee
as affecting, or affected by, the political
situation of affairs in Europe. That
the obligation to guard and protect
the King the Country and Religion
of Ceylon, against all Enemies may
create Embarrassments to a general
Pacification is evident, It is not
impossible that a Treaty of Peace may
be at this moment concluded, stipu-
lating the Restoration of the Dutch
Possessions in India, under which, if
this Treaty with the King of Candia
should be ratified, we should be induced
to the alternative of deserting a new
ally, or of renewing Hostilities with
the Dutch. —

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7th In Questions involving the
National Interests, the Prudence and
Policy of measures, are to be weighed, as
well as the Right to adopt them. We
are to reflect that the tendency of the
Treaty with the King of Candia gave to
the total Subversion of those Interests
which the Dutch have ever guarded
with the most vigilant Policy and
Jealous reserve, and that if their Pos-
sessions upon the Island should be
restored to them, the Expulsion of the
English from it will be their invari-
able object, either Secret or avowed. No
one can for a moment suppose
that they will relinquish their
extensive Possessions and Establish-
ments on the Island, because
the Treaty withdraws the benefit of
its Trade from them and transfers
it to us, retaining their Possessions,
they must look to the means of

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deriving their former advantages from them, by recovering what they have lost, and their situation will afford them pretences for Discussions leading to Hostilities with the King of Candia, in which the obligations of the Treaty will compell the Company to take part. We ought also to connect with the possible restoration of the Dutch Possessions in Ceylon, the certainty of their reclaiming all Rights and Privileges which they have hitherto held, and how far these are or are not compatible with the exercise of the Guarantee, and the enjoyment of the Privileges afforded to us by the Treaty, We are not advised. —

To enable us to give that or Protection which we promise, we are authorised to erect Forts and Factories, and implicitly rely upon it to compell us to do it, whether for the object specified in the Treaty, or for the Protection of our Commerce, or to preserve our Influence

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influence with the King of Candia, which will no longer be effective or permanent, than whilst we shall have a superior, or at least a respectable force in the Islands. It without this, the advantages of Commerce will be visionary, and we if we are obliged to build Forts and establish large Garrisons on the Islands, we ought at least to have some assurance that the Trade will furnish a Compensation for the Expence. It is we believe a fact that all the harbours and Ports on the Islands form part of the late Dutch Possessions, an observation of very material importance

8th It may be urged, that the superiority of the English Power in the East, will operate as a check upon the Policy and Designs of the Dutch, and that they will not dare to

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to molest either our Factories, or exercise
any Controul over the King of Candia,
which shall call for the Protection of
our Guarantee – But the Spirit of the
Dutch Policy rather suggest the "
Inference, that they will augment "
their force on the Islands and wait a
favorable opportunity of aggression "
against the King of Candia

9.th If the Dangers attending "
the Guarantee be found probable,
and if otherwise, the improbability
of them ought to be shewn; why should
they be incurred? Not from the "
necessity of obtaining the Cooperation
of the King of Candia in the Conquest
of the Dutch Settlements, or the "
assistance of his Troops to secure "
them, when made, against any
possible attempts of the Dutch or "
French, the grounds of the qualifications
suggested in our Letter of the 10.th August,

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this necessity is not stated as the Basis of negotiation in the Instructions to Mr Andrews, whose Deputation is professedly founded on the Importance of establishing the British Influence on the Island of Ceylon, and looks prospectively to the advantages of Commerce. These would naturally remain with the Company, if they should retain the acquisitions made by the British Troops on the Island of Ceylon, and to secure them no Treaty was now necessary - If on the contrary, the Possessions of the Dutch should be restored to them, the expectation of future commercial advantages appears to us clearly purchased at the expence of a perpetual Guarantee. -

10th We consider the obligation to protect and Guard the King. Religion and Country of Candia against all

Enemies

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Enemies, to all intents and purposes a positive guarantee, altho the word Aid is not used, but there is no stipulation on his part to assist against either the Hostilities of the Dutch or the French — The Terms of the second article of the Treaty, that the King of Candia shall not be a friend to the Enemies of the English, could never authorize us to Command the Co-operation of his Forces against the existing Hostilities and to require either directly or by Delegation, the Treaty now before us, without a stipulation to this Effect, would be in us be a deliberate Violation of the Statute —

11.th The professed object of the Negotiation, as stated by your Lordships in Council, independantly of legal impediments ought certainly to have excluded all Idea of a perpetual Guarantee

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Guarantee and if, as appears probable,
the impatience of the King of Candia
under the Dutch Contract and his
anxiety to throw it off, would have
induced him to offer an Establishment
upon the Island, and Commercial
Advantages, to the Company, without
the Stipulation of a Guarantee in
return, the offer might have been accepted
and the Company might have decided
upon the prudence of taking advantage
of it without the risks attending the
obligation The Interest of the King of
Candia favours the supposition but,
be that as it may, such obligation
could only legally be entered into
upon other principles and the
Terms of it should have been com-
mensurate to the Exigency of the
Case - If distinct principles are,
as they appear to be, blended in
the Negotiation of your Lordships

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in Council, it is our Duty to discriminate them, and not suffer ourselves to be hurried into the Confirmation of a Treaty, the proposed advantages of which are precarious and Remote, under the Idea of an Emergency, which has no provision to meet it. —

12th The Dilemma in which we are Now placed is certainly obscure and unpleasant — We are called upon to confirm a Treaty, which as it now stands both Law and prudence & condemn, or to incur, by rejection, the Risk of exciting unfavorable impressions in the mind of the King of Candia, whose Deputies will soon arrive at Madras in the expectation of the Ratification of the Treaty by your Government. This embarrassment having been created by your Government, We must consider you & responsible for the consequences of it, &

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the Resolution for forming the Treaty, was
made without any previous communication
with us, the Treaty does not contain the Clause,
which the Statute prescribes, subjecting it to
the approbation or Rejection of this Government
it is again objective in the omission of the
Consideration prescribed for a Guarantee,
the Instructions to the Negotiator, direct him
to enter into a Treaty of alliance and
Friendship, preliminary to a more compre-
hensive Treaty of Friendship and Commerce,
and he concludes a Treaty which binds
the Company to the Protection of the King
Country and Religion of Candia against
all Enemies, That necessity which dictated
the original Resolution has never been
established, and under the distinct
supposition stated in this letter, We
must deem the Treaty premature &
unnecessary or dangerous. —

13th This however is not the first
Instance in which we have been extricated
from

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from a similar Dilemma, by a fair
and candid explanation — a Precedent
occurs in one of the earliest acts of
Lord Cornwallis's administration with
respect to the Mahrattas, and although
it was of a nature calculated to
give umbrage to that State, no
offence was taken at it, the Reputation
of the English throughout Hindostan
for good faith, has been as much
promoted by plain expositions of
their motives and Principles, as by
their inviolable adherence to their
Engagements. —

14th That some Treaty must be
now concluded with the King of
Candia, there can be no difficulty
to determine, and our sentiments upon
it may be expressed in few Words. —

15th That it should be confined to
general expressions of amity, in
terms

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terms calculated to give the fullest
confidence to the King of Candia. The
more our Connection with him is
restricted to general Principles and
Professions, the less will be the
Embarassments after the Peace,
if it should take place on the
Principle of a Status quo, or to the
Negotiations for forming it, whilst
on another supposition it leaves
the King and Company at liberty
to enter into a future Engagement
with better Information. If however
the King should be disposed to make
any concession respecting the Trade in
Cinnamon or Commerce of the Island,
or of an Establishment upon it, provided
it be unincumbered with any
Stipulation, which may be an obstacle
to our relinquishing it with honor, if
it should be necessary or advisable, it
may be accepted. —

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16th Our Progress against the Dutch Possessions in Ceylon has been hitherto successful without the co-operation of the King of Candia. The same means and exertions with his assistance in supplying our Troops with Provisions, which he seemed readily disposed to grant, will probably soon place all the Dutch Possessions in the Island under our authority, and for this purpose we want nothing more, but his neutrality.

17th Adopting this determination we recommend that the following declaration on the part of this Government, be made to the ministers of the King of Candia.—

18th Professing the greatest respect and veneration for his Majesty, the most

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most cordial attachment to his person
and friendly disposition towards his
Government and the highest sense of
the confidence reposed in us, we u
feel it incumbent upon our honor u
Reputation, and good faith, previous
to entering into any Treaty with his u
Majesty's Ministers, to state, for their
information, some considerations of
importance which have occurred
to this Government, and which we are
persuaded will be well received in
proportion to the sincerity with which
they are made. —

19. 12 His majesty has been already
apprized of the motives which induced
the Company to send Troops into Ceylon
for the purpose of settling possession
of the Dutch Settlements there, and
your Government in conformity to u
that regard which the Company and
this Government entertain for his
majesty, u —

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majesty, were happy To avail yourselves
of this opportunity to tender the A
friendship of the Company to his
majesty, and solicit his in return with
a proposal to cement the new A
connection by a formal Treaty of
amity and alliance.

20th But your amity to Effect
this desirable measure, you overlook Difficulties to the H
execution of it, which have occurred
to us, and which we have desired you
to state to them fairly and explicitly

21st The amity or Disagreement
between the English Company, and
other European Nations settled in
India, depends upon the connection
between the British and those
Nations in Europe, and the Establish-
ment of Peace there, will unfeasibly
produce it here. It is even possible that,

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at this moment a Pacification may have taken place upon Terms including the Restoration of the Possessions of which the Dutch have been deprived in India, and if this should be the case the Company may be restricted by the terms of pacification from giving that protection to his Majesty against the Dutch and other Enemies, which the preliminary Treaty promises, and of which the British Nation cannot at this time be disinformed. This is a Predicament, which would equally involve His Majesty and the Company in Embarrassments, and the Statement of it will prove that we are no less solicitous for the Interest of his Majesty, than those of the Company, and although we are fully sensible of the advantages which the Company would derive from the Establishment which his Majesty proposes to grant them in Ceylon, and the Commercial benefits stipulated in the Preliminary Treaty,

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Treaty, we cannot but hesitate to accept
any advantage however great under an
Engagement, the performance of which
may be incompatible with Treaties
entered into between the English and
Dutch nations, and of which the distance
from Europe precludes our Knowledge

22d His Majestys ministers we
are persuaded will see the Embarrass-
ment which we have stated, in the
same light in which it occurs to us,
and will receive it, as a proof of that
sincerity which we profess, and of a
regard for that good faith which the
English observe in all their Engagements

23d No Treaty can augment the
Friendship which the Company entertain
for his Majesty, but if his Ministers should
think any necessary in addition to the
assurances made to him by your
Government, and more repeated by
this,

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this you are authorized to confirm them by a Specific Treaty.

24th The Solemnity and Candour of this Proposition ought to have due weight with the Ministers of the King of Candia, and we cannot suppose that they will either be offended with it or that they will after due consideration require the execution of the Guarantee obligation in the Preliminary Treaty. But if our ideas on this Subject should be ill founded, if the Ministers of the King of Candia should consider the explanation as evasive, and a pretence for giving up our connection with him, and as such sentiments might lead to Indisposition or Enmity on his part, We would agree to meet his wishes so far as this, — That the third article of the preliminary Treaty should be confirmed, subject to the ratification or Rejection of the Company within

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within two years from the date of the
Treaty, upon the consideration prescribed
in the Statute of Reciprocal assistance
from the King of Candia

25th This is the only mode which
occurs to us for relieving the Company
from the Embarassments, in which
we are now involved. It provides it
against the Political, as well as legal
objections to the Ratification of the
Treaty as it now stands, it leaves an
opportunity for the Company to
extricate themselves without discredit
if there should be a necessity for it
rejecting the Treaty, or of regulating
the terms of their future connection
with the King of Candia, and the
Candaces of the Imposition leaves him
without any grounds of complaint
if the Treaty should not be confirmed

26th With respect to the reciprocality
of assistance on his part, we should not
be

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be anxious to receive the Performance
of it from him, unless in the last u
extremity, for this reason, that we u
would not induce him to take any
measures that may expose him to u
the aggravated resentment of the u
Dutch. —

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We have the honor to be
Gentn. Your
" J Shore
" Robt Abercromby
" P. Speke
" Wm Cowper

The President delivers the u
following Minute. —

President's Minute in Council
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President's minute containing his observations upon the above letter from Bengal

The President in Council having
attentively considered the letter of the u
16th Ultimo from the Supreme Board
to

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to this Government on the subject of the
Preliminary Treaty negotiated by Mr
Andrews with the King of Candia, submits
the following Observations.

The letter from the Supreme
Board divides itself into two distinct
parts. the first are Elaborate and
comprehensive Censure upon the Conduct
of the Government of Fort St George in
negotiating the Preliminary Treaty with
the King of Candia, the second - on
authority, under certain conditions, to
conclude a definitive Treaty - subject to the
ratification or Rejection of the Court of
Directors. -

It would appear that the Supreme
Board, in order to enforce the strictures they
have been pleased to make upon our
proceedings have attended to the utmost pitch
of probability every imaginary Evil which
human ingenuity could devise, for the
purpose of opposing us to the disapprobation
of the Company holding up the Treaty as
perpetual

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perpetual Guarantee of a Prince against
all his Enemies, and describing such a
Engagement as the most serious that a
Government can undertake.

Upon a general principle,
it must be admitted, that to undertake
such an engagement is a matter of serious
moment, but as the situation of the King
of Candia's Dominions precludes him
almost from the possibility of an Enemy
amongst the Native Powers of India, the
Guarantee, as it has been termed by the
Supreme Board, became little more
than an engagement to protect the
King of Candia against the Dutch, a
power which under existing
circumstances, is scarcely deserving of
a Name in India

If the question of negotiating
a Treaty with the King of Candia, were
to hinge upon our previously ascertaining
the value of the Commerce of the Island,
and the resources of his Candian
Majesty,

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Majesty, it is clear that none could be negotiated, since the policy of the Dutch would at all times prevent the acquisition of authentic information on the former point, and counteract our Enquiries, with regard to the latter: but it is a matter of Notoriety that the Cinnamon Trade, independent of other commercial advantages is considerable in value — that during the continuance of Military operations upon the Island, the assistance and friendship of the King of Candia is extremely important in every point of view and that after having conquered the Dutch establishments, an amicable intercourse and alliance with him must tend in a great degree to the ease and comfort of our Situation, as well as Spiritually contribute to the security of our possessions. —

These were points which were deemed so obvious to every man, who had any Knowledge of the affairs of India, that to have dwelt upon them,

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in our communications with the "
Supreme Board, might have been
Construed an unprofitable and improper
"per consumption of their time. "

The existing Treaties between
the King of Candia, and the Dutch
are of course known to him, and
if he is not precluded by them from
any Engagements he is disposed to
enter into with us, those Treaties "
can be of no moment, Yet shall "
hereafter appear that he has violated "
such Treaties, it may Eventually "
invalidate any objections he shall "
have made to us, and leave us at
liberty, if Political circumstances
shall suggest such a step, to extricate
ourselves from all connexion with
him, on account of the deception
he may have practised upon
us - In the mean time we shall
have had the advantage of his "
cooperation at the period of all "
others, when it was of the most
consequence

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consequence to the miseries we were
persueing.

Was I the advocate and
friend of the Dutch, I would institute
a minute investigation into their claims
upon the King of Candia - but acting to
the best of my ability, with a zeal which
nothing shall abate, to promote the "
welfare of my Country, and Knowing,
that in great political concerns, time
and circumstances are every thing, "
and that an opportunity once lost, may
never be regained, I shall leave to others
to consider the rights of the Dutch Nation,
with whom we are at War and confine
my efforts to the doing every occasion
that may present itself for the advance "
ment of the interests of the British "
Empire. -

The Risk that may be "
incurred by this Treaty, is a present "
certainly entitled to a separate discussion,
and in the contemplation of that question,
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some considerations arise, which apply so particularly to the actual posture of affairs, as to strengthen every opinion I had originally formed of the necessity of the Treaty, and to make it an object to which circumstances have given additional weight since the period at which it was first suggested. —

It has been already stated, that the King of Candia can have no Enemy in India except in an European nation and if that Enemy is to be the Dutch, the Losses they have sustained within the last twelve months by the hostility, and then the friendship of their new allies — the Capture of their Ships in all parts of the world — the dispersion of their Force, and the annihilation of their military power in India, which is on the eve of being completely accomplished, must render them, exclusive of their

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their friendly alliance so little formidable,
as by no means to justify our forgoing
any attainable advantage from an
apprehension of the effects of their
resentment. But if on the other hand,
we turn our attention to their recent
Treaty with the French which has
absolutely sunk them into the degrading
situation of Province of France, placing
their Councils under the controul of
French Ministers, and their military
force by Sea and Land under the
authority of French Commanders, what
security have we against the Establish-
ment of French Power and Influence
upon the Island of Ceylon, and that
once established, what security should
we have for the permanency of our
actual possessions on the Coromandel
or Malabar Coasts? — an alliance
with the King of Candia on the other
to our situation in that case, would
become of the utmost importance, and

if it led to a contest upon the Island, the
object of which should be, the expul-
sion of the French and Dutch, as a
national concern, intimately connected
with our existence in India, I should
consider the Stake sufficiently momentous
to warrant the consequences even
of plunging us into the Calamities
of War. —

What a Treaty with the
King of Candia has been long sought
after, and by those who have most
strenuously pursued the interests of
the Company, will appear by the Embassy
sent for that purpose in Mr. Digotts,
Government, during the time of Peace
with the Dutch, and by Lord Macartney,
during a period of hostility, with
that Nation; and the records of the
Company do not afford information
to induce a belief that the proceedings
of either of those Governors upon the
subject incurred the displeasure of the

Court

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Court of Directors —

In considering this question, as affecting any negotiations in Europe for a general pacification, the Embarrassments which are so very Evident to the Governor General in Council, I must acknowledge do not appear to me in the same light — Perhaps I may not look at the situation of the British Empire in so Desponding a point of view, as they must unquestionably have done before they could bring themselves to adopt the opinion, that it was possible for the terms of Peace not only to be a relinquishment of all our Conquests in the East but also a stipulation not to enter into an alliance which we had thought ourselves at liberty to make at any former period — The only ground which the Dutch could take for enforcing such a condition upon us, was under the perspective of our having been brought to the last stage of Distress and degradation, would be that the State was gone

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them, under existing Treaties with the King of
Candia, the right to insist on such a de-
mand - and if that should be found
to be the case, the King of Candia's en-
gagements to us must of course become
nugatory - and consequently the em-
barassments which have been
stated, would cease to exist. - But on the
other hand, the confidence I feel in the
Energy, the activity, Bravery and resources
of the British Empire, strengthened by
the splendid and glorious Victories of their
Navy, encourage me to hope that
whenever the period of negotiation
shall arrive, it will be conducted on
the high ground of British pre-eminence
and that its conclusion will be both
honorable and advantageous to the
Interests of our Country.

In the Event of a Treaty of
Peace having actually taken place, stipulating
for the restoration of the Dutch possessions
in India, a Copion from the King of Candia

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of Territory not the suspicion of the "
Dutch would not suffice to occasion the "
smallest difficulty - The services we shall
have derived from the King of Candia, "
might indeed oblige us to succour him "
from the effects of the animosity and
resentment of the Dutch, without any
engagement whatsoever. having availed
ourselves of his assistance we are bound
in honour tho' no Treaty should be "
entered into with him, to interpose
effectually in his behalf

That the Tendency of the "
Treaty goes to the subversion of those interests
which the Dutch have ever guarded with
the most vigilant & jealous "
reserve, is certainly true, and from that
circumstance we may form some idea "
of the value of that Trade, which it is the
object of our Treaty with the King of Candia
to obtain - I am equally ready to admit
that the Dutch would not like the expulsion
of the English from the Islands of Ceylon
with the utmost avidity, but the attainment

of

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of that point, however desirable, could not so easily be accomplished, and it is more probable that the Dutch would prefer a compromise that left them in the quiet possession of their settlements, to hazarding the consequences of a contest with us. u under that impression, if you were bound to resist any aggression on their part against the King of Candia, such an u engagement appears to me calculated to maintain the permanent internal u peace of the Island.

Our expences must depend upon the extent of our possessions, and u if the whole, or even a proportion of the Cinnamon Trade can be secured to us, u we shall derive ample compensation u for the erection of Forts and Factories - our Establishment at Pulo Penang diverts the greatest part of the trade which had centred at Malacca, to that Settlement, merely on account of the narrow and illiberal Policy upon which all the Commercial

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Commercial dealings of the Dutch are
conducted, and there can be little doubt of
the same effect following from the same
cause, upon the Island of Ceylon.

The several accounts which have
reached me of the proposition and policy
of the King of Candia, and the strong support
which the Interests of the Dutch derive
from a respectable number of the H
Ministon at that Court, evidently prove
that without some advantages from us, we
could have expected neither effectual
assistance or cooperation from His H
Majesty, and that a proposition to him,
communicating our readiness to accept
to avail ourselves of his aid in the war
we were carrying on against the Dutch
without any stipulation on our part,
in return, would indubitably have H
been rejected —

The King of Candia has certainly
a rooted aversion to the Dutch, but he has
too often experienced the effects of their H
resentment

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resentment to have been prevailed on
to provoke it without more adequate
inducement, and we had none to offer
except our protection and support. — Com-
mercial Benefits have been already
stated as a consideration which had great
weight in our deliberations respecting the
expediency of negotiating a Treaty with
the King of Candia, but the circumstances
which rendered the attempt extremely
perilous in point of time, was the necessity
which was urged to us of securing a
supply of provisions from him for the
maintenance of our Troops upon the
Island — That supply has been obtained
in consequence of the proposition for a
Treaty, and the Effect of it has materially
conduced to the rapid success of our Military
operations — The reasonable supply of
provisions from the King of Candia has
accordingly been in fact, to co-operation and
perhaps has been the more efficient, because
it was not attended by any part of his army,

which

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which would have been useless as a Military force, and an incumbrance from the additional consumption it would have occasioned - with a view to the measures in contemplation for the reduction of Columbo, the assistance of the King of Candia may be looked upon of the utmost importance in procuring for us the various articles that may be wanting for carrying on a Siege, as well as for furnishing Cattle and provisions for the use of the army. If, on the other hand, the King of Candia had stood aloof, preserving a neutrality which could only have been perfect by his taking care we should not obtain from his country any supplies whatsoever, or if, what was more probable, he had been prevailed upon to assist the Dutch by throwing every impediment in our way, our acquisitions would at this time have been probably confined to Trincomale and Fort Ostenburg - since we could never have ventured to expose ourselves

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ourselves, as we must unquestionably have gone
to attack from the King of Candia, who
might have taken advantage of the division
of our Force, and we should have had
difficulties to encounter in the siege of
Columbo, which would have obliged us to
augment our Troops, whilst the means
of supplying them were lessened, and
might have rendered our Success against
it extremely precarious — The supplies
which we shall now obtain, would in
that case, have gone to the Dutch in
Columbo, and altho' we might not have
found a formidable Enemy in the
King of Candia, his ability to distress and
harrass our Troops would unquestionably
have been considerable —

That the Dutch Government
set a high value upon the advantages we
should derive or the loss they would
sustain from our concluding a Treaty with
the King of Candia is evident from the

expressions

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ipertions they have made to counteract it,
from their having offered the arrears of
Tribute due to that Prince, which had
been accumulating for a long Ser of time -
His rejection of those arrears was an early
testimony of his confidence in the alliance
and friendship of the British nation, w
which had been held out to him. -

Under all those circumstances,
I embrace with the most cordial satisfaction
the reasonabilities which the Supreme Board
have been pleased to attach to this Govern-
ment, for the measures which have w
been hitherto taken upon the subject of
this Embassy and with great deference
to their opinions, and due respect to their
situation, I must assert that I know of
no embarrassment that can possibly
arise upon the subject, except such as
may have been created by their letter w
of the 16th ultimo -

If it shall appear to the Court
of Directors that the Treaty with the King
of Candia was premature, unnecessary and
dangerous

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dangerous, they will probably look upon the man, who avows himself the author of it, which I do, unfit to conduct any portion of their affairs. —

Having gone through the attributes of the Governor General in Council upon the negotiation as far as it has proceeded, it is now my Duty to discuss the measures they have recommended to be adopted on the arrival of the Candian Embassadors. —

The first step to be taken is to impress them with an increased respect for the British Nation, by a candid exposition, acquainting them that after having availed ourselves of the assistance and Co-operation of the King of Candia, until we have completed all our objects upon the Island of Ceylon, by possessing ourselves of every one of the Dutch settlements it has occurred to the Supreme Board / no inducement shall make me admit that I am of the same opinion / that the Treaty proposed to be formed

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formed with his Majesty may produce an
Embarrassment in our negotiations with
European Nations, and therefore we should
wish to prevail upon them to be satisfied
with general professions of friendship
and amity, which would effectually free from
all embarrassment, that might eventually
arise in Europe, and leave him at
liberty (after having enabled us so rapidly
to get possession of the Dutch Settlements)
to make the best terms he can for himself
upon their reestablishment — we are also
to state to them, that after having received
the most important Services from the
King of Candia by which he has irretrievably
committed himself against the Dutch, that
we cannot but hesitate to accept any
advantages, however great, under an
Engagement, the performance of
which may be incompatible with
Treaties entered into between the English
and Dutch Nations, and of which the

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distance from Europe precludes our knowledge" -
The Dilemma into which the Supreme Govern-
ment were thrown and from whence they were
extricated during the early part of Lord
Cornwallis's administration, with respect to
the Mahrattas, would not seem to apply to the
present case - The Mahrattas had long been
intimately acquainted with the British
Character - a plain exposition of motives and
principles, on a point that admitted of doubt
was perhaps the truest test that could have
been offered of our good faith - But the
King of Candia, who can only have formed
his opinion of European nations, from what
he has learnt from the Dutch, whose
reputation for good faith, is by no means
proverbial, would find some difficulty in
bringing himself to be reconciled to an
explanation which should be of a nature
calculated to give umbrage - What effect this
opposition may produce, it is therefore
not difficult to foresee, - and I am happy

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that the Supreme Board have provided for the Event of the King of Candia's Ministers considering the explanation evasive, and a pretence for giving up our connexion with their Master, as indisputably such sentiments would lead to indispo = sition and Enmity on his part. —

The Inadvertency of Mr. Andrews in not requiring a reciprocal assistance from the King of Candia in the 3d. article I conceive can readily be remedied, that it was merely an omission, and is a matter so much of course that there can be no difficulty in rendering the article in question properly conformable to the "Statute — upon the Term "Perpetual Guarantee" introduced by the Supreme Board and applied to the Treaty, and which, according to their Ideas, seems so much to have aggravated the objections they have brought forward against it, it may be proper to observe that from its not being limited in point of time, it

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It unexpectedly occurs that, like all other Treaties, unlimited in duration, it is nominally perpetual — but that all Treaties, between States, limited or unlimited, with respect to their continuance ever have been, and ever must be, & controulable by circumstances, which no human foresight can foresee or prevent.

The Subject of the Embassy & to Candia having been fully discussed in the Board's letter of the 28th of August, the President in Council desires to refer to that letter, as containing a further explanation of his sentiments upon those points which he has considered it unnecessary to repeat in the foregoing Minutes.

& Hobart

M.P.

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Mr Tallofield delivers the following Minute.—

Minute

Mr Tallofield's minutes on the Subject of a Treaty of alliance and commerce with the King of Candia

I feel great concern that the Supreme Government have expressed their disapprobation of the Preliminary Treaty entered into between Mr Andrews and the King of Candia.

The importance to the Company of having a permanent and respectable Establishment on the Island of Ceylon and an alliance with the King, will I think appear obvious, when it is considered how essentially it would conduce to the Security of their extensive possessions on the Coast particularly the Southern Provinces, which from their vicinity to the Island are liable to be suddenly invaded — That a few armed Cruizers in such a Central situation might prove extremely detrimental to the trade of the Bay, the Malabar Coast and

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the Eastern seas, were tho' our Naval Force
might be superior, and occasionally
prevent even any communication by sea
between the different Presidencies - and that
a body of Troops with supplies of military
Stores might be held in readiness to avail
themselves of a favorable occasion to assist &
co-operate with any of the Princes of the
Country at the shortest Notice.

By a participation in the
Valuable Products and Commerce of
Ceylon, the Commercial Concerns of the
Company would probably be benifited to
an Extent far beyond any estimate
that could now be formed.

The King of Candia on the
Commencement of Hostilities on the Island
having evinced a most friendly disposition
towards the Company's Government in
furnishing their Troops with Provisions,
and in not suffering any difficulty or
the smallest impediment to be opposed to

their

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their taking possession of the Fort and
Factories belonging to the Dutch, and
which might have greatly impeded and
delayed their operations — this appeared
a most favorable moment for opening a
negotiation with him, and endeavoring
to effect what former Governments had been
so solicitous to accomplish. — In
return for the prompt and effectual
assistance afforded by the King in
sending Supplies to the Troops, — on
his acquiescence to the whole of the Conquered
Settlements with their Revenues and
Dependancies being retained by our
Government, in offering to hold a part of
his own Territory, and finally admitting
the Company to partake of the trade
of the Island, He might naturally expect
Protection against the Dutch — the
principal if not only Benefit he
could apparently derive from his
friendship with the British nation —
and I think there can be little doubt

that

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that He will readily agree to assist their Government every assistance in his power whenever required, and to its being particularly specified in the Treaty. —

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(Signed) F. W. Fallofield

Resolutions and

Resolved that a Copy of the Letter from Bengal, and of the Presidents Minute be sent to England. Numbers in the packet P. John. —

Opinions of the Board with respect to the negotiation with the King of Candia

With great deference to the Governor General in Council, the Board are unanimously of opinion that the Embarrassments either in Europe or in India, which the supreme Board so strongly apprehend, are not likely to be created by any of the steps taken at this Presidency with respect to the negotiation with the King of Candia.

The Board will certainly endeavour to carry into execution the instructions

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instructions contained in the letter from
Bengal - and however ready to acknowledge
themselves responsible for every measure
they have adopted on the subject, it is
thus are not answerable for the embarrass-
ments that may arise or the consequences
that may follow from those instructions

The King of Candia having afforded
the Company the most effectual assistance
and thereby having completely committed himself
against the Dutch, from the first moment of
our disposition to treat with him having been
communicated, the Board sincerely hope that
he will not be suffered to abuse the Victim of
Confidence in the British Nation, particularly
as it is known that the rapid progress of
our Military operations is in a great
degree ascribable to his open and avowed
Foundation for our Interests, and the
supplies with which he has furnished
our army. -

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The Board do not consider that any difficulty can arise in remedying the inadvertency of Mr. Andrews in not making the Guarantee reciprocal — and it will of course be so settled in the definitive Treaty. —

The Board's instructions to Mr. Andrews, and their communications to Bengal fully prove that they never conceived themselves at liberty to conclude the definitive Treaty without subjecting it to the ratification of the Supreme Government in case it were so required. —

Resolved

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Resolved That the foregoing 4 opinions be communicated in a letter to the Secret Committee of the Honorable Court of Directors. —

Hobart

" Cha Oakeley

" E H Fallofield

Ex.
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Diary

Mr.

4. Received the undermentioned letters Entered in M.B. Nos. 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

From Major Murray — From Commandant at Arcot forwarding an application from the Officers of the 1st. Regiment of Cavalry for some compensation to enable them to Repair the Damages their private quarters have sustained by the late Storm.

From Cornet Maclane — From Barrack Master at the Presidency proposing that the Serjeant Major of the Madras — Battalion be allowed quarters or House Rent.

From Lieutenant Munro. — From Adjutant to the 6th Brigade reporting that Lieutenant Macdonald has been ordered to Timeri-cotah to command during the absence of Lieutenant Darley on account of ill health.

From Colonel Malcolm. — From Military Auditor General proposing an alteration in the present system for mustering upon the Coast in consequence of the Distances the Muster Masters have to travel every two Months.

From Military Board — From Military Board requesting that a Certificate be procured from the Military Board at Bengal, of the quantity of 18 Pounder Shot landed there which were designed for the Coast.

From Ditto — From Ditto recommending that the Stores advertised for Sale by the Import Warehouse-Keeper

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the Arsenal be transferred to the Arsenal in lieu of being sold.

From Major Orr

From Major Orr requesting two Months leave of absence from his Station.

From Messrs Roebuck Abbot and Co.

From Messrs Roebuck Abbot and Co. again soliciting payment of the freight of the Ship Ewer.

From Major Wight

From Commandant at Nellore reporting the Damages done to the Works Barracks and Store Rooms of the Hill Forts by the late Storm.

From Major Munat

From Major Munat reporting the present situation and aspect of Affairs in the Vizianagrum Zemindary suggests the offer of a reward for the seizure of Mooky Royah Bopaul Rauze and the Banishment of the families of all rebellious Subjects from their homes.

Sent the following letter.

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart

Governor General in Council at

Fort William.

Honorable Sir

To Bengal transmitting Copies of the Dispatches sent to England Per John Packet.

We have had the honor to receive your letters dated the 28th. of October and 6th. and 13th. Ultimo.

Considering it of much importance that the Honorable Court of Directors should receive early

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4th early advice of the determination of His Highness the Nabob on the several propositions submitted to him, by our President and the uncertainty of the arrival of the Surprize at this Port.

We have resolved to send the John Packet to Europe with our dispatches. She is now at Trincomalé, from whence we expect she will sail for England, in about ten days.

We transmit herewith Copies of our letters to the Honorable Court per John with Copies of such of the papers referred to therein as are necessary for your Information

We have the honor to be with Respect

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(Signed) Hobart
&a Council

List of Papers sent in a letter to Bengal dated 4th December 1795.

Secret Department

General letter	28th November 1795
Presidents Minute	1st Ditto Ditto

Political Department

General Letter	28th November 1795
Presidents Minute in Council	24th Ditto Ditto
From the Nabob A	24th Ditto Ditto
To Ditto	17th Ditto Ditto

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No. 4 — From the Nabob B — No. 24 — November 1795
President's Minute in Circulation — 25th — Do. — Do.
Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Ridge — 27. — Do. — Do.
Circulation letter to the Rajah of Bomrauze Nencatagherry and Coalastry — No. 25 — Do. — Do.
To the Nabob — No. 26 — Do. — Do.
From Rajah of Tanjore — No. 11 — Do. — Do.
To Ditto Ditto — No. 17 — Do. — Do.
Oath taken by Mr. Alexander Macleod — 20th — Do. — Do.

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Despatched the undermentioned letters
Entered in M.P.D. Nos 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36

To Mr. Secretary Morris — To Secretary at Bombay advising of the Demands of Commodore Thistletone for victualling the Troops occasionally embarked on the Swift Cruizer having been discharged by this Government.

To Colonel Stuart — To Colonel Stuart enclosing some additional Despatches to be sent to England per John's Packet.

To Lieutenant Colonel Campbell — To Commandant of the 3rd Regiment of Cavalry directing him to deliver over to the Paymaster at Palamcotah the Seven Horses lately Cast from that Corps.

To Mr. Martin — To Paymaster at Palamcotah directing him

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14th him to receive and dispose of the same by Public Sale.

To M. Rooney — To Collector of Southern Peishcush — transmitting Copy of the Order sent to the Rajahs of Calastry and Veneatagherry and to Bomrauze, — prohibiting their obedience to any orders they may receive from the Nabob, except through the channel of the Company's Government and directing him to circulate similar Orders to the Polygars under his Authority.

To Captain Bond — To Commander of the Drake Cruizer — disapproving his conduct in giving molestation to the Vessels belonging to Mons.r Monneron and directing the immediate release of all the men he pressed from the Olympe.

To Mons.r Monneron — To Mons.r Monneron advising of the same.

To Colonel Floyd — To Commandant at Trichinopoly containing instructions for establishing a Horse Toppal during the operations against Ceylon.

To Major Orr — To Ditto of the Cantonment near Cuddalore with Copy of the above Instructions for his information and Guidance.

15th. Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in M.B. Nos. 37-38-39-40-41-42 A and 42B.

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Campbell

To Commandant at Palamcotah the Dutch Officers, Prisoners of War, to receive the same subsistence as Company's Officers of corresponding Rank upon their producing regular Commissions. the Carpenters Pilots &c at Tutocoryn may be employed as proposed — all the Arrack taken from the Dutch in the Tinnivelly Country to be delivered over to the Agent for Spirituous Liquors, taking proper receipts for the same.

To Captain Bowser

To Ditto at Manar — approving his zeal and activity, on occasion of taking possession of the Island of Calpenteen.

To Colonel Malcolm

To Military Auditor General — transmitting Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Nuthall — and directing the payment of the subsistence and field allowances — applied for by him.

To Colonel Braithwaite

To Commander of the Army — permitting — Captain Lieutenant Brudenell eventually to share in the Off Reckoning Fund.

To Lieutenant Montgomery

To Agent for purchasing Horses on the — Malabar Coast — directing him to enter into no fresh engagements for the purchase of horses, the Cavalry being nearly remounted.

To M. Torriano

To Resident at Nagore — desiring a report of

11th 5 of the quantity of Rice and Paddy now on hand belonging to the Company — the Tonnage it will occupy, and he can procure for Columbo as well as the present price of those Articles at Nagore.

11th 6. Received the undermentioned letters entered in C. C. Nos 120.

Substance of a letter from Bomrauze — From Bomrauze stating, that he has received no orders from the Nabob for repairing to Arcot with his Troops and Guns — neither shall he obey any that his Highness may in future send him.

11th 7th Received the undermentioned letters — Entered in M. B. Nos 43 C and 43 D 44-45.

From Mejor Tulloh and Brodie — From Mejor Tulloh, and Brodie presenting an Indent for Cloth required on account of the Pioneer Corps.

From Mr Powney — From Collector at Ramnad — Mr Ebell requests leave to return with his family to Jaffanapatam.

From Major Roberts — From Major Roberts enclosing Copies of his letters to the Resident at Hydrabad.

From Colonel Braithwaite — From Commander of the Army — transmitting Accounts of the devastation occasioned at Arnee Vellore and Conatore, by the late Storm.

From Lieutenant Colonel Prindergast — From Lieutenant Colonel Prindergast enclosing a Bill for repairing his quarters at Vizianagrum.

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7th. Vizianagrum and for stationary purchased by him.

Substance of a letter to the Rajah of Travancore

Sent letter to the Rajah of Travancore, entered in C.C. No. 121 requesting his assistance by a Temporary loan of a Battalion of Sepoys, to Garrison the Forts of Palamcotah and Madura and forwarding a letter from the Governor General upon the same subject.

Despatched the undermentioned letters.

Entered in M.P.B. No. 46-47-48.

To Colonel Malcolm

To Military Auditor General referring Mr. Roebuck's additional estimate of Cash for December.

To Commander of the Queen Cruizer

To Commander of the Queen Cruizer — directing him to proceed to join Captain Gardner's Squadron, cruizing off Columbo.

To Captain Macdonald

To Commandant at Walajabad directing him to protect the Bearer from molestation in procuring certain documents for elucidating the complaints preferred against the Cutwal of that place.

8th. Received the following letter.

William C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

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From Collector at Ramnad transmits Copy of a letter from the Nabobs Manager on the subject of supplies for Ceylon suggestion in consequence.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 24th instant enclosing One for Colonel Stuart which

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8th which has been forwarded.

I beg the favor of you to lay the enclosed Extract of a letter I have only this instant received from the Nabob's Manager at Tinnevilly, in reply to my Communication to him on the subject of the supplies he could furnish from the Districts under his Superintendance.

I beg leave to suggest that an equitable price should be fixed upon, by Government and His Highness the Nabob, for any Rice that may be supplied by the Manager for as the whole of that Article in the Tinnevelly Provinde is monopoliged by him, he has it in his power to raise the price of it, when it may be required by Government respecting the mode of paying him for any supplies that he may furnish I request to have his Lordship's Instructions

I have the honor to be
Sr. Sr.
Signed George Powney

Ramnad
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Extract of a letter from Mahomed Eitabar Cawn
To George Powney Esqr. Collector of the Polygars
Peshcush &c dated 25th November 1795.

I had the honor to receive your letter
of the 19th Instant and understand the contents
of

the of it, for the Provisions you wrote since no difference between the Company's and Circar's business it is — necessary to be done, —

For the Paddy or Rice, now the Carr Crop is cutting, we can get plenty, but in the Country's near the Tutacoryen we can get only about Twenty Thousand Cottah of Paddy, for which you will let me know as to make it Rice or to send in Paddy if you want more Paddy we must get from farther place but it will take up much Cooley hire to bring, —

For the Dholl and Ghee you know well since here is no good Rain in the Country's this three years could not get much, but on account of the Company's business I have sent for the Merchants &c and on ordering them, they said that if we give money they will go farther place as far as to Madura or Dindecol Countrys and bring them in a Month and half for thousands Pagodas of each.

For the Sheep, there is no such expences as are now, while the Polygars too was under me — before, than I gave only for the Commanding — Officer, but now it's take up about a thousand Sheep per Month, on account of which all the Sheep keepers went away into the Polygars Country, the Inhabitants could not get any to keep herds

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8th in their Paddy field for the Cultivation, but they has some for the Cultivation only, about 100, or 50 in a District but for this necessary busines I will send order and may get one or two Thousand Sheeps. I wish you will be Pleased to let me know when it must be ready.

Therefore wish you will be pleased to send me an Answer as soon as possible, and if you send a Man to Tutacoryn or to the Districts, I will order to deliver the Paddy or Rice if the Man desire as I cannot get much Bullocks to bring the Paddy, on account of which we must began soon to get,

For the Doneys, I have write and send Orders to the Manigars, I will let you know the particular of it as soon as I get answer.

True Extract

/Signed/ George Powney, Coll.r

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor President

Edward Saunders Esq.re

and

Ernst William Tallofield Esq.re

Tuesday 8th December 1795

Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved.

Read the following letters from his Highness the Nabob sentered also Translation

in C.C. Nos. 122-123-124 & 125 /

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Translation of a letter From His Highness the Nabob Omdat ul Omra Bahadur &c &c &c To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St. George

Dated 3d December 1795

Received 3d Do Do

From the Nabob transmitting Translate of a letter written by him to the Rajah of Calastry and Vincatgherry and to Bomrauze.

I have sent enclosed, Copy of a letter which I have written to the Pollagars of Vencatgerry, Calastry and Bomrauze.

What need I write more

A true Translation

/Signed/ A. Falconar P.T.

To the Pollagars of Vincatgherry, Calastry and Bomrauz severally

I have just learnt by a letter from my friend Lord Hobart, that I had directed you to assemble your Troops with Guns at Arcot, or at some other place, and to hold your Troops in readiness.

If I have written any Order, or sent any Message to you of this kind I desire you will with the utmost speed and immediately on the receipt of this write and send the particulars upon the faith of your Religion. What can I write more

A true Translation

/Signed/ A. Falconar P.T.

Translation

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Translation of a letter from His Highness the Nawab Omdat ul Omra Bahadur &c &c &c To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St. George &c &c &c

Dated 1st December 1795

Received 5th Do Do

From the Nabob expressing his Sentiments on the order lately sent to the Polygars and complaining of it as an infringement of his Sovereign Rights - repeats his resolution to adhere to the Treaty of 1792

I have received your Lordship's letter of the 26th Ultimo Impressed as I am with the highest sense of the honor and justice of the King of Great Britain, the English nation, and the Company, and knowing, as I do how tenacious they are of their good faith, when publickly pledged, I cannot but experience the utmost surprise and astonishment in learning, that your Lordship in violation of the Treaty of 1792, has victually assumed the Sovereignty of the Polygars - and if that surprise and astonishment could possibly be encreased, it would be from the consideration that I had recently addressed your Lordship on the subject of those people, and entreated that my letter might be referred to the Supreme Government at Bengal.

It has been stated to me that I gave up the substance when I delivered up the Poligars

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Polygars Countries to the Management of the Company and that I ought not to hesitate a moment as to the line of conduct I should adopt when the shadow might be required of me because the nominal sovereignty — amounted to no more — But, my Lord, was it upon this Principle that the illustrious Marquis Cornwallis demanded that substance from me when negociating the Treaty just mentioned, that I might at a future day be deprived even of the Shadow of my Rights — no my Lord, he was a man of too much Candor and Integrity, to have formed such an intention — That — exalted nobleman, whose worth transcends all praise, ever acted upon open and avowed principles. he never lost sight of impartiality, nor ever departed from the path of rectitude — he gained a name by his virtue — and liberality, that will be handed down to Posterity with veneration and gratitude.

It may appear to some, a matter of trivial moment, my Lord, to deprive a prince of his Sovereign Authority — but the law which regulates — nations, views it in a very different light. I am the ally of the Company — the guaranteed ally of the King and the British Nation — and have I, my Lord done any thing, to forfeit all title to that alliance — My family have been united to the English for a

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a long series of years by the strongest ties of friendship—
and have I, my Lord, done any one act to violate that
Friendship—I am certain that nothing of this can, or will
ever be imputed to me—Why then should I be deprived
of those Rights that were enjoyed by my ancestors and
descended to me as the heir of the late Nabob Walajah
my ever honored father—The enlightened and August
Monarch who guies splendor to the British Empire,
will never suffer the Heir of a family, whom his Majesty
has been graciously pleased to honor with marks of
his regard and esteem, to be injured—he will not suffer
the Sovereign of the Carnatic to be disgraced in the
Eyes of the surrounding powers—your generous nation
, My Lord, will not suffer a faithful friend and zealous
ally to be deprived of his hereditary honor and dignity,
and become an object of contempt and ridicule—and
my Lord, whilst justice condemns, common policy forbids
the measure—I need not suggest to your Lordship's
superior judgment the Sentiments which the Nawab
Nizam ud Dowlah the Nawab Tippoo Sultaun and the
Marrattahs would entertain of it nor the conclusions they
as your natural Enemies, would draw from it—will they
my Lord, regard the Treaties concluded with them—
by the Marquis Cornwallis as sacred contracts, on

which

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which they may safely rely, when they see an infringement of the one which his Lordship has concluded with me.

The Company, my Lord, never found my revered father deficient in kind attention to their Interests, and I feel that I have not evinced a disposition less attentive or less kind than my Father's — Let your own breast my Lord, be my advocate, and it will plead forcibly the anguish that fills mine, at this moment It will plead the pain of mind I necessarily labour under, when I reflect that my friends are wresting from me my inheritance and depriving me of my birth right — May heaven preserve the mind of your Lordship from Similar affliction! But your Lordship is an Englishman, and an Englishman is secured in all his possessions by the benevolence of the Government and the wisdom of the Laws of his Country: that Government and those Laws which have justly obtained the admiration and applause of the whole world. And is it consistent with reason, my Lord that I should be deprived of my Rights, by those whose proudest boast is a perfect security of their own. Your Lordship will say, at least in your own Bosom surely not — and, I hope your Lordship will also say, It would be injustice in the extreme, that an ally of the English Nation should not have the same security

security for his property, that is enjoyed by every individual in the State.

Your Lordship is pleased to say that you informed me on the 17th instant of the Orders which the Court of Directors had sent, regarding the Polygar Countries, and that you postponed adopting any line of conduct with respect to the execution of those orders until after the period I had fixed for the communication of my final resolution.

It is impossible, my Lord, that I should speak to those Orders, as your Lordship has not been pleased to indulge me with a Copy of them; however, in the manner your Lordship has noticed them, they do not appear to breathe any kind of violence, and consequently do not justify the taking from me forcibly any part of my Rights.

Your Lordship, it would seem expected to receive from me a different resolution than the one I have expressed - and which you are pleased to signify is now before you - and in which you say you find it is my determination to make the Treaty of 1792 my guide whilst I exist, and never to depart from it one hair's breadth - and I am to conclude that your Lordship has in consequence of that resolution

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resolution, assumed the Sovereignty of the Polligars and if this conclusion be just one other naturally presents itself and that is that the Treaty must be radically bad and contrary to the Interests of the Company, and that in making it my guide instead of doing right I have acted criminally, wrong.

It is true that your Lordship assigns another reason for the measure; a reason which not only fills me with astonishment but with a degree of horror also, that I shall not attempt to describe a reason as unfounded as its source is unaccountable and I am therefore necessitated to apply to your Lordship for information and it will confer upon me a particular favor, for which I shall ever consider myself much indebted to your Lordship's condescension, if your will be pleased to communicate to me, by whom your Lordship was told that I had sent orders to the Polygars of Calastry, Venecatagherry and to Bomrauze, to hold themselves in readiness to assemble in the vicinity of Arcot at the shortest notice, with the whole of their Troops and guns. In the first place, My Lord it is a duty I owe to my own Character and to truth, to declare and I do so in the most solemn manner, and upon my God, that the report is false in every part of it and in the second instance, I appeal to your Lordship's own judgment

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judgment, whether it were probable or possible, that I could have given such Orders, unless I had been bereft of my senses — It is well known to your Lordship, that every order from me, to the Poligars, upon such a subject, must go to them with the knowledge of your Board and this the Poligars also know: it would therefore have been madness in me, to have sent such orders to them, — but oh my Lord, for what possible purpose could such orders have been given. I know not of any, and I do not believe there is a single person to be found in the whole Country capable of assigning one: however your Lordship tells me that, in consequence of the information you had written a circular letter to those Poligars and you have been pleased to enclose me a Copy of it — I have perused it — I will not say with what feelings your Lordship will better conceive, than I can describe them — This step of your Lordship's will go far to destroy every degree of consequence I might have had with the native Princes — it will disgrace me in the eyes of my own subjects and the effects produced by it may be very injurious to my Country and to my Revenues, and of course interrupt the payment of my Kists.

If your Lordship could have given credit

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Credit to the information you received and I cannot suppose it without the fear of offending — It would not have been more than common justice in your Lordship to have written to me, either publickly or privately, on the subject; and when I consider that your Lordships residence is within a few places of my own and that since the demise of my revered Father your Lordship has sent me Messages almost every day, I am the more at a loss to conjecture what motive could have prevailed with your Lordship to withhold that Justice from me, and it is the more to be lamented as your Lordship's letter was not received by me until late on the night of the 30th. of last month, although it is dated the 26th. preceding, and as I understand your Lordship at the same time sent off your dispatches for Europe by the way of Trincomalee; if your Lordship's letter to me, and its enclosure should arrive in England before the one I am writing, good Heavens! what will be the consequence what will be the opinion of my Friends what will be the opinion the English nation will form of my conduct! they will naturally conclude that I am in a state of rebellion and possibly take measures accordingly; and thus innocence may fall a victim to untruth and the Prince of the Carnatic be degraded upon a base report — But I hope by the blessing of God that the benevolence and justice of the

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the English Nation will not allow them to decide so hastily, and that they will not condemn, unheard, their ancient and faithful ally — They are brave they are generous and just; and were I not to feel this truth in its utmost extent I never should be able to bear up against the torrent of my misfortunes

I now call upon your Lordship, in the name of the King of Great Britain and the British Nation, whom you represent and in the most solemn manner — conjure your Lordship to do me that justice that is due to me! — I have been slandered to your Lordship — and your Lordship has, in consequence deprived me of my Rights! — suffer, my Lord, the slanderer to be known and I will confute him, by the Oaths of the Poligars — themselves — I dare the strictest scrutiny — I am above the act inferred to me — I abhor and detest it and would rather perish than commit it — and if your Lordship should be now convinced, that the information you had received is unfounded, and as unjust in its principle as it was — meant to be injurious to me in it's consequences, I am — persuaded that your Lordship will not allow the — impression your letters may have made on the minds of the Poligars to exist a moment longer — I repeat, my Lord, that the Treaty of 1792 shall ever be my guide, and that I will not depart from it a hair's breadth.

I have only to add my entreaties that your Lordship will be pleased to forward this letter to the

Governor

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Governor General in Council at Bengal and to England

What need I write more

A true Translation

/Signed/ A. Falconar Secy.

Translation of a letter from His Highness the Nabob Amdatul Omra Bahader &c. &c. &c. to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St. George

Dated 5th. December 1795

Received Ditto — Ditto

From the Nabob page the First over the 1st. Dramber also the residue of the Donation to Captain Doling's Family

Notwithstanding, various impediments I have by the blessing of God paid the full Sum of One Lack of Star Pagodas, being the amount of the Kist of the 1st of December

Having formerly paid the Sum of three thousand, Seven hundred and fifty Pagodas in part of the Money, which I agreed on for the family of Captain Doling, I now also send the remainder viz. Pagodas three thousand seven hundred and fifty.

I beg your Lordship will be pleased to request of the Honorable Court of Directors with my Compliments, to pay the Money, in my name to the Captain's family, and to do me the favor of informing me of the payment.

What need I write more,

A true Translation

/Signed/ A. Falconar Secy.

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Translation of a letter From His Highness the Nabob Omdat ul Omra Bahadur &c &c &c to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St. George

Dated 6th. December 1795

Received D°. D°. D°.

From the Nabob with translate of his letter of Condolence to the Nizam, on the death of his Son.

I send for your Lordships Information Copy of a letter of condolence which I have addressed to the Nawab Nizam ud Dowlah Bahauder, on the death of the Nawab Aulee Jah.

What can I write more.—

Translation of a letter from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic To the Nawaub Ausuf Jah Nizam ud Dowlah Bahauder.

In these days on the 20th. Rubbelowull 1210 Higery, by the will of the Almighty, my Honored Father departed this life. This heavy calamity, afflicted me with such poignant grief that were It to describe the smallest part of it, it would probably give pain to your Highness's mind. In this state of affliction, the unhappy news of the death of the illustrious Prince Aulee Jah, has encreased my grief and sorrow a thousand fold. and particularly, when I considered how much pain it must have occasioned to your Highness's upright Heart which is the shadow of the Allmercifull, I was unavoidably impelled to transmit this Address. Had I been in the

presence

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presence I should have derived consolation therefrom to myself and would have engaged your Highness's attention by reminding you of the sacred writings and the sayings of the Prophets on such an occasion.—But being absent from your Highness, I shall content myself with represent-ing a Hemestich.—

The safety of all the world is in your safety.

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Yes! in the existance of your Person, I consider the existance of Religion. May he not exist who does not wish your existance.

I hope your Highness will honor me with your Enayetnamahs, that any afflicted Mind may derive consolation from the recollection of your Kindness.

N.B. The above came from the Nabob without the Persian Original

/Signed/ A. Falconar P.T.

Orders thereon.

Ordered that the foregoing letters do remain on the Table for further Consideration

Read the following letter from the Military Board.

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord

From Military Board — submitting the Quarter Master General's Minute relative to a provision of Tents. shewing the expence thereof. also a letter from the Military Storekeeper on this subject.

We have the honor to acknowledge — receipt of your Lordship's commands under date 17th. instant, and to lay before you the accompanying minutes and proceedings relative to Tents, together with Copy of a letter from the Military Storekeeper on the same subject.

We have the honor to be

&c &c

Fort St George
27th November 1795

Signed / John Brathwaite
" Henry Malcolm
" John Richardson
" By Close
" George Hall

I have the honor to lay before the Board the Proceedings of a Committee assembled by their order in Meeting 12th. November to ascertain the quantity of Tents that would be required to complete the Army to the stated proportion.

The Proceedings state the number of Tents necessary to cover the Army when complete, — " including

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including Staff of every description, with the Medical and Civil Departments attached to the Army wherein the field the number of Tents in Store, and the quantity required to complete; with the expense that would be incurred in supplying the deficiency.

In adverting to the present strength of Corps I should conceive that it may not be thought necessary to make up more Tents then would encrease the quantity, in store to an adequate sufficiency for the actual state of the Army. But from the constant fluctuation our forces are subject to in point of strength The arrangements that may soon be expected from Europe, in which it is presumed a considerable augmentation of Officers of every rank will be occasioned together with the great demands that may be made by the Troops destined for foreign Service as well as those already abroad renders it impossible to judge with any degree of exactness the number of Tents that may be required in the present exigency of affairs. I would therefore recommend, for the reasons above stated that the Board do suggest to Government that two thirds of the number of Tents required to complete the Army to its full establishment should be made up with all possible expedition, and in order to enable the Storekeeper to prosecute this business with the

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the least possible delay I should conceive that monthly advances should be made to him proportionate to the quantity of Tents he could engage to deliver into the Stores in any given time.

The number of Tents agreeably to the above proportion with the expenses to be incurred in furnishing them is as follows.

To 32 Field Officers	@ 82. 21. "	2640 " "	
268 Officers	@ 47 " "	12596 " "	
586 Privates	@ 20: 19. 40	11992 3 "	
231 Bell	@ 8. 31. 40	2021 10 40	
114 Necessary	@ 11. 5. 75	1270 4 70	30,519 18 30

With every view to economy and presuming from experience that many of the Tents in Store are from length of Service in a bad condition, and altho' returned serviceable would become the reverse in a very short time after being brought into use; I am of opinion that a less number than the above stated proportion of new Tents added to those already in Store would be insufficient to answer the demands of the Army, and might probably be attended with serious inconvenience, to the Service in the event of a large proportion of our forces being required for field Service.

[Signed] Jno Richardson
D. M. Genl
P.B.

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N. B. The Regiment De Meuron is not included, in the above Calculation.

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As the Regiment of Meuron which is strong, in Officers is not included as we may expect if the War continues as great many Officers will come out with the expected Ships, and as we have reason to think that any new Arrangement of the Army will greatly encrease the number of Officers and that provision will be made for this encrease by the expected Ships I agree entirely with the foregoing, and think the Board cannot recommend to Government to make a less provision of Tents than is therein proposed.

November 25. 1795 Signed/ John Braithwaite

True Copy
Signed/ T. Wallace
Dy Secy Mily Bd.

Account of Tents wanted for the Public Service shewing the Number required to complete the Troops Present Remains in Store and deficiency

	General Tents						
	Dining	Sleeping	Field Officers	Officers	Privates	Bells	Necessary
Number of Tents required to cover the Army	1	1	76	778	2210	809	242
Present Remains in Store	1	1	28	376	1331	463	71
Deficiency	"	"	48	402	879	346	171

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Amount of Expences to be incurred for making the Tents required to complete to the proportion for Covering the Army agreeably to the Average Cost as furnished by the Military Storekeepers.

				P.	f.	c.	Rp.	f.	c.	Rp.	f.	c.
To 48	Field Officers		@	82.	21.	.				3960.	.	.
402	Officers		@	47.	.	.				18,894.	.	.
879	Private		@	20.	19.	40				17,988	440	
346	Bell		@	8.	31.	40				3027.	21.	.
171	Necessary		@	11.	5.	75				4905.	725	
												45,774.32.65

True Copy
(Signed) T. Wallace
Dy Secry Mily Bd

To Colonel Brathwaite
President and Members of the
Military Board

Gentlemen

In consequence of a Communication with the Quarter Master General regarding the number of Tents required to complete the Army, I have the honor to inform you that I can furnish the whole quantity wanted in five Months and two thirds of the full amount, in three Months from the time that half the Amount may be advanced in Cash, provided the remainder of the Sum is paid when one half of the number of tents shall be delivered into Store at the different Stations — but the advances will be absolutely necessary at the stipulated Periods

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periods as a great part of the Cloth and other Articles must be collected before the business is commenced.

I am with Respect

Sr. Sr.

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[Signed] Wm. Webb My Stock.

True Copy

[Signed] T. Wallace Dy Secry

The President lays before the Board the following proposals of Mr. Patrick Bowie for supplying Tents.

Read Proposals of Mr. Bowie for supplying Tents.

Plan for supplying the Honorable Company with Tents to the Amount of Star Pagodas 15000 annually for three Years commencing from the 1st. of January 1796. One-10th. prices 10 p.c. Cent lower than the present prices according to the following Statement.

Present Prices of Tents delivered at Madras.		Reduced prices	
a Field Officers Tent Star Pags.	82	Field Officers. S.P.	74
Marque	46	Marque	41 3/4
Sepoy Tent	26	Sepoy Tent	23 3/4
Private Tent	21	Private Tent	19 1/2
Pagodas	175	Pags.	159

On this, Calculate the advantage to the Company is some what above 10 p.c. Cent on the assumed present which I am perhaps rather stated too low.

This Amount of Tents are to be shipped off

off annually for which export the Bills of lading shall be Vouchers; but as it is impossible to guard against accidents by Sea fire, or an enemy, the Contractor can only engage for that quantity being shipped and cannot answer for the — delivery at Madras. though all these shall be at his risk and the Tents shall not be deemed the property of the Company until their delivery at Madras. and the approval of the Military Board the examination is to pass within a fortnight for the landing of the Tents at Madras. and an immediate payment to be made by the Military Storekeeper to the Agent of the Contractor at the Presidency.

That the indents for Tents to the — annual Amount abovementioned shall be made in the proportion of £250 a Month. so that the Contractor may be enabled to keep a certain number of workmen constantly on pay — by which means he will not only be at a certainty with regard to his advances but will by practise improve the Workmen.

That the Contractor in case of any — encreased demand for Tents shall always have the first offer and that no other person shall be employed on the Manufacture of Tents in the Masulipatam — District the season of which is that great encouragement will be necessary to collect the manufacturers into

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one place which cannot be done if there is a competition

The Contractor shall be allowed to purchase at the Factories of Ingeram or Maddepollam all Cloth delivered by the Company's Merchants of inferior — quality or measure to the 13 ½ Punjum at the usual rate the Resident pays for it for packing Viz.t 32 ½ for charge but that he shall either be at liberty to reject altogether what he does not think worthy of that price or to settle with the Merchant at such a price as he may judge reasonable, subject in this instance however in case of the Merchants refusal to a reference to the Resident who will fix the price or order it to be re-delivered to the Merchant as he may judge proper.

That for the purposes of securing to the Contractor a sufficiency of Cloth for the purposes of his Contract he shall be allowed to advance to any looms under the Factories of Ingeram or Maddepollam that are not engaged by the Company's Merchants and in order that this advance may benefit instead of injuring the Investment. he shall in no instance advance till he has given one Month's notice to the Merchant in whose Mootah the looms are, and in no instance for Cloth of more than two pagodas per piece value. and should he find it necessary to make advances beyond the quantity necessary to fulfill his contract

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Contract in order to prevent disappointment. he shall report the number of looms he has employed at the end of the Year to the Resident the Sums he has advanced and shall yield up the looms Supernumerary to the Merchants provided looms to the Merchant leaving him a sufficiency, of such as he shall chuse of those he has engaged for the fulfillment of his future engagements if the Merchant does not chuse after they offered to run the risk of advances to them he may continue his advances. it is evident by this Article that the Contractor must greatly benefit the investment by the encouragement given to Manufactures not export enough to weave Cloths of a quality for the investment or of property sufficient to encourage the Merchant to trust them. That this Contract shall be to this amount or to agreates of necessary and the Contractor can execute it for the year 1796 certain and without any deductions or alterations and for the other two Years likewise provided he can execute it on the same terms but in case any enhancement on the value of Cloth above ten per Cent above the present prices he shall be allowed to state the circumstance to the Military Board and that of trade and in case they shall think any increase of price necessary that

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that such encrease shall be settled by them, and if the Contractor should think it a loosing concern he may be allowed to give up his Contract — that no encrease of freight or charge of any other materials than the Cloth above shall be deemed a reason for any kind of indulgence.

The delay that will occur in making out the proper arrangements and collecting workmen makes it necessary to stipulate — That the annual proportion of Tents shall be completed by the middle of march of the succeeding Year, and shall be shipped as soon as freight can be procured — It is so obviously the Interest of the Contractor to take every opportunity of shipping of the Tents as no payments are made until their delivery and approval by the Military Board, that it is unnecessary to stipulate any period for exportation.

I do hereby authorise Mungo Dick Esq.r to make on my part any arrangements on the above principals which he may be judge expedient, and that they are to be held equally binding on me as if made by myself — should any security be asked he may give it on the Company's paper belonging to me to the Amount of Star Pagodas five thousand.

/Signed/ Patk Bowie

Annually — or opportunity offers so as that the whole quantity shall be exported annually, allowing three Months from the + to the end of March for each Year exportation. Previous

+ unintelligible in the original.

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Minute thereon

Previous to the acceptance of Mr. Bowie's proposals, it is resolved to ascertain from him whether he be inclined to make up the Tents recommended by the Military Board at prices ten Pr. Cent lower than the averaged rates at which they are furnished by the Military Storekeeper.

Read the following letter from Captain William Macleod.

To William Collins Jackson Esqre

Secretary

Sir

From Captain Macleod enclosing a Bill for the Extra Gratuity ordered by the Honorable Court

I am favored with your letter dated the 17th. Instant written by direction of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with its accompanying Paragraph.

Please to mention to His Lordship that I feel myself much honored and gratified by the very flattering manner in which the Honorable the Court of Directors has been pleased to mark their approbation of my conduct and that in all situation I shall ever deem it as the first object of attention to endeavor to deserve the favorable opinion of my Employers.

Accompanying I forward a Bill for the Extra Gratuity amounting to Pagodas 250 which I wish may be paid to Mesrs. Daly and Cockburn

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Cockburn.

10 Miles East from Athtoor
25th November 1795.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) William Macleod
Capt. &c Major Brigde

Order thereon

Ordered that the Bill be paid

Read the following letters from Colonel Stuart.

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

My Lord

From Colonel Stuart states reasons for not publishing the G.O. of 1st December 1795 which relates only to working parties during a siege.

I have received Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 1st instant, enclosing a copy of an Order issued by the Marquis Cornwallis on the 1st December 1795 establishing the rates of pay to working Parties, and recommending the same to my adoption in all cases where working parties are employed on the Island of Ceylon.

I beg leave to observe that the order above alluded to, applies only to parties employed at work during a siege and the pay is proportioned to the danger of the duty — In my present situation I find it necessary to employ every day seldom fewer

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fewer than 600 Men at Work. I therefore considered it to be my duty to represent to your Lordship that I do not think it would be advisable to pay the Soldier more for work performed at this time than what he received during the Siege - and to recommend that the rates of Payment shall not be encreased till they are again called to works of danger.

I shall defer publishing the order in question till I shall be honored with your Lordship's farther commands on this subject.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) I Stuart

Head Quarters at
Trincomale'
25th October 1795

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c

My Lord

From Colonel Stuart explaining his reasons for continuing to the Native Troops the Extra Allowance of Provisions - requests further Orders on the Subject.

Since forwarding my letter of the 31st Ultimo, duplicate of which is herewith enclosed I have been honored with Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 27th Ultimo, desiring my attention to be drawn to a paragraph of your Lordship's letter to me dated the 19th of July last, which he has transcribed.

I beg leave to assure your Lordship that

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that the paragraph above alluded to has not escaped my attention and I have endeavoured hitherto to act in compliance with the spirit of the Instructions it contains: which authorize me to continue the allowance of Rice Doll &c to the Native Troops as long as I should be of opinion it was necessary, or until such time as the Troops were established at their intended Stations.

I have been induced to consider the continuance of this indulgence necessary to the Native Troops and public followers, employed on this Service from the following reasons

The Government orders of the 30th of April 1794 informed the Troops who were assembled for the expedition at that time preparing, against the Mauritius, that In consideration of the extraordinary Service on which those details were to be employed, Provisions viz. Rice Doll Curry Stuff, Ghee, Salt fish, Beetle and Tobacco would be served out to them from the Public Stores, at the Public expence without any Deduction whatever from their Pay and Batta on that account — and without fixing any period when this allowance was to cease — which naturally led the Officers Commanding those Details to inform their Men that they were to receive the allowance during their absence on the Service. The Officers Commanding the Native Details ordered on the present Service; were I understand authorized to

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hold out the same encouragement to their Men, in — consequence of which the family Chits were made out and most individuals left a larger proportion of their Pay for the subsistence of their families than they could have done had they not depended on receiving this — extra allowance of Provisions while they continued — separated from them.

The orders of Government of the 14th last July, explaining to the Troops that this extra — allowance was only to be continued to them during such time as the Officer Commanding the expedition should be of opinion that the nature of the Service require it was not published till a day or two before they embarked, and some time after all the arrangements for subsisting of their families had been made.

At such a time it would not probably have been prudent to have lessened the expectation of any advantage which the Troops hoped to derive from the Service upon which they were moved - and the Men I am informed did embark fully convinced that this allowance was to be continued to them while they were separated from their families - and as many of them had in consequence left the whole, or a very large proportion of their pay with their families striking off the allowance before the family Chits can be altered would not only be a disappointment to the Soldier but would also subject

Him

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him to serious inconvenience from want of the means to purchase the subsistence &c necessary for him could it be procured.

But independent of the above considerations I have been induced to continue this allowance, from the impossibility of the Troops procuring those very necessary articles in the Bazar at this place, which is, at present, so badly provided as to afford a very scanty supply, to our private followers, and the few Inhabitants in this neighborhood - nor can this inconvenience be removed till such time as we are sufficiently established here, and such encouragement given to the Merchants as will induce them to import what may be necessary, for the consumption of the Troops to be stationed here and their Dependants

And till the necessary arrangements shall be made in these matters I beg leave to recommend that the extra allowance of Provisions be continued to the Native Troops and public followers who originally came on this expedition - and even after this, it will be necessary that their families should be sent to join them, that they may have the assistance of that portion of their pay which has been left for their support on the Coast. The Native Troops at other Stations on the Island are only supplied with Rice and Salt.

And permit me here to observe to your Lordship how satisfactory it will be to me to be honored with particular orders from Government, fixing the allowances

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allowances of such Troops as may be left in Garrison, for the defence of the Conquests we have already made, before I am directed to proceed against Columbo.

In obedience to your Lordship's desire, signified, to me by Mr. Jackson, I have directed Captain Barbut to furnish Mr. Andrews / who is now at Jaffanapatam / with every information in his power, so that Mr. Andrews's Report to Government with regard to the Revenue, may be as complete as possible.

The Instructions respecting Captains Meuron de Rochat and Prachaud shall be duely attended to.

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

Head Quarters
Trincomale
7th November 1795

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor &c &c &c In Council

My Lord

From Colonel Stuart requests Captain Stuart's Staff allowances may be continued during his absence and that Lieutenant Drummond may also draw them, as his Acting Aid de Camp.

Having thought it necessary to send Captain Stuart my Aid de Camp to England with dispatches whom I have instructed to return and join me in this Country as soon as possible I hope my request that his Staff allowances may be continued to him while he is absent on this Service will not be deemed unreasonable - And on the event of this being Granted I beg leave to recommend that Lieutenant Drummond of the 19th Regiment of Light

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Light Dragoons, who has served with the Engineer Corps On this Island much to my satisfaction, and who at present acts as my Aid de Camp, may be permitted to draw pay and allowances as such until Captain Stuart Returns

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

Head Quarters
Trincomalé
15th. November 1795

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

&c &c &c

My Lord

From Colonel Stuart - inclosing letter from Captain Barbut with paper respecting the Revenues of Manar Question relative to certain Slaves who claim their Freedom - and to the Copper currency on this Island - requests a supply of Cash.

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for your Lordship's information Captain Barbut's letter to me of the 23d. Ultimo, with the papers, respecting the Revenues of Manar &c enclosed.

It has so happened that a great many people, drawn from our possessions in the Circars and other parts of the Coast by the General distress occasioned by the famine which has visited those parts at different times, are now on this Island as Slaves to some of the Inhabitants who purchased them from the Owners of the Ships who brought them to this place - these people now claim our protection as subjects to the Company and the Nabob of the Carnatic, and rely on

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on our interference to release them from Servitude while on the other hand their Masters insist on their Right to these Slaves by the Article of Capitulation by which private property, has been secured to every individual— As this is a point on which I do not conceive myself competent to decide, I must request to be honored with your Lordship's Instructions how to act.

My letter of the 7th instant will have informed your Lordship of my Opinion of the necessity there is to continue to serve out the different Articles of Provisions to the Native Troops and public followers at this Station from the public Stores— It will remain for Government to decide how this is to be paid for by the Troops and at what price

In the event of our proceeding against Columbo, I beg leave to suggest the necessity of appointing a Commissary of Provisions for this Station— as also a Paymaster and Commissary of Stores— Similar appointments will most probably be required at Jaffenapatam for conducting the business at that place and Manar.

The Copper Money sent on the Bombay has been received but I have not yet been able to give it circulation having received no directions as to the value it is to bear— and I must here request to be honored with your Lordship's commands respecting the Dutch Copper

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Copper actually current here and at the other Stations on the Island already subjected to our authority - Is it your Lordship's intention that it should in all such places be called in and the owners paid for the intrinsic value of the Copper, or that its currency should be totally prohibited - if the latter plan be adopted, the Inhabitants, among whom there is no other Money, will be great sufferers.

Sensible as I am that a great part of the Gold and Silver sent from Madras, for our use, can never return to the Coast, I would avoid as much as possible making any draughts on the Madras Treasury - but as we must receive considerable reinforcements of Troops before we shall be able to proceed against Columbo, our expences will be increased in a proportionable degree - and the present state of our Cash obliges me to request that a farther supply, may be sent to defray the unavoidable expence which will necessarily be incurred in the farther prosecution of our Conquests.

Head Quarters
Trincomallee
15th November 1795

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

Colonel Stuart
&c &c &c

Sir

I have been honored with your letter of the 13th

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13th. instant and lose no time in complying with its contents.

Enclosed I send a Copy of the Proceedings of the Committee, that Sat on the Public property — captured at this place and Copies of General Accounts of the Revenues of the Island and its dependencies, with such Remarks and information as I trust will be — acceptable to you.

Manar and its dependent Provinces of Mantotte, Nanatan, and Moesulle, are comprehended within a circumference (as far as I can learn) of One hundred — Miles, and contain between ten and twelve thousand — Inhabitants.

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

The Article of Grain, claims the first — attention from the Superior Revenue it now yields, and the practicability of encreasing it, should the English Government hold its conquests in Ceylon, and becoming Lord of the Soil, make it's collecting as under the Dewanny in Bengal, and

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the Jaghire in the Carnatick.

The Grain is put under the Ground, in the Months of October, November, and December; and when the Crop is nearly ripe the Company offers it's Right to a Tythe which is paid in kind to the highest bidder; and the Adigaur, who attends at the Sales, and answers for the Credit of the Bidders, becomes Security for the Collections of the Tythes of the three Provinces.

The small collection made from the Island is under the immediate Superintendance of the Dutch Resident.

The Butter is collected by an assessment of Two pounds and a half upon every Buffalow Calf produced during the Year, and farmed like the Tythes of Grain to the highest Bidder.

The Tythes of Grain were sold this Year, for Nineteen thousand six hundred and sixty three Parrahs, making at forty Pounds the Parrah, Seven hundred and eighty six thousand, Five hundred and twenty Pounds of Paddy, or Rice in the husk.

The Butter Customs were farmed for three thousand and thirty five Pounds.

The Profit upon catching Elephants is uncertain and variable, and its average trifling, not exceeding from the best information my means have enabled me to obtain three thousand Rix Dollars a Year. At some time

time happens that the Expences are greater than the Receipts, either from the smallness of the size and number of the animals caught, or ill success in, and mortality during the time of breaking them.

The people permitted to catch them, are obliged to give two Elephants, of four Cubits high to the Company annually - who purchase besides from ten to twelve at rates varying between Sixteen Rix Dollars, for an Elephant of three Cubits high, with Tusks; and Eight for one of the same size without Tusks; and Eighty Rix Dollars for one of Seven Cubits high with tusks; and forty, for one of the same size without Tusks. - There is also a present which accompanies the Sum fixed by the Company, as the price of the Elephant; varying in value between twenty fanams and Seven Pagodas; with one or two Pounds of Powder and Ball and twenty or forty Stivers, according to the value of the Elephant.

The Price Current fixed by the Company at their Sales of Elephants which are held at Jaffanapatnam varies between One hundred and Sixty, and two thousand One hundred Rix Dollars according to the size of the Elephant.

The Company employs three hundred People in collecting a Root from which is extracted a red Dye for the Country Cloths, the Amount of which is on an average Twenty four thousand Pounds weight, which it pays for at the rate of Two Stivers per Pound, and which

which produces on an average, at the Sales, Eight Stivers, affording a profit of three thousand Rix Dollars.

A Poll Tax is collected which with an additional Tax or the purchase of exemption from particular Services, by people of the higher Casts amounts to One thousand Seven hundred, and Seventy One Rix Dollars. The four lower Casts are not permitted the above mentioned indulgence. The Poll varies between Four Stivers and a Rix Dollar.

The list of Duties speaks for itself, and Amounts to Six thousand Six hundred and fifty One Rix Dollars, and by its heading you will perceive that the Company's Year begins the 1st. September.

This arrangement was originally made for the convenience of closing the Yearly Accounts, early enough to go to Europe by the last Ship of the Season which Sailed from Batavia in January. But I have every reason to conclude from the Accounts at this petty Station being three Months in Arrears, that this excellent arrangement has not been productive of the Good effect reasonably expected from it.

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

There is also half a Pound of small Pearl collects, for permission to sift the Sands, in search of that

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that Article, on the spot where the Oysters were deposited, after being taken from the Bank.

I have several people posted between this and Columbo, that will I am sure give me the earliest information of any movements from thence.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) R. J. Barbut 73d Regt.
Commanding, Manar

Manar
23d October 1795

Gross Account of the Sales of Tithes of Paddy and of Butter, Customs for the Current Year with the difference of Amount between the last and present Years.

	Present Year Marcals	Pounds	Last Year Marcals	Pounds	Excess Pounds	Deficiency Pounds
Paddy						
The Province of Mantotte	11035	5225 1/2	12246	6531 1/2		645 12/15
Nanatan	14905	7949 1/2	13334	7111 1/2	837 12/15	
Moeselliee	18909	5218 7/15	7139	3807 5/15	2010 2/15	
The Island of Manar	20	10 1/2	11	5 12/15	4 1/15	
Total	44869	19603 7/15	32730	17456	2853 1/2	645 12/15
					645 12/15	
					Total of this Years Excess	2207 7/15

N. B. This Excess arises from the greater quantity of Rain that fell this Year, than has fallen last, and which permitted the Cultivation of Tracts of Land that it was impossible to Cultivate the last year

	Present Year Chinks	Pounds	Last Year Chinks	Pounds	Excess Pounds	Deficiency Pounds
The Province of Mantotte	194	923 3/4	170	809 3/4	114	
Nanatan	296	1406	315	1496 1/4		90 1/4
Moeselliee	148	705 3/4	118	560 1/2	114 3/4	
Total	639	3035 1/4	603	2866 3/4	258 3/4	90 1/4
					90 1/4	
					Total of this Years Excess	168 3/4

Manar
March 6th 1795

N. B. A Parrah of Paddy produces twenty four Pounds of Rice and a Parrah of clean Rice weighs Forty Pounds.

List

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List of the Duties farmed this day for the Year 1795-6 beginning the 1st September 1795 and ending 31st August 1796.

	Rix Dollars Fanams
The Port Duties viz^t for Anchorage, loading and unloading sold to Saepramanium Moodella Beach Connicopley	970
The Duty upon Licences for Expose Goods for Sale in the Bazar Santiago Anthone	12
Bellah	125
The Duty upon Sheep and Goats Ayamanda Pulla Mussulman	25
The Duty upon Licences to Sell Arrack Ivan D^o Silva Inhabitant	1260
The Collections of the Farms Sold to Anthonie Pacheco Panawah	660
The fees upon putting the Company's Chop upon Country Cloths Sold to Mayamandar Nyna Omergalla Mussulman	2730
The Duty upon Cows Sold to Saurien Tiago Bellah	75
The Duty upon Export of carriage Bullocks sold to Anthonie Egnatie Haddea	74
The Duty upon Tanks of Water Sold to Saurien Tiago Bellah	32
The Duty upon Imports Sold to Audeonar Slimma Pibba	170
The Duty upon Carriage Bullocks crossing the River to and from the Island of Manar sold to Wedele Marhiar Audominyna	530
By Amount of Customs farmed for the Current Year	6651
Total	

General

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General Abstract of the Revenues of Manar and it's Dependencies

By Amount of Customs farmed for the Current Year
Rix Dollars 6651

A Poll tax including an additional tax for the purchase of exemption from particular Services, by the four higher Casts 1771

Profit upon collecting the Rod dye computed at 3000

Profit upon taking Elephants computed at on an Average 3000

Profit upon the Tithes of Grain, Butter, Customs, Slow Match and small pearl, computed at some thing more than equal to the foregoing ——— 15,578

Grand Total in Cash computed at 30,000

Manar October 7th 1795

Proceedings of a Committee of Inspection assembled by Order of Captain Barbut Commanding in the Fort of Manar.

Captain French — President

Lieut: Mac Leod, Lieut: Campbell } Members { Lieut: Rose, Lieut: Kerr

The Committee proceed to take a list of Stores and Treasure found in the Fort

In Store Room No 1

1st No 1. A Chest containing Copper amounting to two — Thousand,

thousand three hundred and thirty Pattocks or Rix Dollars ten Stivers.

2nd Rice two hundred and thirty Parrahs each Parrah forty Pounds weight.

3rd Nine Bottles of Perfumed Water

4th Fifty Pounds weight of Lead

5th Twenty three pieces of coarse Salampores ten new the rest Old.

6th Two Small Copper measures

7th Two Boxes of Cloves

8th Half Pound of small unpolished coarse good for nothing Pearls.

9th A very small quantity of bad Cinnamon

10th Five hundred sheets of coarse stamped Writing Paper.

11th Two Lanterns

12th A Pound weight of Sandal Wood

13th One hundred and Seventy Six Pounds of Iron Nails an inch and a half long each

14th Twelve Water Stands

15th A Ships Brass Bell

16th A small quantity of Coopers tools

17th One large Empty Chest

18th A small Empty jar

19th An Empty Press

20th A Bale of Country Red Cloth One hundred and twenty Peices.

21st A Parrah measure

22nd Weights and Scales of Brass

23rd An Iron Anvil

In

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In Store Room No. 2 and 6

Seven thousand four hundred and fifteen Parrahs of Paddy

In Store Room No. 3

Two Casks of Arrack
Three thousand Pounds of Roots for colouring Cloth red
Some bad empty Casks
a hundred Sand Baskets

In Store Room No. 4

Arms and Accoutrements as Per Return

In Store Room No. 5

a Smiths Shop with Two Anvils &c &c

In Store Room No. 6

a Sett of Wooden Scales.
Some Empty Casks
Quarter of a jar of Oil
a Cask of Europe Salt Box three hundred and forty five Pounds
Eight Pieces of Gunnie
Half Jar of Ghee
a small Sheet of Copper Twenty three Pounds
a Bar of Steel Thirty five Pounds
a small quantity of Iron Bars
Twenty Parrahs of bad Rice
Some measures
a Chest containing some Coffee and Bottles of Arrack

In Store Room No. 7

Some stinking Fish
a few Old Chatties and Matts

No. 8

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No 8

Some Fire wood

In the Square

Two hundred and two Palmira trees

Three thousand Palmira Laths

Twelve Planks

Two Iron Graplings

a Machine for raising Guns

Two Tarpawlings

a large Brass Bell

One Bell also at the Governor's House

No 9

a Small Quantity of Coir Rope and Dammar

No 10

Artillery Stores as Pr. Return

Guns as Pr. Return

Carpenters Tools as Pr. Return

The Court adjourned and met on the 8th of October and proceeded to examine into the Debts due to the Dutch Company by individuals.

Accounts are given in with Receipts of Sundry Natives for Sums due the Company amounting to Six thousand two hundred and thirty eight Rix Dollars which ought to be accounted for by the Governor, also of Revenue due the Company by the Renter of Montolle Viz. Seven thousand Eight hundred and fourteen Parrahs of Paddy Butter One thousand Six hundred

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hundred and Seventy four Pounds. Twenty four thousand Nine hundred and sixty Flya. Matches and several other Articles which were given from the Stores to the Renter for immediate use and for which he must account.

/Signed/ John French
Captain 73d Regt. President

A true Copy
/Signed/ R. J. Barbut Captn. 73d Regt.
Commanding Manar

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

&c &c &c

My Lord

From Colonel Stuart. Her Swift Cruizer proceeds to Bombay to refit.

Commodore Thistleton in the Honorable Company's Ship Swift stationed here by Captain Gardner for the purpose of speaking all Vessels passing this place and for forwarding despatches to your Lordship or to him, has been obliged to proceed to Bombay, in order to get a new Main Mast and some other necessary repairs made on the Ship which could not be done here.

I directed Commodore Thistleton to endeavour to speak to Captain Gardner in passing who is cruizing off Columbo, and to receive further orders from him regarding his proceedings after his Ship is repaired and fit to Cruize. — I have now no Ship of War here.

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

Head Quarters
Trincomallie 16th November 1795

Ordered

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Ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

From Colonel Brathwaite submits his Correspondence with Colonel Stuart and with Major Petrie relative to the Stores required from Malabar for the siege of Columbo - proposes the detail of Troops to proceed from the Coast Reports the damages done by the late Gale.

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council, the Copy of a letter I have received from Colonel Stuart since I had the honor to address you last on the same subject, and also a Copy of a letter I have written to the Colonel.

I am in correspondence with Major Petrie, who Commands at Cochin, and expect very soon to learn from him how far Cochin can contribute in furnishing the Stores that will be required, and to this end I have sent him a list of every thing that will be wanted, and have desired him to ship such Articles as he can conveniently supply, and that as soon as I hear from him I shall have the honor to address your Lordship, that a requisition may be sent to the Government of Bombay to indemnify him for the issue. My correspondence with Major Petrie is conducted as a private correspondence, but I have desired him to apprize the Commander in Chief at Bombay of it for the information of that Government and

and I think that by adopting this mode much time will be saved; preparations are however made in the arsenals here to supply the whole, lest we should not be able to derive any assistance from Cochin.

It will rest with your Lordship in Council now to determine when to issue orders for the Troops I now propose to send from this Coast in consequence of the information your Lordship has given me of the Force which the Malabar Coast is to furnish Viz.t One Captain and four Subalterns of the Engineer Corps One Complete Company of the Coast Artillery with three Companies of Gun Lascars.

His Majesty's 73.d Regiment

The 9.th and 35.th Native Battalions

to be held ready to move at a short warning on foreign Service. As it will require some little time to prepare and in particular for the arrangements to be made for the families. and I could wish also that the Military Board was ordered to have in readiness a supply of 500 Lascars for foreign Service. This supply I think if left to the disposal of Colonel Stuart will answer the calls of every Department. I shall recommend to the Board that a large portion of these

these shall be collected south of the Coleroon, and be directed to join Captain Mc Kenzie of the Engineer Corps, who is the Captain to be employed / whom I propose to send with one Subaltern to Ramnadpuram to accelerate the preparation and transportation of the materials preparing there and that the remainder should be sent from hence with the Stores as their Services will be required both in shipping and landing them; and should be glad that Captain Mc Kenzie was authorised to collect such Artificers as he wants in the Southern Countries, as I find it almost impracticable to send any from hence

Your Lordship will observe that the 9th Native Battalion is included in the foregoing detail, which is the only Battalion in Garrison at Madura, but as your Lordship has informed me that you are to be furnished with a Battalion from the King of Travancore if the 21st Native Battalion now in Palamcottah is with the Travancore Battalion equally divided between Palamcottah and Madura, they will both be sufficiently garrisoned and it will only require that a temporary Adjutant should be appointed to Madura that the duty may be regularly carried on.

I am sorry, to lay before your Lordship the Copy of a letter I have received from Major Murray concerning the damage done by the late Gale. I have also

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also received a Report from the Mount that the Hospital there had partly fallen down, luckily it gave sufficient warning, and the Sick were removed, and no lives have been lost. The Sick have for the present been moved into the new Barrack, but as the Surgeon states that some temporary additions are requisite to make it answer the purpose 'till an Hospital can be established, I have directed the Chief Engineer to report on the ruin of the late Hospital, as also on the additions required to the present temporary one.

Some time since the Stables of the 3d Regiment of Cavalry at Tackinore were found to require some immediate repairs, to enable them better to stand the monsoon and Shelter the Horses they are in number 45, and as two Pagodas was all that was required for each Stable, which was less than the Cost of one Horse, it was done, and I request of your Lordship to authorise this expence.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ John Brathwaite

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
December 3d 1795

P.S. I have also the honor to enclose to your Lordship Copies of other melancholy reports I have received

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received from Vellore and Walajaubad, and think it my duty to recommend to the humane consideration of Government the distressed situation of both the Europeans and Natives at Walajaubad. Private letters also mention great devastations at Arnee, and that Colonel Nixon and his family narrowly escaped with their lives, and are now living in the Granary there, as affording the best Shelter. But I have not yet received any public Report.

/Signed/ I B.

To Colonel Brathwaite

Commanding the Army on the Coast

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a letter and return No 1 which have been given in by Captain Norris of Engineers and which I beg leave to recommend to your particular notice and support - as it is an object of much consequence that his department for the seige of Columbo should be as complete as possible - and I conceive the establishment he proposes to leave at this Station to be also very necessary.

You will likewise receive herewith enclosed the proceedings of the Committee of Inspection No 2, which agreeably to your instructions, I ordered to examine the

Camp

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Camp equipage all of which I have directed should be put in the best possible state of Repair.

In fixing the detail of Artillery Officers required to be left in these Garrisons, and to proceed on the intended expedition it will be necessary to attend to the circumstance of there not being one Officer, with the Coast Artillery now here who is not upon the Staff I conceive it will be absolutely necessary that one Artillery Officer should be left in each of the Forts at this Station — and you will observe at the same time that we have no Officer of this Corps at Jaffnapatam nor in Manar.

To provide as much as possible against the inconvenience of a deficiency of numbers in this Corps. I have directed five Men of a Company from his Majesty's 52nd and 72nd Regiments to be trained to the great Gun exercise under a Subaltern 2 Serjeants and 2 Corporals of each Corps — but the weather is at present particularly unfavorable for the purpose of instructing them, for we have had constant rains for the last ten days — I have directed in the event of these details being called upon to act on service either in the field or in Garrison as Artillery Men their pay to be made equal to those of the same rank in the Corps of

Artillery

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Artillery.

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Trincomalee
15th. November 1795

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

True Copy
(Signed) W. Wilson Secy

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

Sir

I have received (in duplicate) your letter of the 31st. of October, also your letter of the 15th. instant with their enclosures, and am perfectly satisfied that every thing that could be done has been done to carry into execution the contents of my letter of the 7th. of October. Your answer to Major Dalrymple's private letter, which you have done me the honor to communicate to me, was very proper, nor can any other answer under such circumstances be given, where a mistaken ardor induces Officers to enquire into causes; and I wish it to be understood that it is a mistaken idea in any Soldier to suppose that any one Service is more honourable than another, or that Silent and implicit obedience are not the Strongest proofs of discipline and zeal

and

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and no Man who thinks like a Soldier can suppose it any imputation on the flank Companies of His Majesty's 71st Regiment that they were ordered to rejoin their Corps so soon as their Services on the Island of Ceylon were no longer necessary there, and indeed incompatible with the — arrangements made at one and the same time for the reduction of that Island and the Security of this Coast

I have it now in my power Sir to inform you, and I have delayed writing to you till I could do so, what the force will be that will be sent to you, in addition to that now with you, and my ideas concerning the application of the whole of it.

From this Coast will be sent to you One Captain and four Subalterns of Engineers, One complete Company of Coast Artillery, with its — Lascars, His Majesty's 73rd Regiment and the 9th and 35th Native Battalions.

The Government of Bombay has been ordered by the Supreme Government to assemble — immediately at Cochin one Company of Artillery with two of Lascars His Majesty's 77th Regiment and two Native Battalions, with Tonnage and four Months Provisions, subject to the Orders of this

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this Government and these will be sent to join you — to consequently the force to be employed on the Island of Ceylon under your Command amounts to, of the Engineer Corps / that is exclusive of any Officers ordered to act — temporarily as such /

2 Captains and five Subalterns
4 Companies of Artillery
4 of His Majesty's Regiments
7 Native Battalions
4 Companies of Native Pioneers

Of this force I wish you Sir to employ the Captain and Subaltern of Engineers now there in pushing forward the defences of Trincomale and Ostenburg, and to act in the defence of them in the event of their being attacked during your being engaged on the other side the Island - And I should hope that two Subaltern Officers of Artillery with half a Company of effective Artillery will be sufficient for both those Garrisons, assisted by such Infantry as shall have been trained to the Gun exercise in the event of your not being able at the time to leave a Captain of Artillery also, which if we are able to send the Company complete in Officers you will probably judge it necessary to do.

To Garrison Trincomale and Fort Ostenburg I trust you will find his Majesty's 72d Regiment and the 23d Native Battalion sufficient, and I own it is much

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much my wish that this may accord with your ideas formed on the spot, and that those Forts should be left under charge of Major Fraser, with positive Orders to defend them to the last extremity. I trust circumstanced as we shall be on the Island, that the Invalid — Artillery now at Manar, and the 1st Native Battalion will be sufficient for the defence of the lesser — acquisitions you will then Sir have for the Seige.

1 Captain and 4 Subalterns of Engineers
3½ Companies of Artillery
3 of his Majesty's Regiments
5 Native Battalions
4 Companies of Native Pioneers

Gabions Fascines, and Pickets have for some time past been preparing at Ramnadpooram, and Captain Macken=zie (who is the Captain of Engineers to be employed on the Seige) with one or two Subalterns will proceed thither immediately, and Boats will be assembled to push them over to you at a proper time, to such a spot as you shall appoint for their reception. I am sanguine in my hopes that Major Petrie (who will I hope — Command the forces from the Malabar Coast, and to whom I shall write this day) will find it practica=ble to possess himself at once of Negambo, and there

wait

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wait your Orders. If this can be effected I shall think the business half accomplished as the transportation of every thing from the Southern part of our Coast from whence Rice, Salt, &c, will be sent to you, is, and will be for some time to come very easy to that Port.

The Ordnance which comes from Bengal and every thing that we are to furnish from Madras must of course, with the Artillery and his Majesty's 73d. Regiment, be sent on Ships to stay at Trincomale to be conveyed round the Island, and as I hope to Negambo, or perhaps even with the practicability of landing them beyond the first of the Rivers which runs between Negambo and Columbo.

I flatter my self that the Trial of Lieutenant Colonel Geils will be over in time to enable me to complete the Artillery Companies with Officers; and it is my intention to recommend it to Government to send a Major from hence to act under Lieutenant Colonel Bonnevaux with the Native Brigade; however I am apprehensive that unless the arrangements arrive, and the rank of some Officers now with you is published by the Commander in Chief that you will be short of Field Officers for the duties of a siege, If that is the case you must appoint a certain number to act as such, till further Orders.

Lascars

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Lascars and Artificers will be sent from the Coast to the Amount required, if they can be collected; but as the Corps you will leave in Garrison will not want their Lent Lascars, you will derive some assistance by transferring them to the exigencies of the actual Service as they may be required.

As so good a road has been discovered by the zeal and activity of Lieutenant Campbell between Manar and Trincomale, I have no doubt that you will find it both eligible and practicable to send your Pioneers, Lascars, Artificers, and Followers by Land under such an escort of Captain Bowser's Battalion as you may judge necessary.

There is no prospect that the Pioneers employed on the Malacca Expedition will return in any time to be sent to you, nor can any of those now in the Baramahal be sent to you, on the contrary I have recommended to Government that Lieutenant Grove should be permitted to assignment his number, from the necessary duties there, by entertaining some Old Pioneers who served in the Mysore War under Captain Lennon but if Lieutenant Dowse is able to recruit his Corps on the Island, with Men who are willing to serve as it [illegible] as it remains on the Island

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Island, as your letter intimates, I think it should be done to such a strength as you think indispensibly necessary — and if you wish it I will recommend to Government that Colonel Floyd should be ordered to form out of His Majesty's 36th. and 71st. Regiments two temporary Corps under Subaltern Officers of 25 Men each, the one of Artificers to be attached to the Engineers and the other of Pioneers under the Orders of Lieutenant Dowse.

I have given it to you as my idea that it will much advance the Service if Major Petrie can at once possess himself of Negambo, but I have no intention to push this idea forward too hastily. The present intention of Government is to order the force which is to be furnished from the Malabar Coast round, as soon as it can be brought to Tutecarin, and it will then be time enough to determine on its next application.

I am glad to learn by a letter from Captain Bowser that he is in possession of the Island of Calpenteen, which is a fine spacious Island, and so far advanced, as to serve us perhaps [illegible] should my idea in regard to Negambo prove impracticable; but I should be sorry if it [illegible] seems that Bowser's attention and force should

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should be so occupied as to prevent his efforts in the Country for procuring supplies of Cattle, and I recommend it to your most serious and early attention to take every measure in your power to that end, as the supplying you with Sheep from the Coast will be attended with difficulties and inconveniencies, which I would not wish either the Service under your command or this Coast to be subject to.

In regard to the present state of the Tents enclosed in your letter of the 15th Instant I observe the number of them that require repair, but as you say you have ordered them to be repaired, although the Statement sets forth, materials required, I trust you do not look to us for supplying the materials, as they cannot be sent till the shipping goes from hence that is to carry your general reinforcement, and I hope that when they arrive with you every thing will be ready to push on, and you will recollect that the Tents of those Corps left in Garrison, if actually wanted may be transfered to those going upon Service, as well as the Lascars.

Captain Norris has addressed two letters to me on the subject of his being employed on the intended Expedition besides that which you enclose stating what he

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he requires for his Department - but I trust Sir that when you have read this my letter you will send for him, and impress on him the importance of his present duty, and direct his whole attention to the defences of Trincomalé and Ostenburg.

You are apprized of the Battering train Indented for on Bengal - As soon as I hear from Major Petrie and know what Cochin can furnish - what shall be sent to you from hence shall be determined, and you shall not be stinted though Cochin should not be able to contribute - you may depend upon it proper attention will be paid to the Medical Department - when the supplies of Ordnance and Stores to be sent from hence are shipped at the same time will be shipped the two depressing Carriages for 24 Guns for Ostenburg which are now completed.

I trust Sir that I have in this letter replied to every thing you have said to me and have afforded you sufficient information to enable you to form all your Arrangements for the intended Expedition, which I have no doubt under your command will be attended with the same good effects that have hitherto attended all your operations. I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ John Brathwaite

Head Quarters
Cheultry Plain
November 30th 1795

True Copy
/Signed/ W. Wilson Secy

P.S.

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P. S. Lord Hobart has ordered a Tappal direct through the Maraiwa Country, and by Boats to Manar, and I understand means that it should be conveyed by Troopers, this will render our communications either with Trincomalé or the Western Side of the Island more certain and expeditious.

To Colonel Brathwaite
Commander of the Army

Sir

I am truly sorry to inform you of the distressed situation of this Cantonment.

On the 28th. about 9 O'Clock at night a very strong Gale came on from the North East, and continued, both wind and Rain, without intermission until day break this morning - the 1st. and 4th. Regiments Stables are down, and every Officer's Quarter except the Commandants, and two others the latter so much damaged they must fall if the Weather do not soon clear up.

The Barracks are likewise much damaged - there are some men of both Regiments missing, but I have reason to hope they are at Arcot, as the River came down so rapidly, they had

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had not time to cross from its first appearance until it was impossible, and rose much higher than has been known by the Inhabitants of Arcot for these 40 Years past.

I hope to give you a correct account of the Casualties tomorrow by the Monthly Return.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ J. W. Murray
Major Commanding the Cantonment
of Arcot

Cantonment
near Arcot
30th. of November 1795

True Copy
/Signed/ Fred. Pierce
Major Brigade

To Colonel Brathwaite
Commanding &c &c &c
Fort St. George

Sir

I am extremely sorry to inform you that a storm or rather Hurricane, set in here yesterday morning which for violence and duration exceeded every thing of the kind, I have ever witnessed, and has been productive of much damage within the Walls of this Fort, the stoutest and strongest trees could not withstand the Storm, but were torn up, and some falling on the

quarters

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quarters has greatly damaged them, the violence of the wind nearly unroofed most tiled Houses, however I am happy to acquaint you that the European's Barracks and Hospital, are less hurt than most other buildings, I have not yet been able to collect exact reports of the damage done either in this Fort or upon the Hills the whole Country round is nearly covered with water owing to the Banks of the Tanks giving way, great loss and distress almost every person in the neighbourhood must have suffered by the devastation - The Fort Adjutants quarters, and the one I am in is nearly unroofed, many others have suffered tho not so severely, and hope you will have the goodness to represent our situation to Government and endeavour to obtain an Order for some necessary repairs to be immediately set about, or some allowance to be granted to enable the sufferers to do it themselves.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ George Waight

Major Commanding

Vellore
30th November 1795

True Copy

/Signed/ W. Wilson Jeury To

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To Major Robertson

Deputy Adjutant General

Kings Troops &c &c

Sir

I have the honor to forward to you for the perusal of the Commander of the Army, a letter addressed to me by the Officers Commanding the Companies of the Battalion of his Majesty's 73d Regiment under my Command, and request you will make known to him, that from my own knowledge of the distressed situation of the men and Officers of the Regiment, I beg he may be pleased to lay it before Government.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) I. Macdonald

Captain Commanding 73. Regt

Wallajahbad

2nd December 1795

True Copy

(Signed) W. Wilson Secy

To Captain Macdonald

Commanding his Majesty's 73rd. Regiment

Sir

We the Officers Commanding Companies of the 73d. Regiment, beg leave to make known to you the

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the distress that our respective Companies experience by a total want of necessaries occasioned by the late inundation, the very sudden rise of the Waters made it impossible for the men to attend to any thing during the night, but the immediate preservation of their lives, and the rapidity of the current had by the next morning swept every article left in the barracks thro the windows and broken places in the walls, most of the Arms have been recovered but their Bedding and Cloaths of almost every description are totally lost. our private circumstances at all times, inadequate to the advance of money, are now so reduced from the losses we have individually sustained as to render it impossible for us to supply the deficiency of the Mens necessaries, we therefore hope you will have the goodness to make known their situation to Government from whose liberality alone they can expect that assistance that is absolutely necessary for their health and comfort.

We have the honor to be &c &c

Archd. Rosman — Captain
William White — Captain
J. Macrae — Lieut.
H. Sutherland — Lieutenant
I. L. Winslow — Lieutenant
Arthur Gore — Lieutenant
Spinin Hervey — Lieutenant
G. A Gordon — Lieutenant

Wallajahabad
2nd December 1795

/Signed/

True Copy
/Signed/ W. Wilson
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To

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To Colonel Brathwaite

Sir

I have the honor to advise you that during the night of the 30th Ultimo, a Torrent of Water, which with wonderful rapidity, extended its Course near a thousand Yards beyond the limits of the Pallar, overwhelmed with complete Destruction the posistion allotted to the 33d Battalion — But, owing, to an extraordinary exertion of every individual of the Corps in recovering their Arms, Accoutrements and other appointments from beneath Ruins, which, when the Water receded, bore a perfect Semblance of Sand Hills, the actual loss of public property has proved far within the bounds of my apprehension — Our Accoutrements, however, being Originally of Country leather and very thin, seem entirely spoiled and as many of our Arms have also been essentially injured, it is my purpose for your more perfect information to request a Cantonment Committee of inspection as early as possible — And Now, Sir, encouraged by a retrospect that gratefully assures me of your still yielding to the influence of Philanthropy on learning the unhappy Sufferings resulting from this unhappy

event

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event throughout the Battalion I have to signify, that two Naiques and twenty Seven Sepoys are yet missing, that Several in the Corps have to lament the loss of their Wives their Children and other near Connections exclusive of a total deprivation of property – consequently, reposing with due deference on a ready admission of the Expediency of Countenancing a new Corps, thus afflicted, I venture to solicit your support in preferring the accompanying Statement of a pecuniary equivalent – It is only comprehensive of the native part of the Battalion; the European Officers and Serjeants have also suffered materially, and my loss, independent of all my Accounts with the Battalion and Books has been very considerable.

We have obtained Tents from the Stores and are at present encamped Eastward of the Cantonment.

I have the honor to be with every Respect

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December 2nd 1795

&c &c
/Signed/ E. Tolfrey
Captn 33rd Battalion N. Infantry

True Copy
/Signed/ W. Wilson Jeery

Statement of the loss sustained by the Native Officers and Sepoys of the 33d Battalion Native Infantry by the late Inundation at Wallajabad.

	Cloaths and Valuables to the Amount of	Money	
	£	£	℔
1st Granadier Company	83	26½	25

1st

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	P.	F.	P.	F.
1st Battalion Company	58	7	47	—
2d Battalion Company	55	10	12	23
3d Battalion Company	124	11	25	—
4th Battalion Company	113	—	42	—
5th Battalion Company	46	6	11	—
6th Battalion Company	64	—	25	—
2d Grenadier Company	120	—	13	—
Total	664	18½	200	23

Grand Total 864: 41½

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/Signed/ T. Boles
Lieutenant & Adjutant

/Signed/ E. Tolfrey
Captain

True Copy
/Signed/ W. Wilson Jeny

Resolutions upon the foregoing letter

Resolved that Colonel Brathwaite be desired to notify by letter to Colonel Floyd that the 9th and 33d Battalion of Native Infantry are to be held in readiness to move at a short warning, on foreign Service; and that he be further desired to adopt the same method in all arrangements preparatory to the expedition against Columbo, it being the Board's wish to avoid the publication of them in general orders. The detail being thus left entirely with Colonel Brathwaite, no delay or interruption can arise.

Ordered

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Ordered that the Commander of the Army do acquaint Colonel Stuart that the Natives of every description now on the Island of Ceylon, and intended for Columbo, are to proceed by land to Manar or such other place as he / Colonel Stuart / may judge advisable

_ Ordered also that the Artificers and Lascars required for the Seige, exclusive of those now on the Island, be procured to the Southward; and that a letter be written to the Rajah of Travancore, desiring that the Battalion of Sepoys promised by him, be sent with the least possible delay to Palamcotah for the purpose of being distributed agreeably to the suggestion of Colonel Brathwaite.

Resolved, with a view of ascertaining the damage that has been sustained by the late Storm at the different Military Stations in the Center Division, that the Military Board be desired to instruct the Chief Engineer to send one of the Officers of his Corps on whom he can depend, to survey and make a report of the state of the Public Quarters, and the expence it will require to put them in an habitable condition. Also to make a faithful report of the damages sustained by individuals

in

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in respect to their private quarters, to which he must confine himself as the Board are disposed to afford every reasonable assistance in their power towards enabling the Officers to repair or rebuild their Bungaloas.

Read the following proceedings of the Hospital Board.

Hospital Board
7th. December 1795

From Hospital Board Mr. Wilson and Mr. Mein request leave to come to Madras and Mr. Fleming to go to Bengal recommendations - the General Hospital requires trifling Repairs, have sent Extracts from the Medical Regulations to the Surgeon of the Marquis Regiment.

Mr. Mein Head Surgeon at Masulipatam represents that having lately suffered much from a long continued and very severe attack of Fever and ague, and finding his constitution much impaired by a service of twenty five years services in this Establishment, he shall probably be under the necessity early in the ensuing Season, of soliciting the indulgence of Government for leave of absence to proceed to Europe for two or three Years for the more perfect

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perfect reestablishment of his Health.
in the mean time he requests —"
permission to proceed to Madras to
settle his private concerns.

As the Hospital Board are
well acquainted with the infirm state
of Mr. Mein's Health for some years
past, they recommend that he
may have permission to come to
the Presidency - and that Mr. —"
Alexander Anderson be directed
to perform the duties of the Head
Surgeon in the Circars until further
Orders.

Approved

Ditto

Read a letter from Mr. —"
Charles Fleming Surgeon to the
Garrison of Ganjam, requesting
permission to proceed to Calcutta
for one Month to settle some —"
private concerns which require his
personal attendance.

As the duty of the Garrison
can be executed by the Assistant
Surgeon during the absence of
Mr. Fleming we recommend that his
request

Approved

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request may be complied with —

Mr. George Wilson, Surgeon to the Garrison of Dindigul, states that he has been long confined to his House by a very serious and alarming disorder, and requests permission to proceed to the Presidency, which we recommend may be granted to him.

Approved

We recommend that Mr. Robert Addison, Assistant Surgeon be appointed to do duty with the 11th Battalion of Native Infantry in the room of Mr. Todd lately removed; and that Mr. Charles Oram Assistant Surgeon be directed to do the duty of the 16th Battalion of Native Infantry until further Orders.

Approved

At the suggestion of the Head Surgeon we recommend that directions be given for the Walls of the Hospital at the Presidency to be white washed, and for some trifling

The necessary Orders will be given.

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trifling repairs to be executed which the late Rains have rendered necessary.

Finding by the General Orders that the Swiss Regiment of Meuron has been transferred from the Dutch to the British Service, and that it is to be considered with respect to pay and allowances as the King's Regiments serving on the Coast we have transmitted to the Surgeon of that Corps an Extract of the existing Medical regulations for his Guidance; and have directed the Apothecary, to make provision for supplying him with Medicines.

Approved

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

Read the following letter from the

Persian Translator at Bengal.

To

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To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort St. George

Sir

From Mr. Edmonstone with a letter for the Rajah of Travancore.

I have the honor to transmit a letter from the Honorable the Governor General addressed to the Rajah of Travancore accompanied with Copies in English and Persian

and to be

&c &c

/Signed/ N. B. Edmonstone

P. S.

Fort William

20th. November 1795

To the Rajah of Travancore

Written 20th. November 1795

From the Governor General to the Rajah of Travancore requesting a temporary loan of Troops to Garrison Madura and Palamcotah

On the Grounds of the long and firm Friendship between the Company and yourself manifested upon so many Occasions by mutual assistance in times of necessity, I do not hesitate to apply to you upon the present, when your aid will contribute essentially to promote the views of Government. It is not unknown to you what large Detachment of Troops have been necessarily detached by the Madras Presidency for the expeditions against the Dutch Settlements in Ceylon &c As this drain of Troops takes away from the

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requisite establishment at Madras and in the Carnatic it would be a great convenience to Government if you could without risk to your own Dominions assist in supplying the deficiency, by the temporary loan of men sufficient to garrison the Forts of Palamcotah and Madura. the Right Honorable the Governor in Council at Madras will address you upon this subject and I have only to express my hopes that you will oblige me by a compliance, which will tend to the encrease of attachment.

A true Copy

/Signed/ N.B. Edmonstone

Read the following letters from the Resident at Poona.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of Fort St. George

My Lord

From Sir Charles Malet the succession still in suspense

The enclosed Extract of my address of this Date to the Governor General will give your Lordship to understand, that nothing material has occurred here since my last of the 9th instant.

I have the honor to be very respectfully

&c &c

/Signed/ C.W. Malet

Poona
13th November 1795

Extract

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Extract of a letter from the Resident at Poona to the Governor General, dated 13th. November 1795.

No visible Change has taken Place in the state of Affairs here since my last address of the 7th. instant and it yet remains to be disclosed whether any will ensue from the arrival of Balloo Tantea, Hurdas Executive Minister yesterday Morning.

It is currently reported that a Deputation is to be sent to conduct the Sons of Ragobah hither, and that the yaungest is to be placed on the Musnud, but the Total Silence of Nanna leaves me in the Dark as to the real intentions of Him and his Party.

True Extract
/Signed/ J. Uhthoff Asistant

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

My Lord

From Dillo to the same Effect

This serves purposely to acquaint your Lordship, that no apparent change has taken place in affairs here since my last letter of the 13th. Instant.

I have the honor to be very respectfully.
Yr. Yr.
/Signed/ C. W. Malet Jr.

Poona
16th. November 1795

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of

Fort St. George

My Lord

From Ditto the difficulties in regard to the succession seem to encrease.

Nothing material has occurred here since my last of the 16th instant, and from the long and frequent Consultations of the principal Bramins, I apprehend the Difficulties of terminating this long and alarming Interregnum must rather increase than diminish.

I have received Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 30th Ultimo to my Assistant, Mr. Ubthoff Your Lordship may rest assured of your continuing to be advised of every thing here worthy your notice and requisite to your information. — May I at the same time remind your Lordship, that the weight of Foreign Ministers is greatly increased, and their negociations frequently benefited, by timely advice of important measures and events under your Governments.

I have the honor to be very respectfully

&c &c

(Signed) C. W. Malet

Poona

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c. &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord

From Ditto the same Sir

decided in exclusion of the Sons of Ragoba.

I have the honor to acquaint you that at a very numerous Consultation of the principal Personages of this State held yesterday at the Peshwa's Palace. The expediency of filling the vacant Musnud by the adoption of a Successor in exclusion of the Sons of Ragobah was resolved on.

For some days past the Guard of the Town had been strengthened and every previous precautionary measure encreased.

I have the honor to be very respectfully

Sir &c.

Poona
23rd November 1795

/Signed/ C.W. Malet

Order thereon.

Ordered that the Receipt of the foregoing letters be acknowledged.

Read.

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Read the following letter from the —

Subsecretary at Bengal.

W. C. Jackson Esqre

Secretary at

Fort St. George

Sir

From Mr. Harington enclosing a letter for Admiral Elphinstone at the Cape.

In consequences of the Advices from the Secret Committee of the Honorable Court of Directors dated the 7th July and received — overland / which appear to have been also — communicated to the Government of Fort St. George / the Governor General has addressed the — accompanying letter to Admiral Elphinstone, or in his absence to the Commander of the Sea and Land Forces at the Cape, and directs me to transmit it, under a flying Seal for the — perusal of the Governor in Council of Fort St. George, with a request that it may be forwarded by any Ship sailing for the Cape from

that

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that Presidency.

I am
&c. &c.
Signed I. H. Harington
Subscry

Fort William
20th November 1795

To Sir G. K. Elphinstone K.B.

or in his absence

To the Commander of his Majesty's Sea or Land
Forces at the Cape of Good Hope.

Sir

The Secret Committee of the Honorable Court of Directors having communicated to this Government the great scarcity of Grain in Europe, and the consequent high Price of Corn and Provisions, with instructions to provide a supply of ten thousand Tons of Corn and Rice from this Country, and to grant the utmost encouragement to individuals for the importation of Grain of all sorts into Great Britain, the importance of the subject and the Possibility of this letter's reaching you before the arrival of similar Intelligence from Europe induce

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me to take the earliest opportunity of transmitting you an Extract from the Secret Committee's letter to this Gournment in hope that you may be able, in the event of our having obtained possession of the Cape of Good Hope, to furnish a considerable supply of Corn from thence, by holding out such encouragements to the transportation of it to Great Britain, as under the circumstances mentioned by the Secret Committee you may judge expedient.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ I. Shore

Fort William
the 20th. November 1795

Minute thereon. Ordered that the letter for Sir George Elphinstone be forwarded by the first Ship sailing from hence for the Cape of Good Hope.

Captain A Campbell appointed to the Temporary Command of Pondicherry.

In consequence of the Death of Lieutenant Colonel Stirling, the Officer Commanding at Pondicherry, the President recommends that Captn Alexander Campbell the Senior Officer in India of his Majesty's 74th Regiment be appointed to the

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the temporary Command of that place

Approved and ordered accordingly.

H Abercrombie

Col. Saunders

Ed. Fanshawe

Ed.
J. Fullerton

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Diary

Substance of letter to the Nabob.

Sent Letter to the Nabob Entered in C. C. No. 126 again urging him to send immediate orders to his Manager in the Tinnevelly Country to furnish such supplies of Rice &c. as Mr. Powney may require of him — for the Troops on Ceylon, leaving the peace to be settled between His Highness and this Government.—

Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in Mil. B. No. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53.—

To Colonel Malcolm.—

To Military Auditor General directing Payment of Lieutenant Fitzhugh's Contingent Bill for Conveying some Sick Sepoys &c. of the Charges are reasonable.—

To Ditto

To Ditto — referring Accounts of the Kings Troops employed on Ceylon for his Examination.—

To Ditto

To Ditto — transmitting for his Information Copy of the Letter Written to Colonel Braithwaite respecting Captain Lieutenant Broadmeadow's Claim to participate in the off Reckoning Fund.—

To Major Orr.

To Major Orr — complying with his request for Leave of Absence from his Station.—

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Campbell.

To Commandant at Palamcotah

—enclosing a letter to be forwarded to the Rajah of Travancore.—

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Received the undermentioned letter

Entered in L.L. Nos. 127. 128. 129.—

Substance of a letter from the Bombay.—

From Bombay—communicating the Contents of a letter addressed to them by the Nabob

Ditto—Ditto Rajah of Calastry.

From Rajah of Calastry—to the same Effect.—

Ditto—Ditto Tippoo Sultaun.

From Tippoo Sultaun—acknowledging receipt of the letter, notifying the Death of the Nabob Walajah.—

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in M.L. Nos. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60.

From Mr. B. Smith.—

From Agent for Gun Carriage Contractors—stating that 50 per Cent has been charged on the Stores issued to him from the Depot Warehouse—and requesting leave either to return Stores of equal quality, or to pay for those received by him at the price they are sold to others.—

From Mr. Doig

From Contractor for clothing the Army—presenting an Indent for 129 Bales of Cloth.—

From

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

From Colonel Brathwaite. — From Commandant of the Army transmitting applications from the Officers of the 1st and 4th Regiments of Cavalry for some Compensation for the Losses they have sustained by the late Storm — his opinion thereon. —

From Lieutenant Blair. — From Lieutenant David Blair, presenting on the part of Lieutenant M.c Gregor, three Bills for Batta to Persons employed under him, in calling down the Single armed Chiefs to Coimbatore. —

From Lieutenant Montgomery — From Lieutenant Montgomery advising of the Arrival near Cochin of 200 Horses for the Service which he proposes sending to Palamcotah. —

From Captain Macdonald. — From Commandant at Walajabad on the Subject of the Complaints preferred against the Batavalls there. —

11th Received Letter from the Nabob — Enclosing C.C. No. 130 stating that he has given Substance of a letter from the Nabob — out repeated orders to his Manager for furnishing Supplies for the Troops in Poonah and enclosing Translation of a Letter from

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11th from them on the subject — requests the Articles may be paid for on delivery. —

Received the following Letter. —

To the Right Honble Lord Mobart

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

Hon^ble Sirs,

From Bengal advising of their having arrested Captain Caminha of the Paquette D'Asia, on suspicion of having carried Naval and Military Stores from Pondicherry to the Mauritius — directions in consequence. —

Captain Francisco Antonio Caminha, the Commander of the Paquette D'Asia a Portuguese Vessel arrested by us on suspicion of having carried Naval and Military Stores from Pondicherry to Mauritius, has on his Examination, stated that his Cargo from Pondicherry consisted of Rum, Oil and Coarse Cloths, with about Ten Tons of old Cordage; the whole of which Cargo, he alledges, was consigned to the Mauritius by a Mr. Merchant named Comblemale, formerly Supercargo to the French East India Company and now living under English protection at Pondicherry. —

On the other hand it appears from Papers and information communicated by Mr. Bruce, of this Settlement, that the Caminha sailed from this Port (in March 1795) with

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with 2850 Bags of Rice, consigned from the House
of Messrs. Barretto to Mr. John de Silva &
Sweder, at Mosambique; 1350 Bags of which
were to be sold at Pondicherry, and the Remainder
to be delivered at Mosambique. There is also
a strong ground of suspicion that Mr. Lamimbe
has not given an accurate Statement of his
Cargo from Pondicherry to Mauritius, as he
is unable to produce any Invoices, Bill of
Lading, or other Document, and has not
furnished any Log Book or Journal for
the Period of his Voyage to the French
Islands, alledging, for this deficiency, the
unsatisfactory Reason, that the Ship's Journal
was kept by one of his Pilots who remained
at Mauritius.

We therefore think it necessa-
ry to transmit you a Copy of Captain Lamimbe's
Examination, and to request your Lordship in
Council will ascertain whether he was
freighted from Pondicherry by Combleman all,
with the most accurate information
procurable of the several Articles which

composed

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Fort William

27th November 1795.

Sir

From major Brown with papers respecting a purchase of Rice and change in the Ships Destination &c. Intelligence &c. inclosed

comprised his Cargo, and the quantity of

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/Signed/ J. Shore

Robt. Abercromby

P. Speke

Wm. Cowper

W.C. Jackson Esqr

&c. &c.

Sir

For the Information of the Right Honble the President in Council I have the honor to enclose Duplicate / No. 1 / of Letter from Mr. James Scott, with my Answer Letter from Captain Patrickson with Answer upon the Subject of Rice purchased No. 2, with papers relative to change in Destination of the Ships Transport as per No. 3. 4. 5. 6. and I shall be happy to learn that my Conduct in the Matters therein contained, has been approved of by his Lordship: to whom I refer for Information of the Circumstances set forth in the accompanying Duplicate of Orders

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11th may not be unacceptable – and as the Intelligence in the two accompanying papers which relates to Batavia and Java may probably be new I have the honor to enclose them for his Information, & and to be –

Malacca 2d. October 1795.

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/Signed/ A Brown

For the information of the Supreme Government – I have forwarded to Mr. Secretary Key, Duplicates of the inclosed papers relative to the Ever Transport. –

/Signed/ A.B.

Major General J. H. Craig and Admiral Elphinigston demanded the Delivery of the Cape of good Hope on the 18th of June 1795 but Governor Sluysken refused. –

Captain J. Dekken Commanding the States Frigate Medenblik was desired by Admiral Elphingstone agreable to His Highness the Prince of Orange's Letter to Captain Dekken to put himself under the Admirals Orders, but he refused –

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The Government of Batavia is perfectly neutral, and Despatches have been sent to all the Settlements not to obey any Orders but from them, nor to admit any Force whatever into the Company's Forts.—

Admiral Elphinstone's Fleet left the Cape and proceeded to the East without encountering any Hostilities, as, he said, he had no Orders to that Effect.—

Captain Dalrymple arrived at Batavia the 9th Ulto with the above Intelligence.—

An immense sum of Money has been remitted to Paris out of the Bank of Amsterdam, and every Inhabitant has bound himself by an Oath to give an Account of his Property, without concealing any thing, for the use of the Public.—

Admiral Kinsbergen Counts of Bentinq and Byland, with Mr. Van der Hoop Attorney General of the Admiralty are imprisoned.—

The ruling Princes have at their own request obtained their dismission as Generals—Holland was in a state of Tranquillity, and every moderate party having Influence at their

Head

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11th Heard are negociating Peace —

By an American Ship coming
through the Straits of Sunda without touching at
Batavia a Gazette was sent on shore of the 4th
Month of April —

The above Intelligence officially
sent by the Governor of Samara was brought to P
Malacca the 26th of September in the Evening by
a Vessel from Java —

Heads of Information given to Major Brown
by Captain Barclay Commander of the Armed Vessel
belonging to the King of Cochin China who arrived at P
Malacca on the Evening of the 26th September 1795.

Governor Daendaales of Samara
the principal Dutch Settlement on the Island
of Java told him about Ten days before he sailed
from thence, on the 1st Instant that by a Letter
he had just received from the Governor of Batavia
he was informed that an English Fleet of nine Sail
of Men of War had arrived at the Cape of good Hope
and that its Commodore had sent on shore a P
Letter from the Prince of Orange to the Governor P
accompanied with an Offer of his assistance by

Landing

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Landing 1200 Troops, which the Governor declined & saying he had the means of defending himself, and therefore would not admit the Landing of any foreign power without the order of the States general — upon which it was Understood that Two Ships out of the nine were to sail for Sengapore the rest to proceed to the Island of Ceylon, Captain H. Bereny thinks, from what he heard that the English Fleet must have arrived at the Cape of about the begening of July. —

The Governor of Samara further mentioned that the Governor of Batavia had received Letters from the Cape of good Hope, which had been either twenty eight, or thirty eight days, he cannot ascertain which from the Cape to Batavia and had been brought in four days from the latter place to Samara — the Letter from Batavia to the Governor of Samara made mention of Two Frigates shewing Spanish Colours having been seen off Bantam early in August from whence the Dutch Resident sent one of the small Prowzers to inform them of Two French Frigates being in the Straights, that the Ships with Spanish Colours were well armed, and by their

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11th their answer, which was engrossed Spanish made light of the Information of the French Frigates and pressed on the Letter from Batavia expressed Doubt of their being Spanish Frigates. The Governor of Samara had received a Letter from the Dutch Ambassador at China Mr. Titsing & brought by a English East Indiaman, who had also brought Dispatches for the Governor General of Batavia, where they had touched to take in Water and refresh, as Captain Baring thinks about Forty days ago. —

That he was told by the Governor of Samara that every assistance would be given to Vessels of whatever Nation coming there, but that he would not admit any Troops to land. —

The regular European and Effective Force at Samara when he left it was as follows Viz.t

of the Auxiliary Regiment of Wirtemberg Commanded by Major Schmettau	450
Artillery of the same Corps	100
National Artillery — Dutch	100
Do — Infantry — Do	450
Do — Cavalry — Do	170
Body Guard of Dutch European Cavalry with the King of Pole — Commanded by a French officer whose he has forgot his name —	50.
Body Guard of Dutch European Cavalry with the Emperor of Java	50
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The Dutch Troops at Samara are
Commanded by a Major Sanet who has been Forty
years in the Company's Service The Artillery by
Captain Barbure a Frenchman, besides whom
there are a few Subalterns of that Nation but who
have been so long in the Service as to be considered
as Dutchmen There is also a Body of Militia
Commanded by a Captain Bayor, consisting of
about 500 Men composed of Bengkers being
Europeans and their descendents —

There are also Several Battalions
of Sepoys at Samara, with Native Artillery and
Cavalry attached Commanded by Colonel Rawen

That when he left Samara, there
was at Batavia the following Dutch Squadron. —

Guns
The Christopher Columbus ..... 54 D.r — Capt.r Van Braa
Name unknown ..... 54 — Capt.r Van Thiel
Name Unknow ..... 54 — name unknown
Royale Medemblik, arrived from the Cape — 44 — . Dyckvoe
The Arrogan ..... 44 — Commodore Carel
A Corvette ..... 20 — Capt.r Hardenbark
A Corvette ..... 16 — Telemachus

Besides the above there are Two Ships of 54 Guns each
well armed for guarding the Coast, but not
equipped for going to Sea. —

Colonel

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15th Colonel Wyendorp formerly Lieutenant Colonel in the Prussian Service and now serving in the Dutch East and Military Line is Governor of the Dutch Settlement of Sourabaya which is the first Government under Samara and situated on the West side of the Island of Java it encamped with 6 or 700 Europeans of whom 200 are of the Regiment of H Westenberg, the rest National Dutch, and as he has understood 5 or 6000 Native Troops who are Commanded by the Brother of the King of Madura for the purpose of Conquering the Westside of Java in consequence of orders received from Batavia H about the End of May, or early in June last. —

N.B. Captain Barisey is a French Emigrant, formerly an Officer in the H French Navy, is now at Malacca employed in a Vessel belonging to the King of Cochin China and a man worthy of Confidence the 2 Spanish Frigates mentioned to be at Manila as per Copy and have landed 800 Soldiers there H a Galeon attended them as a transport. —

[Signed] C. Rainier

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F.M.O

A Party consisting of 1 Sergeant 1 Corporal
and 12 Privates from the Grenadier Battalion to be
in readiness to embark to morrow morning at 6 o'clock
on board the Ewer Transport.

Subsistance for October for the
above Party to be placed in the Hands of the Sergeant
who is not to issue any part of it until he shall
have received Orders from the Town Mayor of
Fort St. George.—

The Sergeant will wait upon
Major Brown this Evening at 5 o'clock for further
Orders.—

The Commissary will immediately
put on board the Ewer Transport 31 Days Provisions
for 69 Persons, which includes the above Party,
and 2 Officers and 53 Men of the Dutch Troops.—

Government Allowance of 5
Shillings per Day to lay in fresh Provisions
being made Ensigns Mayne and Michell &
/the two Officers/ ~~&~~ and above their allowance
of the[se] Provisions.—

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Malacca 26th. September 1795

F. M. O.

In consequence of representation from the Commander of the Ewer Transport, stating forth the risk of attempting a Passage at this late season to Madras, and the little reason to A expect she could arrive there before the 15th. of October her Destination having been altered from that A Port to Bengal the Detachment of Dutch Troops mentioned in yesterday's Orders are to proceed upon the Ewer to Calcutta where the Serjeant of the Party on yesterday's Detail will report A himself to the Town Major of Fort William and A receive his Orders before he issues to his Men their subsistence for October. —

/Signed/ J. McKerras
M. of Bs.

Major Brown
Commandant &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

In consequence of your Intention of dispatching the Ewer to Madras give me leave to observe to you, after the 15th. of October the Respondentia Bonds, as well as Insurance on the Ship become Void

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Void, And that it is my Opinion, as well as every Seaman's here and gone since my arrival from Bengal, that it is highly improper and unsafe going there at this late period; that we cannot, with the greatest Dispatch, possibly reach the Coast under a Month, which is about the usual Time of bad Weather on the Coast of Coromandel — I now flatter myself from your frequent promises to serve me, to take into serious Consideration the situation of myself and Owner in the Event of accident to the Ship — I need not remind you of my wish to proceed to Bengal; not from any motive, but chiefly of being able to accomplish the Voyage with Credit and Expedition, but not without risk — you have at all times told me Mr. Conferees objected to the Troops being landed any where but at Madras — I have just now been on that Subject, he informs me he is perfectly willing and much pleased at the Idea of sending them to Bengal, particularly as I have pointed out to him my reasons, and as I trust both yourself and Mr. Conferees are willing to serve me I hope you will acquiesce in this favour. —

The lateness of the Season will make the Passage very uncomfortable to every Soul on

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11th on board, being obliged to remove the Ship continually
in the fear of bad Weather. —

Malacca 22d September 1795 /Signed/ J. Laughston

Captain Laughston

Sir,

I have received your Letter and on
Account of the Satisfactory manner in which you
conducted yourself to all on board the Lever in very
unfavourable and trying Circumstances, from the
Crowded state of the Vessel from Madras to Prince
of Wales Island, I am anxious to accommodate you
to the utmost Extent that Circumstances in my P
power situation will permit, and I will accede to
the request contained in your Letter on the A
following Condetions. —

1st That you furnish me with a Testimonial
signed by Governor Cowpers that there is no A
objection to the Lever with the Detachment of A
Dutch Troops being dispatched direct to Bengal. —

2d — That the clause in the charter Party Paper
of the Lever which requires her being discharged
at Madras, or in event of her being discharged
at Malacca, her desirous to receive Freight for
a Month subsequent to the date of her being A
discharged

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discharged, shall be done away, and that it shall be in the option of the Supreme Government, either to finally discharge her, upon her arrival in Bakeers Roads, paying the established Freight up to the Day of her being so discharged, or to continue her in the Service of Government, upon the present Terms as to the Amount of Freight, but discharguable as may be on such occasion settled. —

3.dly — That you execute an Agreement in writing to the foregoing Effect. —

23.d Sept.r 1795. /Signed/ A Brown

your Letter just now received is by mistake dated the 22.d —

Major Archibald Brown

Sir,

Captain Loughton having represented to me the Improfitableness of his Ship the Lizer arriving at Madras before the 15.th of October, and that in event of her going into the Roads of Madras after that Day, all Insurance upon the Vessel will be lost and having further represented that great Inconvenience to the Passengers on board must arise from the bad Weather that is to be expected in attempting a Passage to Madras at this late Season, and which may be altogether obviated by taking Departure from hence direct to Bengal I hereby declare that there will not be any objection to the Lizer proceeding with the Detachment of Dutch Troops direct to Bengal. —

Malacca 23.d Sept.r 1795. /Signed/ A Couperus

For

For Malacca

Ships Name	Burden Tons	How long taken up for by the Company	Rate Pr Ton	When Payable	Date of Charter Party	If lost by any accident or by reason of any misconduct of owner	Penalty Rupees	To be discharged at Madras but if Discharged at Calcutta	If discharged at a further distance from Madras than Malacca
Lucas	500	6 weeks certain if detained longer than the Company agree to pay 77.28.63 per Diem as long as they shall be employed by the Company.	77.28.63	The first 6 weeks in advance afterwards 77.28.63 Pr Diem as long as the ship be Employed by the Company	9th July 1795	At the risk and hazard of the owner	20000	one Months Freight to be paid by the Company at the like rate of 77.28.63 per Diem	To be paid at the like rate per Diem for so many days as it would take to sail the ship to the Roads of Madras from the place of her Discharge the season of the year taken into

Know all Men by these presents that I George Laughton Commander of the ship Lucas Freighted for Malacca, and dischargable there, at Madras or Coringa under the Conditions above specified in Consideration of the Risk that must attend an attempt to make a passage to Madras at this late season the little reason to expect that the Lucas can reach Madras before the 15th Day of October and of the certain loss that must in such Event redound to the owners, and others Concerned in the said ship of all Insurance that may have been made upon her, do, for the owners and all Concerned hereby for ourselves bound and agree that the said ship Lucas shall be discharged on her arrival in the River of Bengal without any Expence to Government further than the Payment of the Freight above stipulated up to the Day of her being so Discharged unless it shall please the supreme Government to retain the said ship for an Additional length of time In which Case I do hereby for the owners and all Concerned in the said ship Lucas become bound, and agree that she shall be ready, and open to be Freighted for the Public service at the above rate of Twenty seven Pagoda Twenty eight Fanams and Sixty three Cash (77.28.63) per Diem and that she shall be dischargable* when and where the supreme Government may be pleased to Determine. In Witness whereof I have subscribed these Presents at Malacca where no stamped Paper is to be had before these Witnesses Mr George Buchan Paymaster, and Captain James McKenna Major of Brigade to the British Troops this Twenty fourth Day of September one thousand seven hundred and Ninety five. —

(Signed) G. Buchan Witness
J. McKenna Witness

(Signed) G Laughton

Signed W. C. Jackson
Secretary

* under proportionate allowance for distance of the place of her Discharge from Calcutta pilotage to their limits made at Madras —

Geo. Buchan

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8th September 1795.

G.O.

Corporal Webb of the Artillery to act as Sergeant Major to the Garrison till further Orders.—

19th September 1795.

G.O.

Lieutenant Taylor is appointed to Command the Sepoys received from the Dutch Troops without any addition to his present Allowances until the pleasure of the Right Honble the President in Council is known.—

24th September 1795.

G.O.

John Agent of the Grenadier Corps to act as Drill Sergeant to Lieutenant Taylor's Corps of Sepoys, with Allowances to be settled hereafter.—

19th September 1795.

G.O.

The British Troops off Duty to parade without Arms to morrows Morning at half past six o'Clock, and to be marched by their Officers to Church.—

29th August 1795.

G.O.

Pay Rolls and Abstracts for the Month

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Month of August for the Artillery Infantry, Pioneers
Gun Lascars and Public Followers of every Description
to be given in by the Officers severally to charge to the
Paymaster by to morrow at Noon —

The Artillery, European Infantry,
and Gun Lascars, to be mustered on the Regimental
Parade to morrow Evening at six o'Clock — The Pioneers
Artificers, Tent Lascars and Bamboo Coolies on the
Ground out side of the South Gate on the 31st at
Daybreak —

The Muster Rolls will include all
casualties up to the 30th Instant —

10th September 1795

F. O.

The Natives with the Detachment
having received Pay and Batta for August the
Allowance liberally granted by Government for
their Accommodation on board Ship, and which has
hitherto been continued for the purpose of affording
them a certain means of subsistence until
receipt of a Months Pay and Batta is to cease from
the 12th Instant when in lieu thereof Rice will be
served in the proportion of one Seer per Day to
each Man to be debited at the End of the month
from his Batta at the rate of 12 Seers for 11 Fanams.

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Five Days Rice for the Gun Lascars Pioneers and Public Followers to be drawn upon a Indent to be addressed and given in to the Commissary of Provisions to morrow Morning. —

The Rice will be issued at the Commissary's Stores in the Fort at Day break on the morning of the 13th and will supply to the 17th inclusive. —

30th September 1796

S.G.

The Right Honble the President in Council having authorized an allowance to the Native Troops of half a Seer of Rice per Day as granted to them during the late Mysore War stoppages from the Batta for September to the Sepoys, Gun Lascars, and Pioneers, to be made for the Quantity of Rice which may have been issued to them surplus to that Allowance, which will be continued to them from the 1st of October. —

Although an allowance was granted to the Lascars and Bamboo Coolies during the Mysore War, yet in consideration of the public Followers of that Description having assigned the whole of their Subsistence to be paid to their

Families

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11th Families in the Carnatic they are to receive the same Allowance of Rice and to be reckoned with in receiving their Batta for September, in the same manner directed for Native Troops, until the pleasure of the Right Honble the President in Council is known. —

The Pay of the Public Followers under denomination of Artificers being more liberal the foregoing Consideration does not apply to them. — The Paymaster therefore in settling with them for September will make a Stoppage for the whole of the Rice which has been issued to them since the 13th Curt. inclusive, and for this purpose their Pay is to be drawn upon a separate Bill, in which the Deduction for Rice is to be entered. —

Ensign Smith Serjeant Wahlberg and Corporal Stek being appointed Adjutant, Serjeant and Corporal Major of the Dutch Troops are to be obeyed as such. —

At Eleven o'Clock Ensign Smith will attend daily at the Brigade Majors office to receive orders. —

A Garrison Court Martial composed of British and Dutch Officers to sit at Main Guard Room to morrow morning at 9 o'Clock for the

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The trial of all such Prisoners as may be brought before it.—

The Captain of the Day President

The officer of the Main Guard—

of the Dutch Troops Lieut.t Daniel } Members { Ensign Schuman / Ensn. Spenik } of the Dutch Troops

Captain Kennedy

Superintending the Guards of the Garrison

Sir,

The only Prisoner to be brought before the Garrison Court martial of which, as Captain of the Day, you are President being a Corporal of the Dutch Allied Troops it will be the Business of the British Members to vote the Prisoner not Guilty, or Guilty according to their opinion upon the Evidence brought before them, leaving to the Dutch Members to determine the Extent and mode of Punishment according to the Dutch Articles of war and Customs in similar Cases.—

Mr. Beggle Dutch Interpreter will attend to explain.—

/Signed/ A Bannan

1st October 1795

Schedule

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11th Schedule of Papers contained in Packet from Major Brown to W. C. Jackson Esq.r per the Ever Transport

No. 1. Intelligence officially sent by the Governor of Samara to the Government of Malacca. –

2. Heads of Information given to Major Brown by Captain Barnsley 27th September 1795. –

3 Orders relative to Destination of the Ever Transport 23d. and 24th. September 1795. –

4 Captain Laughton of the Ever Transport with Answer. –

5th. Letter from Governor Compares to Major Brown.

6 Duplicate Original Charter Party for the Ship Ever and Subsequent Agreement by Captain G. Laughton 24th. September 1795. –

7 Detachment Orders by Major Brown. –

To Willm. Collins Jackson Esq.r

Military Secretary &c. &c.

Sir.

From Mr. Bowie on the subject of the proposals tendered by him for the provision of Sunds. –

On the perusal of a minute of Colonel Richardson's recommending the provision of Sunds to the amount of Pagodas 30,519. 18. 30. which you directed me to consider and to report to you if whether I would undertake to provide that number of Sunds Ten per Cent: lower than the prices therein specified, at the same time assuring me that

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11th That if these Tents should be approved of by the Military Board, the proposals which I had submitted to the Right Honble the Governor in Council for the provision of Tents for a period of three years would be accepted and should commence from the completion of that present Indent — on these terms which I have considered with attention I am willing to undertake the provision of the whole of the Tents specified in Colonel Richardson's minute excepting only the 231 Bell Tents amounting to Pagodas 2021. 10. 40. which being made of an European manufacture termed Duck or Tecklenburgh can only be made at the Presidency. —

The remaining Tents being 32 Field Officers, 268 Officers, 586 Privates and 114 Necessary Tents amounting to Pagodas 28,498.7.40 I agree to provide for Pagodas 25907 being 10 per Cent below the estimated price by Colonel Richardson — and I can promise that no exertion shall be wanting to complete the Indent with the utmost expedition — it would no doubt be more satisfactory that I should fix a precise period for the completing of the Indent but as that it impossible until I have ascertained the number of Workmen I can engage. I can only say that I hope I may

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be able to finish the whole within Six months from this date, but that no disappointment may happen I shall some time in Next month acquaint you of the time I shall require for the whole or of the particular quantity of Tents that may be ready monthly after the end of January 1796.—

It being proposed on the minute that Regular Monthly advances shall be made to the Military Storekeeper for the provision of the Tents, I would beg leave to substitute for the monthly advances that an advance shall be made to me of the Amount of one third or of the one fourth of the whole Contract and that the Tents shall be paid for as they are delivered until Two thirds or three fourths are received when the residue shall be delivered to the Amount of the advance made — The advance which I should hope to be to the Amount of one third. I should be to be made in bills or any of the Collectors in the Masulepatam District at as short a sight as possible — And as a security for the advances made I shall delivered into your hands Government 8 per Cent Bonds to the Amount of Pag.s 12,500.—

To prevent all possibility of the disappointment in the provision of Cloth for the Tents

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Sents, I should propose, and I trust it will meet
with the approbation of the Board of Trade, that
I shall be permitted to purchase, or to advance to
any Lascars not employed in the Investment, for
for such Cloth as I may want for the Sents for
which purpose I hope the Board of Trade will
issue their instructions to the Resident of
Singeraw and Maddapollam. —

I have the honor to be

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&c &c

[Signed] Pat. Bowie

Received the undermentioned letters
Entered in Mb. Nos. 61. 62. 63. 63. 65. 66. 67
68. 69. 70. —

From Mr. Geo. Parry. — From the Civil Paymaster General
submitting a letter from the late Chief at Pulicat
— relative to the reductions in the Subsistence
of the Dutch Civil Servants at Pulicat. —

From Mr. Macdowall. From Paymaster at Trincomale
requesting leave to employ light peons of that
country to carry the pay of the Troops to the
different Stations. —

From Military Board. — From Military Board — submitting
a Dispute between the Commanding Officer and
military

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Military Storekeeper at Ganjam – relative to the charge of the marine Stores at that place – opinion on the Conduct of Mr. Cooper. –

From Ditto. From Military Board – transmitting their Secretary's Account of Seamen's Clothing provided by him for 1794 – and requesting that the Balance due thereon may be paid. –

From Mr. Roebuck. – From Military Paymaster General transmitting his third additional Estimate of Cash for December. –

From Colonel Braithwaite. – From Commander of the Army enclosing a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Sole – also one from Lieutenant Evans, reporting his receipt of Four Mares from Lieutenant Forbes at Hydrabad Captain Macpherson's report of Damages done to the Works &c. at Amboor likewise Enclosed. –

From Lieutenant Montgomery – From Lieutenant Montgomery stating Observations on the Plan proposed by Captain Deller for Establishing a Nursery for Horses. –

From Captain Johnstone. – From Engineer at Masulipatam transmitting the Returns required of the Public Servants in his Department. –

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From Mr V. Corbett.- From Commercial Resident at masulipatam - transmitting sundry papers shewing the Supplies of Cash and provisions furnished by him, on the Indents of Captain Rennie, for account of the Company's Cruizer Intrepid - and requesting to know to what head the Amount is to be debited. -

From Major Muat.- From Major Muat - stating the Number of Prisoners under Confinement - and requesting orders in regard to their disposal. -

Substance of a letter to the Rajah of Travancore. - Sent letter to the Rajah of Travancore Entered in B. B. No. 131 requesting he will expedite the march of the Battalion of Sepoys to Palamcotah as much as possible - as the Troops now there and at Madura cannot be withdrawn until its arrival. -

Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in m B No. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. -

To Mr. Secretary Hay. - To Secretary at Bengal - transmitting Copy of a letter from the Military Board and requesting a Certificate of the Shot and Stores landed there and designed for Madras. -

To Ditto To Ditto - with Copy of my own Intelligence. -

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To Mr. Fleming — To Mr. Charles Fleming — permitting him to proceed to Bengal on one month's leave of absence. —

To Mr. G. Wilson — To Mr. George Wilson — Ditto to the Presidency. —

To Mr. Greenhill. — To Assist. Warehouse Keeper directing him to transfer to the Arsenal the Stores lately advertized for Sale. —

To Colonel Malcolm. — To Military Auditor General authorizing the payment of Ninety Pagodas for the repair of the Mattes of the 3d. Regiment, at Tachenore. —

To Military Board. — To Military Board — the Indent for new Platforms and Petty Stores to be supplied — the Advance for repairing the Main Guard &c. Privies ordered — and certain Repairs to the Hospital to be made — an Engineer to survey and report the Damages done to the public and private Quarters at the different Military Stations in the Center Division. —

To Colonel Brathwaite. — To Commander of the Army with Instructions relative to the Detail of Troops &c. for the Expedition against Colombo — his recommendation on the Subject of Garrisoning Madura and Palamcotah approved. —

To

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To Lieut. Colo. Campbell

To Commandant at Palamcotah directing he will ascertain the age and quality of the Arrack taken from the Dutch and whether it may be applied to immediate use. —

To Ditto. To Ditto — directing him to forward a letter /Enclosed/ to the Rajah of Travancore. —

to Mr. Parry. To Mr. Thomas Parry — replying to his application for an augmentation of the terms of freight for the Ship Mary. —

14th Sent the following letters. —

To Mr. Patrick Bowie

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated the 11th Instant and to acquaint you that his Lordship acquiesces in your proposal for furnishing the following Tents within the period of six months at 10 per Cent under the sum of Twenty eight thousand four hundred and ninety eight Pagodas, seven Fanams, and Sixty Cash, P /28498. 7. 60./ the value at which they are estimated by the Quarter Master General, P

to Mr. Bowie accepting his proposals for the Tents allowed. —

according

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according to the arranged Rates charged by the Pr
Military Storekeeper.

Field officers Tents - - - - - - - - - 32.

Officers Do - - - - - - - - - 268.

Privates - Do. - - - - - - - - - 586.

Necessary Do. - - - - - - - - - 114.

Total - 1000

As the State of the Treasury will
not admit of any advance of Cash, the Tents can
only be paid for after they have been delivered at
the Presidency, and reported upon by a Committee
of the Military Board. -

In case the Tents you have
engaged to furnish shall be approved of, the
President in Council, will enter into a Contract
with you for the provision of Tents for a period
of three years, in conformity with the proposals
you have delivered in. -

The Board of Trade will be
directed to send the necessary instructions to the
Resident at Injeram and Madapollam, agreeably
to your desire. -

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I am &c &c
(Signed) H. B. Jackson
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To

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To Colonel John Brathwaite

President &c. Members of the Military Board

Gentlemen,

To Military Board advising them of an Inclosing Copy of the Proposals.

We have received your Letter dated the 27th. Ultimo, with the Minutes and Proceedings of your Board relative to Tents. —

Mr. Patrick Bowie having submitted to us, proposals for the supply of Tents to the annual amount of Star Pagodas 15000 for three years, on Prices 10 per Cent lower than the Rates charged by the Military Storekeeper, we called upon him to state whether he were willing to make up the quantity mentioned in the minute of the Quarter Master General upon the foregoing terms — a Copy of his answer is enclosed, by which you will observe that he has agreed to furnish the whole in Six Months, with the exception of the Bell Tents, which can only be provided at the Presidency — There you will accordingly direct the Military Storekeeper to furnish as usual, and provided Mr. Bowie should fulfil his present engagement to our satisfaction we purpose giving him the

Contract

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14th Contract — It has been stipulated that the Tents shall not be paid for, until they have been reported upon by a Committee of your Board. —

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

Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. Nos. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. —

To Colonel Maclean — To Barrack master — the Sujeut Major of the Madras Battalion may draw a House Rent. —

To Editors of the Gazette and Courier — To Editors of the Madras Gazette and Madras Courier — forbidding them from publishing under the Head of Military Intelligence any orders of Government, without previously submitting them to the Military Secretary. —

To Sir Charles Malet. — To Resident at Poonah advising of the Decease of Major General Clarke at the Cape of Good Hope. —

To Mr. Roebuck — To Military Paymaster General transmitting Extracts of General letters from England, with Lists of Persons to whom Prizon Batta was paid there and directing him to state

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16th state whatever additional Information they contain on the subject of the late Orders from the Court of Directors of the 7th may 1795. —

To Captain Allan. — To Commandant of the gaities &c. transmitting Copy of a letter from the Military Auditor General — with directions to furnish him with the Information therein applied for. —

To Lieutenant Colonel Pendergast To Lieutenant Colonel Pendergast informing him that his Bills for Stationery &c. cannot be admitted, without deviating from the regulations of the Service. —

To Board of Trade To Board of Trade — directing them to permit Mr. Bowie to purchase Cloth or make advances for such as he may require on account of his Contract for supplying Cots provided there be no interference in the Company's Investment at Masulipatam &c. and Injeram. —

15th Received the following Letter. —

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

From Military Auditor General reporting on the Paymaster General's Estimate for December.—

I have the honor to report in answer to your Lordship's commands under date 7th instant, on the Military Paymaster General's additional Estimate for Cash required in the present Month, that no objection appears to the Advances being made Viz.

	Pags.	Fs.	Cs.
By Bills	547.	57.	32.
From the General Treasury	19,344.	10.	65
Total Pags.	19,891—	57.	

Say Nineteen Thousand, Eight hundred and Ninety one Pagodas, Fifty Eight Fanams and Seventeen Cash,— this report being subject to the same observation as before, in regard to the Amount required by the Agent for Purchasing Horses at Hydrabad, and by the Paymasters respectively at Baylon and Malacca. it is to be presumed that the Exchange for Dollars as per Bills drawn by the latter of 158 Fs. p. Star Pagoda is the best the Exchequer can get on this point

I have

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However it not in my power to offer any more particular report.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c.

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George 12th December 1795.

/Signed/ Henry Maleolm
Mily Aud. Genl

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in mb. No. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94.—

From Mr. Herrington.— From Sub Secretary at Bengal communicating a Resolution of Council relative to the pay of four Serjeants of the 19th Dragoons serving at that Presidency.—

From Ditto— From Ditto transmitting Copy of a letter from Admiral Elphinstone to the Governor General advising of General Clarke's arrival at the Cape of Good Hope.—

From Ditto. From Ditto stating that some Powder—Flints &c. in part of the Fort St. George Indent lately sent there, will be forwarded without delay.—

From Captain Bolle.— From Captain Bolle—requesting order may be given for his being paid that Regt usual allowances of an Aid de Camp.—

From

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From Colonel Malcolm.—

From Military Auditor General submitting Major Fotheringham's claim to Half Batta as he has been prevented from joining his Station by attending Colonel Gaild's Court Martial.—

From Commanding Officer at Nellore—reporting his detention of an European Portuguese, said to belong to the Venetian Army

From Lieutenant Forbes.—

Rajah's Service.—

Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in Ltrs to Dr. 98. 96. 97. 98 99. 100 101. 102.—

To Secretary at Bengal—

To Govt. Secretary Bay.—

transmitting Copy of ten after Despatch to the Secret Committee—per John Packet.—

To Ditto—with Copies of Ps

To Ditto

Mysore Intelligence.—

To Resident at Mysore, forwarding

To Mr. Semiano.

a Letter for Colonel Stuart.—

To Commandant of the 19th

To Colonel Floyd.—

Dragoons directing him to deliver over to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly the 16 Horses lately sent from his Regiment.—

To Paymaster at Trichinopoly

To Mr. Hawkins

directing him to receive and dispose of the same by

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15th by Public Sale.—

To Colonel Malcolm.— To Military Auditor General—requiring some additional Estimates of Cash required by him for Rockets in December.—

To Mr. Rochuck To Military Paymaster General— transmitting the Auditor Generals report on one of last additional Estimates for December.—

To Clerk of the Treasury.— To Clerk of the Treasury—directing an advance of the amount thereof.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Edward Saunders Esqr.

and

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

Tuesday 15. December 1795. Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following letter from Captain William Macleod.—

To

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To William Collins Jackson Esquire

Secretary

Sir,

From Captain Macleod stating why Tippoo's claim on the Villages seized by the Rangherry Polygar was not finally settled.—

I had the honor to receive your letter dated the 20th of this month, and the Extract of the General Letter from the Honble the Court of Directors relative to the claim made by Tippoo Sultaun's Agent in January 1794 on villages represented to have been seized by the Rangary Poleger.—

In a letter from you of the 8th January 1794, I was directed by the Honorable the President in Council to state the fact respecting this claim, as far as might come to my knowledge It was observed in the same letter that orders would be sent to the Company's Collector (then Mr Landon) to ascertain and report the right under which Sany Naigue founded his claim— It was in obedience to this command that I requested of the Poligar to send some intelligent persons to me to reply to the claim made by Tippoo's Agent: but the Poligar declining to comply with my request, as observed in my Letter of the 3d of February 1794 I had not an opportunity to make a satisfactory enquiry

Not

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Not having received subsequent orders relating to it nor heard of further representation being made on the subject, I imagined that Mr. Lanon had decided upon it, or that the Polegar might of his own accord have relinquished the disputed ground if his possession of it could not be justly supported. —

As I am uninformed whether or not, it has been yet settled the accompanying deposition by a Native of Salem who was employed in the Revenue Cutcherie of Carroor for many years may tend to throw light on the subject in the event of future enquiry being judged necessary — By his account, it would seem that Tippoo Government had just ground to claim the villages in question — It could be no ways any interest in giving a false deposition as having no previous intimation of being examined on the subject. —

In reply to Paragraph 17.

No difficulty has ever been made to the best of my knowledge by Tippoo Government respecting the Watercourse passing thro the Carroor District for watering lands in the

Nabob

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Tabob's District of Tricheinopoly Nor have I any reason generally speaking, to suppose that Tippoo's Amildars are disposed to be unaccommodating in such Transactions as have occurred within my Knowledge between the subjects of both Governments — for the navigation of the Cavery. —

The remark adverted to in the General Letter was caused, I believe by Tippoo's Amildar of Caverypoor having made some attempts to prevent a boat being attached to the Company's part (the portion North of the River Cavery) of the Caverypoor District, on the unreasonable plea, that previous to the District being divided between two Governments the Boats on that part of the River which runs thro the ancient District of Caverypoor were attached to and paid Taxes to the Custom Farm of the capital of the District Caverypoor which is situated on Tippoo's South side of the River. —

When I met Tippoo's Deputy in that quarter in September 1793 I was disappointed to find there had not been a boat attached to the Company's side of the River in consequence of which I had a boat immediately built, and employed

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employed it to establish the right which undoubtedly the Company had – The Annulber of Caverypoor P remonstrated against the measure, but without P effect, on the above mentioned pretext, which P appeared so unreasonable to the Asst. that he did not attempt to support it. –

The same Annulber renewed his objections after I left the Caverypoor District which brought on Captain Read's opinion – but now in that District and in every other P situation where the Cavery marks the P Company's Boundary – the use of the River is equally common to the English Government without restriction or dispute, as to that of Tiffipo. –

From Mr. Lee
From Alleppy
28th November 1795.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
(Signed) William Macleod

Deposition of Suba Row, Native of Selem, who was employed as a Chief Accountant in the Revenue line at Cannoor from the year 1761 to 1786. –

The village of Cacawarry, and other smaller villages depending upon it, had always

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always belonged to the District of Carroor — It
was never omitted in the Rental of the Carroor
District — and its revenue is between 1000 and
1500 Rupees — It is almost encircled by the
possessions of the Poligar of Rangeery / who is
dependent on Trichinopoly / and connected to the
rest of the Carroor District only by a ridge of Rocks,
over which a road would be circuitous and extremely
difficult — On this account the road for time
immemorial between Cacaweary and the other
parts of the Carroor country, passes for about a
Mile thro the Estate of the Rangeary Poligar. —

From the year 1760 to
1768 when Carroor depended upon Trichinopoly
the Poligar of Rangeary was permitted
to hold Cacaweary in addition to his
proper possessions — But at the Peace
of 1768 Carroor was ceded to the Mysore
Government — and on that occasion,
Cacaweary was also relinquished by the

+ Pitchpoo's Aforementioned two villages
Nallampetty & Callampetty — but
the deponent does not recollect
their names. —

Poligar

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Polegar to the Mysoreans as being an appendage
to Carroor — In the year 1771 — the Polegar tempted
by the presumptive inclination for opposition
so remarkable among such Chiefs perhaps with
the hopes of recovering the village from the
Mysore Government erected a mud Redoubt
at Cottanutham on his own ground, where the
high road of communication from the Carroor
District towards Cacawarry, entered like a
narrow strip of his Poliam which in that
part, cut off Cacawarry from the rest of
Carroor — and at the same time planted a Nedge
along his own boundary — In all of which he
he posted armed men with the view of preventing
any Communication between Carroor and
Cacawarry — This was reported to Ryder, who
who immediately directed the Killedar of
Carroor to march with a party from his
garrison to level the new Redoubt constructed
by the Polegar at Cottanutham and establish
the communication as usual with Cacawarry
— This Order was to the fullest extent
executed by the Killedar — after a skirmish
at the Redoubt, in which a few men
on each side were killed — After this

circumstance

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circumstance the communication was kept open without any interruption until the year 1780 – when a War commenced – and upon the Cannor District reverting to the Mysore Government by the Peace of 1784 – Cacawarry was taken possession of by the Cannoor Amildar, as well as the other villages of the District – Nor had the communication between that village and Cannoor been interrupted at any time – during a peace from 1768 to 1786 – excepting the instance in 1771 already observed. –

A true abstract
from Lieut. Ross's account
/Signed/ William Macleod

Shevrai in the
Ahlore District
28th. November 1795.

Note – the Redoubt at Cottamuttam has not been rebuilt since 1771 only since the war which commenced in 1790.

Tippoo's agents complained of the Poligars being in possession of it since the year 1790 when the English took Cannade, and but not relinquishing it upon the rest of the Cannoor District being restored to Tippoo in 1792 – It appears the Poligar has no claim on Cacawarry nor any right to cut off the usual high road between it and Cannoor. –

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Minute thereon.

It appears that Mr. Landon, the late Collector of Polygar Peishcaudy, was unable for reasons stated in the report from the Board of Revenue dated 29th March, and entered in P Consultation the 8th April 1794 to obtain the necessary information relative to the claim made by Tippoo Sultaun's Agent on villages represented to have been seized by the Rangaury Polygar and as the subject was never renewed by the Sultaun, it ceased to be an object of further enquiry by the Board.—

Read the following letters from Bengal.—

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

My Lord

From Bengal on the subject of some English Prisoners sent there from the Mauritius a letter and list from General Malartie[illegible] recommendation

By the America, Captain P Brownsheild, We received a letter from the Governor General of the French Islands P addressed to Lord Hobart with a List of P British subjects whom He had permitted to Return to India, and in exchange for whom, He requested the Release of an Equal Number of French officers, who were our Prisoners

at the

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All the same Letter and List have probably been sent to your Presidency by other conveyances, We think it proper to inclose translate Copies of them and at the same time to inform you that we have Released, and allowed to Return to the Isle of France, or to Europe, seven French officers in exchange for that number of British, Stated in the List to have been permitted to return to Bengal and who have accordingly arrived here.-

In the event of any of the persons specified by Mr. Malartic having arrived at your Presidency We recommend to you to authorize a similar exchange and to advise them of your having done so, when an opportunity may offer, as a proper Return for his Conduct on this Occasion.-

We have the Honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) I Shore

Robt. Abercromby

P. Speke

Wm. Cowper

Fort William

the 23d. November 1795

Port

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Port of the Mountain Isle
of France 29 Fructidor in
the 3d. year of the Republic
or 15th September 1795 old Style.

To his Excellency Lord Hobart
Governor of Madras

Sir,

At the request of several
English officers, Prisoners of War, I have
permitted them to embark on an american
Ship which will sail tomorrow for Bengal--

Two more American Vessels
will sail in a few days one destined for the
Malabar Coast the other for Bengal, by
these I shall take the opportunity of returning
the remaining English Prisoners.

I have annexed a Descriptive
List of these officers.--

I hope your Excellency will
take the first opportunity of returning
me an equal Number of the French officers
who are in your power and I beg it may
be considered that there are some who have
been a long time in captivity.--

I require

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I require particularly M.r de
La Boissiere, who was taken by Commodore
Mitchell, he is the father of a Family and
deserves on every consideration to be restored
to Liberty, and the most pressing solicita-
-tions have been urged to me to procure his
Exchange amongst the first.-

For the return of this Seaman
my gratitude will equal the highest de-
-steem with which I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Excellency's &c.

(Signed) Malartic

Commander in Chief and
Governor General of the
Isles of France and Reunion
French Establishments
to the Eastward of the Cape
of Good Hope.-

Isle of France
The French Republic
one and indivisible

Description

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Description of the English officers made Prisoners of war by the Frigates on the station of this Island returned to India on their Parole.—

to wit

Thos. Sutherland. India-America Navy
Hubbard Capt.
Sailed 6 Days since

Rob. Scott
Rob. Scott
Chas. Stokes
P. Fleet
and their Servants
} Bengal America Capt.
Jacob Crowninshield

Capt. Lindsay
Capt. Stone
Robenett
and their
Servants
} Bengal, America Capt.
Benjamin
Crowninshield

Jr. Beers
Stephenson
Geo. Ives
Denson
Taite
and their Servants
13 officers
} the Malabar Boat
the Five Brothers Capt. Brown

Certified by the Governor General of the Isles

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Isles of France and Reunion at the Port of the Mountain the 29th Fructidor in the third year of the French Republic one and indevisible answering to the 15th September 1795 old Style.

/Signed/ Malartic

/True Copies of the Translations/

/Signed/ J. H. Harington

Sub Secy

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

My Lord

We have the honor to reply to the Letter from your Lordship in Council of the 6th Instant. —

From Bengal their objections to the Manilla Expedition not removed by the Explanation given in support of it.

It is certain that on the 16th October, we had no authority to expect the early arrival of a Fleet from Europe nor any information that the two Squadrons which had sailed from England for the Cape of Good Hope were ultimately intended for India, although we naturally concluded that a Reinforcement sooner or later might be expected. —

The

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The Letters forwarded by your Lordships directions on the 27th. September, were from Mr. Prangle and the Government of St. Helena and gave us no information of Importance. The earliest Communication from Sir G. K. Elphinstone to this Government, was brought by Captain Hunt of this Establishment, and was received on the 27th. October with the Extract of the Instructions of the Right Honble Henry Dundas now forwarded by you. From the terms of your Letter of the 25th. September We were authorized to conclude that Commodore Rainier meant to proceed to the Eastward with his whole Squadron, and we had no information that he intended leaving any part of it to cruize during the North East Monsoon. —

Having premised this explanation We only think it necessary to add, after the most attentive consideration of the Reasons assigned by your Lordship in Council, for undertaking an Expedition against the Molucca Islands, that although the ground of our objections is narrowed by the Information now first received that the Heroine and Bombay Frigate are to remain off Ceylon, they are not removed,

and

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and that We regret that the sudden departure of Commodore Rainier deprived him of the opportunity of learning our objections to the Expedition. —

With these Remarks we shall leave the Reasons assigned by your Lordship in Council in support of the Expedition to the Eastward and our objections to it, to the Judgement of our common Superiors. —

We have the honor to be

&c &c

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

Fort William
29th November 1795.

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council
at Fort St George

My Lord

We have the honor of informing you that the Caledonia of 1,000 Tons, and Commanded by Captain Alexander Barnet, one has been engaged on the Transport Service for Columbo, on the terms mentioned in the enclosed

From Bengal advising of the ordnance Stores &c shipped on the Caledonia — the remaining Stores for Ceylon will be sent on the Ever. —

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enclosed Letters, and that she will leave this port for Madras in the course of a few days.—

The Military Stores for your Presidency, imported on the Indiamen of the present Season, might have been sent by this Opportunity if they had been landed & from the different Ships, and were ready to be reshipped; But as this is not the Case, and any detention would frustrate the views of Your Lordship in Council in the Service for which you have applied to us for Tonnage We have determined to send you, by this Conveyance, such Stores only as can be immediately shipped, consisting of Guns, Shot, and Shells, which were imported last year.—

We shall, at the same time avail ourselves of this favorable opportunity of sending about 500 Recruits for your army & who, We understand from the Commander in Chief are ready for embarkation.—

In consequence of your advice of the Navy Transports having been employed on other Service, We have engaged the Ewer, of 500 Tons, commanded by Captain Laughton, and recently arrived here from

Malacca

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Malacca, to convey with the Mysore the Stores intended for Ceylon, on the same terms as she has been already engaged upon by your Lordship in Council. —

We have directed a moiety of the Ceylon Stores / computed in the whole at about 550 Tons / to be taken on the Lever as soon as possible; and shall order the other moiety to be shipped on the Hudson immediately on her arrival — The remaining Tonnage of both vessels will be filled with Rice, agreeably to the desire of your Lordship in Council, and they will be instructed to proceed direct to Trincomale. —

We have the honor to be

Fort William
27th November 1795.

&c &c
/Signed/ I Shore
Robt Abercromby
J Speke
Wm Cowper

George Taswell Esq.

Sir.

In consequence of your applica-
-tion for the Caledonia, I beg leave to inform
you that I am willing to hire her to Government
on

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on the following terms. –

I to be taken up for three months certain from the 25th Instant, at the rate of 4,000 Rupees for that period, and if kept longer a pro-rata freight to be paid. –

The three months freight to be paid in advance, and the Risk of Capture, or Loss otherwise by the Enemy, to be borne by the Company – Her value in such event to be fixed at 150,000 Rupees. –

Should the Ships return to Bengal in all February, or in such time as the Board of Trade may think early enough for dispatching her to Europe – I expect her to be freighted on the present terms that she is now taken up for – but if too late for the present season, the Board of Trade will engage to send her early in the next season upon some Conditions as to Freight, and if the War continues, to wait the sailing of the first regular Ships, if I necessary – Should news of Peace arrive I shall expect her to be dispatched in August or September, and on such terms of Freight as may be then agreed upon, or what may be generally fixed for other private Ships; I

taken

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Taken up here. –

Calcutta
16th November 1795

Sam Lee &c.
/Signed/ Wm Fairlie

Sir,

In reply to your note I beg to inform you that the Caledonia, shall be ready manned, Victualled and Stored /not armed/ & subject to the approbation of the Company's Marine Officers. –

I will thank the Board to refer the point of engaging the Ship for next season / should she be too late for this / to the Governor General in Council, and in regard to the Rate of Freight for Peace, I will allow it to be fixed at £14 P Ton

16th November 1795. your most obedient Servant
/Signed/ Wm Fairlie

Sir,

No goods shall be put on board the Caledonia on account her owners without permission from the Board of Trade. –

This I forgot to mention to you 16th November. –

/Signed/ Wm Fairlie

True Copies
/Signed/ G. Taswell
Secy Marine Board

True Copies
/Signed/ T. Thornhill
H. of A. &c.

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Minutes thereon

When an opportunity offers for writing to the Isle of France, the Board will not fail to address the Governor General of the French Islands, as recommended by the Supreme Board.—

Resolved, upon mature Consideration of the Letters from Colonel Stuart & Judgment of the Court of Directors, the reasons assigned by this Government in favor of the expedition to the Eastward, there seems to be no necessity for proceeding further on the subject as these reasons have been already reported from hence.—

Resolved, upon mature Consideration of the letters from Colonel Stuart & entered on the Minutes of Council the 8th. instant, that the following Letter be written to that officer.—

To Colonel Stuart

Commanding the British Forces on the Island of Ceylon

To Colonel Stuart the pay to men working on ordinary occasions already fixed—orders respecting the Extra allowance to the Sepoys—the Slaves and Copper Currency and Equipments for the Ceylon Service.—

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt

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receipt of your several letters dated the 25th and 31st
October 7th 16th and 16th ultimo and to acquaint you
that the order transmitted to you with my letter
of the 1st instant respecting the rates of pay to P
working parties, was meant only to have reference
to parties employed in situations of danger, — the
rates of pay to men employed on ordinary P
occasions are already established. —

With respect to the continu-
-ance of the allowance of Rice, to the native
Troops, his Lordship is of opinion that until P
Bazar can be established, they should be P
allowed to purchase that article from the P
Company's Stores at the rate of 71 Pagodas per
Garee — the issue of all other articles should
be discontinued — this can be deemed no hardship
when it is considered that the Troops are on
Batta, and if any of them should have made P
over the whole of their pay and Batta to their
Families, it can be regulated by communication
between the Military Paymaster at Fort St. George
and the Paymaster at Trincomale, so that the
Troops on the Island may receive what may
be sufficient for their subsistence — this order
applies only to such of the Natives as may be
stationed

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stationed in Garrisons or at other places belonging to us - the Troops intended for Columbo will of course receive the allowance of Rice, Dholl &c. until We are in possession of that place, when this regulation will equally apply to them - you will be pleased to make this known at the different Stations on the Island. -

It being impossible for a moment to admit under any circumstances the Sale of British subjects as an Article of Commerce, and consequently their becoming the private property of any individuals - As the People who have claimed your protection were formerly subjects of the Company and of the Nabob of the Carnatic - and as the Persons employed in the Slave Trade in the Northern Circars and on different parts of the Coast, were in the Commission of an act that had been most positively interdicted by the repeated orders of this Government and by every principle of Humanity this Lordship in Council is decidedly of opinion that no Individual on the Island can be permitted to consider as Slaves the People so obtained - you will therefore be pleased to grant Freedom to all

who

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who were formerly Inhabitants of the Company's or the Nabob's Territories.—

The Copper Money sent to P Trincomale on the Ships Bombay is to have P currency at the rate of one hundred and eighty /180/ per Star Pagoda the larger pieces — and at three hundred and sixty /360/ per Star Pagoda the smaller ones — their relative value to the other Coins current on the Island, will be determined by this principle.—

As the Dutch Copper in P circulation could not be called in without considerable loss to the Inhabitants, or to Government the President in Council is of opinion under existing circumstances it should be left to find its own value.—

It is hoped that the Bombay will carry the whole of the 52d Regiment — the Caledonia of 1000 Tons will convey from hence the Artillery and the Battalion Companies of his Majesty's 73d Regiment on the receipt of this Letter, in the event of your not thinking any other arrangement more advisable you will order Captain Barbut, with the Flank Companies of the 73d to proceed to Trincomalee

to

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to embark from thence. –

The appointments you have suggested as necessary, will be considered previous to your departure for Columbo. –

The President in Council desires you will put on board the Ships Bombay cruiz stores and other Articles to be sent from Trincomalee as are intended for the Siege of Columbo and hasten the other preparations necessary for that Service – The Ships Nassau and Lucy will shortly arrive at Trincomalé from Bengal – and the latter as well as the former, if you require both may be employed – They will convey to you, the Battering Train which was indented for from Bengal, as well as a large quantity of Rice intended for the use of the Troops during the Siege. –

Fort St. George
15th. December 1795.

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

Resolved, that the following Letter be written to Major Petrie. –

To

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To Major Petrie

Commanding at Cochin

Sir,

To Major Petrie directing him to proceed to Tutacorin with the reinforcements ordered for Ceylon.—

The Governor General in Council of Bengal having advised this Government that the Troops of the Bombay Establishment to be employed against Columbo, consisting of his Majesty's 77th Regiment, two Battalions of Native Infantry, one Company of Artillery, and two Companies of Lascars with Provisions for five months would be held in readiness till the receipt of orders from the Governor in Council of Fort St. George should be sent to you to proceed on the expedition, I am directed by his Lordship in Council to desire you will be pleased to lose no time in embarking the Troops for Tutacorin from whence they will proceed to join Colonel Stuart at the place of Rendezvous on the Island of Ceylon— If the whole reinforcement be not ready on your receipt of this letter his Lordship I would wish that such part as can proceed immediately, may do so, and that orders be given for the remainder to follow, with all possible expedition.—

Colonel

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Colonel Braithwaite has acquainted the President in Council that he had written to you on the subject of the Battering Train and Military Stores that would be required from the Malabar Coast for the Siege of Colombo & this Lordships desires you will be pleased to consider that communication as conveying the orders of this Government under the authority already mentioned of the Governor General in Council and shipe in consequence such articles as can be furnished from the Malabar Coast giving the earliest intimation to the Officer Commanding the Army under this Presidency.—

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
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&c &c
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secy

Read the following Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore entered also in P.C. No. 132/

Translation

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Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor &c. &c. &c. dated 5th December 1795.—

From Rajah of Tanjore promises to make the payments according to the instalments prescribed, the Balance of the November kist and that for December on or before the 15th of that month — observations on the Hon'ble Court's opinions in regard to the collections made for 1202 — requests the Nawab's may be restored to him on the terms stated. —

The letter, which your Excellency did me the favor of addressing to me on the 27th Ultimo was delivered to me by Colonel Baird on the 27th of that month; and I have given the fullest consideration to its contents — On the 12th of September your Excellency wrote to inform me that my payments to the Company for the present year were to be five lacks twenty four thousand two hundred and eighty five Pagodas; and I had the fullest confidence that your Excellency taking into consideration the answer, which I wrote to that letter on the 11th November and becoming acquainted with my situation would make an arrangement by which to receive from me four lacks and sixty thousand Pagodas for the present year Having however attended particularly to the letter, which your Excellency has now written to me; I have felt the deepest concern If I had proposed your favor

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all my affairs would have prospered if I
I should be exposed to your disfavor what
support can I have? as it is my earnest
wish to obtain your favor and kindness
notwithstanding the conduct which your
Excellency may pursue, I have considered that
if by conforming myself to your desire I should
discharge the money, your favor will hereafter
be shewn to me, and that you will assist
me by writing a recommendation in my
favor to the Honble Court of Directors: I have
therefore consented to pay according to your
Excellency's desire five lacks seventy four
thousand two hundred eighty five Pagodas
for this year; and have also resolved to
dispatch the balance of the November Kist
being ten thousand Pagodas together with
the December Kist of fifty thousand
Pagodas my vakeel has accordingly been
ordered to pay the whole sum of sixty
thousand Pagodas; and he will deliver
it at the Company's treasury on or before
the 15th. December — I request your Excellency
will receive it and order a receipt to be
passed. If your Excellency should be disposed

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to enquire into the cause why the Kist
instead of being paid on the first of December
according to agreement has been delayed till
the fifteenth. I will briefly make you
acquainted with it. The currency of my country
is the Sanjore fanam, those fanams must
be collected from the country; must be delivered out
to the merchants, and must be sent to
different places, in order to be exchanged for
Star Pagodas. This is a process of time:
Star Pagodas must be Collected and ready at the
period prescribed for the payment of the Company's
Kist there is the greatest difficulty in collecting
Star Pagodas in my country, which is known
to the whole world. as Star Pagodas could
not be got at the time, the money was not
paid at the period fixed for the Kist and some
delay happened. on this account I request the
favor of your Excellency to have patience for
fifteen days after the time fixed for the
payment of my Kist. I shall certainly use
every precaution that the money shall be
paid at the period; if however it should not
be paid on that day I will complete the payment
on or before the fifteenth. I entreat in

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most earnest manner that your Excellency will favor me and have patience. -

In my letter of the 11th November I requested your Excellency to make an arrange-ment by which to receive from me four Lacks and Sixty thousand pagodas for the present year, but that, if your Excellency should think it impossible to make such an arrangement you would in justice agree to a proposal which I made namely, calculating from the date of the treaty to July 1794 three years were elapsed; let an account be struck of the whole collections made from my country during those three years: let any payments for that time be calculated at 4,60000 Pag.s per annum making in all the sum of H 13,80,000 Pagodas together with any payment on account of Sherfoge amounting to 60,000 Pagodas and making the full sum 14,40,000: let this sum be deducted from the collections and let me have credit for the balance on account of the 5,74,285 Pagodas which I am to pay for this year — This was the proposal which I made your Excellency

you

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– you have not however been pleased to take it into consideration; and in your Excellency's letter of the 27th Ultimo you have replied to me only point, and have taken no notice of this deduction. As your Excellency is just, and one a supporter of the humble, I trust that upon a further consideration of the matter you will deem it just and equitable to give me credit on account of my payments for this year for whatever balance may remain after deducting the above mentioned sum of 14,40,000 Pagodas for the Company. As my country was not restored to me at the peace after the conclusion of the war with Tippoo Sultaun, it is my firm opinion that it would have been just after taking 4,60,000 Pag.s for the Company and after payying me one fifth together with one lack of Pagodas to have paid into my hands whatever might have remained, It is not possible for me to explain that justice, which is unknown to your Excellency. I therefore request your Excellency will favor me by writing a favorable answer upon this subject.–

Sir

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In your Excellency's letter you
are pleased to inform that in a letter from the
Honble Court of Directors of the 10th June I
received a few days ago they say— "It appears
that in "July 1202 the last year of the assump-
"tion of the Tanjore country the collections
"amounted to ten lacks forty thousand three
"hundred and twenty eight Pagodas: this has
"given us great pleasure, since it appears by
"this that under a steady and permanent
"management as far as twelve lacks may be
"collected for the ensuing year without injustice
"or distress to the people as the Tanjore country
"was in this flourishing condition at its
"restoration to the Rajah, he will be without
"excuse if by mismanagement his Kists to the
"Company should fall in arrear, or if the
"country and the inhabitants should suffer
"oppression from rapacious and improvident
"ministers. If the Rajah pays proper attention
"to his Government, he will be able to
"make good his payments with facility,
"and without distress to himself or his
"people"— I have taken into my most

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serious consideration these opinions, which give me much surprize; and I shall now state my sentiment upon them for your Excellency's information — When the war broke out between Tippoo Sultaun and the Company, they assumed the management of my Country on account of that war grain became scarce & every where, and the grain of my country being expended the price of it increased and promised a large revenue upon the conclusion of the peace with Tippoo Sultaun, Sir Charles Oakely did not arrange the treaty with me for one year during the year grain was not to be procured any where; and on this account people came from all quarters to purchase the grain of my country. This raised the price to a great height, and was the cause why the Company collected here Lacks and forty thousand Pagodas in July 1202 — after the restoration of the country to my authority grain was plentifull; not the price did not rise; and during the last year there was no one to purchase it even at the rate of two Fanams per culleram How then could

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could I realize money The rise and fall in
the price of grain is at the disposal of P
heaven, not of man. I have no rapacious
or improvident ministers whose extortions P
oppress the people I myself take care that
my subjects are properly treated and that they
suffer no distress. This is well known to the
whole world. While there is the prospect
of Great difficulty during the present year
when the price of grain does not rise to
one fanam and a half per cullum, how can
a large revenue be realized. What comfort
can I myself expect. or what case can my
people and ryots enjoy. During the war
and for one year after the war with Tippoo
Sultaun grain was universally scarce; P
and as the grain of my country was P
expended, the price of it increased and a
large revenue was received. If the price had
been the same then, as during the two last
years would ten lacks and forty thousand
Pagodas have been collected. If the grain
produced in my country be expected to the
domineering of other princes and the price
thereby increased, I shall be able to collect
money

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money. but since grain is become extremely cheap in the carnatic and every other country it happens that the grain of Tanjore cannot be disposed of while grain continues to be sold at its present prices, what prospect can there be of a large revenue. As your Excellency is wise and just, this subject will be plainly understood by a further consideration of it; and if you will do me the favor of explaining to the Honble the Court of Directors what I have now stated, they too becoming acquainted with my situation will, I am confident, be induced by justice to make further enquiries and to favor me. —

your Excellency informs me that you have resolved to renew the appointment of a resident at my durbar, and that you have in consequence named Mr. Alexander Macleod to that station. this I understand & since your Excellency has judged such a resolution proper, what is there for me to write. upon Mr. Macleod's arrival I shall receive, and attend to his communications. —

your Excellency further informs me that the Honble Court of Directors having considered

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considered my representations respecting the
four maghams of Karical had from motives
of friendship towards me consented to restore
them to my possession upon condition of my
agreeing to give them up again in the event
of such a stipulation being made in
Europe upon the conclusion of peace between
the French and English, and that you will
send orders to Mr Torriano for putting me
in possession of them This has given me
the greatest pleasure as the Honble Court
of Directors are ever actuated by motives of
justice they have attended to my request in
consenting to restore those maghams. upon
the conclusion of peace between the French
and English in Europe should it be stipulated
by treaty that these maghams are again
to be delivered to the French, I shall most
willingly restore them for that purpose
according to the desire of the Honble Court
I request your Excellency to be satisfied of
this and to do me the favor of sending an
order to the Resident at Nagore for restoring
the maghams to my possession. As soon
as Mr Torriano shall furnish me with

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on account of the advances of money &c. made to the ryots of the maghang I shall readily discharge the amount according to his account I hope therefore that your Excellency's orders to that Gentleman will be expeditious. Believe me always your Excellency's sincere Friend & a Friend why should I write more &c. —

A true translation
(Signed) J Webbe
Sr. T.

Minute thereon.

The Rajah of Tanjore having promised to fulfil his engagements, no particular observation occurs upon the foregoing letter. —

Read the following
letter from the Resident at Hydrabad.

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Right Honble Lord Hobart

&c &c &c

My Lord,

From Resident at Hydrabad — advising of the death of Ali Jah transmitting two letters from Tippoo Inclosed Remarks — hopes orders have been given for paying the Demands for Pitchundo.

Accounts were received last night of the death of Ali Jah on the 22d Instant at Khair on the banks of the Godaveri I had heard of his being indisposed for a day or two before; but had no reason to suppose his illness to be of a serious kind. —

It would be premature — at present either to detail or to offer any opinion upon, the reports occasioned by this event, the nature of them it will be easy for your Lordship to anticipate; since, all circumstances considered, it would be rather surprising if sinister constructions were not to be put upon the matter by popular suspicion. —

I expect Major Roberts's Detachment here on the 29th Inst. when all is looked for about the same time — His Highness talks of dispatching Meer Alum to Poonal / together with Gobind Kishen / immediately; in order to manage his Interests there at this critical period. —

I do

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I do myself the honour to enclose for your Lordship's notice translates of two Letters from Tippoo Sultan, one of them to the Nizam, the other to the Roy Royan — they have been communicated to me by this Durbar only within these two days; though they are the same that are mentioned in the Paper of Intelligence from Seringapatam that I had some time since the honour of transmitting to your Lordship. —

I am willing to hope that your Lordship may have instructed Mr. Gregory before this to comply with the application which I made to him a long while ago in favor of mer Allum and the Roy Royan and which he told me, in answer, he had referred to Government. I alluded to the discharging the Sunkha of a lack of Rupees granted sometime since by the Nizam or the Paishcush, in Silver. I have myself always made a point with the Roy Royan of his paying the Detachment in Silver, and hitherto with invariable success, to the no small convenience of both officers. I have the honor to be with the greatest respect. —

Hyderabad, 27th Nov. 1795.

I. W. L.
Signed Wm Kirkpatrick
Translate

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Translate of a letter from Tippoo Sultaun to the Nabob Nizam ali Khan Bahadur.—

In the name of God the Compas-

-sionate and merciful.—

Your long esteemed and favour[illegible] kind condescending Letters, conveying the glad tidings of the health of that August personage, in whom all blessings center, have come to hand, which doubtless has proceeded from no other cause than his close attention to the affairs of Religion and of State—That person, the bountiful dispenser of blessings is amongst the most eminent of the mighty Chiefs and noble Princes of the times—This humble Friend did not think it became him to be forward in sending Letters without ascertaining your high pleasure.—

At this auspicious season several Letters from the Rajah Rozan having arrived this practiser of truth has from thence discovered that the favourable inclinations of His Highness towards him are greater than before: so that this Friend of a firm and constant nature, is on every score greatefully sensible of your kindness—Between persons [illegible] professing one and the same faith, the true end of epistolary intercourse

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which comprehends many advantages both of religious and political / is to add strength to the foundation of harmony. –

This persuasion of truth trusts of you will consider him among the most heartly of your wellwishers professing the same faith and is hopeful you will continue to honour him with the letters signifying your welfare; so shall he continue to evince his gratitude for your remembrance. –

What more need be represented

A true translate

(Signed) J. A Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Translate of a letter from Tippoo Sultaun to Rajah Roy Royan dated the 22d of Rubbi ul Awul or 6th October 1795. –

To the resort and asylum of friends Roy Royan Amount want, may his friendship long continue. –

Reckoning all here in good health, be mindful of writing frequent tidings of your own welfare – your letter of the 2d Rubbi ul Awul / 16 September / was received its purport was as follows. –

That

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That the good inclinations of the
Nabob Ajeeph Jah towards this Sirkar are unimpaired
and as in future he is desirous of their daily increase,
it is proper that a letter be addressed to him from
this Sirkar, in order that the aforesaid Nabob's sincere
wish of demonstrating that increase may be evinced. It
is therefore expedient to write. All this was understood
and was the cause of gladness. -

The Nabob Nizam ul Doulah being
a great and noble Lord, there would have been no
difficulty in addressing him a letter, but none having
hitherto proceeded from thence, I was apprehensive that
it might not be acceptable to his Highness which
/apprehension/ has been the cause of a demur
in writing. -

As it is now apparent, however
from your letter that the Nabob Ajeeph Jah Behadur
is sincerely bent on an increase of friendship
but waits to hear from hence, a comprehensive of
letter containing enquiries after his Highness's
health, has accordingly been written. - It is necessary
that delivering this letter to the Presence an answer
be obtained and forwarded hither. -

As you are wise and a well wisher
of both States, let it so appear as that a daily increase

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of their mutual friendship take place. – Having
summoned Succaram Pundit to the Presence, I
this is written to inform you thereof. –

It is requisite that you continue
to write accounts of your welfare. –

A true Translate

/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

/True Copies/

/Signed/ Jas. Actg Kirkpatrick

assistant

Minute thereon

Immediately upon the Receipt
of Captain Kirkpatrick's former Letter on the
subject of his application to Mr Gregory, orders
were sent from the Revenue Department to all
the Collectors in the Masulipatam District to
send the money in their hands to Mr Gregory
who was also ordered to discharge the Junkan in
favor of Meer Alum and the Roy Rajah, after
providing for the Military Expences of the
District, and to report his having done so
to the Board. –

Read the following affidavit
delivered in by Mr Gordon. –

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affidavit of Mrs A. Gordon.

You swear that you are the Widow of Mr Williams Gordon, late a head Surgeon in the Service of the Honble Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies, on the Madras Establishment and that at the time of his Decease / which happened on the fourth day of September one thousand seven hundred and ninety three / he did not possess property either real or personal to the clear amount of two thousand five hundred Pounds British Sterling. —

So helpe you God

/Signed/ Abeille Gordon

Sworn before me at Pondicherry this second day of December 1795

/Signed/ Boucher

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Mrs Gordon admitted on Lord Clive's Fund. —

Ordered that the usual Certificate for Lord Clive's Bounty be granted to Mrs Gordon. —

Read the following Letter from Military Paymaster General. —

To