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Diary

6th

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in MS. Nos 30, 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44.

From Mr. Sub Secretary Thornhill at Bengal

From Sub Secretary at Bengal — transmitting Translations of Sundry papers belonging to a Mr. De — Cimetre who was concerned in the Seizure of the Gillet Pilot Schooner — and desiring in consequence of the — apparent intimacy between him and a Mons.r Combemale at Pondicherry; that a strict watch be kept on the conduct of the latter.

From W.m Shawen

From Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — proposing removal of the Grain at Arnee from the Old to the new Granary.

From Colonel Stuart

From Colonel Stuart — bearing testimony to the zeal, Merits and Services of Captain Allan, in the Office of Quarter Master General on the Island of Ceylon.

From three Dutch Prisoners of War.

From three Dutch Assistant Surgeons — requesting a subsistence.

From Capt.n Lieut. Fiesjean.

From Captain Lieutenant Fiesjean, of the Meuron Regiment — requesting payment of certain — Arrears due to him.

From

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No 6.

From Captain Kirkpatrick

From Resident at Hydrabad — transmitting Copy of another letter addressed to him by Lieutenant Nuthall.

From Captain Dalrymple

From Commandant of the Nizam's Detachment transmitting Copy of his Correspondence.

From Ditto

From Ditto — with Ditto

From Mr. Melvin

From Mr. A Melvin with a Bill for the freight of the Perseverance.

From Mr. Marten

From Paymaster at Palamcotah stating that the Commandant of the Travancore Battalion has declined receiving the Cash he tendered to him for the pay of the Sepoys.

From Messrs. Hindersly Watts & Co.

From Messrs. Hindersly, Watts and Co. presenting a Bill for Provisions &c. due to the Owner of the Surprize.

From Mr. Hughes

From Paymaster at Madura requests the Board's attention to the encreased Establishment of Servants, submitted in his letter of the 9th November last.

From Military Paymaster General.

From Military Paymaster General with an additional Estimate of Cash for April.

From Mr. John Wynch

From Paymaster at Vellore — with an account Sale of a Horse Cast from the 4th Regiment.

From Major Brown

From Major Brown — requesting a perusal of

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No 6 of Mr James Scotts report relative to the Dutch Property captured at Malacca in order to reply to certain parts thereof implicating his character.

Order thereon — Ordered that Major Brown be permitted to have access to the Reports in question.

No 7. Sent the following letters

To His Excellency General Malartic

Governor General of the Isles of France & Reunion

Sir,

To General Malartic advising of a French Officer being released and permitted to go to the Islands on his Parole.

I had the honor of receiving your letter of the 9th of July last and am persuaded from the known humanity of your Excellency's Character that it is your wish to render the situation of the British Officers and Seamen who by the fortune of War have fallen into your hands as little irksome to them as possible.

Vice Admiral Sir George Elphinstone having established a Cartel for the exchange of Naval Prisoners of War, I with pleasure avail myself of the opportunity to liberate upon his Parole of Honor a Military Officer of the French Nation who was desirous of embarking on the Cartel for the Mauritius. His name and Rank are specified in

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The 9 in the accompanying List

Fort St George
9th April 1796

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

Despatched the undermentioned letters
Entered in M.P.B. Nos 45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-
53-54-55-

To Captain Read

To Commandant in the Baramhaul — desiring that he will countersign all Bills for Batta to Guards posted on the Eastern Frontier, previous to their being handed to the Paymaster for payment.

To Messrs Colt Baker & Co

To Messrs Colt Baker and Co: offering them 500 Pagodas for the freight of the Spy to Trincomale - they being responsible for the safe delivery to the paymaster these of the Treasure that will be shipped on her.

To Mr William Doing

To Contractor for Clothing - permitting him to furnish Clothing for the Swiss Regiment, provided the Cloth issued from the Warehouse on that account be paid for at the retail Price.

To Colonel Malcolm

To Military Auditor General referring Mr Roebuck's Additional Estimate for April.

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Campbell

To Commandant of the 3rd Regiment of Cavalry directing him to be attentive in ascertaining that Horses actually die of Epidemic Disease, previous to his signing a Certificate to that effect - a Bill of Lieutenant Pogson's referred for his Examination.

To Lieutenant Nuthall

To Lieutenant Nuthall - informing him that he is on no account whatsoever to purchase another horse for the Company.

To Major Young

To Commandant of Cavalry at Arcot - informing him that no encrease of pay can be allowed the Grasscutters attached to the Cavalry - Copy of the opinion of the Military Board enclosed.

To Mr. Torriano

To Resident at Nagore with instructions for paying the Monthly allowance granted to Mr. Couperus and Captain Sticker during their Residence at Tranquebar.

To Clerk of the Treasury

To Clerk of the Treasury - ordering an Advance of 25,000 Pagodas to the Military Paymaster General.

To Mr. Roebuck

To Military Paymaster General - directing him to Ship the same on the Spy for Trincomalè.

To Vellapah

To Vellapah - permitting him to return to his family in the Tinnevelly Province.

Received

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No 10

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in MB. Nos 56-57-58-59-60-61-62.

From Captain Read

From Commandant in the Baramhaul — enclosing a letter from the Commanding Officer at Penagra stating the necessity of digging some wells for the use of the Inhabitants.

From Captain Kirkpatrick

From Resident at Hydrabad — transmitting Copy of a letter written by him to the Commandant at Guntoor.

From Captain Halcott

From Commandant at Innacondah with a Gentoo letter addressed to him by the Vencatagherry Dewan.

From Military Board

From Military Board — stating the necessity of Racks Shelves &c for the new Store Rooms at Arnee.

From Ditto

From Ditto — recommending that House Rent be allowed to such Officers at Tanjore — Vellum and Trichinopoly as cannot be accommodated with good Quarters, in preference to any repair of the temporary ones at those Stations.

From Mr. Martin

From Paymaster at Palamcotah — explaining the reason of his refusing to obey a district Order lately issued at Tackmore.

From

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From Major Muat — From Major Muat - advising of his having withdrawn the Garrison of Vizianagrum fort and of the Disposal he has made of it.

11th Received the undermentioned letters entered in C. C. Nos. 44 - 45.

Substance of a letter from Bomrauze — From Bom Rauze - advising of his having apprehended Seven Sepoy Deserters and sent them to Madras.

Ditto from Rajah of Vencatagherry — From Rajah of Vencatagherry - promising to use every exertion for apprehending Deserters.

Received the following letter.

Wm. C. Jackson Esqre

Military Secretary

Fort St. George

Sir

From Resident at Hyderabad transmitting a duplicate of his letter of the 19th February & Observations &

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 24th Ultimo to which I shall reply at length as soon as I have given Mr. Accountant General Woolf's Statement of the Paisheush Account the consideration which the astonishing variance subsisting between it and the Durbar Statement requires.

This serves purposely to convey to you a Duplicate of my Address of the 19th February last -

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11th last to the Right Honorable the President in Council for the miscarriage of the original of which I am not able to account — Accompanying is a list of the — dispatch from hence to Masulipatam in which it was enclosed: and which was received at the latter place on the 22nd February following. I have also ascertained that some of the letters for Madras of the same dispatch arrived there in due course

Having referred to this missing letter in my subsequent one of the 23rd February, as well as in that of the 12th March, your having omitted to notice it's non receipt in your reply to the former of these / under the 3rd March / suggests the possibility of it's having been mislaid or escaped your — Memory.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed / Wm Kirkpatrick

Hydrabad
3rd April 1796

P.S. I have the honor to transmit for the information of Government, translated Extract of a letter of Intelligence recently received here — from Tarmary, a place at no great distance from Gooty.

The

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No 11.

Duplicate

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

Fort St. George.

My Lord

I think it right to apprize you, that I have reason to expect to receive in a few days a formal application from this Durbar for the discharge of the whole of the Arrears of Saisheush due to His Highness the Nizam, by the Company, and which is stated by the Officers of this Government to amount to near fifteen lacks of Rupees.

I am at present engaged in discussing this Statement which I apprehend to be founded in an error of very long standing, and the clearing up of which, therefore, may be very difficult and tedious - In the mean time, it will be convenient to me to know where it will best suit your Lordship to discharge the amount actually due, that is, whether at the Presidency, or at Masulipatam It is the wish of his Highness's Ministers, that the whole should be paid at the latter place.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Signed/ Wm Kirkpatrick

List

Hydrabad
19th of February 1796

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No. 11.

(Copy)

List of Despatches from the Hydrabad Post Office — for Masulipatam the 19th of February 1796 at 5 P.M. the receipt of which the 22nd. of February at 7 A.M. has been duly acknowledged.

Camp mail for Masulipatam — 18th February

1 Letter	from the Resident	to Lord Hobart	F. St. Georg. Ser.
1 Ditto	Ditto	Mr. Baker	D. postpd.
1 Ditto	Ditto	Gour hurry	Masulipatam Ser.
1 Ditto	Lieutenant Nuthall	J. Farrow Esq.	Madras postpd.
1 Ditto	Ditto	Mr. Roebuck	D. Service
1 Ditto	Ditto	Major Young	Arcot D.
1 Ditto	Lt. Kirkpatrick	Lt. Munro	Guntoor D.
1 Ditto	Aka Ahmed	Mirza Husain	Masulipm. postpd.
1 Ditto	Balaram	Mooturam	Madras D.
1 Ditto	Vencatesh Naick	Gudhir Doss	Masulipatam D.
1 Ditto	Renkoosa Gunga doss Purboo doss Sam doss		Madras D.
1 Ditto	Moorli Doss	Gunga Doss	Masulipatam D.
1 Ditto	Vencati Naick	Govind narrain Naick	Madras D.

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A true Copy

(Signed) W. Kirkpatrick

Received the undermentioned letters entered in M.P.B. Nos. 63-64-65.

From

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From Mr. Sharoon — From Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies stating the expense of removing the Gram of the 2nd Regiment from Conatoor to Walajabad.

From Messrs. Rochuck & Abbot — From Contractors for Repairs repeating their request to be paid for the Repairs completed at Conatoor before the late Storm

From Lieutenant Nuthall — From Lieutenant Nuthall explaining the reasons which induced him to make the Purchases of Horses whereby he incurred the Board's displeasure.

12th — Received the following letters.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council — Fort St. George

My Lord

From Major Agnew advising of his having issued some of the Prize Arrack for account of Mr. Cochrane's letters on the subject. The Cargoes of the Dutch Ships landed — excepting the Salt petre. Observations — requests to know if he may supply the Inhabitants with certain petty Stores. Submits a letter from the late Master Attendant.

I have the honor to Report to your Lordship that on application from Mr. MacDowall on the part of Mr. Cochrane, for the purchase of Arrack captured in the Stores of Columbo, I addressed a letter to Colonel Stuart, as I did not conceive myself authorised to dispose of this Article under the Instructions transmitted to me on the 1st. instant by Mr. Secretary Jackson. I enclose

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12th enclose a Copy of this letter with Colonel Stuarts Note in Reply, and have in consequence complied with the request of Mr. Mc Dovall which I hope your Lordship will approve — The loss already sustained by the Leakage of the Arrack in Store has been much more considerable than I could have expected.

The Cargoes of the Dutch Ships surrendered in the Roads of Columbo have, agreably to your Lordship's Orders been landed; with exception of the Salt Petre, some Articles shipped as Ballast, and the Sappan Wood, which cannot be removed before the Salt Petre is unshipped — This it is necessary to postpone till the Ships arrive at Galle, as from the advanced period of the Season the time that must be employed in Ballasting them for Sea, were this part of the Cargo landed here, would render their Passage to that Port, which will now be difficult impracticable.

A deficiency of nearly 5 Pr. Cent on the pepper Cargo appears on comparing the Amount received by me, and that Shipped by the Dutch Invoice. But as the whole was shaken in amongst the Cinnamon, and landed

in

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No 12 in haste without the means of taking those
Precautions which are indispensable to prevent loss
in Boats and Carriage, I do not conceive this
deficiency to exceed what we had reason to expect
On the Salt Petre which was sent in these Ships
from Batavia I look for a considerable defect.

In reference to my former letters I find
that I have omitted reporting to your Lordship, that
I have not assumed any charge of that part of the
Dutch Property on this Island taken at Trincomalle
Jaffnapatam, Ballicaloo Manar and the dependen-
cies of these Places prior to the date of my
Appointment as Agent. The effects captured at
these Places having been under the direction and
management of Captain Gorry and Lieutenant Rodgers
whom Colonel Stuart had authorised for that purpose
I could not take on myself the Responsibility
annexed to my Appointment for Property which had
been received and in great measure disposed of
by Gentlemen acting under a different authority
This I hope your Lordship will have the goodness
to approve.

There are in the Dutch Stores here
many

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12th many things not perishable in their nature, but which are frequently required for the use of the Inhabitants who depended entirely on the Company for a supply of these Articles and are at present distressed from the impossibility of procuring them. In these are included Carpenters and other Tools, Iron and other Articles of a similar nature. It is also my duty to state that the Bale Goods are liable to damage if kept long in the Warehouses. I beg to have your Lordship's Instructions on these points as at present I do not conceive myself warranted to issue any Articles excepting those particularised in Mr. Jackson's letter of the 1st instant unless they are required for the public Service.

I have the honor to enclose a letter addressed to me by the late Master Attendant of this Port. I can only observe upon it that I believe from the Information I have obtained his case is correctly stated, and that the Article of the Capitulation to which he alludes will very severely affect his private Fortune.

I have the honor to be with great Respect
&c &c
(Signed) P. A. Agnew
Agent for Captured property

To

Columbo
March 28th 1796

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To Colonel James Stuart

Commanding in Ceylon

Sir

I have the honor to enclose to you a letter from Mr. Mc Dowall. The Arrack in Store being excepted from the Articles I am permitted to sell by my Instructions I have to request your directions how far in the present instance a deviation from the letter of those Instructions may be admissible, as it is required for the supply of the Company's Troops on the Coast.

The loss by Leakage on the Arrack in Store is considerable, and the Market Price of the day is higher than usual from the extraordinary demand.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Columbo
24th March 1796

/Signed/ P. A. Agnew
Agent for Captured Property

Enclosure /Copy/

To Major Agnew

Agent for Captured property in Ceylon

Sir

The Agent at Madras being much in want

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want of Arrack of the first Quality to supply the Troops — according to his Contract with Government, and which at present the scarcity in the Market will not allow me to supply — I request permission to purchase on his Account the quantity Captured in Store here at the Market Price of 85 Rupees the Leaguer of 75 Witt- duties included and to be delivered immediately at the Wharf according to Custom.

Understanding that it is not required here by Mr. Atkinson, and being in fact for the use of the Company will I trust remove any doubts you may have with regard to the Propriety of the Sale without an Order from Government. The lateness of the Season rendering it dangerous for shipping to remain here your speedy answer will oblige

Columbo
24th March 1796

Your most Obedient Servant
/Signed/ John Mc. Donall

Note from Colonel Stuart

I authorise Major Agnew to sell to Mr. Mac Donall for the Agent at Madras, the Arrack in the Stores taken here; the urgency of the case stated in the application of that Gentleman, appearing to me sufficient to warrant this deviation

from

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12th from the letter of his instructions from Government.

Columbo
21st March 1796

Signed/ I. Stuart

To Major S. A. Agnew

Agent on the part of the British Government for the receipt of Publick Property

Sir

Having been Master Attendant of Columbo I find myself obliged to inform you.

1st That it has been the Custom for the Master Attendants here to have besides the Dutch Companys Stores under their Administration a sufficient stock of Marine Stores of their own, in order to supply foreign Vessels which frequented the Port, as they could not be assisted from the Companys Stores, and which assistance they were frequently in want of, on account of the damages they had sustained and besides the Company since the Year 1792 had permitted to bring out on their own Ships on freight those Articles.

2ndly That Six Months ago when Government appointed me Master Attendant, I purchased for the above purpose a quantity of Marine Stores which till

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12th. till now I have not been able to dispose of, as none of the passing Vessels have been in want thereof

3dly That as the 7th. Article of Capitulation secures all private property, excepting - Marine Stores which are considered as publick Property, I shall suffer great loss if this Arrangement takes place which I shall feel more severely, as the time of my being Master Attendant has been too Short for me to reap any advantage from the Appointment.

I therefore entreat, relying on the generosity of the British Nation, that they will make such Arrangements, as will prevent me from being singled out, from the other Companys Servants and Inhabitants as the only looser and Sufferer That I may be allowed to retain my Stock of Marine Stores, which do not belong to the Company and that I may dispose of them again, in order to Obviate as much as possible all Losses.

If this request meets any obstacles and the British Government thinks proper to keep the Marine Stores which are my private property I then beg that they will please to indemnify me by paying for them at a reasonable price.

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Assuring you that I shall deliver as a Man of probity, all the Goods and effects belonging to the Company which I have under me.

I have the honor to be with great esteem

&c &c

(Signed) P. A. Muntz

Columbo
21st. March 1796

To Major General Clarke

Commander in Chief

&c &c &c

Sir

From Colonel Stuart on the subject of the late Mutiny of the 35th Battalion.

In my letter dated the 21st. instant I had the honor to inform you of the Mutiny, which had unfortunately, taken place in the 35th Battalion on the Evening of the 20th. and of the Steps I had adopted, and proposed taking in consequence.

Eight Men who appeared to Captain Kenny and his Officers to have been most active and leading in that business were confined in the Provost Martials Guard, and a General Court Martial was ordered to assemble on the 23rd. instant for their Trial the Proceedings of which were delivered to me Yesterday. Two men were sentenced to be shot — three to receive each

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1000 Lashes one 800 Lashes another 700 Lashes and one man was acquitted.

Judging an immediate example absolutely necessary for the support of Military discipline, and the good of the Service, I ordered the Sentences to be carried into execution in the manner detailed in the Copy of a General Order which I have the honor to enclose and which I trust will meet your approbation, I shall by the next Post have the honor to transmit to you the Proceedings of the General Court Martial, by which I think it will appear to you / for I cannot myself help being of that opinion that the Native Officers have had no inconsiderable share in occasioning the late Mutiny in the 35th Battalion Indeed I do not see how it can possibly happen that a Native Corps should mutiny, without the previous knowledge of the Native Commissioned and non Commissioned Officers who are closely connected with, and often nearly related to, the Sepoys. In the present Instance it is certainly evident that the Native Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers / the Adjutant excepted /

did

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12. did not exert themselves in any shape to prevent or put a Stop to the Mutiny, which it was their duty to do: and I beg leave to submit to you, whether it would not be for the benefit of the Service that such improper conduct in those Officers should be punished by their dismission from the Service. Perhaps this may appear a stoong measure but I am confident it would be attended with the best effects in preventing, in future, our Native Corps mutinying without having any cause of Complaint, except that of being subjected to a temporary separation from their families. At all events the conduct of Subadar Shake Ebram / confined by the Court for Perjury / and of Subadar Golam Moodin and of Jemedar Sutterding appears to me to have been so reprehensible, that I beg leave to recommend their being punished in the most summary manner.

You will receive herewith enclosed the Copy of a letter I received from Captain Kenny dated the 26th instant.

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

Head Quarters
in Columbo
28th March 1796

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12th

Extract from General Orders published in Columbo on the 27th March 1796

Colonel Stuart feels severely the painful necessity which compells him to order the immediate execution of the sentences of Death passed by the General Court Martial. He is confident that the punishment to be inflicted on the men, whose influence appears to have misled the Battalion will have a proper effect on the minds of those who were seduced by their example; and that the future propriety of their behavior will retrieve the Character of their Corps.

In this persuasion Colonel Stuart directs that the Guards now placed over part of the 35th Battalion in the Pauſse Braye, be withdrawn, and the Corps marched to their Lines where their Arms will be restored to them and they will be permitted to take their tour of duty with the other Troops.

The Non Commiſsioned and Privates of the 35th Battalion, confined for Mutiny in the various Guards of the Garrison who have not been brought to trial, are, at the request of Captain

Kenny

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12th Kenny, to be released.

The Sentences passed on Bolony Andy and Veerabudrah Sepoys of the 1st. Grenadier Company of the 35th. Native Battalion, are to be carried into execution tomorraw morning in presence of all the Corps in Camp and Garrison who will parade for that purpose / with the exception of the necessary Guards / at break of day, and march to the Glacis near to the Gate of Galle, where they will form agreeably, to Orders they will receive from Major Petrie who will command the whole, and superintend the Execution. "The Bombay Grenadiers the 7th. and 35th. Native Battalions to furnish each a Hauldar Naique and 6 Privates as an execution party. The Provost Martial to attend.

The Sentences on Ramoo Permal of the 1st Battalion Company Mootoo Naique, Cassembeck, and Wadamally, Sepoys of the 35th. Battalion are to be carried into execution on Tuesday morning the 29th. instant on the Garrison Parade in presence of that Battalion and a Detachment from each Corps in Garrison; The whole to assemble at half past 5 O'Clock under the Command of Major

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12th Major Petrie. The Assistant Surgeon of the 35th Battalion to attend the execution of these Sentences.

Permaul Sepoy of the 2nd Grenadiers — Company of the 35th Battalion having been acquitted is to be released from his confinement, and to join his Corps.

A true Extract

/Signed/ R. Turing
Major of Brigade

Colonel Stuart
Commanding the Troops on the Island of Ceylon

Sir

&c &c &c

I have the honor to represent to you that I apprehend it will be impossible, to bring forward sufficient evidence against the Native Commissioned Officers though I am confident, from what I have seen on former occasions as well as on the evening of the 20th, and what has appeared during the Proceedings of the Court Martial, that some, if not most of the Native Officers, have been concerned, in exciting the Men to Mutiny, and from many recent Circumstances, I am confirmed in the opinion, Subidars Mahomed Ameen Shaik

Emaum

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Emaum and Jemidar Shaik Mahomed, excepted — In justice to the former I must beg leave to recommend him particularly to your notice for his exertions in endeavouring to quiet the Men, frequently throwing himself between me and danger, as well as remaining with me to the last.

The conduct of Subidar Golam Moodeen and Jemidar Chur has been pointed out by some of those who were most active, and now in confinement as the Persons who occasioned the Sepoys to act in the improper manner they have done. The Sepoys who suffered punishment on the Evening of the 20th has since declared, that Subidar Golam Moodeen in his hearing, excited them to Mutiny from so many concurring circumstances against these two Officers, I have to request you will do me the honor, to represent their conduct to the Commander in Chief, that he may judge how far they deserve punishment.

I have the honor to be with Respect
&c &c
Signed W. Kenny Captn
35th Bn N.I.

Camp Columbo
March 26th 1796

A true Copy
Signed R. Turing Major of Brigade
Ordered

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35th Bn N.I.

Camp Columbo
March 26th 1796

A true Copy
Signed R. Turing
Mayor of Brigade
Pro tem

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11/12 Ordered that the following Answers be Returned

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

Sir

To Colonel Stuart in reply to the foregoing

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters to the Commander in Chief dated the 28th Ultimo and to acquaint you that his Lordship entirely approves the general order issued by you for the execution of the sentences passed on the Persons principally concerned in the Mutiny of the 25th Native Battalion by a General Court Martial

I had the honor to acquaint you in my letter of the 5th instant that the President in Council had come to the Resolution of reducing the 35th Battalion and of dismissing the

the Native Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers from the Service with ignominy, leaving it however to your discretion, in case you were of opinion upon a full investigation of the matter, that there were circumstances of alleviation of a Nature to warrant a mitigation of the Orer.

As you have now reported that many of the Black Officers had a considerable share in the mutiny, it becomes necessary for the sake of example to direct that with the exception of those pointed out by Captain Kenny as having behaved well upon the occasion or any others of whom you may have received a favorable Report, the whole be cashiered, and declared incapable of ever serving the Company again in any Military capacity whatsoever.

The General Orer published by you respecting the Sepoy Families and of which, a Copy was transmitted with your letter of the 21st Ultimo

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12th the Native Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers from the Service with ignominy, leaving it however to your discretion, in case you were of opinion upon a full investigation of the matter, that there were circumstances of alleviation of a Native to warrant a mitigation of the Order.

As you have now reported that many of the Black Officers had a considerable share in the mutiny, it becomes necessary for the sake of example to direct that with the exception of those pointed out by Captain Kenny as having behaved well upon the occasion or any others of whom you may have received a favorable Report, the whole be cashiered, and declared incapable of ever serving the Company again in any Military capacity whatsoever.

The General Order published by you respecting the Sepoy Families and of which, a Copy was transmitted with your letter of the 21st ultimo

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12. Ultimo is approved.

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

To Major Agnew
at
Columbo

Sir

To Major Agnew - in reply to his letter.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 28th Ultimo and to acquaint you that you acted Right in selling the Arrack in Store at Columbo to the Agent for Spirituous Liquors under the authority of Colonel Stuart.

Captain Gorry and Lieutenant Rogers being responsible for their conduct in the charge entrusted to them by Colonel Stuart, the President in Council approves your intention of not interfering with them.

Such of the Stores under your charge as are required for the use of the Inhabitants should be sold to them at a fair valuation. But his Lordship is of opinion it would be proper that all application for the purchase of Stores should be seen and approved by Colonel Stuart previous to a compliance with them on your part.

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

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esquire

and

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr

Tuesday 12th April 1796

Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved.

The President delivers in the following Minute.

President's Minute In Council 12th April 1796

Mr. Cockrane the Agent for Spirituous Liquors, in his Letter to Government dated the 26th of February and entered on the Minutes of Council the 22d of March 1796 states that a loss had arisen to the Company on account of the Agency in the year 1794/95 to the very considerable Amount of twenty two thousand six hundred and ninety five Pagodas twenty seven fanams and forty two Cash /22695. 27. 42./ The Agent in his explanation of this subject ascribes

President's Minute on the subject of the Arrack Agency - proposes that its accounts be in future made subject to the examination of the Military Board.

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ascribes this loss to the circumstance of the intended
expedition against the French Islands which enhanced the
price of the arrack in the Market, and induced the Company
to send a large quantity of Rum from England at an
advanced rate. By the Abstract account of spirits received
into Store at Madras during the preceding year it appears
that the average Price P.r Gallon, was as follows.

	Fan.s Cash
At Madras	17. 7/4
At Calcutta	18.. 64
At Bombay	39.. 55
Rum from England	34.. 10

The price of the liquor purchased at
Bombay appears extremely high but as M.r Cochrane
has stated in his letter to Government dated the 29.th
September 1794 that the Governor in Council at that
Presidency purchased a large quantity, even at a higher
rate, and that none could be procured on better terms,
there seems to be no alternative / unless upon further
enquiry fresh objection should be started / as to the
admission of this particular charge in the Agents
Accounts. This however serves to prove that the Agency
on it's present footing is liable to material objection.
and if it be judged advisable to continue it the Agent
should not only be restricted as to price, but his charges

Merchandize

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Merchandize, which are of various descriptions should be liable to Scrutiny - at present, the Agents accounts are neither under audit nor are there any checks upon his disbursements - and hitherto Government have had no other knowledge of the concerns of the Agency, than what could be gathered from the annual account current laid before them. It therefore behoves the Board to devise some method of preventing the public from incurring a similar loss in future - and at the same time of bringing the Agents Department under a system of Regulation which shall make him accountable for every improper expenditure - For as the objects of the Agency were - first - to secure the Company from loss - and secondly - to derive a profit from it - for the benefit of Officers Commanding Cantonment, Garrisons, and Stations, in recompence for their attention towards the prevention of unauthorized Sales of Liquor which had been found pernicious to the health and morals of the Troops - and as both objects have essentially failed, since instead of a Profit there is an actual loss of near twenty three thousand Pagodas in one Year the Court of Directors will certainly expect that Government should go into, or appoint others, to make an investigation and the Officers who were to have shared in the Profits will naturally look up to the Justice of the Board for an explanation of the causes that led to a deprivation of emolument, in which they had been accustomed

accustomed to partake from the first establishment of the Agency.

The total of the charges Merchandize for the year 1794/5 including Leakage and Commission is stated by Mr. Cockrane at twenty three thousand Six hundred and fifty eight Pagodas two fanams and twenty eight Cash /23,658.2.28/ of which Sum, thirteen thousand nine hundred and thirty Pagodas, fourteen fanams and thirty four Cash /13,930.14.34/ were disbursed, in the conveyance of the Liquor and the establishment of Servants at the different Stations. To the above, must be added a Commission of five p.c. Cent upon the quantity of Liquor purchased at Bengal and Bombay Freight. Insurance. Boat hire. and Leakage, making in the whole including charges Merchandize at Madras, not less, at a rough Calculation, than forty p.c. Cent upon the original cost of the Liquor by the Agent. To ascertain whether this or the actual p.c. Centage be what the Company ought in reason to allow, and whether the balance brought against the employ should as suggested by the Agent be written off the Books The President proposes that the whole subject be referred to the consideration of the Military Board, whose province it is to revise and controul every Article of Military Expenditure

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and that the Agent be directed to deliver into that Board all such documents as they may require, tending to the elucidation of the charges in question that they may be enabled to make a full and comprehensive report to Government thereupon—

Minute thereon.

Resolved that the Presidents suggestion be adopted, and that the subject be in consequence referred to the consideration of the Military Board.

The President reports the arrival in the Black Town of a person, calling himself Baptiste Talhiarde—Proceedings of the Board in consequence.

The President acquaints the Board that a report was yesterday made to the Town Major of a Frenchman having arrived in the Black Town who announced himself to be Monsr. Baptiste Talhiarde the Commandant of Cummum—that upon this information being made known to his Lordship, orders had been given to the Town Major to call upon this Man for a Passport or any Credential from his Highness the Nizam, or from the Resident at Hydrabad which should prove him to be that person and that he had stated in consequence that he had no such authority to produce—The President therefore submits to the Board the propriety of apprehending the person of Talhiarde, and of sending him under a Guard to Guntoor with directions to the Commanding Officer at that place to deliver him up to any person authorized by

Captain

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Captain Kirkpatrick to receive him in the event of his really being the Commanding Officer at Cummum, or in any way employed in the Nizam's Service - and if he be not claimed by the Nizam that he be brought back to the Presidency, where he will remain a Prisoner.

The Board concurring in opinion with the President - Resolved - that the Town Major be directed to seize Talhiarde - and that the following letter be written to the Resident at Hydrabad.

To Captain William Kirkpatrick

Resident

at

Hydrabad

Sir

Letter to Captain Kirkpatrick on the subject of the above person.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acquaint you that yesterday report was made to the Town Major of a Frenchman having arrived in the Black Town who announced himself to be Mons.r Baptiste Talhiarde, the Commandant of Cummum.

The President in Council immediately directed the Town Major to call upon him for a Passport or any credential from His Highness the Nizam or from you, which should prove him to be that person, and upon his declaring he had no such

authority

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authority to produce, such a degree of suspicion attached to his Character that this Government would indisputably have sent him to the Mauritius on a Ship that sailed this morning but for the posibility of his being in the Nizam's Service which from a strong desire to mark the attention of this Government to his Highness induced it to forbear hazarding a measure that might have the effect of giving him the smallest uneasiness.

The President in Council desires you will be pleased to represent to the Nizam that he has reason to believe that intrigues are carrying on amongst the French prisoners to induce them to join Mons.r Raymond and that the turbulent and restless spirit of the French is such that instances have lately arisen, in Bengal and on this Coast, of outrages having been committed by them in violation of their parole and of the kind treatment they have uniformly received which render it of the utmost consequence that they should be watched with the utmost vigilant attention; and that no circumstance could have arisen which was calculated to create a greater degree of suspicion than the arrival at this Presidency of the person in question, at this particular period. The President

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in Council has therefore ordered him to be marched under a Guard to Guntoor with directions to the Commanding Officer at that place to deliver him up to any person you may authorize to receive him in the event of his really being the Commanding Officer at Cummum or in any way employed in the Nizam's Service but if he should not be claimed by the Nizam he will be brought back to Madras, where he will remain a Prisoner.

The President in Council has also directed me to state to you his reasons for believing that it is just possible that this man may be the Commandant at Cummum since whatever business he might have had to transact for Mons.r Raymond it is not probable that, after his recent conduct in the exercise of his Command Mons.r Raymond would have applied to you for a passport to enable him to come to the very seat of that Government which had so much reason to complain of him personally That the Frenchmen in the Nizam's Service are desirous to interrupt that harmony which subsists and it is to be hoped will continue to subsist between the British Government and His Highness, cannot be

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questioned, but that very man who has been the principal instrument of an attempt of that nature should be sanctioned by the authority of the Nizam to come to this Presidency, is a circumstance to which the President in Council cannot prevail upon himself to give Credit.

Under these Circumstances The President in Council would certainly have sent this Frenchman to the Mauritius, but that he is anxious upon all occasions to make every exertion in his power to promote the most cordial intercourse with the Nizam's Government and he is persuaded you will explain this Business in a manner that may be most likely to produce the most favorable impression on the mind of His Highness.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ W. C. Jackson Secy

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P. S. 13th April 1796.

The President in Council understands after the departure of Baptiste from Madras, was not aware that he had been attended by forty Sepoys which he must look upon as a considerable aggravation of the impropriety of the conduct of this Frenchman.

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The Town Major attends the Board and reports that he has placed the person of Mons.r Talhiade under Restraint - and delivers a letter received from him addressed to Mons.r Raymond of which the following is a Translation

M.r Raymond

Hydrabad

Sir

Letter from the above-mentioned person to Mons.r Raymond requesting he will procure for him a passport from the Resident at Hydrabad.

It is entirely your fault if I this day find myself a Prisoner. The English Government in my quality of a Frenchman unprovided with any Passport whatever has been obliged to arrest me and to send me as yet I know not where - I beg you will have the Goodness instantly upon receiving this to go and solicit at the Feet of the English Resident a Passport which upon it's arrival here may probably procure me the liberty to rejoin you.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Commandant B.n Talhiade

Pondicherry
12th April 1796
by Tappal

Remark on the above letter.

The Board remark that the letter to Mons.r Raymond is, by omistake dated "Pondicherry the 12th of April"

Read,

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Read the following letters from the Board of Revenue.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord

From Board of Revenue on the subject of the Jaghire ordered to be conferred upon Lingum Monigar and submitting letter from the Collector at Dindigul relating thereto.

In consequence of your Orders under date the 14th November last to confer upon the Monigar Lingum, and his family, the District of Jampulla as a Jaghire, if there were no particular objections to the Measure, We immediately directed Mr. Wynch to enquire as well into the Character, and Circumstances of the Man as into every particular relating to the District in question, the Collector addressed us on the 19th November following in reply, expressive of his astonishment that the Lands of the Rajadany — Balsundarum should have been proposed as a Jaghire to any individual, much less to Lingum, whom, he informed us, was a person of indifferent Character, and involved in Debt, he stated that there was no — such district as Jampulla, but that it was the District of Balsundrum and comprehended the whole of the Lands appertaining to the Rajahdany together with 14 Pagodas, Mr. Wynch entered into a detail

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to prove the pernicious Consequences likely to result from such a Grant but as it was Evident that some mistake had been made with respect to the Lands — We directed him on the 29th November to call upon Captain Oliver for explicit Explanation as to the precise situation — Extent and value of the grounds he meant to recommend to be conferred upon the Moogar Mr. Wynch accordingly submitted to us a letter from Captain Oliver on the subject, containing the information called for, by which it appears that the District of Aumantapully, is that which he solicits, and this the Collector Reports in the enclosed letter from him to be considerably more, than a 5th part of the Pylney Pollam under these Circumstances we request your Lordship's further orders on the subject.

We have the honor to be

&c &c

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(Signed) Edwd Saunders
" Chas N. White
" Tho: Cockburn
" Wm Harrington

To

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

Gentlemen

I have the honor to enclose for your information Copy of a letter from Captain Oliver by which I understand that the Lands now required as a Jaghire for Pinjum are those of Aumanputty, to save you Gentlemen the trouble of Calculations I have reduced the Cubits into Koolies and they stand thus Total Koolies 12,820 and Square feet 18000 Of the above 3 Chay and 38050 square feet are said to produce Paddy and 1/4 Cooly, and 19,350 dry Grain It will be unnecessary for me to observe on the impropriety of Granting considerably more than a 5th part of the Pollam of Pulney to an Individual - you will be pleased likewise to observe that supposing the Lands said to be cultivated were assessed agreeable to the Rates stated in my Report they would produce as follows.

Paddy Cullums 60

Dry Grain Colly Chuckrums 3.5.0.

whereas you are informed Gentlemen that Pinjum paid

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paid 400 Salaga or 1000 Cullums of Paddy and 50 Salaga or 125 Cullums of Dry Grain Independant of 200 Colly Chuckrums in Cash. On so palpable an imposition all Comments are unnecessary - As the assessment in Paddy Amounts to about 300 Cullums p^r. Chay instead of 87 & and the assessment on dry Grain 40 Cullums p^r. Hooley and 25 Chuckrums instead of 7 fanams.

I ordered the Tasildar to enterrogate Linguim On the subject his Account differs from the above He says the Lands extends as far as Yarramunglum that he knows nothing of Cubit Measurement but that the Lands contain 200 Chay of Punja Land Independant of Punja of which he knows not the Measurement.

Dindigul
1st. February 1796

I have the honor to be
S^r. &c.
/Signed/ George Wynch
/Signed/ G R Cushington
Acty Secry

To George Wynch Esq^re
Collector

Sir

Linguim returned last Night, and has given me the information you require, for the Board

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of Revenue.

Sumaupetty, of which he was Moneygar under Vellaida Naigue, is situated under the large Range of Hills, and lies one and an half Malabar Mile west of Bandaumdrum River – it contains from North to South ten thousand, Six hundred and Eighty four /10,684/ Cubits and from East to West twelve thousand /12000/ Cubits, of this Eighty one /81/ from North to South and one thousand Eight hundred /1800/ from East to West produce Paddy and Eighty one /81/ from North to South and Six hundred from East to West dry Grain.

The Polygar received yearly from it two Hundred /200/ Chuckrums four hundred /400/ Selegace of Paddy and fifty /50/ Sellegace of dry grain and paid Linguem a Salary of forty Chuckrums and forty Selegace of Paddy.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ James Olivier

Captain Commanding

Pylney
December 28th 1795

A true Copy

/Signed/ George Wynch

A true Copy

Signed/ S. R Lushington

Actg Secry

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord

From Board of Revenue enclosing a letter from the widow of the late Jaghiredar of Arnee and a Pedigree of the Boy she has adopted. suggest that Government grant the Sunnud of Appointment.

In compliance with the Minutes transmitted to us with your Lordship's letter of the 23d. Ultimo, We made known to the Widow of the late Streenevasa Rawjaur resolution of her Right to adopt a Successor to her Husband as Jaghiredar of Arnee.

She has, in consequence, addressed us a letter Copy of which we have the honor to enclose accompanied by the Pedigree of the Youth whom she appears to have adopted in November 1794 conformably to the usage of her Cast, agreeable to your directions that we should take such measures as might appear to us necessary for giving effect to the Arrangement determined on we shall call upon the Widow to nominate some person of Character and responsibility as Guardian of the Minors education from whom we shall take a Mutchilka binding him to perform this Trust with fedelity, and as the Peshcush from Arnee is included in the assigned Peshcush it remains We presume with your Lordship to grant the Sunnud of Appointment requested by the Widow.

We have the honor to be
&c &c

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Signed / Chs. N. White
" Thos. Cockburn

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Translation of a letter in the Maratta Language addressed to Edward Saunders Esqre &a Gentlemen of the Board of Revenue by Rajus Roye, widow of the late Streenevasa Row Jaghiredar of Arnee, Dated and Received the 4th April 1796.

My Vakeel informed me that yaw have been pleased to send for, and signified to him that an Order was received from Government for me to adopt a Son and which I may do accordingly, I return many respect= =full thanks to the Right Honorable Governor in Council and to yaw for the justice they have been pleased to bestow on my Account.

On my representing to yaw before that I am to adopt a Son in the same year of my husbands death according to our Law yaw have been pleased to signify, that yaw have nothing to do with my family matters, on this I have at 9 o Clock in the morning of wednesday the 12th Kastiky in the year of Aunenda or 12th November 1794 in the presence of our Relations &a and after performing the usual Ceremony of adoption — according to law, adopt a ~~Son~~ out of my Cousins, that in order to let yaw know the generation of the Boy I adopted, I herewith sent a Table of Pedigree and a Certificate from the Relations &a that were present at the time of taking the adoption for yaw perusal.

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I beg that you will be pleased to procure a Sunnud from Government in the name of my Son for the Jaghire, and that the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Bahauder and the Gentlemen of the Board of Revenue on their sending for my Son to pay his Respects to them, will be pleased to grant order for him to come in his Pallenkeen with his attendants within the Fort and after he paid the respects to you, Shew your favor in presenting a dress of Cloth and a letter to be granted to Colonel Nixon at Arnee to shew the same Honor to my Son on his sitting in the authority of the Jaghire at Arnee as hath been shewn to my Husband before by Colonel Kelly there.

I think it proper to represent to you, that it is usual for the Rajah of Tanjore to send a Seal, a suit of Cloth and a letter on such Occasion.

What can I represent more.

The Mark of Rajas Boye

A true Copy

/Signed/ H. Smith

Actg Depy Secry

We

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We know and Saw that Rajas Boye, the Wife of Strenewasa Row, the Jaghiredar of Arnee, hors adopted a Son out of the Sons of a Cousin according to Caster, or Law, by performing the Ceremony of adoption on Wednesday, the 12th Karteky, in the Year of Aununda or 19th November 1794.—

/Signed/

Madava Row Roganaut
Canongo and Desmook
of Carnatick including
the Companys Jaghire
Bawaury Sunker Row
Serishtadar to the Canongo-
Ivaram Dofs, Soucar
Sugadave Josey
Ranchender Row Baukera
Deputy Canongo of Carnatick
Baunayy Row of Arnee
Vaidayee Row of Arnee
Narrain
Chinniah
Subroyen
Casavaroyen
Vencat Row of Arnee
Gocul Dofs
Muraly Dofs
Vullaboo Dofs
Vencoolah
Office Ieppah

/Signed/

Stremusty Auchchary
Eppely Srenewasa Chary
Muncala Sama Chary
Matadoo Sasha Chary
Mahabashea Kistna
Chary
Muncala Oppena Chary
Perayet Kenunneya Chary
Puraniah Anna Chary
Purohita Rama Chary
Mucchilwandy Kistna
Gadecha Cuppa Chary
Sadasiva Butt
Seata Ramiah
Vencat Subba Butt
Contaty Subba Casterloo
Subroy Guveul
Catta Vncum Butloo
Cremadaty Rama
Butloo
Halasa Coosa Charloo
Coosapunt

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Coosapiunt Baboo Row
Malhava Tremul, Vakeel of Soora Bundary
Trevettore Narrain Deasket
Annajee Naick
Ragonaut Row
Vasodava Row Cauvelay
Baulajee Govend
Bunga Row Cauvelay
Ram Row Jagunnat Puranick
Annajee Veneaujee
Ram Row Kistnajee
Sasheah
Gunda Punt
Seaven Row
Samjee Streneewas

51 persons

List of Persons that were present on Wednesday the 12 Carteky of Aunuda or 19th November 1794 at the time of Rajas Boye, the Wife of Streneewasa Row Jaghiredar of Anee adopting a Son, who are not in this place now.

Jenarden Row Anna the Maratta Vakeel
Manaly Ponniah Moodelly
Mungapatty Naid
Wansodava Pilla

Bombay

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Bombay Jagunnat Row
The Grand Son of Anunda Runga Pillay of
Pondicherry
Treumbauck Sumbajee
Naugojy Sumbajee
Donta Punt Grant Son of Sutchmana Naick
Poosary Balouchary
Bursheta Oppena Chary
Samodra Modely of Trevetteason Petta

12 persons

A true Copy
(Signed) H. Smith
Actg Depy Secry

Minutes on the two going letters from Board of Revenue.

Resolved, for the reasons stated by Mr. Collector Wynch that the recommendation of Captain Olivier in favor of Lingum Polygar be not complied with - but as it is certain that this man conduced very much to the success of the enterprize against the Pylney Polygar, it is agreed that he be presented in the name of Government with a Gratuity of three hundred (300) Pagodas.

Ordered that the Board of Revenue be directed to submit the Draft of a Sunnud of appointment, as requested, by the widow of the late Jaghiredar

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Jaghiredar of Arnee.

Read the following letter from the Resident at Poona.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of

Fort St. George

My Lord

From Sir Charles Malet advising of the assigned cause for the departure of Nana Furnavese.

I had the honor to acquaint you of Nanna Furnavees's having withdrawn from hence on the 21st. instant, in consequence of the approach of Doulut Row Sindia's Superior Force.

The ostensible Reason, assigned to me by the Durbar, for this Movement, is, that Nanna Furnavees is gone to Sattana, to prepare for the reception of the Peshwah Elect, on his approaching visit to receive his investiture from the Rajah at that place, and that in the interim, the misunderstanding between Nanna Furnavees and Doulut Row Sindia may be accommodated by the Interposition of their mutual Friends. I have since heard that Nanna reached Sattana Yesterday.

On the 23d. instant I paid Badjerow a visit by his particular desire. He is a stout Young Man not exceeding 22 Years of Age, and of a grave Countenance and Deportment.

Yesterday Doulut Row Sindia arrived in

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in the vicinity of Badjerou's Camp, with six Battalions of Infantry, and part of his Cavalry, having left the Remainder, and Perron's Brigade on a River four Cose off. In the evening he had a meeting with Badjerow, and this morning that Prince moved into Town, from whence he is expected to march very soon to Sattana.

I have the honor to be very respectfully

&c &c

/Signed/ C. W. Malet

Poona
5th March 1796

Read the following letter from Colonel Nixon.

Major General Clarke
Commander in Chief

Sir

Having in consequence of a letter from the Military Board of the 18th instant to the Right Honorable the President in Council called upon the Officers here in orders for a Statement such as might be satisfactory to the Military Board the inclosed was addressed to me - As to my own losses in Cattle, Books China, Gram, and other Grain, together with provisions and wearing Apparel is very considerable, but I cannot take upon me to make any particular estimation or to exhibit a specific value, but leave it to you to judge whether

Commandant at Amer- Report of the Losses tained by the Officers Garrison by the Storm.

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whether any remuneration should be made to me or not, I shall set up no claim but submit it to the consideration of the Board.

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

Arnee
30th March 1796

To Colonel E. Nixon

Sir

In reply to the letter which the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has done us the honour to transmit, we beg leave generally to state that our losses by the Storm, in houses, furniture and wearing apparel, must amount, upon the most moderate estimate to 50 Star Pagodas each.

We would forbear to enter into a minute detail of particulars, unless directed to do so, neither do we apprehend, from the general purport of the Secretary's letter, that such a Statement is required.

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed)

(Signed)
James Wilson Lieut.
Wm. Baxter Lieut.
Geo. Wahab Lieut.
Augt. Andrews Lieut.
Wm. Prichard Ast Surgeon

Arthr. Gibbings Captain
Jas. Frank Captain
Geo. Philips Lieutenant
Joseph Dickson Lieutenant
Henry W. Radcliffe Lieut.
R. Barclay Lieutenant

Resolved

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Resolved, in consideration of the Expences
incurred by the Officers at Arnee in repairing the damages
done to their Quarters by the late Storm that each be
allowed a compensation of Forty /40/ Pagodas on that
account.

mander in Chief
regulations respect-
ffecting Clothing
ment of the Corps
Lascars.

The Commander in Chief acquaints the
Board that inconveniences having been found to arise
from the mode of effecting Clothing, and paying the
Lascars attached to the Artillery on this Establishment
Sir Robert Abercromby, the Commander in Chief in India
had been induced to suggest, in a letter addressed to
Colonel Brathwaite under date the 12th of January last
which letter had been handed to the General / the
propriety of investigating the matter in order to determine
how far the present system should be continued or altered
And the Commander in Chief having in consequence
thereof found it his particular duty to turn his thoughts
to this subject, has after mature Consideration, prepared
such regulations as he conceives likely to promote the
publick utility and private welfare of this description of
Troops. These regulations he now delivers in, and
recommends, that, if they receive the sanction of the
Board, they be forthwith published in the General
Orders of Government.

G. O.

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/Signed/

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Geo. Wahab Lieut.
Augt. Andrews Lieut.
Wm. Prichard a/t Surgeon

Arthr. Gibbings Captain
Jas. Frank Captain
Geo. Philips Lieutenant
Joseph Dickson Lieutenant
Henry W. Radcliffe Lieut.
R. Barclay Lieutenant

Resolved

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Minute thereon

Resolved, in consideration of the Expences incurred by the Officers at Arnee in repairing the damages done to their Quarters by the late Storm that each be allowed a compensation of Forty /40/ Pagodas on that account.

The Commander in Chief acquaints the Board that inconveniences having been found to arise from the mode of officering Clothing, and paying the Lascars attached to the Artillery on this Establishment Sir Robert Abercromby, the Commander in Chief in India had been induced to suggest, in a letter addressed to Colonel Brathwaite under date the 12th of January last which letter had been handed to the General / the propriety of investigating the matter in order to determine how far the present system should be continued or altered. And the Commander in Chief having in consequence thereof found it his particular duty to turn his thoughts to this subject, has after mature Consideration, prepared such regulations as he conceives likely to promote the publick utility and private welfare of this description of Troops. These regulations he now delivers in, and recommends, that, if they receive the sanction of the Board, they be forthwith published in the General Orders of Government.

The Commander in Chief submits regulations respecting the officering Clothing and payment of the Corps of Lascars.

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12.th April 1796.

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Promotions and Appointments

Fifteen Companies of Gun Lascars being attached to each Battalion of Artillery, a selection shall be made therefrom of one 1.st Tindal five 2.nd Tindals and thirty Lascars which detail shall be denominated the Confidential Men of the Gun Lascars, and all promotions and appointments shall be made and recommended respectively, from the Men so selected.

The confidential Men shall consist of the Senior 1.st Tindal of the fifteen Companies attached to each Battalion the five Senior 2.nd Tindals, and two Privates from each Company, to be chosen by the Commanding Officers of European Companies and they shall be distinguished by a Band of the same Colour and quality as the facings of the Men and

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to be worn on the Right Arm.

The Selection of the 1st. Tindal and of the five Senior 2nd. Tindals According to Seniority, is to be understood to Apply only to such Men of these Ranks respectively, as are qualified in the opinion of the Commandants of the Battalions, to succeed to the Vacant situations; and therefore when it shall be judged necessary to lay them aside in favor of Superior pretensions and Merit the choice is still to be made on the principle of giving Seniority the Conditional preference above described.

The non Commissioned Officers of the Confidential Men shall be so destributed that one 2nd. Tindal of this number shall always be included in each of the details of three Companies attached to each Company of Artillery.

The Privates of the Confidential Men shall act as Lance 2nd. Tindals to supply the temporary Vacancies in that Rank.

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by the Commandants of Battalions to the Commander in Chief under the following Certificate, which when approved, shall be sent to the Military Secretary, in order to the necessary Commissions being prepared and issued.

Recommendation Certificate for Promotion of Native Commissioned Officers in the fifteen Companies of Gun Lascars attached to the Battalion of Artillery.

Name of Rank	Length of Service	Why Recommended	In whose Room and by what Means the Vacancy happened.
S. Imaun 1st Tindal	15 Years	Seniority and well qualified	Syang Shaik Gee Deceased.
Govindoo 2d Tindal	16 Yrs	Seniority and well qualified	1st Tindal S. Imaun Promoted

N.B. When it becomes necessary, to lay aside the Senior 1st Tindal or Senior 2nd Tindal, the particular Merits of the Persons proposed in preference to them are to be inserted in the Column why Recommended and a specific report is to be added at the foot of the Recommendation Certificate of the Causes which have induced the Commandant of the Corps to lay aside the Senior 1st Tindal or Senior 2nd Tindal.

Whenever the Native Officers and Private Gun Lascars for the Confidential Men shall be found undeserving of that Distinction, either by inattention to the Duties of either Station, or from any

other

other improper Conduct, the Commandants of the Battalion may strike them off the List of that Body, and supply the places of the Commissioned and non Commissioned but the vacancies which may thus or otherwise fall in the detail of Privates are to be replaced by Officers Commanding European Companies.

Although a Body of Men are thus described as the Confidential Men in the detail of Gun Lascars attached to each Battalion of Artillery, it is to be understood that they are to Roll, parade and do duty in the Companies to which they severally belong, the intention of the institution being to excite emulation and exertion among the Natives of establishing a marked and certain Channel of preferment, upon principles favorable to merit and length of Service.

Invaliding Pensioning and Discharging

Regimental Invaliding Committees for the examination of Men of the Gun Lascars are to be held periodically in each Battalion of Artillery the same as in the Battalions of Native Infantry, the proceedings to be conducted under the Form prescribed by the General Orders of the 24th of May 1787 and transmitted to the Division Invaliding Committees respectively. These Committees

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Committees to consist of a Captain President and four Subalterns Members when such detail can be conveniently Assembled or of a smaller detail in other Situations.

Every Commissioned Non Commissioned Officer and Private of the Corps of Gun Lascars desirous of being discharged, shall be brought before the Regimental and Division Committees at the same periods with the Men of the different Companies recommended to be invalided or pensioned, and a column for discharging is to be accordingly added to the Form described for those Committees but no man is to be brought before a Committee for the purpose of being discharged unless his application be in the first instance Approved by the Commandant of the Battalion.

The causes of the applications and why recommended, are to be placed Opposite to each mans Name applying to be discharged in the same manner as followed for those that are produced as objects to be invalided or pensioned.

No Native of any Rank in the Gun Lascars shall receive his discharge Certificate until the approbation of the Commander in Chief shall be signified - and the discharge of every Man shall be signed by the Commanding Officer of the Company and the Commandant of the Battalion to which he belongs and Countersigned by the Adjutant General by Order of

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the Commander in Chief

Every discharge Certificate to set forth the Arrears of Pay and Cloathing or any other Arrears that may be due, and in full terms the cause of the discharge being granted.

Courts Martial and Punishments

The Corps of Gun Lascars like the other Native Troops are subject to Trial by General and Regimental Courts Martial, and by Courts Martial as authorized by the 12th Article of the 12th Section of the Articles of War.

No Officer under the Rank of Lyrang shall set as President and no Officer under the Rank of 1st Tindal shall sit as a Member of any Native or Sepoy Court Martial

As a Judge Advocate or Deputy Judge Advocate under a special Appointment sits at all General Native Courts Martial, as the Adjutant of the Battalion shall sit and conduct the Prosecution of all Regimental Courts Martial and the Brigade Major, Fort Adjutant or other Public Officers of the Station shall sit and conduct the Prosecution at all such Courts Martial in the Native Troops as are assembled under the authority of the 12th Article of the 12th Section of the Articles of War.

Native Commissioned Officers of the

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the Corps of Gun Lascars are to be punished only by Sentence of a General Court Martial or by order of the Governor in Council on particular occasions when immediate example may be thought necessary; but Non Commissioned Officers of the Gun Lascars may be reduced by the authority of the Officer appointed in General Orders to Command the Battalion to which they belong. But on every such Occasion a Report shall be made to the Commander in Chief setting forth the Reasons at large for the proceedings.

The Articles of War are to be read and explained at the Head of the Gun Lascar Companies once a Month.

Desertion

A Register is to be kept in each Company of Gun Lascars and in each Battalion of Artillery containing the Rank, Number, Name, Cast, Colour, Age, Size, Village, Place and date of inlistment of every Native thereof.

A Reward of three Pagodas shall be paid for apprehending a Deserter from the Gun Lascars and the Bill for this Charge shall specify, the Rank, Number and Name of the Deserter, and be signed by the Officer at the Head of the Company to which he belonged and Countersigned by the Commandant of the Battalion.

Whenever

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Whenever any Man deserts, the Commanding Officer of the Battalion to which his Company belongs, shall transmit an accurate description of him to the Officer Commanding the Station nearest the Village to which the Deserter belongs, or the spot to which he is likely to resort and to the Commanding Officers of the Native Corps in the Neighbourhood in order that the former may take the necessary measures for his being apprehended with the Manager or Civil Officer who may be the Superintendant of the Village or District and that the latter may be prepared to seize him in case he should attempt to re-enlist. Commanding Officers of Stations, Corps and Detachments to whom such Notice shall be transmitted are to exert themselves by every means in their power to carry this Order into effect.

It is to be considered as the special duty of the Syrangs and Tindals of each Company to make themselves acquainted with the private views attachment and Connections of the Men of their Companies. Syrangs Manifesting either neglect or indifference to this essential part of their duty are to be reported to Head Quarters, that in case the Commander in Chief shall judge example necessary

necessary the Syrang complained of may be reported to Government in order to his being dismissed the Service, and 1st Tindals offending as above, shall in like manner be reported to Head Quarters with the view of their being accounted improper Men to be promoted.

In order to ascertain to the Commander in Chief the delinquency of Syrangs and 1st Tindals in the matters of duty stated in the preceding Article a Court of Enquiry composed of European Officers shall be ordered consisting of a Captain and four Subalterns - when this number can be conveniently assembled or of three in other situations.

Payments

As three Companies of Gun Lascars are attached to each Company of Artillery, as directed by the Government Orders under date 9th January 1793 and as the Commandant of a Battalion of Artillery draws Monthly the Pay and Allowances for his Battalion including the Gun Lascars the Heads of Companies drawing from him subsequently the Pay &c for the Europeans under their Command - it is further regulated that the Heads of European Companies shall likewise draw by Abstract from the Commandant Monthly

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the Pay &c. for the three Companies of Gun Lascars, attached to their European Companies respectively, for the duly issuing of which they shall accordingly be held responsible it being already regulated that the Monthly Muster Rolls of the different Companies of Gun Lascars shall be signed by the Heads of the Companies of Artillery, to which they are respectively attached.

Cloathing

The Corps of Gun Lascars being Cloathed Yearly in arrear the same as the rest of the Native Troops, the Indent for their Cloathing is to be sent through the Adjutant General's Office at the fixed period (1st of September) annually, and is to be made out agreeable to the following Form.

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Sir

Please to order the delivery of Cloathing as undermentioned for the Year 1795 for the fifteen Companies of Gun Lascars attached to the Honorable Company's Battalion of Artillery Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel A. B. as Fs. full Establishment.

Mount 20th. of August 1796

Companies

		Serjts.	1st. Tindals	2d. Tindals	Gun Lascars	Pack Mules
1st. Company		1	2	2	56	1
2nd. Ditto	Attached to Captain A. B's Company of Artly	1	2	2	56	1
3rd. Ditto		1	2	2	56	1
4th. Ditto		1	2	2	56	1
5th. Ditto	Attached to Capt. C. D's Company of Artillery	1	2	2	56	1
6th. Ditto		1	2	2	56	1
7th. Ditto		1	2	2	56	1
8th. Ditto	Attached to Capt. E. F's Company of Artillery	1	2	2	56	1
9th. Ditto		1	2	2	56	1
10th. Ditto		1	2	2	56	1
11th. Ditto	Attached to Capt. G. H's Company of Artillery	1	2	2	56	1
12th. Ditto		1	2	2	56	1
13th. Ditto		1	2	2	56	1
14th. Ditto	Attached to Capt. I. K's Company of Artillery	1	2	2	56	1
15th. Ditto		1	2	2	56	1
Total Strength of the Corps		15	30	30	840	15
Remains in Store from former Cloathing to be deducted		1	2	3	10	1
Total to be supplied by the Contractor		14	28	27	830	14

Signed C. D. V. Master 1st. Br. of Artillery

Countersigned E. F. Lt. Col. Commanding

To. A. B. " B. C. Adjutant Genl. of the Army

Contractor for Army Cloathing

N.B. Authorized Supernumeraries to be inserted in the Indent as belonging to each Company by a separate Line

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. As the Cloathing of each Battalion of Artillery is issued for the Men, by Indents on the Regimintal Quarter Master Signed by the Heads of Companies respectively and by the Commandant of the Battalion. The Cloathing for the Companies of Gun Lascars is also to be issued to them under the same Rule. the Heads of European Companies sending in Indents on the Quarter Master bearing the same Signatures and containing the names of the Men, for the Cloathing of the three Companies of Lascars placed respectively under their Charge. and accordingly, Receipts of the Men for Cloathing shall be registered in a Book, and to be Witnessed when the Men cannot write, by a Native Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officer of the Company, which Books being kept by the Heads of European Companies, are in case of their removal to be delivered over to the Officers succeeding in the charge signed by the former and a receipt to be granted by the latter.

. As the Gun Lascar Cloathing is deliverable by the Contractor along with the Cloathing for each Battalion of Artillery, the issue of it is not to be postponed after such receipt, without the express permission of Head Quarters, and when it is issued to the Men, a Report thereof is to be made to the Commander in Chief.

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The Receipts for Gun Lascar Cloathing to be granted to the Contractor are to be transcripts of the Indents with this addition.

This is to Certify that the Cloathing indented for as above has been received into the Stores of the Battalion of Artillery in good Order.

/Signed/ C. D. D. Master
A. B. Lieutenant
Colonel Commanding

Pursuant to the foregoing Regulations, the Officers Commanding the 1st and 2nd Battalions of Artillery will transmit to the Military Secretary, Lists containing the Names Rank and Dates of Rank of the Syrangs and 1st Tindals belonging to the fifteen Companies of Gun Lascars attached to each Corps.

By Order of the Right Honorable the President in Council.

/Signed/ W. C. Jackson Secry

Minute thereon

The Board entirely approve the Regulations submitted by the Commander in Chief, and accordingly resolve that they be published in General Orders.

Read the following letter from the Military Board.

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord

From Military Board submitting their opinions relative to the small hill Forts in the Baramhaul proposed by the Court of Directors to be destroyed

We have been honored by your letter of the 14th. January last conveying to us Extract of a letter from the Honorable Court of Directors dated 8th July relative to the defence of the Western Frontier - and an intimation of your desire that we should attend to the orders therein contained for the demolition of the small hill Forts originally directed to be destroyed with the exception of those mentioned in a letter from the Governor General in Council which had been previously received upon our records - and further state our opinion as to the most expedient means of carrying into execution the instructions contained in the 6th. paragraph of the Court's letter before mentioned.

After a mature Consideration of the subject, and a particular communication with Captain Read relative to the Roads which have been lately cleared or formed in the Baramahal - and the proposed direction of the route which is to be opened through the centre of the Ceded Districts by Tappoor in consequence of the recommendation from the Supreme Government, and the Posts that may be most useful to it in Communication - we proceed to offer it

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as our opinion that the whole of the Hill Forts originally proposed to be dismantled, should be destroyed with the exception of Tadeul and Cateraghur - namely — & remaining, to be destroyed.

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Sugahdee
Bugingheer
Maharauze Gheer - and
Senagherry

In coming to an opinion on the expediency of keeping Tadeul as a tenable Post, we have been — to influenced by the following considerations.

1st That being more to the Southward and more easterly than any of the Posts in its Neighbourhood it stands sufficiently contiguous to the Central projected route to serve it usefully in communication - its — & fortifications situated on a rocky Hill of considerable height and difficult of ascent, requiring but little — & repairs to render them perfectly secure - and from their narrow extent, but a moderate Detail for their defence and

2nd That besides these advantages, it stands — directly in communication with Changamah Kistnagherry, and Ryacottah, and is but little out of the Roads leading directly from Changamah to Woodiadroog, and from

Amboor

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Amboor to the latter post and Coneryporam by which
looking into so many cross routes and Commanding an
extensive prospect over a central tract of Country, it may
further serve in time of Hostility as a useful Post of
observation and signal connected with Kistnaghery.

Cateraghur we had imagined would be
Scarcely required as a tenable post, but as by means
of the Pioneers under Lieutenant Groce a good road has
been lately formed in a direct line from a spot near
Wanambaddy to Kistnaghery, which runs close to
Cateraghur and is nine Miles shorter than the old
road and though ill provided with Wates may be used
in time of hostility as a safe route for Detachments
if Cateraghur be put in a state of defence, we have
accordingly agreed that this Fort should be retained
especially as the Works which are not extensive may
be made tenable without much labour or expense.

We next come to the demolition of the
hill forts to be destroyed, and this we conceive can
be executed in the most expedient manner by the
Pioneers under Lieutenant Groce, who are reported by
Captain Read to be perfectly adequate to the Service
assisted occasionally by a few barrels of Gun Powder.

We have now passed our opinions on
the points which your Lordship desired on the —
unnecessary small hill Forts being demolished

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we conceive the Pioneers under Lieutenant Grice might be usefully employed in making the proposed road through the Centre of the Ceded Districts by Tappour which we think should proceed in the direction laid down in the Sketch received from Major Allan, along with his letter to the Military Board dated the 1st July 1794 and that this Road agreeably to his Recommendation should be continued from Tappoar on the Tract he has laid down to Trichinopoly.

On this route Darampoury appears to be most conveniently situated - there being at present no station between Kistnagherry and Salem, a space of at least seventy Miles - it has been lately visited by Captain Read, who has reported that it is in good Repair, having the appearance of a durable Post, though it's walls are of Mud, and that it contains two old Store Rooms well built of Stone and Chunam both ten feet wide, and one forty feet, and the other Seventy feet long - and as in his idea it may be considered as a preferable post to Penagra; he has sugges-=ted the expediency of removing the Garrison of that Fort to Darampoory, where the Stores and Ordnance would be much safer - seeing the convenience therefore of having Darampoory occupied and the little expence that can attend the measure we beg leave to recommend the adoption of it to your Lordship's consideration - we

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have only to add that if Tadicul and Cateraghur are to be retained for the reasons we have stated, it may be advisable to have them inspected by an Engineer, and an Estimate taken of the Repairs requisite to put them in a tenable state.

We have the honor to be

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Fort St. George
11th April 1796

(Signed) Hured Clarke
" Henry Malcolm
" B.J. Close
" Wm Gent
" George Hall

Minute thereon.

The Board having fully considered the opinions offered in the foregoing letter upon the subject of the orders from the Court of Directors relative to the demolition of the small Hill Forts in the Baramahal, and the roads to be opened in that quarter, are of opinion, and accordingly resolve that the recommendations of the Military Board shall be adopted throughout, and carried into execution with as little delay as possible

Read the following letter from Captain

Kirkpatrick.

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Fort S. George 1st June 1631

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

My Lord

Fort S: George

From Resident at Hyderabad - stating that five Frenchmen have lately arrived there from Pondicherry - again proposes that a party be stationed at Dachapilly - has been again applied to for the Arrears of Peshcush.

I am concerned to inform you that four Frenchmen are reported to me to have arrived here from Pondicherry within these few days past. Two of them — as well as I can ascertain / are named Le Veille and Meurier. Besides these I understand that M. Majoni, the Commander of Raymonds Cavalry / concerning whom I had the honor of addressing your Lordship some Months since / is returned lately from the Coast.

The interest which Raymond has in the matter / and which perhaps exceeds even what he has in the Article of fine Arms / joined to his great Credit and authority at this Durbar, make it vain to expect that his Highness will ever, unless in the event of a very material change of circumstances take any strong measures for intercepting adventurers of this description. It is true that orders some thing to this purpose have been issued to the Governors on the Frontiers: but it is equally certain that they have hitherto been entirely unavailing. To a remonstrance, indeed, which I once made on this Score, I received for answer "that while the persons in question could

could contrive to baffle the well known vigilance of the English Posts, it was not to be wondered at if they were also able to elude the watchfulness of His Highness's Officers" - As to procuring the surrender or dismission of any of those who actually reach this place, although they should not even put themselves under the protection of M. Raymond, the recent case of martin but too clearly shows how difficult of accomplishment to say the least, this point is always likely to be - Hence for guarding at once against the serious evil with which the augmentation of Raymond's European strength is pregnant, and the hurtful tendency of repeated but unsuccessful applications to this Durbar on the subject we must rely principally if not entirely, on the measures in our own power: and it can only be lamented that these should as I fear they must always be inadequate to the end in view.

I still think, however, that this might be considerably promoted by the establishment of such a Post at Dachapelly, or preferably, perhaps, as far West as possible of Timry cottah as I took the liberty of recommending in my letter of the 30th October last and especially if it could be composed partly of Cavalry a very small body of which would be sufficient I imagine, to guard effectually all the passages of the

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Kishna within the limits of the Palnaud - I am at the same time aware that there are other routes by which adventurers or deserters, whether from Pondicherry or Madras may still more directly find their way into the Nizam's Country; and this Consideration suggests the further necessity of guarding as strictly, as possible the different avenues leading from the middle Carnatic into the Guntpa and adjacent Districts. The fugitives in question travelling usually in small parties and never probably, exceeding three or four at a time, a Naig's guard would, in a very instance, it may be presumed be quite sufficient to intercept and secure them.

It is proper I should apprize your Lordship that the impunity of the Durbar for the discharge of the arrears of Paishcush is considerably increased since my last Communication on the subject: a circumstance which I attribute entirely to the necessity it finds itself under of providing without further occasion, for the early fulfillment of it's pecuniary engagements to the Court of Poonah. I continue also to be daily pressed for an answer to the enquiry respecting the place or places that you may be pleased to appoint for the payment of this Balance

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect
&c &c
/Signed/ W. Kirkpatrick

Hydrabad
28th. March 1796

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The recommendation of Captain Kirkpatrick relative to the establishment of a Post at Dachapilly, has been already adopted, the Board having ordered a Company of Sepoys to proceed thither, with positive orders to the European Officer to apprehend all Foreigners passing to and from Hydrabad, without a Passport.

Instructions were long since sent to the Collector at Masulipatam to be prepared to answer any call of the Resident at Hydrabad for the Payment of the Peishcush due to his Highness the Nizam.

Read the following letter from the Paymaster at Columbo.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

My Lord

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that the Reverand Mr. Rottler employed by Mr. Cleghorn on the Publick Service has this day called upon me for the Sum of Pags. 200, and produced a letter from Mr. Cleghorn desiring him to apply to any Civil Servant for the Amount of expences incurred since his departure from Trincomalee and stating that the Service could not have gone on without him.

I have refused to advance the money until your Lordship's approbation is obtained and as Mr. Rottlers expences will be daily increasing request to be favored with an early reply. I have the Honor to be with the most perfect Respect.

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(Signed) John Mc. Dovall

Columbo
30th March 1796

Minute Thereon

As Mr. Cleghorn never made any official Report of the Service on which the Reverend Mr. Rottler was employed

Minute Thereon

Letter Mr. Macdowall
The Revd. Mr. Rottler
applies to him for 200
Pagodas by desire of
Mr. Cleghorn requests
Orders

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employed, the Board cannot consent to put the Company to the expence of reimbursing that Gintleman for charges incurred in an appointment unauthorized by, and unknown to Government.

Read the following letter from the Military Storekeeper.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President, Governor, &c &c &c In Council

My Lord

From Military Storekeeper requests to know what price he is to charge for Arms delivered to the Meuron Regiment

I have received instructions from the Military Board, in a letter dated 26th January 1796. To supply the Swiss Regiment of Meuron, in His Majesty's Service, with such Arms and Accoutrements as they may require, putting a fair valuation on the Articles supplied, to be accounted for when an adjustment shall take place of the advances made to the Colonel de Meuron.

Being at a loss to understand what is meant by a fair valuation, and anxious to settle this account before the Departure of Count Meuron, I request you will favor me with your instructions respecting the Price to be charged.

On reference to the Books of the employ I find it has been usual to charge 50 p.r Cent on the prime Cost of Articles sold: and His Highness the Nabob has been charged for new Arms Rag.s 25 p.r Musket which is 30 p.r Cent on their Prime Cost. His Highness the Nizam has been charged 50 p.r Cent on Arms, and other Stores, and such Stores, as are supplied His Majesty's Navy, are paid for at prime Cost only.

I am with respect &c &c (Signed) Wm. Webb. M.y Storek.r

Fort St. George 11th April 1796

Minute thereon

Resolved that the price to be charged on the Arms and Accoutrements to be delivered to the Count de Meuron be thirty (30) p.r Cent on the Prime Cost.

Hob.t

W. Kennaway

Sec.y

Hobart

Geo. Clarke

Jon. Saunders

A. Tucker

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Diary

Received the undermentioned letters —

Entered in M B. Nos 66-67-68-69-70.

From Resident at Hydrabad — transmitting

From Captain Kirkpatrick — Copy of a letter written by him to the Commandant at — Condapilly respecting the seizure of Deserters and foreign adventurers — and noticing the utility of his being — apprized by Commandants of Corps of every desertion — taking place.

From Capt Dalrymple — From Commandant of the Nizam's Detachment — transmitting Copy of his Correspondence.

From Military Board — From Military Board — reporting on the charges appearing in the Accounts of the Paymaster at Masulipatam, for Artificers and the purchase of Military Stores — recommend an Establishment for the Storekeeper's Office at that place — and a General order relative to the purchase of Military Stores at the different Stations.

From Mr Roebuck — From Military Paymaster General — reporting the want of Cash at Malacca.

From Lieutenant Ridge — From Commanding Officer at Rampore — reporting his apprehension of Eight Sepoy Deserters.

Sent the following letter.

To

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Fort St George — April 1792

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To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart

Governor General in Council

at

Fort William

Honorable Sir,

To Bengal — reporting the Boards proceedings relating to the relief afforded to the Family of Ramrow, the late Dewan of the Nabob Velajah.

We have the honor to transmit an extract of the proceedings of this Government on the subject of the relief afforded by our President to a respectable Family of Bramins residing within the precincts of our authority, and who had earnestly besought the Protection of the British Government against the severity, cruelty and — oppression which had been exercised over them with unsparing hand by the immediate orders of his Highness the Nabob.

Our President having satisfied — himself as to the truth of the representations laid before him, and convinced that the most prompt and decisive measures were indispensable to the safety of this miserable Family, had recourse to the only possible method that offered for their rescue, and happily effected it, without any serious opposition from the Numerous Guards belonging to the Nabob, that were stationed in almost every apartment of the House where the Family — dwelt.

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We beg leave to refer you to our President's letter to the Nabob (which forms part of the proceedings) for the Motives that induced his Lordship to afford the relief, which has been so much complained of by the Nabob; and which, Justice, Humanity, and every Principle of British Law equally exacted as a duty, indisputably requisite to the maintenance of the Trust committed to our Hands.— We have to add, that, in every Stage of this business, our President's conduct has met the entire approbation of the Council at large.

We have the honor to be
&c &c

Fort St George
2 April 1796

(Signed) Hobart
&c Council

P.S. 13th April 1796.

Mr. Webbe and Lieutenant Grant — having deposed upon Oath to the Statement given in their letter of the 2 ultimo. we have the honor to forward a copy of their deposition.

Despatched

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Despatched the undermentioned Letters

Entered in M.B. Nos 71-72-73-74-75.

To Mr Sullivan. To Attorney General referring a Petition from Madapawkum Verdarajah — and desiring to know — whether the reasons assigned by him be sufficient to warrant a suspension of the payment of Interest upon the Hog Hill Certificates in his possession

To Mr Secretary Barlow To Secretary at Bengal — transmitting Copy of letter from the Resident at Hydrabad, relative to the Nizam's Claims on the Rajah of Venicataghierry, and Copy of the Reply thereto.

To Lieutenant Colo Wynch To the Commandant at Guntoor — accompanying a Frenchman, under the Charge of a Guard, calling himself Baptiste Talhiarde, commandant of — Cummum — Instructions regarding his Disposal.

To Major Brown To Major Brown — informing him that his request for permission to visit the Dunbar cannot be complied with.

To Lieut Colo Prendergast To Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast — permitting him to absent himself from his Station for three Months.

16 " Received the undermentioned Letters

Entered in M.B. Nos 76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84 85-86-87-88.

From

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From Lieutenant H. Evans — enclosing
a Descriptive Register of Six Brood Mares received
by him from the Agent at Hydrabad.

From Commandant in the Baramhaul
requesting to receive Credit for 345 Garce and 351 — "
Mercals of Paddy supplied for a Twelve months Store
in the several Forts amounting to Pagodas 19,143..16..24.

From Paymaster at Chicacole —
transmitting a Bill for Repairs made to his quarters,
being the property of the Company —

From Military Auditor General —
reporting upon Mr Roebuck's additional Estimates of Cash
for April.

From Military Board — see no reason
to recommend an Encrease of pay to the Barrack attendants
in Fort St George — and Enclosing Bills for Repairs.

From Deputy Secretary to Ditto —
enclosing a Packet for the Secretary to the Military Board
at Bengal.

From Military Paymaster General —
submitting a letter from the Paymaster at Columbo applying
for a supply of Cash.

From Adjutant General — submitting
the proceedings of a Casting Committee held on the horses of
the Governor's Body Guard.

From

From Lieut. Evans.

From Captain Read.

From Mr. Wilson

From Colonel Malcolm

From Military Board.

From Mr. Thos. Wallace

From Mr. Roebuck

From Lt Colt Close.

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From Captain Thomas Hayes — —

From Executor of the late Lieutenant Morris.

requesting that the Board will compel Narrain, the late Lieutenant Morris's Conicoply, to give up certain account Books belonging to the deceased — in order that he may ascertain the validity of some claims preferred by sundry Bullock people upon the Estate.

From Captain Bong — requesting

From Captain Bong

Copy of the Report of the Committee of Enquiry held upon the works executed by him in the Baramhaul; and of the opinions of the Chief Engineer on that subject.

From Lieutenant Forbes

From Commandant at Nellore — advising of his having despatched Eighty five — " Deserters to Madras.

From Major Murat —

From Major Murat — advising of Polcondah Vizieram Rauze having surrendered himself up to Mr. Collector Webb.

From Ditto.

From Ditto — enclosing a letter from Mr. Webb on the above subject

Despatched

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Despatched and received the undermentioned letters Entered in MB. Nos 89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-9798-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106.

To Attorney General — transmitting Copy of a letter from Messrs Cobb Baker & Co — and desiring to know whether their request can be admitted, without risque of involving the Company in a Suit at Law —

To M.r Sullivan

To Secretary at Bengal — admitting Doctor Roxburgh's claims to a Surgeon's Salary, while employed at that Presidency — but disallowing his Title to that of an Head Surgeon since it is attached to the Office, and not to the Rank.

To M.r Secy Barlow

To Ditto — forwarding a letter for the Secretary to the Military Board

To Ditto

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — directing that the old Grain at Tanjore be sold off and that M.r Hawkin's apply to the Collector for an equal quantity — Lieutenant Williamson's proposal to be accepted and the Grain at Arnee to be lodged in the new Granary —

To M.r Shardon

To —

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16.

To Contractors for Repairs — informing

To Messrs Redrick & Abbot.

them that the Company cannot reimburse their Losses in consequence of the late Storm at Conatour and Arnee.

To Paymaster at Columbo — informing

To Wm. McDowall.

him that no compensation can be granted to the Reverend Mr. Rottler for the Service on which Mr Cleghorn employed him, as the same was unauthorized by Government.

To Paymaster at Ganjam — directing

To Mr Cooper.

him to make over to Lieutenant Webber's authority, all the Lascars attached to the Store Department, by whom their Pay will in future be drawn.

To Military Auditor General —

To Colonel Malcolm

transmitting Copy of the letter written to Captain Read — respecting the allowance of Batta to Guards posted on the Eastern Frontier of the Baramhaul.

To Ditto — authorizing a Compensation

To Ditto.

of 40 Pagodas to each of the officers at Arnee for the expense of repairing the Damages their quarters sustained during the late Storm.

To Military Board

To Military Board — the recommendation respecting the Store Rooms and Flag Staff at Arnee approved,

also

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also their opinion on Lieutenants Skeetch's Claims to Batta -"

respecting the quarters requiring repairs at Tanjore, -"

Vellum and Trichinopoly and the demolition of the smaller

Hill Forts in the Baramhaul and the roads to be opened

therein - the latter work to be commenced without delay -

Captain Read's proposition to allow Commanding Officers to

build quarters and Barracks in the Ceded Districts, referred

for their Consideration

To Ditto - referring for their opinion

To Ditto a letter from Captain Macpherson respecting repairs to the public Buildings at Amboor.

To Military Storekeeper - directing

To M.S.K. Wbl. him to charge an advance of Thirty P.Cent on the Prime Cost of the Arms and accoutrements to be issued to the Count De Meuron -

To Commandant at Pondicherry, -"

To Col.l Braithwaite transmitting to him the Letter and it's Enclosure from Bengal respecting Mr De Chimetre - and directing him to keep a strict Watch on the Conduct of Mr Combernale as desired by the Supreme Government -

To Board of Revenue - directing that

To Board of Revenue 169 Garce of Paddy be supplied by the Collector for a

More

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16. Store at Tanjore, and that a Gratuity of 300 Pagodas be presented to Lingum Monigar, in the Name of Government for his late Services at Pytney — a — Sunnud of appointment to be submitted for the minor Jaghiredar of Arnee.

From Resident at Hydrabad — containing information respecting four Frenchmen who lately arrived at Kummum from Pondicherry and the route they took from Mootapilly — send Copy of Mr Baptiste's letter to him, and of his reply.

From Capt. Kirkpatrick

From Military Paymaster General — submitting Copy of a letter from Mr Paymaster Marlen respecting Cash

From Mr Roebuck.

From Commanding Officer at Nellore — advising of his having detained a Frenchman of the Name of Monperoux.

From Lieutenant Forbes

From Commandant at Trichinopoly — reporting the arrival of 210 horses

From Colonel Floyd.

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16th horses at Tachinose from Lieutenant Montgomery.

18th Sent the following letter

To Major General Clarke
President &c. Members of the
Military Board

Gentlemen

Herewith you will receive —
copy of a letter with it's enclosures from
the Honorable Basil Cochrane agent for
Spirituous Liquors, and copy of our —
President's Minute, in which his Lordship
has stated the necessity of a particular —
examination of the agents accounts, and
of adopting a System of —
Regulation

To Military Board — inclosing Copy of a letter from Mr Cochrane and of the Presidents — Minute on the subject of his Agency for Spirituous Liquors — and directing them to suggest regulations for the conduct of that department. —

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18 regulation for the conduct of that —"
department in future —

Lord Hobart's Minute

points out the objects to which your —"
attention will be directed; and —"
we wish you to take an early —"
occasion of laying before us
your sentiments on the subject —

Fort St George
14th April 1796

We are

&c &c

(Signed) Hobart

&c Council

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esqr.

and

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

Tuesday 19th April 1796

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

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Lieutenant Colonel Tolson -

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

Fort St George

My Lord

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Accompanying are No 1. 2. & 3 containing a Statement of the Farms from which Revenue arises as

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On examination of the Works on the Hill of Bocca China it appears to me that their completion is requisite, especially as the distance is so contiguous to the Fort of Malacca. For in case the Enemy was to get possession of the former the latter must inevitably fall, as the Houses are in a great measure composed of Wood, a few shells would soon demolish the whole, and render it impossible for the Troops to live in it, there not being a single Bomb proof building in the Place— From the circumstances above stated, and that the Expence attending their being finished will be of no great amount I am induced to authorize Lieutenant Farquhar of Engineers to carry them on, on the same Plan which I presume you have seen—

From observation it appears to me that the Stockade as a defence to the Town of Malacca, —

should

should be continued as far as the Fort Wall, as a necessary precaution against a Night Attack—

The Lines on the North of the Town, the height of which is about three Feet, their being rose is absolutely requisite for its protection—

It is with the utmost Concern that I have been under the painful Necessity of ordering Captain Parr in arrest in consequence of ten specific charges preferred against him by Captain Durand of the Grenadier Corps—The Crime I. & I. I have transmitted to the Commander in Chief—The Exigency of the service requiring every Officer as official, I deemed it necessary to represent to Captain Durand that I would transmit to the Commander in Chief the charges preferred against Captain Parr, for his determination thereon, in reply to which he positively asserted that he could not rank with him until an investigation of his conduct took place—every possible mode of accommodation was adopted by me, consistent with my situation, but am sorry to say to no effect as Captain Durand appears perfectly obdurate—

By a small Vessel that left Penang on the 2d. Instant there were then no ships in those Roads

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as rented by His Excellency Commodore Rainier. the Receiver of the Revenue's account, a Statement of the Treasury by the joint Treasurers, and a Letter from Captain M.c Kerras Receiver of the Revenue to me—

In conformity to your Instructions I have issued in orders that Paragraph containing the alter=ation of Prize Agents to that of Commissioners, but as the Gentlemen who were nominated are absent from this have therefore taken no further steps—

The Orders regarding Lieutenant—— Maughan Master Attendant have been carried into execution, as likewise the appointment of Lieutenant Monin Fort Adjutant has been annulled, and the Reverend Mr. Clarke has been acquainted with— your Lordship's resolution respecting his Allowance— Mr. Shuttleworth, Acting Assistant Surgeon has been informed that when his services can be dispensed with, his Appointment as such will cease—

The Paragraphs regarding Mr. Harris Surgeon and the Acting Ensigns have also been announced and shall be communicated to them by the first opportunity that Offers—they all being on the Eastern Expedition—

Your Orders regarding the Dutch

Patients

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Patients in the Hospital shall be carried into execu-
-tion on the 1st of the ensuing Month and their Surgeon
directed to attend them When necessary —

I do myself the honor to transmit you
a Letter N° 6 from Mr. Buchan Paymaster and Commis-
-sary of Provisions in reply to one from me of this same date
-it appears to me, that, in consequence of the number of
Servants he has occasion to employ in his respective —
Departments, his requisition of 150 Pagodas p month
in addition, I conceive to be reasonable, and have therefore
sanctioned it, which I hope will meet with your Lordships
concurrence —

I beg leave to submit to your Lordships
consideration a Copy of His Excellency Admiral —
Rainiers Commission constituting the College of Justice
here N° 1; also an Extract of His Excellency's Instructions
to Captain Parr late Governor N° 5 in consequence of
which he informs me the Committee, as ordered, sat and
that its Proceedings have been transmitted by him to your
Lordship. I therefore for the reasons stated in the Proceed-
-ings wait for your Genl Instructions on that head-
-ings

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Roads from which I apprehend that the Victorious has met with North East Winds in crossing the Bay, which has occasioned the length of time, as she may perhaps have got to the Southward of Acheen Head, in which case it may be some time before she reaches her Port—

Enclosed is a Letter from Lieutenant Maughan Master Attendant No 7 the reasons which he assigns appear to me to be well grounded, and as I understand he has rendered Services to His Excellency Admiral Rainier in Piloting the Fleet Eastward &c. &c. I therefore hope his application may meet with your Lordship's approbation—

I presume your Lordship has by this time been apprized by Captain Page of His Majesty's Sloop Hobart of the report that prevailed of an Enemy's Squadron being in the straits of Banca is entirely void of foundation—

From every information I can obtain from Nautical People I apprehend I shall not be able to transmit your Lordship any Accounts of His Excellency Commodore Rainiers success to the Eastward before the Month of May—

I hope I shall stand excused by your Lordship

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Lordship in drawing the Sum of Fifty Pagodas \ month
for Writers Stationary &c as my Disbursements
on that Account must fall heavy upon me -

A.c 8 is a Letter received by me from
Captain M.c Kerras Receiver of the Revenue - having
perused it with attention and being sensible of
the unwearied Application which that Officer has
shown not only on the present occasion, but in
his Official capacity in other respects I am induced
to solliciat your Lordship's concurrence in making
him such an allowance as you may deem
necessary for the trouble and responsibility
which is annexed to the appointment -

The debilitated State in which
M.r Little Acting Assistant Surgeon -
is in, renders it absolutely necessary for

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the welfare of the service. For me to request your Lordship will be pleased to order a Medical Gentleman to assist him

I have the honor to be
with great respect
My Lord
Your Lordship's most obedient
and humble Servant

Signed Rich.d Tolson
Lieut.t Col.o Comm.g
the Forces &c.

Malacca
20th March 1796

P S I have the honor to transmit a Letter from the Reverend Mr. Clarke which did not reach me till after I signed my Letter whose Deportment and good character will I doubt not merit such Patronage as your Lordship may confer on him.

Statement

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Statement of the Farms from which Revenue arises as sold by Public Auction by Order of His Excellency Commodore Rainier the 31st December 1795

		Sp Dl Stivers	Sp Dl Stivers
1795 December 31	To the Boom Farm rented by Li Kanko for one year for - - - - -	33650 -	
" "	the Pork Do rented by Kouan Souan for one year for - - - - -	1230 -	
" "	the Beetle Do rented by Kouan Souan for one Do for - - - - -	740 -	
" "	the Opium Do rented by Tjoa Kiaunko for one Do for - - - -	3800 -	
" "	the Gaming Do rented by Khoe Sianko for one Do for - - - -	2600	42020
" "	the Arrack Do rented by Li Koako for four months Viz. for January, February, March & April 1796 for - - - - -	1600 "	1600

Total Spanish Dollars 43620 -

Signed James M Kerras

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Dr.

Cash

1796

Sp Dollr Rixdr Sp Dr Hfls

February 1st To Le Kanko received from him the Amount of the
Boom Farm for January 1796 2804 1/2

" " " Tjoa Kiaunko received Dr. Dr. Opium Dr. for Dr Dr 316 45
" " " Le Hoako received Dr Dr. Arrack Dr. for Dr Dr 400 "
" " " Khoe Sianko received Dr Dr Gaming Dr. for Dr Dr 216 45
" " " Kouan Souan received Dr Dr. Pork Dr for Dr Dr 102 34
" " " Kouan Souan received Dr Dr. Beetle Dr for Dr Dr 61 45
" " " Mr. Hamel Secretary to the College of Justice
received from him the Amount of the Duty of
5 P Cent levied on fixed Property sold during
the Month of January 1796 as P Account 12 24 3914 - 1/2

10th Mr. Hamel Secretary to the College of Justice received
from him the Amount of the Duty of 5 P Cent levied
on fixed Property sold during the Months of
September, October, November and December 1795
as P Account - - - - - - - - - - 181 52

March 7th Kouan Souan received from him the Amount of the Pork
Farm for Febry 1796
" " " Kouan Souan received Dr. - Dr. Beetle Dr for Dr Dr - 102 34
" " " Le Hoako received Dr - Dr. Arrack Dr for Dr Dr - 61 45
" " " Tjoa Kiaunko received Dr - Dr. Opium Dr for Dr Dr 400 "
" " " Khoe Sianko received Dr - Dr. Gaming Dr for Dr Dr 316 45
" " " Le Kanko received - Dr - Dr Boom Dr for Dr Dr 216 45
" 2d - Mr. Hamel Secretary to the College of Justice received 2804 1/2 4083 28/2

from him the Amounts of the Duty of 5 P Cent levied on
fixed Property sold during the Month of February
7th - as P Account - - - - - - - - - - 24 48

" - Mr. Hamel Secretary received from him the
Amount of the Duty arising from the Dutch
Company's Seal being affixed to Papers from the
1st of September 1795 as P Account signed by Mr.
Theirens - - - - - - - - - - - - 165 42

190 22

Total 8187 51

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Cash

Cr

			Spk Dr. Stivers	Spk Dr. Stivers
1796				
Febriary 2	By Treasury of Malacca paid into it		3914 — 3/4	
March 2	. Treasury of Malacca paid into it		1083	
.	16 . Treasury of Malacca paid into it		190 52	8187 52 3/4
		Total		8187 52 3/4

Malacca 17th March 1796

Signd James McKerras

Receiver of the Revenues

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Fort St George 19th April 1796

Dr

Treasury of Malacca

Sp Dr. Sterling Sp Dr Star

1796

February 2d To Cash received from Captain McKerras Renuver of the Revenue ₹3914- 3/4

March 2d To Cash received from Dr. Dr — Dr — Dr — 4083

" 16 To Dr. received from Dr — Dr — Dr — Dr — 190 52 ₹8187 52

Total ₹8187 52

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Contra Cr.

Sp Dr Stwt Sp Dr Stwt

1796
Febuy 4th By Mr. Buchan Paymaster gave him for his Disburse-
ments to the Dutch Servants as p his receipt — 100 .
" 6th " Mr. Buchan Paymaster gave him for his —
Disbursements to the to the Dutch —
Servants as p his receipt — — — — — — 1500 .
" 8th " Mr. Buchan Paymaster gave him for his —
Disbursements to the Dutch Servants as p
his receipt — — — — — — — — — — 500 .
March 4th " Mr. Buchan Paymaster gave him for his Disbur-
sements to the Dutch Servants as p his receipt 3400 .
5300
" Balance Remaining in the Cash Chest — — — 2687 52
Total 8187 52

Malacca 17th March 1796

Signed Thos Parr
Joint Treasurer

" Jas McKerras
Joint Treasurer

Copy

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Copy of His Excellency Commodore Rainiers Commission constituting the College of Justice at Malacca -

"Whereas it has been thought proper to "continue the Officers in the administration of Justice for "the Settlement of Malacca and its Districts who were "in the Exercise there of under the Dutch Government, "subjecting their Proceedings to the Revisal and "Approbation of His Majesty's Governor for the time "being, before any sentence by them pronounced is carried "into execution"

"This is to Notify that the undermentioned "Persons are in consequence thereof authorised and empow- "ered by me to administer Justice in all cases, not "cognizable by a Court Martial as heretofore under "the above restriction -

" Mr. Thierens — President
" Mr. Rubde Fiscaal — Member
" Mr. De Groot — Do
" Town Major for the time being — Do
" Mr. Overree — Do
" Mr. Van Ingels — Do
" Mr. Neubrouner — Do
" Mr. Kock — Do
" Mr. Velge — Do
" Mr. Rappa — Do
" Mr. Hamel — Secretary

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"Given under my Hand and Seal this 25th Day
of December 1795."

Signed Peter Rainier
" Thos Parr
Governor

Extract from His Excellency Commodore Rainier's —
Instructions to Captain Parr Governor of Malacca —
dated Suffolk January 6th 1796 —

"That a Committee be constituted cons=
"isting of Captain Parr Governor. Captain McKerras
"Town Major and George Buchan Esqre Paymaster to
"inspect the Monthly Disbursements that were made
"under the Dutch Government on Account of the —
"Establishment of Civil Servants — and also to draw —
"up an Estimate of what may appear to them a decent
"Allowance to be continued to those Civil Servants
"in their present situation, care being at the same
"time taken that that allowance do not exceed if
"possible two thirds of what they before received —
"with the exception of the Council of Justice whose
"Rank and Employment are left to the Consideration
"of the Committee" —

"In regard to Mr Couperus's —
Allowances

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"allowances it appears to His Excellency Commodore
"Rainier that the Committee had better cause a —
"Statement of the amount of what is now due to him
"to be drawn up signed by all Mr. Compenus. Mr. Thieves
"and the Fiscaal and reference made of it to the Right
"Honorable the Governor and Council of Madras. accomp:
"anied by a Certificate signed by the Members of the
"Committee of that Sum not having been paid him here.

To Lieutenant Colonel Tolson
&c: &c: &c:

Sir

I have been honored with your letter enclosing an Extract of Instructions regarding an — increase of my establishment of Servants — In order that I may be enabled to comply more fully with Your requisition I have taken the liberty to forward to you a Copy of a Letter I addressed to Major Brown together with his answer, on the subject — having in that letter fully stated the motives that induced me to apply for an augmentation of my allowance for Servants — I trust that you will Sir, see the reasonableness of my application, and that the Sum of an hundred and fifty Pagodas which I took the liberty

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liberty of pointing out to Major Brown as being requisite and which he approved of, will in like manner meet your approbation—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Signed G. Buchan
Paym.r and Commiss.r

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President in Council

My Lord

The Orders of Government transmitted by the Swallow Packett having reduced my Salary as Master Attendant of Malacca from Captain's pay and allowances to 30 Pagodas p.r month in consequence of its being the usual salary annexed to that appointment at other stations, I am under the necessity of humbly requesting your Honorable Board will favor me with your attention while I submit to your consideration the peculiarity of my situation and point out the particulars which discriminate it from persons exercising similar employments on the Coast.

I must first request leave to inform you that my allowances as First Lieutenant of—

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of the H. C. Cruizer the Intrepid, from which station, I was taken at Pinang by the Commanders of H:all ships and those received as Pilot amounted to more than double the Sum to which I am reduced by your late Orders. Major Brown recommended me to Commodore Rainier in consideration of some trifling services I performed as guide to the first detachment which landed at Malacca. I have reason to believe the Commodore approved his recommendation from my having at different times navigated all the ships of his Squadron through these, and the adjacent Streights, and a few days after my appointment to my present station, I was obliged to quit it to act as Pilot to Holl ship Suffolk, and the Eastern Expedition thro the streights of Dryon and Banca, during which time I was under the necessity of retaining the assistant to the former Master Attendant to officiate for me at the rate of 20 Dollars \$ month, paid out of my salary and I am still obliged to employ him, as my Knowledge of the navigation of these and the adjacent streights renders me liable to frequent calls to act as Pilot to any of Holl ships as may be much in want of such a person. I am likewise

necessitated

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necessitated to keep two Natives at 5 Dr.s p.r month for the purpose of superintending the Boats and Prows and the Expenditure of stationary which my Office necessarily requires is an additional expence. for which I receive no compensation—

From these circumstances added to the much greater degree of Business attached to my employment at a port of such general resort; it is evident that my situation essentially differs from the Office of the Master Attendants of the subordinate settlements on the Coast, and I hope when your Honorable Board takes into consider=ation the deductions to which I am subject as well as the peculiar circumstances of my appoint=ment, you will not deem the allowances unreason=able which were originally granted me by Commodore Rainier—

I have the honor to be

Sr Sr

Malacca
17th March 1796

Lyndz W. Maughan

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Tolson

Commanding the Forces and settlement of

Malacca

Sir

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit you a Letter for the Right Honorable the President in Council of Fort St George on the subject of granting me such an allowance for myself and Servants as he may deem adequate to the extent of trouble and responsibility of Receiver of the Revenues here.

As the Revenues are paid in Dollars and in a variety of other silver Coins, of which counterfeit ones abound here from the Ingenuity of the Chinese who manufacture them, I am necessitated to keep shroffs &c. to examine every Coin I receive from the Renters. I therefore doubt not but His Lordship will be pleased to allow me such a Sum Monthly for Servants as may be sufficient.

I have to beg you will do me the favour to forward my Letter to his Lordship by the present Dispatch accompanied with such support from you as you may think the case requires.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Sign'd James McKerras
Receiver of the Revenues

Malacca
18th March 1796

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c

Fort St George

My Lord

Inconsequence of His Excellency —
Commodore Rainier's appointment of me as Receiver
of the Revenue on the 6th of January 1796. I have
acted in that Capacity since that period as your
Lordship will perceive by the Accounts I have delivered
to Lieutenant Colonel Folson and which I understand
he means to transmit by the present Dispatch —

As his Excellency did not establish
any Salary for me, or allowance for Servants, but
referred me for that to your Lordship, permit me
to entreat you will do me the honor to take the
matter into your consideration and authorize me
to draw such a Sum Monthly, for to this time I have
drawn nothing, as your Lordship may deem —
adequate to the Exctent of trust responsibility &c

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Malacca
18th March 1796

signed James M Kerras
Receiver of the Revenues
Lieut

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Lieutenant Colonel Tolson

Commanding the Forces and Settlement of

Sir Malacca

Herewith I have the honor to transmit you No 1 a Statement of the Revenue Farms of Malacca as disposed of, by Public Auction, by Order of His Excellency Commodore Rainier on the 31st of December 1795 for the space of one year — excepting the Arrack Farm, which is rented for four months, the whole to be paid by regular — monthly Payments — No 2 Shows the Cash receipts and Disbursements, and No 3 the Treasury Receipts Disbursements and Balance remaining in the Chest up to this Day —

In the Cash Account No 2 credit is given to the Secretary of the College of Justice for Sums received on Account of a Duty of 5 ℔ Cent levied on the sale of all fixed Property; this Duty existed under the Dutch Government and now — continued — it is not rented, it depending upon circumstances, on the sale of fixed Property, such as Houses Lands &c — and collected by the College of

Justice

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Justice and at the Expiration of the Month sent me by its Secretary, with an account signed by Two of its Members -

Credit is also given him for spanish — Dollars 165.42 which arose from a Duty levied upon the Seal of the Dutch Company (the affixing of which to Publick Papers being necessary to give validity to them) from the 1st of September 1795 -

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Signed J McKerras
Receiver of the Revenue

Malacca
17th March 1796

To Lieutenant Colonel Tolson
Governor of Malacca.
&c &c &c

Sir

Permit me to request you will have the goodness to forward in your dispatches to Fort St George the accompanying Letter to the Right Honorable the President in Council, and should the purport of it be favored with the sanction of your recommendation it will confer a lasting obligation on -

Sir
&c &c

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21st March 1796

Signed Abr: Clarke

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c

Fort St. George

My Lord

Impressed with the warmest —
sense of your Lordship's kindness. I beg leave to
return my most grateful acknowledgements and
thanks. I am induced to make a further intrusion
on your goodness from motives which I respectfully
submit to your Lordships consideration. By public
Orders transmitted to this place by the Swallow —
Packet I find that former allowances granted me
by the obliging consideration of His Excellency
Commodore Rainier, are now reduced to the
Sum of Fifty Pagodas per mensem. How inadequate
this sum is to defray the expences of even the —
decent comforts of Life at Malacca, where every
Article of provision is at all times dear, some times
extravagantly so, is a truth that needs no —
Comment. The Character and Life of a Clergyman
corresponding with the sacred obligations of his
duty, forms My Lord, I humbly conceive, no —
unimportant

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unimportant object in the scale of human beings: I
hope that mine will both merit and secure your
Lordship's future notice and Patronage

The frequent arrivals at this Port
not only of those who resort to the Eastward and
of those who annually proceed to and return from
China, Manilla. &c. from various parts, but the
occasional visits of His Majesty's Ships have —
already made many claims on my professional
Care and attention, an attention Unremittingly
and chearfully have bestowed ever since the month
of August last, a period when I had not the most
distant prospect of deriving any emolument, and
in a very precarious state of health —

Should your Lordship feel a reluc-
=tance to make any addition to my present small
allowance, may I be permitted to solicit the appoint-
=ment of a Chaplaincy in the Honorable Company's
Service, and I am the more encouraged to prefer
this petition as I find there now is, or soon will
be a vacancy on the Madras Establishment —
Convinced of your Lordship's Kindness, and
feeling

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feeling the full force of all that it has already produ=
=ced both to my comfort and accommodation. I beg
leave to subscribe myself—

My Lord

&c. &c.

Fort Malacca
20th March 1796

Signed Abr: Clarke

Ordered to lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following letter from the

Military Board—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord

From Military Board on the subject of the Rice allow=ance to the Native Troops of the Nizams Detachment and submitting a — minute of the military auditor general thereon

Having taken into consideration the reference laid before us by order of your Lordship in Council in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 10th January last, together with the explanation given in the Military Auditor Generals report on the subject copy of which is enclosed, we are of opinion that it will be proper to consider the Rice allowance to the Native Troops of the Detachment serving with the Nizam to be the difference between the Compa=ny's and the Bazar rate on half a seer for the past, and in future, unless the Detachment shall be so circumstanced

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circumstanced as to be precluded the opportunity of supplying themselves from the Bazar with small Grains, or with Rice, at which times it must be left to the Commanding Officer in communication with the Resident to devise the best means of supplying the Detachment taking the earliest opportunity to report what has been done and the reasons for any alteration –

We have the honor to be
&c &c

Signed Alured Clarke
" Henry Malcolm
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11th April 1796

W Close
W. Gent
George Hall

Minute of the Military Auditor General
Dated 7th April 1796

In the Deputy Secretary's Letter —
addressed to me under date 15th January last. I am
requested to report as early as convenient upon
certain enclosures transmitted at the time and
which

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which came in reference from Government to this Board with Mr. Secretary Jacksons letter of the 10th of the same month_ these enclosures relate to a — representation from the Officers Commanding Corps with Major Roberts's Detachment respecting the Rice allowance to the native Troops.

This representation appears from the papers before me to have been first made in a letter under date 26th July 1793. from Major Roberts to Colonel Brathwaite then Commanding the Army which contains a request to the Colonel (for the following reasons among others) to recommend to Government the usual "allowance of the difference "of one Seer of Rice per Day between the Bazare price "and that fixed by the Company or Half a Seer — "Grain as recommended by Sir John Kennaway in "an Extract of a Letter from Sir John to Major Roberts "on the subject of date 6th December 1792. which is "enclosed for the Colonels' information as the — "Auditor General in his Report to Government on the "Rice allowance seems to have mistaken Sir John "Kennaway's recommendation of the Half Seer — "having recommended the difference only to be

paid

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"paid the Sepoys instead of allowing it to them
"grates"—

The Extract of Sir John's Letter of
6th December 1792 to Major Roberts is as follows
"when the Detachment is in motion it will be —
"cheaper for the Company to pay the — difference
"between the standard of twelve (12) Seers for eleven
"(11) Fanams and the Bazar rate; when this not
"I should conceive it may be cheaper to give the
"Men an half Seer of Rice grates than to issue it to
"them at the above rate, but either of these modes I
"should conceive preferable to serving it out at
"the Company's Standard" — and I was directed by
Government in a Letter dated 11th September 1793, to
give orders for carrying into effect the recommendation
contained in the above extract of Sir John's Letter to
the Major and of which it appears a notification
was given to Major Roberts under date the 12th of the
same Month.—

A second representation on the same
subject is made by Major Roberts and the Officers
Commanding Corps in his Detachment of date 4th
November 1795 from the former forwarding that
from the latter to him dated 25th October 1795 which
after

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after stating the great distress suffered frequently by their Men adds "and as the Military Secretary in his "reply to your Letter of 26th July 1793 (dated the 12th. "September of the same year) advertises you of the "Honorable Boards acquiescence in Sir John — "Kennaways recommendation regarding the Rice "Allowance as per accompanying Extracts We — "humbly imagine that either the half Seer grates or "difference of the whole Seer, not being duely author- "rized by the efficient officers have been occasioned "from some miscarriage of Letters" —

In so far as these representations may convey an Idea that the Sepoys have been deprived of receiving regularly the allowance to the extent intended for them by Government or that I recommended the difference only on the half Seer to be paid the Sepoys instead of allowing it to them grates." I think it proper to state the following circumstances —

A letter from Sir John Kennaway to this Government bearing date 22d. January 1793 has the following Paragraph and concerning — which among other matters I was directed to —

report

report my opinion — "In the Districts of Bullary
"and Kannekgerry, to which His Highness has —
"directed the Detachment to proceed, Rice at present,
"owing to a failure of Tain, bears I understand the
"extravagant price of three Seers the Rupee — the
"dry Grains, however, such as Jurnala &c. which
"the Sepoys may occasionally have recourse to, are
"at a moderate price, and as this is the "case I should
"conceive that, in any indulgence you may determine
"to grant the Detachment in regard to Rice, what-
"ever the mode may be in which it is given, that
"is whether, by an allowance to be served out, or the
"difference between the Company's price and the
"Bazar rate being paid to the Men in money, that
"the standard of half a Seer German will be an
"oeconomical and not an unreasonable one."

I did not however take upon me to recommend any specific allowance on the — score of Rice to the Native Troops of the Detach-ment — having only stated my concurrence in opinion with Sir John Kennaway relative to the sufficiency of the quantum and the oeconomy of it and I continue of the same opinion notwithstanding the

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the representations which are before me on the subject

I did not receive any Orders from Government relative to the Price allowance which appears to have been then established but presume that their decision was communicated to Sir John Kennaway who had controuling powers over the expence of the Detachment in the accounts of which I observe that no more is charged than the difference on half a Seer between the Company's and the Bazar rate I am therefore led to suppose that if Sir John Kennaway had judged any other rate or allowance necessary he would have represented the propriety of paying the difference on the whole Seer instead of on half a Seer or of the latter (half a Seer) being given gratis - besides which it is observable not only that the Extract of Sir John's Letter to Major Roberts is of date about a month and half prior to his opinion as stated in the Para= =graph of his Letter to Government which I have trans= =cribed above, but also that the Extract of his Letter 6th December 1792 does not in fact contain any recommen= =dation of the rate to be allowed as it conveys only an opinion of two modes brought into notice depen= =ding on the situation of the Detachment and —

that

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that either of them will be preferable to a third.
and yet this third mode to which either of the other
two is thought preferable by Sir John Kennaway
is what is contended for as if it had been decidedly
recommended by him and ordered by Government:
and thus it seems to be implied at least in the
representations to Government not only that the
Military Auditor General had mistaken Sir John
Kennaway's first opinion on the subject and recom=
=mended the present rate erroneously but also that
he had prevented the operation of a subsequent —
Order from Government to encrease the Rice —
allowance —

I contend that Sir John Kennaway's
Extract to Major Roberts does not contain a recom=
=mendation whether it shall be considered with
or without reference to what passed before and
subsequently on the same subject and I presume
that Government did not intend that any increase
should be made unless it was recommended by
Sir John; I must confess therefore that I did not
consider Government as having directed any
alteration

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alleration of the rate respecting the Rice allowance especi=
=ally as it appeared from the Accounts that Sir John
Kennaway's opinion of the latest date on the subject —
had been adopted and which was given too at a time
when he represented the price of Rice with the Detach=
=ment to be in the proportion of two thirds dearer than
the highest rate as the price of the same article stated
in the return furnished by the Commanding Officers
of Corps with their last representation the former being
three Seers per Rupee and the latter five - I mean in
the column headed "Coarse Rice" which I imagine
the Native Troops generally use, but 4 1/2 Seers ₹ Rupee
is even the highest rate in the Column exhibiting the
price of Fine Rice —

Although I did not consider the Extract
of Sir John Kennaway's Letter of 6th December 1792, as
conveying a recommendation respecting the Rice allow=
=ance on adverting either to the party to whom it was
addressed or to the Words in which his opinion is
expressed while at the same time he was in immedi=
=ate communication with Government on the —
subject, yet a copy of the Order to my Office of 11th —
September 1793, was transmitted to the Paymaster

which

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which is the practice in all similar cases unless the order is so expressed as to render it expedient and occasion a further and more particular regulation being forwarded from the Office of Audit along with the copy - in the present case no more particular explanation was required than was contained in the letter itself which went only to the payment of one sum instead of another depending on the Detachments being in motion or not supposing Sir John Kennaway's Extract to Major Roberts to be considered as a recommendation: and the only vouchers which fell to be forwarded were of course Certificates of the Bazar rates and of the situation in which the Detachment was looked upon for the corresponding days in each month provided it had been considered by the Commanding Officer and the Paymaster that the letter of Sir John Kennaway to the former contained a recommendation of an increased rate of Rice allowance that had been approved and ordered by Government - I have not an opportunity of specifying the exact day on which the copy was sent as the original is

pasted

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pasted in a Book and only the first part of the
indorsation is visible— it appears however that although
the Copy may have been received, but which is not
certain, that the Detachment did not consider that
the payment of the half Seer gratis or the difference on
the whole Seer had been duely authorized by the —
efficient Officers; and hence supposing the copy of the
order to have been received a more particular regular-
zation on the subject from my office may have been
expected —

I shall suppose however that I may
have omitted to send a Copy of the order, which may
be accounted the case, as it is not in my power, for
the reason assigned, to produce any specific voucher
of its having been transmitted, still it is very —
evident that the whole of the Detachment had a
communication of the Order in Mr. Secretary —
Jackson's Letter of 12th September 1793 to Major —
Roberts, and that there could not be a doubt of —
whatever payments which became due under it
being passed in the accounts, it is therefore surpri-
zing on adverting to the meaning that has been
applied in the Detachment to the Extract of —

Sir

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Sir John Kennaway's Letter to Major Roberts which appears in the letter from Officers Commanding Corps under date 25th October 1795 together with the communication they received through Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of 12th September 1793, that no steps were taken in a communication with my Office to ascertain and bring into practise the mode of making the payment of an increased allowance while at the same time great distress is represented to have arisen under the operation of the rate previously established: the cause assigned does not appear to me a sufficient one of itself for not making the claim earlier in an address to my office founded on the intimation sent by order of Government to the Commanding Officer or by a representation touching the delay attributed to the same Office in consequence of the authority for the payment not having been received—

I do not consider any alteration to be necessary or proper of the regulation now in force respecting Rice allowance to the Native Troops of the Detachment because I conceive those Troops have no just cause to complain while they are

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are in the receipt of Batta with the means of purch-
asing half a Seer of Rice p Man at the rate of Twelve
Seers for Eleven Fanams and are at the same time
indulged with the benefit of granting Family —
Certificates — While they may be so supplied I see no
reason why the Company should be put to the —
expence of giving them half a Seer of Rice gratis
which rule although extremely proper and necess-
ary as adopted by Lord Cornwallis during a part
of the last War does not seem to be at all applica-
ble in any situation that the Detachment has
hitherto been placed so far as I have been able to
inform myself, neither do I consider the Detachment
to be so situated as to render it necessary to look
upon it as deserving a Field provision to the
extent of carrying rice in store for the Native
Troops which was first adopted on the Coast I
believe, from the peculiar circumstances of the
War 1780/1 as that War was in fact not commenced
on our part until almost the whole of the —
Inhabitants and Grain belonging to the Country
in which the Army had to march were carried off
or destroyed by the Enemy — and hence the origin of
Grain being carried in Store for the Native Troops:

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issues of it through the medium of Indents. and — payment being obtained through stoppages brought to account as a check. among other reasons. on the appropriation of the quantity that had thus been placed in Store - prior to that period the orders of the Camp were "for the Sepoys providing themselves with four or more days Rice." according as circumstances — required instead of directing "four or more days Rice to be issued to them from the Store" as was adopted in 1780/1 —

In regard to the observation made by the Commanding Officers of Corps in their letter of 7th December 1795 to Major Roberts "Viz.t "That the 29th. Battalion received the allowance on the — whole Scer during all the time they did duty at Guntoor" I have to state that it arose from the following Orders of Government "31st March 1795 - "As it is expected that "some time may elapse before a supply of Rice can "be procured for the Troops in the Guntoor Circar — "I am directed by the Right Honorable the President "in Council to acquaint you that his Lordship has "been pleased to resolve. that they shall for the present "be permitted to supply themselves at the rate of one

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"Pucka Seer per man per day, and be allowed to
"draw in Money the difference between the Company's
"regulated price, and 110 Pagodas the Bazar price,
"notification on this subject has been made to Mr.
Acting Paymaster White"

Signed W. C. Jackson
Secretary

5th June 1795 — I am directed by the Right Honble
"the President in Council to acquaint you that so
"long as the 29th Battalion of Native Infantry may
"remain in the Guntoor Circar the Indents of Major —
"Roberts to the amount of the Monthly Abstracts
"are to be complied with — Directions have accordingly
"ly been sent to the Acting Paymaster White"

Signed W. C. Jackson
Secretary

These two Orders necessarily placed
the 29th Battalion while in the Guntoor Circar on
the same Footing with the other Native Troops there
and the Paymaster issued to them the difference —
between the Company's regulated price of 70 —
Pagodas per Cane and 110 this strictly speaking
should

should have perhaps applied only to the part of those Troops that were not on Batta, and those who were on Batta, if it had been thought necessary to go into a provision of Rice for them on the principle that has been practised with the Army in the Field would of course have paid for it at the rate of Eleven Fanams for Twelve Seers or Pagodas 10 4/11 32/ Garce consequently whatever it might cost the Company over and above that rate would have occasioned a loss or expence - the payments thus made were however only casual, in consequence of the above orders, and were likewise but temporary even under that circumstance - I do not think therefore that the case of the 2d Battalion thus placed together with the operation of the above circumstances, and its situation as a Corps serving with the Nizams Detachment can be regularly brought into comparison; - because a protempore loss or expence should by no means guide in judging of the best regulation affecting a permanent expence - at least in determining on the best plan either affecting the arrear or the future expence of a Detachment which has been so long situated as at present and is likely to remain the same so much longer, unless it shall evidently appear that the quantum of half a Star Pagoda man independant of other kinds

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Kinds of Grain which it is to be presumed are procurable and even without using any portion of other Grain, is an adequate allowance for a days consumption—

I conclude by observing that Sir John Kennaways opinion does not appear to go further in any of his communications than that it will be cheaper to give the Sepoys half a Seer gratis when the Detachment is in motion than to give them the difference on the same quantity between the Company's and the Bazar rate when it is not in motion—as in his Extract to Major Roberts he only speaks of comparative prices, and the difference of expence thereby arising to the Company depending on the situation of the Detachment, in one of which he conceives it may be cheaper to give half a Seer gratis on comparison with paying the difference on half a Seer between the rate of the Company and the Buzar in the other, and I have to add my request that if any regulation for the arrear or future payments is to be founded on such data that the Military Board will give their opinion to Government relative to the precise periods in which the Detachment with the Nizam shall be considered in motion and not in motion — the foundation will however

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however be found extremely defective unless this can be decided clearly and the utility of such a regulation will ultimately depend on the price rice bears at each period; that is to say the rice must be always dearer when the Detachment is in motion than when it is not to occasion a saving on the comparison of the two modes, but which I do not think by any means certain — and on the contrary that it will often be cheaper probably in the Countries through which the Detachment may move than in Camps where it may occasionally remain for Weeks or months at a time —

Signed Henry Malcolm
Mil[y] Auor Genl

True Copy
Signd J Wallace
Dy Sy Mr Bd

minute thereon

The Board approve the Opinion offered by the Military Board — Resolved in consequence, that the Rice allowance to the Native Troops of the Detachment serving with the Nizam be considered to be the difference between the Company's and the Bazar rate, or half a Seer for the present, and in future — with the exception suggested by the Military Board.

Read

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Read the following letter from the
Resident at Hydrabad—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor and President in Council
Fort St George

My Lord

I have hitherto delayed furnishing
your Lordship with the information required of me
by Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 24th ultimo
because I have been for some time past in daily
expectation of receiving from the Ministers of the
Nizam a revised statement of the account between
his Highness and the Honorable Company the
one originally delivered to me having been recalled
for the express purpose of correcting certain errors
which had been inadvertently committed in
drawing it out Having in the mean while duly
considered the statement laid before the Board by
their Accountant General on the 15th March I think
it unnecessary to postpone the communication of
such remarks as the attentive examination of it
has suggested to me till I obtain the promised
Account

From Captain Kirkpatrick submitting his remarks upon Mr. Wolfs statement of arrears of Peshcush - sends extract of a letter to the Governor General relative to the Drains of circulating specie from the Company's possessions

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Account from the Durbar, and the more so as I am advised that the emendations intended to be made will not materially affect the Balance formerly stated—

I am ignorant what official — reasons Mr. Woolf may have had for reverting in the present Statement to the distant period of 1788 instead of settling out with the Balance struck in his last Account Current dated the 15th April 1793 and which, after debiting the Nizam for every known advance or payment made on his account to the month of April 1793, and crediting him for Paishcush to no later a time than the 31st of March 1792 (when the first Instalment of the Fusli year 1201 had fallen due) stood at the Sum of Arcot Rupees 5.61.779:2:11.—

Without therefore going farther back than the date of the Statement just referred to, I shall here attempt a continuation of the Account to the 31st of March 1796, assuming, however, for the Balance due to his Highness on the 31st of March 1792 the Sum of 5.67.760 Arcot Rupees, instead of 5.61.779:2:11 for the reasons assigned by the late Assistant to

the

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this Residency in his Letter to Mr. Secretary
Jackson dated 25th July 1793.

Balance due to the Nizam, Account Paishcush
to the 31st of March 1792. including 1st Instalment
of the Fusli year 1201 ... Arcot Rupees 5.67.760
To which is to be added.
Paishcush for the remainder of a.F. 1201.
due on the 31st October 1792 — — — — 3.50.000
Do. for the Fusli year 1202 or aD 1793 — 7.00,000
Do for the Fusli year 1203 or aD 1794 — 7.00,000
Do for the Fusli year 1204 or AD 1795 — 700.000
Do for the 1st Instalment Account Fusli
year 1205. due on the 31st March 1796 — 350,000
Total 33.67.760

From this Sum the following Payments and
advances made subsequently to the date of Mr.
Wolfs last account-Current (or 15th April 1793) are
to be deducted—
1793 August To Syedud Dowlah at
Madras — — — — 2,17.760
To Punchoe Dofs. the Nizams
Agent at Masulipatam — 350.000
NB These two Payments liquidated the
Balance due (as above stated) on
the 31st of March 1792 — — — —

Carried Over 5.67.760

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Brought Over ---- 5.67.760

1793 To the same, by three other several
payments made as follows by the
Supreme Government
1 Through Dewanka Dos. 350.000
2 Through Do. ——— 350.000
3 Through Mr. Fairlie —— 350,000 10.50.000
which, as advised in my Letter of
the 7th June 1794 to Mr. Secretary
Jackson discharged all claims Acct.
Paishcush to the end of the Fusly year
1202. or September 1793 ———

1795. — To amount of Arrears due by the
Nizam on account of the Ellore
July Detachment, May the 10 1795
being the day of it's quitting his
Dominions) and for which an
assignment on the Paishcush was
granted 8 July 1795 ——— 5,00,727

To Amount of a joint Tunkha or
Assignment on the Paishcush, granted
December to the Roy Royan and Meer Jumaun
Khan (the Nephew of Meer Alleum); and
discharged by Mr. Collector Gregory — 1.00.000

1796 To Amount of a further Tunkha, a Assign-
ment on the Paishcush granted to the
February Roy Royan, and paid (or payable) by the
(Vide Letter to Collector of the 5th Division of Masuli-
Mr. Secy Jackson patam, to Rama Rao ——— 10,000
of Feb 4 1796)

Total Payments 22.28.1.87

leaving a Balance on the 31 march last of 11.39.273

Errors

Arcot Rupees which it will be very easy to reconcile with the Balance of 11.42.923 which I expect to be finally claimed by the ministers of his Highness.

It will not be more difficult, perhaps to account for the immense difference between the above balance of 11.39.273 Rupees and that struck by Mr. Wood in his last statement. This difference amounts to 4.35.101:13:6 without credit having been taken for the assignment of 10.000 Rs. granted in February last. and noticed above, so that the proper balance of Mr. Woods Account may be put at 7.14.171. 2.6 making the actual difference 4.45.101 :13:6.

Having sufficient reason to believe that no other Payments have been made by the Company since the adjustment of the last account Current, than those stated in pages 3 and 4 of this address, and having at all events, no Knowledge of any others, I venture to think that the following Sums have been erroneously carried to the Debit of his Highness. They all appear in Mr. Woods Entries of December 1794

I Bill

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1 Bill drawn by the Resident with the Nejam on the Collector of Benares dated 4th October 1791 for Curt. Rupees 27.750 or Arcot Rs. — 25.694:7:1

2 Amount paid Abdul Lutief 29th August 1793 Curt. Rs. 2.32.000 or Arcot — — — — — — 2.14.814:13:—

3 Amount paid the same, on the 7th September 1793. Curt. Rs. 1.16.000 or Arcot — — — — 1.07.407:6:6

4 Amount paid on account of the same to Durvey Nundy, by the Collector of Moorshedabad [no period specified] Curt. Rupees 58,000 or Arcot Rs. — — — — 53.703:11:3

4.01.620:5:10

to which is to be added

5 The Entry under May 1795 being the amount of Bills drawn by me 30th April 1795 on Mr. Collector Gregory in discharge of 40,000 Rupees raised at Hydrabad for the use of Major Roberts's Detachment — — — — — 42.000 — —

4,43,620:5:10

Remains a difference which I am unable to account for in any other way then by referring it to the head of Batta or Exchange between Rupees and Pagodas or between the Currency of the Bengal and Arcot Rupees — — — — — — 1481:7:8

With respect to the first of the foregoing

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foregoing Items I can only say that I find no trace of it in the Books of this Residency and as to 2.3.4. I have little doubt of their proving, on further investigation, to be reiterated entries of the same original Sum - It may serve to elucidate this point to observe that under February 1793 Mr. Woolf debits the Nizam for Sicca Rs 3,00000/ or a Rs 3,24000/ agreed to be/but not actually/paid by the Governor General in Council to Meer Abdul Lutteef the Agent of his Highness at Calcutta Now this person probably received this advance at different periods, and one of the Payments might possibly also, have been made at Moorshedabad. Be this as it may it is worthy of remark that the Items 2 and 3 make exactly the Sum of three lacks of Sicca Rupees, agreed to be advanced to Abdul Luteef, and previously carried to the Debit of the Nizam. In fine, if this agent has ever received more than the amount of 3 lacks on account of his Highness, I am unacquainted with the fact -

With regard to No. 5. it will be sufficient to mention that the advance made in April 1795 to Major Roberts, for the use of the Detachment under his command, is included in the amount arrears of subsidy due by the Nizam.

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Nizam at the time of the Detachment quitting his Dominions (500.727 a R) and accordingly placed at his debit by the Accountant General: in the entry July 23d 1795. The difference of exchange however, on the Bills thus granted; and amounting to Two thousand Rupees, is a loss which it appears reasonable to charge to his Highness's account: and I therefore mean to demand — a credit for it when I come to adjust the Balance finally with his Ministers.

I have always been sensible of the great detriment it must be of to the Company's possessions to be drained of its circulating specie in the degree requisite to the discharge of the Paishcush, and extremely desirous of contributing to the removal of so serious an evil. The inclosed extract of my letter of the 10th June 1794. to the Governor General will show that I have not been inattentive to this important point, and, indeed, I had some reason to believe soon after writing that letter, that the late Minister Azimul Omrah had it in contemplation to apply the Paishcush to certain Commercial purposes which would have effectually answered the end so much wished

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wished for by your Lordship His subsequent fall however, frustrated this design; and I am sorry to say I see no likelihood at present of its being revised by his successor in this administration of this state —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Hyderabad
11th april 1796

Signed Willm Kirkpatrick

Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Hyderabad to the Governor General, dated Bider the 10th June 1794

Azim ul Omrah being very desirous of furnishing a Townsman of his, named Mahomed Noor Khan (who is said to be in the Nabob Vizeers Country) with the means of proceeding hither with his Family and dependants and finding that the Soucars here could not supply him with Bills on Benares, requested lately that I would name them to the amount of a Lack and a half of Benares Rupees on account of the Nizams Peishcush —

Though I informed the Minister, in reply, that I could not gratify his desire in the present instance as it was absolutely necessary that I should have your previous sanction for it, yet he still continued to press me very much

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on the subject. Induced, therefore by the consideration that, no loss would be occasioned by exchange on such an advance; that the Money would be laid out at Benares (either in the purchase of goods or Bills on other places) which is an advantage the payments - made at Madras, and Masulipatam on account of Peishcush have seldom or ever afforded; the whole amount being for the most part, conveyed hither in specie, to the great diminution of the currency of the Carnatic: that for the prevention of this evil, it appeared expedient to pay the Peishcush as often as possible, by advances of this Kind; and that it might at all events be especially adviseable to do it at this time, when the Madras Presidency, perhaps, would find it inconvenient to liquidate any part of the Kist actually due. I agreed, instead of giving him a Bill to request that you would, if not absolutely inconvenient, so far comply with the object of his application as to cause the Sum above specified to be paid to any person he might name at Benares, the amount to be set off against that Kist of the Peishcush now due, and converted to Arcot Rupees at the ordinary or such other

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other exchange as you should determine.—

A true Extract

Signed W Kirkpatrick

Minute thereon

Resolved that Copy of the foregoing letter be sent to the Accountant General, and that he be directed to state whether the observations of Captain Kirkpatrick upon his statement be, on reconsideration sufficiently founded, to admit the balance claimed by his Highness the Nizam on account of Peishcush—

Read the following letters from the Resident at Poona—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor of
Fort St George

My Lord

From Lt. C. W. Malet advising of the state of affairs there—

I had the honor to write to you the 25th ultimo On the 26 Badjerow again entered his Tents and made a small March in the Direction of Sattana which appears to have been objectionable to Doulut Row Sindea, who marched the 28th and encamped about a mile in advance on Badjerows Route, where both Armies have remained ever since; in which Interval Doulut Row Sindea is said to have urged his pecuniary Demands on the Peshwa's administration and required Permission to depart to his

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his Government in the North—

Nhile these important Points are agitating here. Runna Furnavees is encreasing his Force at Sattara, and despatching letters in the Rajahs name, desiring Badjerow not to visit him with the large Armies now assembled in the neighbourhood of Poona, which would be attended with Destruction to the Country—

I am just now informed, though not authentickly, that Badjerow intends to make another march Today; which if true, and allowed of by Sindea, is a new symptom of Procrastination and Evasion toward the Sindean Party, whose pecuniare circumstaits can ill endure Delay, and which, for that very Reason, will be most artfully and industriously resorted to by the opposite Party—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Poona
7 April 1796

Signed C Malet

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor of
Fort St George

From the same on the same subject—

My Lord

Though Badjerow did not march

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march on the 7 Instant, as mentioned in my last of that Date - but on the subsequent Day. I am inclined to think it was prevented, in the first Instance, and admitted in the Second, by Dowlut Row Sindea, as Pursaram Bhow paid him a visit in the - Interim, and, as I am given to understand, gave - Him Security for the Payment of ten Lacks of - Rupees -

Dowlut Row Sindea was to - march yesterday; and to encamp again in Front of Badjerow These Movements have hitherto been in an Eastern Direction, but advices from Poona, and Reports are current, that it is intended to approach the Nizams Frontier, for the Convenience of Foraging in his Territories -

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Poona
4th april 1796

Signed C. W. Malet.

Read the following letter from the - - - - Secretary at Bengal -

To

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To W.m C.n Jackson Esq.re

Secretary at

Fort St.t George

Sir

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to request you will lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for his information the enclosed printed form of the Commissions which he has granted for cruising against the Dutch, in consequence of his Majestys Proclamation published in the London Gazette of the 19th September last

A printed form of the Security Bond executed by, or on behalf of the parties to whom the Commissions are granted, is also enclosed

I have the honor to be
S.r &.a

Signed Gn.K.n Barlow
Secty to the Govt

From Mr. Secretary Barlow with forms of Commissions granted for cruizing against the Dutch and of the Security Bond

Fort William
the 28th of March 1796

The United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies. To

Greeting

Whereas the Countries belonging to the seven united provinces have for some time past been and still continue in the possession of the Armies

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Armies of France, and under the immediate influence and direction of the persons, who exercise the powers of Government in France, and whereas divers injurious proceedings have lately been had in the said United Provinces, in derogation of the Honor of His Britannick Majesty's Crown, and the just rights of his subjects: and the ships of War fitted out from the ports of the said united provinces, have received orders to take and destroy all british Vessels, and some British Vessels have been actually so taken: and His Majesty, therefore, being determined to take such measures as are necessary for vindicating the Honor of his Crown, and for procuring reparation and satisfaction, has been pleased by and with the advice of his Privy Council, to order by his Royal proclamation, that General Reprizals be granted against the ships, Goods, and subjects, of the united provinces, so that, as well His Majesty's Fleet and ships, as also all other ships and Vessels that shall be commissioned by Letters of Marque, and General Reprizals, or otherwise by His Majesty's Commissioners, for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, shall and

may

may lawfully seize all ships, Vessels and
Goods, belonging to the united provinces, or their
subjects, or others inhabiting within any of the
Territories of the aforesaid United provinces, and
bring the same to judgement in any of the Courts
of Admiralty within His Majesty's dominions.
And whereas we the said united Company are
duly authorized and empowered, by Vertue of a
Charter in that behalf given and granted unto
us, by his late most sacred Majesty George the
2nd by the Grace of God, then King of Great Britain
France, and Ireland, under his Royal sign —
manual, and bearing date at Westminster, the
8th day of January, in the 7th year of his Reign, to
raise and maintain Force and Armies both by
Sea and Land, and to appoint such and so many
Generals, Commanders, and other Officers, as we
shall think fit for the purpose of encountering
and resisting by Force of Arms, all and every the
Enemy and Enemies of our said Sovereign Lord
the King, his Heirs and successors, and of ourselves
and the said Enemies and every of them, their
ships, Armour, ammunition, and other Goods, to
invade

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invade and destroy in such manner as in and by the said Charter is provided, mentioned, and contained— Now we the said united Company, in consideration of the premises, and reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your good Conduct, Loyalty and Courage, Do by these presents and under and by Virtue of the Royal Charter aforesaid, constitute and appoint you—

to be a in our—

Naval and marine service for and under our—

Presidency of Fort William in Bengal and to be

of the

ship of War employed in our said Naval and—

Marine service against the ships, Vessels, Goods, and subjects of the said united provinces during such time as the orders contained in His Majestys proclamation aforesaid shall remain in force, and during our pleasure and the pleasure of our—— Governor General in Council, for the time being of and for the said Presidency of Fort William but without any pay, subsistence, Charge, allowance, or other Compensation whatsoever to be had or demanded by you from us, or our successors, on account

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account of such your appointment under this our Commission, save as herein after mentioned; you are therefore duly to command, exercise, and keep in good order and discipline, all the commissioned Officers, warrant Officers, seamen and others, subordinate to you, according to such authority, rules powers and provisions, as in and by the said Charter are mentioned and contained, and as legally may be done: And we do hereby command them to obey you conformably thereto as their Captain, in which station you are to observe and follow all such orders and directions as you shall receive from time to time from Us, our Governor General in Council for the time being, in pursuance of the trust hereby reposed in you; And we do by these presents authorize and empower you the said

by force of arms or otherwise to apprehend seize, and take all ships, Vessels, and Goods belonging to the said united provinces or their subjects, or others inhabiting within any of the Territories of the aforesaid united provinces, so long as the orders contained in the said proclamation of His Majesty shall remain in force, and during

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during our pleasure and the pleasure of our Governor General in Council as aforesaid. pursuant to the powers and with in the limits in the said Charter for that purpose mentioned and prescribed, and to bring the same to such port as shall be most convenient in order to have the same legally adjudged and condemned as prizes. And for the better and further encouragement of you the said

And of the owners. Commissioned and warrant Officers. Seamen and others. of and belonging to the said ship

And in lieu of pay, subsistence, and other Charges and allowances

We the said united Company do hereby relinquish and quit claim to all and every part and parts. share and shares of and in all each and every ship or Vessel. and of and in all Stores. Goods. Arms. ammunition. and other articles whatsoever taken or found in or on board of all each and every ship or vessel. which shall be captured and finally condemned as lawful prize. by the said under and by ship

Virtue

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Virtue of this our Commission, or any other Commission by Us granted or to be granted for that purpose; And we the said said united Company do hereby promise and agree that all and every share and shares of and in all each and every such ship or Vessel, Stores, Goods, Arms, Ammunition and other Articles so captured, and finally condemned as aforesaid and the produce thereof which we the said united Company might lawfully claim and be entitled unto shall be divided amongst and given up unto you the said

the owner or owners of the said

and the

ship

Commission and warrant Officers, seamen and others, of in and belonging thereto in such shares and proportions as shall be hereafter for that purpose ordered, settled and agreed upon by our Governor General in Council of and for our presidency of Fort William aforesaid. In Witness whereof, the Honorable Sir John Shore, Baronet, our Governor General Sir Robert Abercromby, K.B. Commander in Chief Peter Speke and William Cowper, Esqrs Counsellors of our Presidency of Fort William in

Bengal

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Bengal aforesaid. have hereunto set our common
Seal. and subscribed their respective signatures.

Fort William in Bengal
the of 179
Registered in the Secretary Office

Know all men by these presents. that we

are jointly and severally held and firmly bound
unto the United Company of Merchants of England
Trading to the East Indies. in the Sum of

of lawful Money of Bengal aforesaid. to be
paid to the said United Company. or to their
certain Attorney. Agents. successors. or assigns. for
which payment to be well and truly made; We
do hereby bind ourselves jointly. and each and
every of us by himself severally. our each and
every of our respective Heirs. Executors. and Admin:
strators. firmly by these presents. sealed with
our seals. dated this day of

in the year of our Lord
Christ. One thousand seven hundred and
Ninety

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Ninety

Whereas the above bound
at the desire and request of the said
is authorized and
empowered by a Commission of and from the
said United Company, bearing even date with
these presents, constituting and appointing the said
Captain in
the Naval and marine service of the said United
Company, for and under their Presidency of Fort=
William in Bengal, and Commander of the
Ship of War
belonging to the said
(and at the desire and request of the said
) employed in the said
Naval and marine service of the said united ——"
Company against the ships, Vessels, Goods, and —
subjects of the seven united provinces during such
time as the orders contained in his Britannick
Majesty's proclamation in that behalf made,
shall remain in force, and during the pleasure
of

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of the said United Company, and the pleasure of the said Governor General in Council for the time being of the said presidency of Fort William. but without any hire. allowance or charge whatsoever for the same/ to set upon by force of Arms or otherwise to apprehend. seize. and take all ships and other Vessels. Goods. Monies. and Merchandizes. belonging to the said united provinces. or their subjects. or others inhabiting within any of the territories of the aforesaid United provinces so long as the orders in the said proclamation contained shall remain in force. and during our pleasure and the pleasure of our Governor General in Council as aforesaid, pursuant to certain powers and with in the Limits in a certain Charter of Letters patent of His late Majesty of Great Britain King George the second. under his sign manual granted to the said United Company, and bearing date at Westminster. the Eighth Day of January in the Twenty Sixth year of his Reign. for that purpose mentioned and contained. and to bring the same to such Port as shall be most convenient. in order to have the same legally adjudged and

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and condemned as prizes. And whereas the said

have in consequence thereof undertaken

that the said

and other the Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers

Seamen, and others, to be employed in and on board

the said ship shall

and will, well, truly and faithfully, at all times

during the period aforesaid, observe and follow

all such Instructions, Orders, and directions as

they and every of them shall and may from time

to time receive from the said united Company, or

the Governor General in Council of Fort William

aforesaid for the time being.

Now the Condition of this obligation is

such, that if the said

and other the Commissioned Officers, Warrant

Officers, Seamen, and others, to be so employed in

and on Board of the said ship, shall and do well

truly and faithfully, at all times during the

period aforesaid, observe and follow all such

instructions, Orders, and Directions, as the said

United

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United Company, or the Governor General in Council of the said Presidency of Fort William aforesaid for the time being, shall and may from time to time duly transmit to them every or any or either of them as far as the said Instructions, Orders, and Directions, the said ship Captain, and other the Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers, Seamen and others, the said ship's Company for the time being, may any way concern and according to the true intent and meaning of the said instructions Orders, and Directions; and if nothing shall be done by the said Captain, and other the Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers, Seamen and others, the said Ship's Company contrary to the Law of Nations and the Laws and Statutes of the Realm of Great Britain aforesaid, or contrary to any of the Leagues and Treaties existing between his Sovereign Majesty the King of Great Britain and other powers, or between the said United Company and other powers, and if they or some one or more of them shall give and make full satisfaction for any Damages or Injury which shall or may be done by them, any or either of them to any of His said Majesty's subjects, or Allies, or Neuters, or

or their subjects. And moreover if they or any of them shall not take any ship or Vessel, or other Goods, Monies, or Merchandizes, belonging to the said United provinces, or their subjects or others inhabiting within any of the territories of or — belonging to the said United provinces, or otherwise liable to confiscation through consent or clandes= =tinely, or by Collusion, by virtue, Colour, or pretence of the said Commissions, or any or either of them, then this obligation to be void and of none effect, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, Sealed and delivered
where no stamps are to be had
or in use in the presence of-

Order thereon

Ordered that an advertisement be published, notifying that Commissions will be — issued to the Commanders of ships for cruising — against the Dutch —

Read the following letter from the Attorney General.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President and Governor in Council

From Mr. Sullivan stating his opinion on the petition of Madepauw Kum Verdarajah suggestion in consequence

My Lord

I have had the honor to — receive

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receive your Secretary's letter of the 13th. Instant inclosing a Petition from Madepaulum Verdarajah modiliar and desiring I would state whether the reasons assigned therein cause any and what alteration in the opinion offered in my letter of 28th of February last on Mr. Kindersley's application-

I have in consequence perused the petition with attention and do not find it contains any thing that did not occur to me when I addressed your Lordship on the subject of Mr. Kindersley's letter, and in course nothing that can induce an alteration in the opinion I then submitted to your Lordship-

This opinion was, that I thought Government would be justified in suspending the payment of the Interest due upon the Certificates until upon a revision of the Decree it should be ascertained to whom these Artificates legally belonged. But I will here beg leave to add that I conceive the suspension should not be continued beyond a reasonable time to enable Mr. Kindersley to bring the matter again before the Mayors Court and therefore think it would be adviseable to call on

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on that Gentleman to state whether he has taken any and what measures for that purpose-

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

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18th April 1796

Signd Benjn. Sullivan

Minute thereon

Resolved that Mr. Kindersley be called upon to state whether he has taken any and what measures, with a view to the revision of the decree of the Mayor's Court.

The President lays before the Board the following deposition of the Maratta Translator and of the Officer Commanding his Lordship's Body Guard, relative to the Transactions that occurred at the House in which the Families of the late Ram Row and Letchmen Row were confined in Triplicane, on the night when these Families were relieved from their Confinement

Deposition on Oath of Mr. J. Webbe and Captain Grant respecting the Occurrences at the house in which Ram Tows Family were confined on the night of their release

We Josiah Webbe Secretary and Maharatta translator to the Government of Madras and Alexander Grant Acting Aid de Camp to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart and Commandant of his Lordships Body Guard do hereby declare and say that on the night of the 27th February 1796

We

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We accompanied Captain Wallace to the house in which the Families of the late Ram Row and Letch=men Row were confined in Triplicane. We entered the house with a small party of the 74th Regiment the outer guard having been apparently surprized we met with no opposition till we reached 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 young men named Tremallow and Govindallow. They Tremullow and Govindallow informed us that they had been brought from Runjun=gud and that they were about to be carried to Chander=ghery unless they should procure payment of a sum of money, for which an officer of his Highness the Nabob (whose name they mentioned but which we forget) was at that time waiting at the house of Babo 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 the Right Honble

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the President in Council / and as the doleys / for-
conveying them to Chandergherry were at the door.—
These indeed we observed at the front 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 of our having come to
their protection.—

The House, every part of which was
open to the mussalman 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 informed us
they had not been able to procure medical assistance.
The two wives of Ram Row sat apart from the
rest, having / as we were informed / only heard of the
death of their husband a few days before they were
seated near the guard of sepoys and one sepoy was
standing centinel over them when we entered.

Being informed that some Mussulw
omen had made their escape to a separate apartment
of

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We accompanied Captain Wallace to the house in which the Families of the late Ram Row and Letch=
=mon Row were confined in Triplicane. We entered the house with a small party of the 74th. Regiment: the outer guard having been apparently surprized we met with no opposition till we reached 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 young men named Tremal Row and Govinda Row. They (Tremul Row and Govinda Row) informed us that they had been brought from Runjun=
=gud and that they were about to be carried to Chander=
=ghery, unless they should procure payment of a Sum of money, for which an officer of his Highness the Nabob (whose name they mentioned but which we forget) was at that time waiting at the house of Babo 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 the Right Honble

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the President in Council / and as the doleys for conveying them to Chandergherry were at the door.— These indeed we observed at the front 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 of our having come to their protection.—

The house, every part of which was open to the mussalman 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 informed us they had not been able to procure medical assistance.

The two wives of Ram Row sat apart from the rest, having / as we were informed / only heard of the death of their husband a few days before they were seated near the guard of sepoys and one sepoy was standing centinel over them when we entered.

Being informed that some Mussulwomen had made their escape to a separate apartment of

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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 to force the door. upon this we heard several female voices exclaim that they belonged to Omdut ul Omrah Bahader and entreated that We would not enter the room. This request was scrupulously complied with - and to the best of our Knowledge and belief there was not the smallest violation of their privacy. 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 Rows house was barricaded. upon entering it we found some broken Articles of Furniture 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. which they repeatedly mentioned had lasted more than two years. These positions commanded an entire view of the back yard. and must

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must we believe have subjected the women to those inconveniences which are represented in a petition already translated by Mr. Webbe.—

Signed J Webbe
" A Grant

Sworn to in Fort St George
this 13th day of April 1796
before me
Signed William Jones
Justice of the peace.

Read the following letters from —

Bombay—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President and Governor in Council
at
Fort St. George

My Lord

From Bombay advising of the Detention of the German Recruits enlisted at the Cape for Madras and the Cause thereof

On the occasion of the late dispatch of the Bombay Castle with Stores to Tutacorin, We ordered to be embarked on her, about one hundred European Soldiers, who having enlisted at the Cape for the Company's Service in India, were according to the letters of advice, that accompanied them, intended for your Presidency, but, as they have now been unexpectedly returned on the same ship, We trust that

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that for the reasons assigned in the accompanying Copies of Letters addressed to us by the Commanding Officer of the Troops under this Presidency, and by Captain Hamilton Commander of the Bombay Castle, you will approve of our having acquiesced in the former's Proposal of drafting them into the Company's Bombay Regiments, the more especially as these Men's remaining on this side of India appears to be most agreeable to themselves from the considerable difficulty that was experienced in prevailing on them to embark on the abovementioned ship on their then intended Voyage to Madras—

We have the Honor to be

Bombay Castle
23d March 1796

&c &c

Signed Jon. Duncan

" W. Whitehill

Copy Letter from the Commanding Officer of the Troops on this Presidency

Sir

Captain Hamilton of the Bombay Castle has acquainted me, that he has brought back

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back with him, the 100 Europeans. whom he took with him in order to deliver them over to the Officer Commanding at Tulacoreen or Columbo. the Corps at the Madras Presidency having enlisted a great — number of the Prisoners at Columbo. to put into the European Regiments. they cannot at present be in so great want of Europeans. as the Corps under this — Presidency: and the transporting of these men to — Madras would cost the Company a considerable sum of Money for these Reasons I have the honor to recom- mend to you that these men be draughted into the European Corps under this Presidency. these men came in the Ships from the Cape. I have the

honor to be — Sir

Your most obed.t & humble Servant

23d March 1796

Signed James Balfour

Copy Letter from Captain Hamilton, Commander of the Bombay Castle.

Honorable Sir

I beg leave to acquaint you that

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that Colonel Stewart thought proper, in conse-
-quence of the report that a French force was upon
the Coast, to order the Troops, I carried down in the
Bombay Castle to remain on board, and to return
with one to this Presidency. I therefore request your
further orders respecting them—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed J Hamilton

Bombay Castle
22d March 1796

a true Copy
Signed John Morris
Sec.y

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

My Lord

From Bombay requesting that the Bombay Detachment sent to Columbo, may be returned to them as soon as possible

The Governor General in Council having advised us, that after the Surrender of Columbo we might expect to have returned to us the proportion of the Troops, belonging to this Presidency, detached on that service, and as, by our latest advices from the Province of Malabar the want of them appears to have encouraged

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encouraged some disturbances in the Northern parts of our possessions on that Coast; it will therefore prove a great convenience to us, that you should order back as soon as possible, either the whole, or such part of the said detachment as can be dispensed with in Ceylon—

We have the honor to be
S.r &c.
Signed Jon.a Duncan
" Wm Whitehill

Bombay Castle
26th March 1796

Minutes on the foregoing letters from Bombay

The Board are of opinion that the reasons assigned by Colonel Balfour and Captain Hamilton for the detention at Bombay of the German Recruits enlisted at the Cape for the service of the Madras Presidency, appear fully to have warranted the order issued by the Bombay Government, for drafting those recruits into the Company's Regiments on that establishment—

As it was not possible to leave a larger force from this Coast on the Island of Ceylon than is now there, without serious inconvenience and some hazard, the Board were under the necessity of

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of detaining, in consequence of the strong and urgent representations of Colonel Stuart, the Bombay Artillery, and one Native Battalion of that establishment for the protection and defence of Columbo—

Read the following letter from —

Bengal—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart.

Governor in Council

at Fort St George

My Lord

From Bengal urging the early liquidation of the arrears of Peshcush due to the Nizam

The Resident at Hyderabad has communicated to us your reply of the 3d Instant to his application respecting the Arrears of Peishcush due to the Nizam

Many assurances could add to the obligations of the Treaty with his Highness, you will find from our correspondence with your Government shortly after we took possession of the Guntoor Sircar that the faith of this Government has been repeatedly and solemnly pledged for the punctual discharge of the peishcush—

We therefore earnestly request that

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that you will use every means in your power for the early liquidation of the Arrears, and that you will provide for the punctual discharge of the stipulated payments, in future.—

We have the honor to be
&c: &c:

Fort William
28th March 1796

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

Minute thereon

The Board had taken every step in their power, long before the receipt of the foregoing Letter, to provide for the liquidation of the arrears of Peishcush due to his Highness the Nizam—

Death of Lieut. Frend

The Secretary reports to the Board the Death of Lieutenant Benjamin Frend of the 2d. Battalion of Artillery at St. Thomas's Mount this morning—

Two hundred Pagodas ordered to be paid to Major Macdonald on account of his expences at Malacca

The President recommends that the Sum of two hundred (200) Pagodas be granted to Major Forbes Ross Macdonald, on account of the expences incurred by him at Malacca, and that the same be paid to his Attorney at Mr. John Tulloh, and carried to the Head of Expedition against

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against the Dutch settlements.—

Ordered Accordingly

Read the undermentioned letters laid before the Board by the Commander in Chief, and entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 107-108-109-110—

Substance of a letter from Lieut.s R. Barclay Commanding a Revenue Battalion

From Major Muat to Colonel Bitcliffe dated March the 31st enclosing an extract of a letter from Lieutenant Robert Barclay Commanding a Revenue Battalion, relative to a Subadar of his Corps put under an arrest, and respecting the extent of his Command and authority over the Revenue Corps in the Vizagapatam District

Sentiments of the Commander in Chief upon the same

The Commander in Chief recommends this letter to the attention of the Board, and submits the following Ideas on the subject to their consideration—Systematically speaking, Major Muat's Ideas seem to be correct. The Revenue Corps in the Vizagapatam District are armed and paid under the orders of Government, are commanded by Effective Officers, and are included in the General Returns of the Coast Establishment. Viewing them in this light, it would seem that they should be considered as part of the Military Force stationed in

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in the district, and consequently subject to the
orders of the District Commanding Officer, the
same as the other Battalions: But when it is
considered that the two Revenue Corps in question
have been raised purposely to relieve the Regular
Troops from Revenue duties, which were so hurtful
to their discipline, and also to afford the Collector the
most effectual means of conducting the business of
His Employ, without being obliged to refer occasionally
for aid to Officers sometimes situated at a distance
by which considerable delay would of course happen.
— allowing these Corps to be exclusively under the orders
of the Collectors is no doubt proper, and every way
consistent with the ends for which they were formed
— As in time of Exigency, however, they may not
only be useful for Revenue purposes, but may
contribute effectually towards the defence of the
Country. It is but right the Commanding Officer
of the District be at all time acquainted with the
manner in which they are distributed, and also be
vested with authority over the Corps, to be exerted
only in times of emergency, when it may be necessary
to draw them from Revenue Employment, and
make use of them for purposes merely of attack or
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defence—

under such an Idea, it will be sufficient if the Commanding Officer of the District, being vested with such conditional authority, be allowed the means of knowing at all times how the Revenue Corps are situated throughout the Country, which Information he may at all times possess, if the Commanding Officers of these Corps be ordered to make Returns to him, shewing in the usual manner the several Details on Command; and also to acquaint him from time to time, when any material alteration takes place in the disposition of their Corps—

It may be a matter of consideration whether Commissions should be granted to the Subidars and Jemadars of the Vizagapatam Revenue Corps, so as to entitle them to a trial by a General Court Martial, and the benefit of the Non Effective list, they have been received into the service with their present rank, without passing through the Junior Gradations like the native Officers of the Regular Battalions so that having served less, their Claims may be less also when they behave ill, a Court of Enquiry consisting of Native Commissioned Officers may be ordered to investigate their Conduct, and if the result of their proceedings makes it appear necessary they may be punished

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punished by suspension or dismission at the recommen-
dation of the Commander in Chief by an order of Govern-
ment—

Resolution of the Board and General Order in consequence

Resolved that the suggestion of the Commander in Chief be adopted, and that a General order be accordingly published, directing Officers — Commanding Revenue Troops to make monthly Returns to the Officer Commanding in the District, shewing in the usual manner the detail or Command, and reporting from time to time when any material alter-
ation takes place in the disposition of their Corps.

Substance of a letter from the Commandant at Cuddalore

From Lieutenant-Colonel Dupont Commanding at Cuddalore dated April the 10th to the Adjutant General respecting an Interference with the defences of that Fort; and enclosing a correspondence with Mr. Collector Taylor—

Recommended by the Commander in Chief to the attention of Government. The Chief Engineer states the Hedge in question to be necessary to remain

Order thereon

Ordered that Mr. Taylor be enjoined against any interference with the defences of the Fort of Cuddalore—

Substance of a letter from the Commandant at Vellore

From Colonel Collins 10th of April forwarding one from Captain D Macdonald with several other papers relative to hardships the Troops suffer occasioned by duties and Provisions purchased by them at Vellore—

Recommended

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Recommended by the Commander in Chief to attention and enquiry. and that such relief may be granted as appears necessary on Investigation.

Minute thereon

Ordered that a letter be written to his Highness the Nabob, requesting he would issue the most positive directions to his renter at Vellore, that the Troops be permitted to purchase every article of provisions without being compelled to pay a duty on passing such provisions from the Market to the Fort.

Substance of a letter from Colonel Floyd

From Colonel Floyd to the Chief Secretary to Government enclosing one to the Governor in Council of the 11th of April relative to the Exchange on paying the Troops in the Tinnavelly District.

Minute thereon

Resolved that letters explanatory of the Boards former orders respecting the exchange, be written to Colonel Floyd, and the Paymaster at Palamcotah.

" Hobart

" Alured Clarke

" Wm Saumarez

" E. Tallofield

" Wm Manning

" G. A.

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Received the undermentioned

Letters Entered in Mr. B. Nos. 111, 112, 113, 114.—

From Hospital Board.—

From Hospital Board.— inclosing Bills for Medicines supplied the Bombay Frigate.— certain Appointments recommended. Mr. Farrcourt requests Palanquin allowance.

From Colonel Malcolm.—

From Military Auditor General reporting on the Claims of certain Puckallies as attached to the 72d Regiment in 1789.—

From Military Board.—

From Military Board.— reporting the Surplus and deficiency of Military Stores at Ganjam.— recommend that the late Storekeeper be held responsible for the Latter.— and that the Selling of Stores to Natives or others be strictly prohibited.—

From Mr. Roebuck.

From Mr. Roebuck.— with his Estimate for Cash for May.—

Ordered that the following advertisement be published.—

Fort St. George 20th April 1796.—

Advertisement

Notice is hereby given to all Owners and Commanders of the Ships and Vessels

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Advertisement offering Commissions to the Owners and Commanders of Vessels for acting against the Dutch.—

Vessels, who may be desirous of acting in the present War against the States General of the United Provinces under Commissions from the Honorable Company, shall they are to make application in writing, for the Purpose of obtaining such Commissions, at the Military Secretary's Office, between the hours of 10 and 3 o'clock each day. The application is to contain a short description of the Ship or Vessel the Number of her Masts, her Tonnage, length, breadth, and Name.—

The Name or Names of the owner or Owners and those of the Officers intended also be added.—

Security will be required for the due Performance of the trust reposed in the Persons to whom the Commission may be granted. For any Ship or Vessel that in England would be manned with less than one hundred and fifty men Security to the extent of 5,000 Rupees will be expected, and for such as would require that Number of Men or more S.a R.s 30000.—

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The Security must be given according to an established form in the Names of the Owner or Owners, Commander and Officers, and of two Persons having no concern or Interest in the Ship.—

Published by Order of the Right Honorable the President in Council.—

Signed W. C. Jackson Sec.

Sent the following Letter

To W. N. E. Kindersley.—

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acquaint you that in consequence of your Letter of the 20th January, and of the opinion offered thereupon by the Company's Attorney General his Lordship was pleased to instruct the Accountant General to stop payment of interest upon the Certificates issued in the Name of Captain George Mackay until upon a revision of the decree it should be ascertained to whom those Certificates belonged. The Attorney General having in a subsequent Letter stated that the Suspension ought not

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To W. Kindersley directing him to state what measures he means to pursue for obtaining a revision of the Decree of the Mayor's Court rejecting the Registered Certificates claimed by him.—

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to be continued beyond a reasonable time to enable you to bring the matter again before the Mayor's Court, I am directed to desire you will state to his Lordship whether you have taken any and what measures for what purpose.—

I am,
Sir,
Yr. &c. &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
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Department of the undermentioned Letters Entered in Mr. B. Nos. 115, 116, 117, 118, 119.—

To Mr. Wolf.

To Accountant General referring the observations of Captain Kirkpatrick upon his Statement of Arrears of Peshcush due to the Nizam, and desiring him to state whether they be sufficiently founded to permit the Balance claimed by the Nizam.—

To Mr. Cochrane

To Agent for Spirituous Liquors transmitting Copy of the Presidents Minute on the subject of his Agency and directing him to furnish such Informa-

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To the Military Board as they may require an elucidation of certain charges in his accounts.—

To Lieut Malcolm

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

To Colonel Floyd

To Commandant at Trichinopoly explaining the intentions of the late Government orders respecting the Southern Exchange, in respect to the point apparently in dispute between Mr Paymaster Marten and Lieutenant F. Leger.—

To Mr. Marten

To Paymaster at Palamcotah transmitting Copy of the above Letter and desiring him to explain the apparent contradictions of Argument in his Letter to Lieutenant F. Leger of 6th Instant.—

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Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in Mem. B. Nos 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125.—

From Mr. Secretary Morris.—

From Secretary at Bombay transmitting Copy of a Letter from the British Consul at Aleppo.—

From

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No 22

From Mr. Skurton

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

From late Dutch Priest at Malacca.

From Mr. Ballot requesting a Subsistence.

From Colonel Gibb.

From Commandant of Artillery forwarding a List of Lyranges and First Tindals of the 1st Battalion with the date of their first Nomination to Rank. Suggests their being exempted from paying any Fees for the Commission to be issued to them.

From Major Wright.

From Commanding Officer at Pondicherry enclosing the Passport issued to the Sircarrina Amelia.

From Colonel Floyd.

From Ditto at Trichinopoly transmitting for Payment Two Batta Bills which Mr. Collector Wynch is declining discharging.

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob.

No 23

Sent Letter to the Nabob Entered in P. C. No. 46 informing him that one of his Highness's Peons at Vellore has been detected in encouraging some of the Company's Native Troops to desert to the Mysore Country and representing the offensive Duties carried by his

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Letter at Wait Station on Beetle Train &c. praising from the Market to the Fort and requesting to know his intentions regarding the Sepoy and what he will redress the latter grievances.

Sent the following Letter

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To the Honorable Jonathan Duncan Esq.

Governor in Council

at Bombay

Hble Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your Letters dated the 23. and 26th Ultimo.

The reasons assigned by Colonel Balfour, and Captain Hamilton for the detention at Bombay of the Germian Recruits enlisted at the Cape, for the Service of this Presidency, appear to us fully to have warranted the order you issued for drafting those Recruits into the Companys' Bombay Regiment.

The strong and urgent Representations of Colonel Stuart, with respect to the necessity of maintaining

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To Bombay. a printing to their detention of the Germian Recruits enlisted for Madras.

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a Considerable force, for some time to come, on the Island of Ceylon, obliged us to detain the Bombay Artillery, and 2 Native Battalions of your establish= =ment for the protection and defence of Columbo and its dependencies

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21. April 1796.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Signed Hobart &c. Council

Despatched the under= =mentioned letters Entered in P.C.

No. 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143.

To Mr. Secretary Barlow.

To Secretary at Bengal.

transmitting Copy of the General Order issued by Government, in consequence of the Gallant Conduct of Captain Dalrymple and his Detachment in general, in the assault and Capture of the Fort of Paulore.

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To Ditto.— To Ditto with Copy of Mysore Intelligence.—

To Mr. Hardon To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions transmitting Copy of a letter from Capt. Read and desiring him to state the best mode of adjusting the Account of the Grain supplied by him.—

To Mr. H. Taylor To Collector at Cuddalore directing him to desist from rearing the Cochineal Insect on the outside of the Fort, or any other interference with its' Defences.—

To Colonel Malcolm To Military Auditor General stating the opinion of the Military Board respecting the Rice allowance to the Serjeants of the Detachment and informing him that Government have adopted the same.—

To Captain Kirkpatrick.— To Resident at Hyderabad to the same effect.—

To Ditto. To Ditto transmitting Copy of the General Order, above noticed.—

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To Major Roberts

To Commandant of the Nizams Detachment with Ditto

To Colonel Malcolm

To Military Auditor General referring Mr. Roebucks additional Estimate of Cash for April.

To Ditto

To Ditto directing him to notify to the Storekeeper at Masulapatam the Establishment proposed by the Military Board for his Office, as well as their opinion on his charges for Artificers, Materials &c.

To Ditto

To Ditto referring Mr. Hardonis Estimates for May.

To Military Board

To Military Board respecting the Rice allowance to the Nizams Detachment.

To Major Orr

To Major Orr permitting him to remain at Madras for five weeks longer.

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To Lieutenant Colonel Grant

To Surveyor directing him to order Lieutenant Pittman to examine and report upon the Repairs made to the Paymasters House at Chicacole since the 12th October last.

To Captain Borrg. transmitting Copies of the Papers requested by him.

To Lieutenant Grant. To Commandant of the Governors Body Guard directing him to deliver over to the Paymaster the Horses lately cast from that Corps.

To Mr. Cochrane To Military Paymaster directing him to dispose of the Canes by Public outcry.

To Colonel Collins To Commandant at Vellore directing him to continue the Nabobs Colony under restraint until further orders.

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Substance of a Letter from the Nabob.

Received Letter from the Nabob Entered in C. C. No. 47 repeating his request that the Amount of Madras Tribute may be ordered to be paid to His Highness.—

Received and read the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. No. 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151 152, 152 A, 153, 154.—

From Mr. Sullivan.

From Attorney General of Sussex that the Trig. St. Money due for the Ship Perseverance cannot be withheld, without the risque of involving the Company in a Law Suit.—

From Mr. Bowie

From Mr. Bowie, stating that the Tents for the Chicacole District have been examined by a Committee, and requesting an order for their being sent by sea to Masulipatam Boundee.—

From

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From Mr. Sharden

From Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies submits a Proposal for Supplying 70 Garee Mots of Grain for the 5th Regiment.—

From Dr. Hall

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. Proposing a Mode of adjusting the accounts of Grain Supplied by Captain Read.—

From Captain Kirkpatrick—

From Resident at Hydrabad advising of a large force of Cavalry reported to be on its march towards Gooty.—

From Captain Dalrymple—

From Commandant of the Nizamis Detachment enclosing Return of Ordnance taken in the Fort of Raichore and of Europeans found there recommends Mr. Conductor Lindsey and Serjeant Major Mumsley to the Notice of the Board.—

From

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From Military Board

From Military Board transmitting Bills for Repairs &c

From W.m Tho.s Wallace

From Deputy Secretary to Mil.a Board reporting the number of Tents delivered by Mr. Bowie.—

From Mr. Roebuck

From Military Pay-master General submitting Extract of a Letter from the Paymaster at Columbo, applying for Cash.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Close

From Adjutant General transmitting a Distribution of off Reckonings for the year 1794. and recommending a mode of disposing of the Balance on the Effective Contingency Fund instead of paying it to the Credit of that Fund for 1795.—

To Captain Hawden

To Commander of the Persevarance discharging that Vessel from the Service.—

To Clerk of the Treasury.—

To Clerk of the Treasury ordering additional Advances to Mr. Roebuck for April.—

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor - President

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esqr.

Tuesday
26. April
-1796.-

and

Coll. William Falloofield Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation

Read and approved.-

Read the following Letters

from Colonel Stewart.-

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Colonel Stewart on the subject of the Batavia Dispatches Money and the formation of training Regiments on Ceylon - Lieutenant Rodgers plan on the same subject enclosed - recommends that Two Corps be formed from the Malay prisoners - requests orders respecting the Clergy - Police - Courts of Justice - Charitable Institutions - duties of Exports and Imports - State Prisoners - Public Stores and Sundry other Subjects -

From the multiplicity of Business civil and Military, with which I have lately been occupied, it has not been in my power to refer sooner to that part of the Commands of Government, which require me to give my opinion respecting the Dispatches Money, now in circulation here, and the probability

of

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of raising Revenue Corps for the Service of this Island.-

With regard to the Copper Coin, notwithstanding all the enquiries I have made relative to the quantity and value of what is now in circulation, I am not yet able to give any very satisfactory information. Mr Van Angelbeek has promised to furnish me with a Statement of the amount, annually coined at the Mint: but as I am informed a great part of what has been melted down by the Cingalese People, as they found it convenient to make Utensils, Pots and a variety of other articles, when they could not procure any other Copper from the Dutch Company, for those purposes, I plainly see the exact quantity in circulation, can not be ascertained, with any degree of certainty- And, as I understand, from good authority, that the Coinage of every succeeding year was worse, by a certain Percentage, than that of the year before, it will be equally impossible for me to determine its intrinsic value, without collecting and melting down an equal Quantity of each years coinage, from which the alloy must be separated, in order

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to ascertain, as nearly as possible the medium value of the whole. To effect this however will require considerable time, and the assistance of an assay Master, on whose Integrity I can depend.—

And here it will be proper to observe to your Lordships, that there is a great demand for Copper on this Island, for making Stills for distilling arrack, and for various other purposes. At present the Merchants have not any for sale, nor is there any in the Public Stores. I therefore beg leave to submit to your Lordships determination whether it would not be very necessary, or probably an object of some consequence to Government, to send a quantity of Bar or Sheet Copper to this place, in order to supply the demand, and thereby prevent the Copper Coin from being melted down.—

Since our Copper Money has come into circulation here, that of the Dutch has considerably fallen in value. I therefore wish that your Lordships would order a further supply to be sent to us by an early opportunity. And, in

consequence

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consequence of our increased expence, and
the present State of our Cash, I am
sorry to be obliged to urge the necessity of
our being soon provided with more Gold
and Silver.-

I leave the Honor to enclose
a letter No 1. from Lieutenant Rodgers
to the Adjutant General by which
your Lordship will see what a Revenue
Corps might be raised at this Station,
in the space of four Months. And should
Government determine on adopting this
plan, I know no Officer better qualified
to form and command such a Battalion
than Lieutenant Rodgers.-

Permit me here to draw your Lord-
:ships attention to the Dutch Prisoners
who have been taken on this Island,
and who are subsisted at a heavy expence
to Government at Madras. I would recom-
:mend such of those men, as are fit for
the Service being formed into two Corps
of 500 Men each: one of which might
be stationed here, and the other at
Trincomalé.-

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Toiseconale. If the number of good, efficient Men, required for those Corps, cannot be furnished from the Details, now at the Presidency, it would be easy to make up the deficiency by recruiting Malays at this place, who are sufficiently numerous, and who appear much disposed to come into our Service. Such Corps, well officered, would soon be fit for Service, and with the Reserve Battalion would enable Government to withdraw a considerable proportion of the other Native Detail now here to the Coast. I should have little doubt of their Fidelity provided the Officers appointed to Command them were men of temper and Integrity - for to reconcile them fully to a change of Masters the Malays must be treated with kindness and humanity and the strictest Justice observed in the arrangements for their Pay and Cloathing &c. Indeed so much will depend upon the Character of the Officers appointed to take charge of those Corps, that too much attention cannot be paid in selecting them: their being able to speak the Malay Language

would

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would be a recommendation that is rarely to be expected: but it will be absolutely necessary that they should understand and speak Portuguese.—

As it has not yet been possible to exonerate those from their several Charges who were entrusted with the Public property here, and as they will expect, while they continue to act in those Stations, to receive the same Pay as formerly, I request to be favoured with your Lordships Instructions concerning the people there employed.—

There are here many of Slaves, who belonged to the Dutch Com: many—many Persons condemned to suffer imprisonment for criminal offences, & some with, and many without limitation of time, and other Prisoners for capital offences, amounting in all to 286, whom we are obliged to subsist. Many of those Persons are so old and infirm, that they could not, if set at liberty, earn a main: tenance. Those who are able to work

are

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are employed in cleaning out the Fort and on other public Services: but the expence of feeding them, which is considerable, far exceeds the advantage of their Labor.-

The Clergy and other Ecclesiastical Servants have applied to me, in consequence of Article 18th of the Capitulation, for their Pay and Emoluments: and as it is probable I shall have a demand, of a similar nature, from the Governor and other Civil Servants, in consequence of the 16th Article, I request to be informed what answer I should return to such applications.-

The great part of the Funds appropriated to the support of the numerous poor of this place- of Widows and other indigent Persons- of the Orphan houses, of the Lazaretto- of the Hospitals and other charitable Institutions, arose from shares of certain Taxes, which were paid into those Funds by the Taxmasters, or Renters of Duties, as ascertained by the late Dutch Government of the

Several

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Fort St. George 25th April 1796 — No 1

Several Funds will prove inadequate to the charitable purposes of their Establishments if deprived of this assistance. —

I have the honor to enclose a List of Articles No 7 from which the Duties, set apart for the benefit of those different Institutions, arose, and request to be honored with directions from Government, whether those Taxes are still to be levied, and disposed as formerly, or whether any other mode is, in preference, to be adopted, for the support of the Indigent Persons depending for relief upon those Charities —

The enclosed Copy of my correspondence No 3. with the Court of Justice, and with Mr Van Angelbeck Junr lately 2d in Council, and Chief Administrator here, will inform your Lordships of the Salaries which I have proposed to grant in compliance with the Articles 3 and 4. of the Capitulation. Subject however to the approbation or rejection of Government. —

I have ordered Returns & a Statement of the Revenue, from the different

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different Garrisons of the Prisoners of War subsisted at each, and shall have the honor, as soon as those Returns are collected, to transmit to your Lordship a general abstract of the expence incurred by keeping the Officers and other Military Establishments of the Dutch on this Island, who are considered Prisoners of War.-

I have the honor to enclose an account No 4: of what is paid monthly to the Eastern State Prisoners agreeably to Article 21st of the Capitulation.-

I think it necessary to inform your Lordship that I have continued all the duties hitherto exacted by the Dutch upon Exports, prohibiting as they did, the exportation of Cinnamon, Pepper and Coffee, until I am honored with the further Commands of Government on this subject.-

The Dutch Duties upon Articles imported amounted in general to 15 ℔ Cent on the Invoice Cost. This I conceive to be a high duty, and the Merchants, who have lately come to this place from Madras, remonstrate against it, stating, as a Reason, their having already paid the Duties for exporting to our

Government

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Government. It is necessary that I should receive Instructions on this Subject, as soon as possible, to determine whether the Duty of 15 p Cent on all imports is to be continued or whether an abatement, and to what extent, should be made on Articles imported to this place from English Ports on the Coast, or elsewhere on account of an Export Duty having been already received on those Articles at the Ports from whence they were shipped—

I have for the present appointed Mr. MacDowall to collect the Duties here, finding the People employed in this business by the late Dutch Government neither able or willing to continue in their Situations: in consequence of which a very considerable Smuggling Trade, even in the Articles of Opium, which are positively prohibited, was likely to be established at this and the neighboring Ports.—

The Duties collected on Exports and Imports would essentially

assist

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assist in defraying the Expences of our Establish-
:ment, were there not a necessity for our
receiving them in Dutch Copper which
can, in very few Instances, be made use
of in our Spices for Payment, 'till it's value
or currency is established. Your Lordship
must be convinced of the absolute necessity
of something effectual being speedily de-
:termined on, with respect to the Dutch
Copper Money, as the greatest part of
the Revenues have hitherto been paid in
that Coin, and must continue to be
received, 'till a currency of our own be establish-
:ed in it's place: and if this currency be
our Copper Money, several Lacks of it will be
required to answer all the Demands of the Island.

And here Humanity obliges
me to suggest to your Lordship that, in
adopting measures to effect this object, atten-
:tion should be paid to the claims of those
whose little property is at present entirely
vested in Dutch Copper, and who must conse-
:quently suffer extreme distress should that
coin be permitted to circulate, in future,
only

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Fort S. George 26th April 1796.

only at its intrinsic value.

Before I conclude I find it further necessary to state to your Lordships the very serious inconveniency the Inhabitants of the Island suffer from their present situation, as you will observe by my Correspondence with the Courts of Justice.

That Court, by the Articles of Capitulation, can only decide upon such Causes as were before them, prior to the Surrender of this place and those must be determined within 12 Months after the date of that Event. All present the operations of the Dutch Laws stands suspended, and no English Court of Judicature is established to decide in Civil matters. Under these Circumstances there can be no transfer of private property, with any degree of Security: nor can the honest Creditor, though perhaps himself in distress, oblige his Debtor to pay what is justly due to him, and who may be dissipating the monies he possesses for that purpose.

In the event of any Person dying insolvent, no one will administer to, or take charge

of

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of the Estate for the benefit of the Creditors, because he cannot be vested with the legal authority which, in such cases, is necessary.-

A variety of similar cases daily occur, with an enumeration of which it is unnecessary to trouble your Lordship; to give any other redress than by recommending Patience. I therefore trust your Lordship will see the necessity of my being immediately instructed how I am to answer all applications of this nature.-

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

Head Quarters
Colombo 1st April 1796.

Major Agnew
Adjutant General

Sir,

In consequence of your
having directed me to enquire how far it
might be practicable to raise a Revenue
to defray the Charges of the Men formerly on

the

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Fort St. George 26th April 1796.

In Obedt. Service, I have the honor to enclose you a List of the Officers with their Lengths of Service &c. taken from the last information I have been able to collect, and I am of opinion that a Battalion of the same Strength and on the same footing as our Sepoys may be completed from those men, for the Service of the Island, provided such of the Officers and Non Commissioned Officers as have the best claims are admitted and a small proportion of Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers drafted to it from our regular Battalions for the purpose of drilling in the course of four Months from the time the order is made public here.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your

Obedt. Servt.

Columbo
the
2d. March 1796.

Signed J. Rodgers

P.S.

1762 Fort St. Augt. 26. April 1796.

P. S. To you whom

I have served with in the

same Corps and on the same

Service and who know

I have been in the line

of Adjutant above Two

years it may not be proper

for me to say I hope I

shall be considered a Person

for Promotion to be entrusted

with such a Corps and

such Brig leaves

to Solicit your Recom-

mendation to Colonel

Stuart.

Lieut

List of Native Officers formerly in the Service of the Dutch on the Island of Ceylon - Colombo 21st March 1796 --

Names	Rank	Company	Length of Service	Remarks
Mahomed Lawn	Subadar	1st	33 Years	At Jaffnapatam, his family at Colombo
Shaik Esmael	Lieut.	"	25 Years	Present
Seleiman Lawn	Subadar	"	16 Years	Son of Mahomed Lawn at Jaffna
Madar Lawn	Subadar	2	23 Years	At Chilliaw with his family
Victor Maas	Lieut.	"	20 Years	Do. Do.
Massanaboy	Ens.	"	9 Years	Do. Do.
Names Unknown	Subadar Lieut. Ens. Subadar Lieut. Ens.	Rajapoot Christian	7 Years	Came from Cochin about 7 Years ago, and three of the Officers Men are on the Island
Ernest	Lieut.	1 Company	6 Years	At Pannantivy
Soliman	Lieut.	1 Do.	6 Years	At Negombo
Baptist	Lieut.	1 Do.	5 Years	At Point de Gal
Hesterian Saleh	Subadar			
Woodian Marikan	Lieut.	Cholish	1 Year	
Hoosseny Marikan	Ens.		1 Year	
Ahmed Alem	Subadar		1 Year	
Sasay adeen	Lieut.	Cholet	1 Year	
Mowalan Marikan	Ens.		1 Year	
Moohadeen	Subadar	Cholish	9 Years	
Lavana Marakan	Subadar	Cholish	13 Months	Got his Commission for raising Men

These two Companies were Stationed at Colombo under Lieut. Shaik Esmael the Lieut. of them on the Island and the greater part Mariners --

These three Companies are composed of different Casts and are dispersed to be all on the Island --

Got their Rank for raising Men and are the greater part of them Lascarins and Mariners --

The Cholish Companys were formerly employed as Sepoys but Latterly as Pioneers & the Artillery --

NB. The pays of each Rank in the Dutch Service is as follows --

	Rixdollars per Month in Garrison	Rixdollars per Month on Service
Subadar	40	60
Lieutenants	26	31
Ensedars	20	31
Mariskaw	12	16
Naigues	8½	10½
Sepoys	6	9

/ Signed J. Rodgers

Copy of a Letter from Capt. Rodgers to Lt. Col. Stuart dated Colombo 21st March 1796 --

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Fort St. George 26. April 1796.—

Translation

A Statement of Duties appropriated to the Charitable Institutions at Columbo exclusive of their Several Funds in Cash which is Lent out at Interest.

A Duty of 3 Rix Dollars a thousand on Cinnamon Exported— a Duty of ½ Rix Dollar on each Package of Coffee Imported from Johanna and 12 Rix Dollars for each Leaguer of Arrack sold, these Duties amounted last Year to Rix Dollars ..... 3250 of which
The Military Funds get one half, the from the other ..... or Rix Dollars 2 1625
A Duty of 2 Stivers on each 100 Betle Nuts sold in the Bazar ..... 900.
The four ropes yearly found a Duty of 4 Stivers for each Rope ..... 121.
Cash paid for Fish bitten Casks paid a duty of ..... 100.
The 6 Rix Mixes found a duty of ..... 36.
Total Duties Rix Dollars .. 2782.

Besides the above duties the four funds have a Sum amounting to Rix Dollars 14,508. 41 Stivers at Interest
to the Company viz.t

viz.t To the Company at 8½ per Cent	.....	9660.
To Individuals at 6 per Cent	.....	2100.
Balance in Cash the 29th of last February	.....	2748. 41.
Total Rix Dollars		14508. 41.

From the above funds is Expended Monthly

Expence of 86 Children in the Orphans House	Rix Dollars	120. 2
	Parras of Rice	66.
	D.o of Salt	3.

Monthly Expence of the Poor Houses Rix Dollars 427. 24

The Leaguer Money Funds at Interest at 8½ per Cent amounting to Rix Dollars 27, 614. 24
of which Cent to the Company at 8½ per Cent Rix Dollars ..... 12600.
To Individuals at 6 per Cent ..... 14. 615.
Cash in hands the 29th of last February ..... 404. 24.
Total ... 27 614. 24.

But there was a sufficiency to pay the Interest of the above Sum for its Support.
The Monthly Expence amounts as under.

Rix Dollars	86
Parras of Rice	53
D.o of Salt	7.

with a proportionable quantity of Pepper &c.a

The Dutch Government besides allowed the Directors to demand yearly the necessary Sail Cloth for the use of the Orphan House and Lazaretto and other Necessaries at prime Cost from the Company's Warehouses.—

The Undermentioned funds or duties were paid for the Support of Widows, and other Indigent persons, amounting to .. 10th.—

From the Salt Renters a privilege per Month viz.a	200
paid Rix Dollars	60
The Ferryman of Pasi Negligam	15
With of Pasi Betual	10
The Bazar Master at Columbo	
Total Rix Dollars	275

Columbo
4. April 1796.—

Signed J. Stuart.

Translation

1765

Fort St. George 26th April 1766.

Translation

To the Honble James Stuart

Colonel and Chief on the part of His

British Majesty on the Island of Ceylon

Honble Sir,

I have the honour to return
you my most kind Thanks for the favorable
answer you were pleased to give my Letter,
which ever will encourage me to acquit my
duty.—

I also return you my humble
thanks for the Letter of M.r Stierokers at the
Cape of Good Hope which you have been so
obliging as to send me.—

I now take the Liberty of
presenting you a Petition of my Daughter,
and request humbly that you will please
to cast a favorable reflection on it, in order
that she may bring her concerns before the
Court of Justice here, against her deserted
Husband M.r Vanrolfsall, and Head by a Lawful
Divorce she may by Gods Help, be established
from her Indisposition which is an aliena-
tion on her breast, and which concerns by
the daily vexation she has with her Husband.

Captain

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Fort St. George 26th April 1796.–

Captain Macquarie will be so kind as to give you some further information with respect to the pitiful situation my Daughter is in, not to trouble you longer I will shorten this by assuring you of the esteem with which –

I have the honour to be

Sir Sir

Gale

the 28th March 1796.

[Signed] D. T. Fretz.

A true Copy

[Signed] J. Stuart.

Translation

To The Honble James Stuart

Colonel and Chief of the Islands of Ceylon

on the part of His British Majesty.–

Honble Sir,

Your honor's most humble Servant, Anna Diederica Fretz Inhabitant of Gale, and married for the second time with Mr. Pieter van Spall Junior, a Merchant, and former Secretary of this Place sheweth humbly that she finds herself in such an unhappy disharmony with her Husband that she is obliged to take her refuge to the

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Fort St. George 26th April 1796.

The Court of Justice to obtain a Divorce, in order by that means not only to be restored to her Liberty and Reputation, but to prevent that she, and the two Children of her former Husband may not hereafter be lost, and as the Honourable Court of Justice of this Place may not accept of my reasons without qualification from you, It is therefore that your Petitioner takes the Liberty to request humbly to authorize the said Court of Justice in order that her causes may be accepted, and that she may obtain short and good Right according to the Dutch Laws for which you & petitioner will ever be thankful.—

which doing &c.

A true Copy

/Signed/ A. D. Frota

/Signed/ C. Stuart

In answer to the Petition of Anna Diderica Frota, the Wife of Mr. Pieter Baas Upsall Farmer, Merchant, and late Secretary at Galle, Colonel James Stewart Commanding in Ceylon

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respectfully to acquaint you, and by the powers
given you as Authority and Licence to the Court
of Justice of Galle, to take cognizance of and
determine upon a Complaint to be preferred
by her against her said Husband, in the
same manner as if the said complaint
had been made, and a Suit instituted
prior to the Capitulation of Colombo, by
which the Fort of Galle and the remaining
Possessions of the Dutch were surrendered
to His Britannic Majesty - Provided al-
ways that the process shall be conducted
and judgement given according to the
Dutch Laws which were in force prior
to the Surrender of the Island of Ceylon,
and which are confirmed by the Capi-
tulation as regards the Civil
Suits therein pending in the Court of Justice
aforesaid -

Given under my hand at Head Quarters
in Colombo this 2d day of March 1796.

I Signed J. Stuart

A true Copy

I Signed J. Stuart

1769

Fort St. George 26th April 1796.-

To D. T. Fretz Esqr.

late Commandant at Point de Galle &c. &c. &c.

Sir

I have had the honor to be favored with your letter dated the 18th Instant inclosing a petition from your daughter [illegible] and now send an Order empowering the Court of Justice to proceed upon and to determine the cause but I am not certain that a Divorce obtained in consequence of this permission, will be perfectly legal. The complaint having been preferred after the Capitulation I should suppose as performed that after the Articles of Capitulation were signed, all the possessions formerly held by the Dutch on the Island became subject to the British authority, consequently subject to the British laws and that the Dutch laws are no longer in force except in the particular instances specially provided for by the Articles of Capitulation.-

Head Quarters
Colombo 26th March 1796.-

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

[Signed] D. Stuart

Actg Secy
[Signed] D. Stuart

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Fort St. George 26th April 1796.-

To, M. Van Angelbeck

&c. &c. &c.

Colonel Stuart on conveying the Statement of allowances formerly granted by the Dutch Government to their Servants, with what proposed for the Administrator's office for the purpose of superintending the books of the Company agreeably to the 3d Article of the Capitulation has resolved to grant (till the pleasure of the Madras Government is known) the sum of fifteen hundred Rupees Monthly for the expences of that Department, which Mr Van Angelbeck will distribute in such manner as he deems proper to those of the Dutch Companies late Servants whom he may find necessary to employ.-

On the same principle the sum of four hundred Rupees Per Month will be allowed, subject to the same conditions for the Expences of the Secretary's Office, which necessarily employed in making

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Fort St. George 26th April 1796.-

To D. T. Sneyd Esqr

Late Commandeur at Point de Galle &c. &c. &c.

Sir

I have the honor to be favored with
your letter dated the 18th Inst. enclosing
a petition from your daughter, and now
send an Order requiring the Court of Justice
to proceed in your and to determine the case
but I am not certain that a Divorce, obtained
in consequence of this permission, will be
perfectly legal. The complaint having
preferred after the Capitulation - I therefore
referred that after the Articles of Ca-
pitulation were signed, all the Inhabitants
formerly held by the Dutch on the Island
became subject to the British authority,
consequently subject to the British laws,
and that the Dutch Laws are no lon-
ger in force except in the particular
instances specially provided for by the
Articles of Capitulation. -

Head Quarters
Colombo 26th March 1796.-

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

To

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Fort St. George 26th April 1796.-

To, W. Van Angelbeck
Esq.r Esq.r Esq.r

Colonel Stuart on comparing the Statement of allowances formerly granted by the Dutch Government to their Servants, with that proposed for the Administrator's office for the purpose of superintending the books of the Company agreeably to the 3d Article of the Capitulation was resolved to grant (till the pleasure of the Madras Government is known) for the expences of that Department, which Mr Van Angelbeck will distribute in such manner as he deems proper to those of the Dutch Companies late Servants whom he may find necessary to employ.—

On the same principle the sum of five hundred Pagodas Per Month will be allowed, subject to the same conditions for the Expences of the Secretary's Office, which necessarily employed in making

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Fort St. George 26. April 1796.-

The Copies of Papers Required for Mr. Dan. Angelbeck the late Governor and completing the Books of that Office.-

Columbo
the
22. March 1796.-

[Signed] J. Stuart.

Translation

The 1500 Rupees which Colonel Stuart allowed provisionally till the pleasure of the Madras Government should be known to the Servants employed in settling the Commercial Books, according to the 3d. Article of the Capitulation the partition of which Colonel Stuart Referred to the Undersigned differs almost the half with the Statement of the Payments which the Undersigned formed at the desire of Major Agnew, on according to that Statement the Salaries of those Servants that would have been employed in that work amounts to Rupees 2620. This great difference makes it impossible for the undersigned to take upon him the partition of the said Money agreable

to

1772 Fort St. George 26th April 1796.

Lt Colonel Stuarts desire, and besides the
undersigned was never charged in the
Batch last Indian Company's Govern-
ment with such sorts of Payments
and Particulars, and as the undersigned
stated by the proposed Payments those
persons who merit to be recompensed
more than the others, he therefore requests
that Colonel Stuart himself will
be so kind as to limit how much shall
be paid Monthly to each of the Servants
employed in that Work.—

The undersigned
knows with respect to what Colonel
Stuart stated by his Note respecting
the Payment of the Servants employed
in the Secretary's Office, that it does
in no way deserved upon his Request.
except that what Mr Dan Tetter the
Secretary has the entire management of
it.—

Columbo the 30th March 1796.

Signed C. Van Angelbeek.

A true Copy
Signed J. Stuart

Translation

1773 Fort St. George 26th April 1774.

Translation

To Colonel Stuart

&c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

We have received the 23d. Instt
in our Council your Letter of the 16th enclosing
an Extract of the Capitulation &c. so far
concerns our Fort for which we return
you our Thanks and we give you Assurance that all
possible Care and Attention must be
exerted as formerly in our Power for the
Benefit of the Garrison of which we have stated
that it may have been duly apprized that
from your Orders. We therefore are
sorry you have Cause to complain of
Neglect in our Commissary of Stores
in not supplying you with Carriage
to have them brought to the Fort required by
us which Matters we are to go to work and

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who is to subscribe with the said Warrant.

We take the liberty to present you herewith Copies of Power & Instructions presented to us by the Secretary Sworn Clerk, Assistants, Bailiffs, and Interpreters of our Court, by which they shew that they are unable to continue their Service any longer as they have had no Salary to subsist since the first of February last, praying that they may have a Suitable Monthly Allowance, and as they have thus far been paid by the Dutch East India Company, we request that you will please to grant them a Regular Monthly Allowance of Subsistence.

We have the honor to be,

Sir &c &c

Edwards

to

the 26th March 1796.

Signed by the President and Members of the Court of Justice of the Fort of Colombo, and in their Meeting Present

Signed C. J. Idè
Sworn Clerk

a true Copy
Signed C. J. Stuart

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To the President and Members of the Council of
Justice of the Fort of Colombo

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter
of the 26th Instant, signed on your Behalf
by your Sworn Clerk Mr. [illegible] I have
to inform you that I shall confirm
by my Signature on the Deed of Sale
the validity of all Instruments usually
executed on it for which purpose I desire
that the Stamps required may be sent

The usual Payments on
Instruments are to be made to the Secretary
of the Court of Justice, who will keep a
Regular Account of the Same, and deliver
it Monthly to a Person I shall appoint
for that purpose.

The Obstacles of Opi-
nion which warrant the continuance
of the Authority of the Court of
Justice as a Matter of convenience
to the Inhabitants of the Districts
of which Jurisdiction at the time of
the Surrender of Colombo to the
British

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British Government are not bound for the payment of any expence attending the Establishment. As it is expected however that the Stamps and other duties on the transactions in which the interference of the Court is necessary, will be more than sufficient to pay the Officers employed in that Department, I am to authorize the Secretary to issue from the Cash received by him on that head, the same Salaries which have usually been paid to those employed in the Department. and they will be considered as entitled to the fees of office hitherto authorized. but as the business of the Court is confined to causes already before them, I think that one Secretary, one Sworn Clerk, two assistants, and a Messenger will be a sufficient Establishment. —

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

Colombo
28. March 1796.

A true Copy
(Signed) G. Stuart.

Statement

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Fort St. George 26th April 1796.

Statement of the Monthly allowance paid to the Eastern or Malay Prince Prisoners of State at Columbo.

1st April 1796.

27 Families Receive Monthly, Rice .. Paras .. 370

Money including an allowance of Salt, and Pepper to each family converted into Cash agreeably to the prices of the United Company .. Rix Dollars .. 696

The above has been paid to them since the 16th February last

Columbo
1st April 1796.

Signed J. Stewart

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From Colonel Stewart with Captain Bowyer's reply to the petition of the six Moorish Merchants.

I have been honored with Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter dated the 25th Ultimo, and now enclose a letter received from Captain Bowyer, who commanded the Expedition against Calpentyne, assigning the reasons which induced him to consider the Grain claimed by the Moorish Merchants, as legal Prize from which it would appear that those

Moors

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Fort St. George 26th April 1796.-

When ever any Circumstances of Danger engaged us as Citizens, Soldiers to the Interests of Government, under whose Protection they Lived, at the very time when they were giving every assistance in their Power to the Enemies of that Government.-

Mr Mac Donald having reported to me that he was not Capable sufficient to pay the Troops three months Allowances, or to answer other incidental demands which may be made, pursuant me to draw your Bills for such Sums to their Commissaries, and to represent the necessity of standing some Money by Loand to this Station, in order to prevent the disappointment and distress to which the Troops and Service may be exposed by the want of so necessary an Article.-

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Head Quarters Colombo

26 April 1796.-

Signed S. Stewart.-

Captain

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Captain Turing
&c.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant enclosing a Petition for my perusal.

The Paddy and Rice as mentioned in that Petition I captured at the taking of Calpentee, and agreeable to the Instructions I received from Colonel Stuart, had the whole of the Grain removed to Manaar and at various times it has been issued to the Troops.

The Inhabitants claim the Grain, seem sensible of it being forfeited that which I gave at Manaar, they offered me the Grain, at any Price I might think proper to give them, and also, made other offers, to induce me to address Colonel Stuart in a favorable manner, in order that the Grain might be given up to them.

It was my Duty, therefore,

to

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in undertaking the Exploit to Calpen-
tere, in order to intercept their Grain,
as there, very Specific, had previous to
my Arrival, sent vast quantities of Grain
to Colombo. and from their general
Conduct they ought not / agreeable to
my Opinion / to be allowed any indemni-
fication whatever.-

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

Colombo
April 11. 1796.-

/ Signed / T. Boswell
Captain

To Major General Clarke
Commanding in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

From Colonel Stuart
to General Clarke
reporting certain
appointments
made by him.-

I have the honor to inform
you, that in consequence of Lieutenant
Limerick having found it necessary
to apply for leave to proceed to the Coast
on Account of ill health, I appointed
Lieutenant Kerr, of his Majesty's 73d
Regiment to act as Deputy Judge Ad-
vocate to the Troops on the Island of Ceylon
from the 21st. Instance till further orders.-

after

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After Captain Barbut assumed the Command of Jaffnapatam, Captain Lt. and Captains Ferguson to take Charge of the Fort and Garrison of Manar, and not conceiving a Fort Adjutant longer necessary at that Station, I removed Lieutenant Campbell of his Majesty's 73 Regiment from thence to be Fort Adjutant in Colombo, where such an officer appeared to me much wanted to assist the Town Major in discharging the duties of his Office. Sergeant Dould of his Majesty's 73. Regiment I appointed Sergeant Major of the Garrison of Colombo from the 1. Instant.-

Lieutenant Colonel Bonneveaux having represented to me that the Barracks and some other Public Buildings at Point de Galle, stand in need of Repair, I have directed Engr. Lt. Haviland of the Engineers to be stationed at that place, for the purpose of superintending the Repairs that may appear absolutely necessary, before the sickning in of the rains.-

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I Request you will report
these Observations to Government, for
their Approval, and Have the Honorable
Head Quarters &c. &c. &c.
in Colombo 12th April 1796.

(Signed) J. Stuart.

Resolved that the following
Letter be written to Colonel Stuart, and
answer to the Foregoing.—

To Colonel James Stuart
Commanding the British Forces in the
Island of Ceylon

Sir,

To Colonel Stuart in reply to the three foregoing letters

I am directed by the Right
Honble the President in Council, to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your Letters dated the
4th and 12th instant, and to acquaint you,
that having given to the Subject of the
Dollar Money, the most mature consider-
ation, his Lordship has finally determined
as follows.—

That all receipts and
Payments on account of Government of....
Government, shall be calculated in the
.....
Dollars, Ceylon Currency, at the rate of forty
eight

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eighty /80/ Dutch Doodies or Stivers for Rix Dollar, and that the Dutch Copsuse Doodies or Stivers of the late Government of Ceylon, shall be permitted to circulate accordingly at that rate.—

That the English East India Company's Copsuse Coin now in circulation, on the Island, shall be estimated, the larger, as one Dutch Doodie or Stiver and the smaller at half that value, and all accounts kept accordingly.—

That no alteration shall be made in the Proportions now established of our Copsuse Coin to the Star Pagoda, and that the Dutch Doodie or Stiver, shall be issued at the same rate, Viz.t one hundred and eighty /180/ for one Star Pagoda.—

That in every Payment to the Troops serving in Ceylon, when Specie is issued, it shall be at the above mentioned exchange, and with a view to accommodate them, if the Troops so may require Gold or Silver for the Sum due, particular, not the Produce of the Island, the Paymaster shall be authorized to draw Bills in their favor,

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favor, on the Military Paymaster General at the Presidency, for sums not exceeding their Monthly pay, for which the Paymaster will receive Cash per from them, at the same exchange fixed for the issue.— It is to be carefully understood that this indulgence is on no account whatever to be extended, except to Troops under your Command, and the Civil Servants of the British East India Company.—

That on the removal of any Corps from the Island, a similar indulgence will be granted for the amount of Cash per Money, issued on account of pay, and actually in possession of the Corps, on application from the Commanding Officer to the Paymaster at Ceylon.—

That in case the Paymaster should be at any time in want of Cash per Money for his indispensable disbursements, he shall be at liberty to take up the amount as required from the Agents for Captured Property, passing a Receipt and making the Government of Fort St. George answerable

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to State Prisoners, and Public Slaves, to remain as at present.—

The duties on Exports and Imports should remain as before; but the Inhabitants of the Island will be allowed to trade to any of the Company's Ports under this Presidency, upon terms, as favorable to them, as to British Subjects.—

The President in Council desires that no measure may be taken for the present with regard to the Slaves on the Island of Ceylon.— If the Island should revert to the Dutch, it would answer no good purpose to emancipate the Slaves, by an act of the British Government, and, if it be ceded to us, the question will be more proper for discussion at that time.—

For the reasons assigned by Captain Bowen, and which are supported by your opinions, the President in Council has resolved, that the six Grain Merchants, who signed a Petition to his Lordship, are not entitled to any indemnification.—

Orders

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Orders have been sent to Mr. Andrews to furnish from Manaar for the use of the Paymaster at Colombo, such quantity of Specie as he may have collected on account of the Pearl Fishery, but the excessive injury which must arise from the Drain of Specie from the Coast, renders it of the utmost importance, that you should issue as little as possible, and it is expected that the orders, which you now receive on the subject of the Copper Money, will precludes the necessity of you receiving any further supply of Gold or Silver.—

The appointments you have judged it necessary to make, as notified in your letter to the Commander in Chief, under date the 12th Ultimo, are approved and confirmed by this Government.—

On the Subject of Lieutenant Colonel Bourmans application to you, respecting repairs to the quarters at Point de Galle, I am directed to acquaint you, that, it is the desire of the President in Council, that no expence be entered into

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on Account of buildings or repairs on the Island of Ceylon, that may not be indispensably necessary, for the immediate accommodation of the Troops, with a view to the possibility of a Surrender of the possessions to the Dutch, at the conclusion of a general peace, which, by the latest accounts from Europe, seems not to be far distant.—

You are to understand, and if necessary, publickly to announce, that all Civil as well as Military authority is vested in you. The Civil Servants of the Company who have been appointed in the Provinces, and Commercial lines, have indeed been officially informed of it, and although they have been instructed to correspond directly with this Government, they are ordered to consider you as their immediate Superior, and liable to obey any directions you may think proper to issue for the advancement of the publick Service.—

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The President in Council is satisfied that you will give Thos. Fort. Wm. Robert Andrews in the Revenue and Wm. Joseph Greenhill in the Commercial Line, with this despatches whereon Sta: tioned every assistance that may be re: quisite in the execution of the respective Duties, belonging to their several Departments.—

I have the honor to be

Sir &c. &c.

Signed W. C. Jackson Secy.

Fort St. George
26th April 1796.

Read the following letter from Bengal.—

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

My Lord,

Para 1 We have been honored with your letter of the 12th February last with Copy of the Treaty concluded with the King of Candia, and the other papers mentioned to be enclosed.—

From Bengal on the subject of the Candian Treaty. requests to know the situation in which the King of Candia stood with respect to the Dutch; in order if any Treaties or Engagement on the part of the latter.—

Wells

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2d With respect to the Treaty we have only to observe, that as it has been concluded subject to the ratification of the Court of Directors, it remains with them to confirm or reject it, as they may think proper.—

3d As it may be essentially necessary known to enable the Honble Court, and his Majesty's Ministers, to form their determination respecting the Treaty, that they should be furnished with accurate information respecting the Situation in which the King of Candia stood with respect to the Dutch, either in virtue of specific Treaties or engagements, or long established assumed authority on the part of the latter, we recommend you to forward to the Honble Court as early as possible, all the information necessary for the complete elucidation of these points, and we request that you will also transmit this information to us, that we may offer to the Honble Court any remarks that may occur to us respecting it.—

We

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4th We request also to be informed whether in the event of all the Dutch possessions and rights, as held and existing at the commencement of the late Hostilities being restored to them, or a general Peace, there would remain any ports or places on the Sea Coast, that could be ceded to us by the 9th Article of the Treaty, consistently with the Engagements with the Dutch, or what they may claim as their Rights, that you will be pleased to point out to us any such ports or places, and acquaint us how far from Situation, or other Circumstances, they would answer the purposes of their intended Cession.

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort William
the 26th April 1796.

(Signed) J. Shore
" P. Speke
" Wm Cowper

Minute thereon

Ordered that the substance of the foregoing Letter be communicated to Colonel Stuart, and that he be desired

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To see every measure on his Power to procure
the Information called for by the Supreme
Government

Read the following Letter
from the Accountant General.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord,

From Mr Wolff
Submitting a Comparative Statement
of the proposals for
Army Clothing &
Accoutrements.

Agreeably to your Lordships
directions contained in Mr Jackson's
Letter of the 5th Instant, I have now the
honor to enclose a Comparative Statement
of proposals for clothing the Troops,
calculated on a Statement of the Strength
of the Army received from the Adjutant
General, by which it appears, that
Mr James Sutherland's proposals
are the lowest, and he offers for
his Security, Mr Brodie and Mr
Cafsin, but he makes no Stipula-
tions for the rate to be paid for Cloathing
the Provincial Troops, the numbers of
which appear by the Adjutant Generals
Statement to be 2007 Privates -

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By the Hero, Mr. Cecil Smith is the lowest, and he offers Messrs. Shaw, Sworll and Shaw, for his Security, he also Stipulates the rates for providing Cloathing for the Bengal Troops nearly at the same rates as for the native Infantry.-

The rates of Mr. George Garrow's proposals exceeding considerably the other proposals in almost every article, and Shaw Mercala Sail Showing deviated from the tenor of the advertizement, in not naming the Securities, it was evidently unnecessary to lose time in calculating their account for the Comparative Statement.

Fort St. George
Accountant Generals
Office 26th April 1796.-

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(Signed) Robert Woolf
Accountant General

European

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	Mr. Cicil Smiths Proporate	Mr. George Garrows Proporate	Mr. James Sutherlands Proporate

Brought Forward

European Infantry Invalids.

Serjeant Major	3	16	70	3	26	40	3	6	—
Quarter Master Serjeant	3	16	70	3	26	40	3	6	—
Serjeant	2	16	70	2	16	—	2	2	—
Corporal	1	19	55	1	23	—	1	13	—
Private	3	16	70	3	23	40	3	3	—
Drummer and Fifer Major	1	22	40	1	23	—	1	18	—
Drummer and Fifer	7	33	60	3	12	40	3	10	—
Native Cavalry Effective.									
Serjeant Major	7	33	60	8	4	—	8	8	—
Quarter Master Serjeant	7	33	60	8	4	—	8	8	—
Serjeant	7	33	60	8	4	—	8	8	—
Jubadar	1	22	40	1	28	—	1	19	—
Jemadar	1	5	50	1	10	—	1	3	—
Havildar	1	5	50	1	9	—	1	3	—
Naigue	1	5	50	1	9	20	1	4	—
Private	7	33	50	7	11	40	8	—	—
Drum Major	1	5	50	1	9	20	1	4	—
Trumpeter Major	1	5	50	1	10	—	1	3	—
Drummer	13	6							
Farrier Major									
Farrier	8	22	40	10	10	—	10	—	—
Saddler	8	22	40	10	10	—	10	—	—
Paukalla	8	22	40	10	10	—	10	—	—
Governor's Body Guard.	1	22	40	1	34	—	1	30	—
Serjeant Major									
Quarter Master Serjeant									
Serjeant									
Jubadar									
Jemadar									
Havildar									

Carried forward

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Mess.rs Brown's and Ashton's Proposals.-	Mr. William Dowry's Proposals	Stevens Mesabi's Proposals.	Numbers	Mr. Lieut Smith's	Mr. Luther: Lewis's	Mess.rs Brown's and Ashton's	Mr. King's Total
				Total	Total.	Total	
				Pag.s ₹ C	Pag.s ₹ C	Pag.s ₹ C	Pag.s ₹ C
				3912. 11. 20	3676. 57 .	4087. 36. 64	3981. 4: -
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	3. 35: .	3 5: 50					
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1 27 40	1. 20 .	1 28. 10	19	28. 22. 40	26. 27 .	28. 22. 40	27. 20. .
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1 36 40	1 25 .	1. 22: 40	120:	135 . .	128 . .	165 18	136 . .
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9 25 70							
	7 20 .	7 33. 60					
1 25. 23							
	1 12 .	1. 2. 65.	30				
8 20. 40	7. 20. .	7 33 60					
1 16 28	1 12 .	1 2. 65.	30	33. 33 60.	32. 30. .	40. 40. 40	38 . .
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8 44. 42							
	10. 21 .	8 22	40 5 .	42. 22. 40	50. . .	44: 42. 60	52: 15 .
2 10. 48	1 32 .	1 28. 10	9 .	14. 28 10	15 . .	20. 6. 32	15. 18 .
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	Mr. Caird	Mr. Grey	Mr. James
	Sinclair	Farrow	Sutherland's
	Proposals	Proposals	Proposals

Brought forward

Artillery Gun Lascars.

Syrang				1	16	70	1	23		1	16	
1st Tindal				1	11	20	1	7		1	1	
2d Ditto				1	6	60	1	7			46	
Lascar				1	2	65	1	5			42	
Pankwallee				1	2	65	1	5			42	

Native Infantry Invalids.

Serjeant Major				2	11	20	2	25		2		
Quarter Master Serjeant				2	11	20	2	25		2		
Commandant							3	17				
Serjeant				2	11	20	2	24		2		
Subadar				3	6	50	3	4		3		
Jamadar				1	11	20	1	13	40	1	11	
Havildar				1	6	50		43			39	
Naigue					36	45		41			37	40
Sepoy					36	45		39			37	
Drummer and Fifer				1	22	40	1	23		1	18	
Native Doctor					36	45		46			37	
Pankwallee					36	45		41			37	

Artillery Invalid Gun Lascars.

Syrang				1	11	20	1	22		1	10	
1st Tindal				1	6	60	1	6			47	
2d Tindal				1	6	60	1	6			40	
Lascar				1	2	66	1	1			33	
Pankwallee				1	2	65	1	1			38	

Carried forward

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Mast. Brown's and Assistants Proposals	Mr. William Dring's Proposals	Clerks Moralahsis Proposals	Remarks	Mr. Cecil Smiths Total	Mr. Lattin-land Total	Mast. Brown's and Assistants Total	Mr. Dring Total
				Pag. F. C.	Pag. F. C.	Pag. F. C.	Pag. F. C.
				30,654. 28. 10	29,826, 24.	40. 32,699. 13.	31. 31,218. 14 --
1 25 60	1 26	1 11 20	30	41 11 20	40. 30	47 7 40	47 15 -
1 6 62	1 5	1 6 50	60	75	61 15	64 1 40	66 30 --
1 4 20	1 5	1 5 50	60	67 22 40	58. 30	65 30	66 30 --
1 1 20	1 7	1 2 65	1680	1785	1568.	1726. 30	1764. 30 --
1 1 20	1 2	1 2 65	30	31 39 30	28	30 37 40	31 16 --
3 25 26	2 21	2 5 50					
	2 21	2 6 60					
3 33 60	3 10		6				
1 38 78	2 21	2 6 60					
3 3 60	3	3 5 50	164	512. 22. 40	492	505. 30	402. -- --
1 24 68	1 16	1 11 20	101	126. 11. 26	125. 31	156. 34. 68	136. 41 --
1	" 40 "	1 5 50	433	587 5 50	375 12	433	384. 40 --
" 38 20	" 38 40	36 45	184	149 22 40	153. 15	156 18	157. 19 --
38	38	36 45	1105	897 36 45	905 28	933. 5	933. 5 --
1 30 20	1 19	1 28 10	27	40 22 40	37 36	45. 6 60	38 18 --
	38	36 45					
38	38	36 45	7	5 30	75 5	34 5	41 6 41 --
1 24	1 18	1 11 20	6	7 22 40	7 15	9 9	8 18 --
	1 2	1 5 50	5	5 28 10	4 30	5 2 40	5 10 --
1 " 40	1 2	1 5 50	7	2 11 20	1 35	2 1	2. 4. --
	40	1 2 65	43	45 30	75 36	14 43 21 40	38 10 --
	40	1 2 65					
				34,935. 30	75. 33,731. 28.	40. 36,934. 19	38. 35,387. 25 --

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	Mr. Lieut. Smiths Proposals	Mr. George Gowans Proposals	Mr. James Sutherland's Proposals	Mr. [illegible] Proposals
Brought forward				
Governors Body Guard (Continued)				
Naigue	1 11 20	1 16	1 30	2 10
Private	1 5 60	1 15	1 5	1 16
Troop Sergeant Major	8 11 20	10 30		
Trumpeter	1 11 20	1 28	1 13	
Farrier Major	7 11 40			
Farrier	1 11 20	1 25	1 13	
Drum Major				10 28
Drummer and Fifer	1 11 20	1 14	1 13	1 25
Native Doctor	1 5 50	1 14	1 30	
Paukanellee	1 5 50	1 4	1 5	1 16
Native Infantry Effective				
Sergeant Major	4 11 20	4 16	4	4 39
Quarter Master Sergeant	4 11 20	4 16	4	
Sergeant	2 11 20	2 18	2 7	2 27
Subadar	3 11 20	2 10	3	3 36
Jamadar	1 33 60	1 36	1 23	1 37
Havaldar	1 11 20	1 4	1	1 35
Naigue	36 45	42	37	37
Sepoy	36 45	39 40	36 40	37
Drum Major				6 40
Drummer and Fifer	1 27 40	1 26	1 19	1 30
Native Doctor	36 45	42 40	36 40	
Pauhalle	36 45	42 40	38 40	37
Carried forward				

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Brownis tons ale..	Mr. William Downg's Proposals	Thirteen Mercala Gaibs Proposals	Numbers	Mr. Cecil Smiths Total	Mr. Lieut. Larrés Total	Mrs. Brownis and Aitons Total	Mr. Downg's Total
				Pags. 7 C	Pags. 7 C	Pags.	Pags. 7 C
				7193. 2. 65.	7,436. 42.—.—	8,520 9.—4.	7917.—60.—
				11. 11. 20.	15.—.—.—	20.—5.	32.—15.—18.—
48 1.	37.—.—.—	1.—5.—50.	9				
				153.—.—.—	151.—5.—.—	135. 18. 48	172.—12.—
28 1.	12.—.—.—	1.—2.—65.	136				
11.	20.—.—.—	8.—5.—50.					
1.	20.—.—.—	1.—5.—50.	2				
1.	28.—.—.—	1.—5.—50.	1				
40							
3 1	20.—.—.—	1.—5.—50.	2	2.—.—.—	2.—27.—40.—2.—26.—.—	3.—5.—6.—2.—10.—	
1	12.—.—.—	1.—2.—65.					
28 1	12.—.—.—	1.—2.—65.	2	2.—11.—20.—2.—10.—.—		2.—32.—56.—2.—24.—	
4	15.—.—.—	4.—5.—50.					
60							
4	15.—.—.—	4.—5.—50.					
78 2	14.—.—.—	2.—5.—50.	108	243.—.—.—	232.—36.—.—	283. 6 24	249.—27.—
20 3	4.—.—.—	3.—5.—50.	288	936.—.—.—	864.—.—.—	1096.—.—.—	889. 27.—
20 1	30.—.—.—	1.—28.—10.	288	504.—.—.—	435.—9.—.—	526.—18.—.—	480.—.—.—
10 1..	1.—.—.—	1.—5.—50.	1152	1440.—.—.—	1157.—.—.—	2051.—9.—	1177. 27.—
70 .	38.—.—.—	40 . 36.	45 1152	936.—.—.—	947.—9.—.—	969. 27.—	985. 27.—
20.—.—	38.—.—.—	36.	45 21981	17859. 25. 25	57829.—1.—40	18196.—57.—20	18561. 33.—.—
78							
76 1	20.—.—.—	1.—22.—40	360	540.—.—.—	512.—.—.—	607.—27.—	520.—.—.—
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	Mr. Neil Smiths Proposals	Mr. George Farrers Proposals	Mr. Jones Sutherlands Proposals	Majr. Brooms and Allens Proposals
Brought forward				
Pioneer Corps.				
Serjeant	2 11 20	2 15	30 2 15	
Subadar	3 2 65	3 1		
Jamadar	1 11 20	1 19	2 15	3 30 60
Havaldar	42 15	1 2	39	1 13 20
Naigues	36 45	1	38	
Peons	36 45	43	38	1 20
European Artillery Effective Long Coats...				
Serjeant Major		7	18	6 30 18
Quarter Master Serjeant		7	18	6 30 18
Serjeant		6 16 48		6 3 9
Corporal		3 1		3 10 10
Gunners		2 15 58		
Matrosses		2 15 58		2 10 58
Pioneers		2 15 58		
Drummer and Fifer Major		8 17 10		7 32 10
Drummers and Fifers		3 6 68		2 43 68

Not included in the above amounts —

Mr. Dring Jun.
Majr. Broom
Mr. Smith
Mr. Sutherland
Mr. Smith
Mr. Brown

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Mr. William Dring's Prof.s on the	Sirrear Mendahdeb's Proposals	Remarks	Mr. Cecil Smith's Total	Mr. Arthur Lewis's Total	Mess.rs Bowie and Ashton's Total	Mr. Dring's Total
			Pag.s F c	Pag.s F c	Pag.s F c	Pag.s F c
			34935. 30	33731. 28. 40	36931. 19	38. 35. 37 25. --
2 10	6					
2 40						
1 18	6		7 22 40	14	22 4 40	8 18
1	18		16. 39 30	15 27	23 13 40	18
1	18		14 28 10	15 9	18 4 40	15 27
39	18					
39	600		487 22 40	640	603 15	520
	Pag.s		35462. 8.	35. 34. 416. 19. 40	37601. 11.	78. 36949. 25
6 20	2					
6 20	1					
5 20						
2 42						50
1 43						100
1 43						620
						20
8 30						"
2 17						20

Memorandum

Pagodas to make long Coats for the Artillery amounting to Pag.s	1876.	20
and Ashton for those to make Ditto Ditto	2119.	6 20
for those to make Jackets for Ditto amounting to	1415.	36. 60
D.o D.o	1756.	20
D.o D.o for the Revenue Corps D.o	1973.	42 55
D.o D.o for D.o D.o	1827.	14 76

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Errors Excepted
/ Signed / Robert Woolf
Asst to Jun.r

Ordered

1805

Fort St. George 26th April 1796.—

Ordered to lie on the Table.—

Substance of a letter from Lieutenant Copeland of the 1st Battalion.—

The Commander in Chief submits to the Board an application entered in M. B. N° 154 B/ from Lieutenant Copeland of the 1st European Battalion to be furnished after having served the Honorable Company Nine Years. He was a few Months since obliged to quit Major Roberts's Detachment from being unable to serve with it owing to debility and a complication of Disorders, as appears from the Certificate he has now transmitted.—

Though apparently worn out in constitution,— yet not being above ten years, he may probably recover so far as to be capable of Garrison duty, on which account the Commander in Chief would recommend his request to the favorable consideration of Government.—

Approved and ordered accordingly.—

Read the following Letters from the Officer Commanding the Nizam's Detachment and from the Resident at Hyderabad.—

1806

Fort St. George 26th April 1796.

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir,

From Captain Dalrymple with his Correspondence containing the particulars of the Attack made against a Pachore.

I have the honor to forward to you herewith for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council a Correspondence in continuation between the Resident at His Highness the Nizam's Court and myself, which I have to request you will be so good to lay before His Lordship.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Dalrymple
Capt. Comt.

Camp at Pachore
26th April 1796.

Captain James Dalrymple
Commanding the
Ellore Detachment

Sir,

I have this moment had the honor to receive your Letter of the 29th Instant in answer to which I shall at present confine to expressing my approbation of the reply which you gave to Gholaam Hussain Khans Letter to you.

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Fort S. George 26th April 1796.

I understand Head orders have been sent to assemble all Horses to raise the Honorable Corps, I should be obliged to you to endeavour to ascertain what proportion there is for this Regt.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Signed Wm Kirkpatrick

Hydrabad
2d April 1796

P.S. I have the pleasure to transmit an answer from the Begum to your late letter to his Highness.

Adjutt Genl

Signed Jed. Hardyman
Major of Brigade

Captain Wm Kirkpatrick
Resident &c

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 26th and 30th ultimo and of the 2d Instant. Enclosed is the most circumstantial List I could obtain of the Party under Mr Clements, amongst whom I have not been able to find out as yet any Deserters from our Service. Mr Clements seems to be perfectly satisfied

1803

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with the Arab Service, and declares he never had an intention or wish to be entertained by Mons.r Raymond. He was for some time in the Service of Delawar and Dawlah at Gundecottah, and afterwards in that of the Shahdapoor Rajah, with whom, he says, he has had at times from 3 to 500 Europeans under him.— He has shewn to Captain Mackay the offers made him by the Vizier, and also by the Berar Rajah.—

Upon receipt of your Letter of the 30th and read every thing I could on the subject of apprehending fugitive Europeans passing thro' this District.— He with the utmost readiness wrote a Letter in my presence to his Relations at Kurpah, which he gave me to copy and dispatch by my own Harcarahs.— and Copy of it is inclosed for your information.— He said that he had long ago issued similar orders, which were of no avail, as the Europeans all came by the Cummum Country, where they were entertained by the agents of Mons.r Raymond, who managed that

Province

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Fort St. George 26. April 1796

Previous to the early Season from the Commencement of Hostilities between the Powers of the North, I wrote to such Europeans as were settled, and by Gratifications and Presents to the Rulers of such as were not, endeavoured to secure their Friendship and Assistance in the event of a Rupture with the English, and I am confident, do every thing in his Power to prevent Europeans passing thro' his Country, if any application was made, to that purpose, but how far he could or will interfere with Monsr. Raymond, It is not for me to determine.—

I have the pleasure to inform you that our Batteries will open tomorrow Morning against Pondicherry and soon after I hope to have it in my Power to announce the Capture or Surrender of the Place.—

From

1810

Fort St. George 26th April 1796.

From the Number of Guns in the Fort and the great extent of the works, it was found necessary to erect one Battery for Breaching and three for Enfiladeing. The former will contain two 18 Pounders under our direction. Two of the latter will also be managed by our Artillery, one containing a Brass 12 Pounder of the Arabs and the other, two of our Field Pieces. The third will be under the direction of Mons.r Salvaire and contains one Iron and one brass 12 Pounder, with two Brass 6 Pounders.

Since the commencement of our working Parties we have only lost one Gun Lascar.

I have the honor to be

Sir Your

Most Obed.t Hble Servt

Signed J. Dalrymple

Capt.n Com.t

Camp before Pachore 26th April 1796.

P.S. A few days ago a Party of about 200 Horse joined the arab from Hyderabad under Hyder Nawauz Beg. I have sent to the Presidency under a Guard the two Europeans mentioned in

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1811

Fort St. George 26th April 1796.-

my Letter of the 29th. Ultimo. I have not yet been able to find out the cause of my Letter of the 8th. Instant having been so long on the road upon enquiring I have heard that a Road cess is now at this Jaghire of Bangunpelly, but no person can tell me whether or not he has received orders to raise, or is really raising any body of Cavalry. whenever I learn any thing further on this subject, you may depend upon my giving you the earliest information.

I Signd J. Dalrymple
Captain Comdt

Captain James Dalrymple
Commanding the
Elliot Detachment

Sir,

I have the honor to receive your Letters of the 29th March and 2d Instant the latter of them this day.-

Although I am aware that there is no objection among ourselves to the Native Troops being occasionally employed in making up Fascines &c.

yet

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yet, perhaps, the peculiar circumstances of the Detachment of the Company's Forces serving in this Country, render it advisable with a view to their better maintenance of its consequence in the Eyes of those surrounding it, that this sort of Work should be as rarely required of them as possible.

I am sorry to say that I perceive no disposition in this Court to come to any thing that can be termed an accommodation with Gholaum Hussain Khan.

Entirely approve of the conciliatory disposition which you manifested in complying with Mahommed Amien Khan's application to you to detach a part of your Force with him on the 29th ultimo but I would not have you acquiesce in any demand of the kind a second time, nothing being so necessary as that the Troops under your command should be kept together as much as possible.

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

Hyderabad
5th April 1796.

A true Copy
(Signed) Geo: Martin
Major of Brigade

Captain

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Fort St. George 26th April 1796.

Captain William Kirkpatrick
Resident at the Court of his Highness
the Nizam

Sir,

At the particular request of
Runkee ali Khan who wished to write
immediately to his Highness an account
of our operations, a Tapaul will be des-
patched with this Letter and sail in a
few minutes.—

I have nothing to say
more, than that our Batteries opened
early this morning, and have had a great
effect, as I could possibly have expected.
I understand that Hyder Nowaaz Khan
one of the principal Men in the Service
of the Rackeen Sowargonds and near
Relation to Sirdar Sung, came over to
the Road yesterday, but brought with him
none of his Party. one European artillery
Man was dangerously wounded last
night on the working Party.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) James Dalrymple
Capt. Aid.g

Camp before
Rackeen 26 April
1796. 7 P.M.

Captain

1814

Fort St. George 26th April 1796.--

Captain W. Kirkpatrick
Resident &c.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Fort of Rachoor is now in our possession. The Breach being practicable it was stormed at 4 o'Clock this afternoon and carried with but little loss on our part. Gholaum Hussain Khan, his Mother and Family, Ishmael Khan and all the principal people have fallen into our hands. you may expect a particular account of every thing by tomorrow's Tapeal.-

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
/Signed/ James Dalrymple
Captain Com.g

Rachoor 8. April
1796 / 9 P.M.

To Captain William Kirkpatrick
Resident

Sir,

At this Highness the Nizam's Court I had the honor yesterday to receive your Letter of the 2nd Instant and have now the pleasure to communicate the pleasing tidings of our success against Rachore.-

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1815

Fort St. George 26. April 1796.-

Our Batteries opened early in the Morning of the 7th and after a well directed Fire of a few Hours the Enemies Fire from the Fort was mostly silenced.-

The Salavador's two large Guns broke down after a few Shots and the rest of the Embrasure fire was then kept up with great success by our Field Pieces and the Arabs Twelve Pounder Manned by our Artillery men. The breaching Battery was so judiciously erected within 500 Yards of the wall, and covered by the Houses in the Pettah, that the Garrison, did not open a Gun against it which was not silenced in a few Minutes. Regular Platforms were made for the large Guns, which saved their Carriages much, and enabled them the first day to bear the discharge of nearly 500 Rounds, every one of which told against the wall.-

Yesterday forenoon the Breach appearing practicable, I immediately requested from the Arab an order according to storm whenever I thought proper, which he sent me through Basha ali about Noon. The Party for the Storm

1816 Fort St. George 26th April 1796.-

was ordered from Camp as soon as possible, and advanced about four P.M. from the Breaching Battery in the following order.-

Mr. Conductor Sibbery with the forlorn Hope consisting of a Serjeant and 12 Lad the way, followed by Thirty Rank and File of Artillery Men under Lieutenants Macintire and Fowlis.- These were followed by 12 Companies of our Sepoys, and the Rear was brought up by four Flank Companies from Mr. Sabraud's Corps.-

Whilst the Storming Party was advancing the different Batteries fired round and Grape, which kept the Garrison in check and drew off their attention from the Breach.-

The ditch at this particular place being dry and not deep, the Europeans soon crossed it, followed by the Sepoys, and got to the bottom of the breach before they were discovered when the Enemy being soon collected made a desperate stand for a few Minutes, hurling Stones and Pikes

1817

Fort St. George 26th April 1796.-

Pikus at the Sepoys, which knocked down MY. Sunday, the Serjeant and several Europeans some of whom luckily were killed, though two or three wounded and badly- Nothing however could resist the bravery of our men who soon got up and dispersed their Sepoys- a cross wall about 100 Yards from the Breach was left to be protected, where the Garrison might have given us a good deal of trouble, but not a Man stood to defend it- The wall being passed, we got upon a small Hill which commanded the whole of the lower Fort, and from which Parties were sent in different directions, who soon got possession of the Gateway and Ram: parts the Garrison flying in great numbers before them- The upper Hill and inner Fort surrounding the Palace still held out and we might have given us much trouble, but our Troops boldly advancing and surrounding the Rocks and walls soon gained possession of both Palaces after a faint resistance.-

1818. Fort S. George 26th April 1796.

I Shamaee Khan was shot thro' the Leg and taken upon the works near the Gateway with a number of his followers. The greatest humanity was shewn by our men upon this occasion, and none of the Garrison were put to death after the fury of the first assault was over.—

The Palace in which the Begum with her son and family reside, has been well guarded, and not a man allowed to enter this door. The only consequence that has escaped is a Scrabdaree, who, it is said was sent in power to Ishmaee Khan and had set out for Gooty a few days ago in order to raise Sepoys.— I have not yet been able to ascertain our loss or that of the Enemy, nor can I say with any exactness how many Prisoners, or what quantity of Military Stores have fallen into our hands, though there must be a great many of both.— I shall deliver up the Fort to the Arab this Evening, with all the Military

Stores

1819

Fort St. George 26th August 1796.-

Stores and provisions and Slaves no doubt of
him taking proper care of Lieutenant Hopkins
Wives and his Family, who have not been
molested or even seen by any of our people.—

Upon examining the fortifications
this Morning, I could not help thinking
we were extremely fortunate in having it
taken, so strong a place with so much ca-
-non every other quarter, but this one we attacked
near the S.E. Bastle, the wall and Rampart
are exceedingly strong, the Ditch very regular
and deep, and full of water in most places,
the Flanks well constructed and the works altogether
in a state of great defence. - add to these a
Numerous Garrison, with Plenty of Guns and
Ammunition - I cannot better express to
you the high Sense I entertain of the
conduct of the Detachment in general
and of Individuals in particular, than
by the inclosed copy of my orders of this
Day.-

I shall take the
Liberty of recommending Mr Conductor
Lindsay who led the Forlorn Hope to the

Notice

1820

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Notice of Government and the Com-
mander in Chief, as a Gentleman
of exemplary good conduct upon all
occasions, and deserving of promo-
tion.—

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

Camp at
Pachore
26th April 1796.

/Signed/ J. Dalrymple
A.G. Comm.

A true Copy
/Signed/ Geo. Martin
Major of Brigade

P.S. Enclosed is a Letter from
me addressed to His Highness the
Nizam, which is left open
for your perusal and to be
forwarded or not, as you think
proper.—

Since writing the
above I have got a List of our killed
and wounded which I have with
denied you, as also a Copy of my Jetter

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1821

Fort St. George 26th April 1796.—

of operations.—

I Signed J. Dalrymple
Col. Comg

Camp near Pachore 4th April 1796

D. O.

The Commanding Officer feels unexampled pleasure in the event of yesterday in the assault of Pachore in which the termination the Career of a formidable Force of insurgents to His Highness the Nabob and Government, so much to the credit and Honour to the Troops under his command.—

He feels the highest sense of obligation to Captains Read & Solan Bell who so ably conducted the departments of Engineer and Artillery in the former instance for the judicious positions and construction of the Batteries, and on the latter

1822

Fort St. George 26th April 1796.—

Letter which from its early direction
a Fire, that rendered a capacious
Barrack impracticable in so short
a time.—

It is truely favorable
of the exertions manifested
by the Artillery Corps in all
Officers as well as men, both
in the official performance
of their duty in the Batteries,
and in the sequel voluntarily
turning out as Infantry to lead
the Native Troops at the assault,
a circumstance which in this
Service does them infinite
credit as active and Zealous
Soldiers, and which will
not fail to make a lasting
impression

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Observations.

Signed J. Dalrymple
Col.

Camp near Pachore 4th April 1796

D. O.

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credit and honour to the Troops
under his command.

He feels the strongest
sense of obligation to Captain M
Johnn Bell who so ably con-
ducted the detachments of Engineer
and artillerymen in the former
assistance for the facilitating
positions and construction
of the Batteries, and in the

Latter

1820

Fort St. George 26th April 1796.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit for the information of Government a Plan of a Fort which I have lately constructed at Trichinopoly, and which I conceive to be the strongest that can be erected for the purpose, with the means and in the time allowed me.

The Fort is intended to cover the Magazine, Barracks, Hospital, Granaries, Stores, and Workshops of the Artillery, and to contain a Battalion of Sepoys, with their Officers, Tents, Baggage, Ammunition, Provisions, Water, &c. for a month.

The Ground on which it is built, is a Rock, which rises abruptly from the Plain, to the height of 83 feet, and is about 1000 feet in length, and 400 in breadth. The Rock is of a hard Granite, and the Fort is built entirely of Stone, which is found in great abundance, and of excellent quality, in the Neighbourhood.

The Fort is divided into two parts, the Upper and Lower Fort, which are separated by a Ditch, and communicate by a Gateway, and a Flight of Steps cut in the Rock. The Upper Fort is 200 feet in length, and 100 in breadth, and contains the Magazine, Barracks, Hospital, Granaries, Stores, and Workshops of the Artillery. The Lower Fort is 400 feet in length, and 200 in breadth, and contains the Barracks, Hospital, Granaries, Stores, and Workshops of the Infantry.

The Upper Fort is surrounded by a Wall, 20 feet high, and 10 feet thick, with a Parapet 6 feet thick, and a Ditch 30 feet wide, and 15 feet deep. The Lower Fort is surrounded by a Wall, 15 feet high, and 8 feet thick, with a Parapet 5 feet thick, and a Ditch 25 feet wide, and 12 feet deep.

The Fort is provided with a Gateway, and a Flight of Steps cut in the Rock, which communicate with the Upper Fort. The Gateway is 10 feet wide, and 15 feet high, and is provided with a Portcullis, and a Drawbridge. The Flight of Steps is 100 feet in length, and 10 feet in breadth, and is provided with a Handrail.

The Fort is provided with a Well, which is 100 feet deep, and contains a plentiful supply of Water. The Well is provided with a Pump, and a Bucket.

The Fort is provided with a Flagstaff, which is 100 feet high, and is provided with a Flag.

The Fort is provided with a Signal Gun, which is mounted on the Upper Fort, and is fired on the arrival of any Ship in the Harbour.

The Fort is provided with a Guard, consisting of 100 Sepoys, and 10 Officers, who are relieved every 24 hours.

The Fort is provided with a Hospital, which is capable of containing 100 Patients, and is provided with a Surgeon, and a Hospital Mate.

The Fort is provided with a Granary, which is capable of containing 1000 Bushels of Grain, and is provided with a Granary Keeper.

The Fort is provided with a Store, which is capable of containing 1000 Tons of Stores, and is provided with a Storekeeper.

The Fort is provided with a Workshop, which is capable of containing 100 Workmen, and is provided with a Master Workman.

The Fort is provided with a Barrack, which is capable of containing 1000 Sepoys, and is provided with a Barrack Master.

The Fort is provided with a Magazine, which is capable of containing 1000 Barrels of Gunpowder, and is provided with a Magazine Keeper.

The Fort is provided with a Battery, which is mounted with 10 Guns, and is provided with a Gunner

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Confirmation of Lieut Commandant.

He would chearfully attempt many particulars which occurred in the Course of the Siege as he had the honor of the advantageous position which he took after entering the Fort of observing the whole, but a general Circumstance appears for the honor and Interests of the British Arms for Words adequate to recommend as he feels, to express a particular Sense of their general Merit, and Yours his warmest and most sincere Wishes for

By Order of Lieutenant Col. Dalrymple Commanding a Detachment of the Honble Company's Troops in the Service of His Highness the Nizam &c.

Signed Wm Martin
Major of Brigade

Fort

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on the subject. Induced, therefore by the consideration that, no loss would be occasioned by exchange on such an advance; that the Money would be laid out at Benares (either in the purchase of goods or Bills on other places) which is an advantage the payments - made at Madras, and Masulipatam on account of Peishcush have seldom or ever afforded; the whole amount being for the most part, conveyed hither in specie, to the great diminution of the currency of the Carnatic: that for the prevention of this evil, it appeared expedient to pay the Peishcush as often as possible, by advances of this Kind; and that it might at all events be especially adviseable to do it at this time, when the Madras Presidency, perhaps, would find it inconvenient to liquidate any part of the Kist actually due. I agreed, instead of giving him a Bill to request that you would, if not absolutely inconvenient, so far comply with the object of his application as to cause the Sum above specified to be paid to any person he might name at Benares, the amount to be set off against that Kist of the Peishcush now due, and converted to Arcot Rupees at the ordinary or such other

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other exchange as you should determine.—

A true Extract

Signed W Kirkpatrick

Minute thereon

Resolved that Copy of the foregoing letter be sent to the Accountant General, and that he be directed to state whether the observations of Captain Kirkpatrick upon his statement be, on reconsideration sufficiently founded, to admit the balance claimed by his Highness the Nizam on account of Peishcush—

Read the following letters from the Resident at Poona—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor of
Fort St George

My Lord

From Lt. C. W. Malet advising of the state of affairs there—

I had the honor to write to you the 25th ultimo On the 26 Badjerow again entered his Tents and made a small March in the Direction of Sattana which appears to have been objectionable to Doulut Row Sindea, who marched the 28th and encamped about a mile in advance on Badjerows Route, where both Armies have remained ever since; in which Interval Doulut Row Sindea is said to have urged his pecuniary Demands on the Peshwa's administration and required Permission to depart to his

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his Government in the North—

Nhile these important Points are agitating here. Runna Furnavees is encreasing his Force at Sattara, and despatching letters in the Rajahs name, desiring Badjerow not to visit him with the large Armies now assembled in the neighbourhood of Poona, which would be attended with Destruction to the Country—

I am just now informed, though not authentickly, that Badjerow intends to make another march Today; which if true, and allowed of by Sindea, is a new symptom of Procrastination and Evasion toward the Sindean Party, whose pecuniare circumstaits can ill endure Delay, and which, for that very Reason, will be most artfully and industriously resorted to by the opposite Party—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Poona
7 April 1796

Signed C Malet

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor of
Fort St George

From the same on the same subject—

My Lord

Though Badjerow did not march

1703

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march on the 7 Instant, as mentioned in my last of that Date - but on the subsequent Day. I am inclined to think it was prevented, in the first Instance, and admitted in the Second, by Dowlut Row Sindea, as Pursaram Bhow paid him a visit in the - Interim, and, as I am given to understand, gave - Him Security for the Payment of ten Lacks of - Rupees -

Dowlut Row Sindea was to - march yesterday; and to encamp again in Front of Badjerow These Movements have hitherto been in an Eastern Direction, but advices from Poona, and Reports are current, that it is intended to approach the Nizams Frontier, for the Convenience of Foraging in his Territories -

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Poona
4th april 1796

Signed C. W. Malet.

Read the following letter from the - - - - Secretary at Bengal -

To

1704

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To W.m C.n Jackson Esq.re

Secretary at

Fort St.t George

Sir

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to request you will lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for his information the enclosed printed form of the Commissions which he has granted for cruising against the Dutch, in consequence of his Majestys Proclamation published in the London Gazette of the 19th September last

A printed form of the Security Bond executed by, or on behalf of the parties to whom the Commissions are granted, is also enclosed

I have the honor to be
S.r &.a

Signed Gn.K.n Barlow
Secty to the Govt

From Mr. Secretary Barlow with forms of Commissions granted for cruizing against the Dutch and of the Security Bond

Fort William
the 28th of March 1796

The United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies. To

Greeting

Whereas the Countries belonging to the seven united provinces have for some time past been and still continue in the possession of the Armies

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Armies of France, and under the immediate influence and direction of the persons, who exercise the powers of Government in France, and whereas divers injurious proceedings have lately been had in the said United Provinces, in derogation of the Honor of His Britannick Majesty's Crown, and the just rights of his subjects: and the ships of War fitted out from the ports of the said united provinces, have received orders to take and destroy all british Vessels, and some British Vessels have been actually so taken: and His Majesty, therefore, being determined to take such measures as are necessary for vindicating the Honor of his Crown, and for procuring reparation and satisfaction, has been pleased by and with the advice of his Privy Council, to order by his Royal proclamation, that General Reprizals be granted against the ships, Goods, and subjects, of the united provinces, so that, as well His Majesty's Fleet and ships, as also all other ships and Vessels that shall be commissioned by Letters of Marque, and General Reprizals, or otherwise by His Majesty's Commissioners, for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, shall and

may