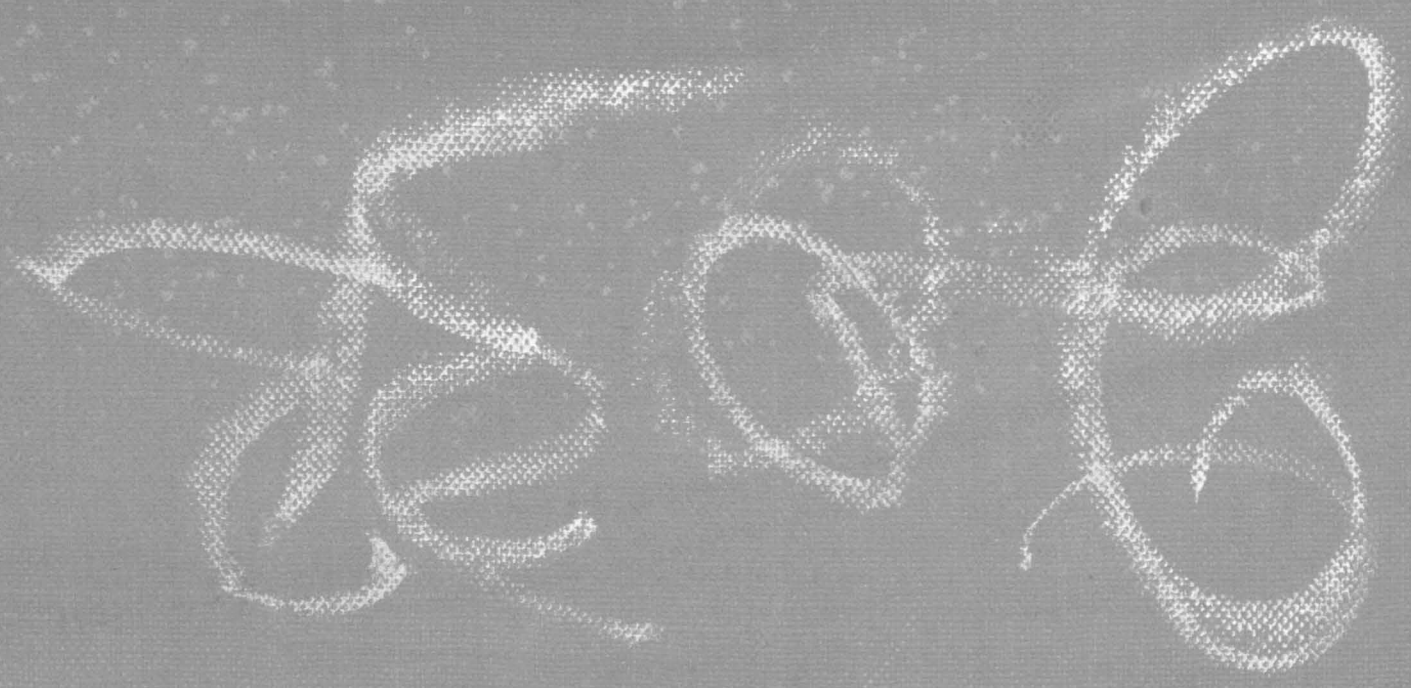

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General Clarke proposes a Compensation to the Commander of the Prince of Wales, Armed Ship, on which he took his passage for India for his Expenses in providing Stock &c. for the Table.

The Commander in Chief acquaints the Board that, upon the Surrender of the Cape of Good Hope to his Majesty's Arms, he had deemed it expedient for the good of the Service, as the Prince William Henry (on which he had taken his passage for India) was, with the exception of the Worcester, the only Ship belonging to the Company destined for Madras; and as the season was so far advanced as to render it unsafe to approach the Coast of Coromandel, to dispatch her with the other Indiamen to Bengal, rather than detain her two Months for a Convoy. The General adds, that in consequence of this Measure which had been suggested to him by the Admiral, he had been under the necessity of taking his Passage on the Prince of Wales, Armed Ship, commanded by a Lieutenant of the Royal Navy, which had been an expensive concern to that Officer - and submits, whether under these circumstances, and considering that the Honorable Court of Directors, had paid for his Passage on the Prince William Henry, a Compensation might not with propriety be made to Lieutenant Charlton, for the expense he incurred in providing Stock &c. for the Table from the Cape to India.

The Board are decidedly of opinion that the expense so incurred, ought to be made good by the Company - and the Commander in Chief

stating

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stating that two hundred and fifty (£250) Pounds would be a reasonable allowance.— Resolved, that, that Sum be paid accordingly.

Read the following letter from Bombay.—

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at Fort St George

My Lord,

From Bombay— enclosing Copies of Despatches from General Clarke and Admiral Elphinstone announcing the Surrender of the Cape—Progress of the Equipment of Troops thence from & thence for Columbo.

We have the honor to transmit your Lordship copies of letters this morning received by the Honble Company's Ships Bombay Castle, Brunswick and Exeter from General Alured Clarke and Admiral Sir George Keith Elphinstone announcing the surrender of the Town and Colony at the Cape of Good Hope; and to acquaint you that the Transports for conveying the Troops from Cochin to Columbo, left the Harbour yesterday Morning with the 3rd Battalion of Sepoys and a Company of the Artillery; and must in all probability reach their first place of destination in four or five days hence and there remains now for dispatch only one Vessel with Stores called the Epaminondas which must we hope be able to follow in the course of tomorrow; and although we sincerely regret that from various intervening causes of delay (consisting principally in the want of water-casks) the equipment should not have been sooner accomplished, yet we flatter

ourselves

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ourselves that it may still arrive in due time for the purpose of co-operating in the object of its outfit. —

We shall hereafter advise you of the disposi=tion of the Soldiers sent by General Clarke. —

We have the honor to be

Hble Sirs

Your Hble Servts

(Signed) John Duncan.

" D. Seton.

To George Dick Esqr.

Secy to Govt

Bombay

Bombay Castle
4th January 1795.

Honble Sirs

I have the honor to inform you of the surrender of this Colony to His Majesty's Arms on the 16th ultimo and enclose Copy of the Terms of Capitula=tion, in consequence of which I am now pre=paring to sail for India, and have directed the Senior Naval Officer at Bombay to cooperate with the forces in the East for the Reduction of Cochin and Columbo if not already subdued, in which case he is to join me on the Coromandel Coast with all Expedition and to bring round any Soldiers intended for that part, as you will perceive by his Orders which I have directed him to communicate to you. —

I have the honor to be Hble Sirs

(Signed) G. K. Elphinstone

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

A true Copy

(Signed) R. E. Elphinstone. Dep. Secy.

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Honble Sirs

I have the satisfaction to acquaint you that this Town and Colony was surrendered to His Majesty's on the 15th ultimo. by Capitulation, Copy of which I have the honor to enclose.—

The Garrison was chiefly composed of Germans in the Dutch Service, many of whom ex=pressed a desire to engage with us; but it not being thought prudent to employ them here, and con=ceiving they would be cheap and useful Recruits in India, they had their option to serve either in the King's or Company's Troops there, as they might like best, and many of them chusing the latter, on account of the limitation to the time of Service about one hundred have been sent in the Company's Ships to your Presidency, to be employed in such European Corps as you may think proper.— The term of their enlistment is for five years and they are to receive five Guineas Bounty each, two of which are to be paid by the Honble Company's Agent here, the other three on their arrival at Bombay.— They are in general well foundedgood Soldiers, and I doubt not will prove a valu=able acquisition to the Regiments that get them.—

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A Detachment from the Garrison of St Helena of about 400 Men who assisted in the reduction of this place having been ordered to return to that Island - the Commanding and principal Officers with it wrote me a letter of which I have the honor to transmit a Copy stating the inconvenience the public Service would derive from one hundred of them being sent immediately to Madras but no opportunity being likely to offer for that place very soon, and the want of accommodation here making it necessary that they should go from hence I send them likewise by the present Conveyance with a view to their being disposed of in such manner as you may think proper at your Presidency, or sent to Madras in the Ships of War, that the Admiral has directed to meet him there after the breaking up of the Monsoon, if that should be thought more convenient and for which he has sent directions to the Naval Commander. -

It being determined that all His Majesty's Troops should remain here for the present - The Admiral has been particularly anxious to dispatch all the Honble Company's Ships to their respective destinations as fast as possible, and there is reason to hope that all but the Earl Howe & which takes the Company's Troops that came from St Helena back to that Island, will

sail

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sail from hence in a few days.

It will on all occasions afford me plea-
=sure to be favored with your Commands being with
great respect, Honble Sirs,

Yr. Hs.

(signed) Alured Clarke

P.S. Captain Wilson of the Exeter will have the honor to deliver this Letter and I beg leave to recommend him as well as Captain Hamilton of the Bombay Castle and Captain Ackland of the Brunswick to your Civilities, they have all been extremely active and useful in our Service here, but particularly the latter who commanded the Seamen of the Company's Ships on Shore and with the Officers acting under him had great Merit in the Management of the Men by which means very important Service was rendered our Presidency in landing the [illegible] and forwarding Provisions wherever our greatest Difficulties

Lieutenant Malcolm of the Madras Establishment who has been employed with me in this Service is still here, and has been extremely useful in enlisting the German Recruits, some of whom have received more than the two Guineas of their Bounty as mentioned in my letter, I therefore have directed him to send such Return to the Adjutant General as will be explanatory of every matter relative to them

and

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and he has my orders to continue enlisting as many as he shall think fit for the service in India.— — Signed/ M.C.

A true Copy
/Signed/ John Morris
Secry.

Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope
October 12th 1795.

His Excellency General Clarke
Commander in Chief of His Majesty's and the Honorable
Company's Troops at the
Cape of Good Hope.

Sir

We take the liberty of addressing you on a subject, which we conceive may be beneficial to our Masters.—

As there was an order arrived by a packet from England to our Governor at St. Helena, to prepare two hundred Men to embark for Madras by the first Storeship, and a force being afterwards called for by His Excellency Sir George Elphinstone and Major General Craig to the Cape of Good Hope, putting it out of the Governor's power to forward it at that time, we beg leave to offer as our opinion that one hundred Men may be spared from our Detachment here, as it is probable there may be more Troops recruited at St. Helena from the Homeward bound Ships since we left it, than would have been, had the Governor expected us back so soon.

By

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By drafting the number of Men to any of the Honble Company's Settlements when an opportunity may now offer would save the expence of sending them back to St Helena, and keeping them there till the Store Ships of the next Season, together with the advantages that may arise from those Men being disciplined, inured to the Climate of India and the passage being so much shorter from hence.

We have the honor to remain

&c.a &c.a

(signed) Thomas Greentree Capt.n

" And.w Don Taafe Capt.n

" George Scott Capt.n Artillery

A true Copy

(signed) H. E. Elphinstone

Dep.t Secry

Read the following letter from Bengal.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at Fort St George.

My Lord

From Bengal advising that the Detachment from thence will march about the 15th January. a Copy of their Instructions to Lieutenant Colonel Erskine enclosed. request orders may be issued for supplying the Troops with Provisions

The March of the Detachment ordered to proceed to the Northern Circars has been delayed by various unavoidable causes; but we hope it will leave the frontier Station of Midnapore by the 15th of the Current Month.

We have the honor to enclose a Copy of our Instructions to Lieutenant Colonel Erskine &

Cape Town
1st October 1795.

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Provisions in their passage thro' the Circars. Suggestions in regard to Advances of Cash.

appointed to command the Detachment, and request your Lordship in Council will issue the Instructions referred to in the 5th paragraph to supply any provisions or other necessaries which the Troops may stand in need of during their passage thro' the Circars.—

We also request you will consider the best mode of providing them with Money after their arrival at the Station assigned to them; and that if you should find it inconvenient to supply them from any of your own Treasuries that you will instruct the Collector of Masulipatam District to settle the terms of exchange for Money to be advanced to the Commanding Officer of the Detachment by the House of Gopaul Dos, Hurrikishen Dos, who have engaged to send immediate Instructions to their Agent at Masulipatam to advance whatever Sum may be required at such rates of Exchange, as may be agreed upon between him and the Collector.—

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Fort William
the 4th of January 1790.

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

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To Lieutenant Colonel John Erskine

Sir,

You have been duly informed that we have thought proper to appoint you, to the command of a Detachment of Native Infantry consisting of four Battalions, under Orders to proceed by land to the Southward.—

2 . . . These Corps being assembled at Midnapore and a supply of Treasure, amounting to Rupees 8,000 at that Station, being delivered over to Mr David Burges the Paymaster of the Detachment we direct that you proceed with the Troops under your command, without delay, to the Southward Via Cuttack. Suddasheo Row the principal Officer of the Berar Rajah in that Province having been written to by the Governor General, and requested to forward your Passage through the Districts of that State.—

3 . . . Should we find it necessary in consequence of the answer we may receive from the Officers of the Berar Government, to issue any further instructions, they will be transmitted to you by our Secretary. We enclose you a Letter of introduction to Suddasheo Row and in the event of not receiving further instructions from us, you will make the best of your way, through the Cuttack districts, not allowing the March of the Troops if possible to be retarded, by any objections from the people of Cuttack, or even by a Protest on the part of that Government, by the Officers of

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of it, which you will endeavour to obviate or evade by amicable discussion, but if you have reason to suppose, that your progress will be opposed by arms, you will halt on the Confines, and await further Orders

If contrary to your expectations you find your progress, after entering the Cuttack District opposed by force, you will pursue your route, if it can be done with safety to the Detachment taking particular care on no account to be the aggressor, in any hostile measure; and not to engage the Detachment in hostilities beyond what is necessary in their defence and the prosecution of your March. -

4. . . . On your arrival within the Countries immediately subject to the Presidency of Fort St. George you will send Notice thereof to the Governor in Council and obey all orders that he may send to you, or that may be sent to you by the Commanding Officer of the Forces of that Presidency for your future guidance or for placing yourself and detachment under the orders of a Senior Officer under that Presidency, that may be in command of the Division or district, where you are to be stationed. In case no orders should be received, you will continue your March to Masulipatam, where you will halt and wait for Orders

5. . . . We are persuaded, that you will enjoin & by and carefully observe the strictest attention to the safety of the Inhabitants and their property

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property, during the March, whether through the Company's Country or any other inflicting exemplary punishment on all persons detected in marauding, or in acts of personal violence to the People.

6. ..... We shall request the Governor in Council at Fort St. George, to send instructions to the Subordinates of that Presidency to supply the wants of the Detachment in provisions &c. in their passage. He will be also requested to arrange the mode in which the Detachment is to be supplied with Cash when at the Stations that may be assigned it, and you have a general authority to draw on us, on the best terms you can, for any aids you may require, provided the Government of Fort St. George find it inconvenient to supply you, and approve of that mode of your obtaining remittances. The Hon'ble Gopaul Dass, Hurri Kishen Dass have engaged to send immediate instructions to their Agent at Masulipatam to advance whatever Sums may be required at such rates of Exchange as may be agreed upon between him, and the Collector of the District.

7. ..... We enclose a Copy of the Cypher No. II now in use between the Presidencies of the Company and their Public Ministers, and desire that particular care may be taken that it should not fall into improper hands.

You

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8. . . . You are entirely at Liberty to correspond with Captain Kirkpatrick the Resident at Hyderabad whenever the wants of the Detachment may be assisted by Orders to the Nizam's Officers, and we have no doubt of the Resident's obtaining them. In the event of part of the detachment being ordered into His Highness's Country to relieve the Madras Corps now stationed there, you will appoint Major Clark to the Command of it, instructing him still to consider himself and his Corps under your Orders, but to consider the Resident as the Channel of communication between his Highness and him, and as such to attend to his instructions and Representations in the same manner as Major Roberts has been accustomed to do. The Corps that may be thus detached will be allowed the same Staff, and as nearly as the nature of the two Services will admit, will be on the same footing as the Detachment they relieve.

9. . . . You have been furnished with a Copy of the Orders of Government in respect to Disbursements for Secret Services.—

10. . . . The Commander in Chief will transmit to you, an authenticated copy of the establishment, which has been fixed for your Detachment, and we strongly recommend and enjoin, your strictest attention to the expences of the Corps under your Command and at the same time that we think it expedient to confide to you, the power of

authorizing

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authorizing such Contingent Disbursements as you may find absolutely necessary for the Service on which you are sent, We think it proper to apprize you, that you will be held responsible for them, until they receive the Sanc=tion of Government. We rely however confidently on your attention to Acconomy and that no Expences will be incurred by you, which will not meet with our approbation.-

11. . . . Whatever Money may be advanced to the Troops, including the Expenditure of the Supply that the Paymaster takes from Midnāpore, is to be advanced in the Specie in which you receive it; at such Rate of Exchange with respect to Sonaut Rupees, as you may determine to be an equitable Rate, considering the Current Exchange at the Places where the Specie may be used, and you will be pleased from time to time to inform us of whatever Orders you may give upon this subject.-

12. . . . . You will examine your discretion, in procuring and Keeping up, Supplies of Provisions, as well as with respect to the Carriage Cattle, pur=chased for the Bazars of the Detachment, and the Cattle engaged on Monthly Hire.

13. . . . You will receive from the Adjutant General Copies of all General Orders, that have been, or that may be issued, in respect to the of the Detachment

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Detachment under your Command and you will correspond with the Commander in Chief upon all Points necessary for his information.—

We are

&c. &c.

Fort William
4th January 1796.

(signed) J. Shore
" Robt Abercromby
" Peter Speke
" Wm Cowper

A true Copy
(Signed) J. H. Harington
Sub Secry.

Minute thereon.

The Board will send in due time the necessary orders to the Collector in the Northern Circars as recommended by the Governor General in Council.—

Read the following letter from the Resident at Poona.—

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

My Lord

From Sir Charles Malet the Mahratta Chief separate without deciding the Succession.

Since my last address of the 25th ultimo, I have been favored with Mr Secretary Jackson's letter of the 13th conveying intelligence of the arrival of General Clark at the Cape of Good Hope.

I have now the honor to acquaint your Lordship, that the Ministers of Doulut Row Sindia marched from this Place, on their return to their Master, on the 30th ultimo.

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The Departure of Tuckoje Holkar is confi-
dently talked of; but Purseram Bhow's Intention is yet
doubtful, as Nana Furnavees is striving, by the most
importunate Solicitation to detain him.

This separation of the Chiefs, without
bringing the important Point of Succession to a settle-
ment, will convince your Lordship, that the Prospect
of discordance in this State is rather encreased than
diminished.

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

Poona
4th January 1790

/Signed/ C. W. Malet

The President lays before the Board the
following Translation of a letter to his Lordship from
the King of Candia, received by the Ambassadors. vide
also in C. C. P. 12.

A Feromokum or Celebrated letter from Shree Soncadowra Rutnana
Simmasanapaty Emperor of the Sovereign of the Island
of Ceylon who has the Throne of Precious Stones in
answer to a letter from his beloved Friend
The Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor of Madras.

From the King of Candia expressing sentiments of Friendship and attachment to the Company and advising of his having concluded a Preliminary Treaty with Mr. Andrews.

The first letter which you have addressed
to my presence I have received, also the second, to-
gether with the Present of Ornaments, which with
the Ambassadors have been conducted with civili-
ties to my presence and upon perusing the same
when he has presented it to me on his visit

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"it states the sincere desire you have of entering into a Treaty of Alliance and Friendship and how favo-
-rable the present Moment is, for uniting my
Interest with those of the Honble Company intimating
therein at the same time, that the Bearer Mr.
Robert Andrews a Gentleman of high Rank and
respectable Character, has full powers to discourse
with me on all subjects for the purpose of settling the
terms and other expressions of Regard and Cordiality
in a great degree —"

I readily assent to it and with a view
of maintaining a perpetual Friendship between
the English Company and the King of Ceylon in
compliance with your wishes as long as the Sun and
Moon last and in such harmony as Milk and
Water intermix and become inseparable have
treated with your Ambassador respecting some
matters which might be done at present and for
the purpose of encreasing the friendship in
future and to that effect made a Statement of
them on a Paper signed and Sealed by my two Mi-
-nisters as well as by your Ambassador and
happily interchanged by the Parties for the purpose
of assuring you with certainty of having established
a friendship between me and the English Com-
-pany mutually: That both Sanoo Boomoo
Sadetsay and Odapalawadetsay Persons of great
Wisdom and high Rank, who proceed on this
Embassy

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Embassy will wait and deliver this Letter to you, together with a Paper, mentioning the purport of the Treaty and other material Points and treat with you on all subjects which may appear necessary. you will hear them with pleasure and acquiesce in the terms stated in the proposed Treaty in order to encrease the perpetual Friendship and cause two of the same Tenor and Date to be drawn out, which are to be signed by you and your Council, and chopped with the Company's Seal and sent to me, under the care of your Ambassador in Company with my Deputies speedily with the Compliments due to them.. I will on the Receipt of it sign the same personally and affix my Royal Seal and forward it to you. As you have been the means of establishing a firm friendship between me and the English Company, I consider you to be my first friend and entertain an inestimable Regard for you assuring myself that you are inspired with the same sentiments of friendship towards me and as a mark of which I send a few Articles as Presents which will be delivered to you by my Deputies. Your Ambassador who now returns to you has been treated with every attention. He is a Man of Wisdom and Patience and as he has been a Channel of establishing a first Correspondence between you and me, I trust that all matters, which may occur hereafter will be facilitated, I request therefore you will appoint him Governor to the Fort of Columbo

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in my Island of Ceylon and send him with necessary orders on the occasion. The Company's Interpreter Ponnamalee Eyah Moodely appointed by you, is a Man of Wisdom and although he is a Stranger, he has gained a Knowledge into the Customs of this Country and discharged his Duty as an Interpreter with great labor, so as the Friendship may be established mutually, I therefore entertain a favorable opinion of him and request you will consider him worthy of trust and Promote him in the manner as may be thought necessary and appoint him as a Principal Interpreter to be stationed at Columbo constantly, and send him out together with the Ambassador. It behoves you to adopt necessary Measures to prevent the Dutch Nation from ever having possession of an Inch of Land in this Island and to maintain the perpetual friendship so established by you between me and the English Company firmly. It is needless in me to expatiate further to a person of your Lordship's discernment.

What can I say more?

Dated at Streevurdanapooram
5th Arpasee of Ratchasa Year 5757
or 18th October 1795.
Received the 31st December 1795.

A true translation as near as can be
from the Original in Malabar.
(Signed) Annasawmy - Interpreter

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Read the following letters from Colonel Stuart.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

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My Lord,

From Colonel Stuart recommends that the Families of the Sepoy Corps serving on Ceylon be sent there without delay - shall make Negombo the place of Rendezvous for the Seige of Columbo in want of Cash - Detail of Troops to be left at Trincomale &c

I was this Morning honored with Mr Secretary Jackson's letter dated the 15th Instant the Contents of which shall be particularly attended to - The Sepoys &c have already received their allowance of provisions to the 31st Instant inclusive, But from that day, all Extra allowance of provision of shall cease to such Troops as are at fixed Stations and the half Bear of Rice per day, as granted to the Native Troops during the last Mysore War, shall commence agreeably to my Original instructions, and for any further quantity that may be found absolutely necessary to be drawn from the Company's Stores for subsisting such Corps and public followers as may be at fixed Stations they shall be directed to pay at the rate of Seventy /70/ Pagodas a Garce, until a Sufficient Bazar can be established for subsisting them - at the same time I must beg leave to recommend that the Familys of such Corps as are intended to be Stationary on this Island should be sent to them, with as little delay as possible.

I propose that Captain Barbut with the Flank Companies of the 73rd Regiment and the 7th Native Battalion shall March by land to Negambo, which place I presume (if we find it

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it practicable to possess ourselves of it) will be the most convenient for the general Rendesvouze of the Troops who are intended to act against Columbo— Besides the 52d. Regiment, we have a Company and a half of Artillery to go from this upon the intended Service, for which Shipping will be required, and I am likewise of opinion, it will be necessary, that a proportion of Gun Lascars be transported by water. —

I shall immediately begin to load the Ship Bombay, with such Stores and other Articles to be sent from this place, as are intended for the seige of Columbo. The Troops who go from hence upon that Service are Encamped, and the Garrisons to be left for the defence of this place and Fort Ostenburgh, are formed agreeably to the general Orders of yesterday, a Copy of which, I have the honor to enclose. I shall leave six Months salted provisions for the European, and Twelve Months Rice and Salt for the Native Troops, in the Stores here, and at Ostenburgh, including Paddy, and a further Supply of this last Article if necessary, can be easily drawn from Battacaloe, where there is now a large quantity in Store.

I must beg leave to call your Lord-

=ship's attention to the low state of our Cash Chest, which as our Numbers are encreasing

with

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will necessarily require to be reinforced.

Head Quarters
Trincomale 28th December
1795.

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

Extract from Orders issued at Trincomale the 27th December 1795

"The force to be left for the defence of the Forts of Trincomale and Ostenburgh and the Post at Batticaloe, is to consist of the Detail of the 2nd Battalion of Coast Artillery, completed to 50 Non-Commissioned Rank and file by the Sick and Convalescent of the Detachment of Artillery now here - His Majesty's 72nd Regiment - the 2/3rd and one Company of the 1st Battalion Native Infantry, 50 Guns and 50 Lent Lascars with a proportion of Native Officers - in the two last details are to be included such Men as are not able from Sickness to proceed on Service - The whole under the command of Major Fraser who is to be considered Commandant of Trincomalé, and to have as a Garrison 30 Non Commissioned and 6 and file Artillery - 7 Companies of the 72d Regiment - five Companies of the 2/3rd Battalion 30 Gun and 30 Lent Lascars. -

"Captain Campbell to be Commandant in Ostenburgh subject to the Orders of Major Fraser -

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Fraser - The Garrison to consist of 20 Non Commissioned Rank and File Artillery - three Companies of the 72nd Regiment and three Companies of the 27th Battalion with 20 Gun and 20 Tent Lascars."

"Lieutenant Parkinson to remain in command of Bataculae with the Company of the 1st Battalion, and the Detail of Gun Lascars now there, as the Garrison.

"Notwithstanding this arrangement of the Details for the Garrisons of Trincomale and Ostenburgh, they are subjected to such alterations as Major Fraser may hereafter judge necessary to direct.

"Captain Norris and Lieutenant Castle of Engineers to do duty in Trincomale and Ostenburgh - The Artillery Officers to be left in these Garrisons will be named in a future order.

"Mr Norman Conductor of Stores, assisted by the Conductor John Brown, to remain in charge of the Commissary of Stores Department."

/Signed/ Rt Turing
Major of Brigade

The Right Honble Lord Hobart
&c.a &c.a &c.a
Madras

My Lord

From Colonel Stuart - apprehends that more Tonnage will be required from the Coast and some Bootlies. +

I have begun to load the Ship Bombay with the Ordnance and Stores which are to be carried from this place on the expedition against

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against Columbo. And as it is intended that His Majesty's 52nd Regiment shall be put on board of that Ship, I find upon conversing with Captain Robertson, that she will not be able to carry more than the Ordnance and Stores the Provisions and Water for the Troops on their Passage with their Camp Equipage, and private Baggage - and indeed I am doubtful whether she will be able to take on board so much. But even if she does we shall still have a Company and an half of Artillery to provide for, with their Camp Equipage and Baggage, with all the Camp Equipage and Baggage &c.a of the Head Quarter Line, including the Civil and Military Staff - also the spare Camp Equipage in Store, which we must necessarily carry with us for the 77th Regiment as Major Petrie writes me under date the 10th Instant, that, that Corps has not a tent which they can pitch - and the Artillery and Sepoy Corps, coming from the Malabar Coast are probably in the same Situation. Should therefore the Hussar, and Ewer, be completely loaded with Military Stores, Rice and other Provisions, it will be required that more Tonnage be sent from Madras to this place, for the purpose of transporting those Extra Articles, as well as a temporary Supply of Provisions (which I conceive

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it will be necessary to carry with us from hence, to prevent the possibility of disappointment, in the event of the expected supplies from Manar and the Coast not reaching the place of Rendezvous in time) and 80 Barrels of Gun Powder which I do not think it safe to put on board the Bombay, on which such a Number of Troops is to be embarked.

We found great inconvenience from the want of Dooleys at the seige of this place for carrying off the men who were wounded. to obviate this at Columbo, I wish, if possible to have 15 or 20 Doolies sent from Madras, properly fitted up and we will endeavour to procure Boys at Jaffnapatam to carry them. —

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

Head Quarters
Trincomalé
31st December 1795.

Minute on the foregoing letter from Colonel Stuart

The Board approve the disposition Colonel Stuart has made of the Troops on the Island of Ceylon, preparatory to the expedition against Columbo.

Agreed to acquaint Colonel Stuart that besides the Perseverance, and Caledonia Chartered Ships there will be the Echo and Rattle-Snake Sloops of War, and the Prince of Wales Armed Ship, which Vice Admiral Sir George Elphinstone has ordered to Ceylon — that, there will not therefore, it is presumed, be any want

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of Tonnage for the conveyance of the Troops and Stores Columbo - and that, as the Detachment from Bombay will be supplied with Provisions and Stores complete for four Months, it will not be necessary to carry any spare Camp Equipage from Trincomale for the use of His Majesty's 77th Regiment.

Ordered that twenty Doolies be sent to Ceylon by the Caledonia and that the Sum of fifty thousand (50,000) Pagodas (twenty thousand Pagodas having been forwarded by the Perseverance) be sent by the same opportunity - twenty of which to be in Copper -

Agreed that Colonel Stuart be particularly instructed not to retain the Transports longer, than the Service on which he is employed may indispensably require; and that the following Memorandum, shewing the time for which each Vessel is engaged, be transmitted to him -

Memorandum respecting Ships chartered by the Company for the expedition against Columbo.

Memorandum respecting the Ships Chartered by the Company for the Columbo Expedition

The Caledonia is engaged for three Months certain, from the 20th November 1795 at the rate of 40,000 Rupees for that Period and if kept longer, a pro-rate freight to be paid.

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The Caledonian's time expires on the 20th February next, and there is no Stipulation that renders it necessary to dismiss her at any particular place. Colonel Stuart may therefore discharge her at Columbo, the whole of the Freight has been paid in advance. The Ship Perseverance has been engaged for two Months certain from the 25th December 1794. at the rate of 4 Pagodas P Ton P Month, two thirds of which has been paid in advance - the remainder to be paid at the expiration of the two Months -

The term for which the Perseverance is engaged will expire on the 25th of February - if she be detained beyond that period, the Company are bound, to pay the freight for one Month longer - She may be dismissed at Columbo or elsewhere. -

The Ship Bombay is engaged exactly upon the same terms as the Perseverance - with the exception only that her time expires on the 20th day of February next and that nothing hitherto has been paid in advance - The Ship Ever has been taken up by the Bengal Government on the terms engaged upon by the Madras Government Ships at the rate of 7 Pr 28 Rs 6 P diem - But as the Period when the Freight commenced has not been specified by the Supreme Government, Colonel Stuart will require from the Commander, a Copy of the agreement with

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the Governor General in Council and act accordingly.

/Signed/ W. C. Jackson Secry

the Troops destined for Columbo, ordered to embark. —

Ordered that the Troops intended for the expedition against Columbo, do embark on the Caledonia and Prince of Wales, on Friday Morning.

Read the following letter from the Civil Paymaster General. —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Civil Paymaster General - submitting Statement of Money issued on account of Subsistence to French and Dutch subjects - Observations.

Agreeably to the Directions contained in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 19th November I have the honor to lay before you a Statement of Cash issued to Sundry "French Persons Resident at Pondicherry or "elsewhere on the Coast, and brought to account in my Office." — This account comprehends the Payments made at Pondicherry and Madras from the Month of September 1793 to the Month of October 1795 and at Karical to the Month of September which is the latest period to which the Statement can be drawn out, from the Documents in my Office. —

On this Statement it is necessary to observe that it comprizes all the Payments brought in to the Civil Accounts

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the following being the principal Heads.
Officers and Soldiers who had retired from the French
Service on Pensions during the French Government,
Europeans and Natives of different Descriptions who
received Pensions from the French Government,
and other Persons whose Situations have rendered
them objects of Charity.
The Council for the administration of Justice,
The Choultry Court,
The Police, including the Repairs of Roads, and Expence
of the Master Attendants Department, and Charges
attending the Company's Pay Office.

The above Heads principally referring to
the Establishment at Pondicherry.-

The Charges at Karical (which follow
those at Pondicherry, and the small Disbursements
made at Madras) include the French Prisoners
of similar Description with those at Pondicherry
and also such Disbursements on account of the
Factory, as were considered proper to be classed under
the Head of Civil Charges- These Charges amounting
to between 8 and 10 Pagodas P Month, are
brought into the Books of my Office as far as the
Month of March last inclusive when they were or-
dered to be inserted in some other, I believe the
Revenue Accounts.-

The cause of my inserting in the Account
herewith transmitted Charges which perhaps were

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not particularly alluded to in Mr Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 19th November originated in a Doubt how far the Disbursements on account of the Judges and other Officers employed in the Judicial Department, the Office of Police &c. &c. should have been included— these Persons receiving Pay for Services done in the Civil Administration of a Settlement under the British Authority.—

I have only further to remark that, as the Statement now forwarded includes, under distinct heads, the whole of the Disbursements at the different French Establishments on the Coast, which are brought to account in the Books of my Office, should it be found to comprise Charges not particularly alluded to in Mr Secry Jackson's letter, such as may fall under that Description, may easily be deducted, at any future Period.—

I enclose also a Statement of Disbursements made on account of the Dutch Settlements on the Coast, which are inserted in the Books of my Office, consisting solely of the Subsistence which Government have been pleased to Grant to Dutch Subjects at Pulicat and Sadras.

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

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(Signed) George Parry
Civ. & Pay. Gen.

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Minute thereon.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing letter with the Statements referred to therein be sent to England a Number in the next dispatch.

Vide Diary & Consultation 19th January.

Mr Eilbracht, the late Chief of Pulicat, having represented that the allowances granted to the Dutch Prisoners of War, were not sufficient for their Support — Resolved, that the following letter, be written to him —

To Jacob Eilbracht Esqr
late Chief
at Pulicat

Sir

To late Chief of Pulicat respecting surprize that the Regulation respecting the Subsistence to the Dutch Servants should be deemed an Infraction of the Capitulation, to explain how the Fund mentioned in the 8th Article is disposed of — Another list of allowances sent in which no alteration will be admitted.

We have received your letter dated the 19th Instant with its several enclosures, and are surprized that you should conceive that the regulation we had adopted with respect to the Subsistence to be allowed to the Servants of the Dutch Company should be an infraction of the articles of Capitulation entered into for the Surrender of the Factories of your Nation on the Coast of Coromandel to his Britannic Majesty —

We must declare that we consider the subject in a very different point of view for we made no Stipulation to abide by any Statement that should be presented by you; nor could it on any reasonable ground be supposed that the emoluments of Office (whatever they might have been) should be continued to the Subjects

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of the Dutch Nation, after they had refused, or their Superiors for them, the conditions that had been offered by his Britannic Majesty; and which if accepted, would have left them in the quiet possession of all the advantages they enjoyed, as Servants of the Dutch Company.

We have been specially enjoined by our Superiors in Europe to make no allowance to Prisoners of War that may not be absolutely and indispensably necessary - and particular reference has been had to those Persons who were not acting in a Military Capacity at the time of their Surrender. —

Before we can give any orders for the payment of the allowance applied for by the Pulicat Consistory, we must be particularly informed in what way the Fund referred to in the 8th Article of the Capitulation has been appropriated; and this information is the more necessary, as by the 9th Article 37½ Pagodas were said to have been paid P Month by the Dutch Company on this account, and which has been continued by the British Government. —

We now enclose a List of Persons at Pulicat, with their Allowances Monthly and We request you will understand that we can make no further alteration in

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the Subsistence to be drawn by the respective Persons therein named - a Copy of this List will be transmitted to the Board of Revenue with directions to regulate the allowances at the other Factories thereby, with the exception of the Subsistence to each Chief, which is not to exceed forty Pagodas P Mensem.

We have the honor to be
Hr. Hr.
(Signed) Hobart
Hr. Council

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List of Dutch Prisoners at Pallicat with their Allowances Monthly. -

List of Dutch Prisoners at Pallicat and their allowances Monthly. -

		Pags	F.	G.
Council	Jacob Eilbracht Esq.r late Governor	100	0	0
	William Bloom 2.nd in Council	57	22	74
	John Joachim Kasz 3.d in Council	57	22	74
	James Simons Canterviscker 4.th in Council	57	22	74
	Peter Emanuel Van Hogendorp	15	22	74
	Pancratius H. Hoppen Head Surgeon	24	12	0
	Lieut.t Engineer Pierre Brosselle	19	4	24
	Lieut.t William H. Reever	16	10	74
	Ensign Emanuel Jacobsz Commandant	16	10	74
	Van Odyk Master Attendant &c.	12	24	48
	Engelbert Depree Book Kp.r & Storer	13	17	48
	Vice Bookkeeper / 10 Bookkeepers at 12:17:48. is	127	7	8
	Frederick Reycamp Reader	14	0	48
	12 Assistants at 5 Pags each	80	0	0
	3 Writers at 2½	7	22	0
	Carried over Pags	482	0	57

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Brought over Pagodas 482 : 6 : 57

Floyer Assistant Surgeon	6 . 7 . 5
Hamer Sub Assistant Surgeon	4 . 23 . 5
Paul Portuguese Reader	5 . " — "
Sexton and Undertaker Adils	5 — " — "
Heymore / Of Justice /	5 — " — "
Domingo Bougouje Provost	5 — " — "
Jacob Pietz Bookbinder	4 — " — "
C. Alexander Writer	5 — " — "
James Jacobs Writer Do	3 — " — "
Two Serjeants at 5 each	10 — " — "
John de Jong Beach-Master	5 — " — "
Walter Pieterg Book-keeper	8 — " — "
J. Raphe Serjeant	5 . 8 — "
Peter Libner Do	2 . 16 . — "
Watermen	19 . 12 — "

N.B. The Sanams being Gold are Calculated at 2½ Fan. Pagoda

Pagodas P Month . 570 . — " 07

Remarks

No Person's Allowance is encreased beyond the Amount in the 8th List.

The Encrease of Allowance in the present List beyond the 2nd List or that wherein the Reductions were made is no more than 34 Pagodas P Month.

All the Dutch Company's Servants Civil and Military except the Chief, Mr Canterwicker (who being the 4th in Council is put on the same footing as the 2nd and 3rd) two or three Serjeants

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Serjeants and a Writer or two are restored to the Allowance they first drew conformably to this List.-

No encrease is made to the Allowance of the Assistants, Native Writers, or Watermen, the Assistants receiving 5 Pagodas each P Month and the others a Suitable Pension.-

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Read the following letter from the Military Board.-

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President &c.a in Council

My Lord

We have the honor to inform your Lordship that the Troops doing duty in the Vizagapatam District labour under a pressing want of Camp Equipage, and we beg leave to recommend in consequence that Mr. Bowie be authorized to send with as little delay as possible, the number of Tents required for them agreeable to the annexed Enclosed List, which will complete the District and that they be examined by a Committee assembled for that purpose there, instead of first sending them to the Presidency

to

From Military Board recommending that Mr. Bowie supply the Troops in the Vizagapatam District with Tents- a List enclosed.

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to be inspected by the Military Board as mentioned in this Contract. —

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We have the honor to be
Hon.ble Sirs
Your most obedt. Servts
/Signed/ John Brathwaite
" Jn. Richardson
" B.J. Close
" Wm. Gent
" George Hall

Tents required to complete the Troops in the Nizagapatam District.

	Field Officers	Officers	Privates	Bell. Tents	Hd. Qrs.
3 Companies E. Infantry		9	228	8	3
3 Batt.n N. Infantry		24	775	78	6
Major Stuart	1	"	1	"	1
Total	1	33	1004	86	10

Madras
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/Signed/ Jn.o Richardson
2. M. G.l

Order thereon. —

Ordered that Mr. Bowrie be directed to furnish with as little delay as possible the Tents required by the Troops serving in the Nizamaganum Zemindary.

Read the following letters from His Highness the Nabob. (Entered also in C.C. Nos. 13-14)

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Translation of a Letter

From His Highness the Nawab Umdat ul Omra Bahadur
To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St. George.

Dated 14th January 1796.
Received Do. . . . . Do. —

From the Kabob. pays his Kist for January and requests receipts for those which have not been acknowledged.

I have the pleasure to inform your Lordship that I have paid to the Company, by the blessing of God, the Sum of One Lack Star Pagodas, being the full amount of the Kist for the Month of January 1796, and Mr. Webbe, the Secretary has given me Receipts for the same.

Your Lordship has omitted to acknowledge, by letter, the Receipt of several Kists. I am therefore to request that your Lordship will be pleased to send me letters, mentioning the above payments. —

What more need I write?

A true Translation
Signed/ A. Falconar
pro. Sr.

Translation of a Letter

From His Highness the Nawab of the Carnatic
To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St. George.

Dated 19th January 1796.
Received Do. . . Do.

From the Kabob shewing that four years

I have received and understand the contents

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ears' Salary to Lady
mpbell has been
is charged. shall
e future pay it
the 1st January
every year.

contents of your Lordship's letter dated 14th January 1795. relative to the Salary of Lady Campbell and informing me that my Friends the Court of Directors had written to this Government on that subject. My Lord. Lady Campbell's Salary commenced on the 1st January 1792 making four years on the 31st December 1795. Now, on the 1st March 1793, I paid Star Pagodas 7500 (two years' Salary) for the years 1792 and 1793. on the 19th February 1794 I paid into the Company's Treasury, Star Pagodas 3750 for that years Salary and on the 22nd July of the same year I paid another sum of Star Pagodas 3750 the whole making 15,000 Pagodas; by which the full amount of four years Salary was paid. and I am in possession of receipts for the abovementioned Sums under the signature of the Company's Secretary.

I transmit enclosed Extract of a letter from Lady Campbell, acknowledging the receipt of her Ladyship's Salary for the Year 1795 in advance.

Your Lordship will be pleased to inform my Friends the Court of Directors of the Salary having been paid in full, up to the end of last year. God willing, I shall

Send

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send the amount of the present year's Salary, in advance, with the February List, and agreeably to your Lordship's desire, will pay it in future on the 1st January of every year:- your Lordship will likewise be pleased to make this known to the Court of Directors, by which you will much oblige me.-

What can I write more?

A true Translation

Signed/ A Falconar

pr. Sec.

Extract of a letter from Lady Campbell dated in London 28th January 1795.

How can I express to your Highness the gratitude I feel, for your mindfull and Paternal regard in depositing the fourth year's Annuity (you have so generously conferred upon me) in the Treasury at Madras, so long before it was due, that the Court of Directors were informed of it, in the beginning of January 1795- and immediately sent me the Amount of the remittance, expressing at the same time, their admiration, of the Punctuality, with which the most Illustrious and generous Nabob of the Carnatic, remits his Princely Donation to his adopted Daughter.-

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Resolved that the receipt of the Sanc-
-ary List be acknowledged — and that in future
His Highness be regularly acquainted by Letter
from the President, with the receipt of each
List. —

Letter from Mr. Macleod. By Desp. agna read.

The President desires that the Letter
from the Resident at Tanjore, with one to that
Gentleman from the Reverend Mr. Swartz
(entered on the Minutes of Consultation the
5th instant) may be read. —

Read accordingly.

The President now lays before
the Board another Letter from the Resident at
Tanjore, with a Copy of the answer which his
Lordship deemed it necessary in consequence
to transmit.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

My Lord,

From Mr. Macleod describing the State of the Tanjore Country and the disgraceful Situation of the Rajah — his Conduct on occasion of repara-
-tion being demanded for the Insult offered by Shivenoota the Company's Authority. Mr. Swartz's Queries respecting Serfojee's return to Tanjore.

I thought it necessary to despatch
-dressing your Lordship relative to the State of
this Country, till from the length of my Residence
here I should have had ample means of
giving you information founded on good au-
-thority carefully and deliberately examined.

Having now obtained much accurate
Intelligence

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Intelligence regarding the great Objects of my In-
=structions, I proceed to lay before you the real
State of Tanjore, and of the Shameful Proceedings
which have reduced the Country to that State, and
its Rajah to Disgrace.—

In this letter, however, I shall confine
the Amount of those Proceedings to a Short Ab-
=stract because it is necessary for me to call
your Lordship's immediate attention to a partica-
=lar Event which from its unwarrantable and
Dangerous Nature appears to require the first
mark of your Displeasure.

I have the most undeniable Proof of
the whole Country having been covered with
enormous Loans, secured by Mortgages on every
Soubah of the Rajah's Dominions. These Loans
have been made (with the exception of an incon-
=siderable amount) by European Gentlemen both
in and out of the Company's Service; whose names
I will bring forward, when I can do so according
to the Tenor of the Oath I have taken. a
Collusive and fraudulent Negotiation has
taken place in consequence of which the noto-
=rious Agents of Chinniah, a Native at
Madras have been publicly appointed
Superintendants of the whole Revenue in
every Soubah of the Tanjore Country. Nay
the Principal or Head Agent of the same
Man attends at the Cutcherry of Tanjore
itself

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itself, and generally sits close to and communicates with Bava the Carbarrie of the Tanjore Country. It is not many days ago that an Agent of Chinniah was put into a particular Soubah. This took place about the time of the arrival here of an European from Madras, the supposed Agent of European Gentlemen said to have entered into a Collusion with Chinniah regarding Loans to the Rajah. The above European Agent, immediately on a Public Representation by me to the Minister quitted Tanjore.

Exclusive of the important Documents I have obtained relative to Loans, I am almost certain that I shall be able to procure the ori= =ginal Mortgage under the Rajah's hand, and Seal of the whole of a principal Soubah. -

To disclose all the weakness, Mismanage= =ment and Corruption of the Minister Shivarow and his Brother would require a long Detail. To such a degree have they been carried, that the miserable Rajah has been sometimes reduced (and not long before my appointment) to want some of the common Necessaries of life. - In this I speak of what is well known in all Tanjore & if it was confirmed by the Rajah's own Confession to me: for he confessed to me, that He could not go out of his Palace, because all his Servants were so far in Arrear of Pay that they refused

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to attend him. He has been occasionally without the usual Articles (even Curry Stuff) for his Table. His Horses without Grass, or Gram, and his Palace without Light for want of Oil! No regular Provision was made even for these wants, nor did the Servants receive any part of their arrear of Wages till Bava the former Sirkeel, who was appointed Carbarree just before my arrival here began to rectify these disgraceful Abuses. No Persons in Tanjore will deny the existence of these and further abuses, except Persons who wish to screen Shivarow's Character, because they may be engaged in Loans, or other corrupt dealings managed by him and his Brothers.

I come now, My Lord, to the principal object which must excite your Astonishment, no less than your Indignation.

Finding that your General Order relative to intercourse with the Rajah, had not reached Tanjore before my arrival I instantly took the proper Steps for making it known; explaining it most particularly to Shivarow on his coming out to meet me when I arrived, publishing it in English and Malabars in different parts of the Town, affixing it on both languages, to the outer Gates of the Palace, and sending an Official Copy to the Commanding Officer of the Garrison. I further explained it to His Excellency in Shivarow's presence.

Yet, regardless of the strong and pointed manner

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manner in which I had marked the nature of this Order (an Order so indispensably necessary towards effecting the Discoveries of Illegal Practises) Shiverow set at nought the Company's Authority, and invited several Gentlemen to come to the Palace clandestinely by Night and settle some Business in presence of the Rajah!

My Authority for this is the Declaration of two of the Gentlemen themselves borne - the Confession of a Native concerned and even the Confession of Shiverow himself. His object I believe was to engage the Gentlemen if he could in a Subscription Loan of about 50,000 Pagodas as a ready Money Deposit to make up any eventual Deficiency in the Funds to be provided for paying the Company's Costs.

When I was fully informed of this glaring Defiance of the Honble Company's Authority I informed the Rajah of it, and demanded that Shiverow should be punished either by Dismission from Office, or by some other means that Govern-ment might deem adequate to the Offence. Had I been able without great Hazard to the Public Service to wait for the Orders of Government in this matter, I should have done so; But fin-ding the Company's Authority baffled not more by Shiverow's contumacious behaviour than

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than by the Rajah's Infatuation in attempting to justify it, I felt it my Duty not to lose a Moment in endeavouring to impress upon the Rajah's insensibility (for such must I call it) a full conviction of the Insult offered to the Company, and of the necessity of atoning for it, Had I not done this without waiting for Orders from Madras, the hazard to the Public Service would have been great. the moment was critical and the Question was Whether the Rajah and Shivarow should by my Supineness impress all Tanjore (and especially those from whom I expected important Disclosures) with an idea that Government was not serious as to the Execution of the Order or Whether it should be publickly proved by my decided Conduct, that I was really entrusted with the Execution of the Solid object of exposing illegal, oppressive, and fraudulent Transactions, replete with Ruin to Tanjore.

By upholding the Company's Authority I have obtained some Documents of Importance and have the hope of obtaining others; which shall, in due time be brought to the notice of Government.

While I was preparing to inform your Lordship of this Instance of Shivarow's contempt the Rajah caused it to be signified to me, that he intended to dismiss him and give full Power

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Power to old Bawa, the former Sirkeel. He appoin-
=ted a Day for my being at the Palace to see this
done. I attended accordingly. His Excellency
declared to me it was his intention to deprive
Shiveroo of Power as an Atonement for his
Misconduct and desired, I would write to your
Lordship without delay, as soon as he had
executed his Intention - that he had taken away
the Seal of the Sirkeels Office from him and
would give full Power to old Bawa, as Carbarree
to manage the whole Country - I soon found as
I thought, good reasons for my former suspicions
that the Rajah would not really punish him
and I asked his Excellency if he would allow
me to send to Government a Declaration under
his Hand of his having deprived Shiveroo
of the Seal and the Power of Office - this he de-
=clined - but said he would make a Public
Declaration to that effect - At my request
Captain Innes attended to hear it. His Excel-
=lency then made the Declaration in the terms
of the Inclosed Paper attested by Captain
Innes and myself, and he also shewed us that
he had the Seal in his own Possession -
Having received the Paper from the Rajah I
told him that altho' his Declaration and

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the whole of his Discourse before myself and Captain Innes implied a Dismission of Shivarow, yet that the Paper was in such Vague Terms that I could not assure Government that Shivarow has suffered in any Degree for his Misconduct till his Excellency should have proved it by his future Treatment of him— He agreed to this Test— So far however has he been from adhering even to the appearance of it, that he still allows Shivarow to remain in the Palace with him.—

Having given the Rajah full time to evince his desire of making some Reparation for the Insult offered to the Company's Authority, I can now affirm to your Lordship with certainty that his Minister has been guilty of the above Insult, and no Reparation to my Knowledge has been made by the Rajah.—

It must be unnecessary for me to point out how very much if not totally, the Execution of the Objects of my Duty regarding the Usurpations Loans depends upon the Notice that shall be taken of such an Insult— With regard to Shivarow's dismission, I have little doubt of being able to prove to your Satisfaction that such a step is I may say prayed for by the whole Tanjore Country, to which it would prove the greatest Blessing to such a degree were a large body

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of the Principal Inhabitants irritated against him and such a Contempt had they for his Character that they quitted the Country; and when recalled into the Rajah's Presence or Cowle and a promise of Justice being done them, they loudly repeated their Charges against Shiverow; produced to the Rajah's face the particular account of his oppressive plun= =dering's and would not withdraw till the Rajah had promised them "He would rectify "the abuses"; His promise has never been fulfilled and the account is I understand ready to be produced again.

I have the honor to be with respect

Tanjore
12th January 1790.

Sd. Sd.

/Signed/ Alex.r Macleod
Resr.

Declaration of the Rajah of Tanjore respecting the Dismission of Shiverow.—

I Amer Sing Rajah of Tanjore declare that at Mr. Macleod's request I have taken away the Seal and now having it, will keep it myself— Also I have given the whole Management of the Tanjore Country

to

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to Bava, and the Duffen to his son Tagarry.-

We have seen the Seal in the Rajahs Possession.-

/Signed/ Alex.r Macleod Res.t

Tanjore
6th January 1790.

I.a.t Innes.

A true Copy

/Signed/ Alex.r Macleod
Res.t

The same Declaration in Marattas written by one of the Rajahs principal Men in his presence and delivered to me by the Rajah before Captain Innes.

6th January 1790.

/Signed/ Alex.r Macleod
Res.t

A. Macleod Esq.r

Dear Sir

I have received your Note. I confess that I have wished and still wish that Serfoji might be sent to Tanjore, if it could be done with propriety, that he, before it was his turn to govern, he might learn to obey - to do business, to become active, to become acquainted with the extent of the management of the Country, to learn the disposition of the people, to learn the true method of keeping them in

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in awe and at the same time to do them strict justice, and at last to become an ocular witness of the misery and distress to which an indolent Prince is reduced, who disregarding his own Affairs, delivereth himself blindly to the dis= =honesty of wicked Servants.

His presence would be a strong sup= =port to old Bava, so that he could do his Duty without being impeded by the insidious Shi= =verow and his brothers.

Nay the Rajah would reap no small advantages from Serfojees co-operation all these and many more arguments excite in my mind a strong wish to see Serfojee at Tanjore.

But at the same time I foresee many impediments.

Let us suppose that Serfojee was sent by Government to Tanjore to the purpose before= =mentioned.

1... Will the Rajah consent to Serfojee's looking into the accounts of the country (2) Or to inspect the Court of justice.

From his present stubborn disposition I think he will oppose it as much as he is able.

3/ If he refuseth to give his Consent to it, will Government insist upon Serfojee's

being

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being initiated and instructed to govern the Country in a proper manner.

4 .. Will Government take Serfojee entirely under their protection by allowing him a proper Guard.

5 Where shall Serfojee live, in or out of the Palace?

6 If Serfojee should be sent to Tanjore the Widows of the late Rajah will not stay behind — they of course will wish to live in their former Quarters which would be easy enough if a small Guard was allowed them — All these points ought to be settled previously to Serfojee's setting out.

If you please you may lay these my proposition before His Lordship with my humble respects.

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) C. F. Swartz

Tanjore
January 4.th 1790.

Reverend Mr Swartz

My dear Sir

In answer to your Queries respecting Serfojee I there are no impediments whatever because,

1) If the Rajah refuses to let him look into the Accounts at present transacting, I can let him see

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see a Room full of Malabar and Maratta Accounts, shewing the State of the Country under the Collectors- this will answer the purpose.- (2) The Courts of Justice being open to all, Sherfojee shall if he pleases sit near the Judges to hear their Proceedings.

3/ Government will of course authorize me to see that Sherfojee has every advantage of Instruction to fit him for the Throne he may eventually enjoy.

4/ Government will of course afford him the same Protection as at Madras.

5/ I should rather think, out of the Palace, as because the communication with him would be more ready. He might inhabit the large House in the North Street of the Fort.

6/ The same protection and Guard now afforded would of course be continued to the Dowager Queens.-

7/ Lord Hobart can arrange the points as you wish.

I am confident that you will find your Impediments removed by the above replies if any other point should strike you pray let me know it.

Monday 4th January. I am

&c. &c.

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod

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To Alexander Macleod Esq.r

Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 12.th instant the contents of which are of so important a nature that I deem it necessary to lose no time in acquainting you with my sentiments on the line of conduct that I would have you adopt in consequence of the Rajah's determination to afford no substantial reparation for the insult offered by Shevarow, his Servant, to the authority of the Company's Government.

Presidents Instructions to Mr. Macleod, on the subject of the foregoing letter.

You will upon receipt of this letter, solicit a conference with the Rajah, when you will explain to him in strong and pointed language the displeasure I feel at his continuing his confidence to a Man who had dared to act in open defiance of the Company's Government who had from testimony the most unquestionable, been the sole Author of all the mischiefs which had fallen upon the Tanjore Country - and who had sacrificed the ease, comfort, and happiness of the Rajah himself, to the aggrandizement of his own family

by

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by means the most inequitous — that it is not possible for me to be a calm spectator of such proceedings, without a violation of my public duty; and that I am determined to take effec=tual means for the removal of Shevarow from the power of exercising that influence he has so grosely abused.—

You will also make it known to the Rajah, that nothing would be further from my intention, than an interference in the inter=nal management of his Country — if there had been the smallest prospect of preserving him from ruin without it — that no steps were taken that could carry an appearance of such interference or until it had been proved, that the whole province of Tanjore had been covered with enormous Loans secured by Mortgages on every Soubah of this Excel=lency's dominions, in direct opposition to a solemn engagement specified in the Treaty of 1792; that the weakness, corruption and mismanagement of the Minister had reduced the Rajah to the most serious distress, leaving him at times without the common necessaries of life — and that, Shevarow had presumed under the countenance and support of the Rajah, to insult the Company's Govern=ment by an act of the most aggravated

continuancy

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Contumacy.

Should the foregoing communication fail of making the impression it ought upon the mind of the Rajah; and, blind to his own, and his Countrys welfare, he should persevere in retaining Shevarow near his Person, for the sake of availing himself of his baneful and pernicious counsels, I give you full authority to take the first favorable opportunity that may offer for seizing the person of Shevarow. This, however, should not be done by the employment of an Armed force within the Palace Walls, but upon the first occasion that may occur when he appears abroad.

I have received a letter from the Rajah transmitted through the Medium of his Vackeel, but as this is contrary to established custom, when there is a Company's Resident at his Durbar, you will not acquaint his Excellency that I can take no public notice of his letter unless it be forwarded through you.

In consequence of the sentiments of Mr. Swartz, intimated to you by that Gentleman, I have informed Serfojee of his opinion relative to his proceeding to Tanjore; and as I perfectly concur with Mr. Swartz upon the subject, I have acquiesced in Serfojee's desire to commence his Journey on Saturday the 23rd Instant. I am &c. &c.

/Signed/ Hobart.

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The Board approve the same.

The Board approve the Sentiments expressed by Lord Hobart in the foregoing letter and concur in the measure which his Lordship has directed the Resident to pursue, in case the Rajah should obstinately persist in continuing his confidence to Shevaroy.

Captain Macleane appointed to the Command of the 10th and Captain Smart of the 3rd Battalion

The Commander in Chief recommends that Captain Hector Macleane be appointed to the Command of the 10th Battalion of Native Infantry - vice Butler deceased - and that Captain Charles Smart be appointed to the Command of the 3rd Native Battalion, vice Macleane. —

Approved and ordered accordingly.

Hobart

" Alured Clarke

" Cornwallis

" Chas Stuart

" E Hay Mapleton

Exam.

J. Robson

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Diary

20th Received the following letter.

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

from Resident at Hyderabad advising of his having supplied Lieutenant Forbes with B. 30000 Rupees. His receipt enclosed.

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit to you for the information of Government Copy of a letter addressed to me by Lieutenant Forbes, the acting Agent for the purchase of Horses, and to acquaint you at the same time, that the peculiar Urgency of the case induced me to comply with an application in which the good of the Service was so materially concerned. - Accordingly procured and transmitted to him Thirty Thousand Rupees which I raised by a Sett of Bills on the Resident at Benares at the rate of One hundred Benares Sicca Rupees for One hundred — Hyderabad Rupees - Lieutenant Forbes's receipt for the above Sum is herewith enclosed. -

I have the honor to be,
Hon. Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Wm. Kirkpatrick

Hyderabad
12th January 1796.

(Signed)

To Captain William Kirkpatrick

Resident at His Highness the Nizam's Court

Sir,

I have the honor to forward to you a few more Setts of Blank Bills on the Paymaster General at Fort St. George, which I hope you will be successful in negotiating immediately and

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20th and Pray lose not a moment in having at least from Thirty to forty Thousand Rupees forwarded under an Escort as far as Bider, where I shall have a Party with Carriage to convey it to this Fair, where Horses are pouring in in Numbers much beyond my former expectations, or than was ever Known before to attend this Mart. —

The good of the Service and the very favourable opportunity that at this moment offers of procuring a great remount to the Coast Cavalry will plead my excuse for troubling you on the present occasion. I must further beg of you, in the event of your not being able to negotiate my Bills on Madras, to raise the above Sum in any way, or on any place that you may think proper, to prevent delay, loss of credit amongst the Dealers, as well as their Horses, for the purchase of whom there are many candidates and again the heavy Expences the Company are now at for those already purchased,

I have the honor to be,

Malagong
23d December 1795

Kr Kr

/ Signed G. Forbes Lieut. & Adjt
Agent for purchasing Horses

A true Copy

/ Signed Jam. Achl. Kirkpatrick
Asstant

First/ Granted in Triplicate

Received from Captain William Kirkpatrick Resident at the Nizams Court the Sum of Thirty — Thousand Hyderabad Rupees on Accounts of the — Government

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20th Government of Fort St. George being for the purpose of Purchasing Horses for the Madras Cavalry. -

Hyderabad 31st December 1795

I Signed G. Forbes Lieut. & Actg. Agent for the Purchase of Horses Hyderabad

Rs. 30,000 -

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in MB Nos. 127/128. 129. 130 131. 132.

From Mr Harrington

From Subsecretary at Bengal transmitting Copies of letters from and to Bombay, on the subject of Colonel Bowles Claim to the Command of the Troops on that Establishment. -

From Mr E. Coles

From Mr. E. Coles advising of Padang having been delivered over to him by the Dutch servants, requests a supply of Salt may be sent thither. -

From Mr Buchan

From Paymaster at Malacca transmitting Copy of Mr Sparrows reply to the demand for repayment of the advance of freight for the Ship York. -

From Admiral Elphinstone

From Admiral Elphinstone transmitting Intelligence, received from a Vessel Captured off the Mauritius. -

From Mr Roebuck

From Military Paymaster General enclosing his Estimate for February. -

From Major Muat

From Major Muat detailing occurrences during his circuit thro' the Southern parts of the Vizianagrum Zemindary -

Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in MB Nos. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. -

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To Mr. Secretary Way

To Secretary at Bengal transmitting Copies of Mysore Intelligence.—

To Captain Bowser

To Commandant at Manar directing the disposal of the Arrack deposited there, to such uses as Colonel Stuart may recommend. his expenses in securing the Boats Arrack &c. taken at Calpenteen to be referred to the Agent for Captured property.—

To Captain St. John

To Commanding Officer of the 73d. Regiment desiring an account of the regimental Baggage proposed to be embarked on the Caledonia.—

To Mr. W. Abbs

To Deputy Master Attendant directing that no boat be sent to the Caledonia, unless upon application in writing from the Commissary General of Stores the Military, or Garrison, Storekeeper.—

To Mr. Brodie

To Secretary to the Military Board directing that all Demands for Ordnance Stores countersigned by the Admiral, be complied with

To Mr. Roebuck

To Military Paymaster directing him to send on board the Caledonia, twenty Doolies for the use of the Troops on Ceylon.—

To Lieutenant Forbes

To Commandant at Nellore directing the release of the European Portuguese detained by him.—

To Captain Bannatyne

To Commander of the Caledonia, informing him that the Admiral will send on board an Officer for the purpose of superintending the stowing away of the Stores to be embarked and directing that his orders be obeyed.—

To Clerk of the Treasury

To Clerk of the Treasury directing additional advances

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21 advances to Mr. Roebuck for December and January.—

Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in WB Nos. 142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149.—

To Wm. Parry — To Civil Paymaster General transmitting for his Guidance an amended List of allowances to Dutch Servants at Pulicat.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Wynch — To Commandant in the Guntoor Circar directing him to procure intelligence of the actual Strength and State of a Detachment sent by the Nizam towards Cummum, Commanded by Mons.r Baptiste.—

To Captain Mc Neile — The same to the Commandant at Ongole.—

To Captain Kirkpatrick — To Resident at Hydrabad informing him that Lieutenant Forbes has been ordered to make no more purchases of Horses until further orders.—

To Colonel Malcolm — To Military Auditor General referring Mr. Roebucks' Estimate for February.—

To Mr. Roebuck — To Military Paymaster General transmitting Copy of the Auditor Generals report upon his additional Estimates for December and January.—

To Ditto — To Ditto directing him to notify to the Paymaster of Ceylon that the Commander of the Prince of Wales, Armed Ship is to receive One Pagoda per Diem for each Military Officer embarked on her, so long as they are on board.—

To Board of Revenue — To Board of Revenue transmitting for their Guidance, Copy of a letter to the late Chief of Pulicat relative to allowances and of the Amended List therein referred to.—

To Captain Bannatyne — To Commander of the Caledonia directing him to put himself under the Convoy and orders of the Senior

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21. Senior Officers of the Kings Ships proceeding to Ceylon. –

Substance of a letter to the Nabob – 22. Sent Letter to the Nabob Entered in C C. No. 15 acknowledging receipt of all the Lists for the year 1795 Sent the following Letter. –

To His Excellency Major General Anker

Governor &c.a &c.a &c.a at Tranquebar

Sir,

To Governor of Tranquebar protesting against his – refusal to deliver up the Frenchmen, who escaped from Masulipatam

I have been duly honored with your Excellency's letter of the 9.th instant, communicating the unanimous opinion of the Council at Tranquebar against the delivery of certain Frenchmen Prisoners of war to the British Government, who had been convicted of having broken their Paroles in – Bengal, and afterwards of having committed an act of Piracy in two instances on this Coast – first with respect to the Boat Stolen by them at Masulipatam: and Secondly, for boarding and plundering a British Ship at Anchor in the Roads of Porto Novo. –

Situated as I am, I can only protest against a decree which appears to me 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 – Indeed the whole of the conduct of the Government of Tranquebar with respect to the British Nation appears so inconsistent with that Cordiality and good will which is professed, that it must be=

=come

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22. come a subject of the most serious consideration with his
Majestys Ministers in Europe. —

I am however, under much obligation to your
Excellency for the assurances you have been so good as to
make me of the personal inclination which you had to
favor my demand. —

I have the honor to be
with great consideration
Kr. Kr.
(Signed) Hobart

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23. Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in Ltr Bk No.
150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157.

To Mr. Secretary Hay ✓ — To Secretary at Bengal transmitting Copy of the Intelligence received from the Admiral. —

To Commander in Chief at the Cape ✓ — To Major General Craig transmitting Copies of two letters from the Count de Meuron and recommending to his attention the objects referred to therein. —

To Mr. Bowie ✓ — To Mr. Bowie transmitting a List of Tents to be provided by him for the troops in the Vizagapatam District. —

To Colonel Stuart — To Colonel Stuart approving his disposition of the Troops on Ceylon and advising of the Echo and Rattlesnake Sloops of War being ordered to Ceylon by the Admiral, 50,000 Pagodas sent on the Caledonia, & 20,000 on the Perseverance. —

To Commanding Officer at Trincomala ✓ — To Commanding Officer at Trincomale directing him to send the Caledonia forward to the place of Rendezvous without delay and advising him of the Stately being sent thither to substitute a proportion of her Guns,

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23. in case the Battering Train from Bengal shall not have arrived. Copy of a letter from Major Petrie at Cochin, Enclosed.—

To Colonel Malcolm — To Military Auditor General referring Mr. Skardons Estimates for February.—

To Military Board — To Military Board directing them to cause the Tents ordered to be provided by Mr. Bowie to be examened by a Committee of Officers in the Vizagapatam District.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Campbell — To Commandant in the Tinnevelly District informing him that the whole of the horses at Alepilly are to be brought round to Tachinore, where they are to be examined, and receipts granted for such as may be fit for the Service.—

Substance of a letter from the Nabob — 24. Received letter from the Nabob, Entered in C.C. No. 16 transmitting translate of a letter from Hussain ul mulk and requesting that the usual Compliments of respect be shewn to the Members of his Family on their passing the Mount.—

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in Mrs. Nos. 158. 159. 160. 161.—

From Mr. Woolf — From Accountant General stating the Great inconvenience to his Office by calculating the Amount of Interest due on Each Hogshill Certificate and requesting that new Certificates in larger Sums may be granted.

From Mr. Skardon — From Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies submitting Proposals received by him for Supplying Gram to the different Regiments for 1796 & recommendation on the subject.—

From Lieut.t Col.e Close — From Adjutant General submitting the proceedings of the Committee of Enquiry into the Conduct of Mr. Sherar. & opinion of the Commander in Chief thereon.—

From Lieutenant Wolford Infantry — From Lieutenant D. M. Wolford requesting leave to go home, on account of Ill Health.—

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esq.r

Tuesday 26 January 1796. Ernst & William Falloofield Esq.rs

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Read the following proceedings of the Hospital Board.—

Observations of Government 26.th January 1796.

Hospital Board 25.th January 1796.

The Papers alluded to in Mr. Secretary Jacksons letter of the 5.th Instant for conducting the service of Hes Majesty's sick and wounded Seamen having been sent to Mr. Ogilvy with instructions to pay particular attention to the orders contained therein we have the honor

From Hospital Board submitting Mr. Ogilvies letter on the subject of the New regulations for the Kings Sick—Mr. Baird requests leave to go home. Annual Indent of Medicines and List of Old Instruments enclosed—recommend Inoculation of the Troops—and that Mr. Haliburton return to Chicacole.—

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honor to lay before Government a letter from him upon the subject.-

Read a letter from Mr. George Baird, Invalid Surgeon, representing that since his late application to be relieved from Duty his Health and Strength have been declining daily, notwithstanding a variety of remedies have been tried and requesting, as there is little probability of his recovery in this Country, that he may be permitted to proceed to Europe on the indulgence lately offered in General Orders to persons in his situation.-

Mr. Baird will be permitted to go home- But no pay can be issued in advance.-

We have before had occasion to state the deplorable circumstances of Mr. Bairds situation, and hope the Right Honorable the President in Council will be pleased to comply with his request, and permit him to draw Six months pay in advance, to defray the expence of his passage, which he will otherwise be unable to accomplish.-

We Recommend that Mr. Charles O'neil, Assistant Surgeon, be appointed to do duty at the Residencies of Nagore and Negapatam in the room of Mr. Baird.-

Approved

We have the Honor to forward the Annual Indents for Medicine and

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and Instruments, accompanied by a letter from the Apothecary in reply to the observations of Mr John Hunter upon the former Medical Indents. –

A List of Old Instruments is also enclosed, and we recommend that the Box containing them may be ordered on Board one of the India Men now under dispatch

Approved

We recommend that the customary General Orders respecting the Inoculation of the Troops for the Small Pox be republished. –

Ordered.

We have information from Mr Duncan, Surgeon at Cuddalore, that Andrew Devin Sub Assistant Surgeon in that Garrison died on the 12th Instant. –

We recommend that Mr David Halliburton, Assistant Surgeon, be directed to return to his Station at Chicacole, as his Services are no longer necessary at Masulipatams.

Approved

Jas. Anderson
Physician General

I Signed Colley L. Lucas
Chief Surgeon

Wm. Raine
Head Surgeon

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To D.r James Anderson

Physician General &c.a members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

Having perused the Instructions sentout by the Honorable Court of Directors for conducting the Service of His Majesty's Sick and wounded Seamen I have only to observe that the service has hitherto been conducted in the way therein specified, and that the Sick and Wounded Seamen and marines can be treated in the same manner as at present. no charge has been made at this Hospital for cures, Venereals &c.a which I believe is customary at His Majesty's Hospitals the whole expence therefore for Victualling and Clothing the Sick, Conveying them from the Beach to the Hospital furnishing Wine, Spirits Vegetables, Servants &c.a &c.a is only twelve Madras fanams each per day. –

I have the Honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

Madras
General Hospital
18.th January 1796.

Signed George Ogilvy
Surgeon

A true Copy

Signed V. Conolly Lieut. H. B.d

To James Anderson Esq.r

Physician General &c.a members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to transmit for your approbation, and signature, an Indent for Europe Medicines &c.a required for

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for the use of this Presidency and its dependancies for the year 1797 to be forwarded by the Honorable Company's Ships now under Dispatch.

It may be proper in this letter to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretarys' letter with Doctor John Hunters remarks to the Court of Directors on the Medical Indents, and to observe that only in one article they relate to what might be cheaper procurable here viz. Ext. Thebaicum which was inserted, at the request of those who conceived it to be stronger, but always in a quantity that bore but small proportion with the consumption here. The other article of Laudanum, Oil of Cinnamon and Rusia Rhubarb never formed any part of our Indents.

The dephlogisticated marine acid, was principally inserted for Chymical Experiments and as the preparation is perishable and the materials from which it is prepared cheap, it is requested that they may be sent to enable those engaged in liberal pursuits to prosecute their enquiries.

Neither Mills for powdering Bark nor Oil Presses were ever indented for here. a Mill has been received for Powdering Bark which will be very usefull, but an Oil press could never have been thought of, especially for Castor Oil, which is made universally over this Coast in a preparable way to that described by Doctor Hunter as practised by the Negros in the west Indies, the seeds being previously decorticated, and the Natives also think the Oil is improved by

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making it in the watery Juice of the Coconuts. -

Six Complete and two encomplete cases of Gum Elastic Catheters are enclosed among the useless Instruments as recommended, that good ones may be returned by the maker. -

This is all that applies to Dr Hunters remarks, and, to support as much as possible the saving expence, you will observe that only one Ointment and no Tinctures or Elixirs are inserted in the Indent now forwarded; that many Articles are not mentioned in it from their being a Sufficiency in Store and others only in small quantity for a similar reason, or that a fresh supply is requisite from their perishable nature. -

I have also the honor of forwarding a list of useless Instruments to be sent to the Court of Directors, most of which should have been serviceable if there had been a Cutler established here, and a great part of the annual expence for Instruments would thereby be saved, and it is imagined that the expence to be incurred need not be great, as the employment from Individuals would probably make it an object. -

I have to request an Order from Government to send them on Board one of the Ships now under dispatch. -

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

Fort St. George
18th January 1796.

Sign'd And.w Berry
Apothy or Medl Storekr &c.

A true Copy
Sign'd V. Conolly Secy to Bd

Read

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Read the following letter from the Military Board.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Military Board proposing the Compensation that should be made to the Officers whose quarters were injured or destroyed by the late Storm.

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Lordships commands under date the 9th 31st Ultimo and 7th Instant, and in obedience thereto have given the necessary orders to the Gun Carriage Contractors, Chief Engineer, Barrack Master at the Presidency, and indented in the way you are pleased to direct for such of the Articles of petty Stores as can be furnished by the Board of Trade.—

We have further the honor to acquaint your Lordship, that having maturely considered the subject relative to the compensation that should be made to the Officers whose Quarters were injured or destroyed by the late tempestuous weather in the Centre Division, together with the Letter of the Officer of Engineers directed to report on the damage sustained by them in respect to their private Quarters, we find that a competent Quarter for a Subaltern has been provided at Arcot for Pagodas 180 and that there are eight Subalterns whose Quarters might have been supplied at that rate whose Bungalows have been entirely destroyed, under this view of the subject and as it also occurs that the Officers at Arcot are in the receipt of House Rent in lieu of Quarters, the Board beg leave to suggest that the Compensation which your Lordship is inclined to grant may be regulated on a consideration of these two circumstances

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in the proportion of two thirds or Pagodas 120 of the Sum reported as the cost of a suitable Quarter or Bungalow - which, in addition to one year of the House Rent allowance, payable Monthly at the rate of 5 Pagodas per month, will afford the means of re-establishing the quarters for the Subalterns — whose Bungalows have been entirely destroyed - their names — and rank stand as follows. -

Lieutenant Bowles
Lieutenant Watson
Lieutenant Stretch
Lieutenant Mac Gregor
Lieutenant Floyer
Cornet Mackay
Cornet Neale
Cornet Mac Gill

By applying the same principle in considering a reasonable compensation for the rank of Captain, who is entitled to a — Quarter deemed sufficient for two Subalterns, it will bring to Captain Dallas, the only Officer of that rank under consideration, Pagodas 240 but as Captain Dallas was at the expence of providing a Quarter for himself at a time when he held the rank of Field Officer and the Command of the Cantonment of Arcot the Board beg leave to submit it to your Lordship in Council how far it will be reasonable to consider the computation or accounts of the loss sustained by Captain Dallas, by making the addition of Pagodas 240 or in other words by looking upon his Sum equal to that for four Subalterns which will make in all Pagodas 480. -

Major Younges loss is reported at Pagodas -

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Pagodas 600 as the amount that will be required to put his Quarters in a complete state of repair but from the particulars reported on this Quarter Viz.t that more than one half of the building has been swept away, and the remaining part so shaken as to endanger its falling, it may not be thought unreasonable to propose nearly the same compensation for him as for Captain Dallas, Viz.t Pagodas 400.—

With respect to Major Murray and the Subalterns whose Quarters have sustained considerable damage, estimated by the Engineer at 100 Pagodas each, with the exception of Lieutenant Dunn at Pagodas 200 the compensation may appear adequate at Pagodas 40 on adverting to the proportions suggested for those at Pagodas 120 each whose Bungalows have been entirely destroyed, but as the situation of Lieutenant Dunn's quarters is in fact similar to those of the Officers whose Bungalows have been entirely destroyed. We appears to be entitled on the principle that has been adopted in considering their case, to the proportion of two thirds or Pagodas 120.—

We have herewith the honor to lay before your Lordship a list of the Officers for whom a compensation has been considered in this report and have placed opposite to their names the Sums that have been suggested as adequate, on the principle that has been adopted in giving an opinion on the subject.—

We—

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We have the honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

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Alured Clarke
Henry Malcolm
Jn. Richardson
B.J. Close
Wm. Gent
George Hall

Sd Lyndsay

List of Officers for whom a compensation has been considered with the Sums placed opposite to their names as adequate.—

		P.	F.	C.
Major Youngе		400.	—	—
Major Murray		140.	—	—
Captain Dallas		480.	—	—
Lieutenants	Watson	120.	—	—
"	Mac Gregor	120.	—	—
"	Bowles	120.	—	—
"	Stretche	120.	—	—
"	Sloyer	120.	—	—
"	Dunn	120.	—	—
"	Burrowes	40.	—	—
"	Beasley	40.	—	—
"	Walker	40.	—	—
"	Cosby	40	—	—
Cornets	Mackay	120.	—	—
"	Mac Gill	120.	—	—
"	Neal	120.	—	—
"	Averend	40.	—	—
"	Monteith	40.	—	—
"	Walcot	40.	—	—
	Pagodas	2320.	—	—

Signed Jn. Brodie Secretary to the Military Board

Resolved

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Resolution of the Board thereon

Resolved that the principal adopted by the Military Board in giving an opinion upon the subject of compensation to the Officers belonging to the Cavalry Cantonment at Arcot whose quarters were injured or destroyed by the late tempestuous weather be approved. — It has, however, occurred to the Board that — Major Younge does not stand precisely in the same situation with the other Officers. It is true, that the quarter reported upon, was private property, but there was a public building in the Cantonment, appropriated to the accommodation of the Com=manding Officer, and this building was purchased from — Major Young himself, for the consideration of 1,000 Pagodas, for the express purpose of the Residence of the Commandant — Under this circumstance, altho' the Board lament the loss he has sustained, they do not think they would be — warranted in making Compensation to him, and particularly as the public quarters, if they stand in need of any repair, must be repaired at the Company's Expence. —

Ordered that payment be made of the Compensation money to the respective Officers, agreeably to the recommenda=tion of the Military Board, with the exception of Major Younge. —

Colonel Brathwaite appointed to the Command of Pondicherry with a Secretary and Aid de Camp.

The President recommends that Colonel — Brathwaite be now appointed to the Command of — Pondicherry — and that, in addition to a Secretary which the regulations authorize, he be allowed, in consideration of the peculiarity of his case, an aid de Camp. —

Approved and ordered accordingly

Lieutenant John Malcolm appointed Secretary to the Commander in Chief

Resolved, at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, that Lieutenant John Malcolm be appointed his Secretary. —

Read

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Read the following letters from Lieutenant John Malcolm.—

To W.m C. Jackson Esq.r
Military Secretary
Fort S.t George.

Sir,

From Lieutenant Malcolm reporting the Number of German Recruits enlisted by him at the Cape.—

Agreable to orders received from General Clarke, Commander in Chief at this place, I have enlisted as many able bodied Men as I could, from among the Prisoners of War captured here, to serve the Honorable Company for the term of five years in India.—

The Bounty I am authorized to offer is five — Guineas, two to be paid here and the other three on their arrival at their destination. Lieutenant Owen of the Bengal — Establishment who was employed on the same Service, sailed some days ago for Bengal and carried about one hundred and twenty Men with him, embarked on board the Honble Company's Ships the Prince W.m Henry, and Worcester. One hundred and eighteen have been since sent to Bombay on board the Exeter, Brunswick, and Bombay Castle, and I mean to embark a small party of about thirty to morrow on board His Majestys Ships Stately and Victorious, a particular Return of whom I will send to Lieutenant Colonel Close — Adjutant General of the Army.—

As I am ordered to continue enlisting I have no doubt but I will be able in a few weeks to embark a considerable Number on board Sir G. K. Elphinstones' Squadron for Madras and at the same time to repair there myself.—

Cape Town
23.d October 1795

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most
Obed.t Hum.e Servt
Signed John Malcolm Lieut.t
Madras Establish.t

William

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William Collins Jackson Esq.r

Military Secretary

Fort S.t George

Sir,

From Lieutenant Malcolm stating the Expences incurred by him on the above Account requests that the Bounty Money yet due to the Men may be discharged - Copies of General Clarkes Orders to him enclosed

In my former Letter dated Cape Town the 23.d of October 1795 I had the pleasure of acquainting you, for the information of the Right Honorable Governor in Council that I was employed by Orders from General Clarke Commander in Chief of his Majestys Forces, in recruiting Men for the Services of the Honorable Company in India from among the Prisoners of war, I have now farther to inform you that I was so fortunate as to enlist Seventy Seven Men after the date of that Letter, who were embarked on board Vice Admiral Sir G. H. Elphinstones Squadron for Madras, These added to the twenty eight who had sailed in His Majestys Ships, Victorious, and Stately, made in all one hundred and fifteen destined for this Presidency, and I am happy to add they have all arrived in good Health, I have given particular Returns of them to the Adjutants General and Town Major and I now enclose a Copy of the Orders I received from General Clarke (No.1) also Copies of my Accounts with John Pringle Esq.r Agent for the Honorable Company at the Cape (No.s 2 & 3) and Accompanying Returns, and Receipts (No.s 4. 5. & 6.) By which Papers the Right Honorable Governor in Council will see the exact Expence that has been hitherto incurred on this account.—

As three Guineas of the Bounty promised is yet due to each Man, I trust the Right Honorable Governor in Council will give Orders for its immediate Payment, as the Recruits were led to expect they would receive

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receive it as soon as they reached their place of destination. -

I have the Honor to be,

Sir &c. &c.

(Signed) John Malcolm Lieut.

Madras Establishment -

Madras
21st January 1796.

To Lieutenant John Malcolm

of the Honorable East India Company's Service

Sir,

As it has been judged proper to give the Prisoners of War Captured here, liberty to enter into either His Majesty's or the Honorable Company's Service in India you will be pleased to recruit as many able bodied Men as you can from among them to serve in the Army of the latter. -

You are to engage them for the term of five years and to offer five Guineas Bounty, two to be paid here, and three on their Arrival in India, those that cannot be embarked immediately must while they remain on shore be subsisted by an allowance of 6d. pr day Mr. Pringle Agent for the Honorable Company at this place will receive directions to furnish you with cash to enable you to carry these orders into effect. -

As this is a Service from which you are to derive no advantage you will be secured Against suffering any loss, by the death or desertion of Recruits. as in either case you will be permitted to charge any money you may have advanced in strict conformity with these Orders. -

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) Alured Clarke

Cape Town
Cape of Good Hope
2d. October 1795.

D.

John Pringle Esq.r Agent H. C. I. Company, with Lieutenant John. Malcolm ..... Cr.

		£	S.	D.			£	S.	D.
1795 October	To part Bounty advanced to eighty men enlisted for the Honorable Companys Service from the 6.th to the 31.st of October as per accompanying Return	168.	—	—	10.th October	By Cash received on Account	50.	—	—
	To Cash paid as daily Subsistance to men enlisted for the Honorable Companys Service from the 6.th to the 31.st of October as per accompanying return	10.	2.	6.	18.th D.o	By Cash received on Account	50.	—	—
					23.d D.o	By Cash received on Account	50.	—	—
					31.st D.o	By Cash received on Account	100.	—	—
31.st October	To Balance due	71.	17.	6.					
		£ 250.	—	—			£ 250.	—	—

Cape Town 31.st October 1795

E. E. &c.

(Signed) John. Malcolm

Lieut. H. C. Service

Fort St. George 9.th January 1796

Dr. John Pringle Esq.r Agent H. C. I Company, with Lieutenant John Malcolm ..... Cr.

1795		£	s.	d.	1795		£	s.	d.
November -	To part Bounty advanced to fifty eight men enlisted for the Honorable Company's Service from the 1.st to the 12.th of November as per accompanying return	121.	16.	"	1.st November -	By Cash Balance in Hand as per last account	71.	17.	6.
	To Cash paid as daily subsistance to men enlisted for the Honorable Company's service from the 1.st to the 12.th of November as per accompanying return	13.	"	"	7.th November -	By Cash received on account	50.	"	"
					9.th November -	By Cash received on Account	50.	"	"
					10.th November -	By Bounty returned for one man discharged	2.	2.	"
12.th November	To Balance paid John Pringle Esq.r as per Receipt	39.	3.	"					
		£	173.	19. 6.			£	173.	19. 6.

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E. E. Sign'd John Malcolm

Lieut H. C. Service

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Return of Men enlisted by Lieutenant John Malcolm to serve the Honorable Company in India.

Numbers	Names	Rank	Day enlisted	Day embarked	Bounty advanced £	Bounty advanced S.	Bounty advanced D.	Numbers of the Days Subsistance
1	John Wilhelm Schaeffer	Serjeant	6th Oct. 1795	12th Nov. 95	"	"	"	12
2	Jost Heinrich Langhorst	priv.	11th "	12th "	"	"	"	12
3	Jacob Krets	"	13th "	12th "	"	"	"	12
4	Godlieb Kuhr	"	26th "	5th "	"	"	"	5
5	Fredrick Meyer	"	26th "	9th "	"	"	"	9
6	Frans Peen	"	26th "	9th "	"	"	"	9
7	Fredrick Lange	"	26th "	5th "	"	"	"	5
8	Alexander Levi	"	27th "	12th "	"	"	"	12
9	Frans de Giovannini	"	27th "	5th "	"	"	"	5
10	John Goldbach	"	28th "	5th "	"	"	"	5
11	Christoph Sweitzer	"	28th "	5th "	"	"	"	5
12	Gerrit Brands	"	28th "	Dieharyd	"	"	"	2
13	John Spaarhoe	"	28th "	5th Nov. 1795	"	"	"	5
14	Christoph Schenemann	"	28th "	5th "	"	"	"	5
15	Johannes Ratts	"	29th "	5th "	"	"	"	5
16	Hendrik Weinitz	"	29th "	11th "	"	"	"	11
17	Carl Zipp	"	29th "	9th "	"	"	"	9
18	Fried Wilhelm Mehn	Serjeant	29th "	12th "	"	"	"	12
19	Ferdinand Brandel	priv.	29th "	5th "	"	"	"	5
20	Jacob Dennis	"	29th "	12th "	"	"	"	12
21	Peter Vennes	Serjeant	30th "	9th "	"	"	"	9
22	Conrad Ehrhard	Corpor.	30th "	9th "	"	"	"	9
23	John Hempf	priv.	30th "	5th "	"	"	"	5
24	Jacobus Jeffring	"	30th "	9th "	"	"	"	9
25	Cochrad Maurer	"	30th "	5th "	"	"	"	5
26	Herman Herman	"	30th "	9th "	"	"	"	9
27	Diern Scheiles	"	30th "	11th "	"	"	"	11
28	Martin Krantz	"	31st "	5th "	"	"	"	5
29	Leonhard Kilp	"	31st "	9th "	"	"	"	9
30	Augustin Martin	"	31st "	9th "	"	"	"	9
31	Herman Pipet	"	1st Nov. 95	5th "	22	"	"	5
			Carried Over		22			242

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Numbers	Names	Rank	Day enlisted	Day embarked	Bounty advanced L.	Bounty advanced Sh.	Numbers of the Days Subsistens
			Brought Over		2	2	242
32	Wilhelm Meyer	priv.e	from Hosp.l 12 Nov.r 1795		2	2	12
33	Hendrick Ryfsegel	"	1.st Nov.r 1795	12 " "	2	2	12
34	Abert Heinz Ostermeyer	Corps	1.st " "	5. " "	2	2	5
35	John Nagel	priv.e	1.st " "	5. " "	2	2	5
36	Frans van den Bergh	"	2. " "	9. " "	2	2	8
37	Peter Montreal	"	2. " "	9. " "	2	2	8
38	John Morell	"	2. " "	5. " "	2	2	4
39	Diezze van der Meyden	"	2. " "	9. " "	2	2	8
40	Andreas Arnold	"	2. " "	9. " "	2	2	8
41	Anton Jacnigen	"	2. " "	5. " "	2	2	4
42	Barend Beuxes	"	2. " "	5. " "	2	2	4
43	Jan Smit	"	3. " "	9. " "	2	2	7
44	Hendrick Burch	"	4. " "	9. " "	2	2	6
45	Leopold Geis	"	4. " "	9. " "	2	2	6
46	Peter Goldberg	"	4. " "	9. " "	2	2	6
47	Cornelis van Ochtmon	"	4. " "	9. " "	2	2	6
48	Johann Eberhard	"	5. " "	9. " "	2	2	5
49	Daniel Leonhold	"	5. " "	9. " "	2	2	5
50	Ludewig Viet	"	5. " "	9. " "	2	2	5
51	Jan Vinker	"	6. " "	11. " "	2	2	6
52	Michael Kempf	"	6. " "	11. " "	2	2	6
53	Diedrich Thomas	"	6. " "	9. " "	2	2	4
54	John Brechtel	"	6. " "	9. " "	2	2	4
55	Diers Bruns	"	6. " "	11. " "	2	2	6
56	Peter Linx	"	6. " "	9. " "	2	2	4
57	Jan Schilder	"	6. " "	9. " "	2	2	4
58	Jacob Lapff	"	6. " "	9. " "	2	2	4
59	Johan de Labar	"	6. " "	12. " "	2	2	7
60	Ludewig Schelkas	"	6. " "	9. " "	2	2	4
61	Preipert Müller	"	7. " "	9. " "	2	2	3
62	Christoph Siemons	"	7. " "	9. " "	2	2	3
63	Johan abel	"	7. " "	9. " "	2	2	3
64	Stephan Dood	"	7. " "	9. " "	2	2	3
65	Joseph Johas	"	7. " "	9. " "	2	2	3
66	Coenrad Schneider	"	7. " "	11. " "	2	2	5
67	Martin Leezel	"	7. " "	9. " "	2	2	3
68	Friedrich Wirtz	"	7. " "	9. " "	2	2	3
			Carried Over		79.	16.	438.

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Numbers	Names	Rank	Day enlisted	Day embarked	Bounty advanced £	Bounty advanced S.ls	Numbers of the Days Subsistence
			Brought Over -		79.	16.	438
69	Frans. Funk	priv.t	8.th Nov.r 1795	11.th Nov.r 1795	2	2.	4
70	Johannes Kress	"	8.th "	11.th "	2	2.	4
71	Carl Neuschaffer	"	8.th "	11.th "	2	2	4
72	Carl Krauss	"	8.th "	11.th "	2.	2.	4
73	Philips Smit	"	8.th "	11.th "	2	2.	4
74	Carl Frauntzky	"	8.th "	11.th "	2.	2.	4
75	Martin Bruix	"	8.th "	11.th "	2	2.	4
76	Philip Klaproth	"	8.th "	11.th "	2	2.	4
77	Johan Richter	"	8.th "	11.th "	2	2.	4
78	Hendrix Henn	"	8.th "	11.th "	2	2.	4
79	Georg Dressel	"	8.th "	11.th "	2.	2	4
80	Diers van Leuwen	"	8.th "	11.th "	2.	2.	4
81	Albert Pouw	"	8.th "	11.th "	2.	2.	4
82	Roelof Claasen	"	8.th "	11.th "	2	2.	4
83	Hendrix Herber	"	8.th "	11.th "	2	2.	4
84	Jan Jacobs	"	8.th "	11.th "	2	2.	4
85	Fredrik Schnegas	"	8.th "	11.th "	2	2.	4
86	Christoph Fisher	"	8.th "	12.th "	2	2.	5
87	Jan Lutzwick	"	8.th "	12.th "	2.	2.	5
88	Coenrad Ross	"	8.th "	12.th "	2	2.	5.
			Total -		121.	16	521

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I Lyndy John Malcolm

Lieut.t & Est.t

Received

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Received thirty nine Pounds three Shillings from Lieutenant J. Malcolm, being the balance of his account with me of monies advanced to Him, for Bounty and Subsistance of Recruits enlisted for the Service of the Honorable Company.

£ 39-3-"

Signed John Pringle
Agent to the Honble
East India Company

Cape Town
12.th November 1795

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Lieutenant Malcolm requesting the pay and allowances of a Staff Officer while employed as Aid de Camp to General Clarke at the Cape.

Trust I shall be pardoned for intruding upon your Lordship's attention, a short Statement of the peculiar manner in which I have been lately employed, and to refer to your Lordships decision, my claim on that account.—

I had the honor of being Passenger from England, on board of the same Ship with His Excellency General Alured Clarke Commander in Chief of a Secret Expedition, your Lordship is too well acquainted with the operations of the Forces under His Command to make it necessary for me to detail any particulars, I need only mention that on our arrival at False Bay, His Excellency was pleased to appoint me His Aid de Camp for the Expedition, in which Situation I not only continued to act, after the fall of the Cape, but was farther employed in concert with Lieutenant Owen of the Bengal Establishment in recruiting from among the Prisoners of War, for the Service of the Honorable Company in India, we were so fortunate as to enlist near four hundred men, fifty Six of whom I brought under my immediate charge to this Presidency on board the Prince of Wales Armed Transport.—

I have only to add that I have hitherto received

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received no pay or allowance whatever, and trust that your Lordship will on consideration of the various Circumstances I have stated grant me the pay and allowances of a Staff Officer on Service, from the date of my being nominated Aid de Camp at the Cape, till the period of my arrival at this Presidency.

I have the honor to be, with respect

&c. &c.

Madras
23. January 1795.

(Signed) John Malcolm
Lieut. M. Establish.

Order thereon

Ordered that the remainder of the Bounty Money be issued to Lieutenant Malcolm, and by him paid to the German Recruits.

The Board having taken into consideration the application of Lieutenant Malcolm for an allowance, in consequence of his having acted as an Aid de Camp to General Clarke at the Cape of Good Hope, and been employed in procuring Recruits from among the German Troops at that place, for the Company's Service and the Commander in Chief having expressed his entire approbation of the Conduct of Lieutenant Malcolm Resolved, that he be permitted to draw the pay and allowances of an Aid de Camp from the date of his appointment (the 3d of September 1795) to the day of his arrival at Madras Viz. the 15th of January 1796.

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.

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

From Colonel Malcolm submitting a Letter addressed to him by his Deputy on occasion of Lt. Colonel Sydenham's appointment to succeed to that Office - Notices the Merits of Captain Brunton.

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose herewith Copy of a Letter addressed to me by Captain Brunton Deputy Military

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Military Auditor General on the subject of his situation and prospects in the service in consequence of the Honorable The Court of Directors having appointed an Officer to succeed to the post of Military Auditor General eventually as stated in Captain Brunton's Letter.-

It will be clearly understood I presume that in laying Captain Brunton's letter before your Lordship and in using the freedom at the same time to state some observations which have occurred to me on the subject it cannot possibly be my intention to object in any shape whatever to the pretensions and merits of Lieutenant Colonel Lyndenham to succeed to the Office of Military Auditor General when it shall be vacated by myself in either of the cases set forth in Captain Brunton's Address, and that I must be equally disinclined to argue against the general principle of selection in appointing to an Office considered so peculiarly, not only in regard to public importance from the degree of trust it places to a certain extent in one man, but also, from the qualifications required to fill it with utility.-

It is consequently on another general principle and with a view to do justice to an Officer who has served under me with application and zealous exertion for between three and four years as Deputy in the Office of Military Auditor General, that I am induced to come forward with an address to your Lordship arising from the information communicated by Captain Brunton, in the opinion that as a Military Officer who is selected for a post in the Service of more [illegible] although requiring a certain share of the duty of which, is not accounted in the immediate line of military knowledge acquiring Military professional experience of benefit in the performance of it, and therefore that the [illegible] be deprived of the same advantages as are open to Officers who have been [illegible]

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while on the other hand, if he is to be considered stationary and without the excitement to a faithful discharge of the duty which would follow by being encouraged to look up to advancement in the particular branch of the Service to which his time has been devoted, it must appear I conceive that the System under which the Deputy serves is extremely defective unless it shall be judged proper to increase his Salary very liberally, as it is equally obvious that an adherence to the general principle of Selection, against which I do not mean to contend, may deprive the Deputy of advancement in the Office for ever perhaps, without even any imputation of misconduct and although he may possess every qualification required in a Military Auditor General.—

Your Lordship will observe that Captain Brunton has stated, among other matters, that his nomination by this Government to the post he now holds and to take charge of the Office for a time have been approved by the Honorable the Court of Directors, and as it must have been thus adopted and approved without any application from his immediate Superior in the Office at the time (at least I do not understand that he was appointed Deputy on the recommendation of his late principal in the Office) this circumstance appears to bring forward Captain Brunton's case to the notice of his Superiors in a stronger point of view, without adverting to his claims in other respects, than might have occurred if the power of recommending had been specially attached to the Situation of the principal in the Office in which he was appointed the Official Deputy, because in such case neither the appointment by Government nor the approval of it by

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by the Honorable Court may be thought to apply to the same extent as they appear to do under the Circumstances represented by Captain Brunton, during the execution of a very laborious duty looking forward to Advancement both in station and emolument as a recompense for devoting his time to a particular branch of the Service.—

For the above reasons I shall hope your Lordship will receive with indulgence the communication I have made on the present occasion, and allow me to recommend Captain Brunton's case to favorable consideration; besides which it naturally occurs to notice at the same time the situation of Lieutenant Patrick Bruce the Assistant in the Military Auditor General's Office who was likewise selected and Appointed by Government and has served in that Station under me for between three and four years with equal attention to his duty, but without any better prospect before him, in his relative situation, than has been considered in the letter from the Deputy.—

I beg leave to refer more particularly to Captain Brunton's Statement of his own case and shall make no doubt of the Honorable the Court of Directors and this Government seeing the force of the Arguments he has advanced on the occasion and the propriety of adopting a favorable alteration with respect to a Department which has three Military Commissioned Officers employed in it as an Establishment appointed by Government in a branch of the Service totally distinct in its functions from other posts filled by Military Officers and where the duty should be conducted in subordination

according

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Military
Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
1st January 1796.

according to their respective situations—

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

Signed Henry Malcolm
Mily Aud-General

To Colonel Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor General

Sir,

There is a paragraph in the last General letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors to this Government dated 10th June 1795 intimating that Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham was appointed to the succession of the Office of Military Auditor General, in the event of your death, resignation, or coming away, and provided that any other person had succeeded to the Office, such person was to relinquish the appointment in favor of Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham on his arrival, and return to his former station in the Service, The Honorable Court having assigned as the causes for this measure, Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham's a great merits, and his peculiar fitness for the situation.

I beg leave to observe on this occasion that I have served nearly five years in the Office, first, as assistant under Colonel Capper, and subsequently having been appointed Deputy Military Auditor General about the time it was resolved upon to adopt the new system of keeping the Military Accounts, which was directed to commence in May 1792, During the period I have thus served in subordinate situations in the Military Auditor General's Office at this Presidency, the whole of my time has been devoted to the execution of a sidentary and laborious duty, which from its nature has necessary prevented my being employed in any other line, where my services might have been

useful

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useful to the Honorable Company, or to myself individually. -

Having been thus situated for such a considerable length of time, and consequently thrown out of all the advantages, that might have followed unremitted attention to the immediate duties of my profession I have led myself to hope, / having been selected by the late Government to fill the Office I now hold, with the charge of the Department until further Orders, and which stands approved by the Honorable Court of Directors, / that the time would come without presuming too much, I might look up to the succession of the Post of Military Auditor General, as an occurrence not uncommon in this Service, where Graduation in Office unless demerit or incapacity intervened had been generally considered the surest road to preferment, and I beg to state as an instance some what in point, that the Honorable Court of Directors upon a representation from Major Charles Smart of the hardship of his case in being superceded by Lieutenant Colonel Richardson in the part of Quarter Master General, ordered that he shall be appointed to the first Vacancy that occurred in either of the Offices of Adjutant or Quarter Master General. -

The object of this address being to bring myself forward to the Notice of the Court of Directors with a view of soliciting from their favor an Indulgent consideration of my case, I shall chearfully continue to discharge the duties of my station with the same application and Zeal as heretofore, in the hope that they will be pleased to nominate me in succession of Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham to fill the Office of Military Auditor General. -

I beg that you will do me the honor to lay this Letter before the Right Honorable the President in Council, with a request from me, that it may be made a Number in the packet transmitted to Europe by the next Dispatches. -

I am &c &c

Signed J. Brunton

Dy M. A. Gl

Fort S. George
23d December 1795 a true Copy

Signed Henry Malcolm

Mil. Aud. Gl

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Minute thereon

Resolved that Copies of the foregoing Letter and enclosure be sent to England, Numbers in the packet, and that the Subject be recommended to the attention of the Honorable Court of Directors.

Read the following Letter from the Reverend Mr. Gericke.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

My Lord,

From Mr. Gericke stating that Serfojee is prepared to commence his Journey to Tanjore — Also his wishes on different points — Bill for trifling Expences inclosed —

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship, that Serfojee will be ready to set out for Tanjore with all his People on Saturday next the 23d Instant.

I am directed by him to offer to your Lordship his grateful acknowledgments for the very kind Promise of a Body Guard, so very acceptable to Serfojee and which seems to have dispelled all his fears.

His Objection against living out of the Palace is removed, and he has desired me to write to Mr. Swartz to get him placed, if possible, in the little Fort, as the securest Place for him, or else to get for him the House in which Mr. Ram lived, if not occupied.

Serfojee begs, that the annual Allowance for Paddy may be paid the family before they set out, as the time of purchasing Paddy cheapest at Tanjore will be about the time of their arrival there, or else that 15,000 Cullums of Paddy may be ordered to be measured out to them at Tanjore.

Serfojee also begs leave to mention to your Lordship thro me, that when they came from Tanjore, they had allowed them three Markies one for each of the Rodows and one for himself, eighteen Seapoy Tents for the Servants and Baggage, and the necessary Lascars belonging to them, and requests that your Lordship will have the

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Goodnys to order the same number of Tents for their Journey back.—

They cannot tell exactly, what Number of Bullocks, Coolies and Palankeen Boys they may want, but they have stated to me the Number they had, when they came hither as follows.—

257 Bullocks whose hire then cost Pagodas	558	" "
181 Coolies, who, including Batta then cost	379	" "
215 Palankeen Boys, who including Batta then cost	434	" "
	1371	" "

of which Sums was reimbursed to them the Sum of 900 Pagodas.

Besides the above mentioned 215 Palankeen Boys they got from Trichinopoly seventy three Dooly Boys, who had received their Pay there.—

I beg leave to lay before your Lordship an Account of Serfojees head Servant of little Sums, which he has laid out in rebuilding Stables, and in building a place for the Seapoys in the room of Tents, under my Inspection, and upon your Lordships leave, when last year I took the Liberty to speak to your Lordship on the Necessity of these buildings, to the Amount of Pagodas 51-10-" which your Lordship will have the Goodnys to order to be reimbursed.—

Serfojee farther begs to know from your Lordship, whether he may go to see the Nabob before his Departure, and likewise to know your Lordships pleasure with regard to the time, when he may have the Honor to pay his respects to your Lordship previous to his departure.—

16th January 1796

I have the Honor to be most respectfully

Yr. Hble.

Sigd. C. F. Gericke

Order thereon

Ordered that the Bill be paid

Read the following Letter from the Reverend

D. Bell.—

To

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Fort St. George 26th January 1796

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c

My Lord;

From Doctor Bell stating his claim to Captains gratuity, omitted to be drawn by him.

Having drawn, while Chaplain to the Army, — Captains Pay and Batta, but omitted drawing Gratuity, being, at the time, totally ignorant, that this constituted a part of the Allowance, annexed to that Rank, I request that your Lordship will have the goodness to order the Arrears due to me on this Account to be paid. —

I beg leave to mention, that the case of the Reverend Ben: Milling champ, who had, in like manner, omitted to draw his gratuity as Chaplain to Vellore, and who, on representation, obtained an order of Council for the Arrears, is precisely in point. —

I have the honor to be,

My Lord; with all Duty and Respect. —

&c &c &c

Signed J. Bell

Fort St. George
5th January 1796.

The Honorable Company . . . . . Dr

To my Gratuity as Chaplain to the Army	P.	Fs. C.
from 1st August 1789 to 31st August 1793 both inclusive, being 1492 days at Fan. 15. 60 Friday	559	21 —

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15th January 1796.

Signed J. Bell
Chaplain

Ordered that the opinion of the Military Auditor General be taken on the application of Dr. Bell.

Read the following letter from the Resident at Poona. —

To —

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Sir Charles Malet - advising of the reports concerning the Succession and of two of Lieutenant Montgomery's Boats with Horses on board, being Seized by the Malwan pirates. -

Nothing material has occurred here Since my last Address of the 1st. Instant, except the Death of Seapie Buksky on the 4th. Instant, which I esteem a Severe Loss on the Sindean Ministry of which he was a principal Member. -

Nothing is now said of the alien Adoption, in lieu of which Some faint Reports are circulated, in favor of the Rightful Heirs. -

I have this Day received Intelligence from Colapore, that the Rajah demurs Compliance with the Governor of Bombays Demand of Restitution of a Boat Laden with the Horses for your Presidency, lately Seized by his Corsairs, and that another Boat, with eighteen more, has been Seized Since the Governor of Bombay's Agent, charged with the Demand, reached Colapore. -

I have the Honor to be,

very respectfully Sir Sir

Poona

11th. January 1796.

Sir John C. R. Malet

Read the following letter from the late Chief at Pulicat. -

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President and the Gentlemen Members of the Council Fort St. George

Right Honorable Sir & Sirs,

From Mr. Gilbraith on the subject of the Cash sent from Jaggernaick-pooram -

I am favoured with a Letter which you have done me the Honor to write to me under date of the 15th Instant. By the it has pleased you Honorable Sir and Sirs, to ask of me an Following what there was at Jaggernaickpooram befor a Surrender of Pulicat to the English Government, or more particularly, how matters stands

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Stand with regard to the 8,000 Pagodas, which upon Order were sent off from thence. — Although now my Duty requires nothing else, but that, of all what happened before the Dates of the Surrender, Viz.t of Pullicat on the 15th July, and of Jaggernaickpooram on the 6th of August 1795, I account to my respective Superiors, yet I can assure you, that, after the Date of the order mentioned in your letter, the Money of the Company at Jaggernaickpooram, was secured, and brought into Safety for the Honorable Company in the same manner, as — formerly it has been done at Masulipatam, when we were under apprehension of the French, not to Pullicat, but to where, according to our intention it ought to be, in order to save it, and of it the needful will in Time appear by the Company's Books in due account to our Superiors, and also, that the rest of what we could not save from Danger, which in a Way already began to appear, was given over to your respectable Government. The Capitulation has strictly been observed, and following it, as according to the first Article was accounted for at Pullicat the supply there was on the 15th July, even so according to the 18th Article has the same been done at Jaggernaickpooram on summoning the place or on the 6th of august, and no body shall ever be able to prove, that any thing of what belonged to the Company has been made a Property of by Individuals. -

I have the honor to be,
with the greatest respect. -
&c.a &c.a

Pullicat
16th January 1796.

Signed Jacob Eilbracht

transl:
Signed C. W. Gericke

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It would have been more satisfactory to the Board, if Mr. Eilbracht had judged it necessary to state where the money had been sent. He declares it, however, to have been public property, and consequently the subject will be open at -

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as any future period for investigation. The Chief and Council at Jaggernaickpooram have reported that the money was sent away by orders from Pulicat, and the Board know that after the surrender of the former place, the Dutch Company had no possession on this Coast to which it could have been sent, and they are therefore to consider it Public Property somewhere secreted by the late Chief for the benefit of his masters.—

Resolved that the above be communicated to Mr. Pilbrachts.—

Hobart

Thos. Oakeley.

Edn. Saunders

Alex. Anderson

C.
Examined
J. Robson

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Diary

26th Received the following letter.

W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary &c.

Sir,

From Dr. Henderson soliciting payment of arrears of pay due to the late Cornet A. H. Brooke.

In Reply to an application made by my Attorneys Messrs. Parker, Rickard & Co. on the 25th. February 1793 for the Arrears of Pay due to Cornet Arthur Brooke Deceased, you observed by orders of Government under date 27th. February 93 that "no "order could pass for the payment of those Arrears, until "the period when he left China be ascertained."—

I now have it in my power, on behalf of Captain J. A. Blanchard, late of the Rockingham Indiaman, to communicate Documents which I presume will Satisfactorily establish the date required,— I request to be informed whether they are to Considered; and if so, that an Order be passed for the discharges of the Amount Arrears due to the late Cornet A. H. Brooke, to those who may be Authorized to receive them.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) N. E. Henderson

Attd. for Capt. J. A. Blanchard

This

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This is to Certify That in the Boatswains Book which was kept on board the Ship York sailed from China in January 1784 and arrived in England in July following, and has since that Ships Arrival been delivered to the Honble United East India Company, and is now in their possession there is the following Entry under the head of —

" A true and perfect Account, Registered and Entered
" of the Honorable United East India Companys —
" Goods, Bullion, Merchandizes and Passengers —
" Received into the Ship York, Captain J. A. Blanshard
" Commander, at several places in his voyage out
" and home, and from Port to Port in India &c. —

When received on board —	From what Place —	Of whom received —	For whose Account —	Marks & Numbers —	Quality or Species of Goods &c.	Quantity or Packages &c.
Wednesday 7th June 1704	Canton		Arthur Henry Brooke			1 Chest on the Honble United East India Company's Account

In Witness whereof —
I have hereunto set my Hand at the East India House in London this Seventh day of July —
in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven —
Hundred and Ninety four —

Signed W. Ramsay
Secy
Thursby.

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I hereby certify that the Ship York under my Command left the Coast of China on the 12th. of January 1784, that she passed the Cape of Good Hope on the 6th. of April 1784, and arrived in the Downes and landed Cornet Arthur Henry Brooke with the rest of the Passengers from China, in the Downes, on the 12th. of July 1784.—

Witness my hand. 10th December 1794

Signed J. A. Blanshard

" Received the undermentioned letters Entered on Mr. B. Nos 162–163–164–165–166—

From French Officers ✓ From French Officers — requesting leave to go to the Mauritius —

From Mr. Benbrick ✓ From Military Paymaster Genl. with additional Estimate of Cash required by Mr. Paymr. Cochrane —

From Ditto ✓ From Ditto — with Ditto required by him for February —

From Lieut. Molloy ✓ From Lieut. Molloy — transmitting Bills for Contingent Expences encurred in marching a Detachment of the 26th. Battn. and French prisoners from Masulipatam —

From Capt. Smart ✓ From Commandant of the 3 Battn. requesting some allowances may be made for the Conveyance

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26th Conveyance of Sepoys who may fall Sick on the March of that Corps to the Southward —

Dispatched the undermentioned letters

Entered in Mn. B. Nos 167-168-169-170-171-172-173-

To Capt. Macpherson

To Commandant at Amboor permitting him to visit the Presidency —

To Col. Stuart.

To Colonel Stuart — forwarding Bills of Lading, to which the Signature of the Commander of the Caledonia is required —

To Count de Meuron

To Count de Meuron — informing him that the Military Board will be ordered to — Supply his Indents for Arms &c. for the use of his Regiment —

To Military Board

To Military Board — with directions to the above effect —

To Military Board

To Military Board — Referring for their Opinion the Applications above Noticed — from Lieut. Motley and Capt. Smart — also a Bill of Contingent Charges incurred by Capt. Mathews

To Mr. Place

To Collector on the Sagheir directing that Husseini Ul Mulk may be Supplied — with such articles as he may require on his — passage thro' the Sagheir upon paying for the Same —

&c.

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To Commander of the Earl Fitz William

directing him to receive on board Lieut Shawe, of

the 76th Regt as Passenger to Bengal —

28th

Received the following letters —

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George,

My Lord,

Auditor Genl's Report on Mr. Roebuck's Estimate for February

Having Examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the month of February 1796. I have the honor to Report, that the Sum of Two Lacks, Thirty Nine Thousand, four hundred, and Sixty three Pagodas, Twenty one Fanams, and Sixty two Cash, /Pagodas 2.39463.21.62/ is required for the payment of such Military Charges as become due upon the first of the ensueing month Viz.t

		Pags.	f. c
From the General Treasury —		171372. 2. 18	
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General		68091. 19. 44	
Pagodas —		239463. 21. 62	

Four Thousand Pagodas /Pagodas 4000/ —

included in the Estimate of the Military Paymaster at Palamcottah on account of Pay to the Swiss Regiment for the ensueing month: and Five Thousand

Pagodas —

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28th /Pagodas/ Pagodas 3000/ Exclusive of the Sums Estimated
on account of Pay and Batta to the 12th. 19th and 20th
Battalions of Native Infantry has been deducted
on the same principle as in my Report of the 28th
Ultimo —

The Sum of Two thousand pagodas —
/Pagodas 2000/ is also deducted / for the reasons assigned
in my Report of this date on the third Additional
Estimate for the Current month / from the Estimate
for the ensuing month. Mr Paymaster Martin, to
defray expences to be discharged by the Gram Agent
of the 3d. Regiment of Native Cavalry on account of
Horses expected from Lieutenant Montgomery —

The full amount of the Estimate for
"Staff Officers" required by the Military Paymaster
at the Presidency is included in this Report, under
the presumption, that the General orders of the
15th. Instant will occasion a Military Charge as
usual under that head. but I beg leave to request to
be informed, for my future guidance, to what amount
the allowances of the Commander in Chief are to
appear in the Military Accounts —

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
28th January 1796.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Henry Madeod
Mily Aud. Genl

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart,

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George.

My Lord.

Auditor Genl's Report on the Estimate for the Grain and provision Department in February.

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of 22 Instant, with the Estimate of the expected Disbursements, in the Department of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, for the Month of February 1796, and to report thereon as follows —

	P	F	C
Expected Disbursements at Madras	1447	10	"
Chinglepatte &c	813	"	"
Vellore &c	71	12	"
Tanjore	12	30	"
Palamcottah	2100	"	"
Baramahl	119	"	"
Chicacole	100	"	"
Ongole	353	31	40
Pagodas	3018	41	40

From the Total Amount of Expected — Disbursements as above stated, the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, deducts the following Sums, as not payable from the Treasury at the Presidency, but payable from the Subordinate — Treasuries —

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Treasuries, for which Bills will be drawn upon them, and transferred through the General Treasury —

	£	S	d
Madras — — — — —	1447	10	—
Vellore — — — — —	71	12	—
Tanjore — — — — —	12	30	—
Baramahl — — — —	119	—	—
Chicacole — — — —	100	—	—
Ongole — — — — —	355	31	40
Pagodas — —	2105	41	40

Consequently the Amount payable at the Presidency, on account of Disbursements in — February 1796 as per Estimate of the Acting — Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, is Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen Pagodas

/Pagodas 2913 — — /

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St George
28th January 1796.

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

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

My Lord.

I have the honor to report as follows. —

upon the General Estimate, of the Acting Provincial Agent.

Auditor Genl's Report on the Estimate for the Bullock Agency for February

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28th Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks, for the Month of February 1796, accompanying Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 22 Instant.

	₰	ƒ	ℂ
Madras	1269	27	"
Chingleput	500	"	"
Vellore	134	"	"
Palamcottah	723	28	20
Baramahl	190	"	"
Chicacole	200	"	"
Ichapoor District	12	"	"
Ongole	250	28	"
Major Roberts Detachment	891	18	"
Pagodas	4,171	17	20

From the Total Amount of expected Disbursements as above stated, the Acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks, deducts the following Sums, as not payable from the General Treasury at the Presidency, but payable from the Subordinate Treasuries, for which Bills will be drawn upon them, and transferred through the General Treasury.

	₰	ƒ	ℂ
Baramahl	190	"	"
Chicacole	200	"	"
Ichapoor District	12	"	"
Major Roberts Detachment	891	18	"
Ongole	250	28	"
Pagodas	1,544	4	"

Consequently

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28th. Consequently the Amount of Drafts payable at the Presidency, on account of Disbursements in February 1796 as per Estimate of the acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks, is Two Thousand, Six Hundred and Twenty Seven Pagodas, Thirteen Fanams, and Twenty Cash / Pagodas 2627-13-20 /

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

/ Signed / Henry Malcolm

Mily Aud. Genl.

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
28th January 1796

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered

in Mil. Cons. Nos 174-175-176-177-178-179-180

From Chief Secretary at Bombay - with Copy of the Instructions to the Commander of the Bombay Castle - and List of Stores taken on her for Ceylon

From Mess.rs R.B. Baker, & Co. offering two Tumbrils for Sale

From Mr. J. Oboam - Soliciting on the part of certain Dutch Servants at Puttlam an increase of the Subsistence granted to them

From Military Auditor General - reporting on Mr. Roebuck's additional Estimate for January and on that of the Paymaster at Palamcottah

From Resident at Nagore - transmitting an Account -

From Chief Secretary

From Mess.rs R.B. Baker & Co.

From Mr. Van Oboam.

From Lieut. Malcolm

From Mr. Farmer

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28th. Accounts of the Stores collected by him for the Troops on Oyster —

From Lieut. Forbes ✓ From Commanding Officer at Bellore — requesting an Allowance for a Portuguese Medical Assistant left there by Mr. Sheppard, Assistant Surgeon —

From Mr. Bowney ✓ From Collector at Ramnad — the Dutch Servants at Tuticorin &c. requests a Subsistence — Sent the following letter —

To Jacob Pilbrachtt Esq.r

&c. &c. &c.

at Pulicatt

Sir,

To Mr. Pilbrachtt in reply to his letter relative to the Cash sent away from Jaggernaickpuram

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 16th. instant, in which you acquaint us, that the Sum of Eight thousand (8000) Pagodas dispatched from Jaggernaickporam on or about the 8th. day of July last, was not conveyed to Pulicat, but secured in a place of Safety for the — Dutch East India Company. It would have — been more satisfactory to us, if you had judged it necessary to State where it had been sent — and as we consider it from your own declaration to have been public property, we shall leave the subject open for future investigation — It has not, however, — escaped.

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28th escaped us. that the Chief and Councel of Jaggernaut have Stated that the Money was sent away by orders from Pulicat, and we know that after the Surrender of the former place, the Dutch Company had no possession on this Coast to which it could have been sent, and consequently that we are to consider it Public Property Somewhere Secreted for the benefit of your Masters —

We have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signd) Hobart

&c Council

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Dispatched the undermentioned letters Entered in Mn. B. Nos 181-182-183-184-185-186-187-

To Mr. C. Smith — To Mr. C. Smith — informing him that no relief can be granted to him unless he can prove that he was Loser by the purchase of the Stores he received from the Company at the Rate of 50 per Cent on the Invoice Price —

To Col. Malcolm — To Military Auditor Genl. — with directions for the payment of Compensation — Money to the Officers, whose quarters were injured or destroyed by the late Storm —

To Ditto — To Ditto — desiring his opinion upon — Doctor Bell's Claim on account of Gratuity — &c

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T. Ditto 28th. To Ditto — referring the additional Estimate of Cash required by Mr. Roebuck, and Mr. Paymr. Cochrane for the present Month —

To Military Board To Military Board — directing them to give orders Certain Alterations additions and Repairs to the Mount Hospital and for Estimates to be prepared of the repairs required to the Barracks and Officers Quarters in Fort St. George — Copies of letters from the Chief Engineer and Barrack Master on the Subject Enclosed —

To Ditto To Ditto — approving their opinions in regard to the Compensation Money above mentioned — with exception to the Claim of Major Young therein — observations thereon —

To Lt. Col. Smith To Commanding Officer at the Mount — Stating the purport of the reply said to have been sent by him to a Message from Hussain Ali Khan — and desiring him to communicate — what actually occurred upon his demanding a Salute on his Arrival at the Mount —

30th. Dispatched the undermentioned letters Entered in Dis. B. Nos. 188 — 189 — 190 — 191 — 192 — 193 — 194 — 195 — 196 — 197 — 198 — 199 200. 201

To Mr. Wood. To Accountant General — transmitting him to your new Certificates to the Hog Hill Claimants. agreeably.

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30th. agreeably to his Suggestion —

To Capt. Read — To Commandant in the Baramahaul — transmitting Copy of a Letter from one of the Mahals Managers and directing him, in case any Plunderers are on foot to disturb the peace of the Carnatic, that he will take measures for cutting off their retreat from thence —

To Mr. Sheddon — To Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies directing him to accept Lieut. Monteath's proposal for supplying Grain — his Suggestions relative to a Supply for the 3d Regiment will be adopted —

To Ditto — To Ditto — transmitting Copies of the Auditor Genl's report upon his Estimates for February —

To Mr. G. Wilson — To Store Keeper at Vizagapatam — transmitting an Invoice of Stores provided at that place —

To Col. Malcolm — To Military Auditor General — respecting the Accounts of the King's Deputy Payor. General in continuation to the 25th December 1795 —

To Mr. Rochfort — To Military Payor. Genl — with a Copy of the Auditor Genl's report upon his Estimate for February —

To Lt. Col. Smith — To Lieut. Col. Smith — directing the immediate Release of Lieut. Col. Geils's Dubash Ramah —

To Majr. Murray — To Commandant at Arcot — directing him to procure intelligence respecting the party of Plunderers above Mentioned —

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To Mr. Powney 30th — To Collector at Ramnad directing him to ascertain whether any of the Inhabitants of that neighbourhood will undertake to deliver 200 Garce of Gram at Tachenore and at what rate stating also the Expence of Carriage of that quantity from Tuticorin to Tachenore —

To Mr. Kinworthy and Mr. Torriano — To Residents at Cuddalore and Nagore directing them to advertize for proposals for supplying the above quantity at Tachenore —

To Clerk of the Treasury — To Clerk of the Treasury ordering advances of Cash to Mr. Roebuck and Mr. Shardow for February —

To Mr. Darvall — To Commercial Resident at Vizagapatam directing him to comply with Major Munro's requisition relative to the Prisoners in confinement at that place —

To Major Munro — To Major Munro notifying the foregoing and authorizing him to advertise the Inhabitants that the Company will pay five Rupees for each European Serviceable Musquet delivered within one Month and that if any be concealed and discovered after that period, they will be liable to confiscation —

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Fort St. George 2d February 1796

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart,

Governor ——— President

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esqr.

and

Ernst William Falkofield Esq.

Tuesday
2 February 1796

Minutes of last Consultation —

Read and approved —

Read the following dispatches from —

Malacca, brought by the Company's Ship Swallow

To The Right Honble The President in Council
Fort St. George

My Lord

From Adml. Rainier reporting his several Arrangements and Proceedings at Malacca and forwarding Sundry Statements relative to the Revenues, Duties Taxes &c. also Accounts of Merchandize Treasure and Allowances drawn by certain Dutch Servants — encloses Bills on the Madras Treasury —

I was duly honored with your Lordships favor of Octr. 15th. and 21st. the latter by the Swift, with extracts of letters &c. as therein mentioned —

Our

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† Suffolk
6 centurion }

Arniston
Surprize
Mary }

On my arrival at Penang Novr. 14th. with His Majestys Ships and transports as pr. Margin†. was joined there by His Majestys Ships Orpheus and — Resistance, and Swift Sloop from Madras as above — mentioned, and also by the Hobart from Rhunce on the 21st. Novr. The Sepoys were immediately landed for their refreshment, and as from information furnished Captain Newcome by a Mr. Court of the Ship Duke of Clarence (N°1) I learned it would be time enough to leave the — Streights of Malacca the latter end of January, after making an arrangement of Stores and provisions for His Majestys Ships, with a view also of dismissing — the Arniston, finding the State of the Ships Crews health to be such as required much refreshment, espe- -cially the Suffolk, I made the best of my way in the Orpheus to Malacca, to dissolve the Dutch Government as we had concerted, agreeable to the tenour of your — Lordships letter in Council above mentioned of Octr. 15th — leaving the Resistance to follow with the transports two days after, the whole force is now collected here —

N°1. already entered on the records of the Fort St. George Consultations 5. Jany. 1796

On my arrival here the 1st. Instt. there was some delay in the business I came upon occasioned by — Major Brown's illness, but on the 4th. I met the late Governor and Council as had been recommended by Major Brown and dissolved the Government, the Declaration (N°2) being

N°2. Vide N°12 of Major Brown Correspondence Printed hereafter —

Read —

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read and entered as a minute in Council, on which I
appointed Major Brown Governor, The Fiscal undertook
to administer justice as before tho' not without objections.
Every thing relative to Government being established, and
the Dutch Flag hauled down, I proceeded to make out
the details of troops for the Expedition, to which after
some variations Major Brown consented; refer your
Lordship to Major Vigors's Returns for particulars
the attention the Expedition required occupying all
my time and consideration, I gave my consent to —
every arrangement recommended by the Governor for
his accommodation, only informed him I should —
certainly use my influence with your Lordship
to abolish the exclusive trade for reasons already in
your Lordships possession, and being a circumstance
wholly omitted in Major Brown's first dispatch, —
which is the more remarkable, as the Articles of —
Merchandize in his Statement of the last accounts
N° — — except Japan Copper, were the result of this
Circuitous monopoly, and the observation thereupon,
on that account, inapplicable —

My next consideration was complying
with the request of Captain Newcome and the rest
of the Captors to allow their Agents to take an account
of the public effects, which the Governor objected to.

with,

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with so much peremptoriness, as to insist on giving up the Government and being allowed leave to go to the Presidency, if I did not relinquish that Idea, and allow him to take the account of the Effects &c. — with which he presumed the Captors ought to be — satisfied, as otherwise he considered his private Char- -acter sacrificed, as it gave room to doubt his integrity. In discussing this matter in private there were some reasons urged by the Major not contained in Letter to me which I have the honor to enclose, as well as my public order that led to it, in which your — Lordship will observe, that, for very obvious reasons, I considered the Captors Agents as Commissaries for the King, in case His Majesty should be pleased — otherwise to dispose of the public effects than as booty to the Captors. Being wholly dissatisfied — with the Majors reasoning which to me appeared quite out of the question, I gave him permission to resign the Government, and leave of absence accor- -dingly, not being inconsistent with the paragraphs in your Lordships Letter relative thereto, nor wishing to force him into a situation contrary to his — inclinations —

Vide Nos. 19 & 23 in Major Browns: Correspondence entered hereafter

As Major Vigors seemed to prefer the Command of the expedition, in conformity to the

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remiete of dissolution, I conferred the Government on Captain Parr, and have ever since been incessantly employed, in accommodating the state of the Public business, to the alteration of Government, without having it in my power to end it, and therefore recommend it to your Lordship, to send a Person of sufficient qualifications to superintend the Government, and make such further alterations as may be useful to the Settlement, For the mean-while the enclosed papers will shew what I have already done, and convey to your Lordship somewhat of the trouble it has occasioned me, in addition to the more immediate objects committed to my care and I shall be happy to be flattered with the sanction of your Lordships approbation. It may not be improper to observe that the Naval Agents were appointed before my arrival, and it is very uncertain whether I have any claim to any part of the prize money. And here I take the liberty to mention to your Lordship the great assistance I have received from Mr. James Scott Merchr. of Penang one of the Naval Agents, who has discovered several deficiencies both in cash and effects, that no otherwise would have come to light, and which the Dutch Government have not yet accounted for

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for, and is in short the only means of business in the Agency. Particulars of the above deficiencies, will appear in the Agents accounts —

The removal of the late Governor &c.^r — becomes necessary where I have ordered to the Coast. appeared to me a measure of absolute expediency, as I have already had the honor of relating to your Lordship, and the good effects have been already experienced, over and above that I conceive a doubt of the conduct of people in his situation to the prejudice of His Majesty's service, is a sufficient justification of what I have done —

The particulars of the usual salaries and allowances of the civil Servants of the Dutch Company, as they have been delivered to me, appearing charged with more expence than during the Dutch Government, and not having time to enquire particularly into each individuals claim; I have given authority to Captain Parr to call to his assistance the Town Major and Paymaster to do so, and make them such allowance as they shall judge proper, for their decent maintenance, not exceeding if possible two thirds of their former emoluments, as doing no — duty but recommend the Council of justice to — their particular consideration, although I think the Fiscals account is more overcharged than any one,

and —

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and therefore recommend a cheaper mode of administering Justice by an English Subject as Mayor, under such regulations as your Lordships shall devise, Mr. Coupurus can give your Lordships every information on all those points, a considerable advantage accruing from his being sent to the Presidency —

The Agents have not yet had time to investigate the particulars of the Orphans fund, and it will be a Subject of future regulation how the Surplus money is to be disposed of, and whether it is to be considered as public property, am informed the Sums due from intestate estates are very Considerable

On giving notice to the Dutch Servants to embark on the Swallow, several of them entered, who will be added to the Companies here, lest I forbid the admission of native Dutchmen. The Swallow will nearly take away the Remainder —

With respect to the fortifications here agree with the Statement of Captain Lennox, as far as I may be allowed to judge, and have accordingly Sanctioned it with my Signature —

The additional appointments that have taken place have been chiefly at the recommendation of either Major Vigors or Major Brown.

and all refer'd to your Lordships pleasure, my Signature
being meant rather as an authority to the Paymaster —
than to the appointment —

The Dutch Government always dem-
anded heavy anchorage money from the Portuguese, —
which is now abolished, in the consideration of their
being His Majesty's faithfull allies, and it may be
proper to notify the same to the Government of Goa. —

I dismiss'd the Question to proceed on her
voyage the 25th Ult.o as I did not conceive it an object
to detain her for the small tonnage she had on board —
for the expedition, as the Commander proffer'd to —
proceed to China by a different route in expectation
of making a quicker passage, but have been obliged
to take up a Ship. The Armenian, Sands Master,
of 300 tons at the rate of the Mary, to take on —
board such of the black troops Lascars, Stores &c. as
the Kings Ships and transports could not receive or
accommodate, which I hope will meet your —
Lordships approval, —

I attended the sale of the publick Revenue
which sold for about 46000 Sp. Dollars for the
year to be paid monthly as will be transmitted, —
the exclusive trade being abolished, the comfort and
export duties are laid on the several articles that compose it

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On Captain Barri's application have allowed the same table money as was granted to Major Brown in lieu of all extra charges &c.

I have taken the liberty to draw on the Honble Company's Treasury at Fort St. George for 9000.. 0. pa. Rs. taken out of the treasury here, part of which is applied for the use of His Majesty's Service, as pr. bills herewith remitted, and part reserved for contingent expences for the expedition, as may be wanted for either service, the mode of settling it can be concerted with Sir George Elphinstone, or myself hereafter, as the bills are not payable, till the Kings pleasure is known as to the disposal of it, till when am of opinion the bills drawn on the Navy and Victualling Offices should remain on the treasury &c.

I have the honor to be.

Sir &c.

Malacca
6th Jan.y 1796.

(Signed) Peter Rainier

Be it Known, to all whom it may concern that on the 31st day of December 1795 will be exposed to Sale by public Outcry the following Farms or Exclusive privilege of selling by Retail Arrack, Opium, Pork, and Betelnut and of keeping Gaming Houses in Malacca and its Environs on the following terms viz.t

1st Arrack.

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1st Arrack Farm.

No person except the Farmer is allowed to sell Arrack in small quantities but this restriction does not extend to the selling Arrack in Leagers, half Leagers, or thirds of Leagers. The Farmer shall not Keep more than two Houses for the purpose of Retailing Arrack, he shall not sell to the troops in Garrison, or Seamen of the Fleet other than Batavia Arrack, Good and unmixed, he shall not allow any one to drink in his houses, he is to sell and the Buyer carry away.

2d Opium Farm.

That no person other than the Farmer shall sell Opium Chander or Mafsa or by Retail in small quantities or in Cakes, but this Restriction does not Extend to the Sale of Opium in Chests Bogudations and management as has hitherto been Customary.

3d Pork Farm

No person other than the farmer can kill or sell Pork on the public market, But this restriction does not extend to the sale of Hogs Young or Old.

The Farmer is not allowed to Blow the pork or put water into it if he is discovered practising such abuses he will be severely punished.

4th Bastabah

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4th Battelaf Farm

whoever farms this shall have a right to take one for-
every ten on all the Battelaf brought to Market in
Malacca and its Environs as has hitherto been —
Customary —

5th Gaming Farm.

No person other than the Farmer shall be allowed to keep
houses for Gambling and he will be allowed to Keep
only four Houses in Malacca, One in Tranquera, One
Band Eller one in Banga Rhio — That the Farmer shall
not allow any thing to be brought into his houses other
than money a deviation from this article will be —
severely punished. — Whoever may rent any of these
Farms is to Observe that the Rent will be demanded —
Monthly and no excuses admitted —

By Order of his Excellency
Commodore Peter Rainier.

Malacca
26th December 1795 —

Be it known to whom it may concern that from and
after the 31st day of December 1795 the Exclusive monopoly
heretofore carried on by the Dutch East India Company
in Tea pepper opium spices and Japan Copper
do cease, and be discontinued until the 31st day of —
December 1796, and that all persons during that
period may freely trade in these articles, paying —
the duties hereafter Established — And Further that
all

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all duties or Taxes by whatever name known, or by whoever levied, that are not Renewed on the first day of January 1796 do from that day cease and be discontinued

By order of his Excellency
Commodore Peter Rainier.

Malacca
26th Dec. 1795.

Be it known to whom it may concern that on the 31st Decemr. 1795 will be exposed to sale by public outcry the farm of the Import and Export duties on Merchandize Imported into and Exported from this port of Malacca from January the 1st 1796 To December 31st 1796. Inclusive being allowed to collect on the several Merchandizes as follows Viz.t

On Opium pr. Chest. — — Spanish Dollars 15.
On Tin pr. Picul. — — Spanish Dollars 1¼.
On pepper pr. Picul. — — Spanish Dollars 1¼.

On all piece Goods, Imported either from the Eastward or Westward, and on all Raw Silk, Seven pr. Cent on the Value at the time of Import; Those articles are to pay no duty on Export. All other Goods of whatever description not specified above pay on import six pr. Cent, and on Export six pr. Cent, on the Values at the time of — Export or Import. — The Value of Goods Imported or Exported is to be determined between the Merchant and Farmer as has been customary heretofore —

By Order of his Excellency
Commodore Peter Rainier.

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Be it known to whom it may concern that from and after the 31st. day of December 1795 the drawing of Toddy or Jua from Cocoa-nut or Eyoir Trees be prohibited Except as much sweet Toddy as may be wanted for the Bakers — and that any one infringing this prohibition by drawing or selling Toddy or Jua will be severely punished —

By order of his Excellency
Lieutenant Peter Rainier —

Malacca
26th. Dec. 1795.

That the Duties or Taxes heretofore levied under the — names of —

Capitation on the Chinese
A duty on Doors
A duty on Looms & Weighed.

called Dotchin duty, be discontinued from and after the 31st. December next —

Chinese Estimate of the new Duties ..

Opium Tin and Pepper — 15,000.
Arrack — — — 5,000
Opium — — — 5,000
Gaming — — — 2,500
Pork — — — 600
Beetlenut — — 600 13,700
28,700

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A Statement of Revenues farmed for the year 1795 for Malacca.

			$. Month	
Tavern Licence	$.	Mo.	1..40.	$. to 5th May only
Duty on China Shops			50..40	Ditto
D. on Arrack			25..40	D.
D. Capitation Tax			95..40	D.
D. Fish			175.. "	D.
D. on Licensed Measures and Weights			13..16	To 1st June
D. on Cock fighting			2..04	To 1st May.
D. Pork duty			37..24	D.
D. Boat tillage			70..40	D.
D. on River Anchorage			25..40	D.
D. on Goods weighed			185..20	D.
D. on Boats going up the River			22..44	To 1st June.
D. on Jungle Do. coming down the River			19..08	D.
D. on doors			55.. "	To 1st of May.
D. on Gaming Houses			367..44	D.
D. Native and Portuguese Ships anchoring			27..34	D.
D. on Import and Export			1475..	$. to 5th of July.
			5940..40	Rix Dollars $. Ann.

or Rix Dollars $ 1290 $ Annum.

Exchange 46 for 68 is Spans. Dollrs 5029..-

Total Annual Revenue from 8 to 6 Months in Arrears — of which there may be paid but not certain about 3,000 Sp. Dollars —

Mr. Couperus says that trade has been so — dead, and the people so poor that he had wrote to Batavia to have great deductions made from their Balances —

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Statement of the Covers &c. found in the public treasury of Amaluca as delivered to the Agents By Mr Turner Treasurer this 24th. day of Decr. 1795.—

Super Intending — Present — James Scott
Capt. Stevenson and Kennedy — Agents — Capt. Chalmers
Wm. Heatland.

Casta — In the Great Chest.
Received — In Ducatoons 320 Ea.
80 by 68 is — — — Sp. Ds. 611.. 52.
In Spanish Dollars — 15136 .. 4.
Sp. Ds. — 15747 .. 56

In a Small Chest —
In Spa. Dolls. — — 613.34
In Ducatoons 37 — 67 .. 4
In German Crowns 4 — 3.. 36
In Dobellegus 75190
" Ea. 18 by 272 — — 9764.33 — 3448 .. 39.

In a Small bag
28 Cof. Dollars @ 60 — 1680
13½ Tallys @ 77½ Stivers 1005
8 German Crowns — 480
27½ Rupees @ 30 — 825
One half Sp. Ds. — — 34
4024 — 59 .. 13
Sp. Ds. — 19255 .. 27

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Brought Over — — — Sp D.s 19255.22

For another Chest
35 bags each Containing
Sp D.s 110.20 in Doubligus } — — — — — 3750 —

Coopries Money.

4 Casks as they came from Holland and
Said to Contain 80000 Doits in — — 320,000
18 bags each Cont.g 1600 Doits — — 28800
Doits — 348,800

Exchange 272 for 1 Sp D. — — — — 1282 . 24
Sp D.s — 24.287 . 46

The treasurers Balances by his Cash Acco.t is in Sp D.s 18703. 51
122
25 Pags.

In Doubligus 34 Sacks ca 110.20 Sp D.s 3750 — —
In Coopries Doits 332.272 — — — — 1221 . 40
Sp D.s — 23,674 - 65.

Presenting a difference of Spanish Dollars 612.49 which the treasurer says will appear on Settling the Cash Acco.t —

(Signed) Jas. Forth Actg
" J. W. Schrassmers.
" Wm. Maitland.

We Subscribe Rec.d a Variety of Gold and Silver weights touches and touch Stones — Standard measures and — Weights, for the Regulating the Commence of the Settlement for Number &c. 130 but to &c. we could Give no — Specific Names not being able to find Corresponding English Names which we have Dutch Sir Signed by the Treasurer —

Signed, Jas. Forth
" J. W. Schrassmers
" Wm. Maitland

Total

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Total Arrears of Revenue due to the Government of Malacca on the 18th of August when it was captured and as such should be Recovered by the Agents as Public property

Tavoy	3.18 days		Rs D. 3.. --
Mow Linke	3.18		183.. --
Be Tanka	3.18		93.. --
Ban Chee	3.18		345.. --
Chaw Jaco	3.18		630.. --
Lem Ryanko	2.18		48.. --
Cock fighting	3.18		7.. 24
Pee Tanko	3.18		135.. --
Pee Tanko	3.18		255.. --
Low Reko	3.18		93.. --
D°	3.18		667.. 24
D°	2.18		82.. 24
Chaw Rayan	2.18		69.. --
Cha Tongka	3.18		189.. --
Cha Ruan	3.18		2288.. 24
Ha Gioko	3.18		99.. --
Pee Tanko	1.18		760.. --
		Rs D.	11.827.. --

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A Statement of Revenues farmed for the year 1795 for Onrabava —

	Pr month	
Tavern Licence pr Ano — — —	0.40	To 30. to 1st. May
Duty on China Shops — —	50.40	D°
D° on Arrack — — — —	25.40	D°
D° Capitation Tax — — —	95.40	D°
D° fish — — — — —	175.—	D°
D° on Licensed Measures and weights —	13.16	To 1st. of June
D° on Cock fighting — — —	2.04	To 1st. of May
D° Paint duty — — — —	37.24	— — D°
D° Beetle leaf — — — —	70.40	— — D°
D° on River Anchorage — —	25.40	— — D°
D° on Goods Weighed — — —	185.20	— — D°
D° on Boats going up the River —	22.24	To 1st. June
D° on Jungle Do coming down the River —	19.08	— — D°
D° on Doors — — — — —	55.—	To 1st. May
D° on Farming houses — — —	357.44	— — D°
D° Native and Portuguese Ships Anchoring —	27.34	— — D°
D° on Import and Export — — —	4775.—	D° to 1st. July

5940.40 Rix Dollars pr Ano,

or Rix Dollars 71290 pr annum,
Exchange 48 for 68 is Sp D° 50.293.—

Total Annual Revenue from 8 to 6 months in Arrears —

Mr Couperus Says that trade has been so dead — and the people so poor, that he had wrote to Batavia to have great deductions made from their Balances —

The Ballance of the Dutch Cash on the 1st Septr 1795.

in Spar. Dollars —	21974.—
in Double Pags — —	3756.—
in Duits — — —	1221.— 1037/272
Sp D° —	26945.—

Major Browns Balance is Sp D° 23437.51

Presenting a difference — — 3507.17 Sp D°

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			Sp. Pr.
No 1	Rix Dr 701 3/4		523 .. 34
No 2	629 3/4		444 .. 36
3	672 .. 12		478 .. 52
4	223 .. —		158 .. 56
5	501 .. 36		354 .. 12
6	138 .. 6		96 .. 06
7 Corrected as p. Estimate	2833 .. 08		— .. —
8	322 .. 27		227 .. 47
An English translator	1		40 .. —
No 9 House rent for Cutchairs			19 .. 57
10 House rent for Amildary			22 .. 43

It appears that all the other Charges Should be defrayed as Contingents by the Serral as they are not Invariably the Same and Seem not Connected with monthly Roll —

It Appears that the total Sum at which the Sevent Farms are Rented on 31st. day of Dec. 1794 is Rx. Dollars — 71290 .. —

What the total Arrears on our Entering Arabaca the 18th. of Augt. 1793 was — — — — — 37815 .. 12

33476 .. 36

Let us take it for Granted that such part of the above Arrears as proceeds the 18th. Augt. is Recoverable this is — 11937 .. —

Rix Dr — — 45414 .. 36

25 p. Ct. on Dr. According to the Ordinance of the Comp.y is Rx Dr — — — — — — 11352 .. 33.

this sum divided by 4 is the true quarterly Percentage Which ought to be charged — — — 2833 .. 08.

And therefore the Charge of 35814 Sp Dr. is too much by Rx Dr 2240 .. 13 —

Because 35814 Spanish is — — 5073 .. 21 Rx

Difference 2240 .. 13 —

By Agreement

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By Agreements from the 25th Decr. to the 29th We have received the whole of the Goods in the Mercantile Warehouse from Mr. Parvenaries, Deputy Warehouse Keeper.——
Particulars as per Journal — Viz.t —

Saffran Copper — — — — Pcuds 519 .. 86 Catties —
— — Tin — — — — — — D.o 567 .. 96 D.o
— Black Pepper — — — — D.o 691 .. 5 D.o
White Pepper — — — — D.o 18 .. 64 D.o
Barr Iron — — — — — D.o 333 .. 95 D.o
— Steel — — — — — — lbs 558 .. — Dutch lbs
Plate Copper — — — — — lbs 236 .. — D.o
Sheet Lead — — — — — lbs 303 .. — D.o
— Nails assorted — — — — Pcuds 30 .. 64 Catties
One Anvil — — —
One large beam and Scales
Star Arrived in — 80 Chests to keep a
Invoice Amount — N. Weights marked
on each Chest — — — — — — 15747 Dutch lbs
Cloves — 6 Chests — Dutch lbs — — 599 ½.
Moulds for Casting Tin — Large — — 28.
D.o — D.o — — — — Small — — 18.
D.o — very small — — — — — 3.
Blue Nankeen — — — — — 157 pieces
Sobbies Wastes — — — — — 159.
Coarse Red Long Cloth — — — — 11 pieces
D.o — White D.o — — — — — 19
D.o — Blue D.o — — — — — 19
D.o — White D.o — — — 60 — — — 30
Striped Gingam — — — — — — 11 pieces
Besaree Paper — Foolscap — — Rs 19 .. 7 Quires
— — — — Demy Royal — — — — 51 D.o
Piece goods — Red Silk — — — 5 pieces 10 Yards
— — — — Blue Silk — — — 6 D.o 4½ D.o
Silk — — — Straw Colour — — pieces 2 .. 25 ¼s
— — — — Green — — — D.o 2 .. 12 D.o
Pack thread — — — — lbs 9. — { Piece 15 .. 5½ ¼s of Silk
Red Cloth — — — — Yds 9.
Crape — — — — — Rolls 6 .. 19 Yds
Crimson Velvet — — — Yds 48 .. —
Purple D.o — — — — Yds 38 ½
Gold embroidered Cloth — — — 2
Twine — — — — Skains — 6.
— — — — — lbs . 5
Red Wax — — — — — 2 ¾ lbs
Black and Red Parcels — — — 5
Sheet Pasteboard — — — — 28
Sneakers — — — — — 78
Tinn'd Plates — — — — 6.
Dishes — — — — — Water stains of Lead

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Water Staves of Lead — 24
Drills of Sorts — 8
Dito — 7
Files of Sorts — 50
Planes — 18
Hand Vice — 1
Hand Saws — 14
Pincher — 1
Prong's Bolts — 11
Double hand Saws — 3
Screw Plates — 2
Crucibles — 10
pairs of Scales — 2
Boxes with Pans of Glass — 4
Wooden Horses for Bales &c — 10
Iron Boilers — 5
Elephants Teeth Wt. 32 lb — 2
Shirts — 131
6 Chests of Opium of Two years —
D — 6 Chests 45 and 46 Cakes
Nutmegs — 56 lb ½
Cloves with the Nutmegs mixed — 32 lb
Cloves received in 32 lb of — } 76 lb
Mace — }
Cinnamon in 2 Bales — 99 lb
Mace — 1 Box — 52.

Weights.

36 — 50 lb each
2 — 25 D°
2 — 10
1 — 10
1 — 4
4 — 3
3 — 2
6 — 1
8 — ½
4 — ¼
4 — ⅛
2 Large Balance and Scales
1 Small — D°
11 Spanish Brushes

Bells { 2 St Pauls
1 Main Guard
1 Warehouse
1 Treasury gate

Anchors — 3 — Coffee — lb — 223
Grapnels — 2 — Chunam — lb — 40
Public Seal — 1 — White Lead — lb — 500
Empty Chests — 3 — Verdegrease — lb — 8 3/8
Rose pink blue — — 7/8
Cotton Thread — 4/20 lbs.

(Signed) Jas Scott
" J. W. Chastenier.
" Wm Maitland,
Estimate.

(Signed) Jno Wm Tavernier
Asst

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Estimate of the Value of Merchandize found in the Warehouse not Included in the Acct. of 18th Augt. 1795.

335 : 96	Bars Iron	— @ 7 —	2351 .. 65.
30 .. 64	Pcl. Nails	— @ 15 —	450 .. 96.
1259 .. 60	Star Ammid	— @ 8 —	10076 .. 80
4 .. 46	Steel	— @ 16 —	71 .. 40.
1 .. 88	Copper Sheets	— @ 35 —	66 .. 08.
= 26	Elephants teeth	— 40 —	10 .. 40
Three Beams Scales and weights complete		—	450 .. —
The other Stores in the List are deficient to Estimate the of considerable value		—	
		Sp. Ps —	13.477 .. 29.

Estimate of Items Corresponding as Stated Augt. 18th 1795 and Received —

				Sp. Dollrs
On Major Browns Acct.	Dec. 24th 1795.			
727 more Lbs	519 .. 86	Sappan Copper	@ 30 —	15595 .. 80.
	567 .. 96	Tin	— @ 18 —	10123 .. 10
	691 .. 05	Prosper	— @ 15 —	10365 .. 75
	18 .. 64	White Do	— @ 17 —	316 .. 75
	Spices 56 ½ Mds wgt		—	112 .. 50.
707 ½ lb Cloves	—	1091 .. 50		
99 lb Cinnamon	—	99 .. —		
52 lb Mace	—	160 .. 50		1351 .. 10.
45 Cobrah Specimens and dog	—	@ 125 —		5625 .. —
62 Spars of Sorts	—	—		2763 .. 50
		Sp. Ds —		46,233 .. 50.

Total Arrears.

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Total Arrears of Revenue due on the 31st Dec.r 1795 and by whom due —

				Rix Dr. Fs.
How Sinco	— A duty on China Ships	—	8	— 306..32
Be Tanka	— D.o on Arrack	—	8	— 306..32
Chan Sinco	— D.o on fish	—	8	— 1500..—
Lem Heanko	— D.o to pay Clerk on market	—	7	— 92..16
on Renter	— D.o on Cock fighting	—	8	— 16..32
Ru Seanko	— D.o on Beef and Pork	—	8	— 300..—
Ru Sinko	— D.o on Betelleaf	—	8	— 566..32
Sow Kiko	— D.o on Goods weighed	—	8	— 1483..16
D.o	— D.o River Anchorage	—	8	— 206..32
D.o	— D.o on small Boats going up the River	—	7	— 162..20
Chan Rujam	— D.o on Jungle Wood	—	7	— 134..08
Cha Tenghi	— D.o on Doors	—	8	— 440..—
Cha Ruan	— D.o on Farming	—	8	— 2863..—
Ho Ticko	— D.o on native and Portuguese Anchorage	—	8	— 220..—
Ria Seanko	— D.o on Imports and Exports	—	6	— 2650..—
			Ria Dolls	— 37815..—

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Be it Known to whom it may concern that on the 31st. day of December 1795 will be exposed to Sale by public outcry the following farms, or exclusive privilege of selling by retail Arrack Opium, Pork and Betel leaf, and of keeping Gaming Houses in Malacca and its Environs on the following Terms. Viz.t —

1st. Arrack Farm.

No person except the Farmer shall be allowed to Sell Arrack in small quantities but this Restriction does not extend to the selling Arrack in Leaguers — half Leaguers or thirds of Leaguers The Farmer shall not keep more than three Horses for the purpose of Retailing Arrack, He shall not sell to the Troops on Garrison or Seamen of the Fleet other than Batavia Arrack Pond and condemned he shall not allow — any one to drink in His Houses, he is to sell and — the Buyer carry away —

2d. Opium Farm.

That no person other than the Farmer shall sell Opium Chander, or Madsa or by Retail in small Quantities or on Sales but this Restriction does not extend to the sale of Opium on Chests Regulations and Management as has hitherto been Customary —

3d Pork Farm.

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3d. Pork Farme

No person other than the Farmer can kill or sell porkin the publick Market but this Restriction does not extend to the sale of Hogs Young or Old — The Farmer is not allowed to throw the fresh or putrid Water into it, if he is convicted practising such abuses he will be severely punished —

4th. Betel leaf Farme

Whoever farms this shall have a right to take one for every ten on all the Betel leaf brought to market, in Malacca and its Environs as has heretofore been customary —

5th Gaming Farme.

No person other than the Farmer shall be allowed to keep houses for Gambling and he will be allowed to keep only four Houses in Malacca one in Tranquera one in Band Plo one in Banga Rhio — That the Farmer shall not allow any thing to be brought into his Houses other than Money a Infraction from this article will be severely punished —

Whoever may rent any of these Farms is to observe that the Rent will be demanded monthly and no excuses admitted —

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26th December 1795.

By Order of his Excellency
Commodore Peter Rainier

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Be it known to whom it may concern that from and after the 31st. Day of December 1795 the Exclusive Monopoly heretofore carried on by the Dutch East India company on Teas, pepper, Opium, Spices and Japan Copper do cease and be discontinued until the 31st. day of December 1796. and that all persons during that period may freely trade on these Articles paying the Duties hereafter established - And further that all duties or taxes by whatever name known or by whoever levied that are not renewed on the 1st. day of January 1796 do from that day cease and be discontinued -

By Order of His Excellency
Commodore Rainier -

Malacca
26th December 1795.

Be it known to whom it may concern that on the 31st. December 1795 will be exposed to sale by public outcry the farm of the Import and Export Duties on Merchandize imported into and Exported from the port of Malacca from January the 1st. 1796 to ——— December 31st. 1796 inclusive being allowed to collect on the several Merchandizes as follows Viz.

On Opium p.r Chest — Spanish Dollars — 15

On Tea p.r Picul — — Spanish Dollars — 1¼

On Pepper p.r Picul — Spanish Dollars — 1¼.

On all piece Goods Imported whether from the Eastward or Westward and on all Raw Silk Seven p.r Cent on the

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the value at the time of Import. These articles are to pay no duty on Export all other Goods of whatever discription not specified above pay on import six pr. Cent, and on Export — six pr. Cent on the values at the time of Import or Export. — The value of Goods imported or exported is to be determined between the Merchant and Farmer as has been customary heretofore —

Be it known to whom it may concern that from and after the 31st. day of December 1795 the drawing of Toddy & Sura from Cocoa nutt or Cajou Trees be prohibited except as much sweet Toddy as may be wanted for the Bakers, and that any one infringing this prohibition by drawing or selling Toddy or Sura will be severely punished —

By order of his Excellency
Commodore Peter Rainier.

Malacca
26th Decr 1795.

We the undersigned Officers belonging to the Malacca Garrison, declare by these that we Shall do no further duty nor frequent with Lieut. Daniel, on account of his Base Character and principaly of his bad conduct lately —

(Signed) H.P. Stucker
" D. H. C.W. Eschenbach. Capt: 2d
" J.W. Diehl.
" C.L. Schmidt.
" J.B. Spoth
" H.K. Schuman
" H. Malchair
" H.P. Groeneweat
" De Gruijter —

N.B. This Report is sent from me as that it is quite sufficient ground to remove Lieut. Daniel no longer in the Service — without the necessity of a formal Court martial —

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Statement of the Yearly income of a Fiscaal — including Wages and other Sums paid to for the Domestiicks of Justice - Dept.

Wages ƒ 50 P. Month	Rix.	250 .. —
Extra allowance	"	96 .. —
Emoluments	"	26 .. 12
Income of Duties from the Boom	"	1621 .. 22
Duty on Opium and Gambling, which Since many years back has been given to the Fiscal by means of Subsistance	"	2890 .. —
Penalty's	"	317 .. 43
Commission as Cashier	"	127 .. 38
As President of the Orphan College	"	200 .. —
To 3 Domestiicks	"	108 .. —
To the Jaile-Keeper a part of the Duty on Opium and Gambling	"	240 .. —
	Rixds.	5877 .. 19.
His yearly Expences are	"	700 .. —
The actual yearly income is	Rix.	5177 .. 19.
or Sp.ds D.s 3654 .. 43.		
A Jaile-Keeper for 12 Months a 20 ƒ P. Mont.	Rix.	100 .. —
Extra- allowance		38 .. 18.
D.s 97 .. 46.	Rix.	138 .. 18

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Statement of the yearly income of a Senior Merchant and Second in Council Dept.

Wages a 100 ƒ P. Month	Rix.	500 .. —
Extra Allowance	"	124 .. 36
House-Rent	"	96 .. —
Income of Duties from the Boom	"	2703 .. —
Emolluments	"	236 .. 24
Commission on the Sale of Merchandize out of the Company's Warehouses	"	561 .. —
On Stamp'd Paper	"	60 .. —
As Head Comenistrater	"	518 .. 36.
	Total Rix.	4800 .. —
or Sp.ds D.s 3348 .. 16		

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Comparative.

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Comparative prices of Goods as Sold at Malacca and Prinang —

	Prinang	Malacca
Tin — — — —	@ 17 Sp. D. p/pic.	@ 18 —
Pepper — — —	@ 14 to 16 — — —	@ 15 —
Japan Copper —	@ 27 to 32 — —	@ 27 to 30.
Iron — — — —	@ 6½ to 7 — — —	@ 8 to 7.

By adjournments from the 29th Dec. to —

— we have received from Mr. Newbon Commissary of Supplies — particulars as per Journal —

Arrack — — — —	Whole Leagers — 32
	— — half Leagers — 6
	— — Empty D°. — — 6.
Wax candles — — —	lbs. 579.
Cotton thread — — —	18¾
Cape Wine — — —	222 Canns
Lamprois — 43 Gallns. or 6 anns — —	} 215 D°.
Salt — — — —	9115 lbs and 1 Salt measure
Pork grease — — —	393 lb
Linseed Oil 1½ Barrell and Jars —	} 73. ¾ Canns
Olive Oil — — — —	24 half Canisters
Empty Jars — — —	8
Loose Staves of — — —	35½ Leaguers
D°. — D°. — — —	25 whole D°.
Empty ½ Leaguers — —	8.

American Beef

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American Beef — 9 Casks. each — 375 lb
Dutch — Do. — 21 Do. — — 420 lb
Do. — Pork — 20 Do. — — 358 lb
Arrack — Whole Leaguers — 3
Do. — half Do. — — 2
Do. — Canns — — — 40.
Tamarinds — — 177 lbs
Wooden Horses — — 9
Water Pots — — 66.
Pairs of Scales — — 3
Sugar — in Gross — — 3912 lb
Tamarinds — Do. — — 1575.
Do. — — Casks 4 — — 2963 lbs neat Weight
Do. — — Subs 2 — — 412.
Rice — — — lb 722108 ¾
Gram Gram — — lb 9594

16 Wooden Horses.

4 Brooms.

Weights of Sorts.

50 lb	—	14
25 do	—	12
15 do	—	1
10 do	—	2
5 do	—	2
4 do	—	2
3 do	—	2
2 do	—	1
1 do	—	1
½ "	—	3
¼ "	—	1

5 Funnels and 1 Pumpe. —

" The Rice and Gram taken at the Warehouse Keepers Estimate, there not being Time to measure it.

Signed, Ja.s Scott
" J. W. Chalmers.
" Wm Heitland
Specification.

Signed, Neubronner
Comissaire de magasin de la comiss.n
regard and les Provisions —

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Specification of Mr de Groots Yearly wages and — Emoluments in the Capacity of Secretary at Malacca —

His Share from the Sea Customs	Rixdr	1621 .. 22
Monthly wages at 50 Stivers	"	200 .. —
Dr Gratuity		57 .. 24
6 bits for the arabs Deliverance		80 .. —
The price of allowance of wine		15 .. —
Auction Salary		800 .. —
As member of the Board of the Fatherless Children		80 .. —
As member of the Board of Justice		25 .. —
As public Notary		155 .. —
As Collector of Company's Seals	"	35 .. —
Total pr Annum Rixdr		3068 .. 46
or Spr Drs 2166 .. 22.		

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Translated by
(Signd) J. L. Boggle
Interpreter.

List of the Persons Employed at the Secretary Office and their wages &c. —

Johannes Hamel Book Keeper and Secretary of the Board of Justice		Rixdr	57 .. 38½	or Stivers 135 .. 16½
Arnoldus Mebina	writer	"	15 .. 33½	or Stivers 37 .. 13½
Goozewyn Schaik	writer	"	13 .. 9½	or Stivers 31 .. 13½
Jan Hendrik Stecher	writer	"	13 .. 9½	or Stivers 31 .. 13½
Christiaan Lodewijk Forster	writer		13 .. 9½	or Stivers 31 .. 13½
Anthony Stecher	writer		11 .. 25½	or Stivers 27 .. 13½
Celestinus Maria	writer		9 .. 41½	or Stivers 23 .. 13½
Total		Rixdr	134 .. 23½	or Stivers 319 .. 33½

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(Signd) A. Couperus.

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List of the Persons Employed at the Soldiers pay Office, and their wages &c.

Jacob Frans Overree, Junior Merchant.

wages	Rixd. 16 .. 32	or florins	40 .. –
gratuity	4 .. 38	or florins	11 .. 10
Share in the Sea Custom	35 .. 20	or florins	85 .. –
allowance for wine	1 .. 12	or florins	3 .. –
Total Rixd.	58 .. 6	or florins	139 .. 10

Ewert Overree writer.

wages	Rixd. 10 .. –	or florins	24 .. –
gratuity	3 .. 9	or florins	7 .. 13
Total Rixd.	13 .. 9	or florins	31 .. 13

Hendrik Kwan Wieringen writer.

wages	Rixd. 10 .. –	or florins	24 .. –
gratuity	3 .. 9	or florins	7 .. 13
Total Rixd.	13 .. 9	or florins	31 .. 13

Anthony Cuun writer

wages	Rixd. 10 .. –	or florins	24 .. –
gratuity	3 .. 9	or florins	7 .. 13
Total Rixd.	13 .. 9	or florins	31 .. 13

Jacob Adriaan Overree writer

wages	Rixd. 6 .. 32	or florins	16 .. –
gratuity	3 .. 9	or florins	7 .. 13
Total Rixd.	9 .. 41	or florins	23 .. 13

Joannes Dirk. writer.

wages	Rixd. 6 .. 32	or florins	16 .. –
gratuity	3 .. 9	or florins	7 .. 13
Total Rixd.	9 .. 41	or florins	23 .. 13

every thing agreable to order

(Signed) A. Couperus.

Specification.

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Specification of the Sabandar Mr. W. A. Van Heusden in the year 1795. Translated from the Dutch into English Vizt.

To Income of the Custom House	Rs	1,621 .. 22
To Pay at 40 gilders pr. Month		200 .. —
To Ransom Money		57 .. 24
To an allowance for Wine for delivery of Water, firewood, Buffalow &c.		354 .. 8
for the benefit of Slaves		60 .. —
Total	Rs.	2 308 .. 6 or

Spl. Dr. 1629 .. 18.

(Signed) Thiersens.

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(A true Translation)
(Signed) C. W. Wart
Dutch Translator

A List of Pay of the Clergyman - Translated from the Dutch Paper into English - Vizt.

To Pay	gilders	30 .. —
To Ransom money		11½ .. —
To a Salary from the Deacons for teaching the Orphan Children		24 .. —
Total	gr.	65½ or.

Spl. Dr. 14 .. 12 .. 2 E.E.

(Signed) Thiersens.

To the Waiters of the Church.

To his Pay	gilders	30 .. —
To Ransom Money	"	11½
To a Salary from the Deacon		24 .. —
		65½ or

Spl. Dr. 14 .. 12 .. 2 E.E

(Signed) F. Thiersens.

(A true Translation)
(Signed) C. W. Wart Dutch Translator

A Translation from the Dutch paper into English. - The undersigned Receives from the Honble Compy. Vizt.

To Pay at 24 gilders Pr. Month	Rs.	10 .. —
To Ransom Money		3 .. 9
To Particular attendance upon different business Pr. Year		700 .. —
	Rs.	713 .. 9. or

Spl. Dr. 503 .. 11 .. 6.

Malacca
1st January 1795.

Conform. by Order
(Signed) G. Couperus.

(Signed) F. W. Meyer Compy. Coyer
(A true Translation)
(Signed) C. W. Wart Dutch Translator

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De Arak	Een Vier maanden	1600.. -
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His Excellency Commodore Peter Rainier

&c. &c. &c.

Sir

Agreeably to your verbal communication with me of the 26th. Ult. for my departure from hence to Madras, I beg to acquaint you that I have, for that purpose, made all the preparation which the short period of notice would admit, and am now ready to embark with my wife and family.

As your Excellency has been pleased to allow Mr. Strachey the late Commandant of this Fortress, to take his departure with me, I pledge my honor that we shall proceed together to Fort St. George, and my promise to your Excellency shall be religiously and punctually fulfilled.

Permit me further, Sir, to solicit your Excellency's attention to the obliging promise you have made, either by enabling me to take from hence, your public Letter or such other Documents relative to my departure, as may to you seem proper.

I have the honor to remain

&c. &c.

(Signed) A. Campbell

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3 Jany. 1796

(A true Copy)

(Signed) W. B. Lennon Secy.

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To Abrahamus Couperus Esqr.

Late Governor of Malacca.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterdays date, beg leave to acquaint you, that I have communicated to Vice Admiral Sr. George Keith Elphinston K.B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in the Indian Seas, and to the Right Honble The President of Fort St. George, my reasons for ordering you on the 26th. Ulto. to proceed to that Presidency, and as the Swallow Packett was the only convenient opportunity, that then offered for your conveyance, there was a necessity to limit your stay here to the time of her sailing, but after you was permitted to take your passage on the Oromda, your own property, had you requested a longer time to prepare for the voyage, it would have been attended to, —

I consider the second paragraph of your letter as a parole of honor on your own and Capt.n Stichen's part, binding you both to proceed immediately to Fort St. George on the Coast of Coromandel, without touching any where but at Prince of Wales's Island, and you will please — to regard this as a sufficient authority to produce for — your departure from hence —

The Passport for the Oromda with leave to sail, are herewith enclosed —

I have the honor to remain

&c &c

Malacca
4th Jany 1796

(A true Copy)
(Signed) W. C. Lennon Secy

(Signed) Peter Rainier
Commissioner

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Instructions to Captain Parr Governor of Madura

To take care the Dutch Soldiers proceed in the Swallow, as many as she can conveniently receive, and such as wish to have their Wives and Families sent after them, are to be indulged at a proper opportunity — Mr. Conperus and Captain Stalker with their wives and families to be allowed to proceed to Madras in the Bonj Armida —

To suffer the Court of Justice to carry sentences into execution in certain cases to avoid — trouble, and direct that a register be kept of all the trials of what nature soever —

To plant Mortars and Howitzers on the sea line to annoy Ships coming hostilely into the Road —

Pay the Dutch Council of Justice and other Civil Servants Monthly till further Orders —

Build a Pagan Naval Hospital on the Space before a Dutch House below the Court House

To advise with Captain Osborn on all emergencies of a general nature, particularly relating to the defence of the place —

That a Committee be constituted consisting of Capt.n Parr Govr. Capt.n McKerras Town Major

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Major, and Geo: Buchan Esq.r Paymaster, to inspect the Monthly disbursements that were made under the Dutch Government, on Account of the establishment of civil Servants - and also to draw up an estimate of what may appear to them a decent allowance to be continued to those civil Servants on their present Situation, care being at the same time taken that that allowance if possible do not exceed two thirds of what they before received, with the exception of the Council of Justice, whose rank and employment are left to the consideration of the Committee - In regard to Mr. Coupereus's Allowances it appears to his Excellency Commodore Rainier that the Committee had better cause a Statement of the Amount of what is now due to him, to be drawn up, signed by Mr. Coupereus and Mr. Stheenns with the Fiscaal, and reference made of it to the Right Honble the Governor in Council of Madras accompanied by a Certificate signed by the members of the Committee of that sum not having been paid to him hee -

In absence of His Majesty's Ships and in case of an Attack received Men to do Garrison duty, and considers themselves under the Governor's Orders -

The Governor for the time being to keep the

the Keys of the publick godowns, and deliver them to
none but the Agents or their Attornies, and if necessary
to open for Airing or inspection to appoint proper persons
that no depredations be made in

Captn. Mr. Harras and Mr. Buchanan each
to keep a Key of the public treasury the latter to give
receipts —

Captn. Mr. Harras to receive the Monthly
revenue from the Chinese renters, and place it in
the treasury of which the Governor is to keep one of
the Keys, and Captn. Mr. Harras the other, and not to
be open'd without both being present —

As the Tavern-Keeper used to receive one
half of the Money charged Ships in the road for Water,
that half should now be taken off and the Tavern-
Keeper receive no part of it —

British Ships to be allowed to fetch water
up the river in their own Boats —

No Ships to be allowed to Sail without
the Governors pass, and permission from the
Commanders of His Majesty's Ships or in their
absence, the Honble Company's Cruizers, or Master
Attendant —

To encourage the planting of Limes and
Orange trees near the town for the benefit of Sick Persons
that

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That the Allowances of the Revd Mr — to Clark commence from the 1st Decr 1795. as Major Brown on his Arrival at the Presidency of Madras can settle with Government there relative to any — Arrears that may be considered due to him —

Articles of Trade most in Demand amongst the Moluccas —

Beads of all Sorts.

Cutlery — Knives. Scissars Razors &c

Checked Cloths of 6 Cowries.

Coarse China. white and Blue Cloth.

a Little Opium.

Some Steel.

No Iron as they have a superior kind from Borneo cheap. —

The above is transmitted for the purpose of information in case of having occasion to send such Articles to purchase provisions &c —

F.O. By His Excellency Commodore Rainier &c &c &c

Madras 4th December 1795

Extract of a Letter from Government to His — Excellency Commodore Rainier Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in India dated Fort St George 15th October 1795 —

We

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We must request your Excellency would convey our thanks to the Officers commanding the Naval and Land Forces at Malacca, and the Officers and Men under their Command, for the Zeal with which they have executed their Several Duties, and assure them we shall make such Representation of their Conduct as they justly Merit from so laudable an Attention to promote the Interests of their Country.

Malacca 10th December 1795.

G.O. It having been intended by Government that Mr. Henry Harris Should have acted as Head Surgeon to the Troops on the Expedition to Malacca when the 1st Battalion was of the Detail for that Service, he is now to act in that Capacity until the Pleasure of the Right Honble the President in Council is known.

Malacca 11th December 1795

The Provisions on board the different Ships in the Roads under Charge of Lieut. F Worke Agent to be Landed at Malacca, that a Survey may be Ordered, and the whole delivered over to Mr Buchan Commissary of Provisions.

Malacca 14th December 1795.

The following Detail of Troops to hold themselves in readiness to Embark for further Service.

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Two Flank companies from the Grenadiers — a Battalion commanded by Captains Kennedy and Chalmers

The two Battalion companies of the 2d Bn. European Infantry commanded by Captains Meuth and Macleod —

Lieut. Fire Works Ross and Nixon with the — Detachment of Coast Artillery that lately arrived from Madras — And 1 Syrang 2 Tindals, 1 Pushally, and 30 Gun Lascars from the Detachment that arrived under Major Brown —

The 87th Battn. N. Infantry with the — Exception of the 1st 2d and 3d Battalion companies as they now Stand under the Senior Subaltern Lieut — M.c Kenras —

Capt.n Gordon will have all the Men of the Rajapoot Cast in the three companies under Lieut M.c Kenras taking the same Number in exchange — from the Pioneers 1 — 2 — 2 — 1 and 45 — Privates —

Mr. Harris will accompany the Detachment as Head Surgeon, and Assistants Pollard and Tait under his Orders —

Mr. Little Assistant Surgeon to remain in charge of the Sick at Madrass —

Public Followers, Artificers &c. attached to the Flank companies, Coast Artillery 87th Native Battn.

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Batt.n Pioneers, Surgeons and Commissaries Depart-
ment &c. to accompany their respective Corps and —
Departments, who will send in without loss of —
time to the Brigade Major Returns of Followers so
attached, including private Followers, that they may be
distributed and provided for in the different Ships —

Those Corps and Departments that have
not their Camp Equipage, will Indent on Commissary
Gibbons for their Compliments, and see that they are
in a fit state for Service previous to their being Shipped.

Malacca 20.th December 1795

Serjeant Buckley appointed Sub Conductor, and
Corporal Thompson Stow Serjeant —

The above Men to be attached to Lieut.t
F. Porter Nixons Department

Malacca 23 December 1795

G. O. By His Excellency Commodore Rainier &c. &c. &c.

The Business of the Agents in executing their
charge mentioned in the Orders of the 21.st Inst.t is to
suffer no Interruption from the Non Appearance of
the Superintending Officers, after having given them
due Notice of the Time proposed to proceed to Business —
Any Objection thereto on the part of the Superintending
Officers is first to be made Known to the Commodore, or
in his absence the Commanding Officer of the Troops

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in Garrison —

25th December 1795.

Lieut.t Maughan of the Bombay Marine to take upon himself the Duty of Master Attendant with Mr. Roebs assistance, until further Orders —

Major Brown appointed Governor of Malacca till further Orders having applied for leave to return to the Coast, is permitted to do so: and in consequence of the Minute in Council of the former Government dissolving the Authority thereof, and vesting it in Major A. Brown, or in his absence in the Commanding Officer of the Garrison for the Time being Capt.n Thomas Parr will succeed to whom Major Brown is to deliver up his Authority as Governor of Malacca, — Major Wages being to command the Expedition to the Eastward —

Lieut.t Scott and of the Pioneers to hold himself in readiness to embark for further Service —

26th December 1795.

Lieut.t F. Works Nixon Commissary of Ordnance and Provisions write with the utmost Dispatch to get aboard the Provisions &c. ordered for the intended — Expedition to the Eastward, and the Troops are — expected to be ready to embark on the 29th Inst.t on the following Ships —

Capt.n —

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Capt.n Kennedys Company on board His Majestys Ship Suffolk

Capt.n Chalmers D.o D.o D.o Orpheus

" Meuths D.o D.o D.o Resistance

" Marloods D.o D.o D.o Centurion

Lt. & Wm Ross and Coast Artillery D.o D.o Centurion

Lt. Scutland and 50 Pioneers D.o D.o Robert

Mr Parris Esqr. M.D. and Acad Surgeon with his Servants — } D.o — D.o Resistance

Assistant Surgeon Pollard D.o D.o Centurion

Commissary Nixon on board the Transport Surprize Capt.n Gordon with the five companies of the 87th Regt. who embark on board the Transports Surprize and Mary —

Quarter Master Saylor will select from the public Followers such Men as are willing to — embark aboard His Majestys Ships of War, and the remainder with the Gun Lascars to be shipped aboard a Transport —

The Camp Equipage of Corps and Depart.= ments to be sent aboard the Mary and Surprize and the Dr. Dr. Sergeant will accompany it to the Ships and see it stowed where it can be had without much difficulty when wanted — each Corps and Depart.= ment marking their own —

Cook Boys attached to the Europeans to go with their

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their Companies —

Officers embarking aboard His Majestys Ships will take each one Servant and two Rounds, the remainder of their Baggage Servants to go on the Transports —

Acting Ensign Durand to accompany the Detach.t under Major Vigors, who will post him to what Company he may think proper —

Allowances

All their Pay and Allowances will be issued to the Troops previous to their Embarkation —

27th. December 1795.

G. O. A Committee of Survey to sit to morrow morning at Eight O. Clock to investigate and ascertain the true State of the Dutch Ordnance and Military Stores —

29th December 1795.

G. O. In conformity to the Commands of His Excellency Sir Robt. Abercrombie K.B. Commander in Chief in India, the following Extract from His Excellency's Letter to Major Brown under date the 25th. of November is — published for the Satisfactory Information of those who were of Major Brown's Detach.t —

Though the Surrender of Malacca did not — afford the Detach.t an Opportunity of displaying that Gallantry, which from their Zeal to the Service, — their Discipline, and uniform good Conduct I am sensible they possess. I take down to my duty to return, you my best

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best thanks for your judicious Arrangements both in landing the Troops and during your Command in Malacca, and I have to request you will be pleased to signify to the Detach.t my approbation of their Military Conduct while under your Command —

(Signed) Robert Abercrombie

(A true Copy) (Signed) T. McKeras S.M.

Lieut.t Marien to act as Fort Aqutant to the Garreson of Malacca Subject to the Approval of the Right Honble the Pres.t in Council of Madras —

Acting Ensign Grace to act as Aqutant to the four European Companies ordered on an Expedition to the Eastward on the same Terms as Lieut.t Marions Appointment —

Lieut.t Ryan to command the Malacca Native Infantry during the Absence of Lieut.t Taylor —

30th December 1795.

G.O. Mr. Buchan will issue to the Captains — Commanding Companies, Officers in charge of Corps. Detachments and Departments One Months Pay and Allowances, which they are to take charge of until further Orders —

Major of Brigade Taylor will take with him 3 Sepoys from the Malacca N. Infantry which are to be returned on Command and drawn for with their

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their Corps —

The following Alteration in the Arrangement for Shipping the Troops and Public Followers to take place —

On board the Surprize and Mary Transports Capt.n Gordan and the 3 Companies of the 87th with the Officers, private Servants and Baggage of that Corps, — Mr Pollard from the Centurion to the Mary Transport — Lieut.t Neatland with the Pioneers from the Hobart to the Armenia Transport. Gun Lascars. Public Followers of every description, excepting those of the 87th R.t — also Capt.n Gordan is at liberty to take companies (or as many of them as he chooses) with the Armenia, Camp Equipage, Stores, Baggage to go aboard the Followers that do not accompany the Officers and private Majestys Ships agreable to the proportion aboard His the Armenia — Commissary Nisbett will see to go on and that Ships — also go on b

2. January 1796

G. C.

Mr Shuttleworth late Surgeon of the Swallow Packet appointed Acting Assistant Surgeon, under Doctor Harris until the pleasure of the Government of Fort St George is known, to remain on case of the Sick of His Majestys Squadron —

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G. O. 30th January 1796.

A Report having got into Circulation tending to arraign the public Conduct of Major Brown and the Character of those of his Detachmt in charge of Deputations / who had the Superintending of Men for the public Works / and the Matter having been stated wholly to the Satisfaction of this Evening, he in justice to Major Brown and to them, thinks proper thus publickly to declare that the Report is entirely Groundless, and that he has every reason to approve of the Oeconomy observed by Major Brown in the Arrangement of the Money brought with his Detachment —

The European and Native Troops with their Public and Private Followers that are under Orders of Embarkation — to embark at Seven O'clock to morrow forenoon —

The Troops & c from the Fort will have Boats forwarded them at the Boom — Capt.n Gordon with his Five Companies and Followers to embark from the Beach in front of his Encampment — The Tents to be struck and packed up when Morning Gun Fires and sent aboard the Transports —

The following Gratuities to be paid to the Undermentioned Troops —

The Distribution of the European Troops — Capt.n Maclod and 40 of his Company

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To Board the Suffolk, 25 with the Subalterns
of his Company on Board the Resistance, and the
remaining part 110 on board the Asia under charge
of Captain Chalmers —

The Detachment of European Artillery
with Lieut.t F. Worker R.A. to go aboard the Hobart

And Acting Ensign Meares to do
Duty with Captain Mercer his Company aboard
the Resistance until further Orders —

L.t N.o 1 The Corp.l of Marines having this Day trans-
ferred the Sick of the Dutch Hospital, late under
the Care of Doctor Schmeltzing into the General
Hospital of the Garrison, Doctor Harris is directed
to examine and ascertain immediately who are
actually proper Subjects to remain under Medical
Treatment in the General Hospital, and to report
the same in Order that the convicted Soldiers and
Seamen may be struck off the Sick List tomorrow
morning —

Doctor Harris will be allowed at the
rate of 12 Cents p.r Day for the Care of Bridesmaids
of every Kind which the ordinary Cases may require
so long as they remain in Charge in the Hospital

4.th January 1796.

Major Rogers is authorized to recruit Men for
the

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the European Troops from those formerly on the

Dutch Service —

Lieut.t Maughan to be sole Master

Attendant to be entitled to Captains Pay and Batta

and the Emoluments of the former Master Attendant

at the Presidency to the pleasure of the Presidency of Fort

St. George is known; — The Master Attendant is to Respo

a very particular account of all arrivals and departures

of every Kind, such as all Ships and Vessels of every

description, British and Foreigners, both Euro

and Natives, with their Cargoes, whether

or entered at this Port, and remit a Dup

thereof to the Master Attendant of S

and the Secretary of the Marine

countersigned by the Governor, and an

to Quote this Presidency Commander

for having done so —

Agents for the Captors as to expen

on the Order of the 21.st Ult.o to be considered as

Commissions for the Sale should His Majesty

and Award the proceeds of Prizes by Captors as Prize

Money —

The Head Dutch Artificers viz.t

the Master Boatswain Master Carpenter Master

Smith and Master Sail to be continued on their Pay

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and placed immediately under the Charge of Lt. Farquhar of Engineers — The Detail of Pioneers left in Malacca to be also under his immediate Charge —

No further Works to be carried on at — Bona Scheria until the pleasure of the Government of Fort St. George is known on that Subject, nor any the Work attended with Extra Expence. — Capt. Parr will employ the Pioneers and such other Working People, from the Garrison in raising the Ramparts of the Land of Malacca Town, or in any other Manner he may judge most conducive to the — Security of the Place —

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Major Brown advising of his having resigned the Government of Malacca and transmitting Sundry papers shewing the Circumstances that led thereto

It is with extreme Concern I have to acquaint your Lordship, that Since my last dispatch of the 12th Instant, by the Spy Captain Jacob, I have felt necessity of Soliciting His Excellency Commodore Rainier to permit me to resign my public Charge, and to return in the Swallow to this Coast, in Consequence of Measures His Excellency has thought proper to adopt, which, after what had previously passed in written

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written, and Supposed to have been conclusive Com-

N.1-7-8. munications,* I now very unexpectedly, and with which

after deliberate Consideration I found I could not co-operate

without violating my Sense of Honor, and disqualifying

myself from sufficient discharge of the Duties of —

Government, by the reason I had to be assured that in

Event of Cooperation I must be wholly deprived of

that Confidence which is essentially necessary towards

beneficial administration of public Affairs; render

Circumstances of Novelty in Situation too, which

could not but leave me Somewhat dependent for —

Information Occasionally upon those who had been in

public Charge and who were to continue in that Connection

N.2 to 19 inclosures

With this My Lord I beg leave to assure Your Lordship I

have the honor to enclose such papers which I

Opinion of your Lordships Council for the Measures

I have most unwillingly been led to adopt, and which

I trust have the honor to submit upon my

arrival at the Presidency —

I have the honor to be

with the greatest respect

My Lord

Your very Obedient

and most humble Servant

Signed A. Browne.

Malacca

30th December 1795

To Lt Col. Braithwaite, Captain Taylor

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No. 1 Letter from His Excellency Peter Rainier Esqr.
To Major Brown dated H. M. Ships Orpheus 30th Nov. 1795
received at 6 P.M.

Sir

If you will therewith receive the letters to your Address from the Right Honble the Governor and Council, and Commanding Officer of the Troops at Fort St. George, which will explain to you the Object of the Expedition now under my Orders, including the Garrison of Malacca, and also the Determination to dissolve the Government of Malacca, for reasons no doubt fully related to you therein — As I conceive this to be a Business of great Importance to His Majesty's Service, I have granted the Convoy on His Majesty's Ships Orpheus, wishing you to take proper Measures for the above purpose as speedily as possible, and with the utmost Lenity towards the Dutch Inhabitants, agreeing Articles, if it the Wish of the Right Honble the Governor and Council of Fort St George, to make his Situation as comfortable as possible —

I apprehend it will be extremely proper to retain the Fiscal in his present Employment, what other Officers or Civil Employments it will also be necessary to retain may be determined when

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whose Receipt, as also every other Matter of any Consequence to
Captain Lennox of the Engineers appointed
Secretary to the Expedition, who will have the honor of
delivering you this, and also the public Dispatches
alluded to in the former part of this Letter will inform
you of the particulars of the Force under my Orders, for
whose Ships you will be able to procure Quarters when
they arrive and accommodate the Company of Europeans
on board the Orpheus immediately.—

I received yours of the 29th October with
its Duplicate, and another of November the 8th and
have the honor to remain &c

Sir.

Yr. &c.

Signed Peter Rainier

No 2. Mr Secretary Jackson to Major Browne dated 30th Septemr.
1795 rec.d 30th November at 6 P.M.

To Major Archibald Browne.
Commanding the British Forces
Malacca

Sir.

I am directed by the Right Honble the
President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your
Letter dated the 19th Inst. and to acquaint you that
his Lordship has not

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another Expedition for the Eastward with a View to the Speedy Reduction of Malacca, in case the Force under your Command should have been found insufficient for the Service, and with a further View of Cooperating with his Majesty's Squadron, in any Attempt that Commodore Rainier may judge it advisable to make upon Amboyna, or any other of the Moluccas Islands

It has been deemed expedient to put under the Authority of Commodore Rainier, also the Land Forces now Serving to the Eastward, as well as those under Orders for Embarkation. You will be pleased therefore carefully to understand, and make it known to the Troops under your Command that the Orders of the Commodore are to be obeyed in every Respect.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Signed W. C. Jackson Jun.

No. 3

F. C. C.

Malacca 30th November 1795.

The Compliment of presenting Arms, with a March from Drums and Fifes, and Salute from the Officers on Board to be paid to Commodore Rainier, whose Orders in this Garrison are to be implicitly obeyed.

No. 4.

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N.4. Malacca 1st. December 1795.

F. St. G. A Salute of 15 Guns to be fired for His Excellency Commodore Rainier upon his coming into the Fort.

N.5. Letter from Major Brown to Commodore Rainier.

His Excellency Peter Rainier Esqr.

&c. &c. &c.

Sir

By Captain Lennon I have had the honor to receive your letter with Dispatches from the Right Honble the President in Council, and Commanding Officer of the Troops at Fort St George, which referring me wholly to your for Instructions relative to disposing this Government, and, I am unable to adopt any Measures for that purpose until I have the honor of seeing you ashore, or of receiving your Commands, which will be carried into effect without any difficulty.

I have communicated to Mr Brosfurus the Determination to reduce the Government at Malacca, and that it is the Wish of the Right Honble the President in Council of Fort St George to make his Situation as comfortable as possible.

When your Excellency thinks proper to order the Company ashore, there will be a Junction of

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... addressed to them their quarters for their accommodation ...

... have the honor to be

Gs. &c.

(Signed) A. Brown

Madrass
1st December 1795
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No. 6. Matters submitted by Major Brown to the consideration and Decision of His Excellency Peter Rainier Esqr. Vice Admiral &c. &c. &c. on the 2d. of December 1795.

Matters submitted	His Excellency's Decision
1st The Ships Seal Detention and Arrack, the property of Mr Thorne and Mr Field	To be permitted to navigate as far East as Pallambang, into Bengal or the Coast under English Colours and the Passport of Commodore Rainier — To Coast Dutch Colours at Pallambang or any other — Precautionary measure necessary for their future Safety — N. B. The above permission afterwards extended to Java —
2d Allowances to Mr Empleus and Members of Government and Company's Civil Servants	The same as before.
3d Re-establishment of Pera	To be restored, under Superintendance of the British Commissioned Officer in
4th Continuance of Monopoly upon Tin, Pepper Sapan Copper and Opium, as Article of Revenue to Government.	To be continued.
5th Continuance of Duties 1795 as before	To be continued.

6th.

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Matters Submitted	His Excellency's Decision
6th Articles of Merchandy to be purchased for the Government	To be purchased as per Article 4th
7th Civil Servants and Monthly Writers in the Secret Office to be retained on their present Allowances	So many as may be found necessary
8th Under the necessity of the Company's Servants who were in Charge in the Secret Office remaining to discharge the Duties for their Safety mention to be made of them in the Records of Government	To do
9th Board of Justice	To be continued as heretofore, but no capital punishment, or punishment extending to Future to be inflicted, without previous Report to His Excellency Governor Van Rainier or to Major Brown as Governor for the time being
10th Orphan Fund	To continue under management as at present subject to Control of the Governor for the time being to whom Reports are occasionally to be made
11th Arrangement for the Military	The Dutch Military to remain under present Allegiance and Allowances at Malacca
12th Request of Mr Wilmot and Mr Shaddy for permission to go to Rio de Sette Pices Private Affairs	Both to go
Matters Submitted	His Excellency's Decision

No 13th

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13th Request of Mr Wallbeer to go to Pera to settle his private Affairs — Granted

14th Permission for Mr Compernes to proceed to Batavia — Indemnifiable

pr Town Copy

(Signd) A. Brown

His Lordship having Resolved the foregoing Matters by his Decisions annexed desired he might be furnished with a Copy of the above paper by Major Brown who accordingly lodged it with them, and also furnished Mr Compernes with a Copy for the Information of all Concerned, but particularly of the Owners of the Ships Good Intention, and the Mondaw, as the former had been under Embargo from the 18th of August, and the latter from the 16th of September at a very heavy Expence to the Proprietors —

On Reading the Decision relative to — Re establishment of Pera Mr Compernes called a Meeting of his Colleagues on the Dutch Government who after Consultation being of Opinion that to replace at Pera under English Colours and Superintendance of a British Officer, the Party of Dutch Soldiers, who had been removed by Captain Newcome to Prince of Wales's Island, was a Measure they could not Answer for as it would probably be objected to by the Native Sovereign of that Country, and would certainly be disapproved by their Superiors in Government at Batavia. —

Major Brown

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Major Brown was on the Act of Sealing a Report of the foregoing Opinion by Letter to His Excellency who had left Instructions with Mr Mannington at Prince of Wales's Island to send the Party from Para by the first Opportunity that might occur either to Bengal or Madras, and — had given Major Brown to expect that he would write a Countermanding Letter to Mr. Mannington and send it to Major Brown to be dispatched to Prince of Wales's Island without Delay; whereon he received a Letter from His — Excellency of which the following is an Extract.

Major Brown &c &c

N.° 7.

"I send you often my Letter to Mr. —
"Mannington or his Substitute to detain the Garrison of
"Para, or such of them as may remain — The prosperity
"of the Re-establishment shall rely on you to justify to the
"Presidency, being fearful it has already been more extensive than they expect, I mean that of the withdrawing
"it —

"Please seal the Letter to Mr. Mannington
"if you approve of it, having no further Commands than
"the enclosed" —

I remain
&c &c
(Signed) Peter Rainier

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Under the foregoing circumstances it became necessary only to add an postscript to the letter of Report to the Commodore Major Browne Regret that His Excellency should have had the trouble of writing the letter to Mr. Manington which as Matters had turned out, now fell to be returned —

For Answer to a letter written and sent to His Excellency at half past 6 O'clock in the Morning of the 4th December, / of which time and circumstances prevented Major Brown from keeping a Copy / he received the following letter —

Major Brown

&c &c &c

My dear Sir

"I am entirely of your Opinion respecting the Continuation and Proceedings of the Board of
"Justice, till the Kings pleasure or that of the Presidency
"of Fort St. George is Known; the formation of a Board of
"Justice of British Subjects very unpracticable at
"present, and almost impossible to change the Dutch
"Laws. —

"I have acquainted Major Vigors in
"Conversation, that as he is at present to be considered
"as only transient here, it will upon every consideration
"be

No 8.

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"be of Advantage to His Majesty's Service that on the
"Dissolution of the present Government, the Same
"and Power should rest with you. And Should you
"appoint you Governor of Malacca when I must Con-
"vene Council to day, agreeably to the Minute I had the Hon-
"our of Communicating to you yesterday before Major
"Vigoni's Arrival, who seems to be perfectly agreeable to it"—
"Which Mr Conforces to let me know when
"his Business is over with the Gentlemen mentioned in
"your Letter that I may appoint the time for the Meeting
"of the Council"—

I have &c

(Signed) Peter Rainier

Malacca
10th. 4br. 1795.

His Excellency Peter Rainier Esqr.
&c. &c. &c.

My dear Sir

N. 9. My present Indisposition laying
me under apprehension that I may not be able to
discharge the Duties of the Appointment you intend to
honor me with, I have to request your Excellency's permis-
sion to decline it—

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

Malacca
4th December 1795.

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Major Brown

&c. &c. &c.

My dear Sir

No 10.

Your present indisposition being in all probability, and as I most Sincerely wish of very Short duration, cannot I think with any propriety be urged as a reason for your declining Acceptance of the Government; but as it may place you in an embarrassed Situation with respect to Major Vigors, as being your Senior Officer, will annex it to the Commanding Officer of the Troops in Garrison for the time being, 'till His Majestys pleasure or that of our Respective Superiors is known, not doubting your readiness from your known Zeal for the Good of the publick Service, to afford the Govern for the time being that Advice and Assistance you are so well qualified to give from your great Attention to the Administration of Government, and all dependant Circumstances during your Residence and Command here —

I remain with much respect

My dear Sir

Your most faithful

humble Servant

(Signed) Peter Rainier

Malacca

4th December 1795.

This.

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His Excellency Peter Rainier Esqr.

&c &c &c

My dear Sir

N. 11. I was merely from apprehension of
Inability, from Want of health, to discharge the Duties
of the Station, and not from any Delicacy towards
any Senior Officer, / for which I perceive not any
reasonable cause, Since Appointments are not given
by Seniority) that Induced the Appointment, of -
which as you are pleased to think I may be of use to
the Service, I wish accept. with all that grateful Sense
which is due to the favorable Opinion indueing the
Trust, but in this case I wish the Appointment to
be in my own Name, which need be of no Obstacle to
Major Wigan coming into my place, should Want of Health
necessitate my Removal from Malacca. And I am the
more induced to this proposal from the consideration
that I could not be responsible for Measures, was I -
Subject to be Superceded whenever a Senior Officer
happened to be at hand -

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Signed A. Brown

Malacca

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No. 12. After.

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After breaking up of the Meeting of Council — at which the Government had been dissolved the following Minute was Sent by Commodore Rainier for perusal of Major Brown —

No. 12 — The Right Honble the President and Council of — Fort St George, the Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Coast, conjointly with myself as Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Ships on India, having considered the Subject of the Dispatches received from Captain Newcome and Major Brown, giving an Account of their proceedings in getting possession of the Town and Fortress of Malacca, with the Force under their respective Commands, and having every reason to approve highly of their conduct therein, observe nevertheless with much regret, that the preliminary Articles agreed upon by those Officers and the Government of Malacca do not meet our Approbation, as 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 moved by Force the

Settlement.

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Settlement should be considered under the Authority of the King of Great Britain, and no Controul whatever remain with the persons heretofore in the practice 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, which is a very candid and honorable Statement of every material circumstance from 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 the power and Authority to me Committed I do hereby declare the present Government to be dissolved, and it is hereby dissolved accordingly. And that Major Archibald Brown and in his Absence the Commanding Officer of the Troops in Garrison for the time being be considered as Governor thereof till further Orders or till His Majesty's pleasure be Known permitting him to take to his Assistance such Officers in Civil Employ

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Employs of the former Dutch Government, as he may think proper but by no means allowing him to associate them in the Government but to consider themselves as appointed to their Several Offices by the British Government.

The very honorable Testimony given by Major Archibald Brown to the loyal and prudent Conduct of the late Governor and Council, 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 Honble Sir George Keith Elphinston K. B. Rear Admiral and Commander in Chief of His Majestys Ships in the Indian Seas, and to the Right Honble the President and Council of Fort St George for the Information of His Majestys Ministers, and I have the Satisfaction to announce that the Right Honble the President and Council have expressed their Wish that Such Allowances be made for the late 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 &c

(Signed) Peter Rainier

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

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His Excellency Peter Rainier Esqr.

&c. &c. &c.

My dear Sir

No. 13. I have the honor to Submit to your —

Excellency's consideration the accompanying paper, and to suggest

its being published in this days Orders under Such Alteration

and Addition as to you may seem proper —

The degree of Fever had been but Slight —

Since yesterday Evening, and I now feel myself so much

better as to have good hope to be able to wait upon your —

Excellency tomorrow or the day following at farthest —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Malacca
6th December 1795
pr post to A. M.

(Signed) A. Brown

Major Brown.

&c. &c. &c.

My dear Sir.

No. 14. Am happy to hear you are on so fair

a way of Recovery and request you will not by your —

Anxiety to dispatch the public Business, risk the

danger of a Relapse, but keep yourself Quiet a day

or two longer at least —

Recommend the Alteration and Addition

following.

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following to be inserted in the public Order —

After the Words "His Majesty's pleasure"

"or the Orders of the Commander in Chief in India,

"or those of the Right Honble the President in Council

"of Fort St George be known —

After the Words "Control and Direction"

to add in another paragraph — "The Command of the

"Troops to remain with Major Vigors — To discontinue

"hoisting the Dutch Colors at the Fort" —

To which I submit to your Consideration,

but leaving it entirely to your Decision, whether it

will not be Sufficient to give the Orders privately, —

respecting the Compliment to be paid Mr Macquarie,

and the Members late of his Council —

I suppose the former cannot be entitled to the Mark,

If I understood Mr Budhe, he consented

to remain in the Administration of Justice, with the

usual Assistance —

You will have receive the Letters —

you have lately received from the Presidency, & Colonel

Braithwaite and my Lord Hobart, and thank you for

this Communication —

I remain

&c &c

(Signed) Peter Rainier

G. C.

Malacca

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G. O. By His Excellency Commodore Rainier &c &c &c

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No 15. It having been deemed expedient by the Right Honble the President in Council of Fort St George, Peter — Rainier Esqr Commander of His Majesty's Squadron, and Colonel John Braithwaite Commander of the Army on the Coast of Coromandel to disapprove of that part of the Articles made by Captain Henry Newcome and Major Archibald Brown to continue Abrahamus Couperus Esqr Governor with his Council in the Government and — Direction of all Matters of a Civil and Commercial — Nature; And in Conformity to the Instructions of the Right Honble the President in Council, the Government of Malacca having been dissolved, Major Archibald Brown is appointed Governor until the pleasure of His Majesty or the Orders of the Commander in Chief in India or those of the Right Honble the President in Council of Fort St George, shall be known. With full powers to discharge the Duties of that Office; And in — case of his absence the Officer commanding the Troops at Malacca for the time being, is to assume his place as Governor, and consider himself responsible for the good Conduct and Management of all — Matters under his Control and Direction —

The

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* The compliment, or attention, hitherto paid by Guards and Centries to be continued to Abrahamus Bouperus Esq.r late Governor, Francis Thirons, David Ruthi Van-Heusden, Charles Marcus de Groote late Members of the Government, and Captain Anthony Fletcher late Commandant of Malacca.

The Command of the Troops to remain with the Major Vigors. The hoisting of the Dutch Colours to be discontinued

N.B.

X This paragraph is omitted in publication, and Instructions privately given to substitute three Ruffles instead of a March, in Compliment to Mr. Empson conformably to the purport of the Commodores letter to Major Brown of this date.

His Excellency Peter Rainier Esq.r

&c &c &c

My dear Sir

No. 16. If you will have the Goodness to favor me with your Minute describing the late Government, I will do my best endeavors to draw up a Proclamation in your Name, to inform the various descriptions of people at Malacca, of the change which has taken place, and what they have to expect: And when framed I will have the honor of Submitting it to the Consideration of your Excellency.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Signed/ A. Brown

Major

Malacca

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Major Brown

Governor

Malacca

My dear Sir

No. 17. Herewith inclose the Minute of Disposition

Yis my present Intention should nothing

happen on the Arrival of the Ships from Penang, to induce

me to alter my Mind, to dismiss the Annexation —

I have the honor to remain

&c &c

Malacca

10. 16: 1795.

(Signed) Peter Rainier

Proclamation

By His Excellency Peter Rainier Esqr &c &c &c

No. 18. The Right Honble the President in Council

of Fort St George, with His Excellency Peter Rainier Esquire

Commanding his Majesty's Ships in India, and Colonel

John Braithwaite Commanding the Troops on the Coast

of Coromandel having thought proper to disapprove of

that part of the Preliminary Articles agreed upon —

by the British Naval and Military Commanders

and the Government of Malacca which acceded and

conferred to the Dutch Government its Establishment

and Authority in all Civil Matters as heretofore —

And

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And the Right Honble the President in Council with His Excellency Peter Rainier Esquire and Colonel John Brathwaite being of Opinion that under the circumstances which took place previously to these preliminary Articles, no Dutch Government can exist at Malacca until the pleasure of His Majesty be known And whereas the last paragraph of the preliminary Articles leaves any part or the whole of the conditions in those Articles contained Subject to the future Regulations of the British Government in India, and that in pursuance thereof the Right Honble the President in Council with the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Ships in India and of the Troops on the Coast of Coromandel deeming it expedient and necessary in Conformity to the Orders received from the Secretary of State to dissolve the Government of Malacca, and to vest power and Authority to that effect in His Excellency Peter Rainier Esquire, who accordingly at a Meeting of Council, "held the 4th Current" has formally dissolved the Dutch Government, and appointed Major Archibald Brown Governor, and in his absence, the Commanding Officer of the Troops in Garrison for the time being, until further Orders, or until the pleasure of His Majesty be known

"held the 4th Current added by His Excellency

This is to give Notice to all persons living under protection

protection of the British Flag at Malacca, or others
who may resort to this Port for Trade or any other purpose,
that the Said Major Archibald Brown, and in his
absence the Commanding Officer of the Troops in
Garrison for the time being, is to be considered and obeyed
as Governor, with full power to take to his Assistance
such Officers, and Servants or Civil Employs of the
former Dutch Government, as he may think proper
and as may be willing to continue in Employment

This Excellency thought it unnecessary to insert the paragraph relative to Salaries and Allowances to Members of late Govert. and Civil Servants it was left out

_ "To continue and pay to the Governor and Members
" of the late Dutch Government, and to the Civil
" Servants of the Dutch East India Company at this
" place the Salaries and Allowances they have been
" accustomed to receive" — To continue the Board of Justice
" as heretofore constituted under the Dutch Government
for the Trial and Decision of all Civil and
Criminal Causes concerning the Subjects of the
States General, and according to the Dutch Laws
and Regulations of the Dutch East India Company
_ To give safe and perfect protection to the private
property of the Inhabitants of Malacca, to their
lawful Trade, and to the lawful Trade of all Merchants
who may resort to this Port, _ With full power also
to the Said Major Archibald Brown, and in his —

Absence

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Absence to the person who may be Governor to collect
the Port and other Duties as heretofore established—
to appropriate by purchase, for the Use and benefit
of Government, and again to direct the Sale of all
Articles of Merchandize, and towards defraying—
the Expences of Government, to continue the Monopoly
of certain Articles as heretofore exercised by the Dutch
East India Company on Seclusion to private Traders—
And generally to do and exercise all Acts and Authority
known to be lawful on his Situation as Governor—
Given under my hand at Malacca this 5th day of
December 1795 and in the 35th year of the Reign
of our Sovereign Lord this King—

The above is a true Copy of Proclamation
transmitted to Commodore Rainier at half past Six
on the Morning of the 8th December by Major Brown
who waited upon the Commodore after Breakfast, when
under the Alterations therein specified it was—
approved by His Excellency, who directed its being—
dated as appears, that it should be extended upon
large paper, and translated into the Dutch and
Malay languages, and for which purpose it was
accordingly given to Captain Mr Thomas Town
Major, but owing to the Number of Copies with
Translations

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Translations required for the Posts usual Gen. publication.

it had not been published when Matters Suddenly

took an unexpected Turn —

(Signed) A. Brown

When with the Commodore on the Morning

of the 29th. Major Brown having Reported Information

he had received of Mr James Scott, Merchant at Penang,

being in Negociation with the Owners of a Prow

for the purchase of a Cargo of Tin and Pepper —

imported by the Prow the preceding day. His Excellency

confirmed what he had previously given Major Brown

to understand by Saying that these Articles, as also

the other Articles of exclusive Trade must be retained

for the Sole Benefit, and towards defraying the

Expences of Government and having given his Sanction

for the purpose of the Cargo, Major Brown upon

having Commodore Bainier took the necessary Steps,

and the Tin and Pepper was in consequence purchased

and lodged in the Warehouse of Government in the Fort —

Upon this Occasion too, the Commodore

giving Major Brown the following Letter from the

Agents, said he had not given them any further

Answer than that he would take it into Consideration, and

desired Major Brown to furnish him with his Remarks upon

it in writing —

To

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To His Excellency Commodore Peter Rainier
Commander in Chief of the Sea and Land
Forces on an Expedition to the Eastward &c. &c.

Sir

No. 88. We beg Leave to Submit to your Consideration our Sentiments respecting the Disposal and Securing the public property now in Garrison, or on Booty or Ships detained here —

1st. As the whole of this property is to be deposited until His Majesty's pleasure is known the Securing the Amount for the eventual possessors, same to be the first Object which claims Attention. —

As a part of this property is subject to decay and of course daily lessening in Value, We think such part ought to be immediately Realized, either by giving it over to the Commissaries of Supply at a valuation, or by public Sale — Under this description Ships, Marine Stores, Provisions, or perishable Merchandize is included —

Buildings, Military Stores and Ordnance are usually taken by Government at a Stated Valuation: authentic List to them is all that is required —

Such Merchandize as does not decay — by keeping may be disposed of as Occasion offers, a beneficial

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a beneficial Sale, and for Specie in preference, provided the Sale can be accomplished in two Months, after the expiration of which period to be Sold by public Outcry—

On the Supposal that these Measures will in a little time realize the whole, and thence preclude Decay, it remains to consider how best to Secure it from Accident, it being for the Interest of both parties that it should be in a place of Safety—

How far Madras after the Fleet Sails may be considered in that light is problematical should any Enemy appear — We give a decided preference to One of the three Presidencies, and that to the Company's Treasury—

As to the mode of remitting it to One or other of the Presidencies Bills given by the Commanders by Sea or Land, by the Paymaster or Commissary of Stores for Such part as may be wanted for the pending Expedition, the Charges of Garrison or exclusive Commerce payable to the Agents We should prefer — any Remains may be remitted in Such Bills as the Agents will be responsible for —

These Measures adopted will Secure the property to the eventual Possessors, and will enable us fully to account for the Same to whom it may.

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may be awarded by His Majesty —

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Jas. Scott
" A. Hack } Agents for the Navy
" J. Malcolmes
" Wm. P. Maitland } Agents for the Army.

His Excellency Peter Rainier Esqr.

Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Sir.

No. 20. Agreeably to your desire I have the honor to state the following Remarks upon the letter addressed to your Excellency by the Agents for the Navy and for the Military Detachment employed on the Malacca Expedition — His Majesty's Command signified by letter from the Secretary of State directing that all public property found in Dutch Settlements or Fortresses, which in consequence of refusal to come under His Majesty's gracious protection may have been compelled to Submit to the control and Authority of the British Government, shall be deposited in the places where found, until His Majesty's further pleasure shall be known seems to stand in Bar to the proposal of these Gentlemen for removal of it to a place of greater

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greater Safety, and as His Majesty's Commands make no distinction between Cash in the Treasury and Merchandize in the Warehouses, or Military Stores, and Provisions in the Store houses of such Settlements and Factories. accordance to their proposal for Sale of the perishable Articles and Remittance of the Proceeds in Cash by Bills to one or other of the Presidencies under administration of the British Government in India seems to be precluded. And in the Situation in charge of this Government, in which your Excellency has done me the honor to place me, it appears to be my Duty to object to their proposal for Sale by public Outcry at the Expiration of two months since Such Merchandize as does not decay by Keeping, and may remain in the Warehouses by reason of no favorable Opportunity for Sale offering in the intermediate Space of time, as such Mode of Sale could only tend to aggrandize Individuals, at a certain proportionate Expence and Loss to Government — To obviate which I would propose to your Excellency that the System hitherto observed by the Dutch Government for the Sale of all public Merchandize may be continued, which seems to be the more expedient as it has been adopted by the Rulers of a Nation famed for its Industry and Mercantile Economy upon the experience of a Century and upwards —

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As the Money found in the public Treasury and the cash which may occasionally accrue from the Sale of public property in Merchandize will be required for the Subsistance of the Garrison, and Charges of the Settlement, according to a Statement of the British and Dutch Funds shewing the Ways and Means to defray these Expences, which has been transmitted to and received by the Right Honble the President in Council of Fort St George, which may be supposed, will accordingly estimate and proportion future Supplies to this Settlement. Beg to Submit to the Consideration of your Excellency whether it does not become indispensably necessary to retain the whole Amount of the Funds so reported at least until the pleasure of the Right Honble the President in Council is known; And for the additional reason that part of these Funds have already been applied to discharge Arrears due to the Detachment which has arrived with your Excellency, and may be further required for Similar purposes —

As an event of the public property found here becoming the property of the Captors by gracious Gift from His Majesty; all Intromissions with it in defrayment of public Expences will become a charge against Government at the Credit

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of the baptoes, I should imagine their Agents may be enabled fully to account for the whole of the public property by being furnished with authenticated — copies of the Official Accompts thereof which I have had the honor to transmit and which have been — received by Government, and under this I trust your Excellency may perhaps see it unnecessary that they should be furnished with the Keys of the Warehouses and Store Rooms for the purpose of overhawling the Merchandize and Stores towards ascertaining whether their Quantity and Amount exactly correspond — with the Official Accompts furnished by the — Dutch Government of which from my observation of its Finance System, and of the Destitute in Character of the Gentlemen who compose it, I do believe is not any reason to entertain the smallest doubt —

I remain only to add that your Excellency's Commands will be carried into effect without any — hesitation, and that I have the honor to be with great respect —

Your most Obedient and very humble Servant

Malacca
18th December 1795 —

(Signed) A. Brown

Major Brown waited upon Commodore Rainier in the Morning of the 19th when his Excellency said

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Said that after considering his Letter of Remarks upon the Letter of the Agents he did not find it contained any thing to induce him to change his Opinion / then for the first time communicated to Major Brown / that the Agents for the Captors had a Right to Satisfy themselves with respect to the exact Amount of public property — which could only be ascertained by their being furnished with the Keys of the Treasury Warehouses, and Store Rooms in order to inspect their contents, adding that Sir George Bridges Rodney by Irregularity respecting Prize Money had got himself involved in difficulties, from which he could not extricate himself until the day of his Death, and which with Several Instances which had been mentioned to him by Captain Packenham had determined him to steer clear of responsibility —

In reply Major Brown observed that Admiral Rodneys Difficulties had arisen from an Interference with private property — That although it was customary for Agents to take an Inventory and particular Acct. in Cases of Capture and determined Booty; yet as it might please His Majesty to restore to the Dutch East India Company as Subjects of his Ally the Prince Stadtholder the public property found at Malacca, it seemed to be placed in — exception to general Cases of Prize Funds, and as he

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he had reason to think that to furnish Poyz Agents with the Keys of the Treasury, Warehouse and Store houses, virtually under Charge of an existing Government, would be a Measure without president and glaring with Diffidence and Indelicacy — this Excellency that he might be saved from the obviously unfavorable Imputation, which he thought might be accommodated by his Excellency, "intimating in orders that "the Agents will be furnished by Major "Brown with accurate Lists and Accounts of the public "property, in Money Merchandize Provisions Ordnance "and Stores, as it stood on the 18th. August when Malacca "was taken possession of by the British Troops". — But this only occasioned Some little further discussion, — which concluded by the Commodore's expressing a Wish that Major Brown would put upon paper what he had said that it might not escape His Excellency. — when on the Subject with the other Gentlemen; and Major Brown in Consequence wrote the — following paper at the Table when the Commodore and he were Sitting —

Malacca 19th. Decemr. 1795

No 21 — Major Brown having to receive from the late Dutch Government charge of the public property in Merchandize

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Merchandize, Provisions, Civil, Military and Marine Stores, and of the Cash in the public Treasury, pledges himself that particular and precise Account by Measurement, Weighing and Reckoning, shall be taken by two or more persons, being British Subjects appointed by him, and that the particular Amount of public property as it stood when the British Forces took Possession on the 18th of August being thus ascertained an Official and particular Account thereof Signed by those who have been in charge under the Dutch Government, the persons who Superintend the Measurement Weighing and Reckoning, and Countersigned by them in proof of his having received Charge of the Amount, shall be delivered to the Agents appointed by the Navy and Army, who will hereby be enabled to be due Should His Majesty be graciously pleased to bestow it upon the Captors &c

(Signed) A. Brown

On the 20th Major Brown waited upon the Commodore and finding him title of Opinion that the Agents had a Right to demand the Keys of the Treasury, Warehouses and Store houses for the purpose of Overhawling and ascertaining their Contents,

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he represented to this Excellency that such a Measure by displaying an obvious Mistrust of him, would degrade and place him so unfavorably with the Civil Servants of the Dutch Company none of whom had yet been reconciled to remain in employ as to deprive him of all Assistance from that Quarter, and that under such Circumstances unable as he must be to execute the various Duties of Administration, he could not remain in charge of the Government. And he again requested as a favor that His Excellency would be pleased to publish in Orders, that Authentic Lists and Statements of the Dutch public property would be furnished by him to the Agents, after he had received Charge, and so to continue to him that Confidence which had induced His Excellency to place him in public Trust, and that Support which might enable him to get over some difficulties to be apprehended in discharging the Duties of it - In reply His Excellency expressing Some doubts of the propriety of such a Measure, was pleased to say he would take it into further Consideration: And in hope that His Excellency's Measures might accord with his Decisions upon the points which had been Submitted by Major Brown to his Consideration, and with the Proclamation which he had approved and Sanctioned for

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for publication only three days preceding Major Brown on the Evening of the 20th having previously appointed a Meeting with the Warehouse Keeper and principal Book Keeper, entered into Agreement for their future Service upon the Same Allowance they had been accustomed to receive from the Dutch Company, and having directed the Warehouse Keeper to be prepared to have the contents under his charge ascertained by Weighing and Measuring in the Course of the Morrow or day following. Major Brown was on his way to wait upon the Commodore for the purpose of mentioning the foregoing Circumstance on the Morning of the 21st when meeting the Brigade Major he shewed him the following Order which he had just received from the Commodore to be published —

G. O. By His Excellency Commodore Rainier

&c. &c. &c.

Malacca 21st Decemr 1795

No 22. That the Agents appointed by the Army and Navy for the Capture of Malacca be furnished — with the Keys of all Warehouses to take an Account of the Effects whether in Money, Stores, or Merchandize late the property of the Dutch Company or the —

United.

United States, and with all Books to inspect the same, and compare them with the Effects abovementioned remaining in Warehouse, and with all Books of Administration of publick Accounts, or wherein publick and private Accounts may be involved, so as to enable them to discriminate between what is publick and what private property in such Administrations, in order to furnish me with a true Statement of the Same, for the Information of His Majestys Ministers and the Commander in Chief of His Majestys Sea and Land Forces in India and for the Satisfaction of the Captors Should Nothing award the same to them as lawful Booty or prize Money; And having so done they are to make out three Accounts of the Same; One to remain in the hands of the Governor of Malacca for the Time being, the other two to be committed to each of the Commanders in Chief in India, and Duplicates and Triplicates of each to be kept in the hands of the Agents to provide for the Accident of Miscarriage, and having so done the publick Books of Accounts are to be Sealed up and the Keys of the Several Warehouses to be delivered to the Governor and the whole to remain in Deposit until the Kings pleasure is known agreably.

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agreeably to the Instructions received from the Right — Honble Henry Dundas Secretary of State — The Ships and Vessels in the Road late the property of the Dutch Company are also to be Subject to the Same Enquiry. when the Stores and Provisions are to be taken out and deposited in Warehouses on Shore, and the Small Vessels into the River for their Security for the Same purpose, taking Care in the Course of these Transactions not to injure private property, which is by His Majestys — Commands to be inviolate; but Money or Stores may be applied and made use of. for the payment of the Troops, and the Maintenance of the late Servants — of the Dutch Government when the Revenue falls short, and for the Use of His Majestys Ships on Bills drawn on the Usual Authority —

That an Officer from each Corps, that is, from the Army and Navy, not under the Rank of Captain, be appointed to Superintend the Agents to — prevent any Jobbery or Irregularity —

Having read the above Order Major Brown proceeded to wait upon Commodore Rainier and after mentioning that under its Operation, he could not with his Sense of Honor continue in charge of — Government. he requested to be relieved and permitted to —

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to return to the Proceedings on the Swallow to which His Excellency consenting, expressed a Wish that he would think further of it —

Major Brown accordingly having in the course of that day given attentive consideration to all circumstances which had passed since the arrival of Commodore Rainier, and finding he himself must stand very awkwardly committed by the Operation of his Excellency's Order which altered and did away the principal Clauses in His Excellency's Proclamation and reversed his Decisions upon the most material of the Matters which had been Submitted to His Excellency's consideration and which Decisions in discharge of his Duty had been communicated to those whom they concerned by Major Brown, who being unable to perceive any Utility promising to result from the Operation of the Order, that might not have been fully effected & and ensured by the Measure he proposed and pledged himself for; he on the following day addressed His Excellency as follows viz

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To His Excellency Peter Rainier Esq.r

Commanding the British Sea and Land

Forces on Service to the Eastward &c.

Sir.

No. 23. Since having the honor of a Conference with your Excellency yesterday I have taken pains to divest myself of Prejudice and Self partiality, and with all the deliberation requisite in Matters of a public concern, and deference to the Opinion of your Excellency whose public and private Character I have for many years past been accustomed to regard with respect and esteem, I have endavored to Weigh the Consequences of your Excellency's Order of yesterday directing that "the Agents appointed "by the Navy and Army for the Capture of Malacca "be furnished with the Keys of all Warehouses to "take an Account of the Effects whether in Money, "Store or Merchandize, the property of the Dutch "Company or of the United States, and with all "Books to inspect the Same, and to compare them "with the Effects abovementioned remaining in "Warehouses; and with all Books of Administration "of public Accounts, or whereon public and private "Accounts may be involved, so as to enable them to discriminate

"discriminate between what is public and what is
"private property in such Administrations, in order to
"furnish one with a true Statement of the same for
"the Information of His Majesty's Ministers, and the
"Commanders in Chief of His Majesty's Sea and Land
"Forces in India, and for the Satisfaction of the
"Captors, should the King award the same to them as
"lawful Booty or prize Money &c." —

Having in the Course of a very few days after the British Forces got possession of Malacca, and as soon as Matters could be ascertained by actual Measurement, Weighing, and Reckoning the Provisions Merchandize, Ordnance Stores and Cash, in the Store-Houses, Warehouses, on the Works and in the Treasury, been furnished with accurate Lists and Correct Statements by the Dutch Civil and Military Servants in charge of Departments, and Countersigned by the Honble Abrahamus Couperus who had been by Captain Newcome and me confirmed in his Authority as Governor in all Civil Matters, until the pleasure of the British Government in India should be known, and having had the honor to transmit those Lists to the Right Honble the President in Council of Fort St. George

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and authenticated copies thereof to the Commander in Chief in India, and to the Commander of the Army on the Coast of Coromandel, together with a General Statement founded upon, and checkable by them, shewing the Amount of British and Dutch Funds, for Subsistance of the Troops and Expences of Government at Malacca, signed by the Honble Mr. Couperus as Governor, and myself as Commanding Officer, and Representative of the British Nation at the time / Captain Newcome being absent upon Service at Rio / I was fain to hope that the letter I had the honor to address the 18th. inst. by your desire, on remark upon the Agents letter to your Excellency together with the Signed paper I had the honor to place with your Excellency the day following whereby I pledged myself in receiving Charge in my Official Capacity as Governor that precise and correct Lists and Statements of the Dutch public property of every Denomination should be made out upon Actual Measurement Weighing and Reckoning and that the particulars and Amount found in Malacca when the British Forces got possession on the 18th of August being thus ascertained authentic Copies

of

of these Lists and Statements Signed by Mr. Boughurst in his Capacity as Governor delivering over Charge and Countersigned by me as Governor in proof of my having received such Articles of public property under my Charge, should be delivered to the Agents, who would thereby receive every Information and be fully enabled to keep the Account for their Constituents: and that under this Idea your Excellency might perhaps see it unnecessary that the Agents should be furnished with the Keys of the Warehouses and Store Rooms for the purpose of Overhawling the Merchandize, Stores and Provisions towards ascertaining whether their Quantity and Amount exactly corresponds with the Official Accounts furnished by the Dutch Government of which from my Observation of its precise System, and of the rectitude in Character of the Gentlemen who compose it I have reason to believe there is not any cause for the Smallest doubt.—

This Idea Suggested itself to me in consequence of His Majesty's Commands Requiring all public property to be placed in Deposit at the place where found until His Majesty further pleasure should be known, which precluded any Removal or Sale on the part of the Agents, who seemed to be also precluded from

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from taking any active Steps, by the prospect[illegible]
established by His Majesty's Commands, of the public
property being restored to the United States upon
Re-establishment of peace in Europe, which places
it in Situation differing from cases of Capture in
former War, where the expectation of the Captors was
free from competition, and depended only upon the
pleasure of His Majesty —

In a Subsequent conference on the 20th
I had the honor to request as a favor that your Excellency
might be pleased to publish in Orders that authentic
Lists and Statements of the Dutch public property
would be furnished by me to the Agents after I had
received Charge, and so to continue to me that Confidence
which had induced your Excellency to place me in public
Trust, and that Support which might enable me to
get over Some difficulties to be apprehended in discharg-
-ing the Duties of it; Upon which Occasion you
was pleased to say you would take it into further
Consideration; And I heard nothing further until
meeting the Brigade Major when on my way to
wait upon your Excellency yesterday Morning, he
shewed me your Excellency's Orders relative to the
Agents, which he told me it was your Desire

I should.

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should be immediately published and which of course took place —

Following up my Intention to wait upon Your Excellency I had the honor on Conference to mention it as a Circumstance I felt in great Misfortune to myself that your Excellency had found it necessary to adopt the general Rule in respect to Agents for captured property in the present Case, which seemed to be in a predicament somewhat particular. And as the Want of Confidence in me thereby displayed, and the Slate to be given to the Agents, put it out of my power to continue in public Trust without a Violation of my Sense of Honor, and the principles by which I endeavor to regulate my Conduct. Your was pleased to grant my Request that I might be relieved from public Charge, and permitted to return on the Swallow Packet to Fort St George to be in the way of getting to Europe to repair a Constitution much shattered by unremitted Service for 26 years and upwards in this Country, and at present labouring under an indifferent State of Health, for which liberal Consideration I have to offer my most grateful acknowledgements, and to acquaint your Excellency that according to your desire I have given the Matter very Serious and deliberate

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consideration Since I had the honor of seeing you yesterday, and that with my knowledge of the Sentiments of the people of this Settlement.— I cannot divest myself of the Opinion that by reason of my late Situation in connection with the Dutch Government and of the Operation of the Orders of yesterday relative to the Agents I should be placed here in an odious Situation,— and deprived of that Confidence which is essentially necessary to the beneficial administration of— public Affairs; And as these circumstances do not apply to any other person who may be— appointed by your Excellency to Succeed me; it— affords some alleviation of my extreme Concern on the present Occasion to think that the— public Service will thereby be accommodated—

Should your Excellency think proper to make this letter a Member in your Dispatches to the Right Honble the President in Council, or to the Commander in Chief in India or on the Coast— I have to request you may do me the favor to let my two letters of the 4th. relative to the Appointment of Governor, my letter to your Excellency of the 18th. and postscript.

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paper of the 19th. both relative to the Agents —
accompany it —

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

Malacca
22 December 1795.

Major A. Brown
Govr. of
Malacca

My dear Sir.

N. 24. I have just now received your public and private letters of this date, and as the former differs little in Substance from what has passed in our late personal Interviews, and in nothing to induce me to change my Sentiments; I beg the Agents may meet on Independent tomorrow Morning in carrying my public Order of yesterday into — execution — You may rely on my Attention to your Wishes in every respect in my letters to the Presidency of Fort St George, respecting those you have done me the honor to address to me as — particularized in your public letter —

Being under the necessity of going on board the Suffolk tomorrow Morning upon

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Business, it may not be in my power to see you very early in the day; but will let you know when I return, or do myself the pleasure to call on you on the Hill — there appears to me a Small Error in your public letter respecting the time when the public Order was issued. — which I will then shew you —

With every Sentiments of regard and esteem

I have the honor to be

Yr. &c.

Signed Peter Rainier

Malacca

22 December 1795.

About ten O'Clock in the Morning of the 23. Major Brown having learnt that the Commodore had altered his Intention of going on board Ship, waited upon His Excellency and having cleared up to his perfect Satisfaction, what had appeared a Small Error in his — public Letter, thereby establishing its accuracy; His Excellency said he supposed Major Brown would not wish to have his Resignation published in Orders until the day of his embarkation, as it might perhaps be convenient to him in his private affairs to retain Authority until that time — In reply to which Major Brown offering —

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offering his best thanks for his liberal Consideration
acquainted His Excellency that having no private
Affairs that could make it in the least degree
inconvenient to him to embark that afternoon,
he wished if agreeable to His Excellency to have his
Resignation in Orders that day, that Thereby he
be time for him to answer any Questions, and
to give his Successor any Information he might
occasionally require previously to his Embarkation;
and that in the Mean time he would have a pleasure
in giving any Assistance in his power towards
the public Service; And to this end he paid a —
Morning Visit early to His Excellency who remaining
uncertain whether Major Wigors or Captain Carr
was to command the Detachment destined for —
Service to the Eastward; And as upon that Circumstance
depended which of these two was to be the Officer
to Succeed Major Brown his Resignation was not
published until the 25th. as appears by the —
following Order —

G. O. By His Excellency Commodore Rainier &c. &c. &c.

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N. 25 Major Brown as appointed Governor of
Malacca till further Orders having applied for
leave to return to the Coast is permitted to do so, And
in

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in consequence of the Minute in Council of the former Government dissolving the Authority — thereof and vesting it in Major Brown, or in his Absence, in the Commanding Officer of the Garrison for the time being, Captain Thomas Parr will succeed, to whom Major Brown will deliver up his Authority as Governor of Malacca, Major Vigors being to command the Expedition to the Eastward —

I. C. By Major Brown.

Malacca 25th Decemr 1795.—

No 26. In conformity to the Orders of His Excellency Commodore Cornwallis all Reports to be made to the Honble Captain Thomas Parr as Governor and Commanding Officer of the Troops in Garrison —

To Major Archibald Brown

&c. &c. &c.

Sir

No 27. It is with unfeigned concern we hear of your intended departure from this place — By the tenor of your public conduct amongst us, the trying precariety of our Situation has been sensibly alleviated; Our Commercial — concerns began to wear a somewhat different aspect, and we

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we derive most favorable Omens from the future exercise of your Authority which has hitherto afforded us protection founded on the principles of Moderation Integrity and humanity administered with unblemished honor —

Much as we deplore the loss we are about to sustain by your departure from Malacca, our regret is considerably increased on a Retrospect of those happier hours which you have been pleased to share in common with us and devoted to the enjoyment of Social Intercourse — We entertain a due esteem for the Virtues of your heart — They will Survive in our grateful and affectionate remembrance —

Accept Sir, this small token of esteem, our unanimous and public thanks for the unwearied exertions of your Conduct — It is a tribute due to Justice, the chearful Offering of a people Superior to Adulation —

Wherever you go our best Wishes will not cease to follow you —

May you live long in the enjoyment

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enjoyment of health, the honor and Ornament
of Society —

We are with much respect

Fort Malacca
25th December 1795.

Yr. &c.
(Signed) A. Couperus.
" F. Thiersens.
" D. Rudke
" C. Mc. de Groot.
" A. de Mond.
" Mc. Kilian
" Geer: Leend. Nelge.
" A. Koek.
" John. Bellamont.

To The Honble. Abrahamus Couperus.
late Governor and Director of Council, for
the Affairs of the Dutch Netherlands East-
India Company —
Francis Thiersens, David Rudke, Charles Marcus-
-de Groot Esquires, Members of the late Dutch
Government, and with Messieurs Abraham de Mond,
Michael Kilian and Gerrit Leendert Nelge Members
of the Board of Justice, and Messieurs Adrian-
-Koek, and Johannes Bellamont Five Merchants
at Malacca —

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen

No 28.

I have to request you may accept of my best acknowledgements for the favorable sentiments on regard to my public & private Conduct character as proposed in the letter you have done me the honor to address me under this date —

At a very early period of my connection with you, my Observation of the Justice Moderation and Rectitude which directed your Administration in public Affairs, and of your Social and polite Attentions to the Officers of the British Troops, — equally as to the respectable Inhabitants of — Malabar united a hearty Inclination with my Duty to my Sovereign and immediate Superiors to cultivate your Friendship and Good Will —

To have so far succeeded as to obtain your honorable and highly respected testimony will be a Source of pure and lasting Satisfaction to me —

It is with deep Concern that I have felt it expedient to solicit this Residency — Commodore Rainier to permit my resignation of this Government and my Departure from Malabar, to which he has been pleased to accede —

Being persuaded that the Effect of Peace cannot diminish the Interest I now feel in

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in your Welfare, and that of the Inhabitants of
Malacca, it will afford me a real pleasure on all
Occasions to avow the Sentiments of that respect and
Esteem with which I have the honor in truth to
Subscribe myself
Gentlemen.

Malacca
25th December 1795.

&c. &c.
(Signed) A. Brown

Major Archibald Brown

late Governor of Malacca &c. &c.

Sir

No. 20.

When we and our well-wishing fellow
Citizens gave you a public proof of our Esteem and
thanks for the Tokens of Friendship and Kindness
which we have received from you in common and
which has considerably softened our present Situation,
we deem it both proper and just
I complied with the Wish of many
and Subscribed my Name at the head of those, who
by the enclosed Letter, directed to you, have have expressed
their Gratitude for the Marks of your Sincere and
unfeigned Friendship received by them. I did
not intend to give you a proof of the Feelings of my
heart

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heart — but with the greatest Satisfaction have laid it before my Superiors —

Sensible how averse you are to receive Compliments however I cannot refrain from — communicating to you our unanimous thoughts concerning your Conduct, and which according to the Inspiration of our Hearts, we have already transmitted to our Superiors —

"To describe to your Excellencies the State "of our present Situation and how much each of us "suffers in person as well as in our Character we are "in Want of Words — but to find an upright and "virtuous Man amongst our Conquerors, who — "endeavors to share with us in our Misfortunes is "a great Comfort: and Such a Character we discover "in Major Archibald Brown Governor of Malacca "appointed by Government of Madras — his Conduct "requires from us this Glory — And we therefore "recommend to him a People: amongst whom we "for many years have lived and who have esteemed "and respected us more as their fellow Citizens than "as their Regents: and he will not be indifferent "to them in point of Welfare" —

These were the Words and Sentiments addressed

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addressed by us to our Superiors, — We now find ourselves totally disappointed by your unexpected Departure — but wish, if possible, to see the excellent properties annexed to your character, displayed in that of your Successor, and I hope and trust that the Skillful — choice of His Excellency Peter Rainier Esquire may answer so Salutary and desirable a purpose as

I have the honor to be —

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25th. December 1795.

&c. &c.
(Signed) A. Couperus

The Honble. Abrahamus Couperus —
late Governor and Director of Council for the —
Affairs of the Dutch Netherlands East India Company
at Malacca.

Sir.

No. 30. I have the honor to acknowledge your — letter of this date and to return my Sincerest thanks as well for the favorable Sentiments therein — expressed respecting me, as for the obliging manner in which they have been conveyed —

It affords me real pleasure that in discharge of public Duties I have obtained the approbation and conciliated the good Opinion of a Gentleman —

a Gentleman so much, and so justly endeared to the
Inhabitants of this place —

Early in our Official Connection
having had Occasion to remark the liberality of
your Sentiments, and rectitude of your principles,
I am now highly gratified by Observing that they
have uniformly enabled you with a generous —
Magnanimity to sustain the many trying —
Vicissitudes that have occurred, Some of which —
you could have no reason to expect. —

Having been placed here in a Situation
highly responsible, and to which many difficulties
have been attached, it is incumbent on me thankfully
to acknowledge that Candor and Openness by which
you have honorably contributed towards the public
Welfare, by uniting with me to improve and —
carry into execution such Measures as Time and
Circumstances Suggested for general Accommodation —

With peculiar Satisfaction I have heard —
since my arrival at Malacca unanimous —
Testimonies in favor of your Benevolence and
Philanthropy and reputed good Wishes of several
British Commanders resorting for Trade to this
Quarter; all of whom have concurred in lamenting
their

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their Inability to express their high Sense they entertain
of Obligations conferred and Attentions received —

I cannot conclude this letter without
my warmest thanks for the kind and personal —
Marks of Esteem with which I have been honored
by yourself and Family, and to assure you that —
neither distance of Time or place shall obliterate —
those Impressions of regard with which I have the
honor to be —

Sir
&c &c
Signed A. Brown

Malacca
25th December 1795.

Major Archibald Brown
&c &c &c

Sir.

No 31. The Gentlemen of the Detachment
that came against Malacca under your Command
deeply Sensible of the Loss they will Sustain by
your resignation of the Government of this place,
think it a Duty incumbent on them to join
in offering to you previously to your Embarkation
their heartiest thanks for the Continued Attention
they have received from you, which has made an
Impression on their Minds that will never be effaced —
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They trust that this will be accepted of as the only Return their Gratitude can make, & and as the Sincerest testimony of the high regard and Esteem they entertain for you, for the warm Zeal you have always shewn for their Interests — I am Sir We have the honor to remain &c &c

[Signed] Thos. Parr Capt. Comg Genl. Bn.
" Johnson Kennedy Capt. Genl. Battn.
" J. M. Chalmers Capt. Genl. Battn.
" J. Durand Capt. Genl. Battn.
" John Taylor Lt. & D. M. Genl. —
" J. McKerras S. Major —
" J. H. Slingsby D. Genl. Battn.
" Henry Harris M. D. & Head Surgeon
" Wm. Haughton D. Genl. Battn.
" Joshua Ahier D. Genl. Battn.
" N. Ryan D. Genl. Battn.
" John Lavane D. Genl. Battn.
" Robt. Moares actg. Engr. Genl. Battn.
" H. Batwell D. Genl. Battn.
" Mr. Grace actg. Engr. Genl. Battn.
" A. Monier D. Genl. Battn.
" H. Durand actg. Engr. Gn. Battn.
" Wm. Hilliard D. Pioneers —
" A. Little Assist. Surgeon —
" J. B. Patterson D. Gn. Battn.
" Wm. Farquahar Lt. of Engineers
" David Ross D. Gn. Wn. Artillery
" J. Sinclair Lt. Gn. Wn. —

Captain

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Captain Thomas Parr Commanding Lascadeir
Battalion and Officers of the Detachment on the Malacca Expedition

Gentlemen

N° 32. I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of this date, and to return my Sincerest Thanks as well for the favourable Sentiments therein expressed concerning me, as for the obliging manner in which they have been conveyed —

It affords me a double pleasure to find my Conduct has met the approbation of so respectable a body of Officers, and that any little Attention on my part has proved acceptable to you —

Beg you to be assured I have been highly gratified, and more than recompensed by the Zeal you have on all Occasions displayed for the public Service, and by the uninterrupted Harmony and Mutual Good-will which has Subsisted so conspicuously amongst us —

I cannot conclude this Letter without requesting you to accept my warmest acknowledgements for the important and ready Assistance I have received from you by your punctuality and Attention in the Discharge of a more than ordinary Detail of Duty, and to assure you that neither distance of Time or place shall obliterate those Impressions of regard and esteem with which I have the honor to Subscribe myself —

Gentlemen

&c &c

Malacca
1st January 1796.

Signed A. Brown

Returned.

Return of Troops &c. left at Malacca.

	Lieutenant Engineers	European Artillery	Two Bengal companies	Three companies 17th Bata. N. Infty.	Two companies Malabar N. Infty.	Two Lascars Pioneers
	Lieut. & Adjutant					
	Lieut. & Quarter Master					
	Sergeants					
	Corporals					
	Drummers					
	Privates					
	Total Comps. &c.					
	Captains					
	Lieutenants					
	Assistant Surgeons					
	Sergeants					
	Drummers & Fifers					
	Corporals					
	Privates					
	Total					
	Lieutenants					
	Subs. Dfrs.					
	Head Dfrs.					
	Havildars					
	Drummers					
	Privates					
	Sergeants					
	Buglers & Fifers					
	Total					
	Capt. Lieuts.					
	Lieutenants					
	Ensigns					
	Sergeants					
	Corporals					
	Drummers					
	Fifers					
	Privates					
	Sergeants					
	Buglers & Fifers					
	Total					
	Sergeants					
	1st Tindals					
	2d. Tindals					
	Privates					
	Lascars					
	Total					
	Sergeant					
	Havildars					
	Naicks					
	Privates					
	Syces					
	Total					
Present for Duty	1	1	137	1232	35	2
Sick Present			11	2		
At Drill						
	1	1	148	1232	37	2

	5	1	1	54	7	123	130	3	3	3	11	12	3	3	16	179	2	2	2	8	2	2	2	116	118	1	2	2	2	60	67	1	.	.	1	1	30	32
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	5	1	1	55	7	124	148	23	3	3	11	13	3	3	37	379	2	2	2	8	3	2	2	126	129	1	3	3	2	71	80	1	1	1	2	1	55	60

1 Depy. Commissy of Ordnance, 1 Conductor and 1 Sub Conductor not included in the above.

1 Assist. Surgeon Do. Do. Do.

Return of Lascars Artificers &c. attached to Corps and Departments left at Malacca.

	Conductors Carpenters	Syces	Tindals	Syces	Bearers Coopers	Total	Head Bhistys Caulkers	Carpenters	Coopers	Smiths	Armorers	Chief Dhers	Armorers	Dhers	Sawyers	Coolies	Caulkers	Coolies	Smiths
Engineers Department			1	9	2	12	3		2	1			1	1			1		
Commissary of Ordnance Do.			1	30		31		1	3	3	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	6
Paymasters — — — Do.			1	13		14													
Quarter Masters — — Do.	2		3	11		14											7		
Pioneer Corps — — — —				1		1			1				1				1		
Artillery Detachments —			1	9	9	19		1	1	1	1	1	1	1					1
	2		7	73	11	91	3	2	9	5	2	2	6	5	1	1	10	6	1

Lt. Colonel Commanding Malacca Field Force &c. &c.

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To the Right. Honble Lord. Hobart

Governor &c &c &c

Honble Sir and Sirs.

From Capt. Parr advising of Admiral Rainiers having Sailed for the Moluccas on the 6th. January

I have the honor to Inform you that his Excellency Comr. Rainier Sailed with his fleet of 7 Sail on the 6th. Instant I refer you to the Commrs. Letters by the Swallow Packet for such Instructions he has left me to Execute, the 1st. part of which is to send away the Dutch troops by the Swallow, which sent off 100 men and shall send the remainder by any Ships that may touch here —.

The Dutch Civil Servants as remain here are to be paid out of the Revenue, a Court of Judicature is Established here by the Commodore the proceedings of which Court I shall refer to Madras —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Malacca
18th January 1796.

(Signd) Tho. Parr
Capt. Comg and Governor

To The Right Honble Lord. Hobart

Governor and President in Council
Fort St. George

My Lord

From Majr. Negris reporting the Distrie of Troops under his Command on the Moluccas Expedition orgd. to Table Bay —.

I did myself the honor of addressing your Lordships in Council on the 12th. Instt. by the Spy

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My second in which I had the satisfaction to acquaint your Lordship of the safe arrival of the Troops under my command at Malacca —

I have now the honor to inform your Lordship that I shall proceed on the Eastern expedition with two flank companies of the 3d Battalion of European Infantry, two Battalion companies of the 2d Batt.n E. I. twenty five Artillery, fifty Pioneers, thirty four Lascars, and five companies of Capt.n Tolans Battalion agreable to Commodore Rainiers Orders: a Return of which I have the honor to enclose: and the Situation of Malacca, and his Excellency admitted of it. — it was my intention to have taken the Flank Corps of Europeans and to have left the Battalion companies of the 2d Battalion as part of the Garrison of Malacca, Commodore Rainier will have Informed your Lordship by this dispatch of the probable time of our final departure — after which I shall continue to acquaint your Lordship in Council of every thing that may occur from time to time and of the Success of the Troops under my command — I must beg leave to mention my Lord the necessity I was under from the Flank Corps being divided to

recommend

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recommend an Officer for the acting Aquitancy to the four Companies going to the Eastward, and in consequence of my Recommendation of acting Ensign Grace to his Excellency Commodore Rainier he is appointed — Captain Parr remaining at Malacca, deprives me of the Staff belonging to the Corps authorised by Government, from which circumstance I hope it will appear to your Lordship as a case of Real Necessity in

understanding that your Lordship has been pleased to make an Allowance of 200 Pagodas P month to Major Brown for his Table, I trust from your Lordship's liberality, with the Similarity of our situations both on Foreign Service, as well as in Rank, that I shall be deem'd entitled to the same Allowance, or such as you may think adequate to my situation for which I shall make no claim until I am honored with your Lordship's permission — My very Short and hurried stay at Madras previous to embarkation prevented me then addressing you on the Subject —

Agreable to Orders received from Government the Appointments of Lieutenant

Mr Keeras

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Mr Kerras to Town Major and Barrack Master
of Malacca, and Lieutenant Taylor to Major
of Brigade to the Eastern Expedition have been
Issued, and His Excellency Commodore Rainier has
intimated Mr Harris Head Surgeon with the
pleasure of your Honble Board is known, and to
accompany the intended expedition
I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Wm Rigors

Malacca
29th of Dec. 1795.

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

My Lord

From the Revd Dr Clarke with a view herself to the notice of Government

I am sensible a stranger to solicit the honor of your Lordship's notice may appear singular, permit me, however, respectfully to intreat the honor of one moments attention
I came to India under the Patronage, and with the recommendation of the present Lord Bishop of London, and was appointed by the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, to take charge of their recently devoted Mission in Bengal. On my arrival at that place, I found

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every thing in disorder, myself disappointed, and without any resource, save the small stipend allowed by the Society, viz.t Sixty Pounds pr annum, the receipt of which was attended with many inconveniencies, and protracted by a variety of circumstances —

Thus disappointed in my most anxious hopes and expectations, it was necessary for me to direct my thoughts and attention to some other quarter, an opportunity soon presented itself. The enclosed papers will, I trust, plead for me. In the event of success, it shall be the study of my remaining life to merit your Lordship's Patronage, on no other footing do I presume to address you; and also to request the return of the documents I take the freedom to enclose —

To Major Brown whose conduct here, has in a wonderful degree, and within so very short a period of time, secured the confidence of the Dutch Chinese and Malay Inhabitants I have entrusted my sentiments and wishes: He has the goodness to say I shall not be forgotten in his private letter to your Lordship —

I have the honor to be

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6.th September 1795

W.m M.c/ Signed/ Abraham Thomas Clarke

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart.

Governor in Council &c.
Fort St. George

My Lord,

Powers Payment at Malacca
reporting certain doubtful
charges paid by him
upon Commodore Rainiers
authority - and -
Journals of Servants
allowed for his Office

In conformity to Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of 10th. July last, requiring me to address your Lordship in Council on the subject of any charges that might be presented to me appearing to admit of doubt as to the propriety of them, I have the honor to lay before your Lordship a statement of different Demands which as they had received the sanction of his Excellency Commodore Rainier, I paid, tho' uncertain how far they may appear admissible - The Officers who embarked on the transports destined for this place conceiving themselves entitled from the 12th. Article of the 18th. page of the Book of pay regulations to draw for 26 fanams - 20 Cash per day Mess Money presented a Bill to that effect in behalf of the Captains of those transports, which as it was countersigned by Commodore Rainier I complied with, tho' doubtful whether or not in so doing I may have acted conformably to the intention of Government as I had not received any instruction

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on that subject, while on the Ajure Island the allowances to be made to the Ward rooms of his Majesty's Ships had been particularly pointed out in regard to the Kings Ships conceiving the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of 14th of July Authorizing the payment to them of a Pagoda per day for each Officer belonging to the detachment under Major Brown a sufficient authority for continuing it to them for the Officers belonging to Major Rogers detachment. I have accordingly paid at the same rate for the Officers of the latter detachment as I had done for those of the former. There is a Charge for what is termed Necessary Money that has been made by the Pursers of the different Kings Ships Amounting to three farthings per Man each day, which too I have admitted as it had received Commodore Rainiers Appropbation tho' not Warranted by any particular instructions or regulation so to do. Finding great difficulty from the want of Servants to discharge the duties of the employs I hold here, I drew up a Statement of the Circumstance to Major Brown who in Consideration of it granted me the addition to my Allowance

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allowances for Servants that I had taken the liberty to Suggest as appearing requisite — Subject to the revisal of your Lordship in Council — I have the honor to inclose a Copy of my Letter to Major Brown, together with his reply to it — The Coorje Agents for the Captors of this place having desired that any Bills for the Money that I received from the Dutch Funds should be drawn on Government instead of the Paymaster General I complied with their requisition and granted Bills to the amount of 8000 Star Pagodas payable when his Majesty's pleasure as to the disposal of the property of — Malacca should be known —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Malacca
8th January 1796.

(Signed) G. Buchan
Paymr.

To Major A. Brown

Governor of Malacca.
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

Finding the allowances made me by Government for completing my establishment of Servants in my departments of Paymaster and Commissary of Stores and Provisions to the detachment

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detachment under your command inadequate
to the perfect discharge of the duties of my employ
in consequence of the great difficulty there was
at Madras in procuring people of that description
to embark on the expedition against this place
and the necessity I was under of holding out —
very advanced rates of pay as a temptation to —
them; I have taken the liberty of addressing you
on the Subject as a considerable period of time is
likely to elapse before I could have a reply to any
representation that I might make to the
Government of Madras —

I trust that the request which —
I have now the honor to make to you for an
authority from you to draw some increase to
my allowances on that score will appear to you
in every respect reasonable — the more especially
when you consider that I have been obliged to —
detach to different quarters different parts of
my establishment whose expences I contribute
to defray and in whose room I am forced to —
procure others to act out of those allowances
that were originally made me before our —
quitting Madras — and when you further
take

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take into consideration the great want in which I now stand of additional assistance / more- particularly in my Department of Paymaster / since the arrival of the detachment under Major Vigors; as also the pay Rolls and Vouchers belonging to it are I understand to be lodged with you

The total amount of my present allowances for Servants in both my Departments is three hundred pagodas pr. Month: I hope that an addition of half that Sum making in all four hundred and fifty Pags. will not seem to you extravagant or more than is requisite as

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Signed G. Buchan

Malacca
19th. Dec. 1795.

The foregoing Circumstances being - consistent with my knowledge, and thence the grounds of the above requisition appearing - reasonable it is granted - and to operate from the 1st. Current. but subject to the pleasure - and determination of the Right Honble the President in Council of Fort St. George -

Signed A. Brown

Major Brown

/a true Copy/
Signed G. Buchan

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Major Brown having returned to this Presidency, on the Swallow — Resolved after mature Consideration of the foregoing papers, that the following instructions be given to Lieutenant Colonel Folson, whom the Board have thought proper to appoint to succeed Major Brown in the Command of the Forces at Malacca —

To Lieutenant Colonel Folson

Sir.

We have thought proper to appoint you to the Command of the Forces stationed at Malacca, — and to invest you with power and authority to arrange and settle all Matters Civil or Military at that Place — and in discharge of this duty you are from time to time, as opportunities may occur, to report to us your proceedings therein; and follow all such orders and instructions as you may receive from us or from the Governor in Council — of Fort St. George, for the time being —

Instructions to Lieut. Col. Folson upon the different Subjects mentioned in the foregoing Despatches and for the General Guidance of his Conduct as — Commandant at Malacca —

The appointment of Governor of Malacca is abolished — All orders therefore issued by you, must be as Commandant of the Garrison and Settlement of Malacca —

We deem it necessary to furnish you — with special instructions for the guidance of your conduct with respect to the public property taken possession of at

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at Malacca. By the orders of his Majesty transmitted through the Secretary of State for the War Department, it is regulated, that all Public Property found in Dutch Settlements or Fortresses, which, in consequence of refusal to come under the protection of the British Government, may have been compelled to submit to our control and authority, shall be deposited in places of security until the Kings pleasure be known; and it is further expressly enjoined that no property of any kind be found, shall be considered in the light of Prize — We could therefore have wished that the "Captors" had not been made use of in the orders issued by Rear Admiral Rainier at Malacca on the 21st. December last, a copy of which is inclosed for your information. Since the orders of his Majesty ought to have precluded all idea of Prize for the present: and we therefore desire that any Persons who may have been employed under the denomination of Agents for the Captors be discontinued in that Capacity: but we have no objection to their meeting as Commissaries, under the authority of the Officer Commanding at Malacca: to take charge of property that may hereafter be at the disposal of his Majesty — and in the event

(Note. the words "Prize Agents" are not used by the Admiral —

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of the Sale of any perishable articles, which is — only to take place by order of the Commanding Officer. the Monies paid in on account of those articles, — must be lodged in the public Cash Chest at Malacca. and made applicable to the Current Service, upon proper Receipts for the Same, countersigned by the Officer Commanding the Forces at that place, who — will report all proceedings thereupon to the — Presidency —

With the exception before stated, we approve generally the orders issued by Admiral Rainier, since the property, as far as its value goes, is still held at the Kings disposal — and whether it be to revert to the Dutch Nation, or otherwise — as stated, there can be no question as to the right of — appropriating it in the interim, under proper Receipts, to such purposes as the State may require —

As a reinforcement to the Garrison of Malacca, we have ordered two Companies of Europeans for that Service — One Company will proceed on his Majesty's Ships Victorious — and the other will — embark with you on the Honorable Company's — Ships the Swallow —

We enclose a letter for Captain Parr — directing him to deliver over the charge of the Garrison

and.

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and Settlement of Malacca to you upon your arrival
at this we have specially appointed —
you to this Command, we must direct that you pay
every attention to the recommendations of Admiral
Rainier; and upon all occasions act in Concert with
him, as we are most thoroughly persuaded that he
has the good of the Service at Heart, and will adopt
no measure that may not be conducive to it —

We are also to acquaint you that Admiral
Rainier having been vested with full authority from
us to dispose of the Troops to the Eastward in such
manner as he may judge most advisable, you
are to comply with any requisitions from him to
that Effect —

We have now to advise you of our —
resolutions upon certain points referred to us
by Admiral Rainier and Major Brown relative
to appointments and allowances —

First — Civil Establishment —

The Dutch Government being
totally at an end, we direct that all Emoluments —
heretofore enjoyed by the Civil Servants of the Dutch
East India Company, under whatever denomination,
do cease and that from hence forward no one on the
Civil Establishment be paid beyond what may be
absolutely —

absolutely deemed necessary for his actual Subsistence
of which the Wages and Diet Money drawn under
the former Government must be considered as all-
sufficient for those not employed in the Offices
of Government, and never be exceeded — To such as may
be profitably employed, you will proportion their
allowances to the Labor and responsibility of their
respective Offices — but no one whatever to his employ-
-ment must receive more than double the "Wages"
granted under the late Government — On your arrival
at Amalava, you will call for Statements shewing
the wages and Diet Money drawn under the late
Government — and be guided by the foregoing regulation,
forwarding to us an account of all allowances paid by
your order. —

Second — Mr. Henry Harris Surgeon to the Troops
on the expedition against Amalava —

We observe by the G. O. issued at Amalava
on the 10th. of December 1795. that Mr. Henry Harris
was appointed to act as "Head Surgeon" to the Expedition
and directed to accompany the Troops proceeding against the
Mahrattas — But as we never intended that a "Head —
Surgeon" should be stationed to the Eastward. we
direct that the appointment be discontinued — and if
he has drawn any allowance on that account, it
must

must be immediately refunded, you will notify this order to Mr. Buchan the Paymaster, for his information and guidance —

Third — Captains pay and Batta to the Master attendant Lieutenant Maughan —

The allowance of Captains Pay and — Batta to Lieut. Maughan is to be discontinued — and in future he will only draw thirty /30/ Pagodas pr. month, which is the allowance granted to the master Attendant at every Station Subordinate to this Presidency —

Fourth — Acting Ensigns — and Acting Adjutant Surgeon Shuttleworth —

These Gentlemen must be apprized that the Honorable Court of Directors having in the most positive manner prohibited such appointments, they will cause to draw any allowances, whensoever their Services can be dispensed with and consequently that their appointments must be considered merely temporary — Acting Ensign Grau who has been nominated to the Adjutancy of the four European Companies under Major Vigors, can only draw pay and allowances in one capacity, either as acting Ensign or acting Adjutant — We consider indeed the latter appointment to be injudicious — for if it were

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were necessary, it should have been conferred on an Officer bearing a commission, It may be proper here to remark, that none of the acting Officers can legally be Members of Courts Martial —

We disapprove of the appointment of — Lieutenant Brown to be Fort Adjutant to the — Garrison of Malacca — It must therefore be discontinued

We desire you will make a point of ascertaining how far the allowance of 12 Fanams p.r day granted to Mr. Harris for the Sick of the Dutch Hospital transferred to the General Hospital of the Garrison of Malacca, be proper: and you should be particularly cautious that no Dutch Patient be admitted into the Hospital, unless his case should absolutely warrant the measure — and as there are Dutch Surgeons who receive Subsistance from the British Government, we do not see why they should not be ordered to attend the Dutch Patients, and more especially, if it would be attended with less expence — We recommend this subject to your particular attention —

Mr. Harris should be also cautioned against any deviation from the Medical — Regulations now in force on the Coast, as far as there

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These regulations apply to the Company's European Troops doing duty to the Eastward —

We have no objection to the temporary appointment of the Reverend Mr. Clarke to be — Chaplain to the Garrison of Malacca with an allow= =ance of fifty /50/ Pagodas P.r Month, to commence from the 1st. December 1795. —

If on your arrival at Malacca, it shall appear to you that the completion of the Stockade on Bocca China be a necessary measure, we authorize the execution of the Work —

You are permitted to draw under the Head of Table Allowance two hundred /200/ Pagodas P.r Month —

In case you should be Satisfied, upon a representation from Mr. George Buchan Paymaster and Commissary of Provisions that the Servants established for his Office are not sufficient for the proper conduct of it, we authorize you to admit such encrease as may be, in your Judgment — indispensably necessary —

You will augment Mr. Buchan that the allowance paid by him of 26 Fanams and 20 Cash P.r Day for each Officer imbarked on the Transports

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Transports was improper as the Officers were at the Time on Batta. The amount, if possible, must be ordered —

We expect upon all occasions that you will observe the most rigid economy in the application of the Public Money, as we shall hold you responsible for every disbursement not indispensably necessary for the public Service —

We are

&c. &c.

(Signed) Hobart

&c. &c.

Fort St. George
1st. February 1796.

Resolved that the following Letter be written to Rear Admiral Rainier —

To Rear Admiral Rainier

&c. &c. &c.

Sir.

We have been honored with your Letter dated the 6th. Instant, and take the earliest opportunity of acquainting you that the measures you judged it necessary to adopt, in pursuance of our recommendation for the abolition of the Dutch Council &c. &c. have met our entire concurrence — and it is incumbent upon us to convey our acknowledgements for this Zeal and

To Admr. Rainier acknowledging the ability and Zeal with which he effected the several objects Entrusted to him — Copy of Col. Kelsall's Instructions inclosed — the agency for the Capitulation of Malacca annulled — Augt. Vigors cannot be allowed Table Money —

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and ability with which you have conducted and executed the difficult points submitted to your consideration in our letter of the 15th. of October 1795. —

We beg leave to refer you to the accompanying copy of our letter to Lieutenant Colonel Folson for our opinion and Orders upon the subjects which you had been pleased to refer to our determination. We had the less reluctance in directing the discontinuance of certain appointments, from the circumstances noticed in your letter that, "the additional appointments that had taken place, had been chiefly at the recommendation of Major Vigors and Major Brown and that your Signature was meant rather as an authority to the paymaster than to the appointments" —

In order to avoid embarrassment hereafter with respect to the public property taken possession of at Malacca, we have deemed it necessary on consultation with Vice Admiral Sir George Elphinstone to annul the appointment of Army Agent for the captors at Malacca; and we have judged this the more requisite in consequence of a communication from the Navy and Army Agents at Malacca to their Attornies at Madras directing the latter to "procure our Acceptance of the Bills drawn by you

and,

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"and by Wm. Buchan — and to hold them do —
"accepted, for their further directions —

We must desire you would acquaint Major Vigors that it is not in our power to comply with his application for table money — It is only granted to Officers in situations where additional expence is necessarily incurred by them upon that account, and considering that Major Vigors is in no respect so circumstanced that he is in the receipt of five Batta, and that his Table has been actually found for them on board his Majesty's Ships we should not be justified in acquiescing in his request —

We have the honor to be

Wm. &c.

Signed Hobart.
&c. Council

Fort St. George
3 February 1796.

Read the following letter from Messrs.
Chas. Sewell and Chas. Shaw —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor &c. in Council
Fort St. George

My Lord

From Messrs. Chas. Sewell and Chas. Shaw presenting Bills drawn by Rear Admiral Rainier and the payment of Batta in question

We have the honor to enclose, two drafts on your Lordship. Viz.t One drawn by
Rr. Admiral Rainier

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Rr. Admiral Rainier dated Malacca the 5th. Ulto. for Sps. 6.000.— Ow drawn by G. Buchan. Payme. dated Malacca the 30th. Decr. 1795 for Sps. 8.000.— of which we request your Lordships will be pleased to direct the acceptance —

By the accompanying copy of a Letter from our Constituents Mr. James Scott and Captain J. H. Chalmers (who are acting in the capacity of His Majesty's Commissaries, or Agents for the Captors) — your Lordships will perceive, that payment of the bills cannot be required, till it shall be determined by His Majesty, to whom the property found at Malacca may belong —

We have the honor to be

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Yr. &c.

(Signd) Chase Sewell & Chase

Messrs. Chase Sewell and Chase

Madras

Dear Sirs.

We have the honor by direction from his Excellency Commodore Peter Rainier to inclose you 1st. of G. Buchanan on the Right Honble Governor and Council of Madras for Sps. 8000.—

1st. of Peter Rainier

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1st. of Peter Rainier on the Right Honble Governor. in
Council for ---------- £6,000 ..

Sp.s 14,000.)

These bills we have to request you will procure acceptance of from the Government and hold them to account for our further directions.

It is necessary you should know that as His Majesty's proclamation is not yet Issued; we are in the Double Capacity of Agents for the Captors should the public property be awarded to them and as Commissaries for his Majesty should it be returned to the Dutch.

The Bills therefore must lay Dormant until that award is known by proclamation and in order that we may be enabled to act in either capacity we request you would transmit to Mr. James Scott Merchant of Penang the acting Agent the London Gazette or other documents determining the Award as soon as possible.

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed James Scott.
" J. H. Chalmers

Malacca
6th January 1796.

Resolved

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Resolved that the following Answer
be returned —

To Messrs. Chase Sewell and Chase

Gentlemen

Reply to Messrs Chase Sewell & Chase on the above Subject —

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this date enclosing Bills amounting to fourteen thousand (14.000) Spanish Dollars, — drawn upon this Government, and Signed by — Peter Rainier Esqr. Commanding his Majestys Squadron at Madras, and Mr. Georg Buchan, the Paymaster there —

The peculiar circumstances under — which these Bills have been drawn, precludes — the President in Council from taking any other notice of them, than to Acquaint you that they will be placed in the Company's Treasury until further Consideration —

I am
&c. &c.
Signed W. C. Jackson Secy

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The Commander in Chief says —
before the Board the following letter to him
from Lieutenant Colonel Baird, with a —
representation

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representation of the Captains of the two Flank companies of his Majesty's 73d Regiment —

Major General Clarke

Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Sir

From Commanding Officer of the 73d Regt representing the Loss sustained by the Privates &c of the Flank Companies of that Corps by their exertions to save the Dromedr

I have the honor to enclose for your — information a Letter addressed to me by the Captains of the Flank Companies 73d Regt in favor of their Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of their Companies to which I beg leave to call your attention For you, Sir I am well convinced it is unnecessary — for me to take up your time to endeavor you to use good offices in favor of the unfortunate Soldiers who lost their Cloths all in endeavouring to save His Majesty's Ship Dromedr Major Robertson the D. A. General is well acquainted with — all the particulars of that unfortunate business and as Paymaster of the Regiment he by my desire represented their misfortune which amounted to Pagodas six hundred and twelve / 612 / —. I therefore request that you will lay their — application before the Right Honble Governor in Council who I am sure will not hesitate one.

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one moment in giving orders to reimburse those poor fellows, who are now over head and ears in debt — in consequence —

I have the honor to remain

Yr. Yr.

Tanjore

28th January 1796.

(Signed) D. Baird

Lieut.. Col.

To Lieutenant Colonel Baird

commanding His Majesty's 71st Regiment.

Sir.

The several months have elapsed since the loss of His Majesty's Ship the Diomede — yet we hope it will not now be deemed too late to represent to you the inconvenience and expence that has been the unavoidable consequence of that unfortunate — Accident, to the Non commissioned Officers and — privates of the Flank Company of the 71st Regiment, their being employed at the Pumps, without intermission from the time the Ship Struck, till they were ordered to quit her, — first it entirely out of their Power to go below to bring up their Necessaries, from that Part of the Ship where they were put — on their first coming on board; — By which means they were with very few exceptions, all left on the Ship,

and

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and were of course lost.

We have therefore to request of you to make this circumstance known to the Commander in Chief for the information of Government — whose wonted attention to the Comfort of the Troops employed in their Service — encluces us to hope that some — allowance may be made to indemnify those men for the loss they have sustained —

We have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Lockhart Gorrie Capt. 73d. Regt.

D. Ross Capt. 73d. Light Infantry

Tanjore
23 January 1796.

Extract of the Commander in Chief's and resolution of the Board upon the Subject

In Submitting the foregoing representation to the Board, the Commander in Chief feels that he cannot withholde from it his support — It appears that the Losses were chiefly occasioned by exertions to save — his Majesty's Ship the Diomede, for if the Soldiers when the accident first happened, had attended to — the preservation of their own Effects, instead of being employed at the Pumps, there would have been sufficient time to have saved the whole; and in a case of this sort, it would seem not only a liberal but a wise policy to relieve the sufferings of — Individuals as much as possible, particularly where

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whose Conduct appears to have merited reward.

Under these Considerations, the Commander in Chief begs leave to recommend that he be authorized to instruct Colonel Baird to order a Committee of Officers to ascertain the exact Loss sustained, and to report the result of their proceedings for the information of the Board.—

Approved and ordered accordingly.—

The President lays before the Board the following Letter to his Lordship from the Governor General.—

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor at
Fort St George

My Lord

From Governor Genl stating the captures made by a French Privateer off Balasore Roads.—

I lose no time in acquainting your Lordship, by Express, that a French Privateer, said to be the Modeste, and to carry Eighteen 9 pounders, has been seen on the Roads, near Balasore, and has captured two Pilot Schooners, besides a small loading Vessel. If any of his Majesty's Ships should be at Madras, on the Receipt of this Intelligence, it may be possible to intercept the Privateer in question, whose Strength is in Europeans.—

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Europeans is said not to amount to forty Men —

I have further to advise your Lordship that it has been found necessary to countermand the March of the Bengal Detachment intended to proceed to the Northern Circars. This I cannot at present detail the circumstances which have led to this determination —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. Shore.

Fort William
the 18th January 1796.

Minute thereon

The President acquaints the Board that upon the receipt of the foregoing letter, he transmitted to Sir George Elphinstone the Intelligence respecting the French Privateer —

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel Dugald Campbell to the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army —

To Colonel Floyd.

Commanding the Southern Division of the Army

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose a Letter from Lieut.t Jones the Officer sent by me to take — possession of Tuticorin and who from his —

From Lt. Col. Campbell
Lieut Jones Commanding
at Tuticorin to Colo
Floyd Army —

good

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good Conduct has been continued there —

As I understood that the allowance of —
Fifty Pagodas p Month Table Money which Lieut.
Jones solicits is given at other Stations I beg leave to
assure you that it cannot be more necessary than
at Tuticorin for there has been a great Number of
Strangers there since Lieut. Jones commanded and are
unanimous in their Report of his Hospitality
and attentions —

I request you to forward Lt. Jones Letter to
to the commander of the Army to be laid before Govern-
-ment, and that you will honor it by your Recommend-
-ation and Support. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Dugl. Campbell.
Lt Col. Com.g 3d Regt. Madras Nat.
the Troops in the Tinnivelly District.

Palamcottah
21 January 1796.

To Lieutenant Colonel Campbell

Commanding Palamcottah &c &c &c

Sir

It is unnecessary for me to point out
to you the extraordinary influence I have been at since —
holding the Temporary Command of this place and as

I understand

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I understand Government are pleased to allow, fifty Pagodas a Month, table money at the Stations of Chingleput and Permarcoil, for the additional expence the Officers of those Stations are at in entertaining all Gentlemen Travellers —

I trust the Situation I am placed in at Tutocorin, will entitle me, if represented by you, to a like Allowance — having for a length of time been obliged to keep a table to receive the Gentlemen of the Bombay Cruisers, and others employed in the Gulph of Manar — there being no Tavern or other place of Public resort for their Reception —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servt.

Tutocorin
20th. January 1796.

(Signd) James Jones
Lieut. 21st. Batt. Nve. I.

Received from the Honble Board

Resolved, for the reasons assigned by Lieutenant Colonel Campbell, That Lieutenant Jones be allowed to draw under the Head of Table Money ten Shillings pr. diem during the period of his Command at Tutocorin

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Sir Coroneys: and that the same allowance be drawn by his Successor until the Surrender of Columbo, when it is to cease —

Hobart

Alure Clarke.

Con Saunders

E Wallace

C C C

Capn

T Robson