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1st Diary

Received the following Letters.-

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart.

Governor and President of

Fort St. George.

Right Honorable Sir,

Besides the Letter written to me on the 21st November of this year, by the Secretary of Mr. Jackson, by your Lordship's Order, I have received the Batavia Packet before requested, for which I have the Honor humbly to thank your Lordship.-

From late Chief at Pulicat complaining of the Reduction lately made in the allowances to the Dutch Servants there, and requesting they may be equalized with those granted in Bengal &c. Sundry Papers Inclosed.-

I am sorry to be under the unavoidable Necessity to lay before your Lordship the second Time, not only the second Time not only the Complaints of ..... every one of us here in Pulicat, but also those of the Gentlemen, who are appointed to the Northern and Southern Factories of the Company, against the Regulation of Government, with regard to what is thought to be a means of Subsistence. At my Departure

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Departure from Madras I had the Honor to speak to your Lordship on the Insufficiency of the Amount, which, according to the List asked of us, had been fixed for the Servants here at Pulliat on the 4th of September last, after which your Lordship had the Goodness to promise me, in order to help this Insufficiency, to regulate Matters according to what had been allowed in 1781, at the Surrender of Negapatam, as far as your Lordship should be able to justify your Conduct in this Matter to your Lordship's Superiors

Since that, the affair remained in the same State, and for the Months of August, September and October Mr. Macleod, in consequence of written Orders received from Government, paid us according to the Statement of the Pulliat List of what each had received of Salary Diet Money, House Rent, and Emoluments, notwithstanding that List was given to the said Mr. Macleod upon your Lordship's Requisition, only to shew, how moderate that Subsistence was,

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and how much our hope remained fixed on your Lordships Generosity that your Lordship would readily acknowledge the impossibility of subsisting properly with the small Share, which each therein had, and that your Lordship would come to a Resolution, to proportion the Allowance, not according to that fatal List, but according to that, which your Lordship, in your own Mind, it would find necessary, and to fall out better, and not to be too much to keep up one's Rank; to which end I desired Mr. Macleod to recommend me to the Amount of 200 Pagodas ℔ Month, equal to what was received in 1781. and 82 by the then Governor, Mr. Reinier Van Angelbeek, being 150 Pagodas in Cash, and his Share in the Rent of ℔ Month. We are now in the like fatal, if not more critical Circumstances, for, without a Declaration of War, and only because His Britannick Majesty found it good, and in Virtue of that, upon the Orders received by

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by your Lordship of the English Company, is the
Dutch Company deprived of their Establishments
in this Country, and, in consequence of it, their
Servants plunged into the most lamentable
Circumstances, unless their Misery be prevented by
that which, according to the strictest Right of
War, is necessary, viz, by making every one live
according to his Condition, and by preserving him
from that desperation, which generally is the
Consequence of Want and Poverty. —

It was this Consideration that made
me beg of your Lordship a larger Allowance, if not
for me, yet at least for the Servants who can
possibly not subsist with the Amount of their
Quotum according to our own List. When it
pleased your Lordship, by the said Letter of the
21st November, to declare, that this could not
be done, and thence I have always been in the
Idea, that the Pay would continue as it was
begun in the Month of August. Never could I expect
such an Alteration and Reduction in the Pay, as
appears to be the Case by the accompanying Copy

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of a Letter and List, sent me by Mr. Parry, to shew that it differs by about one third from what it was paid before.-

Of this alteration it has not pleased your Lordship to mention any thing in the Answer to my moving, and Heart affecting Representation of the Insufficiency of what was allowed by the Regulation, that was first made. This, which must be looked upon as founded on the Capitulation, can without Infraction on that Agreement undergo no detrimental Change, it requires Amendment, and thence it is, My Lord, and because I trust that your Lordship is convinced in your own Mind of the Reasonableness of our Complaints, that I take the liberty to address your Lordship again, soliciting an equitable & Reflection and Resolution on a sufficient means of Subsistence, equal with that which is received by those Dutch Company's Servants in Bengal, that are equal in Rank with those of Coromandel and whose Allowance is notified in a Statement & accompanying this, according to which the Director

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there receives more than twice as much, as was allowed one before, and each Member of Council as well as all inferior Servants receives an Allowance more adequate both, to what is necessary and to what is benevolent in the Gentlemen of the Supreme General Government. What an astonishing Difference, My Lord, is there between what these Gentlemen receive and what our Share of Amounts to, even according to the first Regulation, which is now altered? And how can your Lordship believe, that it is possible for one to support properly any Rank, with 100 Pagodas P Month, or that other Servants, such as the Members of Council, can subsist with either 17, or which is much less with 16 Pagoda, upon which never a writer Amongst the English can live? And how is it possible, that our Writers are taxed so low, as if the Book Keepers or Factors could find their Subsistence with 5, and the Assistants or Writers with 2 Pagodas per Month? Indeed, My Lord, whenever

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all this shall be seriously considered by your
Lordship, I doubt not but that your Lordship will
will avow that it is a Token of an uncommon
Disregard to put Men of any Character so far
below, not only of what is suitable and fitting,
but of what, and which is the principal thing,
is necessary. In the present Case, this is certain,
that if your Lordship does not provide therein,
in a more favorable manner, great Inconveniency
and desperation shall proceed from it; which
already begins to shew itself in that the Respect
due to me is falling away, and that a formal
Refusal is made to go on in the Duty, and to
Assist in the Writing Business, that is still
to be done, such, I mean, as was agreed upon
the Capitulation, that it should be done and
Accounts adjusted. —

I have caused an accurate amended
List to be made of the least to which each
in the Company's Service is intitled, besides the
Profits, which the Employments or Functions
give

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give to Some, which is respectfully laid before
your Lordship, accompanying this, in which
are comprehended also the Salaries of the
Servants, which are appointed to the Subordinate
Company's Factories, in the North and South, "
which is the more necessary, that your Lordship
may be pleased to observe, how irregular the
Disposition is made in the Madras List "
which accompanies this, and what the Collectors
in the North offer to pay to the Company's Servants,
which at Jaggernaickpooram and Bimilipatnam
partly, and at Palicole intirely, is found insufficient
acceptable; as this may be seen by the Papers
which increase the Number of Inclosures, a
Letter of the Jaggernaickpooram Chiefs to
Mr. Snodgrass for Redress is comprehended
under them. For, according to the Madras "
List, a Surgeon here should receive one more
than 4 or 3 Pagodas each, and at Jaggernaick-
-pooram gives Mr. Snodgrass to such a Servant
15 Pagodas, thus more than what at Madras
is intended for any of our Councellors. —

Pardon

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Pardon me, My Lord, if by being
somewhat prolix I keep up your Lordship's
attention too long to an Affair, which for
English Gentlemen, who have a large Income, is,
if I may speak so, not worth any Consideration,
which however for Dutch Company's Servants,
in the present Case, cannot be represented too
strong, or too serious, to awaken the attention,
and to prove, that we request nothing, but
what is just and equitable, when we solicit
that we may be treated upon equal terms with
those Servants in Bengal, who are with ers of
equal Rank ant entitled to
equal Pay. Or if your Lordship cannot resolve
to do this, that then, in the Regulation which
your Lordship shall judge to be equitable in
general, the Amended second List, rejecting
the first, may be attended to, as of itself shewing
why my Share instead of Pagodas 173 to 243.. 2.71
is augmented per Month; hoping that for the
Members of the Council and others, who have much
too little allowed them, that Alteration and
Amendment

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Amendment may be made by your Lordship, which the Necessity of the Case requires, and which & shall oblige every one to the truest Acknowledgment, Gratitude, and Dutifulness.—

Among other Papers, that have been in Madras, and are returned to me by & Mr. Macleod, is an Address from the & Consistory on the Subject of what is necessary for the Support of the Poor and distressed here in Pullicat, which I take the Liberty to lay before Your Lordship that a favorable Requisition may be obtained agreeable to the Capitulation, The List annexed to it shews what Persons want Subsistence and what is requisite to make the necessary Expences.—

May it please your Lordship to leave to us, for the three Years that the Villages & are rented to the Company, the Disposition over them, and to order the Amount of the Rent of the Year, which is already past, to be &

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reimbursed by the Collector, there was there,
found a means by which the Honorable
English Company would not suffer the least
Loss as being of little Importance. In this
manner the Supreme Government of
Bengal found it good in 1781, to provide
for the distressed and Poor in Chinsura.—

I have the Honor to be with great
respect.—

Right Honorable Sir,

Your Lordships most humble
and obedient Servant.—

/signed/ Jacob Elbracht

Transl:
/signed/ C. W. Gericke

Pullicat
19th December 1795.—

List

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List of Servants of the Dutch East India Company, which, on account of summoning and surrendering the Establishments on this Coast to His Britannick Majesty, are entitled to an Allowance from the English Company for their Subsistence. —

At Pullicat.

1 The Governor at present Senior Merchant and Administrator receiving of the Dutch Company in Salary, Diet Money, Emoluments, according as has been notified by a former List Per Month ..... Pags. 173.36.71

For doing Duty as Second ..... 48. 8. ..

Item, as Book Keeper of the Board of Trade and Warehouse Keeper. 21. .. .. 243.2.71

4 Junior Merchants Members of the Board of Police Vizt.

1 Factor and Dispenser ..... 17. 10.10.
1 Cash Keeper and Secretary of Police ... 17. 10.10.
1 Fiscal and Paymaster ..... 21.12.10.
1 Temporary discharged Resident of Pulicat 15. 10 10. 73.6.10.

9 Book Keepers, in English called Factors & serving in the Warehouses for Trade and in other Departments Vizt.

2 Ordinary Members of the Committee 25.19.48
1 Secretary of Justice 12.30.64
1 Factor for Trade 12.30.64
3 Clerks of the Secretary's Office 38.8.32
1 Clerk as Secretary of the Orphan Society 12.30.64 114.25.16

Carried Over Pagodas 430.34.47

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Brought over Pagodas 430. 34 47

15 Assistants called in English Writers.

6 in the Secretary's Office 30.23.64
5 in the Board of Trade 30.23.64
4 in the Paymaster's Office 27.30.64 91.29.32

3 Servants attending the Church, of which
1 Reader and Schoolmaster of the Orphan House. 14. 2.64
1 Do in the Portuguese Congregation ..... 6.39.16.
1 Undertaker and Sexton 6.39.16 27.39.16

3 Servants in the Medical Line
1 Head Surgeon ..... Pr 24.21.-
1 Surgeon ..... 6.12.29.
1 Assistant ... do ..... 4.10.29. 35.31.58.

4 Persons in the Military Line Viz.t
1 Ensign 16.19.10

3 Serjeants Viz.t
2 of the Garrison ..... 14. 15. 32.
1 do Garrison Writer ..... 7. 7. 56 21.23.8. 38. " 18.

2 Servants in the Artillery and Engineery Viz.t
1 Lieutenant and Commandant of the Artillery ... 16.19.10.
1 Engineer 19. 7. 37. 35.26.67

2 Persons of the Sea Service Viz.t
1 first Lieutenant and Master Attendant ..... 12.37.64.
1 Beach Master ..... 7. 7. 56 20. 3 40.

2 Servants of the Justiciary Line Viz.t
1 Summoner 6.39.16
1 Jailor ..... 6 1.69 12. 41. 5.
1 Bookbinder 4.28.76
1 Artillery Writer ..... 3. 3.40.

3 Pensioners 12.30.64
1 Book Keeper ..... 9.25.16. 22. 14. -
2 Serjeants ..... 19.21. -
and
the Watermen ..... 19.21. -

Amounts for Publicat/ Carried Over ..... Pag.e 742.21.57

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Brought Over ——— Pags. 742. 21. 57

At the Subordinate Factories hereafter to be Named as follows. —

At Jaggernaickpooram

1 Chief, being Merchant and Member of the Council of Pulicat —— £ 111. 4.
1 Junior Merchant Second, also Member of the said Council ——— 19. 11. 16
3 Persons in the Writing Way Viz.
1 Book Keeper Scriba ——— 11. 11. 16
2 Assistants ——— 13. 36. 32 25. 5. 48.
1 Surgeon ——— 8. 11. 16
1 Matross ——— 2. 10. 10
1 Gunner ——— 1. 28. ..
1 Pensioned Book Keeper ——— 3. 14. .. 175. 18. 70.

At Bimilipatam

1 Junior Merchant Chief ——— 77. 32. 70
1 D. — and Second ——— 20. 10. 10.
1 Book Keeper and Writer ——— 11. 26. 38.
1 Pensioned Corporal ——— 1. 36. ..
1 Assistant or Scriba ——— 7. 12. 37. 118. 33. 75.

At Palicole

1 Junior Merchant Chief Member of the Council .. 71. 1. 30.
1 Book Keeper and Second ——— 16. — 0
1 Writer ——— 7. 12. 37. 94. 14. 67.

At Negapatam

1 Factor as Agent ——— 12. 30. 64

At Sadras

1 Merchant Chief and Member of the Council 105. 10. 33
1. Junior Merchant Acting as Second & Scriba ——— 20. 4. 10.
1. Assistant or Writer ——— 7. 21. 61. 132. 36. 24

Amounts for the subordinate Factories ——— Pags. ——— 534. 8. 44
1 Senior Merchant as Governor ——— And for the whole ——— 1276. 30. 21.
2493. 2. 71

Carried Over

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1st	Brought Over Pagodas	243.	2. 71.
	2 Merchants of Jaggernaickpooram and Sadras	216.	14. 33
	2 Merchants of Jaggernaickpooram and Sadras	282.	12 46
	9 Junior Merchants in Total	166.	10. 38.
	13 Book Keepers or Factors	127.	26. 39.
	20 Assistants or Writers	27.	39. 16
	3 Servants attending the Church	44.	- 74
	4 of Surgery	38.	" 18.
	4 of the Military Line	35.	26. 47.
	2 of Artillery and Enginery	20.	3. 40.
	2 of the Sea Servants	12.	41. 5.
	2 the Justiciary Line	4.	28. 74
	1 Book binder	3.	3. 40.
	1 Artillery Writer	2.	40. 40.
	1 Mathose	4	28. "
	1 Gunner	27.	22. "
	5 Pensioners	19.	21. "
	The Watermen		
	Sum Pag.t	1276.	30. 21.

Pullicat 17th December 1795
(Signed) Jacob Eilbracht

Note
In the Sum for Pullicat P.t 742. 21. 57.
Is omitted the Essayer Engelbert
& Writer who has 13. 30. 64
Makes with the above 756. 10. 41
For the other Factories 534. 8. 44
Total Pag.t 1290. 19. 5.

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Sr.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council &c. &c. &c.

My Lord

From Lieutenant Marlow submits a Register of the Breed Mares on the Islands of Delft &c. with proposals for a Breeding Stud. —

Accompanying, I have the honor to transmit your Lordship a Register * of fifty Brood Mares, which, I have selected, with Care, from the whole of the Stud on this Island. — They are sound, Fresh, well formed for Breeding, and, as nearly as I can guess from 13 1/2 to 14 1/2 Hands high. although they may, in general, be rather under than above 14 Hds there cannot be a doubt, but that if served with Stallions of 15 Hds or upwards, of bone and Figure Corresponding, they will produce a Race in every Respect well calculated for the Cavalry. — The Cross in the Breed may naturally be expected to produce the very best Effects, as it has been proved by experience, and is universally allowed that Horses from 14 to 14 1/2 Hds are of all others the most Serviceable in the Field. —

Having long had in contemplation a Plan for Breeding Horses for the Cavalry; I am encouraged by the present opportunity to propose carrying it into immediate Effect; and, from the advantage that may eventually accrue to the Public

* The Register being in the Office

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Public by the Experiment, without much hazard, or, for the present, any Expence being incurred; I am led to hope that it will meet with your Lordships approbation and support. -

The following Conditions I therefore & humbly beg leave to submit to consideration. -

1st. . . . "I will engage, or Contract, from the 1st of "January 1796, to furnish, at my sole expence and "risk, every Article necessary for the support of a "Breeding Stud on the Islands of Delft, and Two "Brothers, Store Houses, Stabling, Gram, Forage & "Medecines, Head and heel Ropes, and Servants &c "every description &c. &c. so that, on account of & "the Stud, Government shall be at no expence whatever

2d. . . . "A correct Register of the Mares shall be kept, "marking Dates, Casualties, &c. Monthly reports & "regularly made; and the whole be subject to Muster "and Inspection, as often as Government shall think "proper. -

3d. . . . The Produce of the Stud, Colts and Fillies, at the Age of three years, I will engage to transport to Ramnad at my own Risk and expence, or where & Government may appoint a Committee of Officers, for the Purpose of selecting such as may be fit for the &

Cavalry

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Cavalry, or Public Service.—

4. . . . "All Colts and Fillies bred on the Islands
"shall faithfully and invariably be considered as
"the property of the Company, until declared by the
"above Committee unfit for the Service; and none
"thereof on any pretence whatever, shall be sold or
"disposed of without the Knowledge or approbation
"of Government.—

5. . . . "For the due performance of the above Articles
"I shall, when required, Produce Security equal to the
"Computed value of the whole Stud."—

"Provided"

1st. . . . "That the Brood Mares as specified in the
"accompanying Register, and such others, Now on the
"Island of Delft, as I may wish to keep, shall be
"entrusted to my Care; and that I be permitted to
"select from the Cavalry Six Horses of the Size
"and description most suitable to be employed
"here as Stallions.—

2nd. . . . "The Meadows, Inclosures, and Tanks
"that have hitherto been set apart for the support
"of the Stud on the Islands of Delft and Two Barbar
"shall continue to be appropriated to the same use,

and

14th. "and no encroachment, on the part of the Inhabitants,
" allowed.—
3d. . . "For each Colt or Filly of three years brought &
"before the Committee at Rammad', and Reported
"Sound, free from Blemish, and fit for the Service,
"the following Sums shall be granted Viz.t—
S.P.
"For a Colt measuring 14 Hands, 2 Inches or upwards. 100.—
"Do. . . . Do. . . Do. 14 Hands, 1 Inch. . . . . 90.—
"For all Colts under the above measurement
"and Fillies of whatever Size, if approved, ... 80.—
4th. . . "Colts and Fillies rejected by the Committee
"shall be returned with the full sanction of
"Government to dispose of them as may
"expedient.—
5th. . . "The Brood Mares, as stated in the Register
"being all either in Foal, or with Foals at their Foot
"It is proposed that the Produce be consigned
"to the Contractor on the aforementioned Conditions,
"to enable him immediately to enter on his
"engagements.—
6th. . . "A Guard, not under the Strength of a Troop,
"of Invalids of Native Cavalry shall be allowed, as
"well for the defence of the Island and Property, as
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Cavalry, or Public Service.—

4. . . "All Colts and Fillies bred on the Islands
"shall faithfully and invariably be considered as
"the property of the Company, entitled to land by the
"above Committee unfit for the Service; and more
"therefore on any pretence whatever, shall be sold or
"disposed of without the Knowledge or approbation
"of Government.—

5. . . "For the due performance of the above Articles
"I shall, when required, Produce Security equal to the
"Computed value of the whole Stud.—

"Provided"

1st . . . "That the Breed Mares as specified in the
"accompanying Register, and such others, Now on the
"Island of Delft, as I may wish to keep, shall be
"entrusted to my Care; and that I be permitted to
"select from the Cavalry Six Horses of the Size
"and description most suitable to be employed
"here as Stallions.—

2nd . . "The Meadows, Enclosures, and Tanks
"that have hitherto been set apart for the support
"of the Stud on the Islands of Delft and Two Banians
"shall continue to be appropriated to the same use,

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allowed.—

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"Sound, free from blemish, and fit for the Service,
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"For a Colt measuring 14 Hands, 2 Inches or upwards. 100.—

"Do. . . . . Do. . . . Do. 14 Hands, 1 Inch. . . . . 90.—

"For all Colts under the above measurement

"and Fillies of whatever Size, if approved, ... 80.—

4th. . . . "Colts and Fillies rejected by the Committee
"shall be returned with the full Sanction of
"Government to dispose of them as I may judge
"expedient."—

5th. . . . "The Brood Mares, as stated in the Register
"being all either in Foal, or with Foals at their Foot
"It is proposed that the Produce be consigned
"to the Contractor on the aforementioned Conditions,
"to enable him immediately to enter on his
"engagements."—

6th. . . . "A Guard, not under the strength of a Troop,
"of Invalids of Native Cavalry shall be allowed, as
"well for the defence of the Island and Property, as
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5th "to assist in the care and Management of the "Stud."—

7th "Should the Islands be hereafter restored "to the Dutch, or Should Circumstances render "it necessary to Remove the Stud from hence: The "above Agreement to be cancelled: The whole Stock & "and Produce to revert to the Company; and, as an "indemnification for expences incurred on my part "An Allowance of three Star Pagodas p.r Mensem shall "be granted for each Station and Brood Mare that & "shall appear on the Monthly Returns Commencing "from the 1st of January 1796."—

8th "The Two years Old Fillies described in the & Register, being, in every respect, Sound and very promising, are strongly Recommended to be retained in the & Stud. But until they have attained the age of & between three and four years being unfit for & Breeding. It is proposed "That from the 1st of & January 1796 to the 1st of May 1797, an Allowance of two Star Pagodas p.r Mensem, for each, shall be granted the Contractor.— At the above Period they shall be entered on the General Register as Brood Mares, and the Allowance consequently &

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cease from that date.

The Above Proposals will, I trust, be deemed Moderate and Equitable: Should they meet with Your Lordships approval, I have not a doubt of being able to perform the engagement with success. The experiment must, at all events, tend to the Public utility and advantage, and will I am convinced meet with every encouragement it may appear to merit.— In forming the general Arrangement for the Stud I conclude; that the Inhabitants of both Islands, will be freed from the Personal Service to which they have hitherto been subjected; and that, consequently, every one employed, must be paid, agreable to the wage of the Place.—

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

Island of Delft
December the 1st. 1795.

/Signed/ Alex: Strachan
Lieut Cavalry.—

To Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor &c. Council
Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have the honor to enclose you a list

From Captain Brodie enclosing a list of Artillery captured in Calpentyn & also Return of the Military Stores.—

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a list of the Various Articles, which I captured at Calpentine, and Pootalcon, and have further satisfaction in informing you that the whole are safely lodged, in the Fort of Manar The Rice is a great acquisition, and a great disappointment to the Enemy, as it was intended for Columbo

I can purchase any large quantity of Paddy, belonging to Private individuals, probably it might be wanted, to lay in Store, by and by at Columbo or other Places.—

They have been so alarmed at Columbo since the taking of Calpentine — that they have Posted small Guards almost in every Village on the road to that place They have a Post, at Negumbo, consisting of Malays and Sepoys to the Amount of nearly Four Hundred, but without Guns — the intention of this Post, is with a view to oppose our landing.—

I shall make a particular examination into the quality of the Arrack, * * *, which I have intercepted at various times, and report accordingly.—

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Manar, Ceylon
December 26: 1795.

&c &c &c

(Signed) Tho: Bowyer
Capt Com.g Manar
Cannon

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Carriage Bullocks ---------- 6500.-

Draught Bullocks, including Buffaloes --- 2000.-

Slaughter Cattle ---------- 7000.-

Sheep and Goats ---------- 5000.

Arrack ---------- 300.- Leaguers

Rice ---------- 6,00,000.- Seers

Paddy any Quantity

Salt any Quantity

Sixty large Doneys with Forty or Fifty smaller -
all compleatly manned - and in good repair -
a vast quantity of Plank and other wood, collected
at Calpentune and brought hither for the purpose of
Platforms are not included. -

J. Bowser

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

From Board of Revenue
to Collectors in the Vizia-
nagram inc want of an
Assistant Surgeon. &
recommend the destination
of the proposed Polygar
be promptly. Letter from
Mr Petrie on the subject is
enclosed. -

Milry: & Pol: Departm.
from Mr. N. Webb 2nd
Jan. 1796. Received
9th December 95.

My Lord,

We have the honor to submit to
your Lordship Copy of a letter from Mr. Webb, representing
the want of Medical Assistance in the Vizianagrum
Zemendary and in consideration of the extreme &
unhealthfulness of many parts of the Country, &
Recommending that an Assistant Surgeon be appointed
to attend the Collectors, their Assistants, and Officers &
of

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of the Revenue Corps, stationed there.—

From Mr. Powney 4 Dated 30 November In B.B. Consult. 9 Decr 95

We have also the honor to submit to your Lordship a letter from Mr. Powney, with the accompanying representation from the deposed Poligar of Chokumpetty, and, coinciding entirely with the sentiments of the Collector, we consider his restoration to his pollam, no less an act of Policy than of Justice.—

We have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

/signed/. Edward Saunders

" Charles N. White

" Tho.s Cockburn

" Will.m Harington

Fort St. George
18th December 1795.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Board of Revenue, submit a proposal for the rents of Policole &c. Villages

From Mr. C. Gambier In B.B. Consult.n 10 Decr 95

We have the honor to submit a letter from Mr. Gambier, informing us of a settlement made with a responsible Inhabitant for one year for the Villages of Policole and Cantera, lately taken Charge of from the Dutch Government. The Amount of the Rent is stated to be the Average of the Settlement for the seven preceding years, and Mr. Gambier observes, it has been usual

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to include the Sawyer Revenue, but as we do not see any good Reason to deviate on the present occasion from the principle laid down of keeping this branch of Revenue distinct, and under the immediate Charge of the Collector, We shall, with your Lordship's permission, give him instructions accordingly, and to make a reasonable deduction from the Kistbundy of the present proposers. —

We have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) " Edward Saunders

" Charles N. White

" Thomas Cockburne

" William Harington

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

From Board of Revenue advising of discontinuance Mr. Godfrey having left his Native Servants. —

My Lord,

From Mr. Gambier in R. to Council 10th December 1795.

It is with concern we lay before your Lordship the enclosed Copy of a letter from Mr. Gambier, with Translations of two letters addressed to him by his Tomastah at Policole, reporting that the Servant of an Officer, Lieutenant Godfrey, had been wounded by a Ball from a Musket, fired

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fired by his Master; of which it is said he died on
the 27th Instant. –

We have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Edwd. Saunders
Chas. N. White
Tho. Cockburne
Wm. Harington

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Governor at Tranquebar Transmitting Copy of a letter from the French prisoners upon their being put under restraint. –

I have the honor to inclose a Duplicate of my Letter of the 26th Instant, in answer to your Lordship's Demand respecting the French Prisoners. –

To show, what a bedevild Set of Jacobines they are, I take the liberty to inclose Copies of two Letters, I received after they had been arrested, which contain nothing less than a Declaration of War – notwithstanding the Step I have taken to secure these democratick & Depredators is founded on strict Justice and on the Law of Nations, I have got almost the whole of Settlement against me, and all cry out: A violent Breach of Neutrality. –

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I foresee, I shall have a Storm to weather;
but, I am determined, as far as my Power will
reach, this Colony shall not be an uninterrupted
Asylum for Pirates as long as I am intrusted with
the Command. –

I have the honor most respectfully to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) P. Anker. –

Fort Dansborg
27th December 1795.

P. S. Captain Deschien is the only Person among the
Prisoners above the common Rank, the rest are
Sailors, and, as such, confined in the Castle. –

General.

I have just received the honor of your Letter,
in Answer to mine of yesterday, in which you announce
to me that you detain us, In consequence of which, I
constitute myself as also the ten french, My Countrymen,
Prisoners of War to his Danish Majesty; I shall have
the honor to send you, in the Course of the Day, a summary
of our Conduct, joined to the Protest signed individually
and collectively against the Neutrality that you have
violated between your Nation and the French Republick

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one and indivisible. —

Tranquebar
26th December 1795.

I have the honor to be with respect,

Sr. Sr.

/Signed/ A. Des Chiens

To General Anker

Commander of the Danish Settlements in

General, Indial

Since the letter that I had the honor to write you this Morning, Nothing more remains but for me to inform you that the Intended Act of Piracy committed by me and ten of my Countrymen consists in our having the 12th instant at 9 o'Clock in the Evening made our Escape from the Poisons of Masulipatam where we were detained as Poisoners of War, and of having, to favor our Escape, run away with an English Boat from under the Walls of the Town, with which we arrived here, and from whence we writ to the Chief of Masulipatnam, & the Letter of which the enclosed is Copy, where you will easely see what our Intentions were in carrying off the Boat. — During our Passage to Porto Novo I boarded an English Vessell, where I took nothing but Rice and Water

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for our Nourishment, and to repair our strength exhausted by three Days absolute want of Victuals. - The Rights of War authorised me to burn them, which I did not do, being doubtfull that those Vessells might belong to the People of the Country, altho' they were under the Enemies Flag - I therefore do not believe General, that you can keep me Prisoner upon a simple Allegation and to make yourself judge between two Nations Enemies; in # consequence of the Act of Neutrality, violated in our # Person - We protest, in the name of the French # Republick, one and indivisible, to whom we have the Honor to belong, against that Act of Rigour and Injustice on your part - We hold you responsible, in your private Name, for every thing that happens, and shall happen to us, as well on your part, as on that of our Enemies, # Security for all demands, indemnity for Losses and # Damages which must necessarily follow our Arrest, and my undersigned Countrymen will announce to the August Tribunal of the National Convention, by # the Voice of our Governor General at the Island, this Crimes offended humanity towards the French, over whom you have no right whatever, but, on the # contrary, who had that of claiming your protection

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and to believe themselves in safety with you. —

And as we are ignorant what Course &
you will take with our Enemies, in whatever &
concerns us. — We announce to you that, true to our
Oaths, we will faithfully imitate our Brethren
in Arms, of Europe, who have also known how to
die for the Defence of their Country, of Liberty,
the rights of Man and of the Citizen, and for
the Glory of the Nation. —

The underwritten French Citizens. —

[Signed] Jean Dies
A. Des Chiens
Guillaume Borne
Joseph Meraer
Jean Roland
Francois Labrit
Alphonse Marquesy
Mathieu Guigne
Francois Toulon
Robert Jaquinez
Joseph George

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The enclosure of the last Letter
Copy of the Letter to Colonel Bidcliff
Commander at Masulipatam. —

Sir,

Being uncertain whether the Boat that I carried off from under the Cannon of your place may not belong to some unfortunate English Person of certain rank that one and other I let you know that I keep it here at your Disposal, as a Persons of certain rank that one and other with Regard. —

I have the honor to be very truely

My Compliments if you please to Mr. Agg

Your &c. &c.
(Signed) A DesChiens

Tranquebar
19th December 1795.

For Copy of the Original in my hands
(Signed) A DesChiens

True Translation
(Signed) W. Mainwaring
Translator. —

Recvd the undermentioned Letters Entered in M: B: Nos 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. —

From Colonel Stuart

From Colonel Stuart — transmitting a Letter from Lieutenant Commissary Limerick — with a Statement of the quantity of Rice received from the Ship Bombay. —

From Lieut. Colo Brereton.

From the Deputy Kings' Paymaster General — transmitting his Accounts in continuation to the 25th Decr 1795.

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From Mr. James Bardie — From Secretary to the Military Board — Enclosing a Packet for the Military Board at Bengal. —

From Captain Tolfrey — From Commandant of the 33d Battalion requesting to Know whether Mr. McKay is entitled to Draw his pay &c. with that Corps, as doing the duty of Assistant Surgeon during the absence of Mr. Little. —

From Major Langley — From Major A Langley — requesting leave to go to Europe, for the Settlement of his private & Concerns, upon the Terms held out by Government

From Lieutenant Colonel Baird — From Commandant at Tanjore submitting Copy of a requisition, made by the Resident for a Company of the 71st. Regiment — and of his reply thereto — observation on the occasion. —

From Major Munat — From Major Munat — stating that the Commercial Resident at Vizagapatam declines receiving Charge of any more Prisoners — proposes that the Barrier at Jumpanapatah be raised

2d 3 — Sent letter to the Nabob Entered in Lb No 11

Substance of a letter to the Nabob. — Acknowledging Receipt of his payment on Account of the Pension granted by the late Nabob to Captain Doling's Family — of which the Court of Directors &c will be duly informed. —

Sent the following Letters.

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To Robert Andrews Esq.r

Sir

The Governor General in Council of Bengal has directed that the following explanation, on the part of the Supreme Government, should be made to the Ministers of the King of Candia.—

"Professing the greatest respect and "veneration for his Majesty—the most cordial & "attachment to his Person, and friendly disposition "towards his Government—and the highest sense of "the Confidence reposed in the Supreme Government, "they feel it incumbent upon their honor, reputation, "and good faith, previous to entering into any Treaty "with his Majesty's Ministers, to state, for their & "information, some considerations of importance & "which have occurred to the Supreme Government; "and which they are persuaded will be well received, "in proportion to the Sincerity with which they "are made."—

"His Majesty has been already appriz'd of "the Motives which induced the Company to send Troops

Sr. Mr. Andrews notifying the Explanation to be made to the Candian Ambassadors on the part of the Bengal Government and directing him to conduct his negotiations with them, for a Treaty of friendship, conformably thereto.—

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"Troops into Ceylon for the purpose of taking possession
"of the Dutch Settlements there; and the Government
"of Fort St. George, in conformity to that regard which
"the Company and the Supreme Government entertain
"for his Majesty, were happy to avail themselves of
"this opportunity to tender the Friendship of the
"Company to his Majesty, and solicit his, in return,
"with a proposal to cement the new connection by
"a formal Treaty of Amity and alliance".-

"But the anxiety of the Government of
"Fort St. George to effect this desirable measure, had
"made them overlook difficulties to the execution of
"it, which have occurred to the Supreme Government, &
"which they have directed should be stated to the
"Ministers, fairly and explicitly".-

"The amity or disagreement between
"the English Company, and other European Nations
"settled in India, depends upon the connection
"between the British and there Nations in Europe;
"and the re-establishment of Peace there, will
"necessarily produce it here- It is even possible, that,
"at this moment, a pacification may have taken
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"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 informed. This is a predica-
"ment, which would equally involve his Majesty
"and the Company in Embarrassments; and the
"Statement of it will prove that the Supreme Government
"are no less solicitous for the Interests of his Majesty,
"than those of the Company - and, although they are
"fully sensible of the advantages which his Majesty
"proposes to grant them in Ceylon, and the Commercial
"benefits stipulated in the preliminary Treaty,
"they 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 distance from England
"precludes

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"precludes their Knowledge"

"The Supreme Government are persuaded
"his Majesty's Ministers will see the Embarrassment
"which they have stated, in the same light which
"occurs to themselves; and will receive it as a proof
"of that Sincerity which the Supreme Government
"profess, and of a regard for that Good Faith &
"which the English observe in all their &
"engagements." —

"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 them by
"the Government of Fort St. George, and now &
"repeated by the Supreme Government, Authority
"is given to confirm them by a specific Treaty"

"The plain sense and Candour of this &
"exposition, ought to have due weight with the
"Ministers of the King of Candia - and the Supreme
"Government cannot suppose that the Ministers
"will either be offended with it - or that they will
"after due Consideration, require the execution of the
"Guarantee

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"But, if the Ideas of the Supreme Board, 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 them;
"and, as such sentiments might lead to indisposition
"and enmity on his part, the Supreme Government
"would agree to meet his wishes to far as this—
"That the third Article of the preliminary treaty
"should be confirmed, subject to the ratification
"or objection of the Company within two Years
"from the date of the Treaty, upon the consideration
"prescribed in the Statute of reciprocal assistance
"from the King of Candia."—

"You will, of course, conduct your
"negotiations with the Ministers of the King of
"Candia, in conformity to the Instructions of the
"Supreme Government herewith Communicated.—

We are,

&c. &c.

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(Signed) Hobart
&c. Council

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To the Honorable Major Gen.l Anker

Governor &c.a &c.a &c.a

at

Tranquebar

Sir,

To Governor at Tranquebar detailing the Misconduct of Mess.rs Des Chiens and Bligny while prisoners under the British Government.—

I have been honored with your letter of the 26th Ultimo, and beg you to accept my acknowledgements for the early attention you have been so obliging as to pay to my communication relative to the French Prisoners that escaped from Masulipatam.—

As Des Chiens has been guilty of a most gross misrepresentation of the Conduct of the British Government towards him, it becomes necessary that I should explain to your Excellency that Des Chiens, and another Frenchman of the Name of Bligny, were permitted by the Governor General in Council of Bengal on the 21st of February 1794, at their own Request, to proceed upon their Parole to the Coast of Coromandel, or the Isle of France - that, on the 1st of September following, Des Chiens represented that an opportunity had not offered for availing himself of this permission; that, he then requested leave to proceed either to the Coromandel or Malabar Coast; and he was permitted

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to proceed to Madras, provided he should go in
an English Ship, and that, from the period (September
1794) nothing was reported to the Governor General
of Bengal concerning Des Chiens till March 1795.
when a letter, dated the 21st of that Month, of which
I have the honor to enclose a Copy, was received from
the British Superintendant at Chandernagore stating
that a letter from Des Chiens dated the 8th of January
was delivered to him on the 20th of February, & &
representing that he (Des Chiens) had conceived
the Idea of going to the Mauritius on the
Vessel in which he left Chandernagore- He
says, that, "he could no longer remain in
"the Indolence of a lazy and effeminate Life,
"that he must rally under the Flag of his
"natural Country, and by repulsing the attacks
"of her Enemies, merit her consideration by
"every sentiment which characterizes a good
"and honest man"- observing further, in the
postscript, "Do not forget that I have been
"exchanged by Captain Dupour at Pulopenang,"
"which indeed the Governor General had
"not the least information, nor was he
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acquainted with the Authority which Mr. Dupont possessed for making the exchange, if he made it at all.

It is certain, from the accompanying document, that Des Chiens and Blegny actually absconded from Bengal - that they both violated their Paroles, the leave given in September 1794, to the former to proceed to Madras, having had an express stipulation annexed to it, that he should go in an English Ship - and the latter's first leave, in February 1794, being out of date, at the time of his departure - The Paroles specified that they should not go to any place, distant more than twenty Miles from the Town of Calcutta, & without the permission of the Governor General in Council having been previously obtained, for that purpose. —

Under a knowledge of these circumstances, when Des Chiens and Blegny arrived on the Coast of Coromandel whether they had been driven, by stress of Weather, as they were prosecuting their Voyage to the Isle of France, I judged it necessary to declare that they had broken their Paroles, and to give directions for confining their Person - It was from this

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Confinement that they escaped by the piratical act of stealing a Boat belonging to an English Gentleman at Masulipatam. Their conduct at Porto Novo has already been communicated: but, for your further information I enclose a Copy of the Report of Mr. H Kenworthy (the Chief of Cuddalore) upon the subject.

I can have no doubt that the foregoing Statement will induce your Excellency, with the advice of your Council, to deliver up the Pirates to the British Government. —

I have the honor to be,
with distinguished Consideration
&c. &c.
(Signed) Hobart

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3. Dispatched the undermentioned Letters &
Entered in M.B. Nos. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. —

To Mr. Mainwaring - appointing him
French Translator.

To Mr. George Parry - notifying the same.

To Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - transmitting Copies of the Auditor General's reports upon his Estimates for January -

To Mr. Mainwaring

To Mr. G. Parry

To Mr. Warden

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To Captain Borough and Lieutenant Grant

To Trustees of Major Hart - directing them to pay to the Military Paymaster General, whatever Balance remained in Major Hart's hands on the 24th December 1792, conformably to the Orders of the Honorable Court.-

To Mr. Hughes

To Paymaster at Madura directing him to pay the Sum of 200 Pagodas to the persons instrumental in seizing the Polygar Vellaida Naig, according to General Order 4th November.

To Colonel Malcolm

To Military Auditor General - authorizing an Advance of one Month's pay to the 73d Regiment

To Mr. Roebuck

To Military Paymaster General transmitting Copy of the Auditor Generals Report upon his Estimate for January

To Colonel Braithwaite

To Commander of the Army approving his proposed distribution of the Gun Lascars and Sepoy Recruits Arrived from Bengal - the Party at Pylney to be Reinforced and a Detachment of 30 Troopers to be sent thither to preserve tranquility - a Court of Enquiry into the Conduct of M. Spearor to be ordered.-

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Rcvd letter from the Rajahs of Vencatgherry and Calastry and from Bomrauze

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Entered in C: C: Nos 23, and 11. offering Congratulations upon the Commencement of the New Year.—

Rcvd the following letter.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and Council,

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to enclose you a Return of the Arrack entercepted here at different

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ein, which appears
d fit for immediate use,

periods—and the pleasure to inform you that, from a most particular examination into the quality, and Age, they report it fit for the immediate use of the Troops—the whole of it is the property of the Honorable W. Cochrane, the Columbo.—and Forty two of the Leaguers, are the remainder belongs to private individuals from Nagore, Negapatam, and other places: these people

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have repeatedly applied to me to know your decision, and seem very desirous to dispose of it at a fair and Moderate price, provided it is not Prize.—

I have been at a considerable expence in having all the Arrack, brought on Shore, and safely lodged in the Fort of Manar; and, unless the precaution had not been taken, the whole of it, or at least the greatest part, would have been spoiled whenever you decide upon the Arrack, whether it is considered Prize, or not, I will be thankfull to know, how I am to be reimbursed for the expences I have been at, also to be informed whether the boats, found at Calpentene, with their Cargoes, are to be considered, Prizes— they had on Board 1,21,000 Seers of Rice, and 15,000 Seers of Paddy— I shall have sufficient of Boats, for the purpose of the Arrack, in order to it being conveyed to any place you may be pleased to order it.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect,

Manar Ceylon
December 28— 1795.

&c: &c:

Signed J. Bowser
Capt: Com: Manar.—

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Return of Arrack in the Garrison of Manar on the 27th Inst. 1795.

	Casks of different Sizes
Leagers	162.
Three Quarter Leagers	34.
Half Leaguers	186.
Quarter Leaguers	9.
Total	391.

(Signed) J. Bowser
Captain Comt. Manar

Received the undermentioned Letters Inland
in M. B. Nos. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25.—

From Mr. Harington. From Sub Secretary at Bengal transmitting a descriptive Roll of Colts. purchased for the Madras Cavalry.—

From Ditto— From Ditto— Transmitting a letter for the Secretary to the Military Board.—

From Mr. Sheldon From Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions— requesting to Know whether the Commissary at Trincomale is to receive the Rice landed there from the Bombay, by weight, or measurement.—

From Ditto— From Acting Principal Agent from Cavalry Supplies submitting Certificates of the Quantity of Gram belonging to the 1st 2d and 4th Regiments of Cavalry, damaged by the late storm recommend

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recommends that it be replaced.—

From Colonel Stuart — From Colonel Stuart — has received the Dispatches forwarded from hence on the 1st and 4th Ultimo — to go by the John Packet.—

From Ditto — From Ditto — has also received those sent from hence on the 28th November.—

From Hospital Board — From Hospital Board — have forwarded a supply of Medicines for the use of the Troops serving on Ceylon — recommend that Mr. R. Adams do duty with the Madras Battalion.—

From Military Board — From Military Board submitting further Correspondence between the Commanding Officer & and Storekeeper at Ganjam — and recommending that all the Ordnance and Military Stores at that place be placed in Charge of the former.

From Colonel Braithwaite — From Commander of the Army, transmitting the Chief Engineer's report of Damages done to the Hospital &c., at the Mount by the late Storm also a letter from the Commandant of the 3d Battalion

From Lieut Macintosh — From Lieutenant J. Macintosh requesting leave to proceed to Europe.—

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Dispatches the undermentioned letters &

Entered in M. B. N. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32.-

To Secretary at Bengal - transmitting

To Mr. Secretary Hay

Copy of a letter from Admiral Elphinstone, advising

of the Surrender of the Cape of Good Hope. -

To Ditto forwarding a letter for the &

To Ditto

Secretary to the Military Board.

To Colonel Stuart. - notifying Captain

To Colonel Stuart.

James Graham's appointment as Brigade Major

to the Troops serving on Ceylon - the Company of

Bengal Artillery to be sent to the Coast so soon

as Columbo is reduced - Mr. Commissary Atkinson to

be allowed an Increase of Servants - and all the &

Boats employed on the Columbo Service to be

considered as belonging to the Quarter Master General's

Department - Abstract of the Charter - party of

the Ship Perseverance enclosed. -

To Captain Allan - transmitting an

To Quarter Master General on Ceylon. -

Extract from the foregoing letter for his Information

To Military Board - transmitting Copy

To Military Board

of a letter from Bengal - with an Invoice of the

Ordnance and Stores shipped on the Caledonia -

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To Major Petrie.—

To Major Petrie at Cochin directing him to communicate to the Officer who may command the Detachment destined for Ceylon, all the orders he has received from this Government respecting it.—

To Lieut. Colonel Campbell

To Commandant at Palamcotah enclosing a letter to be delivered by an European Officer in person, to Colonel Balfour upon his Arrival at Tuticorryn - and eventually to Major Petrie.—

At a Consultation

present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor— President

Edward Saunders Esq.r

&

Ernst William Tallofield Esq.r

Tuesday
5.th January 1796

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

The President lays before the Board the following dispatches from Rear Admiral Rainier to Sir George Elphinston, which his Lordship had

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had been requested by the Rear Admiral to open
if Sir George were not arrived at Madras.-

The Honorable Keith Elphinstone K.B.

Rear Admiral of the White and Commander in Chief
of his Majesty's Ships in the Indian Seas.-

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

Sir,

I did myself the honor to address
you the 25th Ultimo by a Ship bound to Bombay,
being here at Sea, and the Master of the Ship in
a great hurry, as is the case also at present, to
inform you that I arrived at Prince of Wales's
Island the 14th of November having left Madras
the 15th of October with his Majesty's Ships Suffolk
and Centurion the Orniston, Surprise and
Many Transports, on board whom was embarked
the 87th Battalion of Sepoys and followers, and on
board His Majesty's Ships, 2nd Battalion Companies
of European Infantry, and 21 European Artillery
also the Honorable Company's; the object of this
Armament to co-operate with the Right Honorable
the President in Council of Fort St. George in obtaining
possession of Amboyna, or other of the Spice Islands now
belonging

Dispatches from Admiral Rainier to Vice Admiral Elphinstone advising of his proceedings at & Malacca - Encloses a Scheme for Lifting the Dimede & Information respecting the Molucca Islands, and the Minute depositing the Government at Malacca

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belonging to the Dutch, concerning which they could give me no information, but just the whole under my orders and directions. On my arival at Prince of Wales's Island found, from information Captain Newcome had acquired from the Ship Duke of Clarence, just arrived from those seas, that it is full early enough to leave the Straights of Malacca by the latter end of January; but I propose sailing hence towards the beginning of it, to be as much before hand as possible. My intention is to take # with me His Majesty's Ships Suffolk, Centurion, Orpheus, Resistance, Swift and Hobart Sloops, and to leave the Battalion companies, and 3 # Companies of Sepoys here, and withdraw from the Garrison here, the 4 Granadier Companies now here, and half the Pioneers the Dutch are justly # strong at Samarang, which is a healthy quarter for Troops, on Java, as you will observe in the enclosed paper of Intelligence*, but it is doubted if they have been able to keep up the usual # garisons at Celibes, Amboyna, and Banda, from the want of their Annual recruits from Europe # these 2 or 3 Years past, and the general mortality on

these

* Vide "Heads of Information No." Entered in Diary to Consultation 15 December 1795 - to which the following N.B. has been annexed by Admiral Rainier - "N.B. - Captain Barisy is a French Emigrant, formerly an Officer in the French Navy, is now at Malacca employed in a Vessel belonging to the King of Cochin China, and a Man worthy of Confidence - the two Spanish Frigates are known to be at Manilla, as per Spy, and have land'd 800 Soldiers there a Galeon attends them as a Transport Signed P.R. -

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these Islands: if we should be able to acquire the
possession of Beurs only and dispossess them at Bantam,
it will be making a beginning; but I flatter myself
we shall be able to do something more — By the
Accounts from Batavia lately arrived here viz.
Palembang, dated October 24th. from Batavia,
the Government of Batavia have come to a
resolution not to admit into any of their Settle-
ments any troops either from the French, Dutch,
or English, but to open their Ports to all Nations,
and preserve a strict neutrality. —

The day I arrived at Penang was
joined by His Majesty's Sloop Swift, who had
been left behind to wait for the Major Comman-
dant of the Troops, and on the 21st. by His Majesty's
Sloop Hobart, from Trincomalé: found riding at
Penang the Orpheus, and Resistance — The Crews
of the Suffolk, and Centurion, and particularly of
the former, becoming troubled with scorbutick
ulcers and fluxes, and as I had some time before
me to spare, allowed them, with the Hobart, to
remain there till the 15th. Instant, when they are
to join me here; the Swift, have ordered to cruize off

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Pulo Rondo for a fortnight, for the protection of the Country China Ships, most of which we passed in our way here, rather sooner than usual, or than I expected. One of the objects of my coming this way, was to dissolve the Dutch Government, the Captor of Malacca had, from a misapprehension, allowed to take place, contrary to the orders of His Majesty, signified in the Secretary of State's letter to Major General Sir Robert Abercromby; and, to lose no time, which might be of bad consequence to His Majesty's Service, I left Penang in the Orpheus, with orders to Captain Packenham, in the Resistance, to follow, with the convoy, two days after and they accordingly are arrived here. Major Brown, the Commandant of the Troops, being very ill, when I arrived here, & which was on November 30th was prevented accomplishing this business, till December 4th when I caused to be read before the Dutch Governor in Council & the enclosed instrument of dissolution. The Fiscal consented to continue, with the usual assistance, to remain in the Administration of Justice, which I believe is also connected with the collection of

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the Revenue; this Major Brown requested I would consent to, as a condition of his acceptance of the Office of Governor, and from the impossibility of a board of His Majesty's subjects being collected for that purpose— I have this moment been shewn the Protest the former Dutch Governor and Council have recorded in Answer to my Order of dissolution, which I shall not have time to procure a Copy of, but will send one by the Swallow packet, of whom I purpose to detain at least to the time of our sailing, having now so favorable an opportunity of giving you this account of my proceedings—

All the Ships here under my orders are victualled with 6 Months Salt provisions, and four Months dry, with Spirits, of which latter there is here at present a quantity, & I suppose, to supply one months more— And I am sorry to acquaint you that, after all the pains I have taken with the Contractor at Madras, & and the numerous fair promises he made me, the biscuit, particularly that on board the Arniston is

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much respect.— &c. &c.

Orpheus, Malacca (Signed) Peter Rainier

12th December 1795.—

True Copy

(Signed) Dan.l Ince

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The President and Council of &

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conjointly with myself as &

Commanding Officer of His &

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agreed upon by those Officers and the Government
of Malacca do not meet our approbation, as it
appearing by no means consistent with the orders
received from the Secretary of State, or the instructions
they received founded on those Orders, the true &
meaning whereof were either, that the Dutch &
Settlement, in obedience to the directions of his &
Serene Highness the Prince Stadholder, should accept
the Protection of His Britannic Majesty, or, in the
event of a rejection of such offer of Protection, being
reduced by force, the Settlement should be considered
under the Authority of the King of Great Britain
and no Controll whatever remain with the Persons
heretofore in the Practise of exercising the power &
of Administration under the Dutch Government.

The first of the preliminary Articles
completely specifying the grounds upon which the
Settlement was surrendered concerning which &
could any doubt have remained, the letter from
Governor Couperus to the Right Honorable the
President, which is a very Candid and honorable
Statement of every material Circumstance from &

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the Arrival of the Ships at Malacca to its
surrender, would have completely removed it.—
We are therefore of opinion that no Dutch
Government can exist at Malacca until His
Majesty's pleasure be known, and, consequently
that no other Flag but the British can be allowed
to be displayed there.—

Therefore by Virtue of the Power and
Authority to me Committed, I do hereby declare
the present Government of Malacca to be
dissolved, and is hereby dissolved accordingly:
and that Major Archibald Brown in his absence
the Commanding Officer of the Troops in Garrison
for the time being, be considered as Governor thereof
till further Orders, and till His Majesty's Pleasure
be known, permitting him to take to his
Assistance such Officers in Civil employs of
the former Dutch Government as he may
think proper, but by no means allowing them
to associate them in the Government, but to
Consider themselves as appointed to their several
Offices by the British Government.

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The very honorable Testimony given by Major Archibald Brown to the loyal and prudent Conduct of the late Governor, and particularly that of Mr. Abraham Couperus the Governor during the administration of that Government, I shall represent in the most favorable light to my superior Officer, when he arrives, The Honorable Sir George Keith Elphinston K. B. Rear Admiral and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships in the Indian Seas, and to the Right Honorable the President and Council of Fort St. George for the information of his Majesty's Ministers, and I have the satisfaction to announce that the Right Honorable the President in Council have expressed their wish that such Allowance be made for the Civil Servants of the Dutch East India Company at this Place as may be found convenient and that every attention be shewn to the Comfort and Honor of Mr. Couperus.

Read in the presence of the late Governor and Council of Malacca at the Council Table December 4th 1795.

True Copy
[Signed] Danl Ince
Depy Secy

Information

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Information collected from Mr. Court

/Commander of a Vessel/ respecting the Winds and Weather &c. to be expected between the Straits of Malacca, and the Molucca Islands, at different Seasons of the Year

The above Gentleman was 27 Months cruizing in the vicinity of the Molucca's.—

He says any person wishing to sail from the Straits of Malacca to the Molucca Islands should not quit the Straits before the last day of January, for this reason; the Winds before this time, from the Line to 6°. 00 South blows strong from the S.W. with hard squalls and rain, and a Current setting to the N. Westward at the rate of 2 Knots P. hour — should a you sail earlier expecting the N.E. Monsoon will carry you to the Eastward, you will only carry you as far as the Straits of Macassar you will then meet with the South East Winds and a Current against you.— From the 1st. of February, to the 1st. of April is the best time to make a passage, from the Straits of Malacca to the Molucca Islands, for this reason, the Northerly and North East Winds will carry you to the South End of

Borneo

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Borneo, and you will then meet with the N.W.e
Winds and a Current in your favor, which will &
secure you a Speedy Passage, as these winds extend &
from the line to 6 or 7 degrees S.e From the 15th of April
to the 15th of June the Winds in the above Track &
become variable and the Weather unsettled with heavy
squalls at times, particularly on the full and &
change of the Moon, from this time until the 15th or 20th
of January the S.E.t Monsoon generally blows a &
steady fresh Breze with fine pleasant W. except
in the springs, when you may expect unsettled &
Weather. After the S.E.t Monsoon has well set in
among the Molucca's, it will be a good time for
Leave those parts, to go to the Westward; best should
you not sail before the 15th of August, you will have
a very tedious Passage from the South end of Borneo
to the Straits of Malacca, or the Coromandel &
Coast, should you be bound to the latter Part, it
will be proper to go through the Straits of Sunda
when you approach them. The Dutch Ships
from Batavia bound to the Molucca's do not
Sail until the middle of February and they are

not

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not expected in those parts until the 15th of April.—
Mr. Court says, after having made any of the
Islands to the Eastward in the N.E. Monsoon, and
wish to go into Port, you must be very carefull, and
not allow the Current to set you to the Eastward or
Leward of the Island, or you will meet with much
difficulty in working up again. On the Island of
Ceram (called by the Natives Seram) wherever a village
is to be seen, you may be sure of finding Wood and
Water, and fresh Provisions, such as deer, Wild Hogs,
Turtle, Fowls, and Goats: on this Island Cash is
not much in valuation—Nagore blue Cloth, and
White Baftas are the best Articles to exchange
for refreshments, Coarse Cutlery is a good Article
for exchange—The Village of Savoy (about the middle
of the Island on the North East) and the Village of
Warroo on the N.E. end of the Island (are particularly
plentifull in refreshments and Mr. Court says if
he thinks if his Name is mentioned to the
Natives it may be the means of your being better
supplied, as he is well Known to them.—As the
Island of Myed wherever a village is to be seen,

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you may expect the same refreshments as on the Island of Ceram excepting Deer — The Island of Banda is entirely supplied with Provisions from the Island of Ceram excepting Rice, which is sent to them from the Island of Java, as it is to the most of the Islands in those Seas — There is not any Anchorage on the outside of this Island, you will not find any until you enter the Bay, which is on the North side of the Island, Mr. Court says he has heard there are 500 European Troops on this Island. Amboyna is very plentifull with regard to Provisions of every kind, the Natives here take Cash for their Articles. The Island of Bouro is only defended by a Dutch Serjeant and 10 European Soldiers, who principally depends on the Natives to assist them in defending the Island, but Mr. Court has seen an instance of the Natives deserting the Dutch Troops, when an English Flag appeared, Refreshments of every kind are to be had at this Island — He says you must

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be very careful not to hoist Dutch Colours as there are many Islands in those Seas which are not subject to the Dutch whose Natives do hold the Dutch in the greatest detestation & a Red English Ensign is the only English Colours they are acquainted with.—

Bearings of a Shoal on which the Ship Duke of Clarence struck in September 1795.—

The Western end of Pooanoetoo North distance by computation about 5 Leagues, the body of Carimatta N.E. and a small Island in the Shape of a Button N.b.E.½E. Dt. This Shoal is composed of Sand and Coral rocks, and appears not to be in extent more than 100 Yards Square, on its shoalest part there d. cannot be more than 2 or 3 feet Water never=theless it does not always break.—

True Copy

(Signed) Danl. Ince

Depy Secy

Scheme

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Scheme for lifting the Diomede

The Diomede would best be lifted by Catamarans but I would not advise the sort of Catamarans the Madrass people make use of which they do, to weigh large Anchors, but in building them I think pieces should be put in, to keep the Timber, one foot open in Eight equal sides; wherein bars of could be shifted of Eighteen feet according to the Model I send you, and a stage should be made the extent of the Catamarans with Thwart Ships pieces, the ends which would gather in with a turn of the Ropes from the end of the bars, whatever is to be done by them, the Model will more fully explain this,

The Model in the following proportion, one quarter of an Inch to the foot, and half an Inch in width, the Rough Model of the Frigates Side also one quarter of an Inch, to the foot & corresponding to each other I made them that they Might by experiment be reduced to practice to prove by small what can be done, by large bodies, according to the Magnitude I have proved them, and the small Model of the Catamaran weighted,

being

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hung to the rough Model of the Frigates side from the Bottom 16 Pounds, floating it with great care by a nine Inch Bar equal to 18 feet in what the Catamarans may have to do by 12 feet Diometer as the Frigate is built of Oak so I made the Model of her side, and cut her ports, near in proportion to what they are in the Diomede. —

According to the best Calculation and by the best and most accurate trials the Diomede will weigh as follows in Water and in Air. —

	Tons in Air	Tons in Water
The Wood of the Hull	560.	"
Bolts, Rudder, Irons, Chains and Nails according to the Navel Calculations	20.	17
Guns and Shot supposing many out	60.	52½
Ballast (if Iron)	110.	94.
Gallys, Sweepers and Hause heads	4.	3½
Copper	5.	4½
Iron Knees and Standards	10.	8½
Cordage	8.	3. —

Wet oak is equal to Salt Water and Fir Decks will Effect the Buoyancy. —

Acording

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According to Calculation proved by experiment find the weight to be raised is 183 Tons, the Model of the Catamaran is equal to 16 lbs with the Oak side, with 13 Ports, and the following is the Calculation between its effect and what can be produced by a Catamaran of 12 feet Deameter and 150 feet long.—

The Model is turned, at 6 Inches Diameter and 36 Inches long, then a 36 Inches or 3 feet long, and 6 Inches Diameter, is equal to 16 lbs, what is a Catamaran of 12 feet Diameter and 150 feet long equal to— the Answer will be 605 Tons.—

The Calculation is here taken from a Piece of Knotty Fir— Catamaran wood is much lighter, and will by its greater Buoyancy, make up for many Vacancies there must of necessity be by its being composed of many Peices.—

The Divers Dress is with a Copper head piece covered with Leather which must go down as a Childs Dress / to the Knees and Wrists, and there made fast with wax between the Leather and the Skin to make it water tight having much Room below the body to receive any water,

that

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that may get in, by which means the Diver it will not be incommoded for some time by it that Element, The dress must have strong & wire hoops to guard against the Pressure.—

The Common Hookah Snake is a very good Tube if well made and water tight, I have used no other/ one must be made to convey off the destroyed Air, and the other to supply the Diver—

The breathed air being much lighter than the other, will ascend to the Top, and for whose discharge I have placed the upper Tube—

Common Ketchen Bellows, will by a Gentle pressure, force down the lower tube sufficient air that the Diver will feel no inconvenience by staying below any time to sling, eat, &c.—

The small Cock at the side, is for the admission of air when out of the Water and totally at the Command of the Diver.—

There must also be a square Piece of Plate Glass fixed in the most convenient Place for sight and strong wire drawn athwart it to keep it from breaking The water being Clear at Vizeomale will be a great advantage.—

On

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One each side a Catamaran of 12 feet &
Diameter and 150 feet long will weigh above 600
Tons, 82 Bars or Leaver can be shipped at once
with 10 Men to each Leaver with two ropes leading
to the end of each, five men to one Rope will &
Amount to 820 Men, the Leaver is three Semidiameter
or fulcha are being 18 feet, long and of course the power &
will be three to one in favor of the means having
if one man weighs 140 lbs / the Common Calculation/
and he heaves on Cwt: they will be equal to 246
Tons, which is 37 Tons more than the Calculated
weight to be Raised.— The weight to be raised &
according to its gravity in water is 183 Tons, 1640
Men 112 lbs each with the Triple Leaver 246 Tons
— the Cattamaran will Swim, equal to the &
weight of 400 Tons and upwards.—

Vessels can be laid forward and aft &
wherever they can get hold to heave, and Smaller
Catamarans getting Toggles under the Hatches,
Bitts and Scuttles, will also help.—

The large Catamarans should have Cables,
Toggled through the Ports fore and aft that no
one place might receive more strain than &
another

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another to damage the Vessel, Cattamaran Wood as well as many other sorts, is plentiful at Trincomalee, therefore no great expence would occur as that sore - large Spars to connect the three Catamarans, on each side according to the side curve will be sufficient.-

First the Hook Shears are to be used as follows If Divers cannot be procured they must have the wooden Shaft which, by the traveler, on each of the upper legs will tend to open them and fix them on whatever they are to bring up, if a Gun they will encompass it, if a Chest they will with their points enter its sides in proportion to its weight.-

The tapered wood screw must have a strong shaft, and at different lengths, according to the depth of Water and a hole through it to ship a bolt, to have it into what it is to take up & this Instrument I have found very useful/ a strong Ring must be fixed below the Socket through which a Rope must pass to weigh what

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the screw is fixed into, I would advise many of those and of many different sizes, as any person in a Boat may use them, and five or six may be fixed in the Carriage of a Gun, that would weigh it; I have weighed with a one Inch Wood worm screw into Teak only, where the Plank was only 4 Inches thick, a Nine Pounder Iron Gun - and Elm or Oak is much closer grained -

3.dly The Spring Hook must be used only, when the purchase is there, for without Divers it seldom can be disengaged from what it has got hold of, it cannot be used for any thing but Guns, and by its Jointed Curbe & flying back and having a Right Angle bend & it Compleately hooks the standing part of the hooks which serves to strengthen the Shank, and Jam the Gun -

4.thly A Saw about 6 feet long with a Socket in it for a Pole; - either to saw Plank or cut Rope; the Teeth ought to be small & otherwise they will hang. -

Common

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Common hooks are also used for getting hold of any thing convenient.—

If attempted with Vessels two large or 4 small Ones must be got—and getting right over the Diomede, and their sides perpendicular to hers, to take in Cables fast through her Ports and Passed or through the upper Deck Ports of the Vessels to raise her and made fast on the opposite side the Gun Deck Ports being Caulked in, Trim the Ballast in the hold and lower Decks, so as to bring the Ship on a great heel, at low water, heave taught every Rope made fast to the Frigate, and secure them, Turn all hands to trimming Balast to the opposite side which will most likely if all hold fast weigh the Frigate—but the motion of a floating Vessel is so much according to the Buoyancy, that I fear the swell will carry away the fastnings from the Frigate; this, with Vessels, must be done by a carrying the Frigate into Shoaler water where she will take the Ground, and the next tide doing the same again, and then lightening her, and take her into the Harbour if the water is smooth if

this

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this is the quickest, and surest method, in my humble Opinion, to Effect the business.—

The Ports must be Caulked in on each side and every thing Secured for fear of the Cables giving way Small Vessels at Head and Stern may be used, but no Ship can Sheer, at her extremities any great weight, without injuring herself fastening through every Port or Space of them, distributes the strain fore and aft, both for the ease of the Frigate, and the Heaving Vessels.—

True Copy
(Signed) Dan. Ince
Dep. Secy

Copies to be sent to the Secret Committee

Ordered that a copy of the above dispatch be forwarded to the Secret Committee by the Ship Chichester, daily expected from Bengal.—

The President lays before the Board the following Copy of a letter from Vice Admiral Sir George Elphinstone to the Commander of his Majesty's Ships at Bombay, received by his Lordship from Captain Gardner of his Majesty's Ship Heroine—

Senior

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Senior Officer of His Majesty's Ships
and Vessels. —
Bombay

Sir,

I am happy to inform you of the
Surrender of this Colony to His Majesty's Arms
on the 16th of September last; enclosed is a copy of the
terms of Capitulation, also an Inventory of Naval
Stores remaining on board the Eagle intended for
the Kings Ships at Bombay which you will
be pleased to cause particular care to be taken in
securing them as usual and transmit to me
at Madras an exact List of the Naval Stores
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of the British in which case you may send one there, should you judge it more safe and convenient, first to put into that Port for Orders.—

There are some Soldiers intended for Madras sent from hence in the Bombay Ships. you are therefore to give a passage to as many of these to the other Coast as you can, should the Presidency require it, victualling them in the usual manner.—

If it should happen that the Dutch settlements of Cochin on the Coast or Colombo on the Island of Ceylon have not been subdued but, that such an event is pending you are at Liberty notwithstanding the above and required to corporate with the General for that Service and to communicate to one such information by the readiest conveyance possible, as well as every other circumstance of it consequence which may occur, of course you will communicate to the Government the orders herein contained, for the more advantageously effecting the general interest and objects of the Service.—

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In my Letter of the 10th August I informed you of my having intercepted dispatches from Amsterdam and enclosed you Extracts thereof; and as there are many Ships from America and others under Danish Flags chartered to land Cargoes at the French Islands and to carry Dutch property to Holland or France under pretence of being Neutral Property of which number is the Grey-hound of Charlestown from Bourdeaux and the Nancy of Boston; if they are met with by the Kings Cruizers they are to be detained; the Dutch Dispatches state that the Effects so transported are to be of the best quality and direct that the Vessels may be well treated on their sailing.-

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) G. H. Elphinstone

His Majesty's Ship
Monarch
Table Bay
Cape of Good Hope the 4th October 1795.

Articles

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Articles of Capitulation

proposed by the Honorable Commissary and Council of Regency of the Cape of Good Hope to General Alured Clarke – Commanding His Britannick Majesty's Troops and to Vice Admiral Sir George Keith Elphinstone K.B. Commanding the Ships of War of His said Majesty. –

Articles of Capitulation for the surrender of the Cape of Good Hope

Article 1st..... The Castle and the Town shall be surrendered to the Troops of his Britannick Majesty

Answer.– – – The Capitulation being Signed the Castle and the Town must be surrendered to a Detachment of His Britannick Majesty's Troops at 11 o'Clock this day. –

Article 2d – – – The Military shall march out with the honors of War and shall then lay down their Arms and become Prisoners of War but the Officers shall retain their Swords. –

Answer. . . Agreed. –

Articles 3d – – – Such Officers as shall be desirous of leaving the Colony shall have permission to do so, they giving their Parole of Honor, that they will not serve against Great Britain during the present War

was and there shall be no impediment to their going home in Neutral Ships if they chuse it at their own expence.—

Answer.... Agreed, and in the mean time they shall remain Prisoners on their parole at the Cape Town

Article 4th.... Such Officers as choose to remain here without Service shall have leave to do so.—

Answer.... Agreed.

Article 5th.... All Property belonging to the Dutch East India Company shall be faithfully delivered up without reservation and proper Inventories furnished to such Officers as shall be appointed to receive it, but all private property of every sort, & whether belonging to the Company's Civil, Naval or Military Servants to the Burghers and Inhabitants to Churches, Orphans or publick Institutions shall remain sacred and untouched.—

Answer.... Agreed to in its fullest latitude

Article 6th.... Servants of the Company out of Service of the Burghers desirous of remaining in the Colony shall be permitted to do so

Answer.... Agreed.—

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Article 7th ... The Inhabitants of the Colony shall preserve the prerogatives which they at present enjoy — Public worship as at present in use shall also be maintained without alteration —

Answer ... Agreed.

Article 8th ... His Britannick Majesty shall continue they Papers money in the present value, to prevent the Total ruin of the Inhabitants —

Answer ... Agreed.

Article 9th ... No new Taxes shall be introduced but the present ones shall be modified as much as possible in consideration of the decay of the Colony

Answer ... Agreed.

Article 10th ... The Commissary as Prisoner of War shall after having delivered up what belongs to the Company be at liberty to depart from hence on his Parole of Honor and may of he chuses it, take his passage on Board a Neutral Ship

Answer ... Agreed. —

Article 11th ... He shall also be permitted to carry along with him or to release, all his private property of every sort giving his word of honor as to

it

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it being really such—

Answer:— Agreed.

Article 12th ... He shall likewise have & ⁊
permission after having faithfully delivered ⁊
up all Papers, Plans &c. belonging to this Govern-
ment, to retain all Papers belonging to have
self and which may appear necessary to him for
the vindication of his conduct during the time
of his Ministry in the same manner as he ⁊
might have done had he been discharged by his
Sovereign.—

Answer Agreed

Article 13th No persons whatever, whether
Servants of the Company, Seamen Military, &
Burghers or others belonging to the Colony shall
be pressed into His Britannick Majesty's Service,
or engaged but by their own free will and Consent

Answer Agreed.—

/Signed/ Alured Clarke Lieut.
George Keith Elphinstone
Vice Admiral.—

Additional

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Additional Article

It having been represented to us that the utmost confusion must ensue in the Colony and that it would in all probability be attended with the entire ruin of it if the Paper Money now circulating in it were deprived of that Security which can alone give any effect to the 8th Articles. —

We therefore consent, that the Lands and Houses, the property of the Dutch East India Company in this Settlement shall continue the Security of that part of the Money which is not already secured Mortgages upon the Estates of Individuals by its having been lent to them. — This is to be however without prejudice to the Government of Great Britain having the use of the Buildings and for Publick purposes — and we will further represent to His Majesty's Government the importance of this Subject to the future prosperity of the Colony, and request that they will take it into Consideration in order to make such Arrangements as may appear proper for its further security if necessary or for its final liquidation if practicable. —

(Signed) Alured Clarke Genl
G: K: Elphinston vice Admt

Ordered

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Ordered that Copies of the above be sent
Order thereon
to Bengal. –

Read the following letter from Major Brown

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the
from Major Brown at Malacca enclosing Copy of his letter to Captain & Commander of the Orpheus on receipt of this with a drawing the Garrison of Pinang, and the Islands of Pinang & the Prince of Wales's & Islands without any communication with shore. –

Since embarkation from Madras with the Detachment committed to my Charge & I have had the honor to address your Lordship in Council the 8th of August, after leaving Prince of Wales's Island where it was received the 9th and from whence I afterwards learned by Mr Mannington, that unexpectedly it had not been dispatched & until the 18th on the 14th at Sea off Cape Rachado on the 6th of September from this place entrusted to Capt Isaac, and on the 6th of October, by the Lucy via Bengal, which last only has yet to go in Duplicate, and will be forwarded by the first Conveyance to Madras & which may be expected in a few Days by one of the Ships from China – By the present Conveyance

the

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the Sarah Captain Mc Intosh from China bound for Bombay to touch at Anjengo, wherce this will be forwarded over land to me. I would not have intruded upon your Lordships time, but for the Circumstance to which your Lordship will find stated in my Letter to Captain Newcome, with all the fullness and perspicuity that my want of Information of the Grounds upon which he has acted has permitted.

By a Paper which I have requested the Commander of the Army on the Coast to lay before your Lordship, it appears that Poud, which is fortified only by a Stockade, is but 35 Miles in direct distance from Prince of Wales's Island, 10 Miles Inland from the Mouth of the River, and had only 33 Europeans including the Commandant, Surgeon and two Book Keepers, with 8 Natives, and that it produced to the Company, upon an Average Yearly, about 5000 Peculs of Tin, which is a large Return for so small an Establishment And in consequence Captain Newcome having adopted the Measure without

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without particular Instructions to that Effect,
and that the Ideas in my Letter are happily
enough to meet your Lordship's Approbation,
I will indulge the hope that Orders may be sent
to the British Naval Commander in this Quarter
to re-establish the Settlement at Pera by the
same People and on the same footing as heretofore-

It will no doubt be agreeable to your
Lordship to be informed that although a temporary
provision of 5000 Dollars ₰ Month for Repairs
and strengthening Works to the Fortifications, was
made in the Statement of British and Dutch Funds,
which I have had the honor to forward in Duplicate
to your Lordship in Council- a very considerable &
Extent of heavy Work, which is indispensibly &
necessary is already executed, and will be completed
without any Expence to the British or Dutch
Funds in addition to the established Expence of
the Detachment, excepting the price of some &
Stakes, where Stockade Work was necessary.-

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

Malacca
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(Signed) A. Brown
Captain

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Captain Henry Newcome

Commanding His Majesty's Ship

Orpheus

Sir.

Having done myself the honor to write you the 28th of September by the Adventure Captain Godfrey, the beginning of last Month by the H. Duke of Clarence, by a Proow on the 1st and by the Pinang Snab on the 8th Current, and not having heard from you since you left this, the 22d. of September, although opportunities have occurred by the Glowester and several Paows from Poinne of Wales's Island; uncertainty of your situation would have dissuaded me from writing by the Sarah, which will convey this was it not for a letter I received last night from Mr. Goate 2d Lieutenant of the Orpheus from Pera advising that he "had come there a "privious to the Arrival of the Dutch Cutter from "Malacca with your Orders to withdraw the "Garrison, and to carry the Troops and Company's "Stores to Poinne of Wales's Island and that he

had

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"had permitted the Commander of the Cutter Prince
"Malacca to act as he thought proper" — which
being the whole and only Information I have
received on this Subject, I am left to conjecture
that the Measure has been adopted in consequence
of Instructions you may have lately received to
that Effect, pledge however as the faith of the
British Nation had been by your agreeing
at a Meeting of the Council of this Government
previous to your going to Rio, that as Peras, &
having only Thirty Men attached to it, merely
for the purpose of smelting the Company Tin
was a place of no force, and brought in a
considerable Revenue to Government, Matters
there should remain in Statequo, and on which
Occasion you assented to the Company's Cutter
proceeding from hence with provisions and pay
to the Smelting Party, unless these Instructions
appear to have been of date subsequent to
Commodore Rainier's receiving your Letter &
advising him of the Determination respecting
Pera, and of my Letter containing similar
Information

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Information to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart which was communicated to you on your Return from Rio, I can have no doubt in thinking that it would have been more acceptable to the Authority from whence these Instructions may have come, to have suspended Execution of them until a Advice had been received of the Resolution in Council respecting Pera; more especially as by adopting such a Measure to save violation of the National Faith, no risk whatever to the British Interest was to be apprehended, as the Smelting Party and Dutch Stores could have been removed at any time either by a Letter of Order from this Government which is in sworn Allegiance to His Britannic Majesty, or by a Party of Twenty Men from Prince of Wales's Island from whence Pera is not above twelve Hours sail.—

Permit me to request your serious & Consideration of these Circumstances, and should the Multiplicity of Matters which pressed on your Expedition to Rio, and during your short stay here after your Return, have occasioned Circumstances relative to Pera to have escaped your recollection and thus you may have been induced to adopt

the

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the late Measure under Idea of its being the best for the British Interests - Trusting that the foregoing Statement may inclene you to think with me that the National Faith has in this case been violated; in order to heal and restore it, and under the Idea that it is better to rectify than to persist in Error, I anxiously wish & and recommend that the Smelting Party, with the Articles of Public Stores, may be replaced at Pera, which may be done without any protecting Detachment of Troops from Prince of Wales's Island, or any Expence further than the Freight of small Vessel that can carry them, as I am assured by this Government that the Natives of Pera will receive them with open Arms, as they have been accustomed to benefit by the Connection -

Should Circumstances leave you at Liberty to restore Matters at Pera, you can make such explanatory addition to my Letter to Lord Hobart as to you may seem proper for which Enclose it to you open; if not I request you may seal Colonel Brathwaite Letter enclosing therein the

Letter

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Letter to his Lordship and commit it to the Charge of Captain Macintosh of the Ship Sarah who will have the honor of delivering it to you. –

Should you have adopted the Measure in consequence of late Instructions to that Effect, I can only regret that you did not avail yourself of the ease opening there was to have communicated with this Government before you carried them into Execution, that so the Public Confidence in this Quarter might have been preserved, and the Inhabitants of Malacca & who by His Majesty's Proclamation had receive Assurance of protection to their property, might have had Opportunity of collecting and bringing it from Lena. –

Malacca
20th November 1795.

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
/signed/ A. Brown

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

From Major Brown. Has received the Board's Orders of 17th October - assumed the Govt in consequence & the Govt in constitution of Malacca

My Lord,

I have had the honor to receive a letter from

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from your Lordships in Council under date the 17th October
by his Excellency Commodore Rainier, who arrived
here on H. M. Ships the Orpheus on the Evening of
the 30th Ultimo The Resistance with the Transports
and Troops under the Commodore's Orders having arrived
and in very healthy State on the 2d Current.—

I am highly gratified by the Approbation
which your Lordship in Council has done me the H
honor to express of my professional Conduct & H
preparatory to compelling Surrender of the place;
and most unfeignedly Regret that the joint Measure
of the Naval and Military Commanders in constituting
the Government as it was formed after they took possession
of Malacca, has fallen under your disapprobation,
and which, may I be permitted to say, has come
unexpectedly, as in adopting it under Circumstances
which had occurred, they thought they acted in the
Manner that would be most acceptable to His Majesty,
to your Lordship in Council, and to his Excellency
Commodore Rainier.—

On the 4th Current the Government has been
dissolved by a Minute, read in Council by his Excellency
who

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who therein has done me the Honor, to nominate and appoint me Governor, untill the pleasure of His Majesty, or of Your Lordship in Council may be known. — I was not present on the Occasion, having been prevented by a Fever which had seized me some days before the Commodore Arrived and still continued to keep me Bedfast. —

It has left me for the two days past but so weak as to prevent me from being prepared to embrace the Opportunity of communicating as fully as might be wished by the Spy Captain Jacot which arrived last night from Manilla and Sails immediately for Madras direct. touching only for a few hours at Prince of Wales's Island. —

This impresses me with the less Regret however, as the Commodore conveys Dispatches to Your Lordship in Council by the Spy, and I will avail myself of Opportunity which may be shortly expected by the China Ship for Madras to write at more length, I will only add that Attention to Economy and

Disinterested

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Disinterested Management will be my &
Unremitted care —

I have the Honor to be,
My Lord,
with perfect Respect —
&c. &c.
(Signed) A. Brown

Malacca
12th December 1794:

William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir,

From Major Brown — The Board's orders of 30th Sept and 1st October — Received — Commodore has taken the Command. —

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 30th of September advising the pleasure of the Right Honorable the President in Council & relative to the Authority vested in Commodore Rainier, under whose Command I had the Honor to place the Troops composing this Garrison, by an order issued in the Moment of His Excellency's Situation in the Offing being ascertained in the Evening of the 30th Ultimo

Your letter of the 1st of October has also been Received, with the Regulations of Earl Cornwallis relative to working parties & therein inclosed, which shall be implicitly Regarded —

&

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As it will be satisfactory, I request you to do me the honor to acquaint His Lordship in Council, that a considerable Extent of heavy but indispensably necessary Work has been undertaken, and will I think be finished in the Course of 12 days, without drawing any thing from the British or Dutch Funds, beyond the next Monthly expense of the British Detachment excepting a trivial Expence of Stakes & for a Stockade, of which I will have the honor to acquaint his Lordship more particularly through the Commander of the Army in a few days

I have the honor to be,

Malacca
12th Decmber 1795...

&c &c

/Signed/ C. Brown

Read the following letter from the Resident at Poona. —

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

My Lord,

From Sir Charles Malet
— the Duration of the Peshwa
illness is still suspended. —

I have been favored with Mr.
Secretary Jackson's letter of the 20th Ultimo; and
have

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have to acquaint your Lordship, that though the principal Personages here have ostensibly & assented to fulfilling the vacant Measures by an Alien Adoption; yet the Declaration of the Peshwa Elect is still deferred in every unaccountable & Manner. -

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

Poona
11th Decmber 1795. -

(Signed) C. W. Malet

Read the following letter from

Major Petrie.

To William Collins Jackson Esq.

Military Secretary &c.

Sir,

I had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 15th instant, this Morning and have to request you will have the Goodness to inform The Right Honorable the President in Council, that his & Commands / as far as depends upon me / shall be most punctually obeyed. - The Commanding Officer of the Force in a letter of the 5th instant informs

From Major Petrie reporting the Steps he has taken for executing the Board's orders respecting the Reinforcements from the Malabar. -

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informs me that Government had advertised for shipping, but from private Letters of a later Date, I learn that Ships were engaged and expected to sail from Bombay on or before the 25th instant and may probably arrive here from the 1st to the 3d of next Month.—

As the principal part of the Stores & required by Colonel Braithwaite for the intended Service must be furnished from the Presidency, I lost no time in making the necessary Communications and requisition to the Commanding Officer of the Forces there, and have this day strongly urged & Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson who Commands in this Province to have such Stores &c. as this Coast can furnish in readiness for embarkation previous to the Arrival of the Transports— Should they not be ready, I have mentioned my Intention of immediately embarking the Troops with their Field Pieces, and that the heavy Stores may be sent after us.— The 77th Regiment and the Grenadier Battalion of Native Infantry are now upon their March for Cochin, and the 3d Native Battalion

with

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with the Company of Artillery are to embark on the Transports at the Residency.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) George Petrie
Major 77th Regt.

Cochin
December 23d. 1795.

The President acquaints the Board that

The President reports the intentions of the Bombay Government to appoint Colonel James Balfour to the Command of the Detachment from thence.—

Colonel Braithwaite has reported to his Lordship, that he had received a letter from Colonel James Balfour, Commanding his Majesty's 77th Regiment advising that the Acting Governor in Council had it in contemplation to appoint him to the Command of the Bombay Detachment to be employed on the Island of Ceylon, and as this measure would have the Effect of superceding Colonel Stuart in the Command which had been intrusted to him, and which he had conducted so well as to merit the approbation of the Governor General in Council as well as of this Government, his Lordship recommends the following letters be written to Colonels Balfour and Stuart.—

To

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To Colonel James Balfour

Commanding a Detachment from

Bombay

Sir,

Letter to Colonel Balfour intimating him to make over the Command of the Bombay Detachment to the Officer next in rank and to proceed himself to Bombay

The Detachment ordered from Bombay and Malabar to co-operate with the Troops of this Establishment in Reduction of Columbo being placed under the immediate authority of this Government by virtue of orders from the Governor General in Council of Fort William, we direct that, on the Receipt of this Letter you will deliver over the Command of the Bombay Detachment to the Officer next in Rank and proceed yourself to Bombay.-

We deem it necessary to acquaint you that Colonel James Stuart has been appointed by us to the Command of all the British Troops serving on the Island of Ceylon or to be employed in the Reduction of the Dutch Settlements thereon, and has Received our positive Orders to retain that Command until he shall be

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be delivered by Authority from me, you will & deliver the enclosed letter to the Officer upon whom the Command of the Bombay Detachment will devolve on your receiving this order.—

We are, &c. &c.

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(Signed) Hobart
&c. Council

To Colonel James Stuart

Commanding the British Forces
on the

Island of Ceylon

Sir,

To Colonel Stuart
Officially appointing him to Command all the Troops on Ceylon
—further Instructions on the Subject.—

Having received information from Bombay of the probability of an Officer Senior to you being likely to proceed with the & Detachment from thence, intended for the Service against Columbo and being apprehensive that such an Event might be productive of Embarrassment with regard to the Service on which you have been employed and Received the Orders of this Government, for carrying into Execution, you will therefore understand that

you

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you are hereby specially appointed to the Command of all the Troops on the Island of Ceylon, or Employed for the Reduction of the Dutch Settlements thereon, as well those that have been sent from this Presidency, as those from the Bombay Establishment, which by an order of the Supreme Government have been placed under our Authority: In virtue whereof, should any Officer Senior to you arrive in Command of the Detachment from Bombay, you will acquaint him that he is immediately, on Receipt of such communication, to repair to his former Station and on no Account to attempt to Exercise any Military Authority whatsoever over any part of the Troops engaged in the Service against Columbo or any other of the Dutch Settlements on the Island of Ceylon. –

Having received the Notification of General Clarke's Appointment of Commander in Chief upon the Coast, we think it an attention due to him in the Event of his Arrival at Ceylon,

and

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and personally demanding the Command of the
Expedition against Columbo, to direct that,
notwithstanding this special authority, you
should comply therewith, and communicate
to him all such instructions as you have
received from us, respecting the reduction of
the Dutch Settlements.—

We enclose a letter under a flying
Seal for Colonel Balfour, which you will
deliver in the Event of his Arrival on the
Island of Ceylon.—

We are &c. &c.

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Signed Hobart.
&c. Council

Approved and Ordered Accordingly

Ordered also that the following letter
be written to Bengal and to Bombay.—

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

Colonel Brathwaite having acquainted
us that he had received a letter from Colonel Jame Balfour
stating

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enclosing Copies of the above
letters to Colonel Stuart
and Balfour.—

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stating that the Acting Governor in Council of Bombay had it in contemplation to appoint him to the Command of the Bombay Detachment to be employed on the Island of Ceylon; and as this measure would have the Effect of superceding Colonel Stuart in the Command which we had intrusted to him, and of which he had conducted so well as to merit the approbation of the Supreme Government as well as of our own, we have deemed it necessary to direct Colonel Balfour, upon his Arrival at Tutacorin, to deliver over the Command of the Detachment to the Officer next in Rank; and to return himself to Bombay - and we have requested Colonel Stuart that he is to retain the Command of the Troops serving on the Island of Ceylon, or to be employed in the Reduction of the Dutch Settlements thereon, until our further pleasure be communicated to him.

Copies of our Letters to Colonels Balfour and Stuart are enclosed for your information.

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

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(Signed) Hobart
&c. Council.

The same to the Honble Jonathan Duncan Esq. Govr in Council Bombay

Read the following Letter from His Highness the Nabob (entered also in C. C. No 5)

Translation

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Translation of a Letter

From His Highness the Nabob Omdat ul Omra Bahadur

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart, Governor of Fort St. Geo:

Dated 1st January 1796

Recived. Do. . . . Do.

From the Nabob requesting an Account of the Arrears of Pension due to General Joseph Smith to the day of his Death shall hereafter reply on the subject of that Gent. Heir's Claim—

I have received and understand the contents of your Lordship's letter dated 20th November, concerning the pension of General Joseph Smith, and the communication of the Court of Directors on the subject—

My friend, owing to War and other causes in this Country, some delay has taken place in remitting the Amount of the General's pension—Agreeably to the promise of my honored father, it is my wish and intention, to discharge the Arrears of the General's pension to the final period of his existence—The Accounts of those Arrears are with my Mutteseddies, and I request your Lordship will be pleased to enquire for and furnish me with, an account of the Arrears owing to the General, to the day of his death, that I may have it compared—with the blessing of God, after deducting the Amount of the receipts

I shall

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I shall pay off the balance by monthly instalments of one Thousand Star Pagodas each, with my Lists commencing from the 1st February 1796, untel the whole be discharged.—

With respect to the house of Mr. James Hay, situated at Saint Thome' I shall reply to your Lordship's Letter hereafter.—

What can I write more?

A true Translation

(Signed) Alex.r Falconer
Pr. Jr.

Minute thereon

Ordered that a letter be written to the Nabob, acquainting him with the Amount of the Arrears of Pension due to the Estate of the late General Joseph Smith.—

Read the following letter from Captain Lieutenant Keith Macalister

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord,

From Captain Macalister stating his Claim to compensation for having given up his Bullocks for the Public Service & at Settlement given him—

In consequence of Government Orders for the Payment of three Months Batta to such Officers as gave up their private Bullocks for the use of the

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the Guns belonging to the Detachment Commanded by Colonel John Floyd in the Actions of Sattimungee, Salem and Shouvore in September 1790, and finding on a Reference to the list of those Officers which was transmitted to Government, My Name has been Omitted, I take the Liberty to enclose the accompanying letter from Colonel Floyd, during my Absence in England, to My Brother Lieutenant Mathew Macalister of this Establishment, Upon the Subject of my Claim which I hope your Lordship will have the goodness to deem a Sufficient Voucher, for my being entitled to the same indulgence which Government were pleased to grant to others on that occasion.—

I have the Honor to be with great Respect.—

&c: &c:

(Signed) Keith Macalister
Captain Cavalry.—

Madras
26th December 1795:

Lieutenant Macalister.—

Sir:

I had the favor of your letter of the 9th Instant, and am very glad to hear the Court of Directors have it in contemplation to do, at length what really are Act of Justice towards the

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the Troops who had the honor of serving at &
Sattimungulum, and at Shawoor.—

My Papers are not at hand, so that I
cannot speak with all the exactness I wish;
but, in consequence of Orders from Government,
I sent in a Return of those Officers who had
given up their Bullocks, for the publick
Service, in the Guns, on these occasions, exactly
as I received the Returns from the several Corps,
and your Brother's, Captain Macalister's Name
was among the Number; and I have repeatedly
heard
Captain Dalla, my Brigade Major at that
time, say that Captain Macalister had sent
his Bullocks to the Guns.—

Government was pleased to order, I think,
three Month's Batta to each Officer who had given
up his Bullocks to the Guns— Their Letter to
me, in consequence of my Application was
dated 20th July 1792.—

I hope what I have stated will answer
the purpose you wish— Captain Macalister was
Zealous on all occasions of publick Service— When
you write to him I beg to be remembered &

most

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most kindly to him.—

Trichinopoly
February 13th 1794.

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

The Claim admitted

Resolved that Captain Lieutenant Macalister's Request be complied with; and that a Company's Bond be issued for the Amount.—

Read the following letter from the Resident at Tanjore.—

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

My Lord.—

I beg leave to inform your &
glaring Instance of contumacious Behaviour on
the part of Shiverow the Rajahs Sirkeel, in opposition
to the Honorable Company's Authority.—

From M.S. Master respecting the Calumnious Conduct of the Sirkeel in opposing the Company's authority— and a letter from Mr. Swartz relative to Shiverow and his Brothers.—

Having been Instructed by your &
Lordship with the Execution of Measures, one &
object of which was to bring to light the enormous
Loans actually existing on Mortgage of the Tanjore
Country

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Country, and it being a principal point toward
that End to prevent all European Communication
with the Rajah, I explained to Shiverow, the moment
of my Arrival your Order on that Head; yet altho'
I gave him this Explanation; altho' the order with
its Translation was read publickly in the Town and
affixed at each outer Gate of the Palace, tho' it was
inserted in the Garison Orders and rendered
completely public, Shiverow had the Audacity
to defy your Authority, and propose to certain
Gentlemen to Assemble privately at the Palace
and settle part of these very Loans in presence of
the Rajah! In proof of this Behaviour I have
the Declaration of Lieutenant John Butler &
Fort Adjutant of Tanjore made to me, the
Acknowledgment of Shiverow himself when I
taxed him with his Conduct and the Confession
of the Native who carried the Message. The
Confession was made to me in presence of a
Black Man.—

Lest, however, your Lordship should
imagine that Lieutenant Butler was desired to
attend the Rajah for the purpose of settling concerns
of his own, I must inform you that I believe his
presence

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presence was required for the purpose of settling the
Concerns of others more readily, because He is perfectly
acquainted with the Country language had he
concerns of his own he would scarcely have informed
-me of Shewraws Proposal.-

Having put your Lordship in Possession
of the above facts, I need not enlarge upon the
audacity of the Sirkeels Conduct, endeavouring (
(by eluding and despising your Orders) to arrange
and conceal those very Loans which the Public (
good requires to be crushed and exposed.-

I have the honor to be with respect,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Alexr. Macleod
Res.t

Tanjore
19th December 1795:

Alexander Macleod Esqr.

Dear Sir,

This Morning I received your letter
which I will answer as succinctly as possible
Knowing your anxious Wish to write to His
Lordship as soon as possible.-

You Know the unhappy cause of the
Rajah's attachment to Shewraw and his whole family
It

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It is not any regard he had for them - No he is only actuated only by fear. He is conscious of his having no legal claim to the Crown - And that insidious family knows it likewise - and they have been so impudent as to endure, that as he owes his elevated condition to their assistance & so they had it in their power to bring him down whenever they pleased - This fear of losing his glory, or splendid misery, makes him bear any insult - To preserve himself in the possession of his throne he has delivered the management of the whole Country to that family, not daring to confront them - Accordingly they took the Accounts out of the palace and the treasure likewise, Whenever the Rajah needed any sum he was obliged to send to Sheverow - often they refused to send him the desired Sum His Servants got no pay - his horses many days neither gram nor grass - Nay they treated him so shamefully as to deprive him of Oil - &c. I blush to go on with the Enumeration of their wickedness - But whatever the Rajah has suffered from them, his deeplyrooted fear with out

allow

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allow him to consent & consent to their removal
But I think that he will be happy to see them s
removed without his concurrence He has in that case
nothing to fear from their resentment.—

You wish to know what Evil they have
done to the Country— I answer they have sold all s
justice so that there was hardly left a Shadow of
it, I have heard that the inhabitants thought
it easier to be quiet than to lay any Complaint s
before such people who do nothing without a s
considerable bribe.—

The Offices were sold to the best Bidder s
— The new Officer who had dearly bought his Office
desired the inhabitants to reimburse him — Besides
such an Officer or Servant was not afraid of any s
punishment for his crimes, his master whom he
had bought by a large bribe, screened him.—

Shiverow and his wicked brother mono=
=polized all— Cloth— Spices— Oil, melted butter &c.
all must be bought from his Agent— The Merchants
were ruined by this monopolizing inequity.—

The Revenue was in a great measure s
embezzled, Shiverow's brother made a contract with
many

+ Mrs. Lewis's Letter to the Madras Inhabitants Remarks.—
(Signed) A. Kelly

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Many inhabitants, so that they were allowed to pay but half - and the rest of the Tribute was divided between Sheverows brother and the inhabitant. -

When the inhabitants some months ago retired, the Rajah sent them a Cowl to return - but laid before the Rajah all grievances and how they had been plundered by Sheverows family to the amount of 7 Lacks of Pagodas +. They begged leave to read the whole Account before the Rajah but the Rajah did not wish to hear it. -

Your second Question has in fact been answered by the preceding observations you ask:

What good would the removal of Sheverow and his brothers do - Answer: By removing that family - you remove the cause of all those Evils of which they were the Authors of Course. -

You emancipate the Rajah who has been hitherto their Slave. -

You promote a free commerce which will rejoice the hearts of Merchants. -

You preserve the Revenue and by this you enable the Rajah to pay his Rists. -

+ We shall by means from the Time of the Rajahs Accession. -

J. Hegnes Sec. to M.

You

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You will be able to establish a Court of judicature which will be an unspeakable blessing to the country. As long as this family remains here you will not be able to accomplish the abovementioned points, they will thwart you by their emissaries & and Connivance of the Rajah. This is not a mere conjecture - The old man Baba, whom they have recalled, experiences that interfering business and loudly complains of it.-

If you should think proper to communicate these lines to Lord Hobart may I beg of you to present my humble Respect to His Lordship

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) C. F. Swartz

Tanjore
December 19th 1795.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further consideration.-

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Read the following letter from Captain Robert Bell.-

From Captain Robert Bell requesting leave to proceed to Europe

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President in Council &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

Family concerns of an important & Nature requiring my presence in England, added to &c

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the necessity of recruiting my health after a period of Seventeen years Service, I beg leave in consequence of the Government Orders of the 29th Instant, to request your Lordships permission for that purpose, in order that I may avail myself of the opportunity that will soon offer by the homeward bound Ships expected from Bengal.—

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect.

/signed/ Robert Bell
Capt. 2nd Battn. 1st

Mount.
30th December 1796

Agreed that Captain Bell be permitted to proceed to Europe for the adjustment of his Family Concerns.—

granted.—

Hobart
Con Saunders
Ed Fallofield.

Exam. J. Pay
D. H. Robson

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Substance of a letter from the Rajah of Travancore.—

Recd letter from the Rajah of Travancore Entered in C. C. No 6 advising of his having appointed Vechoonattah Tawker as his Vackeel at Madras in consequence of the death Jaggonauttah Tawker.—

Recd the undermentioned Letters & Entered in M. B. Nos. 33.. 34..35..36..37..38..39..40

From Bombay.

From Bombay advising of the reinforcement ordered to be held in Readiness at Cochin to proceed to Ceylon.—

From M. Handley

From acting Supravisor in the Malabar Province—acknowledging Receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 15th Ultimo.

From M. Roebuck.

From Military Paymaster General & transmitting an additional Estimate of Cash for January

From Lieutenant Montgomery

From Lieutenant Montgomery—advising of his having dispatched 100 Horses for the Coast. and taken up one Lack of Rupees from the Bombay Treasury shall not enter into any agreement for Horses, but apprehends that 400 will already have been & purchased at Combay &c.—

From

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From Lieutenant Conway Infantry.—

From Lieutenant T. H. S. Conway requesting to receive his pay during the Period he was detained at Calcutta.—

From Lieutenant Home Infantry

From Lieutenant J. Home—requesting leave to return to England on Account of ill health

From Capt. Bannatyne

From Commander of the Caledonia reporting that his Ship is in want of more Ballast.—

From Comm. Floyer

From Commandant at Tiekinopoly submitting Copy of a letter written by him to the Commandant at Tanjore relative to the Resident's requisition for a Military force—The Fort of Bantoundrum evacuated—of opinion it should be erased—substance of the Reports respecting Tangar—requests that the Arrears due to the 9th Battalion may be ordered to be discharged.—

Dispatched the following letter

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart

Governor General in Council,

at Fort William

Honorable Sir,

If Sergeants—regarding to [illegible] which the [illegible] the Army, by Officers going home on furlough, and [illegible] fills up.—

We have been honored with your letter dated the 7th Ultimo, with Copies of the addresses

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To address of the Bengal Army to the Supreme Government, and in consequence of your instructions have issued a General Order, copy of which is enclosed for your information.—

We have already received applications from several Officers to proceed to Europe, under the terms you have been pleased to grant—but we are not certain whether it be your intentions that the vacancies occurring in the Army by leave of absence to Europe should be filled up, as heretofore by promotion, or whether, such vacancies are to remain open / if it be meant to limit the period of Furlough / until the leave expires—upon this point we request information as well as on all others touching the subject, that you may judge proper to be communicated to us.—

We have the honor to be with Respect,

Fort St George
4th January 1796

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

Despatched also the undermentioned letters
Entered in M. B. No. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48.

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

To

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To Hospital Board

To Hospital Board - transmitting the Honorable Courts instructions for Conducting the Service of the Sick and wounded Seamen of the Kings Ships - and enjoining their particular & attention thereto -

To Colonel Macleod

To Military Auditor General notifying the appointment of Lieutenant Drummond to be Aid du Camp to Colonel Stuart and of Lieutenant Kingston as Paymaster and Commissary of Provisions at Trincomale during the absence of Messrs. MacDonald and Atkinson - and transmitting Copies of Letters from, and to Colonel Floyd relative to the General Orders of the 10th Novr. regulating the Southern Exchange and Copy of one addressed to Mr. Paymaster Hughes on the same subject, Certain advances made at Masulipatam for account of the Intended Cruizer to be carried to the Head of "Expedition "against the Dutch Settlements"

To Colonel Macleod

To Military Auditor General requiring Mr. Roebuck's additional Estimates of Cash for December and January -

To Military Board.

To Military Board - transmitting for their guidance Extracts from the Courts Orders of the

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6th the 8th July last relative to the Defence of the Western Frontier - their opinion desired upon certain parts thereof.-

To Commandant at Palamcotah &

To Lieutenant Colonel Campbell.— enclosing a letter to be forwarded to the Commandant at Cochin.-

To Commander of the Caledonia directing

To Captain Bannatyne that he remain on board his Ship until he can report her ready to sail - as much of the Rice landed as may be necessary for the Ballast to be reshipped.-

To Ditto- directing him to receive on

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council,

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Military Auditor General submitting Copies of two letters from Mr. Paymaster Hughes, & urging an explanation of the late General Orders relative to the Southern Exchange - apology &c on the occasion.—

I was honored yesterday by the receipt of your Lordships Commands in Mr Secretary Jackson's

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I was honored yesterday by the receipt of your Lordships Commands in Mr Secretary Jackson's

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8th. Jackson's letter of the 5th Instant with four inclosures transmitted for the information of my Office - and they shall be duely attended to.

Having Received two letters from Mr Paymaster Hughes under date 23d. November and 11th Ultimo on the subject of the General Order of 2nd October and 10th November Isst with censure the censure passed on his conduct in so far as relates to the portion of it which may have arisen from Your Lordship's not having received from me an early Report of those letters, Copies of which I ought to have transmitted at the time of the Originals came to hand; because, although it may not be deemed proper to offer any detailed explanation, originating with myself, of the General Orders of Government a speedy communication of his letter on the subject might have tended to prevent in Some respect the censure passed on him, according to the degree of attention which Your Lordship might judge his consideration of the Orders deserved, in case copies had been before Government previous to coming to the Resolutions

contained

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contained in the Secretary's letter of 31st Ultimo
to Mr. Hughes.—

It is for this reason that I now address your Lordship with Copies herewith enclosed of the papers alluded to, and at the same time to apologise for not submitting them earlier to consideration—it has been solely owing to an omission on my own part for Directed 4 Copies of the letters to be made out immediately on receiving them in order to be presented to your Lordship in Council and they were accordingly prepared.—

I have only to add that to whatever extent Mr. Hughes is culpable such part of the Censure from Government as might eventually have been withheld by his letters of the 23d November and 10th Ultimo being before your Lordship sooner, is evidently owing to the omission in my Office, and that I shall have pleasure in conveying to Mr. Paymaster Hughes any mitigation of the censure passed on him which it shall appear proper to your Lordship to adopt in consequence of the present communication on the subject

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Subject of the Orders that gave rise to it.—

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
7th January 1796.

I have the Honor to be with the highest respect
&c: &c:
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor General

To Colonel Henry Malcolm

Military Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir,

Comprehending from the General Orders of the 10th Instant, That the Bazar Exchange is to regulate all my Payments, whether those Payments may happen to be made in Caulie Fanams, or in Porto Novo Pagodas, I have yet had reason to conclude that it is expected Caulie Fanams should be issued at the Exchange fixed by the Orders of the 2nd Ultimo and that the Order of the 10th Instant Contains no further meaning than making the Porto Novo Pagodas issuable so as to yield equal to 17½ Fanams per Star Pagoda. An Expectation that may be natural enough if the Orders of the 2nd Ultimo stand

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8. no way affected by the Order of the 16th Instant. The Exchange fixed on the 2nd Ultimo is to be Observed is not the Bazar Exchange, nor can any fixed Exchange always Correspond with the Bazar Rate, which is very frequently Changing, and the Order of the 16th Instant seem most expressively to prescribe all Disbursements of whatever discription at the Bazar Exchange. A Regulation conveyed in terms so comprehensive as these, when it is well understood that the Porto Novo Pagoda from but a part, and that sometimes a very small part of the advances, would seem to Banish every conclusion, that the Order settled no more than the Exchange of the Porto Novo Pagoda, but even under this Construction the Porto Novo Pagoda is Evidently settled as Payable at all times at the Bazar Exchange, and not as is Excepted from what I have observed above. —

So Comprehend the Order of Government in a light less favorable than what they intended to the Troops, would of itself be a Matter of Concern and I shall not therefore put into Effect my Construction of the Order, until I am

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Ack.

honored with your Instructions which I trust it will take you little trouble to Communicate to me speedily.—

Madura
23d. November 1795.—

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(signed) Robert Hughes
Paymaster

A true Copy
(signed) J. Brunton
Dep. M.A.G.

To Colonel Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir,

It is with a considerable share of reluctance that I address you again upon the subject; which I had the honor to submit under date the 23d. of last Month because I may reasonably look for Reply in every little time; and because I am well assured that the delay of it hitherto must have proceeded either from any particular Consideration you may have found proper to give the subject itself, the tardiness of the Dispatch, or a preference

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8. of other Business. I was for sometime indeed in anxious to hear from you, in order that I might avoid acting according to my sense of the order of the 10th Ultimo, if it was unfortunately erroneous but that if my opinion of them was correct, and had been strengthened by your Confirmation of it, I had persuaded myself your decision would have prevented any further application to the Presidency from any Quarter whatever within my Payments - but as events have not admit of my being fully acquainted with the Intentions of Government in their order of the 10th November within that time in which it was necessary for me to take some Steps regarding Pay for this Month to this Garrison and Pay &c.a of last Month at Dindigul, it became incumbent upon me to proceed to the best of my own Judgment, and having in consequence intimated that I have Conceived those orders to establish the Bazar Exchange both in Disbursements of Caulie fanams or Porto Novo Pagodas, I may presume from the Difference of opinion which prevailed on this Point

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Point that it has been the Cause of further & reference to the Honorable Board.—

The Order of the 2d. October having prescribed a fixed exchange of 87½ Fanams per Star Pagoda the Troops have considered that this order was no way modified or repeated by the order of the 10th November which they Consider regulated nothing but the exchange of the Porto Novo Pagoda, thus for Example whether the Porto Novo Pagoda may be received by one equivalent to the rate of 114, 114½, or 114¼, this has nothing to do with the rate of Payment but I am to ascertain the Bazar Exchange of a Porto Novo Pagoda, not however for the purpose of Paying it at the Bazar rate but should it be 114½ Caulie Fanams per Porto Novo Pagoda in the Bazar, I am then to give 3 Caulie fanams in addition to make it the Star Pagoda at the Company's Exchange of 87½.— 114½ is at present the Actual Rate of the Madura Bazar, and paying C. fanams 2½ more, would make it exactly & equivalent to each Star Pagoda in that Bazar. This last therefore is the Bazar Exchange Viz.t 87 fan.s

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and not the exchange of making them produce 37/8
which was the fixed Exchange of Government;
and which Imyself presumed for a while they
intend but it was no longer than I conceived the
first order in force.—

Impressed and fully aware of the
earnest solicitude of Government to introduce
a just and beneficial Mode of payment to the
Troops, I meet to evince that I have not for
a Moment imagined a Mode of Payment in the
least, counteracting or Contradictory to this desire
assert that the Bazar Rates of payment are
not only permanently equitable but are also
no less judicious, this Matter however would
be little excuse for any improper misconcep=
=tion of their Orders which I trust it will be
presently shewn. I have not Committed without
sufficient Cause for the Mistake.—

Government speak in their Orders
of the Bazar Exchange between Caulie Fanams
and Porto Novo Pagodas and between the latter
/meaning still the Bazar Exchange/ and Star
Pagodas

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Pagodas which seems to Regulate very Compleatly the exchange of all the Specie in General Circulation here, and establishing the Rate between Porto Novo Pagodas and Star Pagodas is in effect establishing the rate of Caulie Fanams, in the properest manner practicable— They say, that whatever this Bazar Exchange may be at the Principal Station in the District when the first Payment is made to the Troops in any given Month that Exchange & meaning I consider the Bazar and meaning it too with Considerable stress shall be & deemed the Rule by which the Paymaster shall be guided in all Payments throughout the District for that particular Month. This Exchange and Rule by what proceeds Implies most evidently and forcibly an exchange subject to variation and to Change which Can only be observed of the Bazar Exchange, and not most assuredly of the Company's Exchange of 17/h fixed invariably, as it is supposed for Caulie Fanams, and as invariably fixed for Porto Novo Pagodas, if they are always to be paid so as to produce equivalent to that rate The order proceeds with saying that this Rule shall be & observed in all Payments whether fixed or contingent

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of every description, which if they meant not to settle the Exchange of the Caulie Panamanew, they would not conceive, have used such Comprehensive terms; because the Coin in which three fourths of all My Payments is made was then already provided for, and determined on and next if they meant no more than the Porto Novo Pagoda, Exceptions so General & would not in all probability have been thought proper and fit for such a Regulation; because it is well understood that they form but a very small proportion of the advances to this Office, nor do they by any Means form in Total the advances to the Palamcotah Office. And as Government in my Mind very forcibly expose one only Exchange for all Payments whatsoever and that Exchange liable to fluctuation, no other than the Exchange of the Bazar can & Answer this Various discription, besides the Orders if they mean only the Porto Novo Regulate them apparently at the Bazar Rate, which would than make one Rate for the Porto Novo Pagoda

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Pagodas and another, or fixed Rate for the last, the last would preclude the necessity of the Head of Exchange directed; and which Head would in such Case be only necessary for the Porto Novo Pagoda.-

Considering that these differences of Opinion on the Orders of the 10th November will be referred to his Lordship in Council, you will doubtless in that event submit these Explanations to him- In the Mean time, until the future Rates of Exchange are finally decided I am of opinion that existing all the Cash Received to advance on Account of this Months and last Months Payments.-

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Robert Hughes
Paymaster

Madura
11th December 1795.

(A true Copy)
(Signed) J. Brunton
Depy Mast.

William

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William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the Notice of Government Copy of a letter of this date which I have found it necessary to write to the Collector of the 5th Division of Masulipatam and to be Sir

Your &c. &c.

Hydrabad 31st December 1795

Signed/ W. Kirkpatrick

From Resident at Hydrabad transmitting Copy of a letter written by him to the Collector at Masulipatam relative to the Demand of one Lac of Rupees on Account of the Peishcush

A. W. Gregory Esqr.

Collector 5th Division of

Masulipatam.

Sir,

I had the honor of apprizing you on the 8th of October last, of my having been officially applied to by this Durbar for payment of a 8 Lack of Rupees at Masulipatam in part 8 liquidation of the Arrears of Peishcush due to

his

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his Highness by the Company: and on the 26th of the
same Month Intimated to you my wish that
this Sum might, if possible, be discharged in
in Silver.—

It is now signified to me that
Golâm Saheb / the person mentioned in my
letter to you of the 21st. Instant) has been
empowered to receive the Amount of the Funkaw
or Assignment in question: and I am consequently
requested to take the necessary Measures for its
being paid into his Hands with as little delay
as possible.—

Although I have not hitherto learned
either from you, or from Mr. Secretary Jackson
that any orders have been issued by Government
on this subject, yet not doubting that you are
by this time fully instructed on the occasion
and the Credit of the Company being after so long
a period as has elapsed since the first application,
particularly concerned in the matter, I have not
scruples to give his Highness's Ministers reason
to expect that the Amount of the Order will be
paid

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8. Paid to the Dunbar Agent on demand.—

. . . . . With respect to the currency in w
which it is to be discharged, I have only w
ventured to assure Meer Allum that I should
make known the personal interest which he
has in this Assignment, and doubted not
that, if possible either the whole or part of it
would be paid in Silver, in compliance with
his repeated request.—

It has been proposed to me that you
should, on payment of this Lack of Rupees
take Golaumi Saheb's receipt for the same
and transmit it to me, when it will like w
exchanged for another, under the Official w
Signature of the Sircar.— If you see no objection
to this mode, I request you will be so good w
as to conform to it.—

Hydrabad
31st. December 1795.

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

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Received the undermentioned Letters

Entered in M.S.B. Nos 49. 50. 51. 52. 53.-

From Lt. Col. Wynch — From Commandant at Guntoor explaining his reasons for detaining at that place two Companies of the 11th Battalion ordered to Angole.-

From Col. Malcolm — From Military Auditor General - submitting Statement of Disbursements on Account of the King's Troops for Two periods Viz.t Subsistence from 24th June 1792 to the same date in 1793 - and Company's Allowances from the 1st July 1792 to 30th June 1793

From Military Board — From Military Board - transmitting the Contractors Bills for Repairs, and one for Sentry Boxes supplied for the Mount.-

From Mr. Roebuck — From Military Paymaster General presenting an additional Estimate of Cash for January.-

From Lieut.t Sir John Cox Infantry.- — From Lieutenant Sir John Cox - requesting leave to proceed to Europe for the adjustment of his Concerns.-

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9 Sent the following letters.-

To Captain Kirkpatrick

Resident at Hydrabad

To Resident at Hydrabad advising of the Orders sent to Mundipatam for discharging the Demand for Pickards.-

Sir, I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acquaint you, that on the Receipt of your letter dated the 8th of October 1795. an Order was sent

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9th sent to the Collector of the 5th division of Masulipatam, to apply the first Money he could obtain to the discharge of the Tunka for one Lack of Rupees, on part liquidation of the Arrears due to the Nizam by the Company; and he was specially enjoined to report to his Lordship whenever the Amount should be discharged. But as no report has been hitherto received it is supposed that Mr Gregory had not sufficient Funds in his hands to make the payment - He has been again directed to discharge the Tunkah upon the application of Golamie Saheb.-

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) W.C. Jackson
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Fort St George
8th January 1796.-

To Mr William Arthur Gregory
Collector at
Masulipatam

Sir,

To Collector at Masulipm requiring him to explain why he neglected replying to Captain Kirkpatrick's Letter of the 26th October - and repeating the Order for discharging the Nizams Demand on Account of Peshcush.-

On the 11th of November last, you were acquainted by Mr Secretary Webbe that directions had been sent to the Collectors in your Neighbourhood to supply you with Money as soon as it should be Collected, and you were ordered to apply the Amount in the Manner requested by Captain Kirkpatrick in

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To
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in his letter to you dated the 26th October, and to report to the President in Council whenever the Amount should be discharged.—

Captain Kirkpatrick has represented that no communication had been made by you on the above subject to so late a date as the 31st of December—and that he had in consequence been much embarrassed, in what way to reply to the questions that had been put to him with respect to the payment, by the Nizam, and his Ministers.—

You are required to explain your reason for not giving an Answer to Captain Kirkpatrick's letter of the 26th of October; and why no report has been made to Government as called for by Mr. Secretary Webbe.—

As it is indispensably necessary that the Tunkaw should be discharged without further delay, you will be careful that the Amount be paid to Golami Saheb on his application.—

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8th January 1796.—

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

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11 9. Dispatched the undermentioned letters &
Entered in M.B. N.s 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59.

To Mr. Secretary Hay — To Secretary at Bengal — forwarding a Statement of Subsistance paid to the Kings Troops from 25th June to 25th December 1792 and Company's allowances from 1st July 31st December 1792.—

To Mr. Pinney — To Collector at Ramnad — directing him to procure as many Boats in addition to those already collected, as Captain Allan may suggest and to adopt his Arrangements respecting them.—

To Superintendant of Boats on Ceylon.— To Mr. James Dent — directing him to obey all orders from Captain Allan as Quarter Master Genl. to the Troops on Ceylon, relating to his Department as Superintendant of Boats.—

To Colonel Malcolm — To Military Auditor General — respecting the Accounts of the Kings Deputy Paymaster Generalin Continuation to the 24th December 1795. and Mr. Roebuck's additional Estimate for January.—

To Military Board — To Military Board — transmitting Lieut Woods report of damages done to Certain private Quarters in the Center Division.—

To Mr. Roebuck. — To Military Paymaster General — authorizing him to make the advances applied for by the Count de Meuron on Account of his Regiment.—

11 10. Received the following letter.—

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To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir,

From Sub Secretary at Bengal. inclosing Invoices and Bills of lading of Stores and Rice sent to Ceylon on the Ewer and a Copy of a letter to Colonel Stuart on the subject - the freight for the surplus Tonnage taken on her late visit to Madras.

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to acquaint you, for the information of the Governor in Council of Fort Saint George, that the Ship Ewer was dispatched with Ordnance and Military Stores for Ceylon, and Eight hundred Bags of Rice, consigned to Colonel Stuart, on the 24th. Instant. - Invoices of the Stores and Rice together with Bills of Lading for both, are enclosed; and also Copy of my letter to Colonel Stuart advising him that the above Ships may be discharged, at any time, when no longer required for the public Service.

There being some doubt whether under the terms of the Charter party, by which the Ewer was originally taken up by the Government of Fort Saint George and has since been employed by this Government, the owners are entitled to any additional freight for the surplus Tonnage

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laden on her, above the 500 tons specified in her Charter party, or otherwise; It has been agreed to leave this point to the determination of the Governor in Council of Fort Saint George, and the Commander has been advised accordingly as stated in the accompanying Copy of my letter to him.—

I am further directed to acquaint you for the information of the Governor in Council of Fort Saint George that no intelligence has yet been received of the Hussar.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(signed) J. H. Harington
Sub Secy

Fort William
28th December 1795.—

To Colonel James Stuart
Commanding the Honorable Company's Troops
at
Sir, Ceylon

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit you the accompanying Copy of an Invoice List of ordnance and Military Stores consigned to you by the Ship Lucy; together with Copy of an Invoice of Rice laden on the same Ship, and

Bills

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Bills of Lading for both.—

I am also directed to transmit for your information the enclosed Copy of the Charter Party under which the Ewer was originally taken up by the Government of Fort St. George, and has since been employed by this Government by which you will see that she may at any time be discharged when She is no longer required for the publick Service.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. H. Harington
Subsecy

Fort William
the 24th December 1795.

P. S.

A Sealed Muster of the Rice laden on the Ewer, will be delivered to you by the Commander.—

(A true Copy)
(Signed) J. H. Harington
Subsecy

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To Captain George Laughton

Commander of the Ship

Ewer

Sir,

The Governor General in Council &

being informed that you have received your &

Cargo of Military Stores and Rice for Ceylon,

He desires you will proceed therewith to &

Trincomale, as Speedily as possible, and on

your arrival there consider yourself under the

Orders of Colonel Stuart, Commanding the &

Company's Troops at Ceylon, until the Ships

under your Command shall be discharged from

the Public Service. A Letter to Colonel Stuart is

Enclosed which you are desired to deliver to him

on your Arrival at Trincomalee.

I am further directed to inform you,

that the Government of Fort Saint George will

be advised of the Surplus Tonnage laden on the

Ewer above the 500 Tons Specified in her &

Charter Party; and that it will be left to their

determination whether the owners are entitled

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to any additional freight for the same or otherwise

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24th December 1795.

Sam Hes. &c.

/Signed/ J. H. Harington
Sub Secy

A true Copy

/Signed/ J. H. Harington
Sub Secy

Renewed the ten dermentioned letter

Entered in M. B. Nos. 60.. 61.. 62.. 63.. 64.. 65.. 66

From Captain Mackenzie - Engineer

From Captain Mackenzie - reporting the measures he has taken for providing sundry & Materials required in the Engineers Department for the Siege of Columbo. -

From Mr. Ramsay -

From Collector at Rammad - shall hold in Readiness the 100 Garce of Rice ordered as also the Boats he has Collected - expects sufficient & Supplies of Grain, without the Assistance of the Nabob's Manager - has advanced Captain Mackenzie 500 Pagodas and suggestes that all Charges on Account of the Columbo Expedition be paid from the Sum in his hands, belonging to the Rammad Cuditors. -

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From Major Roberts - requesting leave
From Major Roberts.—
to visit the Presidency.—

From the Comte de Meuron - requesting
From Count de Meuron—
that Major General Craig may be desired to send
hither from the Cape thirty Men of his Regiment
remaining there, as also Certain Officers &
belonging thereto

From Comet R. G. Grange requesting leave
From Comet Grange
to proceed to Europe, on Account of his private Concerns

From Post Master General reporting an
From Mr. W. Jones
interruption the Tappal Paons at Sheally have
met with a party of Colleries.—

From Paymaster at Trichinopoly with
From Mr. Hawkins
an Account Sale of 16 Horses sent from the 19th Dragoon

Sent letter to the Nabob Enteredein &
Substance of a letter
to the Nabob.—
C. C. No 7 recommending to His Highness' the
prayer of a Petition from Mahomed Hussain,
a pensioner Commandant at Amboor, relative
to the pillage of his property by a gang of Thieves,
and informing him that Mons.r Dambigny &
confined on suspicion of Murder, in the interior
part of the Carnatic will be delivered up to His
Highness' Order.—

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To Mr. Secretary Hay — To Secretary, at Bengal — forwarding a Statement of Subsistence paid to the Kings Troops from 25th December 1792 to 24th June 1793 — and the Company's Allowance from 1st January to 30th June 1793.—

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From Crucifix — From — Crucifix — requesting the Boards interposition with the Nabob, for the payment of the Arrears of Pay due to him and the other Officers

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Officers of this Service.—

From Mr. Conolly.. From Secretary to the Hospital Board—
transmitting their proceedings in Continuation
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Commandant at Guntoor.—

From Rev.d Doctor A. Bell From Chaplain to the European 4th
Battalion—requesting leave to proceed to
Europe on Account of Ill health.—

At a Consultation
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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor—President
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and
Ernst William Fallofield Esquire

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Colonel Wordsworth recommending that Capt. Pierce be permitted to draw the allowances of Deputy & Adjutant General during the absence of Major & assistant officiating Agency & Pay and Postage money to officers going home, and filling up the Vacancies on emergency

In consequence of a Letter addressed to me by the Adjutant General which I have the honor to send enclosed and from the fullest conviction after every long experience of them, of the merits of Captain Pierce, and the assiduity which he has always shewn in the several Staff departments he has filled, I beg leave to recommend, that he may be authorized to draw every allowance & attached to the duty of Deputy Adjutant General, as he stands appointed to that duty. Indeed, & according to the rules of the Service an Officer who acts in any staff situation for another, that is absent is authorized to draw the allowances of that situation, but I never encouraged any hopes that Kind Captain Pierce though I have been & extremely satisfied with the manner of his & discharging his duty, because, I did not consider

Major

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Major Agnew as absent from his Duty as Deputy Adjutant General of the Coast Army, but on a detached duty in his Station, but now that Major Agnew is appointed Adjutant General to the Troops serving on the Island of Ceylon, I cannot but consider the Office of Deputy Adjutant General on the Coast as Vacant, so long as Major Agnew shall fill a superior distinct and absent Staff appointment and under this view of the situation in which this Appointment of Major Agnew places Captain Pierce, I hope your Lordship will consider him as entitled to the Allowance that Major Agnew received as Deputy Adjutant General of the Coast Army, as he discharges meritoriously and is likely to continue for some time to discharge all those duties which were discharged by Major Agnew

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that some Officers who are under pressing necessity to proceed to Europe, and who wish to avail themselves of the late Order, have applied to me to know, how and where they are to draw their Pay, also to know whether under a former Order they are not entitled to passage money;

to

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to which applications I thought it proper to
say that I would refer the subject to your
Lordship, I will only add that I believe there
are one or two who wish to avail themselves
of the opportunity of the Chichester shortly to
expected here in her way to Europe from Bengal -

I beg leave to call to your Lordships
attention the order of Government announced to
the Army under date 10th September 1794, as
I conceive by that order the Vacancies which may
arise from the permission granted to Officers to
return to Europe must be filled up - Indeed on
our present weak establishment of Officers I do
not see how the duty can be otherwise carried on,
and as no promotion can now take place by this,
but such as we have every reason to believe
must be included in the expected Arrangements,
a very trifling expence indeed will be incurred, if
should it be determined otherwise than has
been determined by the Order of the 10th September
1794 when the Arrangements commenced in consequence
of a quatrenarse of the establishment of
Officers

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Officers—

Head Quarters
Choultry Plains
January 1st 1796.

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

(Signed) John Brathwaite

To Colonel Brathwaite.
Commanding the Army on the Coast

Sir,

I beg leave to address you in conse-
-quence of the General Orders of Government &
under date the 29th Ultimo, which appoint &
"Major Agnew to be Adjutant General to the
"Troops serving on the Island of Ceylon and &
"to draw the Allowances annexed to that Appointment"
by which in all probability he will remain &c &
detached from the Duties of this Office for &
a considerable period the business which daily
occurs in the Adjutant Generals' Office at the
Presidency is not unknown to you, nor are
the particular merits of Captain Pierce who
now acts as Assistant in it— I beg the liberty
to request therefore that you will interest &
yourself

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yourself with Government to procure for Captain
Pierce the Allowances of Deputy Adjutant General
to the Army during the Absence of Major Agnew
on the duties of his present post.—

I have the honor to be with respect.—
&c. &c.
(Signed) B.J. Close
Adjt. Genl. of the Army

Fort St. George
1st. January 1796.—

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

My Lord

From Colonel Braithwaite, Major Smart requests leave to resign his Station of Deputy Quarter Master General, recommends Captain Allan, for that appointment — Testimony in favor of the former

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council the Copy of a letter I have this day received from Major Smart. I am concerned your Lordship will feel with me, the hard case of this Officer and give him Credit for the motives which induce him to resign his Staff situation namely the conviction that he cannot in future discharge that duty with the same activity as heretofore; and I most earnestly solicit your Lordship to

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to recollect, that zeal for the Service has
induced him to forego both Rank and emolument,
and beg leave strongly to recommend him for
some comfortable Command.-

It is some satisfaction to me, that
being thus deprived of Major Stewarts labors as
Deputy Quarter Master General to this Army
I have it in my power to recommend to your
Lordships consideration an Officer eminently
well qualified to fill the Station, I mean
Captain Allan, he has so long acted under
your Lordship's eye as Town Major of Fort St. George
that your Lordship cannot be a stranger to his
general Merits and on a little enquiry your Lordship
will find that he was much employed by the
Marquis Cornwallis in such a way, as tended
particularly to qualify him for the station
for which I now recommend him and that
it was the wish of the Marquis Cornwallis that
that he should be placed in that line; with
this peculiar advantage on his side, I have the
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ons hesitation in recommending him for the appoint-
ments of Deputy Quarter Master General of the Coast
Army being convinced that I cannot throughout the
Service pitch upon any Officer so particularly well
qualified to fill the station as Captain Allan, #
who has so long distinguished himself in the
Guide Department

I have the honor to be with the great respect,

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
January 9th 1796.

&c. &c.
/signed/ John Brathwaite

To Colonel Brathwaite
Commanding The Forces on the Coast

Sir,

It is with extreme regret that I find
myself called upon to address you on the following
subject, after having served so long a period in a line
to which I have been ever partial, and by adhering
to which, did circumstances permit me, I should
have every reason to look for particular preferment
and advantage. —

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It is not unknown to you Sir, that
during the late successful Service at Pondicherry I had
the misfortune to lose my left Arm, and although
I have recovered from the Wound, as perfectly as
could be expected, I find myself obliged to say that
I can scarcely expect to be able to manage a horse
with that facility, or undergo the laborious riding
which the duties of my present Appointment so
particularly Require, and that under this sense, I must
entreat you (with whatever reluctance, I make the request)
to procure for me the permission of Government to
resign my Staff Post of Deputy Quarter Master
General of the Army.-

I shall not attempt to trouble you Sir
with the feelings that press upon me at this
moment I shall only hope that through your
goodness and Knowledge of my services through
a Period of nearly Twenty four years, you will take
such measures with Government in my behalf
on the present occasion those services may appear
to you to deserve.- I have the honor to be with respect,

Yr. &c.
(Signed) C. Smart

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True Copy
(Signed) Wm. Wilson Secy

Resolved

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Captain Allan appointed &c.

Resolved, at the recommendation of the Officer Commanding the Army, that Captain Allan be appointed Deputy Quarter Master & General, with the Rank of Major in the Army.—

Resolved that the Board's approbation of the conduct of Captain Smart, while he held the Post of Deputy Quarter Master General be & he is expressed in general Orders.—

Captain Smart to the Command of Palamcotah.—

Agreed that Captain Smart be & he is appointed to the Command of Palamcotah; and that Lieutenant Colonel Dugald Campbell be ordered to join his Corps at Tuckinore.—

Resolution respecting Captain Pierce allowances

Resolved that Captain Pierce be allowed to draw the difference between Major of Brigade's & and Deputy Adjutant General's allowances from the day on which Major Agnew was appointed & Adjutant General to the Forces serving on the Island of Ceylon.—

Read the following Letters from the Resident at Hydrabad—

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council,

Fort St. George

My Lord;

I do myself the honor to transmit herewith Copies and Translates of two Papers which were sent to me yesterday by orders of the Nizam with a request that I would write to the Rajah of Vencatagherry to the purport of the enclosure No 1.

To this application I replied that I would immediately signify his Highness's desire to your Lordship who, he might be assured, would pay all due attention to it. — I added that I could not help thinking it to be highly improbable that the Managers of the Rajah should have formed a design of the kind imputed to them: but that could there be any foundation for such an apprehension, his Highness might depend upon your Lordship's not barely declining to support them in the outrage, but on your taking effectual steps for preventing the commission of it. — Permit me to mention to your Lordship that not having yet learned from Mr. Gregory whether

From Captain Kirkpatrick communicating a Complaint made by the Nizam & against the Manager of the Vencatagherry Rajah who proposes laying & waste some Neighbouring Talooks of his Highness — Requests to know, if orders have been given for praying one Lack of Rupees at Masulipatam, for Reburst. —

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whether or not he has been authorized by Government
to discharge the partial demand of a Lack of Rupees
made by the Nizam on the arrears of Peishcush due
to him by the Company/ as advised in my letter of
the 8th October last to Mr. Secretary Jackson/ my
ignorance on this point has laid me under some
embarassment with his Highness's Ministers, &
from which I should be happy to be relieved as
soon as possible.—

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

Hyderabad
23d December 1795.

&c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Kirkpatrick

P.S. I understand that Syed Mohtrim Khan (an
Omra of this Court) will soon set out for Madras
charged by the Nizam with the customary presents
to the Successor of the late Nabob of the Carnatic.—

Substance of an admonitory letter which the Resident is
requested to write to the Zemindar of Venkatagherry.—

It is ascertained at this time by a letter
from the Naib of Khummum/ which is a Talook of
his Highness's/ that Mr. Benny/ a Manager of the
Venkatgherry Zemindar/ having seized and detained &
by

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by violence a Bunjary Woman, has occasioned the whole tribe of the Bunjarries belonging to Kummum and Kurpah and Venkatgherry to assemble and remain in abody together.—

Mr. Benny under the pretence of seizing his Masters fugitive Bunjaries purposes laying waste the Neighbouring Talooks of his Highness. which between friends would be highly unjustifiable. —It is therefore proper that he forbear from such acts of Violence, but if by the Commission of any outrage he should make it necessary for his Highness's Troops to oppose him, he will meet with no support from the English Government.

Whatever Peishcush may be due from the Venkatgherry to his Highness's Government, let it according to ancient custom be sent to the Naib of Khummum: and always as customary let that Zemindar / the Venkatgherry man / be conjointly with the said Naib attentive to affairs and never on any account take improper steps or contrary to usage.—

/a true Translate/

(Signed) Jas. Achd Kirkpatricke

Assistant.—

Translate

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Translate of the Persian Translates from the letter which was received from the Naib of Khummum.—

Mr. Benny a Manager of the Zemindar of Venkatagherry having got possession by violence of a Woman of the Bunjary Tribe the Bunjaries of that Country have in consequence quitted it with one accord, and retired to the Khummum and Kurpah Districts, which they were originally inhabitants of— The aforesaid person under the pretence of pursuing his Master's fugitive Affamies, purpose laying waste the Territories of Kurpah and Khummum— The Troops of this Sirkar are ready however to Repel such an aggression, but the Zemindar of Venkatagherry being a dependant of the English Government, we represent this to the Presence from whence whatever orders may be issued for the Chastisement of these people shall be executed.—

/a True Translate/

/Signed/ Ja.s Achl.s Kirkpatrick

Assistant

To William Collins Jackson Esq.r

Secretary to Government,

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Captain Kirkpatrick
covering the name given
in the foregoing letter to the
Venkatagherry Manager—

As in the Translates accompanying the my Letter to Government of the 23rd Instant the Manager of

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of the Venkatghirry Zemindar is called Binny, it is ne-
cessary I should acquaint you for the information
of the Right Honorable the President in Council that
this is an error, it appearing upon further enquiry
that the Person alluded to is a Muselman of the
Name of Nubby Saheb, and not an European as was
at first apprehended.—

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

Hyderabad
24th December 1795.

Ordered that a letter be written to the
Rajah of Venkatghirry, directing him to reply to the
Complaints preferred by the Nizam - and to inflict exemplary
punishment on his Servants if it be found that he have
been guilty of the outrages charged upon him.—

order on the foregoing letter

Read the following letters from the
Military Auditor General.—

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

My Lord,

Having made deligent search, conforma-
bly to your Lordship's Orders in Mr. Secretary Jackson's
Letters of the 2nd and 7th January last and their inclosures,
for

From Colonel Malcolm
reporting on Mr. R. Dighy's
claim for Ballance left
to Sudon Tirkinopoly Rain

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for the Vouchers alluded to in the General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors under date 28th May 1794, on Mr. Kenelm Digby's claim for Bullocks left to feed on Trichinopoly Plain, I have the honor to report that I expected to find the Voucher for the Rate in the Journal Parcels of the Deputy Agent with the Southern Army for the Month in 1783 specified in Mr. Digby's Letter to this Government dated 28th May 1794 but that on reference to them I do not find any Number of Bullocks charged for and specified to be at Trichinopoly, or left to feed on Trichinopoly Plain to guide me in so submitting any Report on the rates, except that the Bullocks charged for in the Journal Parcels in Question are at the same rate.—

In regard to Vouchers for the Number of Bullocks I have been equally unsuccessful, but observe the following report applicable to that point in the part of the Comptroller General's Letter to this Government of date the 3rd of December 1789 Marked No 11 and No 5, it stands as

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as follows.–

№4 Pag.r 1213. 21. " for Bullocks carrying Stores in
"the "" Paymasters Department to
"stand Retrenched by the Orders of
"of the Honorable Court of Directors ""
"The Honorable Court have ordered this
"to be refunded, Mr. Digby remarks
"himself on this charge that the
"Bullocks were regularly returned
"by the Commissary as has since
"been satisfactorily explained to
"the Auditor – But these papers
"do not appear."–

№5. Pag.r 3610. 21. for Bullocks left to Jud, Retrenched by the Auditor, because the Company should not be charged for any but what were actually employed–

The Honorable Courts of Directors
"observe on this charge that "If the
"Paymaster is able to produce proofs
"of his having received directions from
"the Commander in Chief of the
"Southern Army to return the
"Bullocks in question, provided
"the Charge for them does not
"exceed the Honorable Company's
"Regulations it would be hard to with-
"hold this Sum from the Paymaster."

I have

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"I have carefully compared the rate charged for it
"them in the Accounts of the Southern Army with the
"the other Bullocks and it does not exceed them"

The above is a true Extract from the
Copy in my Office of the Comptroller General's
Letter to this Government dated the 3rd December
1789. —

I have the honor to be with the
highest respect
&c. &c.
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily Audr Genl

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
7th January 1796.—

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

My Lord,

From Colonel Malcolm
submitting the Comparative
Statement of Medical
Expenditures, and
European Sick, for
the periods prescribed
by the Honorable Court of
Directors. —

I have the honor to inclose the
Comparative Statement of Medical Expenditures
and of the Sick in the Honorable Company's European
Battalions for the corresponding period, required by
your Lordship's Commands in Mr. Secretary Jas Keone's
Letter of the 10th September last conformably to
Paragraph 70 of General Letter from Honorable
The Court of Directors in the Military Department
bearing date 6th May 1795. —

I have the honor to be with the highest Respect.
&c. &c.
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
mily. Audr Genl

Military Auditor Generals
Office Fort St. George
7th January 1796.—

Comparative Statement, between the Medical Expenditure for the whole Troop on the Coast, for six Months under the present Regulations; and that for a like Period under the Contractors: With a Comparative View of the Sick of the Honorable Company's European Battalions during the same Periods.—

Contracts as per former Statement.—	Number of Men in the Honorable Company's 6th European Battalion	Number of Sick in the Honorable Company's 6th European Battalion	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
1792. December	3,752.	843.	10,351	33	14
1793 January	3,726.	825.	9132.	12	14
February	3,670.	818.	13,716	1	41
March	3,692.	996.	9,381.	21	54
April	3,664.	953.	11,652	39	18
May	3,583	1,074.	9530	27	11.
	22,087.	5,509.	63795.	8.	72.

Present Regulations	Number of Men in the Honorable Company's 6th European Battalion	Number of Sick in the Honorable Company's 6th European Battalion	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
1794. January	3,762.	732.	11,572.	22	30
February	3,740.	617.	7,531.	32	33
March	3,711.	613.	7,296.	16	23
April	3,690.	548.	6,767.	24.	4.
May	3,680.	489.	7,116.	36.	49.
June	3,546	447.	7,601.	37.	28.
	22,129	3,446.	47,886.	23.	7.
Difference	"	2,063.	15,908.	27.	65.

N.B. Salaries to Head Surgeons — Pay, Batta and Prize Money to Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons — Expences incurred on Account of Doolies and Bearers for carrying the Sick, as well as other Charges of a similar Nature, are not taken into the above comparison.—

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Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Mily: Audr Genl

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lords,

From Colonel Malcolm with an Account of Money issued for French Officers and Men Prisoners of War up to 31st July 1795.—

I have the honor to inclose herewith the Account of Money issued on Account of French Officers and Men, Military and Marine, made up to the 31st July 1795, and required by your Lordships Commands in Mr Secretary Jackson's letter of the 19th November last conformably to Paragraph 5. of the General Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors in the Military Department bearing date 10th June 1795.—

A continuation of the same Account together with one on the same plan of Money issued on Account of Dutch Prisoners, Military and Marine, shall be made up from time to time agreeably to your Lordships Order of 19th November last the Account Disbursements at present in my Office do not admit of its being brought up to a later date than 31st July for the French Prisoners only; but I intend to lay the Account of the Expence for both French and Dutch Prisoners before your Lordship compiled in Quarterly Statements in future.— I have the honor to be with the highest respect &c &c

(signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily Audr General.—

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An Account of Money issues from August 1793. to French Officers and Prisoners of War both Military and Marine and also on Account of Passage Money paid to such as have proceeded to Europe or the Islands, Conformably to Orders of Government to the Military Auditor Generals Office under date 19th November 1795, and brought up to the 31st July 1795:

August	1793/4	194. 14. 72.	
September		359. 17. 62.	
October		7,900. 19. 72.	
November		0397. 35. 53.	
December		9,244. 6. 8.	
January		9,051. 30. 11.	
February		7,526. 36. 61.	
March		5,456. 28. 24.	
April		9,538. 30. 40.	50,490. 10. 3.
May	1794/5	3,600. 2. 11.	
June		4,880. 12. 31	
July		7,189. 20. 38.	
August		6,385. 9. 27.	
September		6,750. 39. 38.	
October		6,758. 35. 34	
November		6,358. 16. 29.	
December		7,952. 25. 79.	
January		6,131. 39. 22.	
Febrnary		6,021. 7. 53.	
March		5,752. 9. 31.	
April		5980. 18. 39.	73761. 26. 32.

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Brought over Pags.

May		6,380.22.69	
June	First Quarter 1795/6	6,157. 6.58	
July		6,164.35.50	18,702.22.77

Passage Money

Payments under this Head 951.28.-

Total up to the 31st July 1795. Pags ... 18,906.3.32.

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N.B.

The Sum of Pagodas 1,882.40. having appeared in the Military Accounts of the Nagore Pay Office from August 1793 to November 1794 for various persons not coming within the Description of French Prisoners, Officers and Men both Military and Marine" has been retrenched not being considered a Military Charge and is consequently not included in the above Account.-

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily. Acct. Genl.

Ordered

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Order upon the foregoing letter —

Ordered that Copies of the above to be sent to England, Numbers in the next dispatch. —

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General —

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Colonel Malcolm — reporting the Amount due by the Company to the Estate of the late Lieutenant Andrew Morris

Your Lordship's Commands of the 16th May last direct me to order payment to Messrs. Porcher and Hayes Executors to the Estate of the late Lieutenant Andrew Morris of the Sum that may appear due on Account of Pay &c. provided the Company have no demand upon the Estate in consequence of the Office Lieutenant Morris held in the Field during the late War, and the Orders of Government which I procured in a Letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson under date 4th July 1792 direct as follows. —

"I enclose by order Copy of a Letter from "Lieutenant Morris Commissary of Stores requesting "that his Accounts as Commissary of Stores with "Lieutenant Colonel Alchamb's Detachment may

&c

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"be re audited, which the Board have thought it
"proper to comply with in consequence of the
"declaration of Lieutenant Andrew Morris that
"the late Comptroller General had charged to him
"by Mistake the Pay and Batta for one Month
"of all Lascars and Artificers attached to the
"Corps of the Detachment."—

"You will therefore after a careful &
"examination of the Charges upon which the
"Refund was made, Report to the Board whether
"any and what part of the former Audit appears
"to you exceptionable; in order that strict justice
"may be done to Lieutenant Morris, in case it
"shall be found that he has been aggrieved by the
"the Resolution of the Board founded upon Colonel
"Capper's Report."—

These Orders were accompanied by the
following copy of a letter from Lieutenant Morris
to Government.—

"I humbly beg permission to lay before
"your Honor in Council, a few Circumstances relative
"to a Refund of Cash, that I was ordered to make
"in the Month of December last being the Pay
"and Batta of Lascars, Artificers &c.a for the 4
Month

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"Month of January and February 1791 of the Ordnance
"and Store Department with Lieutenant Colonel
"Oldhams Detachment, and with Submission
"beg leave to point out a few matters which I
"believe on investigation will be found to be #
"Mistakes made by Colonel Capper in the #
"Audit of said Accounts".-

"I was a subordinate Officer in said #
"Detachment and acting under the immediate
"Orders of Three Field Officers and having received
"their Orders to Indent on the Paymaster and
"Store Keeper for Stores, Lascars, Artificers &c.
"to complete the Ordnance Department of the #
"Detachment for Field Service agreable to what
"they thought the spirit of the Commander in Chiefs'
"Orders of which the accompanying is a Copy, #
"accordingly Indents were Countersigned by these
"Officers, and Agreable thereto the Paymaster #
"delivered to me Lascars and Artificers &c. It being
"my bounden duty to act under their Orders, I believe
"it will be found that I am in no respect #
"culpable excepting Indented too largely for
"people in proportion to the strength of the #
"Detachment

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"Detachment and if thought so, I trust it will be
"attributed to my Zeal for the Service and to the
"advice of Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse Commissary
"General of Stores who desired that I might (as
"far as in my power) to set it up beyond what
"it might want as a Detachment for that it would
"become an active body of Troops somewhere.—

"It was absolutely necessary that there
"should be Artificers and Lascars &c. on the Ordnance
"Department where Guns and Stores were to be
"taken care of Those you may not be
charged with the Pay and Batta of these people
as is now the case, for Colonel Capper does not
"admit of an Individual in the Department for
"Two Months though all other parts of the Detach-
"ment are admitted by him complete for Field
"Service, By mistake he also charges to me the
"pay and Batta for One Month of all Lascars
"and Artificers attached to the Corps of the
"Detachment amounting to Twelve or Fourteen
"hundred Pagodas."—

"From these circumstances being known
"(with submission) I appeal to the Candour and justice
"of Government and trust you may allow me a Remedy
which

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"which I hope will relieve me from the Difficulties
"that I at present labor under and above all
"from the charge of having intentionally
"done wrong."—

Extract of General Orders by the Commander
in Chief alluded to above.—

"Head Quarters Monsurpett 27th Decr 1790"

"The 5th Brigade with one Company of
"Pioneers from the Division under Lieutenant
"Dowse posted at Tichinopoly under the Orders
"of Lieutenant Colonel Bridges, agreeable to
"the instructions that Officer will receive from
"the Commander in Chief, is to be considered
"for Field Service in point of Allowances and
"appointments until further Orders."—

In November 1792 a Bill for Arrears
of Pay and other Allowances claimed as due to
Lieutenant Morris up to the day of his Death
having been presented by his Executors and
referred to me for payment, I thought it
necessary, as the Accounts of the Army with which
Lieutenant Morris acted were not Audited, to desire
the

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the Paymaster to withhold discharging the Bills as several Sums appeared in the Accounts as to have paid to Lieutenant Morris and it also covered to me at the time that there might be claimed against him for the Stores committed to his custody but of which Account the Examinator did not belong to my Office.—

In consequence of your late Order I have thought it also necessary to inform myself from the Commissary General of Stores whether or not the Company had any demand on Lieutenant Morris for Ordnance and Stores that were in his Charge during the late War, and if any to what Amount.

The Paymaster to the Army having satisfied Government for the Retrenchments made in his Accounts including what affected A.D. Lieutenant Morris and the Commissary General of Stores having informed me that he does not know of any demand against the Estate of Lieutenant Morris on Account of the Ordnance and Stores under his charge during the late War it appears that

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that there is no demand against it on the part of the Company and therefore I shall proceed to report on the Sum that may appear due on Account of Pay &c.a to the Estate of the late Lieutenant Andrew Morris which will be found to arise partly in consequence of the Re audit orders and partly from the Arrears of Pay and other Allowances due up to the day of his death, and claimed by the Executors as already set forth.—

First— It appears on the Re audit that in the Refund paid by Lieutenant Morris he stands Debited with Pagodas 617 being the pay of Lascars for whom he was in no shape responsible, I do not find however that he was charged by my predecessor in Office with the Batta of these people as stated in his Letter to Government of 29th June 1792.—

Second— That of the Lascars for whom it has appeared he should be made responsible a Set Indents he was charged twice for the Month of January 1791 in the Retrenchment as per first Audit Pag 577.—

Third

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Third — That there is an Over charge against him as per first Audit of Pagodas 25. 12 on account of Picket Money —

Fourth — That of the Arrears of Pay or other allowances Due to the Day of his death and claimed by the Executors there appears admissible Pagodas 311. 33. 33. instead of Pagodas 388. 15. 19 the Amount of the Bill —

The Three first Items appear to me, after a careful examination of the first Audit. to form an Amount by the Records of which Lieutenant Morris has been aggrieved in the Resolution of Government founded upon the Report of my predecessor in Office and the fourth Sum viz.t Pagodas 311. 33. 33. is due to the Estate as above set forth — the whole making One Thousand five hundred and Thirty One Pagodas Three Fanams and Thirty Three Cash /1531. 3. 33/ which is due by the Company to the Estate of the late Lieutenant Andrew Morris from the result of the examination of the Accounts & according to the Order I have received —

On

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On referring to the Report of Colonel
Capper on first Audit under date 29th October 1791.
together with the reasoning adopted by Government
in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of 4th November following
ordering the Refund that has been complained of
by Lieutenant Morris I cannot take upon me
to consider decidedly that any part of the &c &
Retrenchments which have been Refunded except
those I have noticed comes entirely within the
Order for a Reaudit, because it appears to me
that Government adopted grounds of Objection
to the several charges in Arguments differing
from those in the letter reporting the Audit &
and also more forcible; and, therefore it may
not be considered that Lieutenant Morris has
been aggrieved by the Resolution of Government
founded upon Colonel Capper's Report to any
greater extent than I have exhibited depending
upon official inaccuracies in stating the &
Amount of the several items by which the &
Sum Refunded was computed or in so far as these
items were brought forward against Lieutenant
Morris contrary to the principle which guided &

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the Audit; I must consequently submit to your &
the Audit; I must consequently submit to your &
Lordships consideration what further occurs to me
on this subject to be decided upon eventually wording
to the Meaning that shall be attached to the Order
under which I make the present Report. —

Colonel Capper's letter to Government of
the 29th October 1791 concludes with observing &
"that Lieutenant Morris has furnished the receipt
"of the Commissary of Stores for the Artificers &
"delivered over to him after the junction of the &
Detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Oliphant
"with the Grand Army" and I have the honor
to enclose a copy of that Receipt which appears
to be for "Lascars &c." &c." and shews that the
acting Commissary's Office was
was provided with an Establishment to a certain
extent at the time it joined according to the
Numbers exhibited in the Receipt of the &
Commissary with the Grand Army; but neither
the Report of Audit nor the Decision of Government
upon the subject of it admits any Establishment
for the reasons therein respectively assigned. —

In

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In this situation of the matter and not considering decidedly, for the Reasons I have given, that the Order for a Requisit extends so far as authorises my proposing an alteration in this Respect, I have only to state that the Expence of the Establishment thus delivered over, if admitted for the Two Months Retrenched upon January and February 1791 is Pagodas 10371 and 30 Fanams, in the event that Government shall see it reasonable under all the circumstances of the case as brought forward by Lieutenant Morris to make an Allowance for it instead of the Sum charged in the Accounts for an Office Establishment for the same Months amounting to Pagodas 3257. 31.32

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

/Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Mily: Aud. Genl

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the Audit; I must consequently submit to your & Lordship's consideration what further ought to be, on this subject to be decided upon eventually according to the Meaning that shall be attached to the Order under which I make the present Report.—

Colonel Capper's letter to Government of the 29th October 1791 concludes with observing & "that Lieutenant Morris has furnished the receipt "of the Commissary of Stores for the Artificers & "delivered over to him after the junction of the "Detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Oakes "with the Grand Army" and I have the honor to enclose a copy of that Receipt which appears to be for "Lascars &c." "&c." and shews that the acting Commissary's Office with the Detachment was provided with an Establishment to a certain extent at the time it joined according to the Numbers exhibited in the Receipt of the 2d Commissary with the Grand Army; but neither the Report of Audit nor the Decision of Government upon the subject of it admits any Establishment for the reasons therein respectively assigned.—

Sir

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In this situation of the matter and not considering decidedly, for the Reasons I have given, that the Order for a Reaudit extends so far as authorises my proposing an alteration in this Respect, I have only to state that the Expence of the Establishment thus delivered over, if admitted for the Two Months Retrenched upon January and February 1791 is Pagodas 1071 and 39 Fanams, in the event that Government shall see it reasonable under all the circumstances of the case as brought forward by Lieutenant Morris to make an Allowance for it instead of the Sum charged in the Accounts for an Office Establishment for the same Months amounting to Pagodas 3251.31.32

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

/Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Mily. Aud.r Genl

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Received from Lieutenant Morris Commissary
of Stores the undermentioned Lascars &c. &c. 23 April 1795

Four Syrangs
Eight Tindals
Eighty seven Lascars
Two Mastry Carpenters
Nine Carpenters
One Mastry Smith
Eight Smiths
Eight Hammermen
Six Bellows Boys
Two Sawyers
Two Painters
One Mastry Armourer
Two Armourers
One Chucklander
Four Chucklers
One Mastry Cooley
Twenty Coolies —

Not having any Books to examine
cannot exactly say the above is
actually correct, but to the best of
my belief it is — 1st October 1795 Fort St George

Signed Robert Bell
Com. of Stores

A true Copy
Signed Henry Malcolm
Mily. Asst. Genl.

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The Amount on one tobe discharged.—

The Board approve the opinions & given by the Military Auditor General. Ordered in consequence that the Sum of one thousand five & hundred and thirty one Pagodas three fanams, one thirty three Cash /1531. 3. 33/ be paid to Messrs. Pocher and Hayes, Executors to the estate of the late Lieutenant Morris.—

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Poona.—

To The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Sir Charles Malet the period of three or four Months talked of for enthroning the New Peishwa.—

Three Days that has been confidently talked of as fixed for enthroning the new Peishwa have passed, without the Performance of that Ceremony, or the Declaration of the Peishwa Elect.

The distant Period of three or four Months is now talked of; and, in the mean Time, the Ministers of Doulut Row Sindia have taken their Leave to return to their Master, and the Departure of some of the other Chiefs is expected to take Place.—

Their

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These Circumstances certainly give an Air of Mystery to the Affairs of this Court and of shew the important Measure of the Succession into a State of Doubt and Uncertainty, from which there appears no prospect of extricating it, but through the Perils incident to a Predicament of Rivalship and Competition of the great Members of the State—

I have the Honor to be very respectfully
&c. &c.
(Signed) C.W. Malet

Poona
15. December 1795.

Read the following Letter from the Rajah of Travancore, sentenced above in C.C. 87.

Translation of a Letter from Ram Raje Rajah of Travancore
To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St. George
Dated 23d December 1795
Rec'd 6. January 1796.

I have this day been favored with two friendly Letters from your Lordship, dated 6th and 9th Instant, transmitting one an address from Sir John Shore Bart. Governor General of Bengal, on the subject of sending a Complete Battalion of my Troops to Palamcottah— and mentioning the Report of

From Rajah of Travancore advising of his having given orders for Carriage of a Complete Battalion of his Troops for Service on the Palamcottah—

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Mr. Jonathan Duncan, relative to my affording
assistance - also that the Company's troops could
not be withdrawn from thence until my Battalion
should arrive there. -

Consistently with my long-existing
friendship with the Company, whose affairs I am
equally interested in assisting and promoting, as
I am for my own, I issued orders, immediately on
the Receipt of your Lordships Letters, for one complete
Battalion being called in from my Garisons - they
will be soon assembled - and I shall then send them
to Palamcottah, giving your Lordship Notice of the
same. -

I request your Lordship will consider
me as constantly desirous to be informed of your
Welfare, and that you will be so good to afford me
the Satisfaction of frequent Accounts concerning it.

What more need be added?

P. S. Your Lordship will observe that I received
your Letters but this day, and that I forthwith
issued the orders for a Battalion being got
ready and to march. -

A true Translation
(Signed) A. Falconer
P. Sr.

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Death of Captain J.B. Butler and Lieutenant J. Macpherson

The Secretary reports to the Board, the Death of Captain J.B. Butler Commanding the 10th Battalion of Native Infantry at this Presidency this day; and of Lieutenant John Macpherson of the 6th Native Battalion at Bombay on the Establishment.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Grant

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor, &c. &c. in Council

My Lords,

From Lieutenant Grant stating Arguments in support of his Claim to retaining the Balance remaining in Major Hart's Hands on the 25th December 1792 on account of the King's Regiments

In the absence of Sir Charles Oakeley, Captain Borough, it falls to me to reply to Mr. Jackson's letter of the 1st Instant; and as I feel it incumbent on me to submit and bring before your Honorable Board certain circumstances explanatory and in support of my still holding the Balance I had in my hands on Account of His Majesty's Old Regiments on the 25th of December 1792, I hope that in thus endeavouring to pay an immediate compliance with your Commands, You will do me the justice to believe, I am actuated solely by a wish of faithfully discharging the trust reposed in me.

Upon

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Upon a reference to the Public Books and
Papers deposited in the Kings Pay Office, I cannot
observe that the Madras Government at any time
officially acquainted Major Hart of their having
referred any other Monies to the Court of Directors than
the Balance that was in his hands on Account of the
New Regiments and Royal Artillery on the day
abovementioned, which, in conformity to your Order,
duly paid to the Military Paymaster General
on the 1st Ultimo - not however without some anxiety
for the ultimate event -

The Surplus now remaining is on account of
the Old Regiments; which have ever been acknowled-
ged to be serving under the Parliamentary Agreement
of 1781, as it is a part of the Sum Stipulated by that
act, and carried to the Credit of the Crown by Major
Hart prior to the 24th of December 1792, the day
fixed for all Accounts to cease, and as certain
clauses in the late act of parliament for prolonging
the Company's Charter declares that "the sums
"remaining due from the Company as well on account
"of the said Navy and Victualling Expences, as also on
"Account of the said Loans, be computed to the 25th Day
"of December 1792 shall be set against the said sum
"so claimed by them, that His Majesty and the
said

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"said Company shall hereby be reciprocally acquitted
"of the said claims and sums respectively, and
"that all Accounts between the Crown and the East
"India Company for the Service of His Majesty's &
"forces in India shall be held to have been finally
"adjusted and closed as they then stood on the
"said 24th day of December 1792; - I do therefore &
humbly presume that it is in direct opposition
to the letter and Spirit of this Act for the Court &
of Directors now to claim any part of this Money
or to direct that it "should be considered as &c &
"applicable to the payment of the Troops "without
the joint concurrence of His Majesty's proper &
Servants in London -

But even admitting for a moment that my &
construction of the act of Parliament is erroneous I entertain
serious doubts whether, as a Trustee of Major Hart, I could
not subject myself to considerable Risque in giving up
this Balance, without directions from him, or from the
Kings Paymaster General, because in their Deputation
and Instructions to Major Hart they say that In
case of future regulations taking place relative &
either to the Receipt of the Money in India, the payment
of the Troops, or the remittances of part of it to England,

We

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We do hereby give the said George Hart, our Deputy full power and Authority to execute and transact the same in as full and ample a Manner as we might or could do if personally present, at the same time subjecting him to such orders as he may from time to time receive from us; - And it is likewise further expressed in this Bond and Securities that "if the said George Hart shall "and truly Account with the Paymasters General for "all Monies received, produce authentic Vouchers "for all payments made, and upon the close of this "Account if he the said George Hart, his Heirs, & "Executors, or Administrators, shall well and & "truly Pay to the Governor and Company of the "Bank of England, to be placed to the Credit "of the Paymasters General of his Majesty's forces, "the Balance which shall appear to be due from "the said George Hart, than the Obligation to be "void, and of no effect, but if default shall be "made of all, or any of the said conditions then "to remain in full force and Virtue." -

As Major Hart was thus empowered to receive the subsidy, therefrom to pay the Troops, and

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and transmit the surplus to England, and as he has given security to a large Amount for the faithful discharge of these conditions, I most humbly trust your Honorable Board will be pleased to let the Matter remain on the present rooted & Instructions are issued on the Subject either from the Major Hart, or from His Majesty's Pay Office in London where the Securities are lodged. — And more especially as Major Hart in letters which I received from him dated 24th of May last on board the Europa, declares that the settlement of this public Accounts shall be the first object of his attention on his Arrival in England. —

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

Hon'ble Sirs

Fort St. George
the 12th January 1796. —

Your Hon'ble Sirs
Most obedient Servant
(Signed) A. Grant

Ordered that the Opinion of the Company's Attorney General be taken on the above subject. —

Read the following letter from Mr Robert Andrews. —

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart.

President and Governor &c.a in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge

From Mr. Anstruther has communicated to the Candia Embassador the Board's Instructions, relative to a Treaty of Friendship — Substance of his Conference with them on the occasion

the Receipt of your letter under date the 1st Instant

in conformity to which we have communicated

the Sentiments of the Supreme Government to

the Candia Embassadors as to the immediate &

execution of any Treaty and with the sincerity

directed to be observed made known the grounds

on which the superior Board conceived the

King of Candia should be satisfied with the

friendly assurances of the English Government

without entering at present into any

permanent Engagements — A language so

very different from that which had used to

obtain their acquiescence to the Preliminary

Treaty surprized them much, and led them at

at first to conceive, I had been hitherto acting

without due authority but having satisfied

them

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thom on that point, Itkem made use of such
Arguments as suggested themselves for effecting
the wishes of the Superior Board, but these
the Embassadors were little inclined to listen to,
for the first idea which struck them was that
having under the specious pretences of Treaty
lulled them into an inactive state and negected
that Assistance of Provisions &c. as was
necessary until our purposes were effected in
the reduction of the Dutch Settlements, we
threw off the Mask and were indifferent as to
their future conduct. Whereas had we originally
avowed our indifference the times afforded them
an opportunity which might again never occur
for extricating themselves from the bondage
the Dutch, they had so long labored under; and
recovering those Territories which had been
illegally with-held; that althó by uniting
themselves with the Dutch they could not
prevented the capture of their Settlements
in the event of restitution at the end
as suggested by the Bengal Governm

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would secure to themselves far greater advantages than they were now taught to expect than in fact nothing at present was held out to them but a tacit acknowledgment of friendship which might be as readily withdrawn as it was now proffered.—

I judged it here necessary to convince them how impossible it was for Government to act with the duplicity they seemed to suspect, and that the proposition now made was solely with a view to obviate the difficulties which might hereafter arise should any Treaty be immediately concluded, but in case they ultimately rejected the present plan I was ready to meet them on negociation subject to the stipulations as stated by the Superior Board; Allowing them some time for reflection they acknowledged the impropriety of the hasty opinion they had at first formed, but concluded after various arguments by affirming that should the Treaty at present pending not be brought to a speedy

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conclusion they should consider themselves at
liberty to return to Candia and inform their Majesty
of what had passed who they should conceive
fully justified in subsequently pursuing such
steps as might appear most conducive to their
Interests - Finding that nothing but negociation
for the conclusion of the Treaty would make
the alarm subside which was now given, I
made known to them particularly the stipulations
on which a Treaty could be concluded, the point
of affording reciprocal Assistance is what they
appear but faintly to oppose, but their
objections are very strong to the ratification of
the Treaty from Europe, conceiving it to leave
them nearly as far from their object, as ever
they to adopt the Neutral system at first
suggested to them - nevertheless they are
so far satisfied as to agree on proceeding on
business and therefore trust that by
Argument and the further success of the
British

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British Troops on the Island of Ceylon, they
may be brought to conclude the Treaty so
as to obtain the approbation of the Bengal
Government, at the same time it may be a
material point to consider how far
a present suspension of the conclusive
Treaty may operate to the deprivation of
that Assistance, as to Men and Provisions
which might be expected from the Court
of Candia and which are now so liberally
supplied were not those points insisted
upon which ultimately may fall far
short of the advantages to be derived from
the Candians at the present Moment.

I have the honor to be with respect,

My Lord,

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

(Signed) R. Andrews

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11th January 1796.-

Ordered

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Ordered to lie on the Table.—

Adm Thurcon.—

Hotel

Com Saunders

Ch Pallofield

Com S

A Robson

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Diary

13th Sent letter to the Nabob Entered in C. C. N.o 9
stating the Amount of Arrears of Pension due to the
late General Joseph Smith.—

Substance of a letter to the Nabob.

Sent the following letter

To Robert Brooke Esq.r
Governor &.a &.a &.a
at St Helena

Sir

We have the honor to enclose a duplicate of our letter forwarded by the Mary.—

To Governor at St Helena requesting that the Chichester may be despatched from thence as soon as possible advice of the Expedition against Columbo and the Moluccas

As the Commander of the Chichester is in charge of dispatches from this Government, of great importance we should hope that nothing would occur that could render it necessary to detain her at St Helena beyond the time re-quired for furnishing her with supplies as she may be in want of for the remainder of the Voyage, but in the event of your orders obliging you to do so we must request you would forward her Packet by the earliest conveyance.

Our preparations for the Seige of Columbo are in great forwardness. The reduc-tion of this place, will complete the conquest of

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13th of all the Dutch Possessions in India, excepting Batavia and the Moluccca Islands. An expedition against the latter is now on foot, under the conduct of Rear Admiral Rainier.

We have the honor to be with great esteem

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Dr. Sr.
(signed) Hobart
Sr. Council

Dispatched the undermentioned letters
Entered in M. B. Nos. 76. 77-78-79-80-81-82.

To Lieutenant Colo. Campbell. To Commandant at Palamcotah
Messrs. J. Brand and J. H. Thuryn of the Dutch service at Tutocoryn to be permitted to go where they please except to Ceylon.

To Hospital Board. To Hospital Board directing them to name an Assistant Surgeon to attend the Collectors in the Vizianagrum Zemindary.

To Major Roberts. To Major Roberts permitting him to visit the Presidency.

To Sr. Hobart. To Military Auditor General directing an Advance of one Months pay to the Bengal Artillery about to embark for Ceylon.

To Ditto. To Ditto authorizing an advance equal to one Months pay to all the Officers and Troops

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13th Troops about to Embark on foreign Service.

To Commander of the Army informing

Colonel Brathwaite. him that a reference has been made to Bengal, on certain points relative to the Officers who may go home on Furlough. —

To Commandant at Trichinopoly

To Colonel Floyd directing that a small guard may be Stationed at Sheally for the protection of the Tappal peons. Copy of a letter from the Post Master General enclosed —

15th Received the following letters.

To W. C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary to the Government at

Fort St George

Sir

From Persian Translator at Bengal transmitting Translate of a letter from the Governor General to the Travancore Rajah on the subject of the two Treaties concluded by Mr Duncan.

For the greater expedition I am directed by the Honble the Governor General to take the opportunity of the immediate sailing of the Success Galley for Fort St George to transmit the enclosed Letter to the Rajah of Travancore and to request that it may be forwarded to him with the utmost dispatch. — Copies in English and Persian accompany for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council. —

I have the honor to be &c &c

(signed) N. B. Edmonstone Sy

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To the 15th Rajah of Travancore

Written 1st January 96.

I have the honor to inform you that I have received from the Honble Mr. Duncan Governor of Bombay, a Narrative of the Negotiation entered into by him with you under the authority of this Government and Copies of the two Treaties concluded by him in Virtue of such authority, one entitled a proposed permanent Treaty and the other a temporary Engagement.

It affords me the sincerest satisfaction to learn that the Propositions which I communicated to you by Mr. Duncan were so conformable to the wishes which you expressed to me and that the long established Friendship between the Rajahs of Travancore and the Company has acquired new strength and confidence by this Negotiation with you.

In conformity to these Sentiments I have the pleasure to communicate to you, with the full consent of this Government the ratification of the temporary engagement as concluded between you and Mr.

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15th Mr Duncan on the 17th November 1795 and to assure you that the proposed permanent Treaty will be transmitted by the earliest and repeated opportunities to the Honble the Court of Directors with the strongest Recommendation of this Go-=vernment to their approbation and confir-=mation of it.-

There is one article only in which I wish an extension to take place. In the seventh article of the proposed permanent Treaty it expressed that the succours of Troops which you may furnish shall be liable to be employed as far by the Company's Government on either side the Peninsula as to Madura and Calicut. The extension I propose is expressed in the following Addition to be inserted after the word Calicut or in any part of the Compa-=ny's Territories on the Malabar Coast to the Northward of Calicut." It must be obvi-=ous to you that if the Company should find it necessary to avail themselves of the assis-=tance stipulated in the 7th Article of the Treaty that it may be required essentially to the

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15th the Northward of Calicut and my proposition which has this object in view will I flatter myself attain your ready acquiescence. If any objections should occur to you of which I am not aware I shall be very ready to consider them.

Mr Duncan has also communicated to me your wishes and application for a loan of Six Lacks of Rupees to be advanced at the end of the English Year 1796 or beginning of 1797.—

Nothing could induce me to hesitate a moment in complying with your wishes if I could be certain that the funds of the Company would admit of this advance: but as I cannot premise what it may not be in my power to perform, I am under the necessity of explaining to you with whatever reluctance that the extraordinary expence incurred by the Company in consequence of the war and various other unexpected Demands may render it impossible without great distress to the affairs of the Company to comply with your wishes but that if I should be fortunately disappointed in this apprehension I shall have great pleasure in accommodating you

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you with the solicited Loan, at present therefore I can only express the strong inclination which I have to oblige you, leaving my determination on this point to future circumstances by which alone it can be regulated. -

Having expressed my full approbation of Mr. Duncan's negotiation with you and of the Engagements concluded between him and you, it is unnecessary to consider the arguments and discussions during the negotiations you have already had, the most solid proofs of the attachment of the Company to your Interest, and I trust you will consider my acquiescence in your wishes to enter into a permanent Treaty with the Company under the modified Stipulation for three Battalions instead of four as specified as an additional proof of their regard for you and your Interest of the value and importance of the Company's protection you have had experience and in mentioning this it is a satisfaction to me to add that I am equally sensible to your attachment to them, of which you have given such recent Proof in the

readiness

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readiness with which you offered your assistance for the reduction of Cochin and for supplying Troops for garrisoning it as well as the Fort of Palamcotah and Madura.

The connection between you and the Company is now fixed upon a more solid Basis than ever and in the resolution on my part to adhere to the Engagements entered into with you, I have the fullest confidence in your determination to fulfil every stipulation which you have contracted whether Commercial or Political

I have only to conclude with expressing my sincere wishes for your Health, Happiness and prosperity &c.

True Copy

(Signed) N. B. Edmonstone
Sy.

To William Collins Jackson Esq.r
Secretary at Fort St George

From Secretary at Bombay with Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Montgomery and the Bill of Exchange drawn by him

Sir

I am directed to transmit you for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Montgomery with the Bill of Exchange therein mentioned

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

(Signed) John Morris Secry

Bombay Castle
30th December
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John Morris Esqr

Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

Sir,

I beg the favor of you to acquaint the Honble President in Council that I have this day drawn upon him for/39,416 1/2/ Rupees Thirty Nine thousand four hundred Sixteen and a half Rupees in favor of Richard Twin Esq. which with/30,000/ Rupees, I before drew for in favor of Soondurjee Sukjee from Mandavie, and 30,583 1/2 Rupees the amount of my bill from the same place in favor of Tarwaddy Nathjee on the Chief of Surat making altogether (100,000) One hundred Thousand Rupees I have the honor to enclose a set A of bills on the Right Honble Presidency of Fort St George.

Having left a credit on the aforesaid Tarwaddy Nathjee (who is a principal Shroff) in favor of Mr. Robert Holford Resident of Cambay who has been so obliging as to transact some of my Agency concerns in that Neighbour-hood I take the liberty of requesting the Chief of Surat may be directed to discharge the amount

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15th amount of the receipts given by Mr. Holford for Cash taken up by him from Tarnaddy Nathjee on account of my Agency which is the only mode I can adopt of reimbursing him the Cash he may advance without obliging me to go thither, or subjecting the Company to heavy loss in difference of Exchange, Interest &c. I am sorry to observe that a report prevails of one of the boats with my horses (or rather the Company's) Heir Number having been captured by the Pirates of Sagat their non appearance, altho' others that sailed at the same time have been here some days, gives too much reason to fear the report well grounded.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) H. C. Montgomery
Agent for horses for the Madras
Government.-

Allepe
5th December 1795

A true Copy
(Signed) John Morris
Secretary

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor &c &c &c

in Council.

My Lord,

On the 14th of last August I did Myself the honor of addressing your Lordship as p Duplicate enclosed.-

As both General Clarke, and the Honble Sir G. H. Elphinstone proceed to Madras by this Opportunity, I refer you entirely to their superior Information with regard to Intelligence of every kind.

After the Surrender of this Colony to His Majestys Arms the Commanders in Chief empowered Lieutenant Owen of the Bengal, Lieutenant Malcolm of your Establishment and Myself to enlist for the Honble Company's Service such of the Prisoners of War as might be willing to enter, at a Bounty of five Guineas each- In consequence of this permission 125 were sent to Bengal, and 100 to Bombay on the Ships which left this Place last Month- 100 Men from the St Helena Detachment

From Company's Resident at the Cape stating the Number of Prisoners of War who have enlisted for the Company's Service and the Advance made by him to Lieutenant Malcolm on that account

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Detachment were also drafted for the latter Presidency - Had it not been for the want of ships a greater proportion would have been sent to Madras -

Lieutenant Malcolm has been quite indefatigable in his Endeavours to procure you good Men and has been successful enough to get 116 to whom he has advanced part of their Bounty and Subsistance at 6 Stuyvers Pr day each, during their stay, until they were imbarked on board his Majestys Ships for India - Making together £ 310.17.0 which I have advanced to Lieutenant Malcolm on account of the Honble Company and which he will particularly detail in the Returns he is to furnish the Adjutant General at your Presidency -

If necessary I shall take the Liberty of drawing upon you for the above Sum, otherwise I shall include it in my General Account with the Honble Court of Directors.

As nothing else offers at present worth your attention, I have the honor

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15th Honor to remain with great Respect

Yr. Hs.

(Signed) John Pringle.

Cape of Good Hope
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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

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

My Lord

From Commandant at Masulipatam giving an account of the Escape of the French prisoners from thence.

In obedience to your Lordship's Com-
=mands conveyed to me by Mr. Secretary Jackson's
letter of the 28th Ultimo, desiring me to give a
particular account of the escape of Mr. De
Chene from this place, and at the same time
"whether any or what attention was paid to
the orders respecting the confinement of his
person." - In answer I have the honour to inform
your Lordship that immediately on the receipt of
your order dated the 20th July 95. I ordered Mr.
D. Chene to be put into close confinement, only
allowing him sometimes to walk out for the benefit
of the open air but always under the guard of a Sepoy
and on no account was he permitted to go out of
the Fort. As the Garrison is not furnished with
any regular place of confinement and the
number of Prisoners being great, they were
divided and placed in Houses conjectured to be
the most proper for their security - I &c.

De Chene

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15th D Chene and Bligney were put together in a house belonging to a Native - which had a small yard in the rear, surrounded by a high Mud wall with a Sentry placed over them - The night being very dark and windy he (Mr D Chene) seized the favorable opportunity took off his cloath & wrapt himself round the middle with a piece of cloth in the manner of the Natives, blackned his body all over, put a Comely on his Head, got over the wall and passed the Centinels of the gate undiscovered - The night being so favorable and not a hint of his intention having transpired, it was almost impossible to have detected him - It seems Monsieur D Chene had concerted with the other French Prisoners how to effect their escape, for they at the same time contrived to make a hole in the wall of the House in which they were confined and a Number of them passed through unobserved, but on endeavouring to get out of the Fort they were discovered, the alarm was immediately given - twelve of the party were retaken - ten of the prisoners however got off with Mr D. Chene in a boat, and put out to Sea those that were brought back were all disguised in the manner that they informed, and which

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15th I have described Mr D. Chene to have been in-
On the alarm being given, I immediately sent out
Sepoys every way to endeavor to retake them but
to no purpose. I also ordered a Boat to go in pur-
=suit of them but they had too much the start
to be overtaken. and the weather being rather
boisterous the people in the boat gave up the
chase, and thus all our efforts proved fruitless
I have used my best endeavors to find out
whether any of the Natives were concerned in
the business or had in any way assisted the
prisoners in making their escape. as yet I
have not been able to discover that they had
I shall still make every enquiry in my power
to search to the bottom of the affair.

I am
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) J. Bilcliff
Colonel

Head Quarters of the
N.D. of the Army at
Masulipatam
7th January 1796.

Received the undermentioned letters Entered
in W.B. Nos 83.84.85.86.87.88.89.90.91.92.93.

From Mr Edmonstone. From Persian Translator at Bengal
with Translate of a letter from the Governor
General to the Nabob.

From Mr Shaudon. From Acting Commissary General
of Grain and provisions submitting an Indent
for

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15th For go Leaguers of Arrack required by the Commissary at Trincomalé his opinion thereon.

From Hospital Board. Mr R. Main requests leave to go to Europe - Mr J. Innes arrives

From Hospital Board.

the Collectors in the Vizianagrum Zemindary and that Mr B. M Mahon join his Corps at the Mount his health being perfectly recovered.

From Major Roberts enclosing Copies of his Correspondence with the Resident at Hydrabad -

From Major Roberts.

From Rear Admiral Elphinstone advising of his Arrival with the Ships Monarch and Arrogant of 74 Guns the Echo Sloop and Prince of Wales armed Transport having General Clarke on board -

From Admiral Elphinstone.

From Ditto forwarding a Packet of Letters from England brought to the Cape on the Prince William Henry -

From Ditto.

From Paymaster at Madura explaining his reasons for having declined to pay to Captain Oliver the sum of 200 Pagodas as mentioned in the General Orders of the 4th November -

From Mr Hughes.

From

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From Directors of the Male Asylum -
submitting their annual Report of the State of
that Seminary.

From Directors of the Male Asylum.

From Commandant at Masulipa-
tam reporting the Death of Mr M. Topping.

From Colonel Bilcliffe

From Commander of the Army - sub-
mitting Captain Strange's request that he
may serve as a Volunteer with the troops on
Ceylon. -

From Colonel Brathwaite.

From Lieutenant Montgomery -
stating that he is about to despatch 350 Horses
to Palamcotah - apprehends that his letter to
his Agents in the horse Countries will not
reach them time to prevent at least 600 more
arriving at Cochin before the end of March. -
Sent the following letters.

From Lieutenant Montgomery. -

To Jacob Elbracht Esq.r

&c. &c. &c.

at Pulicat.

Sir

It having been reported to us that on the
15th day of June 1795 an order was sent by the Govern-
ment of Pulicat to the Chief and Council of
Jaggernaickporam to remit to Pulicat the
Sum of Madras Pagodas 8000, and that the
remittance

To late Chief at Pulicat desiring an explanation relative to the remittance of 8000 Pagodas from Jaggernaickporam.

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15th remittance was accordingly made about the 8th of July following - and as it appears to us impossible that the Money then stated to have been dispatched, could have arrived at Pulicat before the Surrender of that place we wish to be informed by you how far the communication made to us may be correct, for we must suppose that there is some mistake in respect to dates, because, as the money was the property of the Dutch Company, if it had arrived at Pulicat after that place was in possession of the British Government, it ought according to the articles of Capitulation to have been delivered up; and if it arrived before the Surrender the appropriation of it must appear in the accounts of that Factory. -

We request an explanation of this matter, and have the honor to be,

Sir &c. &c. &c.

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(signed) Hobart
&c. Council.

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To The Honorable Sir George Keith Elphinstone K.B.
Vice Admiral of the Blue
and Commander in Chief of His Majestys Ships
and Vessels in the East Indies. —

To Admiral Elphinstone congratulating him on his arrival and transmitting Copy of a Dispatch from Admiral Rainier with other Letters to his Address. —

Sir

We have been honored with your Ex-
-cellency's letters of this date and beg to offer our
congratulations on your arrival in these roads. —

We send herewith Packet and Letters
to your Excellency's address from Rear Admiral
Rainier His dispatch to you of the 12th Ultimo
advising of his proceedings at Malacca was
forwarded to Trincomale' a few days ago, under
the probability that your Excellency might
have touched at that Port. The Rear Admiral
having desired our President to take Copies
of the Dispatches in the event of your Excel-
-lency not being at Madras we have the
honor to transmit them for your informa-
-tion together with a letter from the
Governor General of Bengal.

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

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

Gentlemen.

We have received your letters dated the 18th 25th 26th and 28th Ultimo.-

To Board of Revenue the deposed Polygar of Chokumpetty to be restored the Settlement for 1st Fasly approved as also their opinion on Poonticklah's Claim - Mess.rs Ebbrachtt and Saunders suggesting to receive their Subsistence.

Orders have been given to the Hospital Board to recommend an Assistant Surgeon to attend the Collectors in the Vizianagram Zemindary.-

We have read the Letter from Mr. Downey with the representation from the deposed Polygar of Chokumpetty, and agreeing with you that the restoration of this Man to his Pollam is no less an act of Justice than of Policy, we authorize you to give such order to the Collector as may be necessary for the occasion.-

We approve the settlement made by Mr. Gambier for the Villages of Policole and Cantara, with the exception of the Sawyers Revenue, which should be kept distinct, and under the immediate Charge of the Collector.

We have directed Mr. Scott to take the examination of such Persons as may be able to give information relative to the crime alledged to have been committed by Lieutenant

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15.th Lieutenant Godfrey.—

The opinion you have given upon the claim of Row Venkiah appears so equitable, that we desire he may be put in possession of the House, and if Mr. Eilbracht continues to occupy it that he may be accountable to Row Venkiah for the rent.—

We shall call upon Mr. Eilbracht late Chief of Pulicat for an explanation of the circumstances relative to the remittance of 8000 Madras Pagodas from Jaggernaickporam to Pulicat on the 8.th of July last— and for the reasons you have stated, we are disposed to consider that the late Chief of Jaggernaickporam was warranted in paying himself the Sum of Pagodas 1129. You will therefore acquaint Mr. Snodgrass, that he may commence the Payment of subsistence to Messrs. Eilbracht and Tofender, provided they give receipts with the arrears due from the surrender of the place.—

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

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Dispatched the undermentioned letters
Entered in Mr. B. Nos. 94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101.

To Secretary at Bengal— transmitting
To Mr. Secry Hay.— 1
Copy of a dispatch to the Secret Committee per
Chichester.—

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To Principal Agent for Cavalry supplies—

To Mr Shardon. his recommendations of the 4th Instant to be adopted.

To Mr Ricol Mein. permitting him

To Mr Mein. to proceed to England —

To Military Auditor General, directing

To Colonel Malcolm. him to pass Lieutenant Conways Bill for Pay

as a Cadet from the day of his arrival at Bengal

to that of his arrival at Madras —

To Military Board — transmitting

To Military Board. Invoices of Military Stores p Prince William &

Henry for Madras and Lord Thurlow & Worcester

for Bengal also Accounts of Goods &c. —

To Acting Agent for Horses at Hyderabad. To Lieutenant Forbes directing him

to enter into no fresh Engagements for the pur-

-chase of horses, until further ordered

To Lieutenant Hughes permit-

To Lieutenant Hughes. =ting him to visit Madras —

To Commandant in the Tinnevelly

To Lieut. Colonel Campbell. District enclosing a letter to be forwarded to the

Rajah of Travancore. —

17th Received the undermentioned Letters Entered

in Mr. B. Bs 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110.

Petition of Soloman De Waasan Inha-

Petition -bitant of Negapatam praying that 75 Sergeants

of Arrack being his private property and

detained at Manar may be restored to him.

Patton

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17th Petition of H. D. Beekman to the same purport.

From Admiral Elphinstone

From Admiral Elphinstone requesting to know when the German Recruits on board the King's Ships, may be landed.—

From Ditto

From Ditto suggesting the disposal of two Malay Officers and 40 Privates who were made prisoners at the Cape but are now on board the King's Ships.—

From Ditto.

From Ditto requesting that orders may be given for a compliance with all Demands for Ordnance Stores for the use of the Squadron countersigned by him.

From Count de Meuron

From Count de Meuron requesting that Major General Craig may be desired to arrest all the property belonging to Captain DeGoorn, one of his Officers, who it appears has proceeded to Europe without leave, or adjusting certain Regimental Accounts.—

From Military Paymaster General

From W. Roderick

transmitting an additional Estimate for January.

From Lieutenant Montgomery

From Lieutenant Montgomery stating that one of his Boats with 16 horses on board has been captured by the Walwan Pirates.—

From Captain Macleod

From Captain Macleod transmitting his Bills for Intelligence for July & December.

18th Received the following letters.

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council
Fort St George

My Lord

From Resident at Hyderabad advising of Monsieur Baptiste having marched towards Khummum and inclosing Copy of a letter lately written to Mr Gambier respecting Boopiah.

An indirect application having been made to me a few days ago for Passport through part of the Company's Territory for Baptiste with five hundred Men proceeding to Khummum, I took this occasion not only of putting a Negative on the measure of his marching through any part of our Possessions but of remonstrating against any augmentation of the French force already stationed in that quarter.

Having learned about the same time that Monsieur Raymond was labouring to procure the Talooks of Anduck Pt in Jaun, I set myself to work to endeavour to frustrate his views in this attempt however I am sorry to say, I fear I have been unsuccessful, since I understand Monsieur Raymond has actually received his dismission for the District in question.

In like manner do my Representations regarding Baptistes march to Khummum

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Sir, I Shummeen seem to have been ineffectual, as he has now actually occupied a Camp on the road leading thither; having with him accor-ding to the report of the day a thousand instead of five hundred Men (as at first mentioned to me) together with two Field Pieces I have taken measures however to ascertain exactly the strength of his Detachment as well as the direction it takes on marching hence, some of the Sepoys belonging to it repor-ting that they are to proceed to the Adoni Quarter. -

I have had the honor to receive Mr. Secre-tary Jacksons Letter of the 29th December, and shall eventually pay due attention to the re-commendation contained in it, on the subject of Bopiah. From the enclosed Copy of my letter of the 19th December to Mr. Collector Gambier, your Lordship will no doubt perceive the propriety of my suspending any further proceeding in the business till the effect of the measures noticed in that Letter shall be seen. -

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

Signed/ W. Kirkpatrick

Hyderabad
Sy. 1st January 1796.

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To Gambier Esqr

Collector

Muglatoor

Sir

I was duly honord with your Letter of the 30th Ultimo, in consequence of which I immediately applied to this Durbar for the necessary orders to the Zemindars of Chinnoor.

I was accordingly furnished with these Yesterday when I despatched them directly (agreeably to your suggestion) to the Residence of the Zemindar by a pair of Cossids whom I have instructed to ascertain, if possible, the retreat of Bopia &c. previous to their delivering the Nizams letter - Should they be successful in this instance one of them will remain to watch the motions of the fugitives, while the other proceeds to demand the assistance of the Zemindar in apprehending them - You probably, however, do not need to be told that the authority of his Highness is very little better established in the Chinnoor District than in that of Paloonchole.

One of the Cossids being an Active Intelligent man, and Native of Chinnoor

I have

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18th I have with a view to stimulating their exertions promised them a handsome Reward should they prove instrumental to the actual seizure of Bopiah &c.

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

Hyderabad
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A true Copy
(signed) Jas. Arch. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

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

My Lord

From Resident at Hydrabad advising of the Strength of Mons. Baptiste's Detachment remarks respecting him

I have the honour to acquaint you that since addressing your Lordship yesterday I have ascertained that the force with which Baptiste has proceeded from hence does not at the most exceed six hundred Men to whom there is attached only a single Field Piece. He has taken the route of Moorcondah; and though this leads to Adoni, as well as to Shummum, I have no doubt of the latter being his present destination.

I am informed but cannot vouch at present, for the authenticity of the account, that there are at this time about twenty Field Pieces belonging to Raymond at Shummum. — Baptiste

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Baptiste is a man of whose address in inveigling Natives as well as Europeans from the Company's service, Raymond & Sunderstand has a high opinion founded chiefly on experience on his past success in such operations. Your Lordship may probably, therefore think it worth while to have his motions in this respect, as well as his intercourse with Norpilly watched with suitable vigilance. He is in his principles a rank Democrat, but his affair in Lally last with Meer Imaum does not bespeak him to be possessed either of much gallantry or military knowledge.

I submit it to your Lordship's consideration whether the Officers commanding at Innacondah and Ongole do not possess the means of acquiring tolerable exact information with regard to the actual strength and state of the French Detachment at Hhummeeum.

Raymond having lately removed his European Company and distributed the men who composed it among the Native Corps, Baptiste's Regiment is said to have a Serjeant attached to each Company.

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

(signed) Wm Kirkpatrick

Hyderabad
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Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor &c. &c. in Council

Fort St George.

My Lord,

I have the honor to inclose for your Lord-
=ships information an abridged recital of official
intelligence relative to the Dutch East India
Company's Possessions, Commerce, and other circum-
=stances, extracted from Dispatches intercepted
at the Cape brought by the Maria Louisa a Dutch
Packet from Batavia, the voluminous originals
of which were left to be forwarded by the first
opportunity to His Majesty's Ministers.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(signed) J. H. Elphinstone.

From Admiral Elphinstone - transmitting an Abstract of Dutch papers intercepted at the Cape, relating to the Dutch Possessions, Commerce. —

His Majesty's Ship
Monarch Madras Roads
the 16th January 1796.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart.

Governor and President in Council.

of Fort St. George.

My Lord,

Prompted by the most anxious desire
to remove as early as it is in my power those unfor-
=tunate impressions which you have received
on the subject of my issuing Star Pagodas in
payment to the 9th Battalion and by which
you have concluded, I have introduced a confu-
sion

From Paymaster at Madura - stating that he had the Board's authority for receiving from Mr Vaughan the Star Pagodas lately issued to the Troops and vindicating himself from the suspicions entertained of his conduct —

into

Fort St George, January 5796.

18th into the Country altogether new, and have defeated and overthrown, all your liberal intentions to the Troops in fixing an Exchange; I proceed My Lord, to Answer the several enquiries you have made of me, and to add to them such further explanations as are necessary to vindicate myself from the very suspicious appearance my conduct has borne to you.-

The Collectors of the Polygar Peish-
=cush, and of Dindigul having advised that they had no Cash whatever to advance me for my November Disbursements, I notified to the Military Paymaster General under date the 23rd October Copy of which accompanies this Address, that previous to my having been informed by the Collectors they were not in Cash, Mr Vaughan had offered to pay me in a considerable sum of Money for which he meant to procure Company's Bonds, but that I then refused to receive the Money; not however I beg leave to remark from considering what he would pay me, as any prejudice to the Troops upon being issued to them; but because I considered that if the Collectors could provide me with the Amount of my Estimates, I

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18th was not at liberty to take it from any Quarter, or to hold more than the Exigencies of my Office required: As however the Collectors were unable to afford me any supply, I acquainted the Paymaster General of my having accepted the Offer of Mr Vaughan, Before that letter reached him, the Paymaster General had already instructed me under date the 26th October Copy of which letter ac-
No 2 companies, to take up by your Orders the Cash offered by Mr Vaughan who in consequence of my declining it without special authority had in the interim applied to the Civil Secretary, and ob-tained the order above mentioned, on which I received from him on the 9th and 13th November the Sum in total of 4,500 Pagodas all in Star.

On a more perfect Knowledge of this subject your Lordship will be convinced that the receipt and issue of this 4,500 Pagodas was not illicit or undue advantage to any one; and it is sincerely to be regretted by myself that the trifling accommodation of being saved the more trouble, risque, and expence of sending these Pagodas to the Presidency should have induced Mr Vaughan to get permission to pay them to me; he however was unconscious of the Evil which was to result to myself and the Pagodas which he had collected with some

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cost to himself several Months ago for making
a remittance of his property to the Presidency
(where neither Porto Novo Pagodas or Colly
fanams can be sent, but with material loss)
was paid to the Company's Treasury for Bonds
by which they derived much more considerable
advantage than any individual whatever; and
the Troops in this Quarter had a very season-
=able supply of Pay when they would other-
=wise have waited a very inconvenient
length of time. To one individual it might
have been the source of dissatisfaction if
they had been appropriated as originally
intended, but I may venture to declare, that
it would have been a very great one to almost
every other person, whom I may also say were
generally pleased at procuring any Pagodas
whatever. The want of Pagodas has often been
the cause of grievance, now however, my Lord,
it is complained that they have them: But had
any thing else been offered by Mr Vaughan,
Let us suppose for instance Colly fanams,
most undoubtedly Mr Vaughan, tho' the
Company's Exchange was 87½ would only
have paid them at the acknowledged and

usual

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B.th usual exchange of every pecuniary transaction
Viz.t the Bazaar which at that time was 16 3/4
nor could I refuse in reason to admit it as a just
equivalent although I must have waited for
instructions on such an occasion, since by this
means I should have given him a receipt or
entitling him fairly for 4.500 Pagodas in
Bonds from the Company, but which would
not have been worth in their Military Ac-
=counts of Madura, more than 4300; And
whether this was foreseen, or from what other
cause I cannot pretend to say, yet I am
very greatly mistaken if Mr. Vaughan
did not inform me, that he was positively
directed to give me Star Pagodas.

Having related the few circumstan=
=ces by which these Pagodas came into my
Possession, I can very shortly satisfy your
Lordship of the motives that weighed with
me to issue them. They were sought after by
almost every person, and I took much care in
dividing all that I received on the 3.d November
between Madura and Dindigul to avoid the
imputation of partiality. The Commanding
Officer of the 9.th Battalion alone refused
at first to accept them nor were they forced
upon him, for after Twenty Days consideration,

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18th he took them too, tho' it was still in his option
most assuredly to wait a little, until I had
Fanams to give him, which it is indispensable
are at the Company's Exchange somewhat
more advantageous to the Sepoy, and the Star
Pagoda could have been very satisfactorily disposed
of in other demands But yet My Lord even in
the issue of the Star Pagodas to the Troops render
these circumstances believe me, he will find but
few who could concur with him, that it was
worthy of complaint - So lightly did I view it,
when he favored me with an Account of his
intentions that I could not treat it with that
seriousness which I have now found it to deserve,
for allow me to observe My Lord, the Troops
heretofore in stating their losses only demon-
=strated to Government, that with a Star
Pagoda in their possession they procured more
Fanams than the Paymaster issued - This was
the sum of their grievance. They now possessed
the Star Pagoda and possessed along with it
all that they heretofore petitioned for, and
no one can honestly approve that when ac-
=cident gave the Troops, what they had even-
=tually expressed as the summit of their
expectations, tho it was not quite equal to

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the very beneficial exchange which Government had just adopted, that it could be a proper or reasonable cause of complaint.-

In my letter to the Paymaster General your Lordship will find that I wished to be submitted to you the expediency of sending Monthly Payments under the full persuasion that it would effectually eradicate every cause of discontent, and because it would be an advantage also to the Company; instead of which, it would now seem to your Lordship that I have been so grossly mistaken, that the very act which I pointed out as but calculated to heal every injury and suppress every murmur of fresh and reiterated petition, and remonstrance; by which I was likewise to entail upon myself endless trouble and contention. But I am still correct in my opinion, and you may believe that the troops, much as they must be grateful for the present liberal measure of your Lord= =ship, would deem the constant pay= =ment of a large quota of their Al= =lowances, and if they were prudent the whole in Star Pagodas, an act yet more beneficent than the first= But

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But I must not intrude with observations but appeal to facts for my exculpation. I say my Lord every one was eager to accept Star Pagodas. Pagodas of any kind are always agreeable, and some offered me acknowledgments for them, which I could as little merit, as I deserved censure. A Commanding Officer of one Quarter writes me under date the 19th November "I "assure you it afforded me no small pleasure to "see Star Pagodas issued". And the Commanding Officer of another Quarter, writes me under date the 10th December "When I mentioned to you Porto Novo Pagodas, it was on "the consideration of your having no Stars at "all, for when a Payment is made in Star "Pagodas, the word Exchange is totally out "of the question and I am much obliged to you "for having sent me Star Pagodas." Happy should I have been My Lord to have been saved the exposure of such inconsistency of opinion! such contrariety of desires! but as neither the studied endeavours and undivided attention of three Months to please and to conciliate has befriended me on this occasion; nor the unblemished integrity of long and faithful services protected me from a suspicion of the most pitiful, scandalous and dishonorable practises, I

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18th I must be allowed in common justice to myself to exceed a little the strict and narrow bounds of self defence.—

Even my Lord if these Pagodas had been illicitly acquired, I think I have said enough to evince, that it was rather a cause of publick benefit than of publick injury. But I have now to answer another very important enquiry. How it came to pass, that a Coin which My predecessor repeatedly declared was not to be procured in the district, should appear so suddenly, in such abundance, and that the commencement of my career in Office, should have been so singularly distinguished by the introduction of a Coin at once novel, foreign and extrinsick, and which had the baneful effect of destroying all the Benevolent objects at which Government had so assiduously aimed— Were this My Lord a literal and fair Statement of the case, I should stand alone condemned.

But my Predecessor must have expressed himself most erroneously when he acquainted you they were not current in the Country— and believe me he meant that they were not in that plenty, or if they were, that they were never received into his Treasury, and therefore he could never

18th never bestow them at a loss to himself. In truth Star Pagodas being of a value perhaps superior to any other Coin, possessed one advantage to every body which the other Currency of the Coun= =try does not. It can be reconciled anyway with= =out loss. Mr Vaughan got them some Months past, I have already related on this account and it was my fate to receive them, and to be looked with the disgrace from one end of the Country to the other, of having been so highly culpable, as to deserve a publick investigation of my conduct; for an Affair in which the Company got money, and the Troops got pay, when each was in want; and Mr Vaughan acquainted the little advantage of paying in his Money at Madura, instead of Madras.- You must be informed that the Kings Regiments wherever Stationed, whether North or South, and however distant, receive all their Payments both from King and Company in Star Pagoda which is issued from the Treasuries of the Paymas= =ters General at Madras. Two Kings Regiments were Stationed here from about the conclusion of the late War with Tippoo until a few Months since- Your Lordship will find it recorded on the Proceedings

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18th of Government in August 1792, that a Complaint was preferred against Mr Vaughan, for making the very partial distriction of paying the 73d Kings Troops at Dindigul in Pagodas, and the Company's in Fanams; and Government desired the Auditor General under date the 18th of that Month to enjoin Mr Vaughan to divide his Pagodas equally and impartially. Mr Vaughan however was not the person who paid the two Companies of the 73d Regiment at Dindigul, as they received their pay in Star Pagodas from Madras, while the Company's Troops received the Money of the Collections. This is a very curious insulated fact, Yet My Lord, it is a sufficient proof that the reigning grievance of that day was the want of Star Pagodas, and I can make myself Master of no one circumstance more regarding it. But I seem to have succeeded to the discredit, as well as the duties of this Office, and as all I relied on, has not availed me on this occasion. I must appeal again to Facts, which will baffle and defeat every prepossession which may have arisen in the Mind of Government, and will

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18th remove every necessity of further explanation. I have therefore My Lord, when so many unto-=ward Accidents were combining to wound and distress me to reckon it amongst the most fortunate and providential occurrences of my Life, that not one Month after the Receipt of these Pagodas from Mr Vaughan, Your Collector of the Polygar Peishcush ad-=vanced me the sum of 1848 Pagodas from the Revenue Treasury all in Star Pagodas, for Military Disbursements.-

Having I trust in the preceding Paragraphs shewn in the most explicit clear and satisfactory manner that the Conduct of neither myself, or any other person can be implicated on this occasion- And that I might My Lord, if I could ever for a Moment suppose it likely to happen defy the most implacable enmity to blacken the most inveterate malice to aggravate or the most ingenious subtlety to deceive you with respect to my proceedings; Yet the pain and mortification I have suffered, notwithstanding your Lordship has gra-=ciously condescended to declare that no Blame was meant to be conveyed, would excuse me for my earnestness in expressing

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18th expressing that I must have been insensible indeed, not to have discovered that you were highly displeased, and have certainly entertained very serious doubts of me, when therefore it seemed that my Character and every thing that I must hold most dear might have been affected by an enquiry into my Conduct, I cannot but with infinite submission set forth to your Lordship, the deep and inexpressible concern I have felt, at the Nomination of the Commanding Officer of the Southern Division, the Army and him alone, to investigate and report to you my Conduct on this occasion. for considering the Mysterious and doubtful appearance it wore to Government, I could have wished, and should now, did I fear at all this enquiry to be intricate or liable to every ones misconstruction, have petitioned at least for the judgment of some of my fellow Civil Servants. Not My Lord that I would desire to be understood to have any other objection to Colonel Floyd, than that natural anxiety every Servant must feel to be tried by those of his own Line; for I can say with sincerity that no one has a higher respect or greater admiration for both his public and private worth than myself, and every information in my power on the subject in question shall be afforded him, the moment I have acquitted myself of the

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18 yet more urgent and imperious Duty of explain-
-ing myself to your Lordship.

Trusting that I may have now recov-
-red some part of your good opinion permit
me to trespass upon you for an indulgence of
a few Minutes hearing, on the subject of Ex-
-change. If I had professed the very valuable
previledge of addressing you direct on these
matters, you would not have deemed me so
troublesome, as it appears I have been; the in
truth, an Error in judgment, a mistake of
opinion, on a misconception of Orders wh^ch not
followed with any bad effects to the public
Service, can be little deserving Hope of severe Repre-
-hension. On the 23^d. November a date which I
had flattered myself allowed of my hearing
from the Auditor General, previous to the Com-
-mencement of the Payments of the subsequent
Month. I addressed him as you will find in an
No 3. Accompanying Extract of my Letter; and Your
Lordship will also discover the difference and
caution with which I proceeded in anyme-a-
-sure, in which I did not fully comprehend
your Orders: Those Orders establish an Exchange
that I beg leave to say it would have been
the source of much trouble to me if altered to
any other, because the present simplify and
facilitate both payment and account

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18th extremely and I too am a partaker of the General advan-
=tage - But my Lord the concluding directions of the 10th
November which Order that the Head of Batta be
raised, clearly implies a Credit as well as Debit side
to the Account. To receive and to issue at 17½ Coily
fanams must preclude it on that Specie, and the
probability of its arising on Porto Novo's alone
was distant - This occasioned in part the perplex-
=ity that lead me to presume you intended the
Bazar Exchange; and in speaking of the Bazar
Exchange, allow me to declare My Lord in my
own justification, against any presumption that
may have been formed of its being unjust, that
I would put to issue my Existence in the
Service (which to my want of good fortune, I
have to value as much as the Youngest Servant
on the list) that if you were to put it to any of
your Military Servants on their honor as Gentle-
=men, and on their fidelity as Company's Servants
what was the most judicious, equitable and per-
=manent mode it would be decided in favor of
the Bazar Exchange, Facts however My Lord in
this, as in the preceding cases best illustrate things -
The Bazar Exchange in a period not six Months
past was 16 Coily fanams per Star Pagoda. It is
obvious that there is a considerable advantage
to the Troops in the difference between 16 and 17½
It is obvious also that the Exchange which each
person would acquire with a Star Pagoda in his
hand

hand, is the sole, simple and just criterion upon which this subject is to be understood. The same imperceptible but powerful causes which at times tend to lower the Exchange, may at no distant period raise it to 15 and 16 1/2. To the Officer it might be urged you have profited by every advantage, and must be content with the loss of the day; and receive the regulated Exchange of Seventeen and half; but My Lord we have the most excellent and unquestionable assurances from all your past measures, to know that to the common Soldier this could never be urged, who must ever feel the deprivation of any part of his rightful and well earned pittance a heavy distress; and who by the removals of Corps might not have been one who had benefited before I have said thus much My Lord to prove, that I have never imagined ill to the Troops in my interpretation and can say without taking praise to myself that in the earlier time of my employment in the Barramahal there prevailed such an incredible diversity of Coins that it might well exhaust the patience and confound the exertion of any Man, but yet I do not know that one Address to Government on this head is to be found on record.—

Whatever Bill of Losses the Commanding Officer of the 9th Battalion may now present me on Account of his Corps shall be

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18 be forthwith discharged. With regard to its losses for October, the reasons why they were not admitted & were fully represented to the Auditor General and submitted to your Lordship in Council at that time - With regard to Star Pagodas I may confidently state to you, that altho' losses have been described as arising on them, these losses are of such a description, that it is not yet I am certain in the imagination of any man to demand them. With regard to their losses on Abstracts of the 1st December no person could fairly say loss had been suffered, for only advances had been made until all parties were satisfied of the intention of Govern= =ment. -

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

/Signed/ Robt Hughes
Paymr

Madura
10th January 1795

To Benjamin Roebuck Esqr
Military Paymaster General
of Fort St George.

Sir,

By the enclosed letters you will perceive that I am to expect no advances whatever from the Collector of the Polygar Peishcush on account of my Disbursements of the ensuing Month; and to whom I do not apply until the Collector

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Mr Vaughan being desirous of ob-
=taining a Company's Bond made application
to the Civil Secretary and offered to pay me imme-
=diately on their Account 3000 Star Pagodas which
=cluding that Mr Bowney might have the
Amount of my November's Estimate ready, I have
now in consequence of the inability of the Collec-
=tors to supply me with any Funds, thought it
it adviseable to accept the Offer of Mr. Vaughan, as I believed it might suit the con-
=venience of Government, and trust this mea-
=sure will be approved of. He will have Bills
passed him upon you early in the Month. —

Three thousand Star Pagodas being
thus provided for, there remains four more to
be dispatched, which if advanced in Star Pagodas
will obviate in total the loss I have stated of
600 Star Pagodas; And it must therefore be de-
=ducted from November's Estimate. The trans-
=portation of Treasure from the Presidency
will be attended with very little Expence,
whereas the Amount of Advances from the
Revenue Treasury at the present rates of
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President in Council, the probability of perhaps of
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to Madras of that portion of their Collections
which they would otherwise advance to my Employ,
at a less disadvantage than what I have repre=
=sented at large to the Audit Department,
which appears considerable upon the Gross
Disbursements; and at the same time were
they to succeed it would greatly facilitate the
detail of Office and would annihilate the
source of those complaints, with which the Hon
Honble Board have so often been taken up.-

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=mation as to what advances I may expect in
December, in order to give you timely intelligence-
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are usually large there will be no stop.-

I have the honor to be

Madura
23rd October 1795.

Wr &c
/signed/ Robt Hughes
Paymr

(A true Copy)
/signed/ Robt Hughes Paymr

Mr Robert Hughes
Paymaster
Madura.

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Madura
23rd October 1795.

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(signed) Robt Hughes
Paymr

(A true Copy)
(signed) Robt Hughes Paymr

Mr Robert Hughes
Paymaster
Madura.

Sir

I am directed to inform you that
you

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10th you have Governments permission to take up the Cash offered at Madura on the Lands of Pet.r Vaughan, and grant a Receipt for the same, and on the Receipt being presented at the General Treasury 8 per Cent Bonds will be granted - You will give Credit for the Cash in your Account Current, as your Receipt will be adjusted by Transfer in my Office. -

I am
&c. &c.
(Signed) B. Roebuck
M.P.G.

Fort St George.
26th October 1795.

A true Copy
Signed/ Robt Hughes Paymr

Extract of Letter from the Paymaster at Madura to the Military Auditor General under date the 23rd November 1795.

"To comprehend the Orders of Government in a light less favorable than what they intended to the Troops, would of itself be a matter of concern, & I shall not therefore put into effect my construction of the Orders, until I am furnished with your instructions, which I trust it will take you little trouble to communicate to me speedily." -

A true Extract
Signed/ Robt Hughes
Paymr

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To William Collins Jackson Esq.r
10th
Military and Political Secretary to the Right
Honble the President and Governor in Council.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

From Collector at Masulipatam explaining the Cause of the delay in discharging the Nizam's Demand on account of Peshcush.-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter of the 8th Instant, respecting the Payment of Arrears to the Nizam and requiring me to explain the reason of my not replying to Captain Kirkpatrick's letter of the 26th October and reporting also to Government as called for by Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter.-

In answer to the above I request you will be pleased to inform his Lordship, that I wrote Captain Kirkpatrick on the 30th of the same Month, stating, that I had not then received instructions from Government relative to the Payment above alluded to, and had therefore transmitted Copy of his letter to Mr. Secretary Webbe for orders on the subject.-

On the 21st November I received a letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe informing me that directions had been sent to the Collectors in the Neighbourhood to supply me with money, as soon as it should be collected, which it directed me to apply as requested by the Resident of Hydrabad and report to

the

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18th the Right Honble the President in Council whenever the Amount was discharged.—

On the receipt of the first letter from the Resident of Hydrabad dated 8th of October, furnishing me with Paragraph 5 one of which he had written to you. I immediately wrote circular letters to the Collectors, notwithstanding which, the following dates of the receipts of the Money will shew that I was not furnished with a sufficiency until the end of December:—

1 Receipt dated	25th November for	M.Rs 10,000	to Mr Gambier
1 Ditto	Ditto 5th December for	8,500	to Mr Bramfill
1 Ditto	Ditto 31st December for	9,300	to Mr Gambier
		M. Rs 27,900	

It will I hope appear by the date of the Receipts, and the difficulty well known in procuring Silver here, that I had it not in my power to afford Captain Kirkpatrick the information he required so immediately, or Report satisfactorily to Government — and in the interim I received a letter by the Jaspal from him of the 25th December acquainting me that a Successor to the Nizam's Agent here had been appointed and was on his way with a letter to me. I am therefore led to hope from the above recapitulation of the Correspondence and circumstances, but particularly the dates of the Receipts of Cash, that no blame or want

of

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18th of exertion can be imputed to me.—

The Agent of Phalamé Saheb arrived here but a few days past, who I was particularly requested by the Resident to render every assistance I could consistently with the duties of my Station— he has since his arrival been engaged in taking charge of the Papers and effects of the late Agent Runchore Doss, but this day I expect him to wait upon me on the subject of payment of the Money and I request you will be pleased to inform the Right Honble the President in Council, that I have with the greatest difficulty procured Silver Rupees to 40,000, and am prepared to discharge the Amount, but the remainder must be in gold.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) J. W. Gregory.
Coll.

Masulipatam
14th January 1796.

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

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before you a calculation of the Stoppages and adjustment of the Offreckoning Funds for the year 1794 the total amounting to one Lack and six thousand

From Military Auditor General— submitting Statement of the Off= Reckoning Funds for the Year 1794 shewing the Amount of Stoppages—

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18th Thousand, Seven hundred and Nineteen Pagodas thirty seven Fanams and twenty Cash (Pagodas 10619, 37, 20.) —

I have also furnished the Military Pay-master General with a Statement of the same conformably to the General Orders of 25th July 1792 and to the above Sum will fall to be added the Balances unappropriated from last account amounting to Four hundred and Eighty five Pagodas Six Fanams and Thirty three Cash (Pagodas 485, 6, 33.) —

I have the honor to be

Sir &c.

(Signed) Henry Malcolm

Fully and Genl

Military Auditor Generals Office Fort St George 14th January 1796.

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in Ft. St. Geo. Regr 551. 552. 553. 554. 555. 556. 557. 558. 559. 560. —

From Mr. 2d Harington — From Sub Secretary at Bengal — forwarding the Military dispatches for Fort St George received there by the Prince William Henry.

From Ditto. — From Ditto — transmitting a Return of Recruits, Sepoys and Lascars embarked on the Success Galley for Madras. —

From Mr. Shardow. — From Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions stating the want a proper place in which to keep the Earthen ware ordered

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18th ordered to be laid up in Trichinopoly.—

From Military Storekeeper at Ganjam

From Mr Cooper. explaining the interference on the part of Lieu=
=tenant Webber in his detachment which
induced him to relinquish the charge of the Stores.—

From Military Auditor General—

From Colonel Malcolm. reporting upon Mr Roebuck's Estimates for
December and January.

From Lieutenant Montgomery—

From Lieutenant Montgomery.— acknowledging Receipt of the Duplicate of the
Board's orders of the 5th Ultimo.

From Lieutenant A. Flyer—reques.

From Lieutenant Flyer. Cavalry— =ting leave to return to Europe on account of ill
health.—

From Lieutenant R. G. Kelly— to

From Lieutenant Kelly— Infantry. the same effect.—

From Commandant in the Tinnevelly

From Lieut. Colo Campbell. Province— enclosing letter from Lieutenant Pogson
at Allepie— stating that Rustreenjee's Agent
declines taking his Receipt for twenty horses
which are all that appear fit for the Service
out of 74.—

From Ditto— advising of the instruc=

From Ditto.— =tions he has sent to Lieutenant Pogson on
the foregoing subject.

Sent the undermentioned letters Entered

in C. C. Vol. 10. 55.—

To the Nabob— noticing the Court's last

Substance of a letter to the Nabob. Orders on the subject of Lady Campbell's Pension

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18th Pension. and reminding him that that for 1795 is now in Arrear.

Substance of a letter to the Rajah of Vencatagherry.

To the Rajah of Vencatagherry. stating the Nizam's Complaint against one of his Servants, named Ruddy Saheb, for having seized and detained by violence a Brenjarry Woman, and requiring a full explanation from him upon the subject. -

Sent the following letters. -

To Benjamin Sullivan Esq.r

Attorney General

Sir,

To Attorney General inclosing Copies of letters to and from Major Hartes Trustees relative to the demand made on them for payment of the Sum remaining in Major Hartes hands on the 24th December 1792 and desiring his Opinion on the subject -

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to transmit to you extract of a General letter from the Honorable Court of Directors dated the 10th of June last, with Copies of two letters written in consequence by order of His Lordship, to Captain Borough and Lieutenant Grant (the Gentlemen in charge of Major Hartes Effects) and Copy of a letter received from Lieutenant Grant assigning reasons for waiving an immediate compliance with the commands of Government, relative to the Payment to the Company of the full Balance of public Money in the hands of his Majesty's Deputy Paymaster General on the 24th of December 1792, the day on which according to the late act of Parliament all accounts between the Crown and or the

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18th the Company were to cease.—

His Lordship desires you will be pleased to state your opinion whether Lieutenant Hart's construction of the Act and the agreements he has used with respect to Major Hart's sureties in England would justify this Government in suspending the order received from the Honble Court of Directors, until their further pleasure shall be had on the subject.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ W. C. Jackson
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To the Honorable Sir E. H. Elphinstone K.B.
Vice Admiral of the Blue
And Commander in Chief of his Majesty's
Ships and Vessels in the East Indies.—

Sir

In consequence of the communication which I had with your Excellency yesterday, I have now the honor to acquaint you, that the reinforcement you propose sending to Captain Gardner viz. the Echo, Rattle-Snake and Prince of Wales appears adequate to the Service on which it is to be employed, and I take the liberty of requesting your Excellency to give orders that these Vessels may proceed with all convenient expedition.— as

To Admiral Elphinstone requesting that the reinforcement he proposes sending to Captain Gardner in the Gulf of Manar may proceed as soon as possible.

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As the success of the expedition against Columbo may very materially depend upon the early arrival of our Troops before the place, I have enjoined Colonel Stuart the Officer Commanding on the Island of Ceylon, to hasten his preparations as much as possible; and it is with pleasure I state to your Excellency my entire confidence of your zealous co-operation with this Government, in every measure that can contribute to the accomplishment of the important Service now on foot.—

I have the honor to be with great Esteem &c.a &c.a

Signed Hobart.

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Dispatched the undermentioned letters entered in R. B. Nos 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126.

To Collector at Dindigul. transmitting

To Mr G. Wynch

Extract of a letter from Colonel Floyd, and direc=
=ting him to discharge the Batta Bill and Bullock hire therein mentioned— as also the subsistence to Vellay da Raig.—

To Garrison Storekeeper. Notifying

To Mr Greenhill.

the Sum paid for the Rice delivered by weight at Trincomalé from the Bombay and the Com=
=missary's Certificate of the quantity actually received and directing him to state if any

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18.th and what Balance be due to the Company.—

To Military Auditor General authorizing

To Colonel Malcolm the payment to the late Lieutenant Morris's Executors of the Sum he has reported to be due to his Estate— being Pagodas 1531. 3. 33.

To Ditto referring Mr Roebuck's additional Estimate of Cash required for the current

To Ditto. Month.—

To Commandant at Tanjore directing him to comply with any requisitions from the Resident for an Armed force, that may be consistent with the safety of the Garrison.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Baird. ✓

To Commandant of the Southern Division— his orders to Colonel Baird on the foregoing subject, approved. the fort of Baksunaum may be razed, if the Collector see no material objection thereto. part of the 36.th Regiment at Warriore to be stationed in Trichinopoly.

To Colonel Floyd. ✓

At a Consultation—

Present.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor President.

Major General Alured Clarke
Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esq.r
and
Ernst William Fallofield Esq.r
Members

Tuesday 19.th January 1796.—

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Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. –

One Years Interest ordered to be paid on the Hog Hill Certificates

Resolved, that, public notice be given that the interest due for the Year 1795 on the Certificates granted by the Company as Compensation to the Proprietors of Houses and Ground with be discharged at the Treasury on the 1st day of February next–

Resolved also, that the holders of these Certificates be required to send them to the Accountant General, who will make up the Interest to the 1st day of January 1796; and specify the Amount due on the back of each Bond.

Read the following Letter from the Governor of Tranquebar –

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of Fort St George &c &c &c.

My Lord!

From Colonel Auber reaching the Surrender of the French Prisoners who escaped from Trincomalee – and stating the opinion of this Council respecting them. –

I am honored with your Lordship's Letter of the first of this Month with the enclosed Papers respecting the French Prisoners detained in this Colony by my Order in consequence of the piratical acts they are accused of. –

The 7th Instant was the first Council after the Holydays, in which I produced the Letters I had been honored with on the above subject, stating the confidence I was authorized to place in the Particulars therein set forth. After a strict inspection of the Charges, the Council declared the

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the following to be their unanimous Opinion:

"As the French Prisoners are detained
"by order of the Governor under his Danish Majesty's
"Jurisdiction in consequence of a Charge of Piracy
"prefer'd against them by the Governor of Fort St George.
"This Government after a strict Investigation of
"the official Papers containing the above Charge,
"and on the Strength of which a formal Demand
"is made of having their Persons surrendered to the
"British Government. Is of opinion, They cannot
"be given up. And, that it does not appear Suf-
=ficiently clear, that the Persons in question
"can be looked upon as Pirates; But in case it
"should be proved, they were. They would then be
"the natural Enemy to every civilized Nation, and
"must be punished by the Power under the Juris-
=diction of which, they are apprehended. And as
"the accused are now in the hands of a Neutral
"Power and detained in this Colony, they are of
"course entitled to equal rights with the Subjects
"of every other State, and must be heard if they
"have any thing to say in their defence."

"The above to be communicated to the Right
"Honorable the Governor of Fort St George".

Thus circumstanced, I am sorry to feel myself under the disagreeable necessity to decline the surrender of the French Prisoners

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to the British Government, how much I could be personally inclined to favor your Lordship's demand.

I have the honor most respectfully &c

to be. — &c. &c.

/ Signed P. Anker

Fort Dansborg
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Minute of the Board thereon.

Resolved that an answer be returned to the above letter, acquainting General Anker that situated as the Board are, they can only protest against a decree, which appears to them to be incompatible with the laws of every civilized State — and liable to the construction of an infringement of that Neutrality, which his Danish Majesty had professed to be the rule of his conduct in the present War — That indeed the whole of the conduct of the Government of Tranquebar with respect to the British Nation appeared to inconsistent with that cordiality and good will which had been professed, that it must become a subject of the most serious consideration with his Majesty's Ministers in Europe.

Resolved that the above subjects be stated very particularly to the Honorable Court of Directors by the next despatch.

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