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# Fort St George March 1796

## Diary

Received the undermentioned letters

Entered on M.B. Nos 12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24.-

From Sub Secretary at Bengal - desiring to know, what Salary is annexed to Doctor Roxburgh's Rank on the Coast; - and whether it were understood that his Claims to that of a Head Surgeon were not to be affected by his allowances as Botanical Superintendant at Bengal.

From Secretary at Dillo - transmitting Returns &c of Sepoy Recruits embarked on the Fairlie for Madras - and desiring that some of the Empty water Casks may be retained onboard. -

From W. Secretary Barlow

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - presenting an Indent for Stationary.

From W. Shardow

From Agent for Captured property at Ceylon - proposing the removal of the Two Prize Vessels lying in Columbo Roads to a Point de Galle or Trincomale.

From Major Agnew

From Colonel Stuart - thinks some additional Tonnage will be wanted for the 52d Regiment - shall send the European Pioneers, Artificers to Madras on the Perseverance - Boats much wanted - complains of the Masters of the transports - an account of Two French Frigates on the Malabar Coast - enclosed.

From Colonel Stuart

From

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From Captain Hulett — From Commandant at Sunnecondah — with Intelligence of Mond. Baptiste's Detachment —

From Mr. Roebuck — From Military Paymaster General — — — transmitting accounts of all the Sums for which Bengal Presidency stands debited in his Books — also Statements of those, for which Mr. Scott appears accountable —

From Ditto — From Ditto — enclosing an account of Arrears due to Lieutenant John Hawkins —

From Ditto — From Ditto — with an additional — Estimate of Cash for March.

From Mr. Cochrane. — From Military Paymaster — submits the Town Majors Indent for Puckallies, for the Malay — Prisoners going to Poonamalee —

Petition — Petition of Two persons, stiling themselves Polygars of Mungalore — representing the very cruel Injuries they have sustained from one of the Nabob's Managers.

From Mr. Sparrow — From Mr. Sparrow — stating his utter inability to repay the amount he received from the Company, for account of the Ship Ajax.

From Colonel Floyd. — From Commandant at Tuticorin — stating that the detachment of the Travancore Battalion at Dindigal are in extreme distress for Pay —

" — Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in M B. N.o 25 - 26 - 27 - 28 - 29 - 30 - 31 - 32 - 33 - 34 - 35 - 36 - 37 - 38 - 39.

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To Accountant General - directing him

T. Mr. Woolf. to stop the payment of Interest upon certain Hog Hill

Certificates claimed by Mr Kindersley.

To Secretary at Bengal - transmitting

T. Mr. Barlow Copy of Mr Andrews's Journal of his transactions during

his Embassy to Candia

T. Ditto To Ditto - transmitting the accounts

above mentioned, received from the Paymaster General.

To Secretary at Bombay - stating the

T. Mr. Morris. reasons that induced the Board to order the release of

the Vessel detained by the Drake Cruizer.

To Principal agent for Cavalry Supplies -

To Mr. Sheardown Lieutenant Sentleger's offer for supplying Cream for the

3d Regiment may be accepted.

To Contractors for Repairs - transmitting

To messrs. Roebuck and abbot. Copy of the Chief Engineer's Remarks on the works executed

by them in the Ceded Districts and apprizing them

that the Board will hereafter determine the extent

to which they will be held responsible for the use of

improper Materials.

To Commercial Resident at Cuddalore -

To Mr. Kenworthy rejecting the proposal submitted by him for the Supply

of Gram.

To Superintendant of Revenue at

To Mr. Andrews - Ceylon informing him that Colonel Stuart is vested

with as discretionary authority as well Civil, as

Military

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4th Military — and directing that he consider himself under his orders accordingly.

To Paymaster at Columbo. — Authorizing —

To Mr Mc Dowall. him to draw upon the Paymaster General for 5000 Pags advanced to Mr Cleghorn — no addition can be made to his allowances.

To Hospital Board — Mr Stevenson to

To Hospital Board. accompany the Bengal Recruits to the westward previous to his proceeding to his Station at Masulipatam.

To Resident at Hyderabad — informing

To Captain Kirkpatrick him that Government will be prepared to discharge the arrears of Peishcush and desiring he will ~~give~~ give timely notice of the Nizam's Expectations in regard to the periods of payment.

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To Colonel Malcolm To Military Auditor General —

directing that the Widow of the late Store Serjeant at Chunglepat be allowed the pay of an Infantry Private, in consideration of the long and faithful Services of her late husband.

To Military Boards.

To Military Board — directing a repair of the Barracks allotted for the 74th Regiment

To Ditto To Ditto — The Two Timbrils belonging to Messrs. Colt Baker & Co. may be purchased and the presses for the Powder Mills to be supplied.

To Mr Hawkins. To Paymaster at Trichinopoly

transmitting Copy of the letter from the Paymaster General —

and

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4th and requiring an Explicit explanation of the Cause
of Delay in payeng the Sepoys at that Garrison

5th Received the undermentioned letters
Entered in M.B. Nos 40-41-42-43-44-45-46.

From Secretary at Bombay - with
From Mr. Morice advice of the attack made by Two French Frigates,
on the Portuguese Settlement of Dio.

From Commandant at Innicondah
From Captain Halcott with Intelligence of Mons.r Baptistes detachment

From Mr. Stevenson - presenting
From Mr. Stevenson Assistant Surgeon a Bill for Europe Medicines supplied for the Sepoy
Recruits on board the Princess Royal.

From Military Board - submitting
From Military Board Estimates for building Granaries required in the
Baramahaul - and repairing the Flag Staff. -
Bastion &c.a at Ganjam - and reporting on those
for Chingleput. Tyagar and Vellore - recommend
Terraced instead of arched roofs to the Verandahs of
the Officers Quarters building at Arnee, and that
the Bill for the Granary there be paid, as the
Buttresses are now finished.

From Ditto - representing the
From Ditto great deficiency of Musquet Flints - and suggesting
~~an application to Bengal for three Lac, viz~~
addition to the Number already indented for
but not yet supplied.

From

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5th

From Principal agent for Horses – has forwarded to the Agent at Hydrabad the late orders regarding Purchases. submits a letter from Rustrumjee to him, with his Reply.

From Captain Dallas.

From Commandant at Pondicherry –

From Colonel Braithwaite

Mons. Bruslon requests leave to go to Europe – and submitting for the Board's decision, a matter in dispute between Mons. and Madam D'aubigny.

6th

Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in M.B. Nos. 47-48-49-50.–

To Mr. Cecil Smith – repeating to him the Boards determination to annual the Gun – Carriage Contract on the 15th Instant: if he do not produce the required Security for the due performance of it.

To Mr. Smith

To Military Auditor General – desiring that the paymasters at Madura and Palamcotah may be instructed to issue pay to the Travancore Sepoys serving at those places.

To Colonel Malcolm

To Ditto – referring Mr Roebuck's additional Estimate of Cash for March.

To Ditto.

To Commandant of the 5th Regiment of Cavalry – prolonging his leave of absence from his Station

To Major Orr.

8th

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in M.B. Nos. 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58.

From Barrack Master at the Presidency – requesting authority to hire a Store Room for the Meuron Regiment.

From Comdt Macleans.

From

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From W.m Harington 8th — From Sub Secretary at Bengal forwarding a letter for the Secretary to the Military Board.

From Mr Edmonstone. — From Persian Translator at Bengal — forwarding a letter from the Governor General to the Nabob.

From Mr Skardon — From acting Principal agent for — Cavalry Supplies — submitting proposals for supplying the 1st 2 and 4th Regiments with Grain

From Hospital Board — From Hospital Board — stating the want of accommodation for the Sick at Masulipatam — Mr A. Anderson requests the allowances of a Head Surgeon — Recommends that Mr Todd do duty in the Baramhaul.

From Captain Halcott — From Commandant at Inmicondah — with further Intelligence respecting Monsr Baptiste

From Captain Dalrymple — From Ditto of the Nizams Detachment — with Copies of his Correspondence.

From Colonel Floyd. — From Ditto at Tuchenopoly — submitts Estimates of Repairs wanting there at Tanjore and Vellum — observations on the Subject

Despatched the undermentioned

" letters Entered in M B. Nos 59 - 60 - 61 - 62 - 63 - 64 - 65 66.

To Mr Woolf — To Accountant General — desiring a Statement of the exact amount of Pensheads that will be due on the 31st Instant.

To Colonel Nixon — To Commandant at Arnee — permitting him to visit the presidency.

To

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To Mr. Barlow — To Secretary at Bengal — transmitting Copy of Mysore Intelligence.

To Mr. Scott — To Mr. andrew Scott — desiring that the Evidencies to the Murder said to have been committed by Lieutenant S. Godfrey may be sent to Madras.

To Colonel Beleliffe — To Commandant at Masulipatam — with orders for sending Lieutenant Godfrey under a Guard to Madras.

To Colonel Malcolm — To Military auditor General — authorizing certain advances of Cash, suggested by the Adjutant General.

To Captain Mc. Neile — To Commandant at Ongole — permitting him to visit Madras.

To Colonel Floyd — To Ditto at Trichinopoly, notifying the orders issued for the payment of the Travancore Sepoys. and approving the advances of Cash ordered by him..

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Substance of a letter from the Nabob — Received letter from the Nabob. Entered in C.C. No. 32. Enclosing Six Perwanahs for passing Grain to the different regiments of Cavalry.

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Received the undermentioned letters Entered in M.B. Nos. 67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75..

From Comet Maclean — From Barrack Master at the Presidency — requesting authority to give the same pay to the Barrack Servants, as those at other Stations receive.

From Mr. Harington — From Sub Secretary at Bengal — forwarding an Invoice and Bill of Lading of 2000 Barrels of Gunpowder embarked

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10th embarked on the Mercury for Madras.

From Ditto — From Ditto — with Ditto — Ditto of Military Stores shipped on the Fairlie.

From Captain Kirkpatrick — From Resident at Hydrabad — transmitting Copy of his address to the Governor General, with Copies of its Enclosures

From Captain Dalrymple — From Commandant of the Nizam's — Detachment — with Copies of his Correspondence.

From Mr Roebuck — From Military Paymaster General — transmitting an Additional Estimate of Cash for March

From Colonel Close — From Adjutant General — submitting Statements of the Ni[illegible]ses received from both agencies, at Arcot [illegible]opoly — how disposed of — and those service[illegible]nt — of serviceable observations.

From Major Young — From Commandant at Arcot — representing the necessity of an Encrease of pay to — Grass cutters. proposition on the subject.

From Board of Revenue — From Board of Revenue — reporting the further Steps taken by Mr Collector Powney for the Surrender of Chocumpetty Fort.

Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered on M B. Nos 76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83.

To Mr Sullivan — To Attorney General — referring for his opinion the Matter in dispute between Mons[illegible] and Madame D'aubigny, submitted by the Commandant at Pondicherry.

To Mr Eilbracht — To late Chief at Pulicat — informing him that the allowance enjoyed by the late Mr Simons, cannot be transferred to any other person.

To

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To Sir George Elphinstone 10th

To Vice admiral Elphinstone — enclosing a List of the Naval Prisoners of War now in prison at Madras.

To Military Board.

To Military Board — referring for their opinion an application from the Officers at arnee for compensation for losses they suffered from the late Storm. also the Estimates of Repairs transmitted by Colonel Floyd.

To Mr Morten

To Paymaster at Palamcotah — directing him to pay 200 pagodas to Lieutenant Pogson, upon his delivering up to him, his horse disabled by epidemic disease, which he will dispose of by public Sale — as well as that belo[illegible] Lieutenant St Leger disabled from the same cause[illegible]ces of Cash.

To Colonel Malcolm

To Military auditor General. notifying the p[illegible]ordered — and directing the discharge of arrears of pay [illegible] to Lieutenant J Hawkins

To Lt Colt Braithwait

To Commandant at Pondicherry. permitting him to Employ Mr Griffiths. as French Translator — no new allowances can be granted to French Subjects — orders relative to applications for leave to go to Europe or the Islands — the Passport granted by him to Captain Aytone to be recalled, as he should have applied to Government.

To Mr Powney.

To Collector at Ramnad — approving his intention of sending on the freighted donies to Columbo the Rice collected by him — and referring for his opinion a Petition from six Traders to the Island of Ceylon.

substance of a letter to the Nabob. 11th

Sent letter to the Nabob. Entered in C.C. No 33 — transmitting Copy of the Petition from the persons stiling themselves the Polygars of Mungalore — and requesting his Highness will take such measures for their Relief as their case seems to call for.

A.C.

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Fort St George 11th March 1796

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Major General Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esqr

and

Ernst William Tallofield Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation read

and approved.

Read the following letters from Colonel

Stuart.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

&c &c &c

My Lord,

I have now the Honor to transmit to your Lordships Returns of the Troops, who composed this Garrison and who were made Prisoners of War of the number of European Prisoners, who were sent to Madras. of the ——, Ordnance and Stores found in this place. and of the killed and wounded of the army under my command

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on the 12th instant.

Your Lordship may probably be surprized at the small number of European Prisoners sent to Madras — To explain which it will be necessary to inform you, that a considerable part of those, who were Germans, were permitted to enter into His Majesty's Regiments. The Saylors were mostly sent on board The Ships of war, as the most secure mode of conveying them to Madras. The greater part of whom, I understand, have entered on board those Ships. I was induced to permit those who were Invalids, and such as had large families to remain here, as they could do us little harm, and I could subsist them at a less expence to the Public than could be done at Madras. The Native Troops of the Island were allowed three days Provisions to carry them to their homes, and dismissed with permission to such of them, as our officers approved of, to enlist into our Corps — I have not, however, heard, that any of them have done so.

By the present opportunity I have transmitted to the Commander in Chief a return of the number of Troops, which I judge necessary for the defence of the Island; by which you will observe, that very few of those now upon it, can be withdrawn, if my plan should be so fortunate as to meet with your Lordship's approbation.

The quantity of Provisions, Merchandize,

&c

# Abstract Return of the Garrison of Columbo when it Surrendered to the Army Commanded by Colonel James Stuart. — February 16th 1796.

## European Officers

2 Colonels, 1 Lieutenant Colonel, 4 Majors, 19 Captains, 6 Captain Lieutenants, 34 first Lieutenants, 2 Second Lieutenants, 23 Ensigns and 4 Surgeons. — Total — 120

## Non Commissioned Rank and file.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Infantry | European Dutch Troops | 501 | |
| | Ditto Regiment of Wirtemberg | 256 | |
| | Two Battalions of Malays | 880 | |
| | Companies of Moors and Sepoys | 701 | |
| | Total Infantry | | 2,338 |
| Artillery | European | 152 | |
| | Native | 200 | |
| | Total Artillery | 352 | |
| | Seamen | 281 | |

N.B. of the Seamen 118 were attached to the Artillery Corps.

Malay Officers not included above 36.
Sepoy Officers — ditto ditto 23

Native Officers 59

Grand Total of Europeans including Officers — 1,310
Ditto of Malays, Moors and Sepoys ditto — 1,840
Total Garrison 3150

Columbo
16th February 1796

a true Copy
(Signed) Rich Boroughs
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(Signed) P. A. Agnew
Adjt General

Abstract

and other Public Property belonging to the
Dutch Company. it has not yet been possible
to ascertain — It will, I understand from
Major Agnew, be a work of some time. But
it shall be done, and transmitted to your
Lordship with as little delay as possible.

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c

(Signed) J. Stuart.

Head Quarters
Columbo, Thursday
25th February 1796.

P S

Captain Gibson of the Cutter Mary, w
has been acting under the Quarter Master-
General, has been reported to me by Major
allan, as having exerted himself in the Bo
Department most to his Satisfaction; and
my own knowledge he has been extremely u
in landing the Stores, and in various other way

(Signed) J S

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# Abstract

## Embarkation Return of Prisoners of War sent from Columbo to Fort St George on the undermentioned Ships.

Embarked on the Epaminondas. Dutch Troops 21st February.

3 Captains, 11 first Lieutenants, 11 Second Lieutenants, 16 Ensigns, 7 Cadets, and 406 Non Commissioned Drums, and Rank and file.

Embarked on the Fortune the Regiment of Wartemberg - 21st Feby

1 Major, 2 Captain Lieutenants, 7 Lieutenants. 1 Surgeon, 2 Cadets and 159 Non Commissioned Rank and file.

On His Majesty's Ships, Heroine, Echo and Rattlesnake 13th Feby

142 Seamen.

N.B.

One Second Lieutenant, and 14 Non Commissioned Rank and file, of the Swiss Regiment De Meuron returned to Madras on the Fortune with 17 Prisoners of War, who had been permitted to enlist for that Corps. The above return is not perfectly correct. - as the Officers, who embarked had permission to retain their Servants, (Soldiers) who were in general sent on board with the Baggage, and not mustered at the time. 10 are supposed to have proceeded in this manner on the Epaminondas, and 14 on the Fortune Transport.

(signed) P. A. Agnew
Adjt Genl

Columbo
14th February 1796.

a true Copy
(signed) Rich Boroughs
Secy

Report

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# Fort St. George

## Report of a Committee ordered to assemble to Examine the Ordnance and Military Stores

Captain John Campbell
Lieutenant Samuel Carter, Bo
Lieut. John Gourlay, Coast
Lieut. R. Blackall Bombay C
Depy Comy of Stores
Lieut. F.W. Peter Hadden, Coast C

| Articles | Serviceable | Repairable |
|---|---|---|
| Ordnance Brass Guns 24 Pr. | 25 | " |
| " " " 18 " | 12 | " |
| " " " 8 " | 4 | " |
| " " " 6 " | 2 | " |
| " " " 4 " | 10 | " |
| " " " 3 " | 5 | " |
| " " " 2 " | 16 | " |
| " " " 1 " | 39 | " |
| " " " 3/4 " | 4 | " |
| Iron Guns 24 Pr. | 13 | " |
| " " " 18 " | 48 | " |
| " " " 12 " | 41 | " |
| " " " 6 " | 21 | " |
| " " " 4 " | 35 | " |
| " " " 3 " | 15 | " |
| " " " 2 " | 12 | " |
| " " " 1 " | 1 | " |
| " " " 3/4 " | 1 | " |
| Mortars Brass 12 3/4 | 2 | " |
| " " " 8 " | 1 | " |
| " " " 7 3/4 " | 4 | " |
| " " " 6 1/2 " | 2 | " |
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| Howitzes Brass 4 1/2 " | 1 | " |
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| " " " 5 3/4 " | 2 | " |
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| Articles | | | Serviceable | Repairable | Unserviceable |
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| Ordnance | Cohorns | Brass 5 Inch | 4 | " | " |
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| " | " | " 4/5 2/10 | 1 | " | " |
| " | " | " 4 " | 13 | " | " |
| " | Musquetoons | 3 Inch | 1 | " | " |
| " | " | 2 5/10 | 1 | " | " |
| Carriages | Guns | Trail 24 Pdrs | 8 | " | " |
| " | " | " 18 " | 12 | " | " |
| " | " | " 12 " | 15 | " | " |
| " | " | " 8 " | 18 | " | " |
| " | " | " 6 " | 21 | " | " |
| " | " | " 4 " | 35 | " | " |
| " | " | " 3 " | 14 | " | " |
| " | " | " 2 " | 1 | " | " |
| " | " | " 1 " | 4 | " | " |
| " | Guns | Pole 24 Pdrs | 11 | " | " |
| " | " | " 1 " | 21 | " | " |
| " | Guns | Truck 24 Pdrs | 32 | " | " |
| " | " | " 18 " | 50 | " | " |
| " | " | " 12 " | 14 | " | " |
| " | " | " 8 " | 3 | " | " |
| " | " | " 6 " | 1 | " | " |
| " | " | " 4 " | 5 | " | " |
| " | Guns | Skids 18 " | 6 | " | " |
| " | " | " 8 " | 10 | " | " |
| " | " | " 6 " | 4 | " | " |
| " | " | " 4 " | 22 | " | " |
| " | " | " 3 " | 10 | " | " |
| " | Howitzers | 7 9/10 Inch | 1 | " | " |
| " | " | 7 4/10 | 1 | " | " |
| " | " | 6 2/10 | 1 | " | " |
| " | " | 6 4/10 | 1 | " | " |
| " | " | 5 3/10 | 1 | " | " |
| " | " | 5 4/10 | 1 | " | " |
| " | " | 4 4/10 | 2 | " | " |
| " | Mortars | Diam 12 3/10 Inch | 2 | " | " |
| " | " | " 8 " | 1 | " | " |
| " | " | " 7 3/10 | 1 | " | " |
| " | " | " 6 1/2 | 2 | " | " |
| " | " | " 6 | 2 | " | " |
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| " | " | " 5 3/10 | 1 | " | " |
| " | " | " 5 " | 1 | " | " |
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| " | Petto | Cohorn 5 Inch | 4 | " | " |
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| Articles | Serviceable | Repairable | Unserviceable |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lembers | | | |
| Tremblé | 17 | " | " |
| Shot Rounds 24 Pdrs | 1 | " | " |
| " " 18 " | 10,462 | " | " |
| " " 12 " | 11,846 | " | " |
| " " 8 " | 12,187 | " | " |
| " " 6 " | 5,253 | " | " |
| " " 4 " | 8,727 | " | " |
| " " 3 " | 7,050 | " | " |
| " " 2 " | 6,174 | " | " |
| " " 1 " | 8,613 | " | " |
| " " ¾ " | 4,810 | " | " |
| " " ⅝ " | 1,322 | " | " |
| " Bar 24 Pdrs | 2,980 | " | " |
| " " 18 " | 1,729 | " | " |
| " " 12 " | 2,319 | " | " |
| " " 8 " | 88 | " | " |
| " " 6 " | 209 | " | " |
| " " 4 " | 895 | " | " |
| " " 3 " | 219 | " | " |
| " " 2 " | 665 | " | " |
| " " 1 " | 291 | " | " |
| " Grape 24 Pdrs | 142 | " | " |
| " " 8 " | 164 | " | " |
| " " 6 " | 146 | " | " |
| " " 4 " | 749 | " | " |
| " " 3 " | 582 | " | " |
| " " 2 " | 433 | " | " |
| " " 1 " | 1145 | " | " |
| " " ¾ " | 2,938 | " | " |
| " " ½ " | 200 | " | " |
| " Grape Lowe 24 Pdrs | 96 | " | " |
| " " " 18 " | 338 | " | " |
| " " " 12 " | 478 | " | " |
| " Langrage 12 " | 68 | " | " |
| " " " 6 " | 152 | " | " |
| " " 2 " | 100 | " | " |
| Shells Empty 12 Pdrs | 146 | " | " |
| " " 12¾ " | 2 | " | " |
| " " 12⅝ " | 164 | " | " |
| " " 12½ " | 184 | " | " |
| " " 12⅜ " | 58 | " | " |
| " " 10½ " | 5 | " | " |
| " " ⅞ " | 252 | " | " |
| " " ¾ " | 149 | " | " |
| " " 6¼ " | 2,739 | " | " |
| " " 6⅛ " | 312 | " | " |
| " " 5¾ " | 35 | " | " |
| | 68 | " | " |

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| Articles | | | Serviceable | Repairable | Unserviceable |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shells | Empty | 5 1/2 Inch | 138 | " | " |
| " | " | 5 " | 450 | " | " |
| " | " | 4 3/4 " | 1.700 | " | " |
| " | " | 4 1/2 " | 4.570 | " | " |
| " | " | 3 3/4 " | 6.900 | " | " |
| " | " | 3 1/2 " | 500 | " | " |
| " | " | 3 1/4 " | 700 | " | " |
| " | " | 3 " | 1.395 | " | " |
| Shells | filled | 7 1/4 Inch | 25 | " | " |
| " | " | 7 1/2 " | 100 | " | " |
| " | " | 6 3/4 " | 50 | " | " |
| " | " | 12 1/2 " | 200 | " | " |
| " | " | 5 3/4 " | 160 | " | " |
| " | " | 5 " | 116 | " | " |
| " | " | 4 3/4 " | 430 | " | " |
| " | " | 4 1/4 " | 375 | " | " |
| " | " | 4 " | 686 | " | " |
| " | " | 3 3/4 " | 1.149 | " | " |
| " | " | 3 1/4 " | 1407 | " | " |
| " | " | 3 " | 1.045 | " | " |
| Grenades Empty | | 2 3/4 Inch | 1062 | " | " |
| " | " | 2 1/2 " | 3.777 | " | " |
| " | " | 2 1/4 " | 400 | " | " |
| " | " | 1 3/4 " | 156 | " | " |
| Grenades filled | | 2 1/2 Inch | 2449 | " | " |
| " | " | 2 1/4 " | 501 | " | " |
| Light Balls of Sizes | | | 1530 | " | " |
| Carcasses | | | 118 | " | " |
| Portfires | | | 1182 | " | " |
| Tubes, filled, Copper | | | 4162 | " | " |
| Fuzes, filled, of Sizes | | | 6486 | " | " |
| Ladles with Worms | | 24 Pdr | 35 | " | " |
| " | " | 18 " | 46 | " | " |
| " | " | 12 " | 41 | " | " |
| " | " | 8 " | 15 | " | " |
| " | " | 6 " | 21 | " | " |
| " | " | 4 " | 27 | " | " |
| " | " | 3 " | 30 | " | " |
| " | " | 2 " | 33 | " | " |
| " | " | 1 " | 46 | " | " |
| " | " | 1/2 " | 24 | " | " |
| Sponges with Rammers | | 24 Pdr | 49 | " | " |
| " | " | 18 " | 72 | " | " |
| " | " | 12 " | 67 | " | " |
| " | " | 8 " | 18 | " | " |
| " | " | 6 " | 41 | " | " |
| " | " | 4 " | 81 | " | " |
| " | " | 3 " | 63 | " | " |

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| Article | Serviceable | Repairable | Unserviceable |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sponges with Rammers 2/3drs | 84 | " | " |
| " " " 1 | 62 | " | " |
| " " " ½ | 36 | " | " |
| Gunpowder Cannon ... lbs | 79.668 | " | " |
| " Fine ... lbs | 58.119 | " | " |
| Cartridges filled ... 24 Pdrs | 1.073 | " | " |
| " " 18 " | 1.782 | " | " |
| " " 12 " | 1.746 | " | " |
| " " 8 " | 190 | " | " |
| " " 6 " | 792 | " | " |
| " " 4 " | 1.317 | " | " |
| " " 3 " | 748 | " | " |
| " " 2 " | 1.726 | " | " |
| " " 1 " | 1.100 | " | " |
| Powder Sacks | 100 | " | " |
| Faggots | 100 | " | " |
| Hoops Rattan for Powder Vessels | 1.458 | " | " |
| " Copper | 509 | " | " |
| Worms Chests, large and small | 131 | " | " |
| Musquets | 4.200 | " | " |
| Fuzees | 30 | " | " |
| Blunderbusses | 12 | " | " |
| Wall Pieces | 13 | " | " |
| Pistols Pairs | 11 | " | " |
| Fuzee Barrels | 745 | " | " |
| Rifle do Musquets | 215 | " | " |
| Swords Basket Hilted | 1.495 | " | " |
| " " Hangers | 236 | " | " |
| " Straight | 61 | " | " |
| Pikes | 147 | " | " |
| Musquet Cartridges | 231.360 | " | " |
| Musquet Leaden balls lbs | 69.765 | " | " |
| Wall piece Balls lbs | 371 | " | " |
| Flints | 58.876 | " | " |
| Fine Powder loose | 1.970 | " | " |

Abstract

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## Abstract of the foregoing Ordnance

| Brass Guns, Howitzers, Mortars &c. | | |

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Major General Clarke
Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Sir,

From Colonel Stuart to General Clarke — sends a return of the force requisite for the defence of Columbo &c — remarks — report of the State &c of Galle.

Herewith I have the honor to transmit to you, a return of the Troops, who composed the Garrisons, and who were made Prisoners of War, together with a return of the killed and Wounded of the Army under my command on the 19th instant. a general return of the ordnance and Stores found in the places. I have by the present conveyance transmitted to Lord Hobart, and as it must come officially before you, I have not thought it necessary to send you a Copy.

I have now the honor to enclose a — Statement of the number and distribution of the Troops which I judge necessary for the security and defence of this Island; and which I am of opinion cannot be reduced without leaving it open to attack, and — endangering the collecting it's revenues — Indeed it would appear from Captain Ferguson's letters to me that the Force now at Jaffnapatam is not sufficient to keep the Inhabitants of that Province in awe. It may also be proper to call to your recollection, that none of the King's Regiments on the Island (the 72d excepted

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exceed 500 Men. The 52d Regiment has inlisted near 100 Germans from amongst the late Garrison of this place, The 73 about 60 — and the 77 " only —, 3 or 4 — This will add a little to the strength of the two former Corps, but they will still want — " nearly one half of their numbers to complete them to their establishments — Permit me further to observe, that until we are fully established on this — Island, and the convulsion, which at present subsists in many parts of it inconsequence of the recent change in it's Government, shall subside, it may be proper that more Troops than appear absolutely necessary for the defence of it's Garrisons against a Foreign Enemy should be allowed to remain upon it for some time, if they can be spared without danger or serious inconvenience, and I would therefore beg leave to recommend that all the Troops now upon this Island should continue on it for at least six — "

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Months.

I must request that you will send me without delay a Warrant for holding General Courts Martial, on as that which I have received from Colonel Brathwaite may not now be considered sufficiently valid — I am sorry to [illegible] that I fear I shall have too much occasion for it.

I have the honor to enclose for your information, a letter which I received this morning from Captain Macqueen His Majesty's 77th Regiment. The Office[illegible] I detached to take the command of Galle.

I have the Honor to be &c &c

(Signed) J Stuart

Head Quarters
Columbo
Thursday 25th
February 1796.

# Statement of the Number of Troops judged necessary to garrison the different Forts and Ports on the Island of Ceylon — with a proposed distribution of the same.

| Garrisons &c. | Description of Troops: European Artillery Companies | European Infantry Regts | European Infantry Companies | Native Infantry Battalions | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Columbo | 1/2 | 1 | 6 | 2 | Detaching 2 Companies of Native Infantry - one to Negombo & one to Chilaw |
| Point de Galle | 1/2 | " | 4 | 1 | Detaching 2 Companies of Native Infantry - one to Matura - the other to Calutura |
| Trincomale & Ostenburgh | 1/2 | 1 | " | 2 | Detaching 3 Companies of Native Infantry — Two to Batticaloe and one to Mallativoe. It will also generally be necessary to divide another Company in other small Ports depending upon Trincomale. |
| Jaffnapatam | 1/2 | " | " | 1 | Detaching 2 Companies of Native Infantry to Manaar — from which a Jemidar and 20 Privates might be posted on the Island of Calpantine — The Island of Delft should also depend on Jaffnapatam for a small Party unless it is found more advisable that a detail of Invalid Native Troopers should be kept on that Station. |
| Total | 4 | 3 | 6 | | |

N.B. These Detached Companies will, in many cases, have to send many small Parties to Posts depending on their Stations. I would recommend that the Detachment of Invalid Artillery now at Jaffnapatam should be completed to 1 Serjeant 1 Corporal and 12 Privates from the Coast and sent to Manaar. A proper Detail of Gun and Garrison Lascars, with the necessary Artificers must of course be attached to the several Garrisons.

(Signed) J Stuart

Colonel

Fort St George Madras 1st

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Colonel James Stuart
Commanding the British forces on the Island of Ceylon
&c &c &c

Columbo

Sir,

Conformably to my Instruc
tions, I have
now the honor of transmitting to you, t
the two enclos
Returns, Viz.t one containing the Names, Rank, &c. &c
&c. of the Prisoners of War taken at Gall
noting those
who from Age, infirmity or Family co
nection, are
deserving to remain in it; — the other co
taining the list
of public Buildings in the Fort belong
ing to the
Dutch Company, all of which I have
visited, and
Examined, and send to Correspond wi
th the Return
now transmitted herewith.

43 in Number and in
Good Repair
With regard to the Stat
extent and
Strength of the Fort, the following is an
at Ihave —
drawn out, from the assistance of Lieu
nant Quayle,
a Dutch Plan of the Fort, and my
own observations
in frequently walking round the Wo
rks.

Point de Galle is a
large extensive
irregular fortification with Ten Bast
ns of different
figures. — The distance from the Sal
ient Angle of
the Moon Bastion, on the North to the
Flag Staff.
on the South face, which appears the
longest part,

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is 816 Yards.— The breadth from Neptune's Bastion, on the West, to Akkersloot's Bastion, on the East face is 600 Yards— and the Circumference within the works of the Fort is 2,688 Yards.. there are 161 Guns from 24 to 1 Pounders, 6 Mortars, and 2 Howitzers, mounted on the Works— The best were sent to Columbo, and many of those on the Works, are so old, that they would — require being proved. The principal Magazine on the Sea Face is only filled;— and contains 250 Barrels of Powder— 300 Barrels more are made up in Cartridges, in the Expense Magazine— Loaded Shells, Fireballs, Rockets &c. are in so many Store houses, that it will take some time to collect and arrange the different — articles. There are several spare Gun Carriages, and a good supply of Ordnance Stores.— All the Works are in a very good State and Condition;— there is a wet — ditch and Palisadoes, on the Land, or North face of the Fort; the Sea Washes and Surrounds the other Sides..

In respect to the Number of Troops necessary to Garrison this Fortress; I cannot say that I am competent to judge; but as I am directed to give an opinion, I think it would require one Company of Artillery, with a sufficient proportion of Lascars 500

Europeans

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Europeans, and 1500 Sepoys, to defend it against a determined Enemy — In times of Peace few Troops will be necessary, as the Inhabitants appear to be a quiet, peaceable set of people, and agree remarkably well with the Soldiery.

Mr Fretz the Dutch Commandeur, has with other public papers, several plans and Surveys of the Town and Fortress of Galle, which I shall have the honor of transmitting to you if you require it.

Lieutenant Quiagley with two other Officers, as a Committee are busily at Work, examining and taking an Inventory of all the Guns, Arms, Ordnance and Military Stores; and it will take them some few days more to execute and get through that duty, before I can get the papers to be transmitted to Head Quarters.

I have the honor of enclosing to you herewith for your information, a letter I received last night from Lieutenant O: Reilly — Commanding at Matura.

I have the satisfaction to inform

You

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that the Officers and Men of my Detachment, are all in good health, and conduct themselves with Strict order and propriety. —

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Point de Galle Fort
26th February 1796

(Signed) L Macquarrie
Capt H.M. 77th Regt.
Commanding at Galle

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Stuart

Return of the Prisoners of War including European Artillery, Infantry and Seamen, and also Malay Troops taken at Point de Galle the 23 of February 1796.

| | Captains | Capts Lieuts Lieutenants | Ensigns | Masters | Mates | Surgeons Assistants | Serjeants | Corporals | Drummers | Gunners Cadets | Privates | Boatswain | Mates do | Sail Makers | Quarter Masters | Mates do | Sailors | Surgeon | Grand Total | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| European Infantry | 1 | 1 | 4 | " | " | " | 1 | 2 | " | 2 | 13 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 24 | European & Malays |
| Ditto Invalids | " | " | 1 | 3 | " | " | 7 | 3 | " | " | 9 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 23 | |
| European Artillery | " | " | 2 | " | " | 2 | " | " | 2 | " | 1 | 11 | " | " | " | " | " | " | 18 | |
| Ditto Invalids | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1 | " | " | 4 | " | " | " | " | " | " | 5 | |
| Seamen | | | 1 | " | 1 | " | 2 | " | " | " | " | " | " | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 30 | |
| Malays | | | | | | | | | | | 6 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 6 | |
| Malay Invalids | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | " | " | 1 | " | " | " | 10 | " | " | " | " | " | " | 14 |
| European Surgeon | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Total | | 2 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 53 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 1 | 123 |

N.B. Besides the above number of Europeans and Malays, there were 382 Native Officers and Soldiers, in the Garrison of Point de Galle, when it surrendered on the 23 of February: but as they were immediately discharged, are not included in the foregoing Return.

Point de Galle
26th February 1796

(Signed) L. Macquarrie
Capt H.M. 77th Regt
Commanding at Galle.

Captain

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Fort St George 11th March 1796

Captain L. Macquarrie
Commanding
Point de Galle

Sir,

I have the pleasure of informing you that I arrived at this place yesterday forenoon at about 11 o'Clock. I am this moment returned from examining the whole of the Company's Storehouses &c and instead of finding ordinary and Military Stores, there does not appear to be a single fanams worth of public property of any kind to be found. The Dutch Company has no person here, but I have been informed by the Chingalese that since the reduction of Trincomalee, the Dutch have been removing both public and private property by degrees, until their final evacuation, which took place about the first of this month.

I have done every thing in my power to ingratiate myself with the Inhabitants since my arrival, and the orders to the Detachment under my Command to the same effect, have been so explicit, that there is not the smallest danger of their being disobeyed. The Inhabitants appear to be very numerous, and I understand a considerable number of Moors of the Lubby Cast, have come in since the arrival of the Troops.

At the desire of Bundar (the Head Man here) I have signed a Circular Olia to the Inhabitants

105 Rubicall Fort St Georges 1st March 1796.

Inhabitants who left this place in consequence of the late disturbances, to return to their respective habitations and employments under protection of the English — & Government.

There being no rice in the public Store, I get my detachment served with this article by Bundar* and grant him a receipt for the quantity; in order to have the price settled hereafter, when I am able to ascertain the real value of that Commodity in this part of the World. —

* The Head Chingalese Stationed there formerly the Dutch Renter.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) C. O Reilly
D Com.g a detachment
of the 78th Batt.n

Malura
25th February 1796

A true Copy
J. Stuart

P.S.

When I say a fanam's worth of public property, perhaps I may not be altogether correct, as there are some large pieces of Country timber on the banks of a River, intended for building either Doneys or Houses, and some empty Casks in a Coopers Go-down. —

To

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Fort St George 11th March 1796

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To

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To Major General Clarke

Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

From Colonel Stuart to General Clarke — reporting several Appointments made by him — Letters from Captains Mackenzie, and Lieutenant G. Turnour.

At the commencement of the present service, I deemed it necessary to make several appointments, which are hereafter detailed, agreeably to their dates; and I have to request you will report them to the Honorable the President in Council for his approval.

Captain D. Robertson of His Majesty's 77th Regiment appointed to act as Major of Brigade to His Majesty's Troops on the Island of Ceylon from the 1st of February 1796.

Captain Barbut of His Majesty's 73d. The Honorable Captain Monson of the 52d. Captain French of the 73d. Captain Whitelocke of the 77th. and the Honorable Captain St. John of the 73d Regiment to act as Field Officers from the 5th of February 1796.

Ensign de Havelland to act as — 11th Adjutant of the Engineer Corps from the 5th of February 1796.

Lieutenant Vernon of the 35th Battalion to act with the Engineer Corps from 6th February 1796

Serjeant Hooper of His Majesty's 77th Regiment

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Regiment appointed Provost Martial to the Army with an allowance of Lieutenants Pay and Batta from the 6th February 1796

Lieutenant Friend adjutant of the Coast Artillery to act as Major of Brigade to the Artillery — Corps, and Lieutenant Prescott as Adjutant to the Coast Artillery from the 7th February 1796.

From the circumstance of this Corps being composed of Detachments from the Royal, Bengal Coast and Bombay Artillery. I judged the appointment of Brigade Major indispensibly necessary to insure regularity in proportioning the proper details for duty.

Serjeant Peerpoint and Gunner Byrn of the Bengal, Serjeant Barret and Gunner Spencer of the Coast and Serjeant Baillie of the Bombay Artillery to act as Sub Conductors of Stores from the 15th February 179

Serjeant Major H. Reins and J. Gon of the Meuron Regiment to act as Store Serjeants in the Engineers Department, from the 10th of January, and Philippe Taberry of the same Regiment to do duty with the Engineers, as Camp Colourman from the same date.

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Wanslaw of His Majesty's 73d Regiment to do the duty of Major of Brigade to the Kings Troops, on the Islands of Ceylon, during the absence of Captain Robertson, and also for the present to act as Town Major of Columbo from the 17th February 1796.

Major of Brigade Turing to act as Aid de Camp to Colonel Stuart, and to continue to discharge the Duties of the situations to which he already stands appointed from the 25th February 1796.

An order of the 14th February had directed Captain Turing as Senior Brigade Major to assist in the duties of the Adjutant Generals Office, and all orders officially signed by him to be obeyed; for which additional duty however no extra allowance was asked by that Officer

As Circumstances rendered no longer necessary the Services of those Officers, I had appointed to act as Field officers, and of Lieutenant Vernon, who did duty with the Engineers, and of Lieutenant Campbell of the 23d Battalion, who had served with the Native Pioneer Corps at Trincomalé, and whom I had ordered to remain with it during this Expedition, I have directed that the extra allowances, to which they are entitled,

entitled, from such appointments, do cease from the last day of February. But as I conceive the other appointments will be useful, while the Troops remain assembled at this place. I should hope no objections will be made to a continuance of the usual allowances to those who discharge the duties of them, till I am honored with further orders from Government on the Subject.

I have the honor to enclose a Letter from Captain Mackenzie the Principal Engineer, and one from Lieutenant Turnour. Fort adjutant of Jaffnapatam, but who had obtained leave to come on this service, and beg leave to submit the requests made in these Letters to the determination of Government.

Lieutenant Turnour is an officer of merit and very deserving - and the abilities of Captain Mackenzie, as an Engineer are already so well known to Government, that it is scarcely necessary for me to recommend that he should be indulged with every allowance, which can be granted to him with propriety.

I shall direct the 52d Regiment to — embark tomorrow afternoon, and hope the Ships which transport that Corps to Trincomale will be able to sail in the course of the night. I have ordered their Camp Equipage and Public followers to be sent with the

Regiment

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Head Quarters
in Columbo
2 March 1796.

Regiment, although the Letter of Mr. Secretary Jackson
gave me no Instructions on this head.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) J. Stuart

Colonel Stuart
Commanding the Army in Ceylon

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Copy of the Establishment of Servants for the Engineers Department to Columbo sent me by the Chief Engineer from Madras, and as the sums there set down are so very far below what is paid to induce people of this description to come on the service to Ceylon, I hope you will be pleased to represent to Government the necessity of allowing the sums annexed below the List enclosed, or such others, as may be deemed adequate, as something more than what is usually granted in the garrisons within the Carnatic is requisite to encourage the people to cross to sea

I have also to submit to you my hopes of being permitted to draw the same additional allowance as Principal Engineer to the Expedition which were given to the Senior Engineers in the Field in Mysore and recently before Pondicherry being not in these cases confined to any particular rank, but as I apprehend annexed

to

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to the duty of the Station, which being here attended with equal responsibility and a very considerable expence, will I am persuaded give me some claim to your approbation of the justice of my request and to the indulgence of the Honorable Board especially, when the distance I have come by land to the service and the importance of the object of it is considered, the reduction of the Capital of Ceylon.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Columbo
27 February 1796.

(Signed) C. Mackenzie

Establishment of Servants required on the Expedition to Columbo in the Engineers Department.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| One Draftsman | | 15 Pags pr mo |
| One Writer | | 8 Pags pr mo |
| Two Conicoplies ea | 4 | 8 Pags pr mo |
| Two Peons | ea 1 1/2 | 3 Pags pr mo |
| One Serjeant | | 5 Pags pr mo |
| One Interpreter | | 8 Pags pr mo |

Fort St George
11th January 1796

(Signed) W. Gent Chief Engineer.

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Establishment of Servants proposed for the Engineers Department on the Expedetion to Columbo

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| one Draughtsman | | 20 Pags pr mo and batta, when on field duty |
| one Writer | | 20 Pagodas pr mo and batta |
| Two Conicopolies ea | | 15 Pagodas pr mo. or 8 Pagodas and batta |
| Two Peons | ea | 4 Pagodas pr mo or 3 Fs and batta |
| one Serjeant | | 5 Pagodas pr mo |
| one Interpreter | | 15 Pagodas and batta on the field. |

Columbo
February 27th 1796.

(Signed) C Mackenzie
Capt & Engr to the Expn

To

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Fort St. George 11th March 1796

To Colonel James Stuart

Commanding on Ceylon

Sir,

I hope that whatever may be the success of this address, it's reception will not be attended with marks of your disapprobation.

Were I to presume to ask you for an — appointment, I should not fail strengthening any application, by the influence of those, who wish me well, and to whom you are well inclined.

My present object is something short of this; but still sufficient to induce me to entreat an indulgent hearing, before I explain my wishes.

The favor I am about to ask, is to have my Post of Fort adjutant of Jaffnapatam, converted into that of Town Major — and I hold myself sure of your ready belief of my assurances, that it is at least as much for the respectability of the situation, as for the — allowances, that I desire it. You can have no doubt of it, when you recollect the flattering and handsome — manner in which Government conferred my present appointment upon me, giving me the same Staff — & allowances I drew as adjutant of the Flank Corps, — which are within ten or fifteen Pagodas as much

as

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as those of Town Major.

I have no doubts upon the claim,
that the importance of Jaffnapatnam gives it to a
Town Major. How far I am entitled to ask for the
Office remains with you to determine.

Permit me to avail myself
of this opportunity of assuring you, of the profound
respect and esteem, with which

I have the honor to be,

Columbo
February 27th 1796

Sir,

Your most faithful
and obedient Servant.

(Signed) George Turnour
Lt. 73d Regt

The Commander in Chief lays before
the Board the following Returns.

Return

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the Board the following Returns.

Return

# Return of Troops of the Coast Establishment serving on the Island of Ceylon, under the Command of Colonel James Stuart. Fort St George 15th March 96.

## European Troops

### Staff

| Corps | Commissioned officers: Colonel | Major | Captains | Captain Lieutenants | Lieutenants | Lieut. Fire Workers | Cornets | Asst Generals | Deputy Asst Generals | Aide de Camps | Secretary | Dutch Interpreter | General: Comy of Ordnance | Dy Comy of Provisions | Judge Advocate | Paymaster | Dy Asst & Paymr Supts | Asst Surgeon | Hospl Surgeon | Sub Asst Surgeon | Adjutant | Quarter Master | Regimental: Sergeant Majors | Asst Surgeons | Sergeants | Corporals | Gunners | Drums and Fifes | Privates | Non Commissioned, Drums Artificers and Fifes | Total Including Officers | Gun Lascars: Syrangs | 1st Tindals | 2d Tindals | Buckallies | Gun Lascars | Total Gun Lascars |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General Staff | 1 | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 14 | | | | | | |
| Engineers | " | " | 2 | " | 1 | " | 4 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 7 | | | | | | |
| Royal Artillery | " | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 24 | 35 | 37 | | | | | | | | | |
| Coast Artillery | " | " | 2 | " | 6 | 3 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1 | 1 | 1 | " | 11 | 10 | 12 | 4 | 126 | 169 | 179 | 7 | 14 | 14 | 5 | 385 | 385 |
| His Majesty's 52d Regiment | " | " | 6 | 1 | 12 | " | 5 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 40 | 50 | " | 22 | 483 | 606 | 635 | " | " | " | " | " | |
| ditto — ditto — 72d — ditto | " | 1 | 3 | " | 20 | " | 7 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 40 | 50 | " | 22 | 650 | 762 | 802 | " | " | " | " | " | |
| ditto — ditto 73 — ditto | " | " | 6 | 1 | 15 | " | 3 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 38 | 50 | " | 21 | 424 | 533 | 562 | " | " | " | " | " | |
| Artificers and Pioneers | " | " | " | " | 2 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 4 | 4 | " | " | 32 | 60 | 62 | " | " | " | " | " | |
| Total | 1 | 1 | 25 | 2 | 63 | 3 | 19 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 134 | 167 | 247 | 0 | 1,764 | 2,159 | 2,298 | 7 | 14 | 14 | 5 | 385 | 385 |

## Native Troops

| | Lt Colonel | Major | Captains | Lieutenants | Ensigns | Quarter Masters | Brigade Majors | Adjutants | Asst Surgeons | Subjects | Total Europeans | Subidars | Jemidars | Havildars | Naigues | Drummers & Fifers | Buckallies | Non Commissioned Drummers & Artificers | Sepoys or Gunners | Non Commissioned Drummers & Fifers | Total Natives |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brigade Staff | 1 | " | " | " | " | 2 | " | " | " | 3 | 15 | " | " | " | " | " | " | 7 | 623 | 709 | 726 |
| 1st Battalion of Native Infantry | " | 1 | 9 | " | " | " | 1 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 9 | 8 | 32 | 34 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 693 | 781 | 797 | |
| 7th — ditto — ditto — ditto | " | 1 | 9 | " | " | " | 1 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 8 | 8 | 32 | 32 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 667 | 730 | 746 | |
| 9th — ditto — ditto — ditto | " | 1 | 9 | " | " | " | 1 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 8 | 8 | 32 | 32 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 586 | 643 | 664 | |
| 23d — ditto — ditto — ditto | " | 1 | 6 | " | " | " | 1 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 32 | 32 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 594 | 677 | 693 | |
| 35th — ditto — ditto — ditto | " | " | 2 | " | " | " | " | " | 2 | 4 | " | 5 | 11 | 12 | " | 5 | " | 433 | 516 | 521 | |
| Coast Native Pioneers | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " |
| Total | 1 | " | 5 | 41 | " | 2 | " | 5 | 5 | 17 | 76 | 41 | 45 | 171 | 174 | 50 | 45 | 5 | 3,666 | 4111 | 4197 |

N.B. The above is taken from the Returns for December 1795. the Whole of these for January 1796 not being all come in. —

(Signed) By. Close
adjt Genl of the army

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# Return of Troops left by Colonel Stuart to Garrison the two Ports Trincomallee and Ostenburgh — Fort St George 9th March 1796

| | Europeans | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Natives | | | | | | | | | | Gun Lascars | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Major | Captains | Lieutenants | Ensigns | Surgeons | Sergeants | Corporals | Gunners | Drums & Fifes | Privates | Non Commissioned Staff & Field | Total Europeans | Subadars | Jemadars | Havildars | Naigues | Drums & Fifes | Peckallies | Privates | Non Commissd Staff & Field | Total Natives | Serangs | 1st Tindals | 2d Tindals | Peckallies | Gun Lascars | Total Gun Lascars | Pioneers | Total Pioneers |
| Staff | 1 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " |
| Engineers | " | 1 | " | " | 1 | " | " | " | " | " | " | 2 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " |
| Coast Artillery | " | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 51 | 53 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1 | 1 | 1 | 52 |
| His Majesty's 73d Regiment | " | 8 | 18 | " | 1 | 7 | 39 | 50 | 20 | 644 | 753 | 786 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " |
| 23 Battalion Native Infantry | 1 | 6 | " | " | 1 | 8 | " | " | " | " | " | 16 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 32 | 22 | 9 | 8 | 558 | 659 | 655 | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 1 | 10 | 25 | " | 1 | 8 | 44 | 90 | 22 | 686 | 804 | 852 | 8 | 8 | 32 | 22 | 9 | 8 | 558 | 659 | 655 | " | 1 | 1 | 1 | 52 | " | " | 1 | 1 |

N. B. The following Staff at the two Stations not included —

1 Town Major
1 Fort Adjutant
1 Conductor of Stores
1 Sergeant Major
1 Signal Man

Signed / BJ Close

Adjt Genl of the Army

Fort St George 9th March 1796

# Fort St George 11th March 1796

## Staff on the Island of Ceylon.

List of Officers holding Staff appointments on Ceylon.

| | |
|---|---|
| Adjutant General | Major P. A. Agnew |
| Quarter Master General | Major Alexander Allan |
| Secretary to Colonel Stuart | Captain Richard Borough |
| Aid du Camp to Colonel Stuart | Captain James Alexan Stuart |
| Brigade Major | Captain Robert Turing |
| A Brigade Major | Captain James Graham |
| Principal Engineer at Trincomalie | Captain John Norris |
| Principal Engineer at Columbo | Captain Colin McKenzie |
| Acting Engineer | Lieutenant Hayter of the Royal Artly |
| Commissary of Ordnance & Military Stores | Lieutenant James Scott |
| Deputy Judge Advocate | Lieutenant W. S. Limrick |
| Paymaster to the Company's Troops | Mr John Mac Dowall |
| Deputy Paymaster to his Majesty's Troops | Captain Richard Borough |
| Head Surgeon | Mr John Brigg |
| Bay master and Commissary of Provisions at Trincomale Jaffnapatam &c &c | Lieutenant Strickland Kington |

Adjutant General's Office
Fort St George 11th March 1796.

(Signed) BJ Close
adjt Genl of the army

Resolutions passed respecting the Forces to be left on Ceylon and the appointments made by Colonel Stuart.

The Board now proceed to pass the following resolutions with respect to the Force to be left on the Island of Ceylon, and the appointments made by Colonel Stuart.

That

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That the whole of the Coast artillery be withdrawn from Columbo and Point de Galle and posted at Fort Osnaburgh and Fuincomalé, with the Exception of One Serjeant and twelve Matrosses, (and if necessary a Commissioned Officer) to be Stationed at Jaffnapatam.

That the Royal artillery do return immediately to their Station at Trichinopoly, by the way of the Gulf of Manar.

That the Companies of Bengal and Bombay artillery, with their proportion of Lascars be Stationed at Columbo and Point de Galle. as Brigade Major to these Companies unnecessary, and to be struck off, as well as the adjutant to the two Companies of Coast artillery — Quarter Master Beauman to do the duty of adjutant, without any allowances.

That his Majesty's 77th Regiment and one Battalion of Bombay Sepoys do return forthwith to the Malabar Coast — The other Bombay Battalion to remain on the Island of Ceylon.

That — Captain Bannerman's native Battalion do return immediately to the Coast by the way of the Gulf of Manar.

That six Companies of the 1st Battalion of European Infantry do embark from the Presidency for

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for Point de Galle, to form part of the Garrison at that place, or removed to Columbo as may be most proper.

That – as it is deemed inexpedient to send another Native Battalion from the Coast to Trincomalle' Colonel Stuart be directed to provide a Garrison for Battacoloe from the three Native Battalions at Columbo, and Point de Galle.

That – Captain Fergusson's Battalion do furnish the detail for the Garrison of Mollative.

That – if a Garrison be absolutely necessary for Chilaw, it be furnished from Columbo.

That – Manar be garrisoned from Jaffnapatam –, and, if requisite a party of Invalid artillery will be sent from the Coast.

The allotment of the Forces as above stated is considered by the Board as providing – most amply for the safety of Ceylon, there being nothing to apprehend on the Island, except from an European Enemy, and after April, the Port of Columbo will be unavailable, for many months.

a Major of Brigade for the King's Troops on the Island is sanctioned at Colonel Stuart's recommendation a Provost Martial is also allowed.

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an adjutant to the Engineer Corps is not any longer necessary the appointment is therefore annulled.

Lieutenant Winslow may continue to act in the appointment conferred upon him by Colonel Stuart until further orders.

The Board have no objection to the appointment of a Fort Adjutant at Point de Galle — a Town Major at this place and at Jaffnapatam, unnecessary — of course, Lieutenant Turnour's application is inadmissible.

In consideration of the services — rendered by Captain Mackenzie of the Engineers, and of Colonel Stuarts pointed recommendation in his Favor, it is resolved, that he shall receive a Gratuity of five — hundred (500) Pagodas, in Lieu of all allowances on account of the expedition against Columbo — His — allowances as Field Engineer with the Dwjanwree of course continued to him, and Colonel Stuart will direct him to join Major Roberts's detachment with as little delay as possible.

Captain Barbett reappointed to the Command of Jaffnapatam.

The Board approve the appointment of Captain Turing to be aid de Camp to Colonel Stuart.

The various appointments made by Colonel

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Colonel Stuart for the particular service of the expedition against Columbo are approved, but none of them are to be continued, excepting those specially mentioned as above.

Resolved that Colonel Stuart be informed of the appointment of Mr Joseph Greenhill to be Commercial Resident on the Island of Ceylon.

Resolved that Colonel Stuart be desired to state his opinion how far it may be practicable to raise Revenue Corps on the Island of Ceylon, with a view to the withdrawing from thence a portion of our native Troops.

Read the following letters from Poona and Hydrabad.

From Resident at Poona on the State of affairs there.

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

My Lord,

I have the Honor to enclose Extract of my address of this Date to the Governor General.

and to be very respectfully
Yr. &c.
(Signed) C. W. Malet

Poona
19th February 1796.

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Poona to the Governor General — dated 19th February 1796.

My last address was dated the 15th Instant.

By subsequent advices from Dowlut Row Sindea's Camp, it appears He had not moved from the Gunga to the 16th Instant; and that there was no Prospect of any Movement being made till after the Celebration of the annual Ceremonies on the Death of the late Patell on the 25th Instant; that the Ministers of that Durbar were busied in receiving the present actual State of their Force; in dispatching the Women of their Master's Family to Burhanpore; settling the Route of the army to that Place; and Raising Pecuniary Supplies for their present Emergencies; while the Clamours of the Troops for Pay were somewhat abated by Connivance at their License in a plentiful Country.

From the now Return of my own — Hirkarras, I am unable to decide on the Reports, that reach me of the Bhonis Movements, some of which assert, that He reached Juneer the Day after He left this, and, with his Colleagues, has since had an audience of the young Princes. others deny his having been yet admitted to that Honor; for, it seems, that though the Chokies to a considerable Distance round their Residence effectually secure their Confinement, yet there is no Ostensible Appearance

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appearance of Restriction or Countroul near their Persons, nor any omission of the Respect and observances with which they would be treated were They at large.

Some say that they object to accompanying Bhow to Poona unless their future Security and Liberty are provided for by the interposition and Guarantee of the Company. Scindea, Bhoonsla, and Holcar; but you will easily conceive that little Credit is due to Reports Circulated during a Season of so great Doubt and Uncertainty.

Abba Selokur arrived here yesterday — Morning. His Force is expected in a day or two. Troops — continue to assemble in this Neighbourhood, several — Paughas having lately arrived from their Foraging Quarters and as large Parties have been continually following Bhow to Juneer, I apprehend the Force assembled at that Place cannot be less than 10,000 Horse and Foot.

True Extract.

I Whthoff
Assistant

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor &c &c &c
Fort St George

From Sir Charles Malet on the same subject.

My Lord,

I have the Honor to enclose Extract of my Address of this Date to the Governor General and to be very respectfully

&c &c &c

(Signed) C. W. Malet

Poona
26th February 1796

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Poona to the Governor General dated 26th February 1796.—

One of my Hirkarras is just come in from Juneer, who reports, that Badjeroa and his Brother Chinna Appa entered the Tents sent hence, for their accommodation Yesterday Evening, and that they were to march four Coss, in the Direction of Poona, this Day. Reports are various as to the Time and Place of Nanna Furnavees's waiting on them; but from the Number of Camels and Bullocks lately arrived from their grazing Stations. He seems fully prepared to move.

My latest Advices from Doulut Row Sindea's Camp are to the 22d Instant containing nothing material, but the Junction of a Battalion from Perron's Brigade on the 19th.

True Extract
(Signed) J. Uhthoff
Assistant

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

My Lord,

From Resident at Hydrabad advising of the Nizam being deiryn with a Stroke of the Palsey.

Inclosed, I have the honor to transmit, for your Lordship's information, Copy of my Letter of this date to the Honorable the Governor General, and to be

&c. &c.

Hydrabad
26th February 1796.

(Signed) W. Kirkpatrick

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(Copy)

No 114

The Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.
Governor General

Honorable Sir,

Fort William

1. My last address was dated the 23. Instant, and I am now concerned to inform you that the Nizam was early yesterday morning, or during the preceding night seized with a stroke of the Palsey, which would not appear, however, to have been followed immediately by any alarming, or very urgent Symptoms, — at least it was not till to day, at noon, that the accident reached me, and this was soon succeeded by a request to me from the Durbar to permit the surgeon of this Residency to visit his Highness; in which I thought it proper — instantly to acquiesce, although the application was made to me through a very extraordinary and irregular channel.

2 I have the honor to enclose a hasty report of his Highness's case, drawn up, at my desire, by Mr Ure, who is but this moment returned from the palace, whether he was accompanied by my Assistant and Moonshi.

3. However anxious people in general may be for the event of his Highness's illness, it would not

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appear according to Lieutenant Kirkpatrick's account, that the fears of the Durbar on this score were of a very serious nature. — He is not thought indeed by those about him, to be in such eminent danger as Mr Ure apprehends him to be —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Hydrabad
26th February 1796

(Signed) Wm Kirkpatrick

Mr Ure's report of his Highness's Case — dated Hydrabad 26th February 1796.

The state I found his Highness the Nizam in, to day, upon my being admitted was as follows. — He was surrounded by a number of women and attendants — the — apartment was very close and warm. — He was lying in the middle of it, upon a Couch, and had totally lost the use and feeling of his right side, and upon attempting to speak he could scarcely articulate his words, so as to be understood, and the Muscles of his face, upon attempting to speak, were convulsed. — his pulse was fuller than usual, but not — frequent, and his skin hot but moist — there was very — little difference in the pulse of either arm; but he had no sense of feeling in his right side — The account they gave to me of his complaint was, that he was suddenly seized with a violent sense of heat all over his body, upon he threw off his Cloths and laid himself down upon the terrace near to a pound of water where he soon fell as asleep, and upon awaking, he found a stammering and difficulty in speaking with a total inability to move his right arm and want of feeling in it; and, soon after, a loss of feeling of the

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whole side. –

(Signed) George Ure
Surgeon to the Residency
at Hyderabad

a true Copy
(Signed) Jas. Achl. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President in Council
Fort St George

From Resident at Hyderabad with Extract of his letter to the Governor General.

My Lord,

Inclosed, I have the honor to transmit for your Lordship's information, Copy of my address of this date to the Governor General.

Hydrabad
2d March 1796

and to the
Hon'ble
(Signed) William Kirkpatrick

Copy
No 116

The Honorable Sir John Shore Bart
Governor General
Fort William.

Honorable Sir,

1 My last address was dated the 28th ultimo since which there would not appear to be any material alteration in the State of his Highness's health.

2 The day before yesterday a Guard was placed over the house of Secunder Jah – a measure that is differently accounted for; some attributing it to his Mother's anxiety to provide for his personal safety against the machinations of the Partizans of Feridoon Jah; while the more general and probable opinion seems to be, that it was occasioned by the discovery of some intrigues which he had set on foot with Mons. Raymond and others, and which are pretended to have indicated too great an impatience to profit by the death of his father – The heads of the Party supposed to be favourable to the pretensions of Feridoon Jah are, Mahomed Azem Khan; Ghose Meea,

Zeffer

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Zuffer ud Dowlah, Salabut Khan, Hissain ud Dowlah (Aruzbeggy) Siuzzaour ul Moolk, and Rajah Jodee Singh; all of them among the principal omrahs of this State.— It is even imagined by some, that the Roy Royan is half inclined to connect himself to this faction.—

3. Intiauz ud Dowlah on the other hand is said to be disposed in favour of Akber Jah the younger — a maternal brother of Secunder Jah, and betrothed to the daughter of Intiauz ud Dowlah, whose views, however, would not seem at present likely to be seconded by any great weight of interest at this Court..

4 Afzul alia Khan, who proceeded — a sometime since for his Talook, has, in consequence of his Highness illness, expressed a desire to be allowed to repair to Court; to which his Highness is said to have signified his dissent..

5 Mons.r Raymond arrived here this — a morning from Maiduck with one of the Regiments that accompanied him thither, and was received in his own — Cantonment under a Rogal Salute!—

6 It cannot be doubted that this Frenchman stands in a situation, which enables him in the event of the Nizam's death to raise whom he pleases to the vacant Musnud,— It is not so certain, however, that he is of a character to act with the promptitude and decision, which would be necessary to the success of such an undertaking.

7 The heads of some of the inferior Departments of Government having represented that owing to his Highness's sickness the business of their offices was at a stand, and having suggested the necessity of the nomination of a deligate — ad interim to give the usual stamp of authority to their proceedings it was expected that his Highness will name the Roy Royan for this purpose. I am told however, that he has hitherto declined making any answer to the application.

8. I am just informed that a Guard has been

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been placed by the advice of the Roy Royan over the house of Sumbhâ: Chund, the Paishkar or Dewan of Secunder Jah — Strict orders are likewise said to have been given to the usual guards of all the Princes, including Nasir ul Moolk, to prevent the access of improper persons to them.

9 I had yesterday the pleasure of announcing to this Durbar the surrender of Columbo to the British arms, of which I was officially apprized by the Secretary to the Madras Government.

Hydrabad
2 March 1796

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

a true Copy
(Signed) Sa. Ach. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Read the following letter from the Sub — Secretary at Bengal.

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

From Sub Secretary at Bengal with a descriptive Roll of Twelve Colts sent by land to Madras

Sir,

The Board of superintendence having represented to Government the difficulty they have experienced in procuring freight for the transportation of twelve Colts purchased by their agent for the Madras Cavalry it has been thought adviseable to send them by land and I have therefore the orders of the Governor General in Council to request his Lordship will direct that proper persons may be provided to receive charge of these Colts at Ganjam whether they will proceed under an Escort from hence.

The enclosed is a descriptive Roll of the Colts in question.

Fort William
the 26th February 1796.

I am &c &c
(Signed) J. Thornhill Subsecy

Description

# Descriptive Roll of Colts purchased at the Duddry Fair for the Madras Cavalry.

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| Colour | Age Years | Age Months | Stature Hands | Stature Inches | District | Price | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dark Bay | 2 | " | 14 | 1/2 | Benares | 145 " " " | |
| Dun Dappled | 2 | " | 14 | 1/2 | Ditto | 100 " " " | |
| Iron Grey | 2 | " | 15 | 1/2 | Mawabad | 265 " " " | Got by the Government's Stallion at Chuprah |
| Nutmeg Grey | 2 | " | 14 | 1 | Ditto | 265 " " " | |
| Silver Grey | 2 | " | 14 | 1/2 | Hudjpore | 140 " " " | |
| Iron Grey | 2 | " | 14 | 2 | Ditto | 120 " " " | |
| Blood Bay | 2 | " | 14 | 3 | Ditto | 145 " " " | |
| Ditto Ditto | 2 | " | 14 | 2 | Ditto | 140 " " " | |
| Ditto Ditto | 2 | " | 14 | 1.1/2 | Ditto | 140 " " " | |
| Iron Grey | 3 | " | 14 | 3 | Ditto | 120 " " " | |
| Sorrel | 3 | " | 14 | 2.1/4 | Ditto | 90 " " " | |
| Chesnut | 3 | " | 14 | 2 | Benares | 130 " " " | |

(Signed) Wm Frazer Lieut
Superintendant of the Stud.

Chuprah
29th November 1795.

A true Copy
(Signed) A. Greene Secy

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Minute thereon.

As all the Regiments of Coast Cavalry are now Completed with Horses - it is resolved to suggest to the Supreme Government the expediency of disposing of the Colts in Bengal as they will not be wanted on this Establishment.

Read the following letter from Captain Kirkpatrick

William Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary to Government - Fort St George

From Resident at Hydrabad - stating the Account Balances of Beishcush furnished by the Nizam's Ministers.

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council that the account balance of Peishcush lately furnished by the Ministers of this Durbar, and alluded to in my Address of the 19th Instant to the Board, preposterously included the whole of the current year, although the first Kist thereof will not be due till the 31st of march next, when the amount payable by the Company will be either 11,22273 or 11,34273 A. Rupees according as a doubt which has occurred to me, relative to a sum of twelve thousand Rupees, may be ultimately solved.

I have the honor to be
S.r S.r
(Signed) Majr Kirkpatrick

Hydrabad
23d February 1796

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Accountant General be directed to lay before the Board a Statement shewing the exact amount of Peishcush that will be due to his Highness the Nizam on the 31st of this month.

Lieutenant Whittie appointed adjutant to the 1st Battalion.

The Commander in Chief recommends that Lieutenant Whittie be appointed adjutant to the 1st Battalion of native Infantry vice Godfrey, who has requested permission to resign.

Approved and Ordered accordingly.

" Hobart
" Alured Clarke
" Wm Saunders
" Ed Hay Mostyn

W Farewell Esq

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# Diary

Received the following letters.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c. in Council

Fort St. George.

My Lord,

From Agent for Malacca Captors - sends corrected Duplicates of a former Despatch. →

From the variety which claimed attention, the little aid I received from the Dutch, and the short period from the Commodore's departure to the sailing of the Phenix. →

Some errors in detail were included in the numbers which composed my packet p.p. Phenix and which was sent as it then stood, in consonance with His Excellency's wish, and from a conviction that no immediate decision would render inaccuracys detrimental these errors are now rectified in the duplicates sent the Right Honorable Lord Hobart. →

But as Messrs. Sinclair and Coghan seem to think the mode of the whole communication unprecedented informal and improper as per their letter of the 30th January. —

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— I beg leave to inform your Honorable Board that in order to avoid all discussion, which invariably retards service I have to request that if the sentiments of your Honorable Board coincides with those of Messrs Sinclair and Coglan, that you will consider the dispatch per Phenix as private and apply to Messrs Hutton Sinclair and Coglan for public official information on the business of the Malacca Agency in future. —

I have the honor to be,

Pinang
17th February 1796. —

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(Signed) Ja. Scott

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

From Dibts - sends reports on the Orphan Church, and Poor Funds - also Returns of Military Stores - Dutch property
No. - No. -

My Lord,

Not forseeing any objections from those with whom I acted at Malacca I had brought with me the Documents necessary to give your Lordship the information — promised in my Letter to Government by the Phenix, and as the Returning them to Malacca would occasion delay I now beg leave to inclose you - -

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No. 17. A Report on the Orphan Fund and Balances
for the years 76, 80, 86, 90, and 95. —
18 A Report on the Poor Fund.
19 A Report on the Church Fund
20 List of Military Stores
21 List of Stores received from a Dutch Snow —
22 An Account of the Dutch Property the end
of August and two Books of Reports —

Lodged in the office 12th

But in doing this should your Lordship in Council judge the communications of Phenix ~~informal~~, I have to request in order not to give offence that this may be considered as a Private dispatch and the documents held ad referendum for the Service of the Agency on future occasions may render them usefull. —

I have the honor to be,
Sinary
17th February 1796. — (Signed) Ja. Scott
Of the Orphan Fund

This Fund is managed by a President and Six Members with a Secretary — any Four Members with the President forming a Quorum. —

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They are empowered by a Law to stand general Administrators to both Dutch and Native Orphans until the males are of age or until the Females are married. —

If an European Dies worth more than 15,000 Rix Dollars the Fund pays no Interest on any Surplus. —

If a Native Dies worth more than 12,000 Rix Dollars, the Fund pays no Interest on any Surplus. —

The Gain resulting from these Two Regulations - the incident failure of Heirs, which becomes a mortmain if unclaimed for one third of a Century has gradually formed a Sinking Fund which increases as Casualtys occur. —

All money belonging to the Orphans pays Interest 9 ℔ Cent ℔ Annum from the day it is received without demunition, the Sinking Fund bearing the Loss of money unemployed and defraying the Charges of management. —

In order to enable your Lordship in Council to form a Judgment of the Progress

and

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actual State of this Fund, I took the end of the years 1776, 1780, 1786, 1790, 1795 - from the Books of which I got Extracted in Dutch a Statement ultimo December each year and to which I refer.

It appears that on the 31st -

December 1795 the Amount of the

absolute Sinking Fund is ---------- 60,986.16

Amount which falls in a few years .. 4,649.46

Amount due for which no Claimant

appears and on which no Interest is paid 4,848.25

Rix Dr. 70,484.39

The whole of this Sum is a Sinking Fund the Claiments having disappeared or are unknown and as such cannot be called Private Property - whether it may be considered as Publick Property is for your Lordship in Council to determine - Amount Due Existing Orphans on which Interest is paid ---------- 41,878.22

Total Stock Rix Dr. 1.12,363.13 -

As it appears from this Statement - that the Captors may eventually have an Interest in this Sum'd to the amount of the Mortmain, it became necessary to decide on his Excellency Commodore Rainier's suggestions, in that case, these were to leave the management to the Dutch

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after Establishing a Controul over that part which should appear a Mortmain to recover what was lent as enabled, and Lend no more. —

In order to effect this, the Cash with the Security's is Lodged in the Publick — Treasury and Receipts or payments under the Inspection of Governor Parr and Capt. M. — Kerras Town Major until your Lordship in Council's Pleasure Known. —

Of the Poor Fund

This Fund has originated during the Latter days of Malacca - in Private and Publick Donations, in Duty's on marriage - its application is fully shewn in the Statement annexed for ultimo December 1795 - but Encrease and Decrease cannot be got, the Secretary being gone to Madras and having locked up the Book. —

As this is the Gifts of individuals intended for the use of those, who may have Claims thereon, which claims seem daily encreasing, it — cannot come under the Description of a Sinking Fund and therefore the Captors seem to have no Claims thereto. —

The Direction has heretofore been solely vested in the Governor and Secretary, but is for the present under the same Controul as the Orphan Fund until the pleasure of your Lordship in Council is Known. —

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# Account of the State of the Church Fund of Malacca

On the 1st of January 1795 the Church Funds amounted to ---------- Rds 1,367.7.-

The Receipts during the year 1795 have been

For Burials ---------- Rds 250.12.-

For Marriages ---------- " 27.--

For Marriages of Roman Catholicks ---- 45.--

For Marriages of those who are not Christians ---------- 70.--

Collected in this year ---------- 182.--

The Receipts amount to ---------- Rds 574.12.-

The Disbursements have been

For white washing the Church Rds 33.--

For putting in 56 Glass Panes :— 7.--

For the Repairs of the Vault L.C.H 28.--

To the Salary of the Organist for playing and Keping the Organ in Repair during this year at 12 Rds. pr. month ---------- 144.--

To the Reader for catechising the Charity Children at 4 Rds. pr. month ---------- 48.--

To the Native Schoolmaster for instructing the Charity Children at 5 Rds. pr. month ---------- 60.--

Carried Over Rds. 320.-- Rds 574.12 Rds. 1367.7.-

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Brought Over Rds 320 .. Rs 574. 12 Rs 1,367.7.-

For the Services of the Sexton
and Undertaker at 6 Rds per
month amounts during this
year to ... ... ... ... 72.—

Total amounts to . Rds . 392. Rs 574 . 12 Rs 1367.7.-

Deducting the Disbursements
from the Receipts ... 392.—

It appears that the Church Funds in this
1795th year past have increased in a sum of .. 182.12.—
and that the same Amount this Pay to . Rds . 1549.19.—

Malacca 31st December 1795.

(signed) A. Thuerens
A. Koek

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

My Lord,

From Agent for Malacca Captors - forwarding a General Statement of Public Property Captured therewith explanatory References. —

I am directed by his Excellency Commodore Rainier to transmit your Lordship in Council, as soon as may be or as occasion offers a State of the public property captured in Malacca and its dependencies as the same now stands

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stands referring to Major Brown's and his Excellency's despatches for the State thereof on the 18th of August and end of December --

In consonance therewith I now enclose a General Statement amount probable or Real Sp. Dollars 158,088.16 with numeral explanatory references to each Item therein from No. 1 to 13. —

As the Phoenix only sends in her Boat I cannot now send the Vouchers for Numbers 10 to 13. —

No 14 respects a Claim to percentage on an Ideal Revenue referred to your Lordship in Council. —

No 15 is his Excellency Commodore Rainier's orders to the Agents. —

The Buildings Ordnance and Military Stores with the Orphan Chest and poor's funds are not yet in such forwardness, as to enable me to report thereon, this I shall exert myself to do by next Occasion. —

In what is heretofore been done I have been left by the Dutch Company's Servants to grope in the dark. —

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

Malacca
January 18th 1796. —

(Signed) Jas Scott
Act. Agent & Commr.

Statement

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## Statement of the Publick Property Captured in Malacca and its Dependencies as the same now stands this 17th day of January 1796.

No 1 Arrears of Revenue

Being the Amount due the 18th August for which I have taken Chinamina Notes payable the 1st March 1796 Sp. Drs ——— 7951.34

No 2 Bills Receivable

Being the amount Bills on the Governor in Council of Madras. Remitted for Acceptance to Chase, Sewell, and Chase ——— 21,000.. ..

No 3 Cash

Being Balance in the Treasury this 17th January 1796 ——— 12824.17..

No 4 Merchandize

Being amount of those Articles deemed unperishable, and as such to wait a favorable occasion of Sale ——— 43,652.35

No 5 Vessels

Being Amount of the Master Attendants Valuation ——— 15,300.. -

No 6. Mr. Wm. Maughan

Being amount of Spars sold him payable in 6 months Mr. Buchan Security for an half - 6000. -

No 7 Kian Sianko

Being amount of his Bond due the 15th March in full for 1414 Cay Rice sold him - 4000.. ..

No 8 Mr. Adrian Kock

Being amount of Sundrys sold by Outcry ——— 10,029. 59

Carried Over. Sp. Drs - 120,757.45

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Brought Over Sp. Drs. - - 120,757.45

No. 9 - Malacca Government

For amount paid Gerrard
Landert Velge for a draft from
Pulambary - - - - - - - - 1,700. .

Government of Madras

No. 10 Fiscals Disbursements
Sp. Drs. - - } 12,512.73

11 Paymasters Dr. - - - - 6,667.37

12 Provisions Expended - - 5,235.03

13 Paid by Agents - - - 2794.45

27,209.58

Mr. Buchan

Being Estimated amount of
Arrack, Beef, and Pork sold here
not yet settled - - say - - - - - 4000. .

Sp. Drs. - - 153,667.03

(Signed) James Scott

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## Account of Arrears of Revenue

due the 18th August 1795.

| | |
|---|---|
| The Boom or Exports and Imports | 5,730.- |
| On Gambling | 697.50 |
| On Fish | 341.25 |
| On Pork and Beef | 73.12 |
| On Rice | 107.25 |
| On Wood | 37.37 |
| On Arrack | 50.37 |
| On Shops | 99.12 |
| On Goods Weighed | 361.50 |
| On Heads | 186.87 |
| On Betteleaf | 138.75 |
| On Rowers in prows | 50.25 |
| On River Anchorage | 53.50 |
| On River Navigation | 44.16 |
| Sp. Dollars | 7,951.50 |

(Signed) Jas. Scott

## Bills Receivable

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June 3. For G. Buchan on the Government of Madras for Sp. Drs 12,000 Exchange at 150 Sp. Drs ₹100 Star Pagodas — Star Pag. 8,000..

5th. For Peter Rainier on the Madras Government for Sp. Drs 9000 Exchange at 150 ₹100 is — 6000..

or Sp. Drs 21000 Star Pag. 14000..

(Signed) Jam. Scott

Cash

# Cash — Dr:

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Dec.r 24. To Balance in the Treasury received this day in various Coins as per Account delivered Commodore Rainier by the Agents — 24287.46

1796

Janry 3. To Amount of Sundry deliveries from the Warehouse unaccounted for received of Mr. Couperas — 2820.—

4th. To Amount Sundries supplied his Majesty's Squadron — 1364.08

To the Agents draft on the Sales of Pera Fini at Pinang in favor of James Scott — 2500.—

5th. To Amount received of Mr. Every and Van Huesden stated as the Balance in their hands the 30th. November — 454.23

17th. To Rice received in Advance in part of 1414 Coyans sold — 3500.—

To Amount received of the Fiscal stated as amount his Balance — 1693.53

Sp. Dollrs. — 36619.62

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Jan.y 17. To Balance brought down — 13705.64

Sp. Dr. — 13705.61

# Contra — Cr.

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Janry 3. By Bills Receivable for G. Buchan on the Madras Government — 12000.—

5th. By Bills Receivable for Peter Rainier on the Madras Government — 9000.—

16th. By Madras Government for Amount Abstracts paid for the Dutch Establishment for December as per Receipt — 1913.66

22913.66

By Balance in hand this 17th day of January 1796 — 13705.64

Sp. Dollrs. — 36619.62

By Cash pr. Abstracts Nº. 16. 17. 18 per especial order of the Committee — 880.17

By Balance in hand the 25th. January on my leaving Malacca — 12824.17

Sp. Dr. — 13705.64

Merchandize

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## Merchandize coming under the discription of unperishable and as such to wait a favorable sale.

| | | P. | c. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sappan Copper | | 519. | 86 @ 30 | 15,595.80 |
| Tin | | 567. | 96. @ 18 | 10,123.10 |
| Pepper | | 691. | 05 @ 15 | 10,365.75 |
| Spices Viz.t | | | | |
| Cloves | 599 ½ | | | |
| Do. in Nutmeg | 76. | | | |
| | 675 ½ | | | |
| Cinnamon | 99. | | | |
| Nutmegs | 56 | | | |
| Mace | 90 | | | 1463.10 |
| White Pepper | 18. 64 @ 15 | | | 316.88 |
| Iron | 335. 95 | | | 2358.65 |
| Steel | 558 | | | 71.40 |
| Plate Copper | 236 | | | 66.08 |
| Nails | 30. 64 @ 15 | | | 450.96 |
| Raw Linseed | 125. 90 @ 8 | | | 1,007.20 |
| Sheat Lead | 3038 | | | 24.20 |
| Elephants teeth | 326 | | | 9. 60 |
| Beams and Scales & Compleat | | | | 800. .. |
| Bells one very large | 5 | | | 1000. .. |
| | | | Sp. Dollars | 43652 72 |

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January 14th 1796. —

(Signed) Jas. Scott

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Copy of W. Maughan Master Attendants Estimate of the Booty in Vessels detained here. -

A true Copy

The Agents for the Captors of Malacca having requested I would examine the State of the Booty in Vessels detained here and report to them as near as may be the value they may now be severally worth. -

And having examined these Vessells with their Stores it appears to me. -

The Ship Constantia having lain five months on the Bank and still laying there, must be worm eaten in her Bottom and strained in her frame and being an old Vessell cannot with her Stores be estimated at more than - - - - - - - - - - Sp. Drs. - 10,000. -

The Griffin Brigg at - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 1,750. -

The Postilion Sloop at - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 3,250. -

- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 300. -

Total Sp. Dollrs. - - 15300. -

and it further appears to me that this Value will daily decrease, as the small Vessels in the River and the Large Ship on the Bank have not an Establishment to keep them in order. -

Malacca
14th January 1796. -

(Signed) Wm. Maughan
Master Attendant

In

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In the Fiscals disbursements for October there is paid to Adrian Kock for 78 Spans large and small the Sum of Rix Dollars 5152. 25/12 this payment in the then Existing circumstances was thought extraordinary and was by his Excellency Commodore Rainier directed to be returned by Mr. Adrian Kock. –

However as Mr. Maughan Master Attendant agreed to pay the Sum disbursed and likewise take the Remains of the Old Spans at a Valuation. –

And finding that a coercive return of the Spans to Adrian Kock who held a Contract for the Supply might be deemed an infringement on private property I closed with Mr. Wm. Maughan's proposal Mr. Buchan being Security for one half and having given Six Months credit for payment of the other half amount Pr Statement. Sp. Dollars, 6000 –

(Signed) Ja. Scott

The Balance of Rice in the Godown the 31st December is stated at 7,22,108 3/40 or 144 Coyans of 5,000 lb dutch each.

This was sold to Kion Sianko Captain China for the Gro. Sum of Sp. Dollars 7,500 of this he paid 3,500, the Remainder 4,000. he has given a Bond payable the 15th March next should it turn out on measurement more or less he is to pay proportionally more or less. –

Owing to delays in the Delivery Kion Sianko refused to give bond for the Remaining 4000 until the Delivery was compleated. –

(Signed) Ja. Scott

To

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Fort St. George 12th March 1796.

To James Scott Esqr.

Sir,

I have just now closed the Accounts of the Outcry as follows Viz.t

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1st Days Sale | Sp. Drs. | 6538.52 |
| 2d Ditto ditto | | 907.05 |
| 3d Ditto ditto | | 1219.02 |
| 4th Ditto ditto | | 485.17 |
| 5th Ditto ditto | | 1025.28 |
| | Sp. Drs. | 10,175.04 |
| From which is to be deducted amount received by Agent Sp. Drs. 220.45 To be added Mr. Grant as ½ Receipt | 75.— | 145.45 |
| | Sp. Drs. | 10,029.59 |

P.S. You will oblige me in having these Accounts compared with that of Mr. Sinclairs. →

Sam. &c. — &c

Malacca
18th January 1796. →

(Signed) A. Kock

There is Sundry Indents by Officers delivered Mr. Kock for Recovery but for which he is not responsible to be added to the above. →

(Signed) Ja. Scott

Jr

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Fort St. George 12th March 1796.

In the treasuries Accounts for September we find a disbursement of Sp. Drs. 1,700 paid Gerard Landert Vdye an inhabitant of this place and on enquiry it was found paid in order to honor a draft from the Resident of Palumbang dated the 8th August and paid the 7th September.

His Excellency Commodore Rainier objected to this as by the same mode of procedure they could have transferred the whole of the property here to Batavia but as it was an act of the mixed Government and there was no criminating the Dutch without involving Major Brown. His Excellency desired I would furnish your Lordships in Council with this Account, together with the Minute of Council authorizing said Issue and receive your Lordships directions thereon. —

(Signed) Ja. Scott

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The Fiscal Expends in the Months of August, September, October, November and December the Gross Sum of ..... Rix Dollars 17,726.37 1/2

Viz.

| | |
|---|---|
| In August 12 days ..... | 3929.- |
| September ..... | 2668.20 |
| October ..... | 10,790.31.8 |
| November ..... | 3825.22.8 |
| December ..... | 1665.37.- |
| Rix Dr. | 22,879.15.- |

From which is to be deducted

| | |
|---|---|
| for 78 Spars sold Mr. Maughan in October ..... | 5,152.23.8 |
| Rix Drs. | 17,726.37.8 |

Exchange 48 Sp. Drs. for 48 Rix in Sp. Drs.

As this Expenditure lessens the Property in hand the 18th August, his Excellency directed it to be placed to the Madras Government and Bills drawn for the Gross Amount.—

(Signed) Ja. Scott

This

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This Receipt includes the whole of Mr. Overy's payments from the 18th August to the 30th November inclusive and which contains nothing improper unless one payment, on which it is necessary to remark and on which I request the Sentiments of your Lordships in Council. —

On or about the 28th day of December Mr. Couperas furnished me with a Schedule of Wages due for that Month, and annexed thereto an Account of Arrears due, in which he states his own 7,200 Florins, and 800 Florins for the last 4 Months from 30th August to 31st December 1795 Exchange at 20 Stivers for one Florin Sp. Drs 2352.64 —

This Schedule I presented to his Excellency Commodore Rainier, who ordered the wages to be taken into consideration, but gave direct negative to the payment of Arrears of &c. whatever discription or to whomsoever due, this I communicated to Mr. Couperas. —

Yet notwithstanding all this I find these very Arrears paid by Mr. Overy in November, at least stated to be so paid in his

Accounts

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Accounts, but if paid in November, why state them as due the ultimo December. —

The truth appears to be that the payment was made after the application for payment was rejected, the demand and receipt are made out as if in November. —

If so Mr. Cooper has exercised an Act of Authority, as Governor after that authority was done away. — This transaction is so Extraordinary that I should have called on Mr. Overy and Van Rheeden joint Paymasters to refund, but they are both poor and there would be

The sum he has drawn is 7,200 Florins at an Exchange of 20 Stivers in place of 15 Stivers the common Exchange here which makes Rix Dollars 3,000. —

I have attached hereto the order of payment and receipt which is wrote in the hand writing of Mr. Overy's son in place of the Accomptants together with the Schedule in which it is demanded of Commodore Rainier. —

And I have advised Messrs Thurens, Koch and Rapas Mr. Cooper's Agents, that they must consider his Estate as accountable should your Lordships in Council order it so. —

These

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These are to Certify, that we have compared the Vouchers with the Sums underneath and find them agree, a proportion of August equal to twelve days only being charged. —

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| In August 9823-03 the proportion for 12 days is ..... | Rix Dr. | 3929.— |
| In September 2668.20 | | 2668.20 |
| In October - 10,790-31½ | | |
| 5152-25½ | Deduct for 78 Spars sold Mr Maughan | is 5638.06 |
| In November 3825.22½ | | 3825.22½ |
| In December 1665.37 | | 1665.37 |
| | Rix Dollrs | 17,726.37½ |

Being the total Amount disbursed by Mr. David Rudlie Fiscal from the 18th of August to the 31st of December inclusive as Witness our Hands. —

B. Not Executed for Reasons in No. 11

Malacca
January 25th. 1796. —

(Signed) I. S.

These

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12th

These are to Certify that we have compared the Vouchers with the Sums underneath and find them agree. a proportion of August equal to Twelve days only being charged. —

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| In August | 21.12 | | |
| | 5.06 | | |
| | 17.34 | | |
| | 22.07½ | | |
| | 1377.— | | |
| | 612.42 | 2,056.5½ the proportion of 12 days is | 822.— |
| In September | 187.24 | | |
| | 240.36 | | |
| | 909.30 | | |
| | 762.06 | 2,100 | 2,100.— |
| In October | 10.— | | |
| | 1.13½ | | |
| | 437.24 | | |
| | 739.06 | | |
| | 777.18 | 1,965.13½ | 1,965.13½ |
| In November | 3.40½ | | |
| | 727.12 | | |
| | 827.— | | |
| | 3000.— | 4558.04½ | 4558.04½ |
| | | Rix Dollrs. | 9445.18 |

Being total amount disbursed by Mr. Van Nuesden and Mr. Avery Paymasters from 18th August to 30th November inclusive as Witness our Hands. —

N.B. This was prepared with interest to be signed by C. Mr. Kerras and another Person in order to save sending vouchers, but on the instant of my departure declined.

(Signed) I. S.

A.

# Fort St. George, March 1796.

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A Valuation of Provisions Expended as per Dispenser's Declaration from the 1st September to 31st December inclusive. —

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sugar | 1,889½ @ 6 Sp. Drs. ₰ Pc. of 125 ℔ | 90. 81 |
| Tamarinds | 1596 @ 3 d°. ₰ d°. | 38. 31 |
| Salt | 7626 @ 55 d°. ₰. 5,000 d°. | 76. 26 |
| Red Cape Wine | Kans 562 @ 2 Kans ₰ 1 Dollar | 281. " |
| White Cape Wine | d°. 279 @ 2 d°. ₰. d°. | 139. 50 |
| Rice | ℔ 1,18,717 @ 55 Drs. ₰ 5,000 | 306. 25 |
| Beans | d°. 2,611 @ 55 d°. ₰. d°. | 28. 72 |
| Arrack | Kans 3031 @ 75 d°. ₰ 300 Kans | 200. 75 |
| Wax Candles | ℔ 453½ @ 30 d°. ₰ 125 ℔ | 126. 75 |
| Olive Oil | Kans 1836 5/8 @ 1. d°. ₰ 4 Kans | 448. 31 |
| Cotton Yarn | ℔ 14 | 2. 80 |
| Cape Butter | d°. 372½ @ 15 Drs. ₰ 125 ℔ | 55. 80 |
| Europe Butter | d°. 621½ @ 15 d°. ₰ 125 d° | 93. 30 |
| Salt Beef. Pork | d°. 1,303½ @ 35 d°. ₰ 389 d°. | 400. — |
| Europe Vinegar | Kans 73½ @ 3 Kans ₰ 1 Dollar | 24. 50 |
| Indian Vinegar | d°. 1151⅓ @ 10 d°. ₰ 1 d°. | 115. " |
| | Sp. Drs. | 5235. 03 |

Malacca 14th January 1796.

These

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12th These are to Testify that we have Compared the Quantities of Provisions underneath with the Despencier's disbursements and find them agree - -

| | |
|---|---|
| | ℔ |
| Sugar | 1,889 1/2 |
| Tamarinds | 1,596 |
| Salt | 7,626 |
| Red Cape Wine | 562 Kans |
| White d°. d°. | 279 d°. |
| Rice | 18,717 ℔ |
| Beans | 2,611 |
| Arrack | 8,031 Kans |
| Wax Candles | 453 1/2 ℔ |
| Oil | 4,836 5/8 Kans |
| Cotton Yarn | 14 1/8 ℔ |
| Cape Butter | 372 1/2 ℔ |
| Europe d°. | 621 3/4 ℔ |
| Salt Beef or Pork | 4,303 1/2 ℔ |
| Europe Vinegar | 73 1/2 Kans |
| Indian d°. | 1,151 3/4 d°. |

Being the Total Amount of the Despenciers disbursements from the 18th of August to the 31st of December 1795 as Witness our hands. —

Malacca
January 25th 1796. -

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These Payments are I believe the result of a Regulating Committee appointed for that purpose, Governor Parr's Signature being my Voucher.—

Abstract № 11. 15 for the European and
Native Military Seamen and Civilians
for the 11 Month of December Rix Dollrs — 2711.22.

Exchange 48 for 68 is Sp. Drs. — — 1913.66.

This is paid by order of his Excellency Commodore Raines in order to keep Mr. Buchan's Accounts clear of the Dutch Treasury and is placed by his order with the other Disbursements to the Debit of the Madras Government.—

№ 16 — 129.33.
17 — 383.11
18 — 734.35 1247.31. Rix Dollars.

paid after closing the Cash the 17th January 96 so that the Total amount paid by the Agents on my leaving Malacca is Rix Dollrs — 3959.05

or Sp. Dollars — 2794.45

This

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This is to Certify that we have compared the Sums underneath with the Vouchers on which the payments were made and find them agree. —

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| No. 1 | Rix Dollars | 136. 06 |
| 2 | | 720. 12 |
| 3 | | 24. . |
| 4 | | 16. . — |
| 5 | | 12. 08 — |
| 6 | | 116. 41 — |
| 7 | | 25. 40 |
| 8 | | 15. . |
| 9 | | 88. 12 |
| 10 | | 308. . — |
| 11 | | 501. 36 |
| 12 | | 426. 12 — |
| 13 | | 42. 31 — |
| 14 | | 174. 36 — |
| 15 | | 103. 24 — |
| 16 | | 129. 33 — |
| 17 | | 383. 11 |
| 18 | | 734. 35 — |
| | Rix Drs | 3959. 05 |

Being the total Amount disbursed by the Agents as pay of the Dutch Establishment for December 1795 as Witness our hands. —

Not Executed for Reasons given in No. 11 . .

Malacca
January 25th 1796 —

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The Dutch Company have for sometime past given to their Servants in Number and Quality as p List subjoined, One Quarter Share of the Revenue of the Imports and Exports payable in certain proportions once in 4 Months. —

The then existing Government paid themselves on the 30th August last Sp. Dr. 3,581.17 and they demanded the same sum on the 30th December as per Schedule attached to N.11 of this dispatch. —

To this demand his Excellency Commodore Rainier objected, as no revenue had been collected during that period viz. from the 30th of August to the 31st December and no hopes remained of any being to be collected, as they acknowledge to have requested the Government of Batavia to remit six Months to the renters alledging the great poverty of the people and total decay of trade as reasons for a Compliance. —

On enquiry among the better informed and unmterested Residents here, I find their share of the Revenue is on the actual Receipts in the treasury. —

This Narrative will enable your Lordship in Council to decide on the propriety of their claim. —

(Signed) Jas. Scott

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To the Navy and Army Agents
for Malacca

Gentlemen,

I have reconsidered the subject of your application to me of the 14th Ultimo, respecting the disposal and Security of the Publick Property now in the Garrison and Environs of Malacca, and the Ships and Vessels in the Roads, late belonging to the Dutch Company, and I am clearly of opinion, that every part of it, that may be considered as unperishable Merchandize should be disposed of as occasion presents; but the perishable Articles by sale, conforming to the Dutch Customs, as nearly as practicable - The Amount to be placed in the Publick Treasury to be issued to the Paymaster for the Payment of Troops or supplied to the Exigencies of His Majesty's Ships taking Bills for the amount on the Government of Fort St George. -

Authentic lists to be taken of Publick Buildings, Ordnance and Military Stores of every kind as you propose, and to remain at the disposal of the Governor for the defence of

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of the place and the Publick accommodations:-

Altho' from inadvertancy the Term Commissaries for the King was omitted in the Publick order of the 21st ultimo, that authorized your proceedings in taking account of the Publick Effects as therein Recited, yet it is directly implied, and you are to consider yourselves to be accountable to His Majesty or the Captors, as His Majesty shall please to direct. -

I remain,

&c.ª ... &c.ª

Suffolk
Malacca Road
January 1796. -

(Signed) Peter Rainier

To James Scott Esqr.
Agent and Commissary for the Captors of Malacca
at
Penang

Sir,

As we find you have carried with you (we suppose in a mistake) the lists of Military Stores furnished for the Agents by the Commissary agreeable to orders, as also Kwan Seankio's Bond for 4,000 Spanish Dollars due the 15th March next, as stated in the Report you forwarded to the Madras Government the 18th

Instant

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Instant, we must request that you will return them to the Agents Office, here by the earliest conveyance from Penang, as we conceive it improper and irregular those papers should have been taken from the Office, without even Copies of them left.

We likewise request as the Statement with the papers therein referred to, which you forwarded to the Madras Government without our previous knowledge that you will send us a declaration under your hand specifying the Duplicates of which left in the Office here, are exact Copies of the same — and which Statement and papers we conceive we had a right, not only to have seen, but compare them with the original vouchers to which they make references; and have our Signatures to them before you dispatched them — Therefore conceiving such measure improper — We do hereby protest against any one agent forwarding to Government or the Commanders in Chief in India any further Statements or Lists of the publick property of the

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the Dutch Company Captured at Malacca by any private way or mode But that they will be forwarded through the Majority of Agents or their Representatives at the time, on the Spot.-

We will expect your reply to this Letter by the earliest opportunity from Penang, in failure of which we beg leave to acquaint you, though with much reluctance, we will be under the necessity of forwarding Statements and Lists agreeable to his Excellency Commodore Rainier's orders which from the Errors and inaccuracies we observe in the Copies of those forwarded by you must differ considerably.- This measure should we be obliged to adopt must inevitably be attended with a great deal of correspondence and trouble, to Both parties - But in our situation we cannot avoid in order to exculpate ourselves from the censure we would otherwise be liable to from the Gentlemen whom we represent and the Military Detachment in General.

We are, &c. &c.
J. Sinclair Act. Agent and
Comm. for Pt. Mulland
C. Coglan Act. Agent and Comm.
for Capt. J. M. Chalmers -

Malacca
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To Messrs. Sinclair and Coglan
Attorneys to Army Agents for the Captors
of Malacca.

Gentlemen,

Yours of the 30th January came safe. — Kieou seeing many delays in the delivery of his Rice refused giving his Bond previous to its being completed, which in the hurry I forgot to mention. As you have the original survey of the Committee you may multiply lists of the stores ad infinitum. —

The Dispencer is allowed 3 per Cent for loss, that is to say he delivers at all events 1610 Coyans and then he claims and was promised the extra provision, the Chinaman requested an allowance for some old Rice — you will judge of quantum of that allowance — As to the other matters contained in your letter they seem to me distinctions without differences as the formula in the means seems indifferent, the end attained. —

But as I hate all discussions to which I have not time to attend, and as you think you can —

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furnish from what is already arranged Govern-
ment with more accurate information, I have
referred them to you and Mr. Hutton in future,
as you will see by the letters herein enclosed
which will make you masters of my resolves;
and which resolves supersede the ridiculous —
request that I would vouch for myself — As —
Government would naturally expect some reason
for these Charges I have forwarded a Copy of your
letter and a Copy of this as my inducement, and
I shall be happy if the concerned are benefited
by your exertions. —

I send this open to Mr. Hutton for
his information — and remain —

Penang
February 17th 1796 —

&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Ja. Scott

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Board of Revenue, enclosing a Statement of Arrears due by the Renters of the four Maghams of Karikal — with a letter from Mr. Torriano and Petition from the Renters on the subject — Suggestions

Agreeably to your Lordship's
Orders under date 20th. November, we called upon
Mr. Torriano for an Account shewing the exact
expences incurred by the Company, since the
Commencement

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commencement of the present Revenue year preparatory to the Surrender of the four Magans near Karrical to the Rajah of Tanjore - We have herewith the honor to submit his reply, with Statement of Arrears due by the Inhabitants who rent the four Maganums in question amounting on the 31st ultimo to Sr. Pagodas 5432.6.20 on account of their Rists and Advances for Cultivation - The Inhabitants having entered into engagements for the rent of their Villages for three years under the sanction of Government, We submit whether they might not be guaranteed in the full enjoyment of their leases as they now hold them, until the expiration of their Agreements with the Company, or the end of Fusly year 11th July 1796 provided they faithfully adhere to their engagements - A Copy of their Representation is enclosed herewith.

We beg leave to submit to your Lordships extract of a letter from Mr. Bramfill, proposing that the grain requried for the

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Stores at Masulipatam for this year, may be furnished from the Aumane Districts under his management. On this point we request to have your Lordship's determination. —

We have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Edw. Saunders
Chas. A. White
Tho. Cockburn
Wm. Harington

Fort St. George
5th January 1796. —

(Signed)

To William Brown Esqr.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George,

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, and to acquaint you, for the Information of the Board, that I have settled with the Inhabitants, Renters of the four Maganums appertaining to Karical, and enclosed I transmit a Statement of what is due from them to the End of this Month; which if his Excellency will take upon himself, the Maganums may be immediately delivered up. The Honorable Company have been at no

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Expence on account of them since the Commence-
ment of the present Revenue year. —

Accompanying this I transmit
a Petition, which the Inhabitants of the Maga-
nums have delivered to me, which please to lay
before the Board. — Sam. &c. — &c.

(Signed) W. H. Torriano
Resident

Nagore
24th December 1795. — A true Copy (Signed) Wm. Brownjeg

Statement of Arrears due from the Inhabitants
of the 4 Maganums of Karical to the Honorable
Company to the 31st December 1795. —

| | | P.N.P. f. C | P.N.P. f. C. | A Pag. f. C. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| November Kists | | | 1335. | — |
| December Kists | | | 2424. | — |
| Varacum or Money lent to carry on the Cultivation for Fusly 1,205 | | | 2128 | 1/2 |
| From Inhabitants of Trevelydody | | | | |
| Arrears of Kists for Fusly 1,204 | | 49 | 1/4 | — |
| Ditto — d. Fusly 1,205 | | | 35. | — |
| Varacum for Fusly 1,204 | | | 41 | 1/2 |
| Extra Varcum for Fusly 1,205 | | 60. | 185 | 3/4 |
| P.N. Pagodas | | 6,572 | 1/2 | |
| Exchange at 21 ₰ Cent is Star Pagodas | | | 5,132. | 6. 20 |

(Signed) W. H. Torriano Resident

A true Copy
(Signed) Wm. Brownjeg

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To William Harcourt Torriano Esqr.

Resident at Nagore &c. &c. &c.

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants

Renters of the Maganums of Karical

Sheweth,

That your Honor was kind enough to
give the farm into the hands of your Petitioners for
the Space of three years in order to abviate all the
disturbances and vexations of the Renter. But just
at the time when your Petitioners were readily to
enter into a prosperous State, there is an embargo
laid that no Grain can be exported to Columboa
where the Merchants generally transport a great
quantity of Carr Paddy and Rice and thro' that
very means the Price is reduced to 40 ℔ Cent than
the last year, and there is neither any purchaser
to it tho' your Petitioners met with such Difficulty
and hardships but yet your Petitioners fullfilled
the arrears of Kists and Varaum Money for last
year and the first Kist of the present year as the
Circumstances being thus situated your Petitioners
came to be informed to their anxiety and perplexity
that your Petitioners Maganums are to surrender

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to the Rajah of Tanjore - should the matter be in readily as they were told your Petitioners are under the necessity of entreating your honor that thro' your honor's intercession to the Board of Revenue that they may be continued in their Farm under your honor's Superintendance only until the end of the next Fusly year 11th July 1796. -

For which act of Humanity and peculiar indulgence your Petitioners as in duty bound. -

Shall Ever Pray

A true Copy

(Signed) Wm. Brownsey

Extract of a Letter from Mr. B. Bransill -

Dated 27th December 1795. -

As it is probable I may experience much difficulty in disposing of the Grain, and concluding from application having been made to me last year by Mr. Corbett to advertise for Proposals to supply the Commissary Department with a quantity of Grain to be laid up in store at Masulipatam that it would be required this year also; I think it would be adviseable to send as much of the Circar Grain as may the

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be required to that place, the Company will not be able to supply their Store houses at a cheaper rate.

A true Extract

(Signed) Wm Brownsey

Received the undermentioned letters

Entered in M.B. Nos. 84-85-86-87-88-89-90.-

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From Mons.r Beanchi — Foreign Secretary to Sir George Thos. Elphinstone. — From M. A. Angelo Beanchi. — requesting permission to reside at Madras. -

From M.r Roebuck. — From Military Paymaster — General - transmitting Copy of a letter from the acting Paymaster at Masulipatam. —

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From Board of Revenue - submitting a letter from Mr. Powney with Copy of their reply, respecting the putting Vellai Taven in possession of the Chocumpetty Pollam - and requesting orders on the subject. —

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From Mr. Hawkins

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To Mr. Hardon

To Ditto - the proposals for supplying 1st 2d and 4 Regiments of Cavalry with Grain to be accepted. —

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To Commandant at Masulipatam - the Bungalow built by the late Mr. Topping to be converted into an Hospital, adding two Sheds as proposed by the Surgeon. —

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The whole of the Coast Artillery to be withdrawn from Columbo and Point de Galle - and posted at Fort Osnaburgh and — Trincomale with the Exception of one Serjeant and twelve matrosses, (and if necessary a Commissioned Officer

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de Galle; to form part of the Garrison at that place, or removed to Columbo as may be most proper. —

As it is deemed expedient to send another Native Battalion from the Coast to Trincomale; it will be proper to provide a Garrison for Battacalor from the three Native Battalions at Columbo, and Point de Galle.

Captain Fergusson's Battaleon to furnish the detail for the Garrison of Molletivee

If a Garrison be absolutely necessary for Chilaw, it must be furnished from Columbo.

Manar will of course be garrisoned from Jaffanapatam - and, if requisite, a party of Invalid Artillery will be sent from the Coast. —

The allotment of the Forces as above stated is considered by his Lordship in Council as providing most amply for the safety of Ceylon, there being nothing to apprehend on the Island, except from an European Enemy, and after April the Fort of Columbo will be unassailable, for many months. —

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A Major of Brigade for the Kings Troops on the Island is sanctioned at your recommendation - a Provost Marshal is also allowed. The President in Council does not deem an Adjutant to the Engineer Corps any longer necessary - the appointment must therefore be annulled. -

Lieutenant Winslow may continue to act in the appointment conferred upon him by you, until further orders. -

His Lordship in Council has no objection to the appointment of a Fort Adjutant at Point de Galle - a Town Major at this Place and at Jaffnapatam unnecessary - of course - Lieutenant Turnair's application is inadmissible.

In consideration of the services rendered by Captain Mackenzie of the Engineers, and of your pointed recommendation in his - Favor, the President in Council has been pleased to resolve that he shall receive a Gratuity of five hundred (500) Pagodas, in lieu of all allowances on account of the expedition against Columbo - His allowances in Field Engineer with the Nizam are of course continued to him, and you will be pleased to direct him

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to join Major Roberts's Detachment with as little delay as possible. —

Captain Barbut to be reappointed to the Command of Jaffnapatam.

His Lordship approves the appointment of Captain Turing to be your aid De Camp. —

The various appointments — made by you for the particular service of the expedition against Columbo are approved, but none of them are to be continued, excepting those specially mentioned in this letter. —

Mr. Joseph Greenhill has been appointed Commercial Resident on the — Island of Ceylon. —

The President in Council — desires you will be pleased to state your opinion how far it may be practicable to raise Revenue Corps on the Island of — Ceylon, with a view to the withdrawing from thence a portion of our Native Troops. —

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

(Signed) Dan.l Ince. Dep.y Sec.y

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Received the following letter

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

&c. &c. &c.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

My Lord,

I beg leave to inform your

Lordship that the Recruits about 50 in number,
who have been enlisted at the Cape to serve
in the Marine Corps have not yet been
provided with Military Cloathing. It will
therefore be a particular accommodation
would your Lordship be pleased to order a
Supply of Fifty Suits to be furnished from
the Honorable Company's Stores for their
use the Amount of which shall be paid as
your Lordship may point out. — Red with
White facings will be most applicable,
but should there be none of that description
in the Company's Stores facings of any colour
may be changed by the Navy Taylors.

I have the honor to be,

with great regard.-

&c. - - - &c.

From Admiral Elphinstone requesting that the Contractors may be ordered to supply 50 Suits of Cloathing for his Marine Corps on their being paid for.-

H. M. S. Monarch
Madras Roads
the 14th March 1796.-

(Signed) G. K. Elphinstone

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Received the undermentioned letters Entered in MB Nos. 109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118-119.—

From M. Maxton.

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - submitting a proposal for delivering New Paddy at Masulipatam. —

From Messrs Smith and Goldingham. —

From Messrs C. Smith and Goldingham - offering the house of Chase Sewell and Chase as Securities for the Gun Carriage Contract —

From Captain Dalrymple —

From Commandant of the Nizam's Detachment - with Copy of his Correspondence —

From M. J. Jackson. —

From the Admiral's Secretary - transmitting a Bill of the Editor of the Courier for printing certain Signals and Books of Instructions - and requesting to be informed whether the charges be correct. —

From Colonel Malcolm —

From Military Auditor General - reporting on Mr. Roebuck's Additional Estimate for March. —

From Ditto. —

From Ditto — ditto on his second additional Estimate for March. —

From Mr. Roebuck. *

From Military Paymaster General - transmitting his Estimate for April.

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From Lieutenant Colonel Close.

From Adjutant General - stating that 32 horses have arrived at Trichinopoly from Rustumjee's Agent and 5 - from Lieutenant Montgomery. -

From Lieutenant Montgomery.

From Lieutenant Montgomery - stating that he is about to despatch 100 - horses for Palamcotah. -

From Captain Malcolm.

From Commandant at Innicondah - advising of Monsieur Baptiste's - return to Cuddapah. -

From Major Munt.

From Petto - in the Vizagapatam District - recommends that Lieutenant Pittman make a Military Survey of the District - Suggestions for strengthening the Town. -

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Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in Mb. Nos. 120-121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128. -

To Captain Macpherson. -

To Commandant at Elmboor - permitting him to employ Sepoys in seizing thieves in that District. -

To W. Barlow.

To Secretary at Bengal - transmitting Mysore Intelligence. -

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To Mr. Wilson.

To Paymaster at Chicacole — permitting him to visit Madras. —

To Mr. J. Jackson.

To Admiral's Secretary — stating the Board's opinion on the Bill for Printing. —

To Lieutenant Dalrymple. Artillery.

To Lieutenant J. Dalrymple — his application for Court Martial Allowance inadmissable. —

To Commandants of Cavalry.

To Commandants of Cavalry Regiments — directing them to deliver over their Cast Horses to the respective Paymasters to be sold. —

To Lieutenant Colonel Campbell.

To Commandant at Tachenore — permitting him to visit the Presidency. —

To Mr. Mardon.

To Mr. Paymaster Mardon — with orders to sell the horses cast from the 5th Regiment.

To Mr. John Wynch.

To Paymaster at Vellore — with Ditto — Ditto — from the 1st, 2d and 4th Regiments.

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Received the undermentioned letters Entered in M.P.B. Nos. 129 — 130 — 131 — 132 — 133 — 134 — 135 — 136 — 137 — 138 — 139. —

To Colonel Stuart.

From Colonel Stuart — acknowledging the receipt of letters — has appointed Captain Gibson Acting Master Attendant at Point de Galle — requests authority to pay in money the Arrears of Articles of provision —

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allowed to the Native Troops. —

From Agent for Captured property
From Major Agnew — of Ceylon — is landing the Cargoes of the Prize —
Vessels. —

From Commandant at Malacca
From Captain Parr. — submitting letters addressed to him by the
Barrack Master and the Town Major. —

From Mr. Conjeras — requesting
From Mr. Conjeras. leave to proceed to Tranquebar. —

From Commandant at Ganjam
From Lieutenant Wilber. — requests that Mr. Cooper may be ordered to
deliver over to his authority, the Lascars attached
to the Store Department. —

From Captain Rowan — of the 52d.
From Captain Rowan. Regiment — requesting to be allowed Passage
Money, being obliged from bad Health to go to
Europe. —

From Cornet Everard — requesting
From Cornet Everard. leave to proceed to Europe. —

From Commandant at Pondi-
From Colonel Brathwaite. cherry — Monsieur Raffy requests leave to go
to Europe. —

From Board of Revenue — With
From Board of Revenue. a letter from Mr. Powney — advising of the Resistance
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Still made by the Chucumpetty Polygar to surrender his Fort.—

From Ditto.

From Ditto - the Officer detached on the above Service, has got possession of the fort.

From M. Hawkins.

From Paymaster at Trichinopoly explaining the Cause of Delay in paying part of the Native Troops.—

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Ordered that the letter received from Captain Read on the 7th Instant be now entered.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord,

From Captain Read - submitting his sentiments on certain points relating to the Orders for seizing and delivering up to Tippoos Officers the plunderers who infest his Districts.

As Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 18th Instant authorising me "to take such "measures as may appear the most effectual, "for securing and delivering up to Tippoos "Officers, such persons as may be found to have "committed devastations on his country, and "to employ troops in pursuit of them into any "of the poliams of the Carnatic" vests me with powers, as I conceive, to judge of, and decide on a matter, every where considered of political importance, and which, as such,

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was cautiously entered on the treaty of Seringapatam, after pressing arguments, on the part of Tippoo to obtain, and the determination of Lord Cornwallis to restrict, what is at present left to my discretion, and I presume you will pardon the obstruction, if from an anxiety to act consistently with the maxims of Government, I submit a few points to your Lordship's consideration -

As several descriptions of persons might be demanded by Tippoo's officers, upon being informed of my instructions, I apprehend it would be proper to observe on that head, the directions contained in the government's letter to the revenue board dated the 26th March 1794, which restricts them to a very few. It states that "Tippoo Sultan "can only claim under the 9th Article of the "treaty of Seringapatam, the restitution of "Zemeendars and Amuldars in balance to his "Cörkar, and that if persons of any other des- "cription be surrendered ... it must be done, under an explanation, that the concessions

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"a matter of favor and not of right." It further
"points out, as a "Means to be adopted for ascer-
"taining the characters and situations of all
"persons taking refuge in our territories from
"Tippoo's country, with the view of discovering
"whether they come within the description of
"the treaty, or be such as it may have a right
"to protect, the laying the polygars situated on
"the boundary of Tippoo Sultan, under the most
"positive injunctions, prohibiting the reception,
"or harboring of any persons, suspected of being
"plunderers, or robbers, under denunciation of the
"severest punishment, if they be found to disobey
"these orders." Whether they have been laid under
such injunctions, or not, it is certain that attention
has not been paid to them, as all the polygars
that have been expelled from this side of Tippoos
country, actually reside in the poliams, and —
frequent complaints have been made, since
the late war, by his Aumildars, and vakeels,
of robbers from the Payenghaut. —

There may as in these districts
be many innocent men, who, flying oppression,
have thrown themselves on our protection, fitted
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taken refuge in the polliams, whom Tippoo's officers might accuse of being in balance to his Sirkar, or of robbery, and demand, in consequence of my instructions. It would not, I conceive be proper to deliver up such men, upon a bare assertion of their guilt, or of their coming within the description specified in the treaty, nor to leave it wholly to Tippoo's people to enquire into facts, and award their fate. I therefore think it ⁊ expedient to propose to them, in such cases, to hold a court of enquiry upon the persons claimed, equally composed of Members from above and below the gauts, and that it be held on the Carnatic side of the boundary. To perswade them, and their Master that the only motive for introducing such a custom, is the securing impartial Justice to persons, who have fled to our protection, and not the assumption of any superiority, they might be assured, of our readiness to establish the previlege, reciprocally by our ⁊ engaging to send people occasionally, in like ⁊ manner to the other side of the boundary, to ⁊ substantiate charges against refugees from those countries to Baullagaut. ⁊

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This is a mode of adjusting such matters, which in my solicitude, as well for our national credit, as for the interest of the Company, and general good, I wish to see established, along the borders; and it was that solicitude, which prompted my entering into a full discussion of the subject, in an address to the revenue board, in January 1793, which being forwarded to the Supreme Government, produced the letter to that Board, which I have already quoted. I have attempted particularly, in two instances, to introduce it. The one was on a polegar in these districts being accused of devastations, and demanded by Tippoo, when the man was taken into custody, and persuant of orders from Government dated the 15th May 1794, the Officer who came to demand him, was informed. "That as the polegar had received "the company's cowle during the late War, "and had since lived under their protection, his "person could not be delivered up, but that "that protection should not screen him from punishment, in case his delinquency should be proved. As that could only be proved by

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evidences from Ballagaut, the above mode of enquiry was proposed, and their being sent hither for the purpose was requested: but that was not done, and of consequence the poligar has been since released. The other instance, is very recent. being a demand of three ryots, who had taken refuge in the Baramahl, and were said to be on balance to the Sirkar. Though they were neither Zemindars or Umuldars, and consequently did not come within the description of the treaty, intimation was given to the Officer, who demanded them, that if he would send half the number of people necessary to form a court of enquiry, and furnish the means of proving his charges, either they should be delivered up, or their debts discharged. People were sent, but they declined the being joined with ours, to form a court of enquiry. One however was held, and nothing being proved, except the extortions which had inclined the Emigrants to prefer the Company's government, they were acquitted. After that, the persons sent were permitted to use every persuation with the ryots to return,

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but without avail, though they had left all their effects and their connexions behind them. —

Having particularized these matters, to instance the readiness that has been shown by the Company's government to comply with Tippoo's demands of refuges, and the backwardness of his to obtain them, by that kind of regular process which Justice, and in my opinion the credit of our government required, without disparagement to him, it appears no less important, to show his disposition to comply with demands of the same nature. In 94 some Merchants went from the Baramahl to purchase Gold and Silver Bullion at Seringapatam, for which purpose they took goods to a considerable amount. On their arrival there, they were seized, upon some frivolous pretext, plundered of all they had, and sent prisoners to Maryndroog, a hill fort, two or three days journey beyond Seringapatam. When the length of time they were absent had created uneasiness, some of their friends went to gain

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20th information of them, and learning their fate came back and informed me of it. I immediately addressed Government on the subject, the Vakeels, who were then at the Presidency were repeatedly spoken to about them, and assurances were received from Tippoo himself, that they should be released. Some months having elapsed, Government was again addressed, and their relations sent to put the Governor, and the Vakeels, in mind of their petitions. The same assurances were repeated, but the unfortunate men, if alive, are to this hour in confinement. A Shroff having fled into Tippoo's Country with a sum of money he had in charge and the place in which he was, being ascertained, information thereof was given to Tippoo's Durbar, and a request made that he might be given up, but as there was every reason to believe, secret means were taken to effect his escape. —

As Tippoo withholds compliance to a request on the part of government, that has no other for it's object than restoring the

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innocent to liberty, and his people have, as I firmly believe, screened a knave who, in the terms of the treaty is in balance to our strikes, some inference may be drawn from these examples, as to the result of future applications on the part of the Company. They dispose me to think, your Lordship probably will not desire, that my future conduct, in executing the orders I have lately received, should, in any degree, depart from the rules formerly prescribed by government as to the descriptions of persons to be surrendered to Tippoo; or from those, which an account of not having more specific instructions I have laid down for it myself in regard to the trial of persons he may demand in consequence of my communicating to his Annuldars the measures, which your Lordship has directed to be taken, as the means of securing his country from the depredations of Poligars or other robbers from the Carnatic: —

Much as it may be thought I have said upon these matters, it is only my

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fear of trespassing too much upon your Lordship's time, that prevents my adverting to the very important consequences, which have been pointed out before, and particularly recommended by the revenue board to the attention of Government. I only remain to make some remarks on the means I have of executing your Lordship's late commands.

One or two Companys of Sipoys would be sufficient to post in small guards at different places in the poliams to prevent the poligars from Tippoos Country, who reside there, from assembling their adherents, and our poligars from joining them, also to apprehend other bands of robbers, who collect there, to plunder the countries on both sides of the ghauts. All that could be done, by an officer, centrically stationed, for example, at Chundernageery, who might be authorized to entertain a few peerkarras, or hill people, as Lieutenant Irton (who is in charge of the guards posted along the eastern frontier of these districts) does, for gaining intelligence

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of their haunts, but the laying the Nabobs poligars and Amuldars under positive injunctions in respect to the giving reception to, or harbouring suspected persons, which as resolved by Government, as a necessary measure, and therequiring people of them occasionally, to form Courts of enquiry for ascertaining whether those whom Tippoo's officer may demand, or others suspected of having committed devastations in his Country, be guilty, and came within the description of the treaty or be such persons as the Company may have a right to protect, must be done, I apprehend, by the Nabob, or by such authority, as they may consider themselves obliged to obey. This indicating the necessity it would involve of giving them orders to comply with such requisitions as I, or such officer as I might depute for carrying the instructions I have received in execution, - I feel the necessity of informing your Lordship, that under the difficulty I find, in performing my present Military functions, without the aid of a single Staff officer, while labouring

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under the continual pressure of an extensive
civil department, I would rather, if I may be
permitted to consult my ability, or my state of
health, where my services are wanted, request
leave to decline the extending my jurisdiction
beyond its present limits; especially as in the
present instance it would extend beyond Sir
Aimboor, which is the command of a Senior
officer, who, I believe is capable, of giving
entire satisfaction in any, he may be employed.

I shall never the less take such
steps, as pursuant of my late instructions,
appear to be immediately necessary, but as the
view that I have taken of the subject, has
brought forward some points, that did not
perhaps all occur at drawing them up; I
shall hope to be honored your Lordship's
sentiments upon them, and seeing nothing to
apprehend, shall delay till then the sending
any companies to the poliams. —

Having had occasion here to
mention my being without a staff, I beg leave
to state, that, having the command of several
stations, the troops of which consist of five

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Native battalions, and parts of three other corps, I have consequently a correspondence with several departments, and commandants, that probably is not less extensive than that of some officers in charge of whole brigades, all of whom have two or more staff, as necessary appendages to such a situation. While that evinces the need in which I stand of such assistance, I am very sensible that my present rank, and the expence it would incur, are objections to its being granted me. But Government having for its own purposes, placed me in this situation, its affording me the same means that others have, of performing the duties of it, appears to be a natural consequence, which probably the not having been considered has alone prevented, and now that the urgency of circumstances induces this application, I am hopeful it will be thought no more than reasonable and necessary; especially as my other avocations are many and laborious.

The issuing orders, and answering letters, of application and reference, being the sole employment I have for a staff, that will suggest

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that the nomination of his appointment should be if your Lordship approve —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Baramahl

27th February 1796. — (Signed) Alex. Read

Capt. Com. Ceded Distts &c.

Sent the following letter —

## To Captain Alexander Read

Commanding the Troops in the Baramhal and Salem Countries

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 27th ultimo, and to acquaint you that you must have misconceived his Lordship's intentions very much, if you could have supposed by the orders transmitted to you under date the 18th of February, that it was meant to surrender up to Tippoo any of the Ryots of his Country taking refuge in the Company's possessions or any person belonging to him not specifically referred to in the treaty of Seringapatam. The Sultaun's people residing near our Frontier head, according to your report, made frequent and (as you observed) well

To Captain Read — in reply to the above. —

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well founded Complaint of the injuries their Master sustained by the outrageous and unjustifiable Conduct of certain Polygars living under our protection, who had repeatedly entered the Mysore Country, plundering and laying wash whole Villages, and returning with their Booty into the Carnatic. It was to prevent a repetition of these outrages, and to satisfy Tippoo that the Company were sincerely disposed to do every thing in their power to preserve the Harmony and good Understanding subsisting between the two Circars, that you were directed to seize, if possible the Ringleaders of this Banditti, and deliver them to Tippoo, to be punished as he might see fit. His Lordship was of opinion, and is so still, that no measure would be more likely to deter the Polygars from the commission of such acts, than the promulgation of the Orders given to you for the apprehension and delivery of the Offenders to the injured Party. — It is a matter of great political importance in every well regulated Government, to avoid giving just cause of embrage to a Neighbouring State; and as nothing can tend more to create discontent and misunderstanding

misunderstanding, than the circumstance now treated of, it cannot be a question in a political point of view to which side this Government ought to incline, whether to deliver up the persons of notorious Robbers, or to hazard by an opposite line of conduct the tranquility of the Country by inviting Tippoo to an act of retaliation. —

The 7th Article of the Treaty of Seringapatam has no reference to the present subject — It was not even in the most distant manner alluded to — and his Lordship's view in leaving it to your discretion to notify to Tippoo's Officers the orders you had received, was only to convince them of the sincere disposition of this Government to redress the grievances complained of, without giving them however, any opinion for conjecture that their demand for the surrender of any particular Individual would be complied with. —

Under all the circumstances of the case, his Lordship in Council can have no doubt of the utility of the measure conveyed to you in my letter of the 18th ultimo, and he directs me to repeat the order for the seizure and surrender to

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Tippoo's Officers of any Polygar or Polygars belonging to the Carnatic, whom you may lay hold of, and on whom the charge shall be proved of having, after your receipt of this letter committed devastations in the Mysore Country. —

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(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in Mil. Nos. 140-141-142-143-144-145. —

To Colonel Stuart

To Colonel Stuart transmitting a return of troops ordered to embark for Ceylon on the Fortune — and desiring She may be dismissed, so soon as the Service is performed. —

To Cornet Overend —

To Cornet Overend — permitting him to go to England. —

To Colonel Malcolm.

To Military Auditor General — referring Mr. Roebuck's Estimate of Cash for April. —

To Mr. Brodie.

To Garrison Storekeeper — with orders to send provisions and water on board the Fortune for the Troops embarking on her —

To Captain Sec. Lewis

To Commander of the Fortune — directing him to prepare his Vessel for their reception

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To Captain Robertson —

To Commander of the Bombay — dismissing that Ship from the service — and directing him to present this Bill for Freight —

21st Received the following Letters —

## To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Attorney General — stating his opinion on the matter in dispute between Mons^r and Mad^e D'Aubigny —

In obedience to the orders of Government, I have perused the papers relative to the matter in dispute between M^r and Madame D'Aubigny and submit it to your Lordship as my opinion, that if the Superior Council of Pondicherry, whilst under the French Administration, possessed a concurrent jurisdiction at Karical with the particular Tribunal established there, they may under the general permission to resume their functions entertain the suit now in question; for tho' from the dependance of Chandernagore on the Government General of Bengal it has not been thought proper to allow them any jurisdiction there, no collision of authority or other inconvenience can arise from continuing to them their ancient judicature on the subordinate French Factories within

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within the limits of your Lordship's Presidency.

But should they have had power only to decide causes coming before them by appeal from Karical, they are, I conceive, if necessity precluded, by the discontinuance of the particular Tribunal, from taking any cognizance of it at all; and in the event of this being the case I submit it to your Lordship's consideration, whether to remedy the evils resulting from a total want of Jurisdiction, it would not be adviseable either to give the Superior Council the same original jurisdiction at Karical which they have at Pondicherry, or by the appointment of a Commissary agreeably to the 15th. Article of the Edict of 1784 re-establish the particular Tribunal.

I have only to add, that as I apprehend the property of a Wife does not by the French laws vest absolutely in the Husband as with us, it may not be unnecessary to instruct Mr. Torriano to protect Madam D'Anbigny in the possession of her House until a legal decision can be had on the subject of Separation.

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

(Signed) Benj.n Sullivan

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W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit — you for the notice of the Right Honorable the President in Council, Copy of my letter of this date to the Commanding Officer in the Guntoor Sircar, and of the inclosures therein referred to: —

From Resident at Hydrabad — enclosing Copy of his letter to Captain Malcolm — has been applied to for a Passport for the Military Stores lying at Nurpilly. —

I have not yet been able to get from the Officers of this Durbar, a clear Statement of its claims whether upon the Vencateghiery Rajah, or his Servant, Nubbe Sahed although I have repeatedly urged them, and as often obtained their promise, to furnish it — In the mean time they would appear better disposed to suspend the — coercive prosecution of those claims than Monsr. Baptiste has been — It was always easy to — foresee the inconveniencies that were but too likely to result from the introduction of Monsr. Raymond's authority in such a situation, as that of Khummum; and it is to be wished that it had been equally easy to have prevented — them. —

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Application has been made to me by this Durbar for a Passport for fifty Carts and a Military Escort which it proposes sending immediately to Narpilly for the purpose of transporting from thence to Hyderabad certain Military Stores, which have been lying there some time past, and belong, as it is said, to the Sirkar - They are the same, in fact, as those mentioned in my Letter of the 30th October last to the Right Honorable the President in Council, and I impute entirely to his solicitude for their uninterrupted passage hither, the acknowledgements which Mons.r Raymond affects to make, for the past indulgence of our Government in his Letter to Baptiste, left open for my perusal. -

I have not yet granted the Passport required of me by the Durbar; and although I should ultimately find it necessary to do so, I shall take care (not one of the Deserters so often claimed having hitherto been delivered up) to accompany it with a notification of the probability there is that the Right Honorable the President in

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Council will, notwithstanding, be some what slow in allowing the final dispatch of the Stores in question. —

I have the honor to be,

&c.a — &c.a

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(Signed) Wm. Kirkpatrick

Captain Thomas Flaccott
Commanding in the Guntoor Sircar,
Innacondah.

Sir,

I have had the honour of — receiving your Letter of the 3d Instant with its several enclosures, and having, in consequence, made the necessary representations to this Durbar, they produced a second Letter — from Monsieur Raymond to Monsieur — Baptiste, duplicate of which I transmit herewith. — I also send for your information Copy of a Persian Letter from Baptiste to the Durbar Agent belonging to Raymond's Corps, giving an account of his affairs with Nabbe Sahib. It being of some importance that I should know, as exactly as possible, both the situation of the place where this reconnoitre happened; and the circumstances attending it, you will

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oblige me by furnishing me with such additional information on these heads as it may be in your power to procure. —

I should also be glad, if you could favour me with the most accurate and authentic details concerning the Districts in dispute, that you may be able to obtain from intelligent and disinterested persons residing in your neighbourhood. — It will be useful in any communication you may make to me on this subject to mention the places in question, by as many names, as they shall happen to bear; since in the adjustment of matters of this nature great perplexity often arises from the same village, or tuloot being described under different appellations. — Thus the 4 Purgunnahs of Cootasherma &c. enumerated in your Letter of the 3d Instant to the Government of Fort St. George occur in no List of the Mahauls composing Sircar Khummum that I have hitherto seen. —

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

Hyderabad
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A true Copy

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Translation Copy of a Letter

From Monsieur

To Rai Mohuput Rurn

Received 11th. March

After Compliments

I formerly apprized you of the Circumstances of Nobby Sahib's misconduct.

Since that time, he lately came in a hostile manner, to the Topic of Segram Reddy Pesmookh, and, having prepared himself to Fight, he shut up all communication from the Beaparies. —

On receiving this Intelligence, I set out with an Intention of punishing Nobby Sahib. — On the second day afterwards he was routed and fled in consequence during the night, to the English Confines. — I declined pursuing him within the English Territories; and, therefore, after communicating the whole to the Commandant of Innagonda, I returned.

I however desired, that the Collection, meantime, should be suspended, and remain so, 'till the Business be adjusted. —

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Nebby Sahib's Father has
likewise sent a Message, with a view to
terminate the affair in an amicable manner
The Amount of two years
Balances are due from Yeachurn Naur -
I am ready to act conformably to any Orders
which you may write me on this Subject -
What more.

A true translation
(Signed) A. Falconar pr. Tr.

To M. Tailhade

The 30th Chaban 1210 -

Commandant over the Province of Camaon

I had already ordered you my
Dear Tailhade to put a Cessation to all Kinds
of Hostilities towards Nabesop you could not
have received that order the Day of your
affair with him - but I am very confident it
has reached you by this time, and that Peace
is perfectly reestablished between you and him -
- At all Events I do very expressly repeat that
order to you, for although you have merely
acted to promote the interests of the Circar I

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am very much concerned to see to what an — Extent your Request has displeased the English, to whom our Corps is under great obligations. — You thus see, that you are prevened and I impatiently wait to receive a Letter from you informing me of your being perfectly exempt of any kind of Censure, whatsoever, on the part of the Government of Madras. —

I am ever your friend

(Signed) Raymond

A true translation

(Signed) W. Mainwaring

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Received the undermentioned —

Letters Entered in MB. Nos. 146-147-148-149-150-151-152-153-154-155-156-157. —

From Mr. Secretary Barlow.

From Secretary at Bengal — forwarding returns of Sepoy and Lascar Recruits embarked on the Traveller for Madras. —

From Mr. Skardon.

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — with his Estimates for April. —

From Hospital Board.

From Hospital Board — Mr. John Underwood arrived — recommend four — additional

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additional Servants for the Dispensary.—

From Captain Dalrymple.

From Commandant of the Nizam's Detachment - with Copies of his Correspondence

From Ditto -

From Ditto - with - Ditto

From Major General De Meuron

From Major General De Meuron - stating that certain Slaves have deserted from his Brother on his march to Vellore, and requesting assistance for the recovery of them. —

From Military Board.

From Military Board - requesting that the Officers at Arnee may be required to state the nature and Extent of the Losses for which they desire a Compensation. —

From Captain Dallas.

From Principal Agent for horses - advising of Lieutenant Nuthall having purchased 150 of the horses lately brought to Hydrabad. —

From Adder Camp to Colonel Braithwaite.

From Lieutenant Blair — enclosing the Passport issued by Colonel Braithwaite to the Mary Schooner, and recalled upon her return to that port. —

From Mr. Powney.

From Collector at Ramnad — reporting on the Petition from the six Merchants trading to Ceylon - has nearly sent to Columbo

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the whole of the Rice collected by him. —

From Captain Robertson

From Commander of the Bombay — stating that he has still sundry Stores on board. —

From Colonel Floyd.

From Commandant at Trichinopoly — submitting an application from the Commanding Officer at Tutocoryn for a continuation of the Table Allowance, which was limited to the Capture of Columbo. —

Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in Mtg. Nos. 158-159. —

To Mr Brodie

To Garrison Storekeeper — directing that the whole of the Stores on board the Bombay be landed in the course of the Day. —

To Captain Hall.

To Deputy Master Attendant — with orders to the same Effect. —

Sent the following letters. —

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## To the Honorable Jonathan Duncan Esq.

Governor in Council of Bombay

Honorable Sir.

To Bombay — advising of the detention of a part of the Bombay Detachment at Columbo —

Colonel Stuart having stated to us the necessity of retaining a very considerable force at Ceylon, with a view to the security of the line of Fortresses in our possession, on that Island

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Island, against any internal commotion, or attempt of an European Enemy, we have judged it indispensably necessary, for the present, to direct, that, of the Bombay Detachment, one Battalion of Native Infantry, and one Company of Artillery, with its proportion of Lascars be detained for the defence of Columbo, and it's dependencies - The remainder of the Troops belonging to your Establishment have been ordered forthwith to return to the Malabar Coast

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We have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Hobart &c.
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To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.
Governor General in Council
at
Fort William

Honorable Sir,

To Bengal advising of the Bengal artillery being ordered to remain at Columbo -

Colonel Stuart having stated to us the necessity of retaining a very considerable force at Ceylon, with a view to the security of the line of Fortresses in our possession on that Island, against any internal commotion or attempt

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attempt of an European Enemy, we have judged it indispensably necessary, for the present, to direct, that, of the Bombay Detachment, one Battalion of Native Infantry, and one Company of Artillery with its proportion of Lascars be detained, for the defence of Columbo, and its dependencies - and likewise the Bengal Artillery - The remainder of the Troops belonging to the Bombay Establishment have been ordered forthwith to return to the Malabar Coast. →

We have the honor to be,

with respect,

&c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George, (Signed) Hobart &c.

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Despatched the undermen-
tioned letters Entered in MB. Nos. 160-161-162-
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To W. Secretary Barlow.

To Secretary at Bengal - with
Copies of Mysore Intelligence. —

To Colonel Malcolm.

To Military Auditor General -
referring Mr. Hardon's Estimates for April -

To Lieutenant Nuthall.

To Lieutenant Nuthall - disap-
proving of the extent of his Drafts on the Pay-
master General for Cash, after receipt of Orders
to limit his purchases of horses, as much as
possible - and directing him to return to the
Carnatic with the party of Troopers stationed
at Hydrabad bringing with him the —
horses he has purchased. —

To Lieutenant Pogson - Cavalry.

To Lieutenant Thomas Pogson -
- permitting him to return to Europe. —

At

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# At a Consultation

Present

## The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor President

Tuesday 22d March 1796

## Major General Clarke

Commander in Chief

## Edward Saunders Esqr

and

## Ernst William Tallofield Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

The Question of Right to the Jaghiredarship of Arnee considered.

The Board now proceed to determine the question of Right to the Jaghiredarship of Arnee.—

Read the letter from Bengal, dated the 16th of October, and the President's minute in Council the 24th of November 1795.—

Read also the letter from the Board of Revenue dated the 2d and entered on the Minutes of the Council the 9th of February 1796.—

The points for the consideration and decision of the Board on this subject may be reduced to three questions—First whether Streenevasa Row the late Jaghiredar had a legal claim to the Inheritance, from the adoption of his Father by Trimalrow? Secondly—whether there be sufficient proof of the Verbal order given to the Widow with respect to the

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adoption of a Son - and - Thirdly - whether such verbal order be repugnant to the Principles of the Hindoo Laws, with respect to adoption -

As to the first - Shrunnavasa Row was the Grandson by adoption of Trimul Row - and Trimul Row's right to the Zaghire was fully recognized and confirmed by the Stipulations of the Treaty of 1762 - Shrunnavasa Row was also acknowledged by the Nabob of the Carnatic as the lineal heir, and Successor to his Grandfather - succeeded without dispute or interruption - and held the Zaghire for eight years, when he was displaced by the Nabob, in consequence of an irregularity of conduct on the part of certain Bramins residing at Arnee, which he the Zaghiredar was neither privy to, nor could have prevented under these circumstances, and in reference to the Arguments adduced by the Right Honble the President, in his Minute of the 24th of November last, the Board have no doubt upon their minds, as to the right of Shrunnavasa Row to the Zaghire.

In regard to the Second - It appears by the depositions upon Oath of four persons, that, Shrunnavasa Row on his death Bed, did direct his Wife to adopt a Son - that, when he gave the order he was in his perfect Senses - and - that, the substance of it was taken down in writing, and signed by them - the Board are, in consequence, decidedly of opinion that the concurring testimony of these four persons, should be received as a sufficient evidence of the fact -

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With respect to the third — The documents transmitted by the Governor General in Council, with his letter of the 16th of October 1795, in the case of Ramkishen's Claim to the Zemindary of Rajshahy state, that, according to the Hindoo Law, a Wife can adopt a Son under a license or written authority from the Husband and the Pundits of Benares and of the Sudder Dewanny adawlut expressly say, that the Widow can exercise the right of adoption by order of the Husband, but make no mention of written authority.

Opinion & Resolution of the Board on the above subject. —

The Board, having weighed the whole of the subject with mature consideration, are of opinion, and accordingly resolve, that the order given by the late Zaghirdar to his Wife to adopt a Son from amongst his relations is not repugnant to the principles of the Hindoo Law, as expounded by the Pundits of Benares and of the Sudder Dewanny adawlut — that the Widow had therefore a right to adopt a Son, agreeably to the Law of the Shaster — and that the Child so to be adopted, be received and acknowledged as the Heir and Successor of Shreenwasa Row, the late Zaghirdar of Arnee. —

Orders in consequence. —

Resolved that the Board of Revenue be directed to make known to the Widow the opinion of Government on her claim, to the end that she may proceed to the adoption, in conformity with the orders of her late Husband.

Resolved also that the Board of Revenue be directed to take such measures as may appear to them

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them necessary for giving effect to the arrangement now determined on.—

Ordered that a copy of these proceedings be sent to the Governor General in Council &c for his information.—

Read the following Letter from

Bengal.—

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council at Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Bengal. Congratulatory of the surrender of Colombo—

We have been honored with your Letter of the 23d. Ultimo, advising us of the surrender of Columbo, and the remainder of the Dutch possessions on Ceylon to the British Arms, and transmitting a copy of the articles of Capitulation.

We beg leave to return you our sincerest congratulations on an event of so much importance to the Public interests.—

We have the Honor to be,

Fort William the 5th March 1796.

&c: &c: &c:

Signed / J. Shore

" P. Speke

" Wm. Cowper.

Read the following letter from the Accountant General.—

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Mr. Wolf with an Statement of the Balance of Peishcush due to the Nizam on the 31st March

Agreable to Mr. Jackson's letter of the 6th instant, I have the Honor to lay before your Lordship a Statement shewing the amount of Peishcush that will be due to his Highness the Nizam on the 31st of this Month being Arcot Rupees 7,04,170..2..6 without deducting Rupees 12,980..13..1. for the expence of Stores sent to Innecondah — your Lordship will perceive a considerable difference between the balance of this Statement, and the sum mentioned by the Resident, which I am unable to account for, and therefore request your Lordship will be so pleased to give directions for my being furnished with a copy of the "Account Balance of Peishcush "furnished by the Ministers, of the Durbar" alluded to in the Residents address of the 19th February, in order that the component parts of each may be examined and the differences pointed out.

I have the Honor to be,

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/Signed/ Robt. Woolf

Acct General

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Accountant General's Office

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## Dr His Highness the Nizam on

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1790 | | | | | A/c. | a | P. | Exchange | | |
| February | 2d | To Cash paid at Madras in part of a bill drawn by the Bengal Government | | | 200,000 | " | " | at 365 Pondicherry Rupees P 100 Pagodas | 54,794 | 18 60 |
| March | 31 | To Ditto | | Ditto | 100,000 | " | " | at 356 and at 357 P 100 Pagodas | 28,089 | 34 20 |
| | | To Ditto | | Ditto | 16,665 | 11 | " | at 358 P 100 | 4655 | 7 75 |
| | | To Cash paid at Madras | | | 83,334 | 5 | " | at Ditto | 23277 | 33 5 |
| April | 30 | To Ditto | | Ditto | 90,000 | " | " | at 356 P 100 | 25280 | 33 28 |
| July | 19 | To Ditto | | Ditto | 76,665 | 11 | " | at 356 P 100 | 21535 | 11 " |
| | 23 | To Ditto | | Ditto | 50,000 | " | " | at Ditto | 14044 | 33 78 |
| 1792 | 29 | To Ditto | | Ditto | 50,000 | " | " | at Ditto | 14044 | 33 78 |
| January | 20 | To Ditto under the Head of Soubah of the Deccan | | | 3,650 | " | " | at 365 P 100 | 1000 | " " |
| 1789 | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | | To Cash paid at Masulipatam M.Pr. 75,000 | | | | | | | | |
| | | Deduct retained M.Pr. 25,00 or A/c. | | | 100000 | | | | | |
| 1790 | | | | | A/c. | | | A/c. | | |
| January | | To Cash paid at Masulipatam | | | 200000 | " | " | at 350 P 100 | 57142 | 30 68 |
| May | | To Ditto | | Ditto | 400,000 | " | " | at Ditto | 114285 | 25 57 |
| August | | To Ditto M.Pr. 6,00 | | | 30,000 | " | " | at Ditto | 85714 | 19 23 |
| | | | | | 24,000 | " | " | at 465 P 110 M.Pr. at 425 P 100 A/c. | 6600 | " " |
| | | To Ditto at Masulipatam | | | 26,000 | " | " | at 350 P 100 | 7428 | 20 16 |
| 1791 | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 1st | To a Bill drawn on Vizagapatam factory payable at Sight | | | 2,500 | " | " | A/c at 375 P 100 | 666 | 24 " |
| | | To Ditto | Ditto | at 15 days Sight | 2,500 | " | " | at Ditto | 666 | 24 " |
| | | To Ditto | Ditto | at 30 Do | 2500 | " | " | at Ditto | 666 | 24 " |
| | | To Ditto | Ditto | at 45 Do | 2500 | " | " | at Ditto | 666 | 24 " |
| | | To the amount paid on account of Peishcush to Bonamy Doss and Bonarka Doss Agent from the Benares Treasury on Obtaining Kennaway's Receipts in 1790/91 as P this and the Bengal A/c Statement | | | 525,000 | " | " | A/c at 365 P 100 | 143835 | 22 15 |
| | | Ditto | Ditto | 2d July 1791 | 175,000 | " | " | at Ditto | 47945 | 7 31 |
| | | Carried forward | | | 2330315 | 11 | " | | 652342 | 22 24 |

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# Account of Peishcush for the Circars

| | | | Arc. a P. | Exchge | Rup. f. G. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1788 Sept. | 25th | By Balance due this day as per Statement received from Bengal | 3,16,665 11 | 1365/7% | 2,51,141 10 18 |
| 1789 Septbr. | 25th | By the amount of Peishcush for the Phasely year 1198 | 7,00,000 | at do. | 1,91,780 29 47 |
| 1790 Septbr. | 25th | By Ditto Ditto 1199 | 7,00,000 | at do. | 1,91,780 29 47 |
| 1791 Septbr. | 25th | By Ditto Ditto 1200 | 7,00,000 | at do. | 1,91,780 29 47 |
| 1792 march | 31st | By the first Instalment for six months Peishcush of the Phasely year 1201 | 3,50,000 | at do. | 95,890 14 63 |
| October | 31st | By the Second Instalment for do. of the Phasely Year 1201 | 3,50,000 | at do. | 95,890 14 63 |
| 1793 march | 31st | By the first Instalment for do of the Phasely year 1202 | 3,50,000 | at do. | 95,890 14 63 |
| October | 31st | By the Second Instalment for do. of the Phasely year 1202 | 3,50,000 | at do. | 95,890 14 63 |
| 1794 march | 31st | By the first Instalment for do of the Phasely year 1203 | 3,50,000 | at do. | 95,890 14 63 |
| October | 31st | By the Second Instalment for do. of the Phasely year 1203 | 3,50,000 | at do. | 95,890 14 63 |
| 1795 March | 31st | By the first Instalment for do. of the Phasely year 1204 | 3,50,000 | at do. | 95,890 14 63 |
| april | 1st | By Cash received back in part by Mr Gregory, Collector of the Circars and Rajah muncey Circars, from Runchore dos the person deputed by his Highness the Nizam, which he received on the 22 December 1794. Nos Ps 15,000 | 57,750 | &c at 350/7% Sp. 110 Sp. 4% mar. | 16,500 |
| 8 | | By Do received back in full by Do from Do Do Nos Ps 2,000 | 19250 | at do. do. | 5,500 |
| | | Carried forward | 55,43,665.11 | | 15,19,716. 22 40 |

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Dr ..... His Highness the Nizam on Account of

| | | | | | | A Rupt a p Exchange | | Pr. F.C. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Brought forward | | | | 23,39,315 11 | " | 652,362 22 2½ |
| | | To the Amount advanced from the Durbar Cash to the Soubah's Vakeel in July and August 1789 a/c of the Bengal Account Current for 1792/93 Current Rupees 23,200 at 8 p Cent | | | | 21481 7 8 | at 365/7 p Rup. | 5885 12 9 |
| | | To the Amount of a Bill drawn by Captain Hunnaway on the Governor General in Council under date 6th June 1790 in part of the 2d Kist of the Peishcush for 1199 as p Acct. | | | | 40500 " " | at Do. | 11095 32 ½ |
| 1792 August | | To the Amount of Elephants sold by Lieutenant Lancy's to the Nizam's Agent | | | | Rupees 24530 | | |
| 1793 February | | Ditto | | Ditto | | 26460 | | |
| March | | Ditto | | Ditto | | 8100 | | |
| February | | To Cash agreed to be paid by the Governor General in Council to Meer abdul Lateef the Nizam's Agent at Calcutta Sa Rupees 300,000 at 8 p Cent | | | | 59090 " " | at Do. | 16189 1 47 |
| April | | To ditto paid at Madras to Meer Mungho for the order in his favor as per Letter from the Nizams Minister | | | | 326,000 " " | at Do. | 88767 4 35 |
| June | | To ditto at Madras to Shasy Canoo in part of the first Kist of the Phazely year 1200 due to the Nizam as per order of Military Consultation dated 25th Instant | | | | 15000 " " | at Do. | 4109 21 16 |
| | | | | | | 10000 " " | at Do. | 2739 26 11 |
| | | Carried forward | | | | 2900,057 2 8 | | 781,129 11 66 |

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# Peishcush for the Circars &c.

| | | | Mkts a pr Exchange | Pags. F. Fs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Brought forward ... | 55,13,665.11 " | ——— | 15,19,716 22 4½ |
| 1795 October 31st | By the Second Instalment for six Months peishcush of the Phazeley Year 1204 ... | 3,50,000 " " | {1365 Mkts: 100 Pags: 1½} | 95890 14 63 |
| 1796 March 31st | By the forth Instalment for six Months peishcush of the Phazeley Year 1205 ... | 3,50,000 " " | do ... | 95890 14 63 |
| | By Batta for the difference of exchange in bringing the Rupees into Pagodas ... | | | 32,229.13.26 |
| | Carried forward ... | 62,63,665.11 " | | 17,43,726 29 32 |

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# Dr. His Highness the Nizam on account of

| | | Mups. a/c Exchange | S.Ps | F.Ps |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Brought forward | 28,03872 8 | | 781,129.11.66 |
| 1793 August | To Cash paid at Madras to Saudeer Dowlah the Nizams Agent on account of Arrears of Pishcush falling due on 31st. March 1792 as p/order of Consultation dated 13th. Instant, Madras Pagodas 5,46,610 | 2,17,760 " " | at 600 F/o Madras Rupees 110 3/4 p/c. F.P. | 59,884 " " |
| 1792 Decemr. | To Cash paid at Masulipatam as p/order of Government of the 11th. July last | 3,50,000 " " | at 1350 F/o 1/4 p/c. | 1,00,000 " " |
| | To Cash paid at Masulipatam to the Nizams Agent on Account of the 2d. Instalment of Pishcush for the Phazely year 1201 or October 1792 and for which Bills were drawn on the Bengal Government by the Chief & Council of Masulipatam in October last | 3,50,000 " " | at Do. | 1,00,000 " " |
| 1793 april | To Ditto — Ditto on Account of the 1st. Instalment of Pishcush for the Phazely year 1202 or March 1793 and for which Bills were drawn on Ditto by Ditto this Month | 3,50,000 " " | at Do. | 1,00,000 " " |
| October | To Ditto — Ditto on Account of the 2d. Instalment of Pishcush for the Phazely year 1202 or October 1793 which was received from the Bengal | 3,50,000 " " | at Do. | 1,00,000 " " |
| | Carried forward | 64,18,147.2 8 | | 12,61,013 11 66 |

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Abt. a/c Exchange ... Page F 6

Brought forward ... 62,13,665. 11 " ... 1743,726 29 32

Carried forward ... 64,13,665. 11 " ... 1743,726 29 32.

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| 1794 | | | A/c a/c Exchange | Pags. &c |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Decemr. | Brought forward | 44,13,147 2 8 | | 12,41,013 11 66 |
| | To Cash advanced at Masulipatam to the Nizams Agent Madras Pags. 20,000 | 17,000 " " | Pags. 1950 7/12 Sht. 45 and 10 Sepr. 7/12 on 100 | 22,000 " |
| | To the Amount of a Bill drawn by the Resident with the Nizam on the Collector of Bimaraz dated 4th October 1791 on Account of Pischcush as 7th Account Current for 1792/93 Received from Bengal Sr. Rs. 25,000 or Ct. Rupees 27,75 at 8 Cent. | 25,694 7 1 | Pags. 1365 7/12 Sht. 8 | 7039 20 51 |
| | To the Amount paid Meer Abdul Lutief the Nizams Vackeel on the 29th August 1793 as per Account Current for 1793/94 Received from Bengal C. Rs. 232,000 at 8 Cent. | 214,814 13 " | at 8 | 58,853 13 35 |
| | To Ditto ... Ditto on the 7th September 1793 as per Ditto Cr. Rupees 116,000 at Ditto | 107,407 6 6 | at 8 | 29,426 24 57 |
| | To Ditto paid by the Collector of Moorshedabad to Dunney Nundy on Account of Meer Abdul Lutief the Nizams Vackeel as 7th ditto Current Rupees 53,000 at Ditto | 53,703 11 3 | at do. | 14,713 12 28 |
| | Carried forward | 486,767 8 6 | | 13,73,046 10 " 77 |

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Cushcaush for the Circars ..... Cr

Nbl. a Pd Exchange Pags. F.C

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| To Brought forward | 62,43,665.11 | ..... | 1743726.29.32 |

Carried forward 62,43,665.11 ..... 1,743,726.29.32

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# D.r. His Highness the Nizam on account of

Rupees a/c Exchange Pags. £ s

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| 1795 | | | | | | |
| May | Brought forward | | 489,767 8 6 | | 13,73,46 10 77 | |
| | To the following Bills discharged by Mr. Gregory Collector at Masulipatam drawn by Mr. Kirkpatrick Resident at Hydrabad having been paid by him for the use of Major Roberts Detachment, which are to be set off against the Arrears of Pishcush due to the Nizam as p. the Resident's Letter to Government dated 23d. April 1795. | | | | | |
| | 1st. Set dated 30th. April 1795 in favor of Burrah Khan of Masulipatam Rupees | 10,500 — | | | | |
| | 2d Sets dated do. do of the House of Kissore Doss and Modanjee at Masulipatam | 21,000 — | | | | |
| | 1 Set dated do. do. of Gurdun Doss Sowcar Attorney to the House of Burmate Doss and Duarika Doss | 10,500 — | 42,000 " | " | @ 350/ 1= 12,000 | " " |
| July 23 | To Amount due from His Highness the Nizam for Arrear of Pay &c. to two Battalions, that were serving in his Country carried to his debit as per letter from Mr. Jackson Military Secretary dated 23d. July 1795 and from Captain Kirkpatrick Resident at Hydrabad dated 9th. do. | | 500727 " | " | @ 363/ 50 | 1,37185 17 20 |
| | Carried forward | | 5,43,494. 8. 6 | | | 15,22,231. 28. 17 |

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Acct a/c Exchange Page 56

By Brought forward ---- 62,43,665.11 ---- 17,63,726.29.32

Carried forward ---- 62,43,665.11 ---- 17,63,726.29.32

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# D.r His Highness the Nizam on Account of

A/Rup.s a/c Exchange Dept. F. C.

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| 1796 | To Brought forward | 5,43,494 8 6 | 15,22,231 28 87 |
| January 26th | To Cash paid by Mr. Gregory Collector at Masulipatam to the Nizam's Agent there | 1,00,000 " " | A/350/[illegible] 28,571 15 35 |
| | | 5,53,494 8 6 | 15,50,803 7 52 |
| | To Balance that will be due to his Highness the Nizam on 31st March 1796 | 7,04,171 2 6 | A/365/[illegible] 197,923 21 60 |
| | Arcot Rupees Pagodas | 62,43,665 11 " | 17,63,726 29 32 |

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[Signed]

[Signed] Cecil Smith

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# Pushcash for the Circars Cr

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| By Brought forward | 62,43,665 11 | " | 17,43,726 29 32 |
| Arcot Rupees & Pagodas | 62,43,665 11 | - | 17,43,726 29 32 |

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Excepted

Robert Wood

Accountant General

N.B. The amount of Stores and the Carriage thereof sent to Innaconda in July 1791 Viz Pagodas 3,56,14 - or Rs 12,980 13 4 is not included in this Account having been referred to the Bengal Government.

Read

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Read the following Letter from Captain Kirkpatrick.—

William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

From Resident at Hyderabad—States that the Nizam's Ministers expectation immediately to relieve charge of the Arrears of Peishcush—Requests the enquiries contained in his Letter of 16th Feby—

I have had the honor of receiving to day your Letter of the 3d Instant.—

The periods for discharging the Peishcush being fixed by Treaty, the Ministers of this Durbar may be supposed to believe, that the necessary arrangements for its regular payment are always made in due time; and therefore, although they have been in the habit of suffering this Account to run considerably in arrear, yet I imagine that, whenever they see fit to demand its liquidation, whether wholly or in part, they mean and expect that it should be discharged immediately—In the present case I am, at least, sure that they calculate upon receiving in the course of the ensuing month the total amount that will be due on the 31st Instant, when the first Kist of the Fusli year 1205 becomes payable.—

If it should not suit the convenience of Government to pay off this balance so early as I have mentioned, I conclude I shall be advised accordingly.—when I shall use my best endeavours to reconcile the Ministers of his Highness to a further delay in the Complete liquidation of it; in the mean time, however, it would have a good appearance to make a beginning in the business as soon as possible.—

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I conclude it has not been in your power to give me any answer to the enquiry contained in the last Paragraph of my letter of the 19th Ultimo to the Right Honorable the President in Council, &c. which I lament the more on account of the inferences liable to be drawn by the Ministers of this Durbar from my inability to satisfy them whether or not the arrears will, according to their desire, be discharged at Masulipatam.

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

Hydrabad
12th March 1796

The minutes on the two preceding letters from Mr. Wolf and Capt.n Kirkpatrick.—

Resolved that orders be sent to Mr. Collector Wrangham to be prepared to answer any demand that may be made upon him on account of the Peishcush that will fall due to his Highness the Nizam on the 3d Instant.

Agreed, that Captain Kirkpatrick be informed of the order above stated, and that there is reason to hope Mr. Wrangham will have sufficient cash in his hands for this purpose, in the course of the ensuing month — That it would be very desirable to make such an arrangement with respect to the payment of the Peishcush as would prevent the necessity of draining the Company's possessions of so considerable a portion of the Specie in Circulation — and that, if it be possible to effect this object, the Board assure themselves he will do it.

Resolved

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Resolved also to acquaint him, that the letter said to have been written by him to the President in Council under date the 19th Ultimo, never came to hand

Ordered that copies of Mr Woolf's letter & and Statement be sent to Captain Kirkpatrick, and that he be desired to forward a copy of the account & Balance of Pitchcush furnished by the Ministers of the Nizams Durbar, and alluded to in his letter of the 23d of February

Read the following letters from the Residents at Poona and Hydrabad

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor of Fort St George

from Sir Chas Malet advising of the arrival of Ragonauth Row's Sons in the neighbourhood of Poonah.

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose Extract of my address of this date to the Governor General and to be, very respectfully

Yrs. Yrs.

Poona
4th March 1796

/Signed/ C. W. Malet

Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Poona to the Governor General, dated 4th March 1796. —

The Sons of Ragonath Row arrived within three Miles of this place yesterday evening. The change of their intended circuitous Route is generally attributed to

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the Intelligence of Doulut Row Sindea having
directed his March towards Poona, which, it is reported,
he is now approaching by forced Marches, with the
lighter part of his Army, the rest following with all
possible speed; Perron being likewise ordered to join
with his Brigade.

About 5 Oclock tomorrow Morning it is Jam
told is fixed as the auspicious hour of Mana Purnavies's
waiting on his new Master; after which, the principal
Personage of the State and Government are to be
introduced

There seems to be no doubt now of the
Succession of Badjerow to the vacant succession, and it is
confidently asserted, that he will enter the Palace of the
Peshwa very soon after Nanna's audience, and the
introduction of the Chiefs.

True Extract
(Signed) J. Malthouse
assistant

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

From Sir Chas. Malet. Sindia
means to support
the Rights of
Badjerow.

My Lord,

I have to thank you for the early Signifi-
cation of the Capture of Columbo, through Messrs.
Jackson and Ackerley, and to present you my hearty
Congratulations on that important Event, which I have
announced to this Court.

I have already had the honor to advise
you of the Arrival of Ragonath Row's Son in this
Neighbourhood

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Nanna Furnavies paid his Respects to them in their Tents on the Morning of the 5th Instant, and it was intended, that they should enter the Town that Evening, but it neither did, nor has since taken place, They still remain encamped.—

In the mean time, Doulut Row Sindea has directed his March towards Poona, but instead of advancing, as at first reported, lightly equipped, has signified to me his intention of coming at the Head of his whole force, with which he means to support the rights of Badjerow, should there be a Prospect of their being superseded by the interested attachment of any persons to his Younger Brother Cheinna Appa.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your
Most Obedt
Humble Servt
Signed C. M. Malet

Poona
7th March 1796.

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

My Lord,

From Sir Charles Malet the succession still in suspense.—

Though the period of Mourning for the late Peshwa expired Yesterday, on which occasion I paid a Visit of Consolation to his Widow, the Succession to the Vacant Musnud still remains in suspense, but every thing is hitherto perfectly quiet.—

I am inclined to think, that the indisputable Right of the Sons of Ragoba to the vacant

Musnud

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Mahmud will ultimately supersede the objections of
Nanna Furnavese and the ruling Junto, unless the
Scale should be turned by some extraordinary accession
of weight to their party

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

Poona
9th November 1796.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Capt. Kirkpatrick - The Nizam in a convalescent state

I have the honor to transmit, for the information of your Lordship, extract of my address of this date to the Governor General.

and to be &c. &c.
Signed / Wm. Kirkpatrick

Hydrabad
7th March 1796

Extract of a letter from the Resident at
Hydrabad to the Hon.ble Sir John Shore Bart.t
Governor General Fort William dated 7th March 1796

3 I have the pleasure to inform you that
his Highness is supposed to be in a Convalescent State,
and that the Physicians appear confident of his Recovery,
provided they can restrain his Appetites within due
bounds, which however, they have not yet been able
to do.

4 A Strict watch, I understand, continues to
be kept upon the motions of Secunder Jah

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whose late precipitancy appears to have given deep offence to his Father; and to have occasioned also, as I am credibly assured, an order of Bukhshie Begum "That the Nizam shall not be attended during his illness by any of the Ladies of the Haram having living Male Issue by his Highness."

5 Yesterday morning the following Commanders were very suddenly summoned to the Durbar, where they received their dismission, without however, being admitted to a previous audience of his Highness, for Doorah.

Kooteb ul Omra, son in law of the late Nizir Jung, Rustit ul Moolk, Nephew of Azim ud Dowlah, Ameen ul Moolk, Commander of Azim ul Omra's Pagah.

Chimnaw Lall, son of Rajah Tej Want,

Monsieur Rayamond

and a few others of less note. Their united forces will consist, it is said, of 5000 horse, and 5000 foot, the Chief command of which has been conferred on Kooteb ul Omra.

6 The common belief is, that this Army is designed to strengthen the hands of Balaje Pundit, and to enable him, if not absolutely to exclude the Sons of Ragonath Row from the succession of the Peishwaship, at least to maintain himself in the administration against the designs imputed to Dowlut Rao and others, of overthrowing his authority. If the report of this having particularly required, that Rayamond's Corps should be sent to him

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on this occasion might be credited there would be the
less room to doubt of the nature of his views - Be
these, however, or the real objects of this Durbar in
the present case, what they may, Gobind Rao Kishen
has given out that nothing more is meant than that
the force ordered from hence to Poonah should assist
at the inauguration of the new Peishwa on the 11th
part of the Nizam - a person belonging to the 11th
Vakeel's family paid a Visit yesterday to my Moonshee,
apparently for no other purpose, than that of contradicting
the popular rumours on this head

7. after all, it is not impossible but this measure
may have been taken as much with an eye to the
event of the Nizam's death, as with any other view -
Prejudices seem to run high at this Court against
Secunder Jah, chiefly, I imagine on account of his
real or supposed attachment to Azim ul Omra,
whose liberation from Captivity, and restoration
to power, would, it is concluded, be among the first
acts of his government - At this rate it may be
thought a matter of consequence, in the present
conjuncture, to remove Raymond, or rather the
greater part of his force out of the way - It is
said, indeed, that Raymond himself is not to
proceed on this expedition

8 The Detachment under the Command

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of Captain Dalrymple had not been joined by Mahommed Ameen Khan Arab, from Paglore on the 4th. Instant, though his arrival at Daeveer Sagor, where our Detachment had taken post, was then expected in the course of two or three days. I doubt much whether the Arab, after collecting together the various quotas of Troops allotted him for this service will be strong enough in Cavalry to undertake the reduction of the Insurgents, who are assembled, in greater force than was expected, in the vicinity of Ruchore, I have on this account, for some days past, been labouring to awaken a proper degree of attention in the Durbar, to this point, but, I have hitherto, I am sorry to say, had little or no success.—

P.S. Since writing the above I am informed by Mustaheem ul Dowlah, that Syed Gholaum Hussein (the infant son of the late Durajah) has solicited his Highness's permission to repair to Hyderabad, which, if seriously demanded, and honourably granted, will, I conclude, put an end to the rebellion in Ruchore.—

A true Extract
Signed Wm. Kirkpatrick

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Capt. Kirkpatrick on the subject of deserters—the French Influence acquires

Inclosed I have the honor to transmit, for your Lordships information, Extract of my letter of

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acquiesce more weight. of this date to the Honble the Governor General.

I have the Honor to be

Hydrabad
14th March 1796

Sir: &c: &c:

/Signed/ Wm Kirkpatrick

Extract of a letter from the Resident at Hydrabad to the Honble the Governor General dated the 14th March 1796

The event has already, perhaps, in some degree proved the justness of your opinion "that my perseverance in demanding the Surrender of the Deserters harboured by Monsieur Raymond, might, at least, have the effect of discouraging the reception of persons of that description in future." This would seem to be shewn both in the instance of that Frenchman's having some time since sent back two Artillery men, who, deserting from our Detachment had offered to entertain with him and with injunctions which he is declared by Baptiste (in a letter to the officer commanding at Innaconda) to have laid upon those belonging to him, to the same purpose, I must nevertheless be owned to be very possible that these marks of Compliance on a point to which we had given some importance, may have been occasioned, in a greater degree, if not entirely, by the suspense in which he has been in of late with respect to the intentions of the Madras Government regarding his Military Stores at Narpilly, on which

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subject you will perceive from my letter of the 11th Instant to Mr. Secretary Jackson, I have received professedly at his suggestion a formal application from the Durbar.

I confess, I thought it likely that Raymond's solicitude on this score would have prompted him to deliver up, before now, if not all the deserters claimed, at least the Artillery man, who had been actually seen in his Camp, by an Officer, and spoken with by a Gunner of the Detachment; since he could not but suppose that this evidence would be conclusive with us, however lightly he might teach the Durbar to regard it — and indeed the only way there seems to be of accounting, satisfactorily, for his remarkable pertinacity in this case, is by referring it to a persuasion, that the Stores in question having been purchased in the Name of the Nizam, and with the knowledge of our Government their free passage through the Company's Country must, sooner or later, be granted to his Highness's application, notwithstanding any repugnance we might feel to the measure, either on grounds of general policy, or of particular exception to himself, or his Conduct — if indeed he may have set a high value, on the services of the individual alluded to, and latterly may have, also, been loth to falsify his previous asseverations on this head, by surrendering him into our hands

I am

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I am not, however disposed to think, that these considerations would have a paramount weight with him, were it certain that the Sacrifice of them was absolutely necessary to the attainment of his object.

I am concerned to inform you, that the French Party has recently acquired a considerable accession of Strength and Weight in this State, by means of the elevation of it's Chief to the Office of Amein of the Sirsi, or Comptroller of the Ordnance, the whole of which department is, for the future, to be under the efficient direction of Monsieur Raymond, although the principal Officers belonging to it, under its antient constitution, are for the present at least, to be ostensibly continued. I understand also, that the sum appropriated, in ordinary, to the service of this Department had been augmented from thirty five, to fifty thousand Rupees per mensem, in consideration of certain improvements proposed to be introduced into it, by the new Comptroler, one of which is to be, the appointment of five and twenty European Artificers to it, although it is since his Highness's illness that Raymond had been formally invested with this important charge, yet I have reason to believe that the measure had, for some time before, been determined on.

I hear of no material change in the state of the Nizam's health, there nevertheless seems

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seems to be a good deal of intrigue and Cabal going on with a view to the event of his death, I would be rash in me to offer, at present, any strong or positive opinion regarding the probable result — I may venture to say however, that the prospects of Secundah Jah by no means appear to improve, he is reported to be very impatient under the restraint which has been placed upon him, and, in consequence, to have indulged himself in menaces and other extravigancies little calculated to serve his cause, his mother also, I am privately, and I think credibly informed, is in some disgrace with his Highness, To these circumstances I shall only add that although the Pagah Party would, I believe, be very well, pleased to be able to secure the succession to their favorite Prince without the participation of Monsieur Raymond, and even prefer our countenance and assistance to that end, yet finding themselves, perhaps, unequal to the one, and not entertaining any hope of the other, they seem, by the unusual attention, which I understand they have begun to pay to the French Commander, desirous of engaging him to enter into their views, In fine, the Conjuncture is as propitious to the firm establishment of the influence of this ambitious Adventurer, I will not say of his Nation, in this State, as he could wish, It makes him to be courted by all parties; and if the surrounding powers

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powers should decline interfering on the occasion, the Mussnud, whenever it becomes vacant, will unquestionably be at his disposal.—

The forces designed, as was given out, to assist at the inauguration of Bajee Row assemble very slowly, and it is now said that only two of the Rayamond Regiments are to proceed with Rootul ul Omra on this occasion. I need not attempt any solution of these changeable Symptoms, Sir Charles Malet's latest dispatches furnishing as good a clew to their origin, as can be required.

Accounts have been received here of a late action between a division of Ragojee Bhosillahs Army, commanded by Ethul Pundit, and the united forces of the Nabob of Bopaul, and Rajah of Gurrah Mundela, which is said to have terminated, after a sharp conflict, in the defeat and Route of the former.—

a true Copy

/Signed/ W.m Kirkpatrick

Read the following Letter from Captain Bony.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c.a in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Lieut.t Bony— requests a Court Martial.—

I have had the honor to bear a Commission in the Military service of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, under their Presidency of

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of Fort St. George, in the Corps of Engineers, from the year 1780 to the present date, and by the regular gradations of the service have now attained to the rank of Captain in the same, and I have conducted myself, My Lord, on all occasions, so far as my ability allowed, with zeal and attention, to the Interest of the Company in the line of my profession, it has therefore, My Lord, been a Matter of Surprize and concern to me, to learn, from the General Orders of the 5th Instant, that I am suspended by an act of your Lordship in Council from the service of the Company, until the pleasure of the Court of Directors be known, being wholly ignorant my Lord, of any exception which your Lordship may have been pleased to take at my public conduct, and never having been heard in my defence, I have to request that national Justice of your Lordship, which every individual has a right to demand, and which every officer, especially, under the circumstances which I have briefly stated to your Lordship, and under the several acts of Parliament made in that behalf, has a peculiar Right to require, I mean, My Lord, a fair, full, and impartial Hearing before my Brother officers, I have therefore earnestly to request that your Lordship will be pleased to communicate to me the offence, of which I am supposed to have been guilty, and to order an Investigation to be made thereon, by a Court Martial, regularly Constituted, without which my

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Lord, I conceive that any suspension of my previleges and rights, as an officer, in the service of the Company, illegal as to me, and may form a precedent of much danger to the Interests of my Brother officers in the General. —

I have the honor to be
Wr: Wr:
/Signed/ Geo Borg
Capt.n & Engineer

Fort St. George
the 8.th March 1796

Minute thereon

Agreed to acquaint Captain Borg that the Board have seen no reason to induce an alteration in their determination announced in the General order of the 4.th Instant. —

Read the following letter from the Military Board

# To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Military Board — inclose two Bills for repairs & one for Ordnance work. — a letter from the Military Store Keeper submitted —

We have the honor to transmit to your Lordship two bills for Buildings and Repairs made in the Military Department amounting to Pagodas 5,292 : 29 : 79, which having been examined and found to correspond with the Contract prices, and certified by the Chief Engineer — We beg leave to recommend may be passed for payment. —

We have further the honor to submit Copy

of

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of a Letter with its enclosures from the Military Storekeeper under date the 17th February last, which had been referred by us to the Commissary General of Stores, whose remarks are subjoined thereto - and are request to have your Lordship's commands to us on the subject.

The Agent to the Gun Carriage &c Contractors having forwarded to us the enclosed Bill amounting to Pagodas 626 " 14 " 70 and the articles therein specified having been examined by a Committee from our Board, and found in every respect fit for the service - We have the honor to recommend that it may be paid. -

We have the Honor to be,

Wa: Wa:

Fort St. George
1st March 1796.

/Signd/ Hanred Clarke
" Henry Malcolm
" Thomas Geils
" Jn Richardson
" P.y Close
" Wm Gent.
" Geo: Hall

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Major General Alured Clarke

President &c. Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

I take the liberty to forward you a letter received from Messrs. Chase, Sewell, and Chase and request to be favored with your orders thereon.

I have for your information made enquiries into the usual method of settling matters of this nature, and find by the enclosed Extract, &c. from a Government letter to the Board of Trade dated 12th October 1793, that it has been customary to write such deficiency off, to profit and Loss.

The Deficiency of Woodcut mentioned in the inclosed Extract was 10 ℔ Cent. the deficiency in the present instance is rather more than two ℔ Cent, and, on enquiry among Merchants, I find, that, much less than is generally allowed

Fort St. George
17th February 96

I am with respect
&c. &c.
(Signed) Wm Webb
Mily Storekeeper

a true Copy
(Signed) L. Wallace
Dep.y Sec.y Mil.y Board

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I find on enquiry that, if Salt Petre be sent from Bengal consigned to any of the Merchants at Fort St George, that an allowance is made for Wastage of five ℔ Cent, the Salt Petre brought from Fort William by Captain Arthur was on account of the Company— and the wastage, agreeably to the Storekeepers account, is rather more than two per cent, and by the account of Captain Arthur's Agents less than two and half ℔ Cent, as the two Accounts of the Captains Agents and the Military Storekeeper are nearly the same— I cannot see any reason why the Storekeeper should not be ordered to settle with Captain Arthur's Agents, and that the deficiency amounting to little more than two ℔ Cent should be written off to Profit and Loss. I think therefore that Government should be addressed accordingly, and that their order regarding the same should be requested.—

/Signed/ George Hall
C. G. S.

February 25th 1796

a true Copy

/Signed/ J. Wallace
Dep. Sec.y Mil. Board

William Webb Esqr
Military Storekeeper

Sir,

We beg leave to request, you will give us
the

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up Captain Arthurs Bill of Lading for the 3000 ℔
Maunds of the Honble Company's Salt Petre —
delivered by them into your Charge, the deficiency
which appears from the delivery we cannot agree
to make good, the amount being little more than 2 ℔
Cent, when among Merchants the Customary —
allowance for Wastage is 5 ℔ Cent. —

Madras
19th November 1795

We are &c. &c.
(Signed) Chase Sewell & Chase

True Copy
(Signed) J. Wallace
Depy Secy Mil. Board

Minutes thereon

Ordered that the Bills be paid, and
that the allowance for Wastage of Salt Petre,
be acquiesced in, agreeably to the Suggestion of
the Military Storekeeper

Read the following Letters from
Sir George Elphinstone

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

Fort St. George.

My Lord,

From Admiral Elphinstone requesting all Naval Prisoners of War may be delivered to be sent to the Mauritius on a Cartel

I have the honor to inform
your Lordship, that I have this day established
a Cartel for the Exchange of Prisoners of War
with the French Governor of the Mauritius
agreeably

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agreeably to the Directions of the Right Honble the Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty, and I request your Lordship will be pleased to give the necessary directions, that all the Naval Prisoners of War remaining in prison at your Lordships Presidency may be collected at Madras in readiness to embark on the 10th of April, by which day the Ship Glasgow now lying in these Roads will be Chartered to be ready for their reception and transportation to the Mauritius accordingly

I have the honor to be
Wa: Wa:
/Signd/ G.H: Elphinstone

H.M.S. Monarch
Madras Road
the 14th March 1796

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

My Lord,

From Admiral Elphinstone advising of his having permitted the enlistment of Naval servants of war on board the Kings Ships. —

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that Sundry Prisoners of War having offered to enter into his Majesty's Naval Service, I have given permission for their being received on the usual Bounties, considering this the most economical and expedient mode of disposal.

I have the honor to be
Wa: Wa:
/Signed/ G: H: Elphinstone

H: M: S. Monarch
Madras Roads
the 15th March 1796.

Ordered

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Ordered that the acting Town Major do take the necessary Steps for bringing all the French Naval Prisoners of War now in Confine=ment under this Presidency to Madras, on or before the 10th day of April next, in order that they may be embarked on the Cartel taken up by the admiral, for the French Islands.

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute.

Commander in Chief's Minute on the subject of the References made by the Of Reckoning Committee respecting certain unadjusted Stoppages from the 1st Battalion of Artillery.

Minute of the Commander in Chief.—

The Board having expressed a desire to obtain all the information they could upon the subject of a letter dated January 27th from Major Fothringham, President of the Of Reckoning Committee, to the Adjutant=General, relative to difficulties that had arisen respecting the Clothing of the first Battalion of Artillery, I have made all the enquiry in my power, and beg leave to submit the following Statement with a view to such orders being issued by Govern=ment, as may remove an inconvenience that every Officer, who is interested in the distribution of the Of Reckoning funds at present labours under, from not receiving such proportion=s thereof as he may be justly entitled to.

Stoppages

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Stoppages are made monthly from the Soldiers full pay in order to defray the expences of his annual Cloathing and the aggregate Savings, or surplus remaining from those Stoppages, after the Cloathing is made up, forms the amount of Cash distributed yearly to Officers under the Head of Off Reckonings.

On this Establishment Cloathing for the European Troops is indented for, for the number of Men only on the Strength of Corps on the 1st of September yearly, and the European off Reckoning funds are credited for an amount of Stoppages answering to the Number of Men on the Strength of Corps on the last day of December each year — The Stoppages brought to Account for one year furnish the European Cloathing for the ensuing year, and the Cloathing becoming due on the 1st day of each year, the European Troops are accordingly Reckoned to be Cloathed yearly in advance —

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Thus the European Cloathing for the year 1795 is indented for on the 1st of September 1794, is made up from the Stoppage of 1794, and becomes due on the 1st of January 1795 — and it is further regulated that the Spare Cloathing remaining in Regimental Store on the 1st of September in one year, shall make a part of the Cloathing of the succeeding year — the System here detailed having been ordered to take effect, at all events, from the 1st of January 1795.

It now follows to advert to the case under consideration, the Cloathing in question being for the year 1796 to which the present System specially applies — Agreably to the Government orders of the 20th May 1794 the Cloathing Indent from the 1st Battalion of Artillery for 1795 should have been sent into the Contractor on the 1st of September 1794, and made out so as to correspond with the number of Men on the Strength of the Corps at that period — But, on inspection of the Indent for 1795, it appears not to have been sent in till the first of that year and to have been made out on a Calculation of the Strength of the Corps on that date.

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The Committee now sitting having proceeded to fix the distribution of Off Reckonings for 1794 come to the Indent above alluded to, and finding that from the large amount of spare Cloathing, in Regimental Stores, fifty three Coats only, including all descriptions, are indented for, perceive that the stoppages from the 4th Battalion of Artillery, with the exception of the small sum required to make up the few Coats indented for, fall as Off reckonings to the Artillery Corps, instead of being applied to prepare the Cloathing as originally intended - and from this consideration Solicit Head Quarters for instructions for their guidance.

The subject comes before Govern=ment, and the Commanding Officer of the 4th Battalion of Artillery is required to state the cause, that occasioned the difference between the Number of Men shewn upon the return of the 4th Battalion of Artillery on the 1st of January 1795, and the number of Men for whom Cloathing was delivered.- he sends in a reply - If this reply be deemed satisfactory, little difficulty can

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attend a decision - as the point to be determined will then be only whether Government will allow the Artillery Officers to benefit it, by an unexpected occurrence, which though not provided for, may seem to have taken place in the regular course of things - and the more so, as, from early times, it has been usual for spare Cloathing collected by Corps, to be applied for the benefit of the Officers Funds - But if the reply be not deemed satisfactory, Government may be disposed to look for information more official, it may call on the Quarter Master of the Corps, to account for so considerable a number of spare Coats having accumulated in the Regimental Store since 1792, especially as it is not probable, that so great a Number of Men have died in the Battalion during that Interval; and if he fail to account for the circumstance, Government may then resolve that the Stoppages in question shall remain in the Treasury till those points of Enquiry shall be satisfactorily answered,

I will

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with the exception of a deduction therefrom,
to the Amount proposed by the Committee
in the letter from Major Fotheringham, by
which the offreckonings of the 1st Battalion
of Artillery for 1794, will be limited to an
Amount equal to the Savings which would
have accrued from the Stoppages of that
year, had Clothing been made up for the
Corps agreeably to its Strength on the 1st
of September 1794.

Present Thornton.—

The Board acquiesce in the
proposition submitted by the Commander
in Chief— Resolved therefore, that a
deduction be made from the unapplied
Stoppages, equal to the profits, which
would have accrued to the offreckoning
Fund, had the 1st Battalion of Artillery
been Clothed in the usual Manner;
and that the amount of such deduction
be devided as offreckonings to those entitled
to shew them

Resolved also, that the remainder
of the Stoppages do remain in the Treasury
until official information be obtained as
to

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to the cause or causes that occasioned the accumulation of so considerable a number of spare Coats in the Regimental Store since the year 1792.

The President lays before the Board sundry papers relating to the family of Ram Row — of the oppression exercised over them by his Highness the Nabob — and of the measures taken by His Lordship with a view to their relief.

*The President lays before the Board sundry Petitions and papers relating to the family of Ram Row. —*

As these papers are very voluminous — Ordered that they be sent in Circulation for the Consideration of the Members of Council, and that they be brought forward at a future day

*Ordered to be sent in Circulation. —*

Read the following letter from the Agent for Spirituous Liquors.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship an Abstract Account Current of the Arrack Agency for the year 1794/95 — drawn up upon the same scale as that of the preceding year

*From Mr. Cokrane submitting an account Current of the Arrack Agency for 1794/95 — Observations. —*

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In my letter of the 29th September 1794, I informed your Lordship of the high rate at which the Liquor was purchased, owing to the sudden rise in the Market, in consequence of the great demand of the Honble Company for the Expedition to the Mauritius - the very advanced price of the Rum brought out in the Fleet from England for the use of the Expedition has added considerably to the price of the Supplies of the year 1794/95 the Medium rate of which stands at Fanams 20.31 per Gallon the result is, that there arises a loss to the Honble Company of Star Pagodas 22,695.27.42, and, as it had originates entirely from the preparations made for the Expedition to the Mauritius, the loss, of course, with your Lordship's leave, will be written off to that Head.

The Supplies of Liquor for the year 1792/93 were laid in by me at the Medium rate of Fanams 12.22 per Gallon, and that of the year 1793/94 at Fanams 12.11 per Gallon, it is therefore very evident that the Supplies of the year 1794/95 would have been laid in as cheap as the year 1793/94, had it not been for the unexpected sudden demand for the Expedition to the Mauritius, and the very high rate the Rum sent from England for the purpose

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purpose of the Expedition - as a proof of which I have only to instance the low rate I have been able to purchase Gallons 100,652 - of Arrack during the Current year of 1795/96. the Medium rate of which only stands at Sanams 12.68 per Gallon, and this at a time when the Resource from Batavia is shut up, and when there is a large Fleet of Men of War in the Country, and more expected.

I beg leave to call your Lordships attention to one point, which is, that I have not benefitted any way by the high price of the purchase, my Commission being charged as if it had been purchased at the rate of the preceding Year, when a profit was devided amongst the Commanding Officers.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
/Signed/ Basil Cochrane
Agent for Spirituous Liquor

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# Dr. Account Current of Arrack

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1794 | | | | | | mds & Mds. ff. C. | |
| May | 1. | To Stock at Madras & Stores at Tanjore 15 per Gallon | | | | 11,196. 6. | 3,920 2 20 |
| 1795 | | | | | | | |
| April | 30 | To Purchases | | | | | |
| | | 1794 | | | | | |
| | | July at Madras | 46,216 39 | 13,017 40 60 | | | |
| | | Received from Bombay | 30,71 34 | 6966 14 3 | | | |
| | | Received from Calcutta | | | | | |
| | | 1794 | | | | | |
| | | " August | 34,168.31. | 17,52.24.52 | | | |
| | | " September | 22,857.16. | 8,887.9.78 | | | |
| | | " October | 12,654.29. | 4967.35.2. | | | |
| | | 1795 March | 31,477.30. | 10328.9.53 | | | |
| | | | | 104158 26 | 41,346 10 65 | | |
| | | 1794 | | | | | |
| | | October Received from England | 26,349 29 | 15,241 34 10 | | | |
| | | To Medium rate if 4 which stands at 2 Jan. 20. 51 ff. C. | 81,797 8 | 81,572 17 58 | 181,797 8 | 81,572 17 58 | |
| | | Charges Merchandize | | 13,930 14 34 | | | |
| | | Leakage | | 7,328 16 50 | | | |
| | | Commission | | 2,399 7 24 | | | 23,658 2 22 |
| | | | | | | Total | 298,993 14 113,150 22 26 |

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| | | | | M P & P Rup | F | C |
| 1795 April. 30 | By Amount Sales | | | | | |
| | To Europeans ——— | 99,326 14 | 48327 28 30 | | | |
| | To Natives ——— | 17,427 33 | 11,365 44 60 | | | |
| | | 117,253 7 | 60,194 1 10 | 117253 | 7 | 60194 1 10 |
| | By Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. — | | | | | |
| | Amount delivered Sicca | 6,529 14 | 270 8 35 10 | | | |
| | Amount Received of Sicca | 3,705 35 | 287 32 40 | | | |
| | Balance debited Sicca | 2,823 19 | 2,420 2 50 | 5823 | 19 | 2,420 2 50 |
| | By Sweat Toddy ..... | | | | | 430 25 44 |
| | By Sundry Books received of the Honble John Cochrane on Account of a deficiency on the Supplies of Rum and Arrack sent from thence to this Presidency in the Year 1791/1792. — | | | | | |
| | Sicca Rupees ..... | 1090 " " | | | | |
| | Batta at 16 p Cent is Current Rupees | 1264 6 4 | | | | |
| | Ditto at 8 p Cent is Arcot Rupees | 170 11 9 | | | | |
| | at 375 Arcot Rupees per 100 Star Pag is Star Pag: | | | | | 312 9 " |
| | By Batta difference in Exchange between 36 Fan: the rate the Liquor is added up at and 46 Fanams the rate the Amount Sales are brought to Account. ..... | | | | | 30 " " |
| | By Expedition to the Mauritius. — | | | | | |
| | for Amount lost on the Revaluation of the Arrack purchased at Madras Bombay and Bengal also brought from England for the Expedition to the Mauritius ..... | | | | | 22,695 27 12 |
| | By Balance Stock on Hand at Fanams 15 per Gallon ..... | | | 175916 28 | 57,367 28 40 | |
| | Total | | | 393993 14 | 163,450 22 26 | |

Fort St. George
30th April 1795

(Signed) Basil Cochrane
Agent for Spirituous Liquors

Abstract

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# Fort St. George 22. March 1796

## Abstract Account of Spirits received into

| Date when received | From whom Purchased | Purchased at Madras | | | Purchased at Calcutta | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1794 | | Quantity | Rate P Gallon | Value | Quantity | Rate P Gallon | Value |
| | | M.G. | P. C. | Star. P. C. | M.G. | P. C. | Star. P. C. |
| July 1. | From Nagapah Chitty as Per Voucher A | 19,302 4 | 17 40 | 3360 26 60 | " " | " " | " " " |
| " 4 | From Messrs. Colt Baker & Co. as Per Voucher B | 32,914 35 | 18 8 | 12957 14 " | " " | " " | " " " |
| " 19 | From Mr. Harding as Voucher C | " " | " " | " " " | " " | " " | " " " |
| August 31 | From Calcutta as Voucher D | " " | " " | " " " | 36,168 31 | 23 10 | 17,182 28 12 |
| Septr. 30 | From Ditto Ditto E | " " | " " | " " " | 22,857 16 | 17 10 | 3887 9 78 |
| Octobr. 31 | From Ditto Ditto F | " " | " " | " " " | 17,654 29 | 17 28 | 4,967 35 2 |
| 1795 | | | | | | | |
| March 31 | From England Ditto G | " " | " " | " " " | " " | " " | " " " |
| March 31 | From Calcutta Ditto H | " " | " " | " " " | 31,477 30 | 15 7 | 10328 9 53 |
| | Total | 16,216. 39 | 17 74 | 13057.60 60 | 10,158 - 26 | 18 64 | 4,1346 10 65 |

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# Store at Madras in the Year 1794/95

| Purchased at Bombay | | | | Received from England | | | | Total | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Quantity | Rate P. Gallon | Value | | Quantity | Rate P. Gallon | Value | | Quantity | Rate P. Gallon | Value | |
| M G D | F. G | S. Pags. | F G | M G D | F. G | S. Pags. | F G | M G D | F. G | S. Pags. | F G |
| " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | 6,782 33 | 21 18 | 26,934 | 8 63 |
| " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | | | | |
| 807 34 | 39 55 | 6,966 14 | 3 | " " | " " | " " | " " | | | | |
| " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | 3,463 31 | 22 10 | 17,852 | 28 12 |
| " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | 2,857 16 | 17 70 | 7,887 | 9 78 |
| " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | 1,634 29 | 17 28 | 4,967 | 35 2 |
| " " | " " | " " | " " | 26 349 | 29 26 48 | 15,241 | 34 10 | 26,349 | 29 26 48 | 15,241 | 34 10 |
| " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | 3,477 | 31 15 7 | 10,328 | 9 53 |
| 807 | 34 39 55 | 6,966 | 14 3 | 26,349 | 29 26 48 | 15,241 | 34 10 | 1,31,792 | 8 20 51 | 81,572 | 17 58 |

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(Signed) Basil Cochrane

Agent for Spirituous Liquors

# Statement

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# Statement of the Charges Merchandize from

| | May | | | June | | | July | | | August | | | September | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Sp. | F | C | Sp. | F | C | Sp. | F | C | Sp. | F | C | Sp. | F | C |
| Madras | 630 | 14 | 31 | 666 | 20 | 57 | 594 | . | 60 | 428 | 30 | 4 | 565 | 26 | 4 |
| Mount | 11 | 44 | 40 | 11 | 44 | 40 | 11 | 44 | 40 | 11 | 44 | 40 | 11 | 44 | 40 |
| Poonamally | 17 | 27 | 50 | 17 | 27 | 20 | 17 | 27 | 50 | 18 | 32 | 50 | 17 | 27 | 20 |
| Tripassore | 8 | 16 | " | 8 | 16 | " | 8 | 16 | " | 8 | 26 | " | 8 | 26 | " |
| Chingleput | 13 | 9 | 60 | 12 | 34 | 40 | 13 | 21 | 40 | 27 | 12 | 20 | 12 | 34 | 40 |
| Wallajahbad | 27 | 25 | " | 27 | 25 | " | 32 | 14 | " | 27 | 25 | " | 34 | 35 | " |
| Arnee | 15 | 20 | " | 15 | 43 | " | 15 | 21 | " | 15 | 14 | " | 22 | 13 | " |
| Cavalry Line near Arcott | 7 | 30 | " | 7 | 40 | 40 | 7 | 33 | 40 | 7 | 37 | 40 | 7 | 37 | 40 |
| Vellore | 18 | 38 | " | 19 | 7 | " | 18 | 43 | " | 20 | 30 | " | 18 | 45 | " |
| Amboor | 16 | 32 | " | 15 | 30 | " | 14 | 30 | " | 14 | 30 | " | 14 | 34 | 40 |
| Nagore | 4 | 11 | " | 4 | 22 | " | 5 | 3 | " | 4 | 20 | " | 4 | 25 | " |
| Negapatam | 240 | 6 | 75 | 213 | 29 | 70 | 41 | 18 | 20 | 21 | 2 | 40 | 160 | 40 | 40 |
| Tanjore | 49 | 13 | 5 | 32 | 8 | " | 32 | 27 | 65 | 32 | 31 | " | 30 | 35 | 40 |
| Velcum | 4 | 20 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 8 | 42 | " |
| Trichinopoly | 49 | 39 | 40 | 57 | 37 | 40 | 28 | 15 | " | 43 | 27 | " | 21 | 1 | 60 |
| Warriore | 12 | 16 | " | 11 | 26 | " | 11 | 28 | " | 11 | 23 | 60 | 11 | 40 | 40 |
| Cavalry Line near Trichinopoly | 10 | 25 | . | " | " | " | " | " | " | 20 | 33 | 65 | 10 | 24 | 40 |
| Dindigul | 14 | 26 | 55 | 13 | 38 | 40 | 13 | 38 | 40 | 13 | 38 | 40 | 13 | 38 | 40 |
| Madura | 16 | 39 | . | 16 | 11 | " | 16 | 1 | " | 139 | 20 | 40 | 16 | 25 | " |
| Cantonment near Secondermally | 15 | 19 | " | 6 | 23 | " | 6 | 23 | " | 6 | 23 | " | 15 | 17 | " |
| Paliamcottah | 10 | 27 | 40 | 9 | 43 | 40 | 10 | 2 | 40 | 30 | 35 | 60 | 9 | 43 | 40 |
| Ongole | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " |
| Innacondah | 9 | 18 | " | 9 | 9 | " | 9 | 9 | " | 9 | 11 | " | 10 | 5 | " |
| Guntoor | 9 | 27 | 40 | 9 | 26 | " | 9 | 32 | 40 | 9 | 27 | 40 | 9 | 25 | " |
| Masulipatam | 93 | 8 | 20 | 53 | 39 | 50 | 43 | 12 | 36 | 166 | 21 | 36 | 93 | 31 | 35 |
| Ellore | 12 | 28 | 10 | 12 | 26 | 57 | 12 | 26 | 54 | 12 | 26 | 54 | 12 | 28 | 78 |
| Vizagapatam | 15 | 28 | 38 | 14 | 45 | 78 | 15 | 4 | 78 | 16 | 45 | 78 | 15 | 9 | 78 |
| Vizianagaram | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 23 | 19 | 67 |
| Ganjam | 17 | 34 | " | 14 | 36 | " | 14 | 38 | " | 14 | 36 | " | 14 | 38 | " |
| Cuttack | 4 | 3 | " | 4 | " | " | 4 | " | " | 4 | " | " | 4 | " | " |
| Barrampore | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " |
| Artillery on the Plain of Trichinopoly | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " |
| Total | 1262 | 30 | 44 | 1292 | 27 | 12 | 1011 | 28 | 43 | 1143 | 20 | 47 | 1184 | 33 | 22 |

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## the 1st. May 1794 to 30th. April 1795.—

| October | | | Novemr. | | | Decemr. | | | January | | | Febreary | | | March | | | april | | | Total | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pr. | F | C | Pr. | F | C | Pr. | F | C | Pr. | F | C | Pr. | F | C | Pr. | F | C | Pr. | F | C | Pr. | F | C |
| 754 | 20 | 36 | 388 | 12 | 64 | 253 | 38 | 8 | 225 | 44 | 40 | 355 | 4 | 42 | 304 | 26 | 16 | 917 | 33 | 2 | 5967 | 23 | 64 |
| 11 | 44 | 40 | 11 | 44 | 40 | 11 | 44 | 40 | 11 | 44 | 40 | 11 | 44 | 40 | 11 | 44 | 40 | 11 | 44 | 40 | 146 | 30 | " |
| 17 | 27 | 50 | 17 | 27 | 20 | 17 | 27 | 50 | 17 | 27 | 50 | 17 | 26 | 40 | 17 | 27 | 50 | 17 | 27 | 20 | 213 | 35 | 70 |
| 8 | 27 | - | 8 | 26 | " | 8 | 30 | " | 8 | 30 | " | 8 | 30 | " | 8 | 16 | " | 8 | 16 | " | 103 | 31 | " |
| 12 | 30 | 60 | 12 | 30 | 40 | 13 | 10 | 40 | 12 | 30 | 60 | 12 | 24 | " | 13 | " | 60 | 12 | 30 | 40 | 190 | 28 | 20 |
| 31 | 30 | - | 24 | 8 | " | 29 | 40 | " | 34 | 14 | " | 29 | 29 | " | 29 | 29 | " | 29 | 27 | " | 367 | 13 | " |
| 15 | 10 | " | 15 | 29 | " | 15 | 21 | " | 15 | 17 | " | 15 | 16 | " | 15 | 9 | 40 | 15 | 17 | " | 193 | 14 | 40 |
| 7 | 34 | " | 7 | 39 | 40 | 13 | 24 | " | 11 | 19 | " | 11 | 19 | " | 11 | 23 | " | 11 | 21 | " | 145 | 34 | 40 |
| 19 | 4 | " | 19 | 6 | " | 22 | 46 | 60 | 19 | 24 | " | 18 | 38 | " | 20 | 3 | 40 | 19 | 20 | " | 237 | 13 | 20 |
| 14 | 30 | " | 17 | 28 | " | 14 | 30 | " | 14 | 30 | " | 14 | 30 | " | 14 | 30 | " | 14 | 30 | " | 184 | 4 | 40 |
| 4 | 33 | " | 4 | 33 | " | 11 | 8 | " | 4 | 31 | " | 4 | 29 | " | 4 | 27 | " | 4 | 27 | " | 63 | 17 | " |
| 8 | 23 | 60 | 7 | 22 | " | 20 | 30 | " | 14 | 31 | " | 7 | 15 | " | 7 | 14 | " | 7 | 10 | " | 751 | 28 | 65 |
| 333 | 18 | - | 30 | 39 | " | 396 | 18 | " | 30 | 17 | " | 29 | 18 | 60 | 63 | 16 | 21 | 28 | 5 | 40 | 1092 | 31 | 71 |
| 8 | 13 | - | 8 | 7 | " | 8 | 23 | " | 9 | 10 | " | 8 | 40 | " | 9 | 12 | " | 8 | 32 | " | 75 | 19 | " |
| 26 | 15 | " | 30 | 17 | 40 | 25 | 17 | 40 | 26 | 2 | 60 | 24 | 14 | 40 | 31 | 14 | 40 | 26 | 28 | 40 | 390 | 15 | " |
| 12 | 1 | - | 12 | 24 | " | 10 | 12 | " | 13 | - | " | 15 | 6 | 60 | 13 | 9 | " | 14 | 3 | 40 | 150 | 10 | 40 |
| 10 | 31 | 40 | 11 | 5 | " | 10 | 33 | " | 13 | 33 | " | 13 | 23 | " | 13 | 20 | " | 16 | 15 | " | 132 | 27 | 35 |
| 13 | 38 | 40 | 13 | 38 | 40 | 13 | 38 | 40 | 13 | 38 | 40 | 13 | 38 | 40 | 13 | 38 | 40 | 13 | 38 | 40 | 169 | 18 | 15 |
| 16 | 29 | " | 441 | 10 | 10 | 16 | 43 | " | 16 | 41 | 40 | 16 | 16 | " | 18 | 19 | 40 | 264 | 7 | " | 993 | 10 | 50 |
| 16 | " | 40 | 20 | 42 | 40 | 27 | 2 | " | 23 | 9 | 40 | 23 | 41 | " | 23 | 42 | 40 | 24 | 26 | 40 | 211 | 17 | 40 |
| 9 | 43 | 40 | 9 | 43 | 40 | 12 | 5 | " | 10 | 12 | 40 | 16 | 44 | 20 | 29 | 23 | 40 | 18 | 45 | 40 | 181 | 10 | 40 |
| 52 | 5 | 16 | 31 | 19 | 52 | 26 | 1 | 8 | 21 | 36 | 52 | 25 | 21 | 8 | 18 | 10 | 16 | 18 | 8 | 16 | 193 | 30 | 8 |
| 10 | 14 | - | 9 | 39 | " | 10 | 8 | " | 9 | 44 | 50 | 10 | 44 | " | 9 | 28 | " | 9 | 36 | " | 119 | 13 | 50 |
| 9 | 36 | 40 | 9 | 32 | " | 9 | 32 | 40 | 9 | 36 | 40 | 10 | 11 | " | 9 | 36 | 40 | 9 | 18 | " | 118 | 10 | 40 |
| 32 | 12 | 50 | 33 | - | 20 | 64 | 7 | 23 | 70 | 6 | 64 | 49 | 30 | " | 49 | 7 | 12 | 71 | 28 | 15 | 821 | 25 | 64 |
| 12 | 29 | 38 | 12 | 29 | 76 | 12 | 42 | 9 | 12 | 25 | 42 | 12 | 24 | 17 | 12 | 34 | 52 | 11 | 5 | 19 | 152 | 4 | 16 |
| 15 | 12 | 78 | 16 | 2 | 78 | 17 | 1 | 24 | 17 | 27 | 64 | 26 | 23 | 5 | 18 | 2 | 24 | 17 | 15 | 24 | 207 | 5 | 7 |
| 17 | 36 | 67 | 20 | 9 | 34 | 7 | 42 | 30 | 11 | 42 | " | 11 | 5 | " | 20 | 2 | 24 | 6 | 28 | 13 | 119 | 31 | 72 |
| 18 | 10 | " | 14 | 36 | " | 14 | 40 | " | 16 | 20 | " | 15 | 30 | " | 14 | 36 | " | 14 | 36 | " | 118 | 30 | " |
| 5 | 2 | " | 4 | " | " | 4 | " | " | 5 | 14 | " | 4 | 2 | " | 4 | " | " | 4 | " | " | 50 | 22 | " |
| " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 12 | 12 | 10 | 6 | 35 | " | 6 | 15 | " | 6 | 6 | " | 31 | 33 | 10 |
| " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 8 | 19 | " | " | " | " | 8 | 19 | " |
| 1532 | 34 | 15 | 1280 | 10 | 74 | 1125 | 31 | 12 | 738 | 19 | 12 | 847 | 28 | 52 | 869 | 25 | 72 | 1659 | 12 | 29 | 13930 | 14 | 34 |

(Signed) Basil Cochrane
Agent for Spirituous Liquors

Comptroller

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# Comparative view of the Charges Merchandize of the year 1792/93. 1793/94 and 1794/95.

Total Charges of the year
1792/93 Star Pagodas ..... 25,293.7.54
Ditto 1793/94 ..... 22,489.29.76

Total of the two years ..... 47,782.37.50
Medium of Ditto ..... 23,891.18.65

Total Charges of the year 1794/95 ..... 23,658.2.28

which proves that the loss sustained in the year 1794/95 has not been Owing to any Extravagance on the part of the Agent — The Loss therefore can only be attributed to the encreased price of the Liquor in consequence of the Expedition to the Mauritius as stated in

the

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the Agents Report dated 26th February
1796, from which he derived no
benefit, He having charged his
Commission, as if it had been
purchased at the rate of the
preceding year, when a Profit
was devided amongst the Com=
=manding Officers

Signed Basil Cochrane
Agent for Spirituous Liquors

Ordered

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Ordered to lie on the Table.—

Ordered to lie on the Table

Robt Hunter

Thos H Clarke

Edw Saunders

L Mansfield

W Taswell Esq

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# Diary

24th Received the following letters.

## To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St George

From Major Agnew submitting Copies of a correspondence between Admiral Elphinstone and himself respecting the Agency for Captured property —

My Lord,

I have the Honor to enclose to your Lordship Copies of a Correspondence between Mr Jackson, — Secretary to Admiral Sir G. K. Elphinstone, and me, on the Subject of the Agency for Captured Property, and to request that such measures may be taken by Government as the occasion seems to require —

The nature of my appointment and the responsibility annexed to it, seem to me to prohibit — the association of any other person acting under a different authority, in the duties or an arrangement of the Affairs by your Lordships orders entrusted to my direction solely — under this impression I have the Honor to request your decision, and — to be, My Lord

&c &c

(Signed) P. A. Agnew

Agent for Captured Property on Ceylon.

Columbo
22d Feby 1796.

Copy

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24th. Copy of a Letter from J. Jackson Esqr.
to Major Agnew.

Sir.

Understanding you have been appointed Agent on behalf of the Military, I beg leave to communicate, that the Honble William Elphinstone and I are empowered by the Commander in Chief to act in that Capacity on behalf of the Navy. I shall therefore be happy to correspond with you on the Subject of Dutch Property Captured the object of the appointments, and at all times ready to concert with you the necessary measures for the Benefit of our Employers —

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c

His M. S. Monarch
Madras Roads 22d Jan.y 1796.

John Jackson

(a true Copy)
(Signed) P. A. Agnew.

A Copy of a Letter to J. Jackson Esqr.

Sir.

I was Yesterday honoured with your letter of the 22nd. Instant. It would have given me pleasure to have acted with you and Mr. Elphinstone on behalf

J.

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24th of the Navy and Army, had my appointment been such,
as you supposed, But I have been nominated by the —
Government of Fort St. George Agent on the part of His
Majesty for the management of all Captured property
on the Island of Ceylon, in consequence of Directions —
transmitted through the Secretary of State, by which the
appropriation of such Property, as Prize was positively
forbidden, and this mode pointed out for its security till
His Majesty's pleasure is known —

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

Signed P. A. Agnew.

Trincomalie
Jany 26th 1796.

A true Copy
Signed P. A. Agnew.

Sirs

I have been honored with your obliging
Reply of the 26th Ultimo, to mine of the 22nd in which
I addressed you not as Prize Agent, the Commander in
Chief, from whom I received the authority, not being
vested with the power of appointing a Prize Agent
to any greater extent than his own share of Capture,
one eighth or a Sixteenth portion, but the character in
which I wrote was as Agent or Trustee on behalf of
the Navy; which Trust was delegated to me by the

Commander

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24th Commander in Chief in pursuance of His Majesty's pleasure signified to Sir George in the Right Honble Secretary of States letter, and intended to create a responsible power for the purpose of investigating inventorying and arranging into form and order all Property, which might be taken possession of by any Ships of his Squadron under the terms described by the Secretary of State, and this delegation was confined to the Naval Forces, the Commander in Chief considering himself incompetent to invest any person with the exercise of this responsibility, on behalf of the Military, and conceiving it expedient also that the Military should nominate a person to act conjunctly in the same capacity with the Naval Trustee -

You will excuse my troubling you on the subject, and be pleased to assure Yourself that no extra Official motive, but an indispensable sense of duty and the responsibility attached, induced me to write to you and I should not feel discharged from the obligations without again respectfully repeating an expectation that you will favor me with the particulars of the Dutch Property captured which has come under your notice -

I beg

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24th I beg leave further to communicate, that the Orders I have received direct me in conjunction with the Trustees on behalf of the Military to remit to London whatever Treasure may be so possessed, and immediately to lodge the same in the Bank of England in the names of the Commanders in Chief, or Chief Takers and to act in the same manner with respect to the proceeds of any Articles necessarily Sold by reason of their perishable State, appropriating first any part required for the Public Services, or receiving proper indemnities from the respective departments —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Fort St George
6th Feby 1796.

(Signed) S. Jackson.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) P. A. Agnew.

Copy of a Letter to S. Jackson Esqr. from Major Agnew — Dated Colombo 22d Feby 1796.

To S. Jackson Esqr.

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 6th Feby in reply to mine of the 26th Ult. I have in consequence transmitted to the

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11th. The Government of Fort St. George under whose authority I stand appointed, and to which I am responsible for my Conduct, Copies of your Letters and my replies with a request that the Right Honble the President in Council would adopt such measures as the occasion seems to require —

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

/Signd/ P. A. Agnew

/a true Copy/

/Signd/ P. A. Agnew

To

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

I do myself the honor to report a payment as p. annexed Certificates and Bills of Pagodas 13. 5. 20/ or Five Guineas/ made on account of the Honble Company's Gratuity to Seamen belonging to His Majesty's Navy, who were prisoners with Hyder Ally — which was admitted on the application of the party after ascertaining his claim as p. Certificates annexed — The Man belonged formerly to

From Military Auditor General — reports a payment of Gratuity to a Seaman who was a prisoner with Hyder-Ally.

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24th to the Chaser and is now on board the Stately Line of Battle Ship which latter being expected to leave the Roads just about the time the Certificates were procured has occasioned my passing the Bills for payment previous to reporting it as the claim is admissible by the Honble Company's Orders on the Allowance in question without adhereing to the limitation of three Months as the given period for making demands in general and this report will afford an opportunity of checking the payment in England if the claim shall again be made — The Bills is entered in the Contingent Bills Book of my Office —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Henry Malcolm

Mily Asst Pmr.

I have Examined the bearer hereof Thomas Blaney Seaman, and find he was a Prisoner at Bangalore, confined in the same prison with Sergeant Swigg at the extremity of the Pettah, in company with many, who were taken at the Massacre of the 10th of September 1780 —

Given under my hand at Fort St. George this 18th day of March 1796

(Signed) W. Raine

Surgeon to Colonel Baillie's Detachment and now Head Surgeon —

This

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24th. This is to Certify that on Examination I do not find the name of Thomas Blaney Seaman to appear on the Lists of Prison Gratuity paid in the Pay Office of Fort St George nor does he appear on the Lists furnished me of Sums paid in England on that account —

Fort St. George
18th March 1796

(Signed) B. Roebuck
Mily Paymaster General

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The Honble Company ..... Dr

To their Gratuity to Thomas Blaney formerly of the Ship Chaser, but now belonging to His Majesty's Ship Statily Seaman taken prisoner in the War with Hyder Ally Guineas 5 or Pagodas — 13.. 5.20

To The Honble Basil Cochrane
Military Paymaster
Fort St. George

(Signed) B.. Douglas

The above are true Copies

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily Asst Genl

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in
Dft B. Nos 164-165-166-167-168-169-170.—

From

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# Fort St. George — March 1796.

24th

From Commandant at Cuddalore — From Lieut. Col. Dupont — requesting to be allowed Table Money —

From Capt. Dalrymple — From Commandant of the Nizamis Detachment — with Copies of his Correspondence —

From Lt. Col. Beresford — From Deputy Kings Paymaster Genl. — transmitting Continuation of his Accounts to the 25th Febry 1796 —

From Mr. Roebuck — From Military Paymr. Genl. — Enclosing an additional Indent of Cash for the present Month —

From Lieut. Stretch — Cavalry. — From Lieut. W. Stretch — requesting an allowance of Batta while commanding a Detachment of the 1st Regiment of Cavalry at Arcot —

From Major Brown & Lieut. Forbes — From Executors to the Estate of the late Major Dirnwoody — transmitting an account of Expences incurred by the deceased, on account of the Service, and requesting its discharge —

From Mess.rs Sullock Sevris & Brodie — From Mess.rs Sullock Sevris & Brodie — enclosing a Bill for a Balance of freights due for the Ships Bombay —

" — Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered on Mr. B. Nos. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178 —

To Board of Revenue — To Board of Revenue — transmitting Extract from the Board's proceedings relative to the — Succession to the Jaghiredar of Arnee —

For

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To Mr. Secy Barlow — 24th — To Secretary at Bengal — proposing that the Colts intended to be sent to the Coast be sold at Bengal, as the Regiments are complete — and repeating the former application for Ten young Mares —

To Col. Malcolm — To Military Auditor General — Wm. A. Anderson to draw Head Surgeons Salary from the date of Mr. Munro's departure from Masulipatam until Mr. Watson's — Arrival there, also enclosing Copy of a letter from — and to Col. Stewart —

To Capt. Dallas — To Principal Agent for Horses — — prohibiting him from purchasing another horse on any account Whatever for the Service — and advising him of Lieut. Nuthalls recall from Hyderabad —

To Capt. Mr. Innes — To Commander of the Fortune — directing him to proceed to Columbo, and having landed the public Stores, to consider himself no longer Employed by the Company —

To Col. Floyd — To Commandant at Trichinopoly — directing that the 24 Horses purchased by Lt. Montgomery — and adjudged unfit for the Service, be sold by Public Auction — any Loss arising thereon will be made chargeable to him. no more of Rastromjee's horses to be received on the — Company's Account —

To Mr. Hawkins — To Paymaster at Ditto — with Instructions for the Sale — To

# Fort St. George — March 1796.

To Clerk of the Treasury 24th. — To Clerk of the Treasury, advising additional Advances to Mr. Roebuck for March —

25th. — Received the following letters.

## W. Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secy to Government —

Sir.

From Messrs Tulloh Jervis & Brodie requesting an adjustment of the account of Rice landed from the Bombay at Trincomalee —

Captain Robertson of the Ship Bombay being at present at Madras, we are desirous as soon as it may conveniently suit you to come to a decision relative to the rice he landed from that Ship at Trincomalee, and for the Adjustment of which transaction he gave Government a bond of indemnification, which we wish to take up —

We have the honor to be

Sir &c.

(Signed) Tulloh Jervis & Brodie

Madras 25th. March 1796 —

Secretary's Suggestion on the above Subject.

As the Garrison Storekeeper reports that "the "Company have not any Claim on Captain Robertson of "the Ship Bombay, provided the Rice was purchased by "Government at Madras, and Consigned on the Company's "account and risk to Trincomalee Freight being paid "for the same — The Secretary submits whether the

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25th the obligation taken from Messrs Tullah Purvis & Boddie should not be given up, agreeably to their desire — for it would appear, that the Tin was purchased at the Presidency, (being paid for at the Madras Price) and that Captain Robertson's Ship, was, properly speaking, freighted by the Company for the purpose of conveying the Tin to Trincomale —

25th March 1796.

Sir T. March 1796 Sign'd. W. G. Gardiner Esq

" Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in Bk 3. Nos. 179-180-181-182-183-184 —

From Mr. Haddow — From acting Commissary Genl. of Grain and Provisions — submitting Two proposals for the delivery of Paddy at Vellore and Amboor —

From Capt. Hadcott — From Commandant at Trincomale — transmitting a letter from Monsr. Baptiste to him — and of his Instructions to Lieut. Parley, stationed at Manipilley for the present —

From Capt. Dalrymple — From Ditto of the Nizam's Detachment — with Copies of his Correspondence —

From Lt. Col. Geils — From Commandant of Artillery at the Mount — representing the very ineligible Situation of the Hospital Store — with the opinion of a — Committee of Officers on the Subject —

From

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From Capt. Doveton 25th

From Capt. Doveton — forwarding a letter from Tippoo Sultaun — and Translate of one to himself —

From Board of Revenue

From Board of Revenue — transmitting Extract of a letter from Mr. Macleod and requesting to know whether any of the Grain therein Mentioned, shall be — reserved for Store at Tanjore —

" Despatched the following Letters —

## To Captain Kirkpatrick

Resident at

Hydrabad.

Sir.

To Resident at Hydrabad — orders sent to Masulipatam to collect Cash for discharging the Arrears of Peishcush — suggestions on the occasion — a Statement of the Arrears enclosed, and requesting he will procure a similar one from the Nizam's Durbar —

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your — letter dated the 12th. instant, and to acquaint you, that, orders have been sent to Mr. Wrangham, one of the Collectors in the Masulipatam district, to be prepared to answer any demand that may be made upon him on account of — the Peishcush, that will fall due to his Highness the Nizam on the 31st. instant, and that there is reason to hope he — will have sufficient Cash in his hands for this purpose, in the course of the ensuing Month

It would be very desirable to make such an arrangement with respect to the payment of the Peishcush,

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25th Pushcush, as would prevent the necessity of draining the Company's possessions of so considerable a portion of the specie in circulation - and if it be possible to effect this object the President in Council assures himself that you will do it -

The letter said to have been written by you to the Right Honorable the President in Council under date the 19th Ultimo, has never come to hand -

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from the Accountant General at this Presidency, with copy of a statement shewing the amount of Pushcush that will be due to his Highness the Nizam on the 31st of this Month being A Rs 70,47,71,,2,,6 without deducting Huspees 12,980,,13,,1 for the expense of Stores sent to Cuddapah, and as there is so considerable a difference between the balance of this Statement and the sum mentioned in your letter to me of the 23d Ultimo, I am directed to request you will be pleased to transmit a copy of the account balance of Pushcush furnished by the Ministers of the Nizams Durbar and alluded to in your said letter -

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) W. C. Jackson Jr
Sec.

Fort St. George
24th March 1796.

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To Alexander Macleod Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

To Mr. Macleod — transmitting a Statement of arrears due by the Renters of the Variedal Maghanum — Instructions on the Subject —

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to transmit to you extract of a letter from the Board of Revenue, with copy of a letter from the Resident at Nagore, and Statement of arrears due by the Inhabitants, who rent the four Maghans near Karaical, Amounting on the 31st. December last to Star Pagodas five thousand four hundred and thirty two, six fanams and twenty Cash; and to desire you will lay the same before his Excellency, acquainting him, that upon his liquidating the amount of those arrears, as well as what may have since accrued, the Maghanums in question will be immediately surrendered to his authority —

On this Subject you will communicate with the Resident at Nagore, and remit to him the arrears payable by the Rajah —

I enclose copy of a petition delivered to Mr. Torriano by the Inhabitants of the Maghanums, and am directed to desire you will endeavour

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25th to prevail upon his Excellency, to guarantee to the Petitioners the full enjoyment of their Leases as they now hold them; until the expiration of their Agreements with the Company, or the end of the next Fasly year 11th July 1796 —

I am

&c. &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

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" Dispatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in Mss. B. Nos. 185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196. —

To Col. Braon — To Commandant at Arnee —

transmitting Copy of a letter from the Military Board, and desiring him to procure from the Officers of his Garrison the information required —

To Mr. Secy Barlow — To Secretary at Bengal - forwarding an Indent for 1000 Leaf of Smuggled Salts —

To Mr. Sharden — To Commissary Genl. of Grain and Provisions rejecting the proposal, forwarded by Mr. Corbett, who must apply to Mr. Collector Bransfield for the quantity of Paddy he requires for a Store at Masulipatam —

To Capt. Rowan 52d Regt — To Capt. Rowan - his application for Passage Money inadmissible —

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To Col. Malcolm — To Military Auditor Genl. — four additional Native apothecaries allowed for the Dispensary —

To Mr. Babcock — To Military Paymr. Genl. — with the report of the Auditor General on his additional Estimate for March —

To Ditto — To Ditto — permitting him to send 25,000 Pagodas to Trincomale when an opportunity offers —

To Lt. Col. Close — To Adjutant Genl. — notifying the Boards acquiescence in the proposition of the Committee of Officers relative to a Deduction from the unapplied Stoppages —

To Capt. Borg — To Capt. Borg — informing him that the Board have received his letter of the 8th Instant, but see no reason to alter their determination, as notified in the Genl. Orders of the 1st Instant —

To Col. Braithwaite — To Commandant at Pondicherry — permitting him to visit the Presidency —

To Capt. Doveton — To Commandant at Ryacottah — permitting him to construct a Tank for supplying the Garrison and Inhabitants with Water —

To Lieuts. Dawson and Hadow — To Ditto — at Tuticorin and Tragar — their application for Table Money inadmissible —

24th — Read Letter from the Nabob. Entered in Substance of a Letter from the Nabob. C.C. No. 34 requesting, that he may in future be advised

J.S.

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2nd of the irregularities committed by the Polygars of the Carnatic previous to any orders being given for their Seizure. as in the Case of those situated on the Western Frontier —

Received the following letter —

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To
W. C. Jackson Esq.
Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir.

I have the honour to transmit you for the Notice of the Right Honble the President in Council. — Copy of my letter of this date, to Mr. Secretary Barlow —

I have the honour to be

&c. &c.
(Signed) Wm Kirkpatrick

From Capt. Kirkpatrick with Copy of his letter to Bengal. respecting some doubtful Items in the Statement of Arrears of Peishcush delivered by him to the Durbar — Hydrabad 17th March 1796.

To
G. H. Barlow Esq.
Secretary to Government
Fort William.

Sir.

The Officers of this Government having in a Statement of the Account Arrears of Peishcush due by the Company lately delivered to me, debited

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24th. his Highness for five Elephants purchased at Madras of Lieut. Sandys in the amount of twenty thousand one hundred Rupees, and having since signified to — me, that this was an erroneous entry arising from a false reading of the words "eight thousand one hundred" I request that Lieut. Sandys may be applied to, for an explanation of the matter, I am, in the mean time, inclined to believe, that the latter representation of these affairs is right, the smaller sum being the one for which my Predecessor took credit, in a former — adjustment of this account —

Of the Statement delivered on my part, there are two or three items objected to by this Durbar, but, the only one regarding which I entertain any doubt, and that is earnestly contested here, is the debit of a — Thousand Pagodas, account Cash advanced by order of — Lord Cornwallis, to Mehdi Ali Khan; on whose authority, the officers of the Nizam, maintain strenuously, that this sum was given him, by his Lordship, expressly as a present, adding, however, that if his receipt for the amount, declaratory of its having been of the nature of an advance, and not a gift, be produced, they will — immediately relinquish the point —

This

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24th This Article was repeatedly disputed by this Durbar officers on the time of my Predecessor, who persisted in charging it as an advance, because he had no sufficient grounds for considering it in any other light. I have only followed his example; but, as the Governor of this — matter continues to be questioned, I — the receipt of Mehdi Ali Khan seems reasonable, I have to beg that either the original, or a Copy of this, may be transmitted to me as soon as possible, or otherwise — that I may be instructed, whether or not to waive the claim, upon receiving from Mehdi Ali Khan — (who is now here) a declaration under his hand and seal, to the purport of his frequent verbal assurances on this head, to the Ministers of the Durbar —

I shall forward a Copy of this Letter, to Mr. Secy Jackson, for the notice of the Government of Fort St. George, which may possibly be able to throw some light on the subjects of it —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Signed W. Kirkpatrick

Hydrabad
27th March 1796.

A true Copy
Signed W. Kirkpatrick

Recvd

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24th Received the undermentioned Letters Entered on

Bn. B. Nos 197-198-199-200-201-202 —

From Mr. Scott — advising of his having

From Mr. Scott

sent to Madras, six of the persons, who deposed to the —

Murder alledged against Lieut. Godfrey —

From Commandant at Innicondah —

From Capt. Walcott

transmitting a letter addressed to him by Mons.r Baptiste —

and Copy of his Reply — Observations on the suspicious —

Conduct of the Venkatachurry Dewan —

From Ditto of the Nizams Detachment

From Capt. Dalrymple

with Copy of his Correspondence —

From Military Board — stating the Cause

From Military Board

of Delay in the Repairs of the Barracks of the 74th Regiment —

From Commandant at Trichinopoly —

From Col. Floyd

enclosing a Bill for the Gold Medal and Chain ordered

to be presented to Subadar Boodh Sing — amounting to

76 Pagodas —

From Paym.r at Vellore — forwarding

From Mr. Reynell

an Account Sale of the Cast Horses from the 1st — 2d and

4th Regiments —

" Sent the following Letters —

To

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To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

at Fort William

Honorable Sir

To Bengal - submitting the Boards proceedings on the Subject of the above Succession in

We were duly honored with your Letter of the 16th of October last, and having maturely consi= =dered the documents you were pleased to transmit = respecting the adoption of a Son by a Widow in virtue of authority from her Husband, we have determined (with regard to the succession to the Jaghire of Arnee) to be governed by the opinions of the Pundits of Benares and of the Sudder Dewanny Adawlut - and have accordingly resolved, that the Widow of the late Jaghirdar shall be permitted to carry into Execution the orders given to her by her Husband on his death Bed, to adopt a Son from among his Relations =

We beg leave to refer you to the accompanying papers for our proceedings on the Subject - and to express an hope that the Resolution we have come to, will be = honored with your approbation =

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir

Your most

Fort St. George
21st March 1796.

Signed Hobart

Mr. Comwl

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To Colonel James Stuart

Commanding the British Forces

on the Island of Ceylon.

Sir.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 15th instant, and to acquaint you, that his Lordship approves the appointment of Captain Gibson to be Master Attendant at Point de Galle, and has fixed his Salary at 30 Pagodas pr. Month.

The President in Council acquiesces in your recommendation relative to the arrears of certain articles of Provisions furnished to the Troops upon actual Service on the Island of Ceylon, and desires you will accordingly instruct the Commissary to pay the amount of those arrears in Money.

The Chartered Ship Fortune having been found on examination not well calculated for the Safety and accommodation of Troops, his Lordship has ordered her to Colombo with Clothing &c. The Epaminondas will carry the Six Companies of European Infantry to Point de Galle.

I am directed to Enclose Copy of a petition from Six Merchants trading to Ceylon.

and

To Col. Stuart. Capt Gibson's appointment confirmed - the Arrears of provisions to be paid as proposed - the Fortune to carry Clothing and the Epaminondas the European Troops - Petition of Six Traders to Ceylon enclosed.

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27th and to request you will be pleased to make enquiry into the grievance of which they complain, and State the results for his Lordships information —

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
25th March 1796 —

&c &c
Signed W. C. Jackson Jury

To Mr. W. H. Torriano
President
at Nagore.

Sir.

The Company's Attorney General having given an opinion that Madame D. Aubigny ought to be protected in her property at Karical against any attempt on the part of her Husband to arrest it from her, until the case at issue between them shall have been decided by the Superior Council at Pondicherry, I am directed by the right Honble the President in Council to desire that the necessary protection may be accordingly afforded —

To Resident at Nagore — Mad. D. Aubigny to be protected in her property at Karikal — Copy of the Attorney General's opinion —

I am
&c &c
Signed W. C. Jackson Jury

To

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27th

# To Colonel John Braithwaite

Commanding

at Pondicherry

Sir

To Commandant at Pondicherry - orders for passage Money to certain French Subjects - Mess.rs Lamith & Raffy may leave India, on Parole - orders given for portation of Mad.e D'Aubigny - Letter from Comptde de Puisaye enclosed - orders thereon

I am directed by the Right Hon.ble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated the 15.th instant, and to acquaint that all Prisoners of War Military and Naval drawing subsistence from the Company - and having permission to proceed to the Isle of France or to Europe on their Parole, are to be allowed Passage Money in Conformity with the orders of Government under date the 24.th of October 1793 -

The applications of Mess.rs Lamith and - Raffy, for permission to leave India on their Parole, are - granted - but Persons of their description cannot be - entitled to Passage Money -

I am also to acquaint you, that the - Company's Attorney General has given an opinion that Madame D'Aubigny should be protected in her - property at Karical against any attempt on the part of her Husband, until the case shall have been decided by the Superior Council at Pondicherry; and that orders agreeably thereto have been sent to the Resident - at

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24th and to request you will be pleased to make enquiry into the grievance of which they complain, and State the result for his Lordships information —

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
25th March 1796 —

&c. &c.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

To Wm. H. Torriano
Resident
at Nagore.

Sir.

The Company's Attorney General having given an opinion that Madame D. Auburgny ought to be protected in her property at Karical against any attempt on the part of her Husband to arrest it from her, until the case at issue between them shall have been decided by the Superior Council at Pondicherry, I am directed by the right Honble the President in Council to desire that the necessary protection may be accordingly afforded —

To Resident at Nagore — Mad. D. Auburgny to be protected in her property at Karikal — Copy of the Attorney General's opinion — inclosed —

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

To

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24th

# To Colonel John Braithwaite

Commanding

at Pondicherry

Sir

To Commandant at Pondicherry - orders for passage Money to certain French Subjects - Mrs. Lamith & Raffy may leave India on Parole - orders given for portation of Mad. D'Aubigny - Letter from Comptede Meuron inclosed - orders thereon

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated the 15th instant, and to acquaint that all Prisoners of War Military and Naval drawing subsistence from the Company - and having permission to proceed to the Isle of France or to Europe on their Parole, are to be allowed Passage Money in Conformity with the orders of Government under date the 24th of October 1793 —

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I am also to acquaint you, that the — Company's Attorney General has given an opinion that Madame D'Aubigny should be protected in her — property at Karical against any attempt on the part of her Husband, until the case shall have been decided by the Superior Council at Pondicherry; and that orders agreeably thereto have been sent to the Resident —

at

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24th at Nagore —

Inclose Copy of a letter addressed to his — Lordship by Brigadier General De Meuron — and am — directed to desire that, if the Persons alluded to, be found within the limits of your Command, that you will — cause them to be apprehended, and sent to the Presidency —

I am

&c. &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Jur.

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" Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in Mil. B. Nos 203 - 204 - 205 - 206 - 207 - 208 - 209 - 210 - 211 —

To Lieut. De Meuron — To Major Genl De Meuron — notifying the orders sent to Pondicherry for arresting the persons who — have deserted his Service —

To Military Board — referring for their opinion Corpl Maclean's letter respecting the pay of Barrs attendants — and Major Young's proposing an Encrease to the pay of Grass Cutters —

To Col. Maclean — To Auditory Auditor Genl. — referring Mr. Roebuck's additional Estimate for March —

To Board of Revenue — To Board of Revenue — Acct Collector — Brinjeries to supply Grain for Masulipatam and the Dutch Civilians at Tuticorin to be allowed a Subsistence —

For

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To Col. Stuart — T. Colonel Stuart — advising of the —
Despatch of the Ship Epaminondas with the European
Troops —

To D. Col. Bonnevaux — To Commandant at Point de Galle —
with similar advice — the Vessel to be dismissed as
soon as possible —

To Capt. Haig — To Commander of the Epaminondas —
with orders to proceed without delay to Point de Galle,
after the Troops are on board —

To Ditto — To Ditto — directing to receive on
board some Chests of Medicines for Columbo —

To Col. Floyd — To Commandant at Trichinopoly — —
directing him to discontinue the Horse Hospital —

To Majr. Orr — The Same to Major Orr — Commanding
the 5th Regiment of Cavalry —

29th — Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in
Mr. B. Nos 212 — 213 — 214 — 215 —

From Sec. Lieut. Barlow — From Secretary at Bengal — forwarding
a paper of Intelligence received from Bombay —

From Majr. Campbell — From Commandant at Chingleput —
requests a general leave to come occasionally to Madras —

From Capt. Malcott — From Ditto — at Innicondah encloses
Copy of a letter addressed to him by the Resident at
Hyderabad —

From

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From Ditto — with one from Mons.r Baptiste and another from the Verratyghurry Dewan —

" Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in C.C. Nos. 35-36 —

From the Nabob — congratulatory on the Surrender of Columbe —

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

From Tippoo Sultaun — to the same effect —

Ditto - from Tippoo Sultaun

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in Mn.B. Nos. 216-217-218-219 —

To Secretary at Bengal - with Mysore Intelligence —

To Mr. Secy Barlow

To Ditto at Cuddalore - his application for Table Allowance inadmissible —

To D. Col. Dupont

To Capt. Mr. Neile — extending his leave of Absence from his Station —

To Capt Mr. Neile

To Military Auditor Genl. - referring the Accounts of the King's Deputy Paymr. General viz Continuation to the 24th February 1796 —

To Col. Brabazon

At.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Tuesday 29th March 1796

Edward Saunders }
Ernst William Fallofield } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The papers laid before the Board by the Right Honorable President at the last Meeting, relative to the Family of Ram Row having been sent in Circulation for the Consideration of the Members of Council, are now read, and ordered to be recorded.

Petition from four relations of Ram Row and Seshamen two representing the disgrace and misery which their Family Males as well as females have suffered since their Segure and imprisonment by the orders of Amdut ul Omrah and imploring the protection of Government.

To the Presence of the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor of Madras this representation of the Connexions by

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by blood of Ram Row and Letchmun Row
is presented with the greatest humility that
his to say the distress, which has been brought
upon the family of Ram Row and Letchmon
Row by the Nabob Omdat ul Omrah Bahader
in the town of Sriplicam, which is under the
protection of the English flag, is great and the
sufferings, which they have on that Account
endured and do still endure are extreme;—
sufferings indeed, which have only not
reached their Life: our protection must be
from your Lordship, and on this account we
address ourselves to you in the hope that,—
that protection will be speedily granted.—

Ram Row and Letchmun Row—
were formerly in the Service of Amer ul Omrah
Bahader, and after his death in that of his
Highness Walajah. In this situation Omdat
ul Omrah Bahader indulging no inveterate
hatred against them sent for them to his
garden on the 13th of Sypras in the year Pramudy

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or 23d January 1794. The Son of their brother named Tremul row, never was employed by the Sircar, he used to accompany his Uncles to the Durbar some times at public festivals at all other times he was engaged in completing his education, in going backward and forward to the fort of Madras, under these circumstances Chobdar was sent to inform him / Tremul row / that his Uncles had sent for him to the durbar, he answered that it was not usual for him to attend the durbar, and asked if there was any things particular on that day - The Chobdar replied that the Nabob was well pleased with his Uncles, and had also sent for him, In consequence of this he set out at this time Cauder Nawaz Kham arrived at the door of Tremul row's house; and as he also desired the abovementioned row to hasten, he / Tremul Row / went to Omdat ul Omrah Bahaders palace -

Before this Ram Row

Letchmun

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Letchmun Row Ananda Row and Reddy Row had been seated in the dewan Khanah) public cutcherry (of Conduct ed Annaji's house then palankeen and Servants had all been sent under the guard; and dooly's and troops had been prepared, about this time Tremul Row arrived on horseback with an intention of alighting at the usual place; but before he reached the spot sepoys seized and dragged him; and forced him to dismount. The four Rows, who were already there, together with Tremul Row were then placed by force in dooleys, which were covered and sent off to the fort, under a strong charge of troops — As Ananda Row and Reddy Row are yet living, we shall not relate their story or that of their family; but confine ourselves to the history of the other. —

Cawder Nawaz Khan came to the house of Rama Row and Letchmun Row in Triplicane; and the moment after he had

+ the word underlined in the original means the close palankeen in which Women are conveyed. —

o They were no way related to the other family. —

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had hurried Trimul row to the durbar two Companies of Sepoys arrived, he then stationed guards at the door and gave them orders to prevent those who were within, from going out, and those who were without from going in. he afterwards entered the house with some sepoys; and without attending to the usual restraints which are observed in the interior parts of houses, he passed the bounds and going upstairs fixed seals upon all the Chambers, he also fixed seals upon the Chambers below stairs and having stationed guards all round departed. -

After this Cootub'ódeen Khan

Woman confined them so, that there might be no intercourse, at ten or eleven Clock at night gave them leave to eat rice. The strangers and poor brahmins, who came to be fed at Ram Rows house the day on which the guards were placed there, even also put in

confinement

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confinement when they continued for seven or eight days in considerable distress for sustenance after this they were released all the women and Children of the abovementioned Rows with all their servants and attendants were kept in confinement.—

When they required food it was necessary to represent it to the Sepoys; after their leave was obtained, viz, Dhall &c.a were taken out, and they made a Melancholy meal disturbed and agitated by the recollection of their husbands Son, and friends and fearfully at their own confinement, seven or eight days after they had suffered in this manner, Cawder Nawaz Khan came with some Mussedies having broken open the locks above and below stairs by means of iron smiths he took and carried away all the ready Money, Jrapers, Jellies gold and Silver ornaments Shawls &c.a—

The son in law of Lekhmun row named Govinda Row came to the House for the

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purpose of seeing his Wife and Child; and
was put into the same confinement one
Month from this period Govinda Row and
Dada Row were sent for to the garden of
Asadat Ul Omrah Bahader and from thence
dispatched to Chandergherry, Dada Row was
the Cousin of Lekhmun Row's Wife by the
Uncles side and merely resided with the
family, from whom he received cloaths and
Victuals.-

While the Women were thus
harrassed by the distressing and painfull
remembrance of Husbands, Sons, Brothers
in law and Brothers, Mir Cootub ódeen Khan
arrived with some mutseddies, and having
taken all the remaining property consisting
of brass and Copper pots, carpets, floor-cloths
glasses, lamps, papers and letters, having
also dug in every Corner of the Room and
taken whatever they could find demanded
with threats that the women should discover

what

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what might be concealed, they answered that they Knew of Nothing - They ( the Nabobs people ) continued to convey away the furniture and utensils of the house for three days: — they left indeed a few for the use of those who were in the house, but took the remainder -

Thus their husbands, sons, sons in law and friends were removed; and all their property taken away: Ten or twelve guards were stationed within the house, these miserable people had few utensils for their food: the rice was bad, nice was provided for them such as is given to Palanteen bearers, and — such as was distressing for them to eat which they did for three months, after that time they were dismissed for absolute want of rice, it was then necessary for the Sepoys to represent it to their Commandant and for him to watch an opportunity of making it known to the Master: in this way

they

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they were consumed with hunger until they could be supplied on their account their health was affected, and though the attendance of a Physician was necessary it could not be had till leave was obtained from the Circar the Physician even when he came was prevented from discoursing freely with any one; and such was their distress, that they had no means of paying those for their medicines, who came to see them what inducement — there could they have to attend to the cases. during this distress two of the women and one servant died of those one was the mother, the other the Wife of the brother of the grand father of Baba Row, who is one of the present petitioner. It was necessary that he should perform their funeral ceremonies; but the people of the Circar were searching for him also that he might be seized and sent off on this Account he was afraid and remained in the black town; and on this account the —

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† of the mission by voluntary transportation from the Coast, consequently in expulsion from the Country, under the circumstances of force expulsion can only be obtained by the severest penance.—

* Ram Row himself was a Mutsuddie, or Accountant.—

† wives of the Brahmins have been violated—The Third, who died, was a Servant.—

The Mutsuddies of the Circar seeing that these miserable people has perished through Sorrow, and the want of food relented and represent-ing the circumstances to their master offered to take upon themselves the maintenance of the family, which they accordingly did with this permission for some time even this pittance was conveyed to them by people belonging to the Circar, at length the Mutsuddies relaxed of their attention, and after this the Sircarrahs of the Circar went into the Black Town and supplied the family for some time by asking the means from whomever they could; but this was insufficient to provide food and clothing—

We shall now relate the distress which these miserable women and Children suffered from the Sepoys on guard, they were forewarning from going out of the door, from speaking to each other, there were guards above stairs and

in

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in the backyard; were at those places, whether the necessities of Nature compelled them to retire at those times they were observed by the Sepoys above stairs, as well as by those below, when they bathed, Sepoys were present - Great was the distress, which they suffered on this manner by the recollection of their Husbands, Children Sons in law, and relations excited a tear, they were threatened by the Sepoys with being sent themselves to Chundergherry, if they indulged their sorrow, Thus they were compelled to suppress their griefs, to console their babes, and to bear their misfortunes in Silence - some time after they had been imprisoned, the guards were removed from upstairs -

Without feeling the smallest [illegible] conjunction at these Mesures the Nabob Omdat Ul Umrah Bahader sent on the 5th November after the death of His Highness the Nabob Walajauh some days, (maid servants) to the house in the night time, they said it was the Nabobs pleasure that the house should be vacated

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vacated, that the Women should be sent to their Husbands at Chundugeery, and that his Highness had ordered them to go, This Message was delivered with many threats straight - on the succeeding day while the rain was falling, the women and Children of Muselmans came to the house in num or eight palankeens - This give rise to one — universal report that the Muselman women had entered the house and were seizing off the women of the family, that if they refused to go they would be compelled to dishonour their birth and be taken into the Zanana, and that the Muselman women had entered the House, what measures could there be ; the women of the family have refused — sustenance - such was the report; on this account your Petitioners suffered the greatest anxiety for those two or three days we had no certain intelligence -

After this we received information from

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from the women of the family that the Mupelmian Women had entered the house that the latter had sent the former into the second suite of apartments, which they had separated from the first suite by building walls. that it was necessary to convey water to them through the back yard of the Neighbouring House - that the place in which they were was small, that men in it there was a guard and that they had ceased to expect a change of fortune, for the period of death and the loss of Cast was approaching they therefore entreated that we should represent the situation of themselves, their husbands, their Sons and Sons in law in order to save their lives; for they were about to be overwhelmed -

We shall now relate what passed at Chundraghiry - it is said that there is a palace at Chundraghiry, in the third Story of which Ram Row, Letchmun Row and

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Tremul Row were confined, on the day, when
the above Rows were sent off — some people
reflecting that men of distinction had fallen
into such distress, that they were going off
in the very midday without food and without
covering for their bodies went with a
intention to assist them with victuals
and money — Then wherever they were seen
upon the road, were put into Confinement
and Carried to Chundergherry. The above Rows
were prevented from speaking to those who
went to assist them; and those who went to
their assistance, were restrained from conversing
with them.

The above Rows have lived in the
enjoyment of all the conveniencies of life, and
the rocks, the air, the soil of Chundergherry
were ill suited to the delicacy of their consti-
-tutions. In this hardship, his mind dwelling
on the separation from his family, and his
own imprisonment, Letchmun now was
overtaken

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overtaken by disease, and having no possible means of obtaining medicine from the Physicians in whom he confided he fell a sacrifice on the 21st August.-

After this the disorder of Ramdrow the wife, encreased with the encrease of his grief and abondoning the hope, which she had entertained of seeing his family and connexions again, she departed this life, on the 16th October The letter written by Trimul row upon this occasion will give every information if you refer to it.-

While this boy was suffering under all the grief of his Uncles death, the Nabob Emdut ul Omrah Bahader without relenting at his misfortune or allowing him leisure to complete the funeral Ceremonies, removed him from Chundergherry together with Dada Row Govinda Row, and the people who had gone to their assistance, to some unknown place, — giving out at the same time that he had sent

* The Barbarity of these people ascribe all their disorders to cold and heat it is therefore impossible to fix any idea to the word which they use on this occasion The present is derived from a Shanscrit word signifying the Mind.-

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sent for them to Madras We have since
received authentic information that they were
carried to Runjungud in Walgundapoor the
Sagheer of Motabar Khan.

Notwithstanding all this the Nabob
does not relent, but his enmity still continues
The news of Ram Row and Lutchmun Rows
death has not been communicated to the
women, because upon its being made known
to them a certain number of persons must
publickly be assembled, and certain Braminical
rites must be performed: this process will
publish to the world the injustice, which has
been committed, for this reason your Lordships
have judged it right to make this Arrangement
and to expect what may happen to the prisoners

Ram Row and Lutchmun Row
were Servants to the Circar: all their property
has been plundered, disgrace has been heaped
upon them; and they have died in prison but
what have their women and Children done to
the

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the Nabob. Jemmadrow and the others are —
youths. at the time of their imprisonment
they were twenty or one and twenty years of ages.
the time is at hand, when they with their —
family must be overwhelmed, nor escape
the loss of Cast -

It is absolutely necessary that
the death of the two rows should be com=
=municated to their wives, and that the —
Braminical rites should be performed: —
unless this is done, they must be ejected
from the Cast -. Besides, there are some unmarried
girls, their time is now passing on, in the small
town where they are confined guards of Sepoys
are stationed, if they should be dishonoured by
them they must suffer expulsion from the cast -
I am should send to inform the women of the
death of the two rows, there is no one within
to give them fortitude, if in their distraction
they should resolve, to do what could be done?

We

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We are also restrained by the consideration that
if the death of their husbands should be
communicated to the women it will be
necessary to perform all the other Ceremonies
You must protect this family which
is depressed by the greatest misfortunes; we
have therefore addressed our petition to your
Lordship. If you should make your intention
known to the Nabob before your Lordship
affords us that protection we tremble to think
of the misfortune which will be fall us;
we therefore pray that in the first instance
your protection may be extended to the
place where I remain Low and the other
youths are confined, and that the Women
and Children at Triplicane may be objects
of Secondary consideration.

List

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List of those who are now alive in Triplicane independent of those who have escaped from, or have died in prison —

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Ram Rows wives | 2 | |
| do Daughter 9 years old | 1 | |
| do do 7 do | 1 | |
| do do 6 do | 1 | |
| do do 4 do | 1 | 6 |
| Lakshmun rows wife | 1 | |
| do Daughters | 2 | |
| do Grand Child the Son of Govinda Row | 1 | 4 |
| Trimul rows Mother | 1 | |
| do Wife | 1 | 2 |
| | | 12 |
| Brammin Women Servants | 4 | |
| Soodra do do | 1 | 5 |
| Brammin boy Servant | 1 | 6 |
| In Triplicane Total | | 18 |

As Runjingud in Mealgon daporè are Trimul row, Govinda Row, Dada Row together with those who went to their assistance and their Servants —

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The distresses which Mon, who are confined in these two places, have labored under, do not end here their lives are now in danger, - as this family have been — plunged into such misfortunes while — being under the flag of this charitable government of the Company we have — addressed our petition to your Lordship — you are vertuous and Charitable; your — protection is extended more to the humble than even to your own children, it is best known to your Lordship in what manner this family may be protected, if your — Lordship interposes to save them, the fame of this Action will remain as long as the earth endures - As we have addressed our petition to your Lordship in the confidence that you will adopt some means for the protection of the family, so we entreat that you will also dissipate the fears, and —

protect

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protest the persons of us your Petitioners —
we whose signatures and Seemuto annexed
have jointly written this petition with a
full knowledge of its contents —

(Signed) Anagu Loorsa
" Coopacharoo
Baboo Row
Ramajee Cheekrapany

A true Translation,
(Signed) J. Webbe Mar Trans.

The Original in the Maratta Language
was sworn to by the Parties before William
Jones Esq. Justice of the peace in the presence
of Mr. J. Webbe Maratta Translator

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Jy

Petition from the Samon
the same subject and —
beseeching that immediate
measures may be taken
for their release —

The Petition of the connexion by
blood and the family of Ram Row and
Letchmun Row to the Right Honorable —
Lord Hobart Governor of Madras this is to say
Ram Row and Letchmun Row were in the
service of his Highness Malayah when His
Highness Amdat Ul Omrah Bahader —
instigated

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instigated by hatred made a misrepresent-
ation to His Highness Malayah, and on the
23d January 1794 unexpectedly seized them —
persons which were conveyed to Chundergherry
and put under the strictest confinement.
after suffering great distress they both died
in prison at that place. —

On the day when the above Boys
were confined the Nabob Omdat ul Amrah
sent his Troops to the house where the
family resided in Triplicane under the flag
of the Company put the women and Children
under harsh imprisonment, plundered the
house dug up the earth in every part of the
house, took away whatever was found, placed
guards in the inside as well as the outside
of the house and distressed them without
allowing them proper food or raiment some
of them died after sustaining the greatest
hardships in prison, after the death of the
Nabob

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Nabob Walajah Omdat Ul Omrah
Bahader without feeling the smallest
compassion for the distresses of the Women
and Children sent some Mupselman families
to reside in the House. The extreme distress
which they had suffered before and are now
suffering, it is as little proper that we should
describe as that it should have been inflicted
on them, such are the facts.-

Imamul row, son of the Brother of
Ram Row and Letchmun Row, was not in
the Service of the Circar - He with some others,
was seized and carried to Chundergherry
where he was imprisoned after the death of
Ram Row and Letchmun Row he was carried
to Runjungud where he was confined - There
also he was treated with the greatest harsh=
=ness - some time after this they were all
conveyed back to Chandergherry - out of those
Imamul row and Govinda Row only were
brought

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brought to Tanjucare, and put in strict
confinement in the house where the family
is now imprisoned - a sum of Money is
demanded, and Ismael now with the others
are cruelly harrassed for the payment of it
H. Being unable to sustain it, Ismael
Row makes a pretended agreement in order
to escape the instant misfortune; and writes
a Note to Baba Row, which he gives to
the people of the Circar, He sends privately
to inform us that being pressed by the
difficulties, which surrounded him he had
contrived to preserve his life for a short
time, that it might afford an opportunity
of procuring protection and of representing
the injustice he had suffered to the Government
that if we did not take advantage of it
or allowed any delay the misfortune
which he had hitherto sustained would be
trifling in comparison with others which
were

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were reserved for him and that as he would be unable to bear them he would be compelled to take poison not having any other way. he therefore intreats us to preserve his life. we therefore pray for your Lordships favor that you may be pleased to rescue this family from the inquities they suffer - their relief depends upon the celerity your Lordships may use for the preservation of this life — we have made this representation because the time appointed is but an hour.

(Signd) Baboo Row
Ramajee Checkrapany
Anagee Row

True Translation
(Signd) J Webbe M.T.

The Original in the Maratta Language was sworn to by the parties before William Jones Esq. in the presence of Mr. J. Webbe Maratta Translator

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

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

My Lord,

In obedience to your Lordships orders conveyed to me by Captain Grant I marched last night at 8 o'Clock with two Companies of H. M. 74th Regiment to the House of the late Rom Row—

We found a strong guard of the Nabobs Sepoys on the outside, which being — so surprized, the greatest part made their escape, a guard, which was posted in the exterior part of the house made a slight opposition, but — I am happy to add we got possession of the — house without the necessity of using force —

In the inside we found the Women and Children of the family consisting of — Seventeen persons with two young men who we were informed had lately been brought from Thundergherry, and also informed us that we had just arrived in time to save — them

From Captain Wallace advising of his having rescued the family of Ram Row—

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them from being sent back to that place
in two dooleis, which indeed we found at
the front entrance under charge of the Nabobs
Guard. - In a separate Apartment of the house
we found a considerable number of Moorish +
Women, who exclaimed that they belonged
to his Highness Emdat Ul Omrah, particular
care was therefore taken not to disturb them;
but all the Women being removed from the
house I left one Company under Captain +
John Campbell for the protection of the family.
of the Nabobs guard we took several prisoners
together with Thirty stand of Arms.

I shall not distress your Lordship
by describing the squalid and miserable +
condition in which we found the women and
Children it will be more gratifull to you to
hear the effusions of gratitude which were +
poured forth for your Lordships humane +
interference to preserve the remains of this
respectable family —

For

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For this I beg leave to refer your
Lordship to Captain Grant and Mr. Webbe
the Maratta Translator, who accompanied me
I have the honor to be
&c. &c.

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/Signd/ W. Wallace
Capt. 74th Regt.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President in Council.

My Lord,

Captain Wallace having referred
your Lordship to us for the particulars which
we observed on the night of the
We have the honor to inform you, that we
accompanied him to the house in which
the families of the late Ram Row and
Lokhmun Row were confined. We entered the
house with a small party of the 74th. The
outer guard having been apparently surprized
we met with no opposition till we reached
the

From Mr. Webbe and Captain Grant detailing the particulars of the rescue of Ram Row's Family

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The door of the inner Apartment, where
eight or ten Sepoys endeavoured to prevent
our entrance - They soon however suffered
themselves to be made sensible of the
inefficacy of resistance; and we entered the
Area of the House, where we found seventeen
Women and Children with two youngest
Men named Trimul Row and Govinda
Row; They informed us that they had
been brought from Runmgud and
that they were about to be carried to
Chandergherry, unless they should procure
payment of a Sum of Money for which an
Affair of His Highness the Nabob, whose name
I have mentioned but which we forget, was
at that time waiting at the house of
Baboo Row; they added that our arrival was
most opportune for their preservation, as the
endeavour to procure the money was a
contrivance (as is explained in a petition
already translated for your Lordship) aided as
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the doleys for Conveying them to Thunder=
=gloomy were at the door - These indeed we
observed at the fount entrance under a
Guard of the Nabobs Sepoys -

Upon our entrance we found the
Women and Children in the greatest
consternation so great indeed was their
alarm, that it was some time before they
could be satisfied that we had come to
their protection: as soon as they recovered
from the first surprize the transition from
Grief to Joy on beholding some of the family
who accompanied us produced a scene
extremely affecting -

The house every part of which
was open to the Mussulman guards bore
the appearance of the utmost wretchedness
and filth; the women were poorly clad -
and the Children mostly naked; some
of the latter were shewn to us much -
emaciated by sickness, for whom they -

particularly

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particularly informed as they had not
been able to procure medical Assistance.
The two Wives of Ramaroo sat apart from
the rest having only heard of the death of
their Husband a few days before we observed
with feelings which we could not suppress
that these women during their Sooteek a
situation of all others the most delicate and
distressing to a Hindoo of birth, were surround-
ed by the Mussulman Sepoys and that
one Sepoy in particular was standing —
centinel over them.—

Being informed that some of
Mussulmans had made their escape to a
separate Apartment of the house, we went
to the door and demanded entrance which
was refused. Having heard the voice of a —
Woman, we informed them that we had
no intention of invading their private —
Apartments if all the men would come —
forth — which being again declined, we were
compelled

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compelled to force the door upon this we heard several female voices exclaim that they belonged to Omdat Ul Omrah Bahauder and entreated that we would not enter the room, we think ourselves fortunate in having been both present during the whole of this Second, because we can assure your Lordship that the utmost attention was paid to their request, and that there was not the smallest violation of that privacy, in which manner of their Religion are brought up one only man came to the door, who desired us to enter the room, which we declined, and gave him permission to return —

The upper part of Ram Dass's house was barricaded; upon entering it we found some broken articles of no value, here some of the family pointed out to us the places where the guards had been stationed during the first part of their Confinement —

as such

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which they repeatedly mentioned had lasted more than two years. These positions commanded an entire view of the Backyard, and must we believe, have subjected the Women to those inconveniences which are represented in a petition already translated by Mr. Webb; in short we shall conclude by saying that all the observations we could make tended to corroborate that representation in the strongest Manner.—

Your Lordship will conceive that people of their Rank and Condition, rescued from such extreme wretchedness and Misery must have felt the liveliest sentiments of Gratitude towards their Benefactor; these they endeavoured to express, that we might convey them to your Lordship—but the Agitation of their minds was a proof of their Sincerity greater than any Language we can use.—

We have the honor to be

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Sir &c.

Signed J. Webbe
A. Grant

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# Translation of a letter from His Highness the Nawab Ameer Ul Omrah Bahadur &c &c To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St. George

Recvd. do. 5th 1796

From the Nabob Complaining of the Armed force sent into Triplicane for the release of Ram Rows Family - of the outrages committed by the same - and of the Injury his Dignity has sustained in consequence -

I have to represent to your Lordship in Council that, at 10 Oclock in the Night of the 24th Ultimo an armed force under the Command of Captain Grant entered Triplicane surrounded and escaladed the Walls of the house belonging to me assisting, as they proceeded the various Sentinels : posted by me around the same, and liberating from the house, a great Peculator and Defaulter in the affairs of my revenue, who had been confined there by my express authority, on account of such his mal practices -

I have further to state to your Lordship that, the Military force so employed, under the Command of Captain Grant

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Guard, penetrated the interior apartments of the house and violently beset the same, for the space of several hours, although some of the apartments were occupied by Ladies of my family, whose peculiar situation, I should have hoped, would have protected them from insult and rudeness.

I have further to state to your Lordship in Council that, on being informed that the Verge of my residence and Palace was environed by a considerable Military Body, I was greatly alarmed not indeed through any apprehension of personal injury knowing that the British Laws render my person inviolable, but, lest my subjects under an impression that an outrage might have been intended against myself, should have offered a resistance, that might have terminated in consequences which I shudder even to think of.

I cannot imagine that the act of sending such Military force at so unreasonable an

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on hour, into the Precincts of my palace,
and that the commission of the other outrages
which I have described, was authorized and
sanctioned by your Lordship in Council. For
having been taught to believe, that the
house of the meanest British subject is
his Sanctuary: — I cannot of consequence
suppose, that the Prince of the Carnatic,
is liable to Intrusions, from which the
most inconsiderable Englishman is exempted.

I request therefore that your Lordship
in Council will be pleased, strictly to
investigate the matters, which I have
represented, and that you will pursue such
measures, as may be deemed necessary for
redressing the Injury, which has been offered
to me in the present Instance, and for
preventing such Irregularities in future.

If however it should appear that
the Marching of such Military force into the
Boundaries of my Palace at that late hour
of

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night, was an act of Government; I wish to
be informed by your Lordship, on what public
Ground the measure was suggested and
carried into effect; what the necessity which
existed for the same; and what Compensation
your Lordship may propose to make to me,
for removing from my Authority a notorious
Defaulter in my Revenue Department to the
Amount of Lacks of Pagodas ——

Having on former occasions evinced
a constant readiness to deliver up such
delinquents, as might, from time to time,
have been required of me, I am the more
surprized at, and the less able to account
for, the extraordinary measure, which has been
so recently taken against me — I therefore
earnestly request an answer of your Lordship
in Council to the foregoing points, and trust
that it will be satisfactory — I will not
aggravate the circumstances which have
occurred;

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occurred; by a recapitulation of the Horrors, which crowded on my mind while the Military invaded the neighbourhood of my Palace and place of Residence in the dusk of night. — What can I say more.

Written by the Nabob himself

My Friend,

"I conjure you in the name of God "and Jesus Christ, in the name and on "the honor of the King and Nation, and "Company of England; and in the name "and upon the honor of your Lordship in "Council; not to employ English Troops against me, upon any Account, or in any dispute — "whatever, nor for the purpose of deciding — any dispute depending upon me. —

A true translation.

Signed, A Falconar

Pers. Interpr.

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*Petition from Inmud Row detailing the particulars of the Seizure of Ram Row and his family and the subsequent miseries they have undergone and imploring the greatest Protection for the deliverance of himself and remainder of their family*

The Humble petition of Inmud Row Son of the Brother of Ram Row and Lelehman Row addressed to the Presence of the Right Honble Lord Hobart President in Council, that is to say The family of the above mentioned Rows with myself have suffered under the flag of the Honorable English Company from the Nabob Emdut ul Omrah Bahadur a distress, which touched our lives, but without a cause, from this misfortunes the generous representations of the Company have protected me together with all the women and Children, and have bestowed life upon us, for this I offer my most grateful Acknowledgements to your Lordship, and proceed to make you acquainted with my Story; I entreat that having taken it into consideration your Lordship will consider me as having received life at your hands, and spread over me the complete shade of the Company's

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Company's protection:-

My Uncles Ram Row and Letchman Row were formerly in the Service of the Nabob Amer ul Omrah Bahader; and after the death of His Highness were employed by the Nabob Wallajaw. The Nabob Amdut ul Omrah Bahader indulging the hatred which was excited in his mind on account of their having been on the Service of the Nabob Amer ul Omrah Bahader caused the Nabob Walkjah and caused them to be brought to his own Garden on the 23d January 1794, being myself no Servant of the Circar, I remained that day in the House: Chobdars were sent to inform me, that my Uncles had sent to call me, I observed that I did not much frequent the Durbar, and asked if there was any extraordinary matter on that day. The Chobdars replied that that Lord was particularly pleased with my Uncles, and that in this account they had

sent

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sent to call me, they therefore desired that I would set out immediately having dressed myself and ordered my horse I was — reflecting on the matter when Cawder Nawaz Khan arrived and desired me to hasten: he ordered his own people to — accompany me, and directed the Chobdars to conduct me thither without delay. In this belief I proceeded. They accordingly — carried me to the gate of Pindat Ul Omrah Bahader before I could there dismount, the Sepoys shoved and pulled me and carried me to the doleys, which were ready to set out with my Uncles Ram Row, Lotchmun Row, Anund Row and Reddy Row. These four were kept in readiness to be dispatched upon my arrival. They desired me to get — into the doley, which we all did by force, the particulars of this I shall now state —

They placed Ram Row and Reddy Row in one doley, Lotchmun Row and Anund

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Around Row in another and me alone in a separate Dolay having thus placed us five in three dolays upon which, they placed + burkahs, that did not admit a free circulation of air on account of their being well drawn and closed in, they dispatched us, [illegible] at 12 Clock under Charge of Hyspan Mahomed Commandant and his Brother with a great many Troopers and infantry

The day on which we were all dispatched in the above manner we had nothing for sustenance, nothing indeed but the Cloaths on our backs. In the evening we arrived at Vellore Choultry, we fasted without Rice or Water, after nine Clock at night the Commandant brought and gave us some milk, which we all drank, +

From the second day we suffered the greatest distress and inconvenience on the road, till our arrival at Chundergherry - at that

place

+ The out side cloth which covers a palenkeen so called

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"The remains of a hindoo palace now in ruins —

place ~~— — — —~~ there is a palace of four Stories: we were carried to the third Story, and placed each in a separate Room except myself, who was placed in the Chamber with Ram Row. there were three Guards in each Room and one guard on the outside; making in all four guards to each room, the sufferings of our Confinement it's impossible to describe. —

On the day of our departure some persons of distinction hearing of our situation sent their people to see us to us at such a juncture, some of them came to assist us of their own accord all these were prevented from appropriating to our use, what they had brought for our expences by the Commander of that place Jeen Ul ab Dien, who hindered them from coming to us and placed them in separate Confinement. the distress and grief which these people have suffered can

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can only be known by sending for them from Chundergherry where they are still imprisoned. —

† Letter from Superior and to Called. —

After our arrival at Chundergherry the Hillada shewed to my uncle Ram Row † an enayet nämäh which he had received from the Nabob Amdut Ul Omah Bahader. It was there written in the Nabob's own hand, that Ram Row and Letchmun Row were attached to the Circar, that His Highness had no dealings with the son of their brother whom he would soon release, that Ananda Row and Rooy Row had circulated reports injurious to his Highness displeasure of the Nabob Malujah, that he would therefore punish them in a manner much more severe than he had hitherto done, and that he would put them in irons, and accordingly some days after irons were put upon the legs of Ananda Row and Rooy Row we have considered the indignities we

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we had suffered worse than a thousand —
Chains. We suffered extreme grief. —
As we were brought suddenly
to this † place, we were doubtfull of what had
befallen the Women and Children at the —
house of our friends: during this suspence we
received private intelligence that he had —
imprisond all the women and Children
in my uncles house at Triplicane, that he
had plundered all the effects in the House —
that he had seized, and confined our relations
and friends in whatever place of the Carnatic
they could be discovered, but that some of
them had made their escape to Madras —
The news of this persecution gave rise to additional
affliction, we heard also that the same fate
had attended the family of Ameen Row —
Under these circumstances —
Lutchmun Rows Son in law named Govinda
Row, and his Wifes maternal first Cousin
Dada Row together with a Youth of the family
of

† meaning Chandraghiry

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of Ananda Row were brought in one Doley to Chinsurah at the same time, when — Mahomed Burhan a Rasaldar in the Service of the Nabob Mudat Ul Omrah, was sent thither with his family, these were not confined with us, but in a separate place. We heard that the Nabob Mudat Ul Omrah Bahader had sent up these two / Dada Row and Govinda / lest, as they were in the house at the time of his plundering it, they might use their endeavors to have a — complaint made, this was cause of the greatest grief to us. some time after this, we heard that the people of the Circar had gone a second time to our house that they had committed great violences, and that the Women and Children were suffering the Greatest misery, your Lordship has — already been made acquainted with the grief they sustained for more than twenty five —

Months

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Months, in a short petition addressed to you
by themselves.—

I shall now return to the sufferings
of myself and my two Uncles in Chundergherry.
My Uncles were much debelitated, and had
never endured hardships like these; which
I shall relate; Chundergherry is surrounded
by hills, the air of which disagreed with their
constitutions, The Killedar used himself to
come and call us down to our victuals at
whatever time suited his leisure: before we
could begin our meals after performing the
indispensible ablutions, it was his practice
to demand whether we had not yet finished
to encourage the sepoys to abuse us and, to
withhold our food at those times, when we —
desired it - after the night set in the —
musquitos and bugs that infested our —
Apartments harrassed us and prevented our
sleep —

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One day the Annuldar came and informed my Uncles, that he has received an cōāyet nāmiah from the Nabob Walajah, in which his Highness directed that he would — obtain from them, and transmit an offer — of their house at Triplicane as a Nuzzer, he therefore desired them to write an offer they — answered that there was a Mortgage of 3,000 Pᵈˢ upon the house, and that it was therefore — useless for them to make an offer of it, Deaf to this he seated them in one room and — told them that if they did not, they — would be dishonored, for he had received — directions in the first cōāyet Nāmah that, if any of us should not comply with what he said, he should beat us and suspend us upon a Stretcher, that, if any of us should — die, he would cause us to be burned in the night time, and report that the person had taken poison considering these orders, he said

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said, it was not eligible for us to make any objections considering it the first object to — preserve their lives, my Uncles said "we have given the writing" my Uncles being exposed in this manner to dishonor themselves — hearing that their wives and Children were distressed for food, and raiment, feeling the grief of their absence and being themselves debilitated, Letchmun now was afflicted with sickness - Ram Row sent for the Kelledar and said, that his life might be preserved by sending for a physician to administer relief, the Kelladar said it was very well, and went away: There was a Goldsmith the Vakeel of the Troops him, together with a — jemadar, they sent to my Uncles to inform — them, that he was the Physician of that Country that he was the Vakeel, that if — Letchmun Row should remove from the — Medicines he might prescribe it would be well

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will, but that, if otherwise there was plenty
of tam-tam-wind-wood for the funeral, after this
my Uncles gave way to the most serious
apprehensions, Lekshmum Row had the most
earnest desire to survive by taking Medicine
from such physicians, as he could approve —
and by tasting such food, as he preferred, —
when his appetete prompted; his wish &
however was frustrated; for his disorder —
gained strength, and he departed this life on
the 21st August 1795. in the room, where he had
been imprisoned in Shunderg hurry-at this
time Dada Row and Govinda Row entreated
in the most earnest manner that the —
Killadar would permit them to see his face,
he answered that there was no order from —
the Circar for it, the next day I used every
mode of entreaty, I even fell at the —
Killadar's feet that I might be permitted
to accompany the Corpse, to perform our —
brahminical

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Brahminical rites, and to consign it to the
flames according to the Shastras: he answered
that there was a positive order against burning
out of the fort, after this he sent for four
Brhamins from without, who together with
two of our dependants, that were also confined,
were carrying the Corpse below, when Dada
Row and Gounda Row entreated, that they
might there at least be permitted to recite
Jaap, the Killadar shewed the face and
carried all back to their former place he
sent many Sepoys and Sepoys with the
Corpse, stationed a Guard there until the
cremation was finished, and then came to the
place where we were to inform us, having no
means to defray the expences of the daily
ceremonies, I was obliged to do it in a Confined
manner out of what I received from him and
dispatch any enquiry.

Straight Rama Row, who had
been afflicted with the palsey, yielded to his
Grief

religious Book

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Grief and the force of his disorder. He then
wrote the Nagger through the Thilladay, that
his Younger Brother was gone, that he
himself had no hope of Surviving, that his
wish was to go to Pondicherry and to see the
Women and Children, and all in the house
that if after seeing his family it should be his
destiny to survive he would live, if not, he
was reconciled to his fate - that he had
hitherto lived with honor, that consistently
with that it was his desire to finish his days
in the presence of his Wives and Children.
in order that the Ceremonial rites leving
performed by his near relations and
intimate friends he might obtain a Seat
among the blessed which would redound to
the fame of his Master - Rama Row made
this representation frequently through the
Thilladay who said that Umdut Ul Omrah
Bahader had written no answer, all his
hopes

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hopes being now exhausted, and being without any expectation of living, he sent for me and — spoke to the following purport. —

"I have hitherto served this Circar "with fedelity for which I am now brought to "this extremity, Omdut Ul Omrah Bahauder "has treasured in his mind the hatred which "he bears me for having served Ameen Ul — "Omrah Bahader; but he has not judged "of my conduct in bringing me to this pass. "I have been guilty of no treachery, nor have — "I appropriated to my own use any of the — "Circars money: on the contrary twenty five "thousand rupees are yet due to me from the "Circar. It is said that I have received bribes: "I have been this long imprisoned, but they "have not been able to establish by proof, "or adduced one single instance against me. I impelled "solely by hatred, for which there is no reason

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"has plundred my house, has exercised an-
"injustice towards my Women and Children,
"of which there is no parallel in the world,
"has dishonored me, has contrived that my
"mind shall be disturbed at my last mo-
"ment, and has fixed the period of my dissolution
"in this dungeon, Amdut Ul Omrah's hatred
"has been excited against me, but you are
"a boy, who are not in his service, his hatred
"will not hereafter pursue you or the Women
"and Children, in consideration of the injuries
"which he has done me, he will send for and
"employ you in some of his affairs, it will
"then be difficult for you to disengage yourself,
"so many Women and Children must depend
"upon you for support, if you will give me
"an assurance that you will never accept
"employment at the durbar of this Nabob
"Amdut Ul Omrah Bahader, it will be
soon

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"some alleviation of the griefs, which I have
"hitherto experienced" In consequence I gave
him this assurance, and asked him by —
what means I could escape, or what path
was left open to me. To this he replied "my
"friends and Relations are in Madras; they
"upon being acquainted with your Story
"will Contrive some means of releasing you
"and the Women and Children there, who
"on my account will shew you favor" He then
"suggested to me the means by which the
"lives of myself as well as of the Woman
"and Children might be preserved as follows"
The English are a generous and just nation —
"your safety is in their protection; if after I am
"gone he should still pursue you with hatred
"you must use every contrivance for the
"preservation of your life)." — Some days after
this Ram Row died — I was informed of his
being

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being burnt in the same manner as had been done before in the case of Lekhmun Row. I began the daily rites in that + prison: in the greatest consternation and apprehension. I wrote a letter to my + Relations and friends to inform them that both my Uncles had abandoned me in this wilderness in the midst of Enemies For + eight days after the death of Ram — I performed the obsequies in that prison — On the night of the eight days the Killadar came to inform me that he had received an order from the Peishwa for sending all the prisoners to Madras; and accordingly dispatched us all in the night time in doleys. I sat out with some satisfaction indulging the idea that since the death of the old Nabob the present Nabob would be more benignant towards all, and that I should preserve

my

+ they ought to have continued Thirteen Days —

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my life: we were however conducted by the Arcot road and plaud in Runganugaud. The distress and apprehension which my mind felt upon this, it is impossible to describe. —

After my arrival at Runganagad and before my imprunity had been removed which prevented my associating with other brhamins and affiliated me with the greatest grief, we were suddenly without any previous Communication plaud in doleys by some people who came up the rock @ 12 Clock at night; the Burkahs were closed; and we were — carried with many guards to Hussain. — Mahomed Khan Bahader who is at present in the jahjier of Matabar Khan, upon seeing him I imbraced his Knees and intreated in the most earnest manner, that he would preserve my life, he then informed me that he had received an enayet namah in the hand writing of the Robob Amdut Ul Asrah. — Bahader

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Bahader, with directions to obtain from me an Account of all the effects of my Uncles in order that they might be appropriated to the Circar. he then desired me to consult the safety of my life, adding that if I did not make the discovery I should be exposed to much distress, the greatest fear being by this means excited. I reflected on the fate of my Uncles; and the faculties of my soul; being entirely overwhelmed the Omniscient suggested a contrivance for the preservation of my life, that was consistent with the engaging Hujaum Mahomed had made, I attended whatever was uppermost he desired me to give it in writing, with which I complied it is entirely a fiction — after this I was sent back that night to my former place upon the hill

He means here, I fancy, that he gave a promise to discover treasure or to pay money —

In this situation I remained without performing the Ceremonial rules and without

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without Removing my impurity, on another occasion Mirza yan Khan suddenly came and used such threats as suited his purpose; he then carried us all back to Chendergherry, at that time myself, Dada Row, Govinda Row some bhramins, who were our Servants, the — bearers &.c.a together with Ananda Row Reddy Row and Mahomed Burhan Serjaldar with all his people — were placed in the fort of — Chandergherry, Govinda Row and myself only were conveyed to the Garden in Triplicane, where the Nabob Amdut Ul Omrah Bahader at present resides, and kept a part from the Dewan Khanah all sorts of threats were there used, a period of three or four days was appointed, and we were both sent under Charge of Ruzza Yat Khan with a great many Sepoys to the prison, where our Mato Stres &.c.a were confined, we went in the idea of seeing by whatever — means the faces of the Mato Stres and the Children. —

Before

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Before this vehicle I was at Runjungud, I had written to our people that my two Uncles had been plundered of every thing for the service they had done the Circar and had died in prison, that independent of this a plan was laid for taking the lives of the Women, Children and of ourselves; that therefore some Complaint should be made to the Company to save the many lives that were about to fall Victims to injustice. In their answer, which I secretly received they informed me that a Complaint had been made of the injustice committed under the Company's Flag, that if the Nabob should hear it while I was at a distance, there would be no hope of my life. That I should use some expedient for coming to the place where the Women and Children were, that the English were a generous nation and —

would

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would not tolerate injustice, that they would preserve the lives of so many people, and that without this, their own / the family / endeavours would be fruitless - as I was — under great apprehension for my life I said whatever occurred as conducive to its — preservation, and arrived at the house in Triplicane -

While I was in the Triplicane house every means were used to intimidate me, a servant of the Circar was sent to my relation Baba Row in Madras and every — moment enquiry was made of me, whether the Money had not yet been received. — my pledge was of an hours date - at length on the day, when the Sundars of this generous Company came to my protection the Circar people having ascertained in the morning that my promise was fictitious had brought doleys to the door for removing me to some other place

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The Sepoys were also ready - my Mother and my Aunts had all come to this resolution, that four days had elapsed since they were made acquainted with the death of their husbands, that they were prohibited from going forth to the tank to perform their ablutions - that they had endured this distress for twenty five months - that their husbands were gone, that the protection of so many persons depended upon me, that therefore if I should again be conveyed away they would release their souls by precipitating themselves into the wells under this grief they sat contemplating each others countenance, fasting, weeping and Watching -

At this very time of distress, critical to a mount, the true Godhead himself in the Shape of the English Surdars descended for the protection our family dispelled the fears of us all, Women and Children, preserved

our

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our lives, and took us under his own care-
hence have we been preserved, What limits
can I conceive for the virtue of this generous
Company, who have preserved the lives of so
many people.—

My two Uncles for their service
to this Circar were plundered of every thing
they had, at the Circar contrived that they
should die in prison, and practiced to take
many lives without cause. I entreat that
in the same manner as the Company —
have protected us, so they will forever —
protect us from fear of the Nabobs persecution.
That is to say — of those mentioned in the —
petition already presented to your Lordship.
as having been imprisoned in distant places
myself and Govinda Row only have arrived
here; the rest need your protection, though
I was never in the dependence of the Nabob
nor ever employed in his service he cast
me

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me into prison for twenty five Months, and —
Studied in the Severest manner, how to —
over whelm my fortune and family, as wellas
to take my life: since we have now complained
to your Lordship, who have been pleased to —
protect our lives, he will be prompted by that
hatred to compass some means of taking our —
lives - we who are under your Lordship protection
can have no fear; but Intreat that your —
Lordship will be pleased to extend your favor,
as well to those people, who have assisted us,
as to ourselves, that our relations may be freed —
from fear and that we with our families may
remain under your protection in the peaceful
enjoyment of our lives —

/Signd/ Tremul Row.

a true translation

/Signd/ J Webbe M.S.

The Arzee of the family Women of Ram Row
and Lekhmun Row who have continued to

Representation of the Women of Ram Row and Lekhmun Row's Family —

resided

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reside in Triplicane addressed to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart - President in Council — that is to say - We shall represent the grief and disgrace, which we have suffered from His Highness Ameer ul Omrah Bahader as well as our Children, and infants on Account of the connexion with the Circar of his Highness the Nabob Walajah, - from the time, when the above mentioned Rows were confined — until we were released by the Company.

On the day, on which our troubles began, Lekhmun Row was unwell, he therefore went to the durbar, without performing the usual ablutions: in about three hours afterwards the Circar sent to call Ram Row also, who accordingly went thither: in about two hours afterwards the Chobdar of the Circar came to call † Tremul Row; and we then heard that, as the Nabob was well pleased, the two Rows abovementioned had sent

† in the original here called "our boys" - his mother upon the petition. —

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sent for Trennul Row, which was cause of great satisfaction to us, under these Circumstances Cawder Nawaz Khan arrived, entered the interior part of the house without reserve, looked into every part of it, and gave orders to a guard on the outside to prevent those persons, who were within, from going out: he then entered the house with a great many Sepoys gave directions for us all to go into the Kitchen, and fastened the door upon us, surprized at what had passed some of us endeavoured to peep through the door, and the Sepoys came to prick us with their Bayonets, at this time we all remained trembling and in Consternation among guards were then placed before the door, when we were upstairs, inside and in all Corners of the house, he then spit all over the house, abused the two Row, took a lamp, and placed sentry all round. —

Re