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Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham, Major Prescott and Captain Macalister.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

My Lord,

From sundry Officers lately returned from Europe requesting payment of arrears due to them, agreeably to the late orders from the Court of Directors, from the 1.st January 1795. —

The Honorable Court of Directors having we understand, notified their intention of allowing the Officers on Furlough in England to draw their pay from the 1.st January 1795 We beg leave to request that the same indulgence may be extended to us, having embarked for India in the Months of June and July of that year, and being of consequence, we humbly appre=hend, strictly within the meaning of the Honble Courts Orders on this occasion.

We have the honor to be,

with great respect.

Fort St George
30.th May 1796.

&c.a &c.a

(signed) Wm Sydenham
Lt Colo Artillery

, Wm Prescott
Major Engineers

, H. Macalister
Capt.n Lt Cavalry.

(Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the Accountant General, (upon receiving notification from the Military Paymaster General of the Amount) do make out Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 8 per Cent ℘ & Annum in the Names of Lieutenant Colonel & William Sydenham, Major William Prescott Captain Lieutenant Heith Macalister, Captain Alexander Foulis, Captain Samson, Captain & Malcolm, Captain Lieutenant Huddleston and all other Officers under similar circumstances for the sums respectively due to them on account of their full pay from the 1st day of January 1795 to the day of their arrival at Fort St. George.

" Hobart

" Alfred Clarke

" E W Saunders

" E H Fullofield

Examined

Thomas Dissett

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Diary -

10th Received the following letters.

To the Right Honorable Lord Kobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

From Messrs. Kindersley Watts & Co. accepting, on the part of Mr. Stracey the Court's offer for the transfer of the Tanjore Debt.

We beg leave to accept on the part of our Constituent Edward Stracey Esq. the offer made by the Honorable the Court of Directors for the Transfer of the Tanjore Debt and request that the Bonds, to be granted for the Interest he holds in that Debt, may be made out in Duplicate, and in the following Sums - being the amount with Interest to the 6th. Instant -

2 Bonds payable to John Spalding Esq. for Pag.s 2,500 each	5,000 - -	
1 D.o payable to Ditto - - - - - - - - - -	2131 - 3 - 32	
	7131 - 3 - 32	
4 Bonds payable to Nathaniel Edw.d Kindersley for 2,500 Pag.s each	10,000 - -	
1 Bond pay.le to Ditto D.o	1092 - 31 - 40	11,092 - 31 - 40
2 Bonds payable to Messrs. Kindersley Watts & Co. for 2,500 each	5,000 - -	
1 D.o - - D.o - - - - - -	2131 - 3 - 32	7131 - 3 - 32
11 Bonds		

We have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed Kindersley Watts & Co.

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c

My Lord

From Secretary Board submitting for the Board's decision Two separate plans for conducting the Public Works in future.

In reply to the paragraph contained in your Lordships letter of the 1st of July last, regarding the future mode of conducting the Publick Works, we have the Honor to enclose a Minute by the Chief Engineer exhibiting two separate Plans, on principles which we conceive merit consideration.

The first proposition submitted in the Inclosure, allows of the Officers of the Engineers being more immediately employed in the conduct of the Publick Works, than the late mode by Contract admitted of; and in regard to the principles on which this proposition is founded, we observe, that in the letter from the Honorable Court of Directors under date the 8th of Jany 1796, the Chief Engineer only, is restricted from having a concern in the execution of the Publick Buildings

—Should

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10 Should the plain be deemed eligible. further regulations may be prescribed to render the proposed checks as efficient as possible—

In respect to the second proposition should it be preferred. the separate Contracts may be made to extend to repairs only, or to Buildings not exceeding a certain charge.— The number of Divisions for the separate Contracts may perhaps be conveniently encreased. and the stations of each Division more fully detailed— and in the event of its becoming necessary to construct considerable Buildings or works it may be advisable to advertize for Contract proposals upon particular descriptions of the Buildings with Plans, Sections, &c. previously prepared. and ready to be referred to at the Office of the Secretary to the Military Board.

We have the Honor to be
&c. &c.

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(Signed) Alured Clarke ÷
" Henry Malcolm ÷
" Thomas Geils ÷
" Jn Richardson ÷
" Bt Close ÷
" Wm Gent ÷
" George Hall ÷

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Minute of the Chief Engineer

Having attentively considered the subject of Government's Letter of the 5th Inst. respecting the future mode of conducting the publick works, and as it may not be thought eligible, either to renew with the present Contractors, or to continue them on the footing they are at present, such a system should be adopted as to guard against imposition and tend to the interest of the Honorable Company.

The inconvenience and delays in carrying on the public works by a General Contract, hath been too recently felt to be enumerated, and with respect to conducting them by partial Contracts, they are still liable to objections, as Contracts often fall into the hands of persons unacquainted, and inexperienced in Building, the consequence is delays, Imperfections, Failures, and Disputes, and when the performer has little Credit at Stake,

stake. His only object is to make the most of his Contract, and it may be presumed, will endeavour at every possible saving and advantage to himself.

Another very material objection to having works carried on by Contract at out Garrisons, is, that the Contractor is rarely a — Resident on the spot, he is therefore obliged to employ an Agent to carry on the work, this Agent, is either an ignorant Native or possibly, some other person more competent, but equally, — improper —

On the other hand if the works are carried on by a person properly qualified for the undertaking, and who has the sole management and direction of the works, his honor, Credit and Responsibility, is at stake, and judging before hand of what is to be performed, he executes his Trust with fidelity and Dispatch —

These Consideration induce me, though with great deference, to submit to the Board,

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10 Board; whether it would not be more to the advantage of the Company, that the Senior Engineers at the different Divisions, and Out Garrisons, have the sole conduct and management of all public Works, together with the provision of all materials used in Building, or Repairs, subject to the following, or such regulations as this Board may please to recommend to be adopted;

1st . . . . That before the commencement of any work ordered at an Out Garrison, the Senior Engineer do transmit to this Board, a List of prices of all materials in current use, of the first quality, together with the daily pay of all artificers and Labourers of every description, and that this List be signed by himself and Certified by the Commanding Officer, and Paymaster, or Senior Civil Servant on the spot.

2d . . . . That plans, Section and Elevations together with an Estimate by measurement — regulated by the prices of material and artificers, with a description of the work in

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10 all its parts, be transmitted to the Chief Engineer, for his examination and signature, previous to their being laid before the Military Board -

3.d - - - That no advance of Cash be made except when the Estimate exceeds the Sum of 500 Pagodas and then only one third to be advanced on the commencement of the Building, One third when the walls are ready to receive the roofs, and the other on the completion of the work subject however to the following check and Control -

4.th - - - That a Committee of Inspection be held on all building and repairs, once during the progress of the work, and before the roofing is laid, and the other on the completion -

5.th - - - That the Certificate of the Committee of Inspection "that the work is executed properly and agreeably to the plan and Estimate be the voucher for the payment of the Bills:

6.th - - - That a declaration upon Honor and upon Oath if required, dictated in the most unequivocal

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unequivocal terms. that no benefit or advantage has in any shape been derived from the work, shall be given by the Engineer, and accompany the Certificate of the Committee of Inspection.

From the above it must appear, that no emolument or advantage can possibly accrue to the Engineer in the execution of the work. I should therefore think some compensation ought to be made to him the whole responsibility rests with him, as well as all advances of Cash for the purchase of materials, with the consideration also, that he is liable to the due durability of the work, and that it will also include the whole profit and advantage that could possibly be derived from it. this compensation should be either by per Centage, or by any other mode, the Board will please to recommend, after taking the subject into their serious consideration

Should it however be thought advisable to carry on the publick works by

Contract,

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Contract. I humbly conceive that separate Contracts should be made for the different Divisions and Stations as follows Vizt.

1st Fort St George including
St Thomas's Mount
Chengleput
Poondamalle
Tripassore

2d Northern Division

3d Southern Division

4th Western Division

5th Baramahal

And that it be provided for in the Articles of Agreement that the person or persons, so contracting should be a Resident in the Division for which he Contracts, or that his agent should be a person approved of by Government.

21st July 1796

Signed W. Gent
Chief Engineer

A true Copy

Signed J Wallace
Dy Secy M & B

Sent

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Sent the following letters

To Mr. William Harington

& to the Committee of Investigation

at Dindigul

Gentlemen

To the Committee of Enquiry at Dindigul referring for their report certain charges against one Mootun-

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to transmit to you copy of a letter with its enclosure from Mr George Pynett and to desire you will make very particular enquiry into the circumstances brought against Mootun; and if, you shall be quite satisfied that he has been guilty of the atrocious crimes charged upon him. His Lordship authorizes you to deliver him up to Tippoo's officers-

I am

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Signed W. C. Jackson Jr.

To Major General Brathwaite

Commanding at

Pondicherry

To Commandant at Pondicherry conveying the Boards resolutions upon the charges preferred against Mr Griffith Randles for the Main Guard allowed- also an Interpreter to the Superior Council the repairs proposed to be made-

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 25th Ultimo, and to acquaint

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10th acquaint you that His Lordship has come to the following resolutions upon the charges preferred against Mr Julius Griffith.

That it appears to the Board that the complaints brought forward against Mr Griffiths an malicious and ill founded and that the Complainants have no where established the charges stated in their Petition, with the exception of slight corporal punishment in two or three Instances of little consequence, when compared with the other allegations.

That Mr Griffith is therefore acquitted of all the charges and that if he had not taken upon himself, which was improper, to punish certain of the Complainants or witnesses, for public example would have been made of the former for daring to impose upon Government in the way they have done.

That Major General Braithwaite be desired to give directions that the Balance due to the Boat People according to Mr Griffiths Statement be offered to them; and if they refuse to accept it, that it be paid into the Hands of the Paymaster

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10 Paymaster, and brought to the Credit of the Company —

The Paymaster at Pondicherry will be instructed to pay to the acting Town Major at that place, his charge for Candles for the Main Guard at the rate of one Pr. day, commencing from the day of his issuing them, and to continue it in future —

You have his Lordships permission to make the repairs stated by you to be necessary, provided the expence do not exceed five hundred Pagodas; and orders have been given to the Paymaster to make advances accordingly —

An acting Interpreter to the Superior Court at Pondicherry is allowed — a notification of which has been sent to Mr. Skardon —

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

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Despatched the undermentioned letters

Entered in WB Nos. 49. 50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58.

To Mr. Secretary
Barlow —

To Secretary at Bengal, transmitting
Copy of a letter from the Arabol, dated the 23d
July

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16 July - and Copy of Lord Hobarts reply thereto.

To Mr. G. Parry — To Civil Paymaster General directing that Mr. Coupersus's Subsistence be discontinued from the 1st Instant -

To Capt. Wood — To Commander of the Wycombe directing him to receive on board Two French Officers proceeding to England - and granting him an allowance on their account. Their Parolles of honour enclosed -

To Col. Malcolm — To Military Auditor General directing payment of the arrears of Subsistence due to the above Officers -

To the Revd. Mr. Owen & Mr. Kerr — To the Reverend Mr. Owen & Mr. Kerr reappointing them Chaplains on the Establishment. in consequence of orders from the Company =

To Col Malcolm — To Military Auditor General ordering Passage Money for Lieutenant Coglan of the 72d Regiment.

To Mr. Cockburne — To Military Paymaster directing him to pay to the Commander of the Wycombe Four Hundred and Fifty Pagodas, for the Passage of the abovementioned French officers to England -

To Messrs. Parry Brooke & Hargrave - To Assistants in the Military Secretarys Office - transmitting Copies of the affidavit made by the Secretary and his Deputy, and desiring them to make attestation to a similar effect -

To Board of Revenue — To Board of Revenue - referring for their

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10. their investigation and report. a claim made by the Calastry Rajah to some Ground on the confines of the Poncatagherry Country.

To late Governor of Malacca.

To Mr. Compenes. permitting him. under the pledge given by him. to go whithersoever his private affairs may require his presence.

Sent the following letter.

To Lieutenant Colonel Brown

Executor to the Estate of the late Major Dunwoody

Sir

To Lieut Colt Brown his claim on account of the late Major Dunwoody's Estate inadmissible.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 7th Instant and to acquaint you. that as Major Dunwoody had departed his Life several months before the orders of the Court of Directors. on the subject of Brevet Rank were even framed. your request for the payment of the difference of Batta on account of the estate of that Officer from the 1st May to the 5th of August 1794. is wholly inadmissible.

I am
Sir &c.

Signed W. C. Jackson Jay

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Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in MB Nos 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72.

To Mr W. Webb — To Military Storekeeper transmitting Copy of a letter from the Military Paymaster and directing him to make the transfer in his Books as proposed by Mr Cochrane:

To Capt Darley — To Commandant at Jemericolah transmitting Copy of the Complaint preferred against him and Captain Moore by the Nabobs manager in the Palnaud: and desiring that they will explicitly reply thereto:

To Military Board — To Military Board advising of the appointment of Major Prescott to superintend the Execution of the repairs at Chengleput and of a supply of Salt petre being expected from Bengal and referring for their opinion a letter and Two Estimates received from the Commandant at Trichinopoly:

To Col Malcolm — To Military Auditor General informing him that three more writers and a Mooky have been allowed for the adjutant Generals Office:

To Ditto — To Ditto directing him to require immediate payment from Mr Assistant Surgeon Phippard of the sum retrenched on the audits of his charges at Nellore and Rampore:

To Lieut Col Campbell — To the Commandant of Cavalry informing him that Major Macalister will be allowed Two of the Company's horses upon the usual terms.

To

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To Mr. Torriano 12th

To Resident at Nagore - Monsr. D Aurbigny's application inadmissible -

To Lieut. Colr. Gent

To Chief Engineer - informing him of the payment to Captain Bong of Pags. 1,017.12 - on account of expences incurred by him in the demolition of certain Hill forts in the ceded Countries in the year 1793 -

To Majr. Mandeville Artillery

To Major Mandeville - informing him that his application for difference of House Rent is inadmissible -

To Revd. Mr. Owen

To the Reverend Mr. Owen - permitting him to resign the Companys Service -

To Major Genl. Floyd

To Commandant at Trichinopoly - the Officers quarters at Tachinore being Private property - the Company cannot reimburse the expense that may have been incurred by the proprietors - his Estimates Nos. 2 and 4 referred to the Military Board -

To Mr. W. Hawkins

To Paymaster at Ditto - directing him to pay the Batta of Captain Oliphants detachment stationed at Manapara -

To Mr. McDouall

To Paymaster at Columbo - returning a letter, which is supposed to have come from him - altho' it bears no signature -

To Mr. Wrangham

To Collector at Masulipatam - informing him that fifty horses, have been consigned to him for sale - a Register of them enclosed - -

At

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At a Consultation—

Present—

Major General Alured Clarke
Commander in Chief—
Edward Saunders Esqr.
and
Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart absent indisposed—

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved—

Read the following letters from the assistants in the Military Secretary's office—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President and Governor in Council—

My Lord,

Letters from Majr. George Parry, Arthur Brooke and Lieut. Robert Hargrave assistants in the Military Secretary's Office, enclosing Affidavits similar to those subscribed by the Secretary and Deputy Secretary relative to the Copies of Papers said to have been procured at Madras by the Rajah of Tanjore Vackeel—

I yesterday received Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 10th Instant. and have the honor to enclose the affidavit which your Lordship has required me to make. attested by Mr. J. H. Shardon, one of His majesty's Justices of the peace—

I shall only here take the liberty to observe that I am perfectly ready to make the most solemn Declaration that, during

the

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the whole period of my Service in the Military Political and Secret Department of Govern=ment. now upwards of Six years and five Months. (during which time I have been not unfrequently employed on very laborious and confidential Duties) I have deligently exerted myself. to the best of my Ability, in the execution of the busines allotted to me. and conducted myself with the most undeviating regard to the Interest of my Honorable Employers.—

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I have the honor to be
with respect
&c. &c. &c.
(Signd) George Parry.

To all and every part of the affidavit of the Military Secretary, of which the foregoing is a Copy. and particularly to that concerning any communication. either directly or indirectly. with the Rajah of Tanjore, his Servants or connexions. as the same can in any were apply to me. I, George Parry, head Assistant and examiner in the Military Political and Secret Department of the Government of Fort St George do fully

Subscribe

Vide military secretary: Oaths in Council 23 August 1796.

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subscribe, and now solemnly attest upon Oath.

So help me God
(Signed) George Parry.

Sworn to before me
this 12th August 1796
(Signed) H. Mardon
Justice.

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Government
of Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeable to the directions of the Right Honorable the President in Council contained in your letter of the 10th instant. I this day went before Mr. John Humphry Mardon one of his Majesty's Justices of the peace, and swore to a copy of the affidavit enclosed in your letter which I now return.

I am
Sir &c. &c.
(Signed) Arthur Brooke
second Asst. in the Milty. Secys.
Department.

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To all and every part of the fore-going affidavit of the Military Secretary and particularly to that concerning any communication either directly or indirectly with the Rajah of Tanjore, his Servants or connections, as the same can in any wise apply to me I Arthur Brooke Assistant and Examiner in the

vide military Secretary's affidavit in Council the 2d of August 1796

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The Military Political and Secret Departments of the Government of Fort St. George do fully subscribe and now solemnly attest upon Oath -

So help me God

Sworn before me
this 12th day of August 1796 (Signd) Arthur Brooke.
(Signd) J. H. Skardon
Justice -

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th. instant. and to inform you that. according to the desire of the Right Honorable the President in Council, I this day swore before Mr. Skardon one of His Majesty's Justices of the peace, to the affidavit enclosed in your letter. Herewith I return you copy of the affidavit sworn to by the Military Secretary. also. the one sworn to by me and am

Sir.

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&c: &c.
(Signd) Edwd. Robt Kindersley
2d Asst Milp. Secrt. Department

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Vide Milp. Secrt.
affidavit in Committee
2d August 1796,

C3 All and every part of the foregoing affidavit of the Military Secretary (of which the foregoing is a Copy (and particularly to that concerning any communication either directly or indirectly -

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indirectly with the Rajah of Tanjore his Servants or connections as the same can in any wise apply to me I Edward Robert Hargrave third Assistant in the Military Political and Secret Departments of the Government of Fort St. George, do fully — subscribe and now Solemnly attest upon Oath —

So help me God

(Signd) Edwd. Robt. Hargrave

Fort: St. George
12th August 1796.

Sworn to this day
at the public office of Justice
before me
(Signd) J. H. Skardon
Justice.

The Maratta Translator attends the Board. and delivers in the following paper, which is sworn to before Major General Clarke.

Affidavit of Mr Josiah Wilkie Maratta Translator on the foregoing subject.

Having been informed — that Copies of certain opinions given by certain pundits at Tanjore, which opinions were — transmitted to my office in order that Copies of them might be made. are said to have been

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been obtained at Madras by his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore's Vackeel, I. Josiah webbe Maratta translator to declare upon oath that I did not directly or indirectly furnish the said Vackeel or any other person for him with copies of the said opinions. I do farther declare upon oath that none of the papers transmitted to me from the political department (except the genealogical table of Sherfoge's pedigree) were ever out of my custody from the time I received them till they were returned. - and I do further declare that the pundits and brahamins whom I employed did write the whole copies in mine. the Secretary's

officer

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Office in Fort Square. and a great part of them in my presense. as I waited longer than was convenient on that day, until the Copies should be made, in order that I might myself compare them with the originals: and for this reason I do further declare upon Oath that the pundit and brahmin abovementioned could not to the best of my belief have made more than one copy of the papers during the time the originals were in their hands —

(Signed) J. Webbe
Mharatta Transl.

Sworn before me in Council
in Fort St George this twelfth
day of August 1796.

(Signed) Alured Clarke, —

ordered

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Minutes on the foregoing Papers—

Ordered that copies of the foregoing papers be transmitted to England—

" Alfred Clarke

" Edw. Saunders

" E. H. Fullofield

Thos. Wissett

Ex.d

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Diary.

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in Mem. Nos. 73. 74. 75. 76.

From Mr Cockburn

From Mr Thomas Cockburn requesting to transfer to England part of the interest he holds in the Tanjore Registered Debt.

From Major General Floyd

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly, forwarding an application from Captain Geekie, to be paid for a Regimental horse that died of an Epidemic Disease.

From Colonel Malcolm

From Military Auditor General referring Major Kinsey's Claim to difference of Batta during his late detention at Nagapatam.

From Major Kirkpatrick

From Resident at Hydrabad advising of a negotiation being on foot between Tippoo and the Nizam, for reestablishing Nana Furnavese in the Administration at Poonah.

14th. Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in Mem. Nos. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95.

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containing directions in conformity to the resolutions recorded in the Minutes of Consultation of the 26d. ultimo, upon the Honorable Courts orders of the 17d. February last. ÷

To Captain Caldwell - Engineers -

To Captain Caldwell at Masulipatam - with Copy of the 32d. Paragraph of the said letter. ÷

To Medical Board

To Medical Board - with the 70d. Paragraph. ÷

To Board of Revenue

To Board of Revenue - with the 10d. 15d. 16d. and 17d. Paragraphs. ÷

To Military Board.

To Military Board. with the 65d. and 72d. Paragraphs. ÷

To Ditto -

To Ditto - with the 52d. and 53d. Paragraphs. ÷

To Ditto -

To Ditto - with the 26d. and 73d. Paragraphs. ÷

To Lieutenant Colonel Smith - Artillery -

To Lieutenant Colonel Smith - with the 25d. Ditto - ÷

To Major General Nixon ÷

To Major General Nixon - with the 29d. Ditto. ÷

To Lieutenant Colonel Close -

To Adjutant General - with the 33d. Ditto. ÷

To Ditto - -

To Ditto - with the 27d. Ditto - and informing

14th informing him of the Court's resolution to ap-
-point Eighty four Cadets for Madras this
Season. →

To Town Major — To Town Major - with the 39th
Paragraph. ÷

To Mr. Conally — To the Superintendant of the
Lunatic Hospital - with the 4th Paragraph ÷

To Mr. Kindersly — To Mr. B. Torin's Attornies - with
the 5th Paragraph ÷

To Colonel Malcolm — To Military Auditor General
- with the 63d Paragraph. →

To Ditto — To Ditto - with the 68th and 69th
Paragraphs. ÷

To Ditto — To Ditto - referring the Accounts
of the Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops
serving on Ceylon from the 25th June to 24th
August last. →

To Ditto - To Ditto - directing him to pass
Lieutenant Colonel Smith's Bills for full Batta
from the period of the arrival of the 2d Batta-
-lion of Artillery at the Mount to the date of
the New Military Regulations taking place,
deducting whatever Batta he may have drawn
during that period. →

To

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To Major General Floyd.

To Commandant at Trichinopoly -transmitting Copy of a Letter from the Nabob, on the subject of his representation of the 24th June last. —

To Mr. Brodie

To Garrison Storekeeper - transmitting a form of a receipt to be granted by him to the Navy Victualler for the Salt provisions issued by the latter. —

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Received the undermentioned letters Entered in M.B. Nos 96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107. —

From Mr. Wrangham

From Collector at Masulipatam -transmitting Copies of Depositions on Oath, taken by Mr. Scott - and of his letters to the Commandant - relating to the Murder of Captain Gahagan's Servant committed at Weyoor. —

From Mr. A. Scott.

From Mr. Scott - Justice of the peace - transmitting the said Depositions, authenticated - and suggesting that the persons of Captain Gahagan and Lieutenant Murray be placed under restraint —

From

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From Military Board - re-
commending the repair of the Storehouses
at the Mount Cantonment - an Estimate
enclosed -

From Military Board

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts - advising of the arrival of his Detachment near Hydrabad -

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts

From Major Muat - reporting a farther Sub division of the Detachments dis-
persed in the Vizianagrum Zemundary -

From Major Muat -

From Resident at Hydrabad -
stating that Monsr Baptiste meditates a
clandestine visit to Madras - Suggestions
in consequence -

From Major Kirkpatrick -

From Commissary General
of Grain and provisions - representing the
want of a Granary at Guntoor - and the
necessity of removing the paddy out of that
ordered to be repaired at Masulipatam -

From Mr Mardon -

From Ditto - submitting a
proposal for the purchase of the Old Paddy
at Tanjore -

From Ditto -

From Ditto - reporting the neces-
sity of repairing the Grain Godowns at Arcot -

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From Capt.n Thomas Peters - submitting his Claim to some difference of House Rent ÷

From Captain Peters ÷

From Commandant at Trichinopoly - stating the necessity of repairing or rebuilding the European and Sepoy Barracks at that place ÷

From Captain Nadon ÷

From Military Auditor General - requesting instructions on the payment of Half Batta under the New Military Regulations, to Deputy Commissaries, and Conductors of Stores ÷

From Colonel Malcolm ÷

16th

Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in MB. Nos 108 - 109 - 110 - 111 - 112 - 113 - 114 -

To Captains Wood and Truedale ÷

To Commanders of the Wycombe and Earl Fitzwilliam - directing them to receive on board Charter party passengers for England ÷

To Mr. Woolf ÷

To Accountant General - transmitting Copies of letters from Messrs. Kindersley and Cockburn and desiring him to prepare the Bonds therein applied for ÷

To Major General Floyd ÷

To Commandant at Trichinopoly - directing him to notify to Major Monson that Two Companies of the 52d Regiment are to embark at Negapatam for Jaffnapatam ÷

To Major Barbut ÷

To Ditto - at Jaffnapatam - advising of the above and informing him that they are to be considered subject to any pressing Demand that may be made by Lieutenant Colonel Fraser for their Services ÷

To Colonel Fraser ÷

To Ditto at Trincomallee - communicating the preceding Orders ÷

To Mr. Torriano ÷

To Resident at Tanjore - directing him to supply the provisions that may be necessary for the above mentioned Troops during their passage to Jaffnapatam ÷

To Colonel Malcolm ÷

To Military Auditor General - referring another additional Estimate of Cash required by Mr. Roebuck in August ÷

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At a Consultation ÷

Present

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief ÷

Edward Saunders Esqr. ÷

and

Ernst William Falkofield Esqr. ÷

Tuesday 16th August 1796 ÷

The Right Honorable

Lord Hobart absent – indisposed. ÷

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved. ÷

Read the following letters

from the Resident at Tanjore. ÷

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George ÷

From the Resident at Tanjore – encloses the Rajahs Reply on the subject of the Indemnity required from him previous to the Restoration of his Country ÷

My Lord,

Having made the Communications to the Rajah as directed in your Lordship's letter of the 26th Ultimo ÷ I have this day received his Excellency's Reply thereto, Copy of which I have the honor to enclose herewith. ÷

I request to know for the Information

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Information of the Rajah whether any payment as directed in your letter should be made at Tanjore or in Madras – it strikes me that in the latter Case, He will be under the necessity of having recourse to money-lenders at a high Interest. –

I have also to request your Lordship's Commands on the following point; One great Source of abuse in the Tanjore Country arose from the repairs of Watercourses &c. being made in one year and not paid for by the Circar till the year following; that is many Months after they had been completed; Consequently no examination or effectual Check could be had to ascertain that the Work executed was worth the Money Disbursed – I have often stated this to the Board of Revenue – and I wished to alter the mode productive of so much abuse by paying for the work while it was carrying on and soon after it was finished – I have as directed by the Instructions inspected personally as many of the principal Repairs as other public Duties allowed me leisure

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leisure for doing — I have also had an opportunity of seeing, since the Rivers came down, that all the Work executed under my occasional Inspection remains perfectly Strong and in good Condition: and I trust that on the final review of them (in a tour I propose to the Board of Revenue that I should make) the ultimate expence will be for short of the Estimate I sent in for particular Works. The whole Arrangement of this matter may I think be made in 8 or 10 Days, and I may be accompanied by a Person on the part of his Excellency — By these means he will have full proof of that ample justice has been done to him under the head of Repairs whereas if the Settlement of the Account be protracted, according to the usual Custom, till next year, the Servants may charge as much in addition as they think proper. —

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

(Signed) Alex. Macleod Res.

Tanjore
6th. August 1796. —

Translation

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Translation of Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Resident dated 5th August 1796 received 6th.

Amir Sing Maha Rajah presents his Salam to Alexander Macleod Esqr. Bahader, Resident.

You have written to me, and I have received the letter and considered it.

You have mentioned that I am to pay the Maramat Varakham and whatever has been advanced to the Inhabitants to promote the cultivation, and that I am to be security for the money which has been lent to the inhabitants for the cultivation of the Country - and that having done this, I shall take the three Soubahs.

My answer to this is as followeth:

Whatever has been advanced to the Inhabitants as Maramat and Varakham and ascertained by the Inhabitants, all this I will pay to the Company.

But as to the debt which

some

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some inhabitants have borrowed why should I become Security for that Money' - As soon as the Country is delivered over to me I will strictly order that those who have borrowed Money shall pay it. —

What have I more to write'

(Rajahs Signature)

August 5th 1796. —

A true Copy of the Translation

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Res.t ÷

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord, Fort St. George ÷

I communicated to his Excellency the Rajah your Lordship's letter of the 5th Instant requiring that he should give his Solemn — Assurance in writing that the Company — should be no losers by Engagements made or to be made by the Collectors of the three Soubahs for the payment of whatever money shall be advanced by Money-lenders for the purpose of Tuccave with the usual Interest at the Rate of 12 ℔ Cent per Annum for eight Months

From the Resident at Tanjour - the Rajah gives his written promise to indemnify the Company against any Loss in consequence of the guarantee granted by the Collectors to the Sowcars. ÷

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Monthly. —

His Excellency has, accordingly, agreed to give the above Assurance in writing, and I have as directed transmitted Copies of your Lordships letter to Messrs. Grant and Balmain. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. — — — &c.

Tanjore
10th August 1796 — (Signed) Alexr. Macleod Resr.

The following Minute sent in Circulation yesterday by Mr. Saunders, is now read. —

Mr. Saunders's Minute proposing that the Tanjore Country be immediately restored in consequence of the receipt of the foregoing Letters — Submits the Propriety of sending the French Dutch and Malay Prisoners to their respective Countries —

Having on the 26th ultimo — moved that the Orders of the Supreme Government contained in their Letter of the 20th of June respecting the late Treaty with the Rajah of Tanjore should be carried into effect and the said Motion having been overruled until the Rajah's reply could be obtained respecting the Securing to the Honorable Company the Balances that may be due for Advances for Repairs of Watercourses, Cultivation &c. — and as Mr. Macleod the Resident has transmitted

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the Rajah's answer thereto with his Letter of the 6th Instant; I think it incumbant on me to record my dissent to any delay in the execution of the said Orders of the Government General and request this my dissent may be forwarded to the Governor General in Council. ÷

I am induced to call the attention of the Board to the heavy Expense the Honorable Company are at as stated in the Auditor General's Letter of the 29th July on Account of French, Dutch and Malay Prisoners and submit it to their consideration (previous to the departure of our Right Honorable President on his expected Tour) what might be the most proper Measure to adopt whether by sending them in Cartel Vessels to their respective Settlements or Countries, or if the Matter were submitted to the Government General for their determination and Orders.

Monday 15th August 1796. — (Signed) Edw. Saunders

The Right Honorable President has desired that his Sentiments on Mr. Saunders's

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Saunders's Minute may be recorded in the following terms.

President's observations on Mr. Saunders's Minute.

Lord Hobart has not the smallest objection to Mr. Saunders's Dissent on the subject of the restoration of the Tanjore Country being sent to Bengal, but proposes that a letter should accompany it, stating the measures that have taken place, and the cause of the present delay.

He is decidedly of opinion that the Company will never receive a farthing of the Money that has been advanced, if the Country is delivered up previous to their being reimbursed, or good security taken for the purpose.

Mr. Macleod thought Records to restore the Soubahs, as soon as this has been done, and it appears to the President that there is no other honest way (with respect to the Company) of carrying the orders of the Supreme Government into execution

Lord Hobart many days ago ordered the Civil Secretary to prepare a Statement

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A Statement of the expences and resources of this Government, with a view to its being transmitted to Bengal, and particularly directed that a return of the Prisoners should be called for, with their monthly charge, in order to consider how far the expence of keeping them might preponderate against the risk of sending them to their respective Governments. -

Mr. Fallofield submits to the Board the Draft of a letter which he proposes should be written to the Resident at Tanjore. -

Mr. Fallofield, on a full consideration of the subject, proposes that the following letter be written to the Resident at Tanjore -

To Alexander Macleod Esqr.

Resident at

Tanjore -

Sir,

Proposed Draft - To the Resident at Tanjore directing the Restoration of the Country so soon as the Rajah shall have furnished adequate security for repaying to the Company the advances made for account of Tacavy and Maramat and taking upon himself the responsibility for advances made by the Sowcars under Guarantee of the Collectors. -

We have received your letter - under date the 10th Instant, wherein you inform us that on your proposing to the Rajah to give "his Solemn assurance in writing that the "Company should be no losers by Engagements "made or to be made by the Collectors of the three "Soubahs for the payment of whatever Money "shall be advanced by Money Lenders for the "purpose of Tacavy with the usual Interest at

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"the rate of 12 per Cent per Annum for 8 Months"
His Excellency had accordingly agreed to
give the above assurance in writing. —

Being anxious to restore the
three Soubahs to the Rajah, in obedience to
the orders of the Supreme Government We
desire you will lose no time in proposing to
His Excellency to become responsible to the
Money Lenders for all Sums with Interest
that have been advanced under the guarantee
of the Collectors for the future Cultivation of
the Country. —

Under the disposition mani-
fested by the Rajah, we can have little doubt
that he will either repay in Tanjore to you or
at Madras the amount of such Sums as may
have been actually advanced by the Collectors
for the Repair of Water courses on Muramut,
or that he will give such Security for the repay-
ment as you may deem good and adequate,
as well as for any Money or Grain at a fair
value, that may have been issued directly by
the Collectors to the Ryots (without the inter-
vention of Money Lenders) for the benefit of

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the Ensuing Crops. —

This measure which we deem so essentially necessary in order to secure the Company against the risque of a very heavy loss, we hope will not be objected to, on the part of his Excellency — We rely on your — Endeavours to convince him of the Justice and propriety of our claim and trust he will — readily accede to the proposition, in which case you will immediately restore the three Soubahs to such of his Excellency's Servants as he may appoint to receive charge of them. —

We approve the suggestion contained in your letter of the 6th Instant — relative to repairs, and desire you will com= =municate with the Rajah on the subject —

We are, &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Hobart &c.
Council —

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Commander in Chief approves the foregoing Draft. —

The Commander in Chief ap= =proves the draft submitted by Mr. Talbot. —

Mr. Saunders adheres to his — opinion already given, that there should be no delay in the restoration of the Soubahs. —

Mr. Saunders continues of opinion that the Country should be im= =mediately restored to the Rajah. —

Resolved

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The Letter to Mr. Macleod ordered to be copied and despatched.

Resolved, in Conformity with the opinion of the Majority, that the Draft to Mr Macleod be copied fair and despatched.—

Resolved that a letter be written to Bengal, agreeably to Lord Hobart's suggestion.—

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Affidavits of all the Native Writers in his Office.—

Affidavit of the native Writers in the Military Secretary's Office - declaring that they have not at any time conveyed Information verbally or in writing to any Person relative to any Proceedings concerning Tanjore.—

We Samuel Moore - Ebenezer Balfour, George Mendez, Francis de Silva, & Laurence de Mello, William Rodgers, Leonard de Sylva, Antonio Joze de Souza, John P. Hopwood and Robert Mendez Writers, do solemnly swear upon the Holy Evangelists speaking for ourselves severally, that we have not at any time, since We have been Writers or Clerks in the Office of the Military and Political Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, directly or indirectly made known out of the said Office to any person or persons whomsoever, any information that may have come to our knowledge as Writers or Clerks aforesaid, touching the Affairs

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of Tanjore – and We do further Swear, Speaking for ourselves severally that we have not at any time taken Copies or Extracts of any Official papers or Memorandums of any Official papers touching the affairs of Tanjore and conveyed or carried, or caused to be conveyed or carried such Copies, Extracts or Memorandums, out of the said Office with any view or purpose of whatever nature. –

So help us God.

(Signed) Saml. Moore
E. Balfour
Francis de Silva
R. Mendes
Leonard de Sylva
Wm. Rodgers
I. Hopwood
L. D'Mello
Antonio J. D'Souza

Sworn to at the Public Office of Justice this 16th day of August 1796 before me --

(Signed) J. H. Shardon
Justice

We E. Mootiah Office Dubash, and Iyasaumy, his Assistant, and Mooduraumy Venkatachellum, Trivetty, Shashachellum, & Soobroyaloo Brammy, A. Nyneapah, Saravanum,

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P. Iyasawmy, V. Mootiah, Chedumburam, Keristnah, Trevungadum, Morgosogoyum, Timmanore Verasawmy, Curungoly Verasawmy, and Rungah Writers do solemnly swear upon the faith of our Religion at the Pagoda of Tritchinopoly, speaking for ourselves severally, that we have not at any time since we have served in the Office of the Military and Political Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, directly or indirectly made known out of the said Office, to any person or persons whomsoever any information that may have come to our knowledge as Servants therein touching the Affairs of Tanjore - And we do further Swear, speaking for ourselves severally that we have not at any time taken Copies or Extracts of any official papers, or Memorandums of any official papers touching the Affairs of Tanjore and conveyed or carried, or caused to be conveyed or carried such Copies, Extracts, or Memorandums out of the said Office with any view or purpose of

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whatever nature. —

So help us God!

(Signed) E. Mootiah Dubash

E. Iyasaumy
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Vencatachellum
Trivetty
Sashachellum
Soobaroyloo
A. Nyneapah
Saravanum
Iyasaumy
C. Veerasawmy
Margasagayum
T. Veerasawmy
V. Mootiah
Chedumbarum
Trevengadum
Rangiah
Kistnah

I do Certify that the above Attestation was made in my presence by the respective parties, this 15th day of August 1796 - at the Pagoda of Triplicane, conformably with the Solemnities prescribed. —

(Signed) Dan. Ince
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Read the following letter from the Adjutant General of the Army. —

To

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

My Lord, Fort St. George

From the Adjutant General - respecting an increase required in his official Establishment of Writers &c. - represents the inadequate provisions made by the late Regulations as well for the officer holding the appointment of adjutant General as for the general Staff on the Establishment.

The various Detachments which have been settled out from the Coast, for foreign Service - and the consequent distributed State of the Troops, added to the introduction of the new Regulations having considerably augmented the business of the Adjutant General's Department, I have found it necessary to employ, for some time past, Three additional Writers whose services will probably continue to be indispensible, the business of the Department having gradually encreased from different causes, from the period that I was first appointed to it, I have to request therefore that your Lordship in Council will be pleased to sanction the addition of three Writers to the Establishment of the Adjutant Generals Office, to be paid one at Ten and two at Five Pagodas each per Month, and also authorize the discharge of the enclosed Bill for Cash

disbursed

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disbursed in payment of the Writers above mentioned, and others who were necessarily employed by me as occasional increase of official business required. —

I would further request of your Lordship to allow for the Adjutant General's Office a Moochy to receive Three Pagodas per month, the multiplicity of papers prepared, arranged in, and issued almost daily from the Department, & requiring that it should have the aid of a Person of this description — Such is the official assistance only which I wish to solicit from your Lordship in Council at the present conjuncture — In regard to my own situation however I may be permitted to observe that the inadequacy of the allowances granted to the General Staff and Deputies on the Coast, long since attracted the notice of the Marquis Cornwallis who in the course of the late War, repeatedly intimated his intention of addressing the Honorable Court of Directors on the subject.

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for the purpose of having their situations rendered more suitable to the important nature of their appointments. —

Since the Marquis's departure from the Coast, the Consequence of the Adjutant Generals Office, in so far as it may be deemed to depend on the extent of the Establishment, and the employment of the Troops, cannot be said to have suffered any diminution — so that, viewing his intentions so frequently expressed, there was room to hope that under the new reform the Salaries for the General Staff Appointments would have been clearly defined and fixed on a liberal consideration of the Trusts they severally sustain, and the duties they have to execute; but if such were my expectations, my Lord, they have indeed been most completely disappointed. — Holding the Office in the rank of Major on the old Establishment, I should have been entitled to off Reckonings and the Gratuity of Field officer which are denied me by the new System; and I could demonstrations

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denominations under which the General Staff allowances were drawn even being still continued, instead of being Conso= lidated under one Head of Staff Salary or Staff allowance, I am equally prevented from Benefiting by Batta in the Field, or half Batta in Garrison or Cantonment, although the latter allowance is by the new arrangements extended to every Station on the Coast.—

In stating thus much to your Lordship, I cannot but mindful that the present situation of the General Staff on this Establishment, may be still under the Consideration of the Honorable Court of Directors who by their late des= patch, seem to imply that after Regulations may be expected for the further improve= ment of the System of Arrangement now introduced — To urge the Honorable Board therefore at this period to a com= pliance with any specific request in my own behalf, might be deemed unseemly —

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— It may be imagined however that something must be done in some of the main Departments to reconcile the new Arrangement in all its parts, to the general System of regulation which has been in use for some time under this Government. — I shall therefore confine my hopes from your Lordship's indulgence on the present occasion, to such consideration as may be granted consistently with the accomplishment of the above end.

I have the honor to be with respect,

Fort St. George
2nd. August 1796. —

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) B. Y. Close
Adj. Genl. of the Army

Minutes thereon —

Resolved that the Bill for the additional Writers be paid; and that the encreased Office Establishment be authorized for the reasons assigned by the Adjutant General. —

Ordered that the latter subject in Lieutenant Colonel Close's letter do remain for Consideration. —

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Military Officers at the Presidency:-

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council &c. &c.

My Lord.

From the Officers stationed at the Presidency praying that the fair Claims of the Army to promotion may not be impeded by the readmission of Captain Godfrey and Lieutenant Vaughan on the Effective List:

We the subscribing Officers of the Coast Army now at the Presidency impressed with a due sense of your Lordship's attention to the just rights and interests of that Army, beg leave to represent to your Lordship in Council, that amidst the general satisfaction which has been diffused, throughout the Army in consequence of the late promotions, a Damp has been thrown upon it by the General Orders of the 3d instant, by which Lieutenants Thomas Parkinson, and Patrick Macpather of the Invalids have been restored to the effective list by direction of the Honorable the Court of Directors.-

In representing this matter to your Lordship in Council, which we consider as a supercession to every Officer, under these Gentlemen, and of course the greatest hardship Military Men can be subjected to, we do not mean

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mean to insinuate any thing prejudicial to their characters, on the Contrary, we are convinced they well deserve the attention of the Honorable Court of Directors, and we should have been happy to have seen them provided for by the Commands of Revenue Corps, such as they had formerly and were deprived of, in Consequence of these Corps being reduced some short time after the termination of the late War, but of which there are now few on the establishment, such innovations however open the Door for similar applications from every description of Officers on the Invalid list (several of whom applied to be invalided not from the most Creditable motives) to return to that of the effective, by which means, they will make such a Convenience of the service, as suits their private Views and interests to the great prejudice of the effective list, and in direct opposition, to the intent and spirit of the Orders of Government of the 11th. September 1787, 6th. November 1788, 16th. July 1791. and 12th. August 1791, Copies of which we beg leave to transmit herewith. —

Having

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Having heard that Captain Godfrey and Lieutenant Hughes of Invalids had mentioned that applications had been made by them to your Lordships in Council to be readmitted on the effective list, or to be recommended home for that purpose, we confidently hope that your Lordships in Council, will not in justice to the Army, and in order to prevent similar applications, countenance these, but lest your Lordships in Council should be inclined from any reasons adduced by Captain Godfrey and Lieutenant Hughes to view the matter differently, we respectfully take the liberty, in behalf of ourselves and our absent Brother Officers, to state to your Lordships in Council, that we conceive these Gentlemen have no well founded Claim, right, or pretension to be restored to the effective list, and that the circumstances of their cases, are widely different from those of Lieutenants Parkeson and Mapother, who were recommended to the notice of the Court of Directors, by our late respectable Commander in Chief General Braithwaite, whereas in regard to Lieutenant Hughes, although he was repeatedly urged to recommend him he declined so doing.

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on grounds which we doubt not on a reference
to him will be found sufficiently strong to warrant
the exception he has thus made to the claims of that
Officer, and which we must be equally assured
had its full Weight with the Honorable the Court
of Directors, when they rejected his application
whilst they acquiesced in that from Lieutenants
Pearson and Mapother - We humbly conceive,
that Lieutenant Hughes having applied to be
invalided, and having actually left the Army in
the Field in August 1791, in order to retire to the
comfortable Command of a Revenue Corps at
Tanjore, is at present very suitably provided for,
by having the Command of the Fort of Mugulatore.

In regard to Captain Godfrey he
also applied to get upon the Invalid List in the
midst of an arduous War, partly we presume
from being afflicted with a Rupture, of which
we believe he has not yet recovered, since he
lost his Corps, he has had two different Com-
mands, and besides enjoys (600) Six hundred
Pagodas per Annum Off reckoning. - He will
now at all times be entitled to Half Batta, and
however Captain Godfrey may appreciate his
Services

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services, we humbly conceive they are not less
unrewarded. —

We respectfully trust that this
address will be found deserving of the attention
of your Lordships in Council, and in order that
our sentiments may be made known to the
Honorable the Court of Directors we request
that it may be made a Number in your first
dispatch to them. —

We have the Honor to be
with the greatest Respect &c. &c. &c.

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(Signed)
John Long Capt. 1st Reg. E.I.
John Munro Capt.
I. Brunton Capt.
T.W. Cosby Major Brig.
Pat. Bruce Capt. &c.
W Dowse Capt.
R.U. Grant Capt.
Tho. State Lieut.
Patrick Grant Lt. &c.
Geo. Lauder Lieut. &c.
Sutton Taylor Lt. &c.
R. M. Strange Capt.
Ja. Campbell Major
W. Kinsey Major
A. Wynch Lt. Col.
Tho. Coke Major
Edw. Gibbings Major
W. Stevens Capt.
Walter Wilson Capt.
R. Mealy Captain
T. Morgan Lieut. &c.
Paul Bose Lieut. &c.
Benj. Sydenham Lt. &c.
Ja. Frank Captain &c.

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Mich.l Egan Lieut.
Geo: Bodley Lieut.
Will.m Shaw Lieut.
E.B. Bagshaw Lieut.
J. Conway Lieut.
Tho.s Coghlan Lieut.
Sir John Cox B.t Lieut.
R. Barclay Lieut.
Tho.s Peters.
Capt.n Lieut.t 16th Batt.n

John Fortune Lieut.
T.H. Creve Lieut.
W. Pollock Lieut.
A. Campbell Lieut.
R. Haranege Capt.n
W. Preston Lieut.
R.H. Hervey Lieut.t
Chas. Rand Capt.n
Jos. Hall Capt.n
Nat. Forbes Capt.n

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G.O. By Government

The Honorable President in Council having taken under Consideration the several Reports which have been transmitted by Officers Commanding and by Surgeons concerning the Invalid and Pensioned Commissioned Officers on this Establishment, agreeably to the Government Orders of the 15th of May last, has been pleased to pass the following Regulations

Invalid List

1st That no Officer shall be returned and paid as an Invalid that is not fit for Garrison Duty —

2d That the Officers who now stand appointed to the

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the Revenue Battalions from the Effective List, having been selected either on account of their sufferings by Wounds, or from length of Service, or from having their Constitution materially injured in the execution of their Duty, shall be transferred to the Invalid List, but that such of them who may decline being so transferred and are found fit for the Duty of marching Regiments at any period within three years from the Date of their Appointment to the Revenue Corps, shall on their Application, be restored to their Rank and Duty on the Effective Strength of the Establishment.

3. That the second Article of this Regulation shall also apply in all future Appointments of Officers from the Effective List to the Revenue Battalions.

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G. O. By Government

As it appears that the Indulgence granted in the General Orders of the 11th September 1787 to Invalid Officers is abused by Claims being made on the Effective List which are contrary to the Spirit and intention of the Regulations

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Regulations then framed for the benefit of the Service in general, as well as for the Convenience of particular Officers who had suffered in the execution of their Duty so as to be no longer fit to undergo the fatigues of a Field life in this Climate; — and as the Establishment of Effective Officers may be greatly burthened by such claims to the prejudice of the Service at large, if they are admitted whenever it may suit the private purposes of Individuals to bring them forward, Government are therefore pleased to order that the part of the Regulations 11th September 1787 relative to the terms on which Invalided Officers are eligible to be restored to their Rank and Duty on the Effective Establishment shall cease to be a Rule of the Service from this Date; except only that the Officers who have been transferred to the Invalid List under the 2nd Article of the Regulations 11th September 1787 — and those who have been Invaleded between that Date and the present shall be eligible to be restored to their Rank and Duty on the Effective Establishment at any period before

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the 11th September 1790 under the following
Regulations to ascertain the propriety and
Justice of their respective pretensions --
1st That the Invalid officers of the above
Descriptions shall report in writing to the
Commander in Chief that they are fit for
the Duty of a marching Regiment in India
in War as well as Peace. —
2nd That the Concurrence of the Commander
Chief having been obtained in writing the
Invalid Officer so reporting himself shall be
eligible to be restored to His Rank and Duty
on the Effective Establishment under a Cer=
tificate upon Oath, and not otherways of
the Physician General or of a Surgeon —

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Revenue Battalion

Lieut James M.cGlerath to Command the 2d.
vice Torrens.
Lieut Tho.s Parkeson Do. Do. 8th vice James.
Lieut Patrick Mapother the 9th Batt.n.
Capt Everett of the Nabob's Service the 10th Do.
Capt.n Deighton of Do. Do. —— 11th Do.
Lieut Samuel Crump the — — — 12th Do.

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Tho.s Henddeson the 13th Battalion
Lieutenant Cleston Sober ... the 14th. Ditto
Lieutenants Mc. Ilerath, Parkison, Mapother,
Crumpe, Henddeson 1, Crump and Sober, having been nomi-
nated to the Command of Revenue Battalions
either on account of the Wounds they have received
in the Service or from their being rendered unfit
for Field Service, by a Series of ill Health and im-
paired Constitutions in the Execution of their
Duty are to be struck off the Effective List, and to
be returned as Invalids - But should any of
those Officers prefer remaining on the Effective
List, they are immediately to report the same to
the Adjutant General, accompanied by a
Surgeon's Certificate of their being fit for Field
Service. -

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Lieutenant Abraham Hughes
to Command the 2d. Revenue Battalion vice Mc.
Jurath deceased on the same terms relative to the
Invalid List as was expressed in the Government
Orders of the 16th July. -

Ordered

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Minute thereon. Ordered that a Copy of the fore-going letter be sent to England a Number in the Packet, and that it be recommended to the favorable attention of the Honorable Court of Directors

The Orders of the Honorable Court of Directors in the Political Department under date the 20th of January 1796, relative to the Claims on the Company by the Creditors of the Nabob of the Carnatic in the consolidated Debt of 1777 - and the reports of the Register of his Highness's Debts, and the Accountant General on the subject (the former entered in Consultation the 2d Instant, and the latter the 9th instant) having been maturely considered, the following draft of a letter to the Governor General in Council was approved in Circulation, and despatched to Bengal on the 14th Instant. -

To Bengal desiring to have their opinions as to the mode of carrying into effect the orders lately received from the Court of Directors, respecting the Nabob's Consolidated Creditors.

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

Honble Sir,

We have the honor to transmit to you Copy of the Commands of the Honorable Court

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Court of Directors relative to the claims on the Company by the Creditors of the Nabob of the Carnatic in the consolidated debt of 1777 - and copies of the reports of our Accountant General, and of the Register of his Highness's debts on the subject. —

Upon an occasion of such serious import, leading to a consequence likely to affect most materially both Public and Private Credit at this Presidency - we are extremely anxious to proceed upon sure grounds, and to have the benefit of your Sentiments for our guidance. —

The embarrassment we feel arises out of the following paragraph of the Courts Orders - "This Sum, or such other Amount as "shall on the principles here laid down be found "due to the Creditors, we direct that your Govern- "ment shall discharge either by Cash or by notes "bearing six per Cent Interest from the 31st. of "August 1784, payable only in Madras - but "in the latter alternative, the Creditors are to take "the notes at the Current Premium or Discount "- But in order to prevent the inconvenience, which

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"which might arise from so large a quantity
"of Notes being issued immediately, we direct
"that they be issued progressively, in such pro-
"portions as to prevent the market from being
"overstocked, and the value of your Notes in
"general thereby reduced from bearing a
"premium to be issued at a Discount. —

It would seem that these orders were given under a mistaken impression of the State of the Company's Paper, which so far from the six per Cents Notes being at a premium, at the time of their orders being received, we are informed, that the only paper of that kind at this Presidency Viz.t the Hog Hill Certificates, was selling at a discount of from 12 to 14 per Cent; and we are also told, that the six per Cents in Bengal have been offered at ten per Cent discount, tho' in a train of payment. —

Under these circumstances three modes occur — First — To pay the Creditors, as directed by the Court, in Cash — Second — To issue 6 ₱ Cent notes, at the discount of the day, (as enjoined) progressively — Third — To issue 6

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[illegible] Cents at the discount of the day, and the whole at once. —

The first is altogether out of the question for the state of our Treasury, makes it impracticable. The second would appear the most eligible, not only because it is conformable to the Orders of the Court of Directors, but because the effects of so greatly overstocking the market, as apprehended by them, must be highly injurious to public credit. But it is to be observed, that the Orders of the Company, of which copies have been sent from Europe to all the parties concerned, are considered to have admitted certain claims, which they are not disposed to relinquish — and they particularly insist, that if an arrangement does not now take place for liquidating the whole of the demand, they will be entitled to the discount of the day, at the period of the several Issues. —

The Court of Directors on the 20th of January ultimo, must have been aware of the encreased expences of this Government on account of the War, and the consequent necessity of our raising the interest on Government [illegible] Security

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Security — but we can hardly believe they are prepared for a discount of at least ten per Cent on their 6 per Cent Notes, upon the whole of the Amount now proposed to be paid, on a prospect of that discount rising on a progressive Issue, which by an interested Combinations &c would probably be effected. —

We are also inclined to think that they have not adverted to the real cause of their 6 per Cent Notes bearing so high a premium, which principally arose from the advantages of exchanging them for Bengal promissory — notes, with a view to obtaining Bills on England — whereas, if those Notes had been made payable at Madras, and not transferable to Bengal or England, it is most likely, that no such — premium would have existed, notwithstanding the particular affluence of that period. —

The probability of a peace in Europe in the course of a few months may be a rational speculation — How far a continuance of Tranquility in India may be reckoned upon, is more a subject for your consideration, than ours — and what operation that might have upon

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the public funds of this Presidency, whilst the Nabob, and the Rajah of Tanjore continue to raise Money on so enormous an interest, it is difficult for us to form any well grounded opinion but at all events we should presume that a diminution of our expences, and consequently a cessation of the necessity we are now under of borrowing money would enhance the value of the paper actually in the market and if any mode could be devised, attainable only by your assistance, to appropriate a specific sum monthly, however small (say two Lacs of Pagodas per annum) towards the liquidation of the Principal, the discount of our paper would be kept down, and its credit effectually supported. —

Should you be of opinion in favor of a progressive Issue, it would be fair by the Creditors that the respective periods should be fixed — Reserving to the Government (if the payment be not made in Cash) the power of issuing the Six per Cent notes at the discount of the day, or of giving such paper as the Company may then issue for their other payments or to their other Creditors, or finally of transferring

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the debt to Europe. —

You will observe by your Ac-
countant General's letter that he recommends
that the whole of the notes should be issued at
once. —

We request to be honored with
your Orders on this subject at as early a period
as possible — because, if it should be your
opinion that the notes should be issued
altogether, it is not unlikely that we might
find very serious difficulty in regulating the
discount, even at ten P Cent, if there be any
considerable delay. —

We have the honor to be,

with respect. — &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George (Signed) Hobart &c.
14th August 1796. — Council

Read the following letter from
Colonel Conyngham. —

To the Right Horible Robert Lord Hobart
President and Governor in Council of
Fort St. George —

From Colonel Conyngham — in refutation of the Claim advanced by Colonel Geils to rank above him on the general List of the Army.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknow-
ledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter
of

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of the 17th. ultimo, enclosing a Copy of an address from Colonel Gils to your Lordship, claiming a Superiority of Rank to mine; —

Give me leave with all due Deference and Respect, in the first place to draw your Lordship's serious attention to the General Orders Issued by Government, under date the 3d. of February 1795 - publishing not only an Extract from the General Letter of the Honorable Court of Directors under Date the 21st. of May 1794. approving of the previous Steps, taken by the Marquis Cornwallis, respecting the Rank of Officers, but also published by Order of Government, to enforce the same, agreeable to the tenor of the General letter from the Honorable Court of Directors, by which it should appear, it was not only the Marquis's view, as well as the Court of Directors, to Establish the Rank of their Field Officers, Conformable to the original Commission they so held in the service, but to do away in common Justice, the hardships falling on one Corps, that had not so Rapid a promotion as another

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another, which was Evidently the case, both Artillery and Engineers, having had much of Quicker promotion than the Infantry — I must beg leave to Crave your Lordship's attention, to that part of Colonel Geils's letter wherein he lays such great Stress on Absentees, — in this he is much mistaken with Respect to me, as I arrived at Madras the 29th of May 1791, consequently previous to the partial Regulation he mentions that took place in November 1792. —

My first Commission in the Honorable Company's Service is Dated the 2d. Day of December 1766 - and Colonel Geils arrived the following Season, as a Cadet only. —

Submitting the above Circumstance to your Lordship's Consideration, and not doubting but that Every Justice will be done to my Claims —

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect, &c. . . — &c.

Head Quarters
Ganjam
1st August 1796. —

(Signed) Geo: Conyngham
Lieutenant Col. Comm.d the
Troops in the District of
Ganjam —
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To lie on the Table.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel Smith.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

From Lieutenant Colonel Smith representing the reduction he suffers in his former allowances in consequence of the new Regulations.

My Lord,

I respectfully beg leave to state to your Lordship in Council some circumstances respecting my situation as Lieutenant Colonel of the 2nd Battalion of Artillery with the perfect confidence that I shall meet from your Lordship that attention which the nature of my peculiar and singular Case may appear to deserve.—

I had the Honor to be appointed Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of this Corps by Government on the 7th of March 1791. The Corps at that time was attached to the Army in the Field, upon the Peace it was sent to the Garrison of Trichinopoly, and from my Station I held the Command of the Artillery South of the Coleroon.—

The allowances which were at

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at that time attached to my situation were Pay as Lieutenant Colonel, Pagodas 956.10.32, and Full Batta as Commanding the Artillery South of the Coleroon, Pagodas 1800, with the allowances of Gratuity and Off Reckonings. — The latter varied at different years. — In the 1793 Gratuity amounted to Pagodas 641.32.40 — The Off Reckonings to Pagodas 1138.22.40. — Total Amount of Allowances for the year 1793, Pagodas 4,536.23.32. —

An Arrangement intended by the Marquis Cornwallis for the more uniform Practice of the two Corps of Artillery gave occasion to my Battalion being ordered to Join the Station of the 1st Battalion at the Mount in the Month of June 1794.

In consequence of that removal I ceased to draw the allowance of Full Batta which I had before received. — The Commander of the Army sensible that my allowances were not suitable to the Station which I held, was pleased to recommend the circumstances of my situation to the Consideration

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of Government, stating that as it could never
have been the intention of the Marquis Corn=
wallis that I should suffer Individually by
the Removal of my Corps to the Mount, he
begged leave to recommend that I might be
allowed to draw Full Batta as formerly,
and your Lordship in Council was favourably
pleased to recommend the same in your
General Letter to the Honorable Court of
Directors. —

No answer has as yet been
received to that Letter, but the justness of the
Claim, and the attention which must always
be paid to the Recommendation of so res=
pectable a Body would no doubt ensure its
success, but from the New Arrangements
which have taken place it may not be now
thought necessary of Consideration, as most
probably it may be conceived by the Honble
Court of Directors I should derive some im=
mediate advantage from them, and in con=
sequence my situation would not require the
Relief it might have at that time been in

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ned of. —

The arrival of the new Ar-
rangements and the professed principle on
which they were formed, that of giving relief
to the inadequate situation of the Company's
Army, had filled every one with the Hope
of gaining some substantial benefit, and I was
naturally led to expect to participate in the
General Good: The expectation of the Army
at large has been amply and liberally Gratified
and I heartily share in the Reflection of the
General benefit which has accrued to my
Brother officers — but beyond this I have
nothing to be Gratified in — On the contrary
I am already and as I hope and believe the
only material sufferer in the Army, for had
not the Military Arrangements taken place
I should have remained in the Command
of the 2d Battalion of Artillery as long as I
held my Commission, because agreeable to
the usage of the service any Officer of Superior
Rank to me, who might have returned from
Europe would have remained Supernumerary
until a vacancy happened. — By the Military
arrangements

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Arrangements therefore I not only lose the Command of my Corps but suffer a Considerable diminution in the allowances I otherwise should have enjoyed. —

My pecuniary Loses may be stated as follows. —

Loss of the Off Reckonings Pag 1132 on the debit
Gratuity 641.32.40
Difference between Half and Full Batta ..... 676.. ..
Total ... 2,448.32.40

I in the above Have only stated what I actually shall lose without adverting either to the hardship of my Case or to what I should otherwise have gained by these Arrangements had I been permitted to continue in the Command of my Corps. — I feel however my situation considerably encouraged as the Honorable Court of Directors have been liberally pleased to provide in their Arrangements that where the allowances drawn by any of their officers are materially reduced they should be allowed such Relief

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until they are promoted as Government may think proper. After having spent a period of Twenty eight years in the Company's Service (and I hope I may say without any imputation) in an Active Line of Duty without ever having been once absent (except[illegible] excepting a space of scarcely four years Confinement in an Enemy's Prison) from the various Services in which my Corps has been engaged, and having held the Command of the 2d Battalion of Artillery more than five years, and which I should continue to hold but for the Military Arrangements, and as I shall suffer so great a Diminution of Allowances I trust that the Liberality which has been extended to the Army in General will also reach me— In that hope and with a firm Reliance on your Lordships Justice and Liberality I beg leave to solicit your Lordship's support, and if necessary favorable — mention of my pretensions which I have endeavoured to state in this Letter. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. — — — &c.

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1st August 1796. — (Signed) David Smith

Lieut. Col. 2d Batt. Artly —

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The Honorable Court of Directors having authorized an Allowance of full Batta to Lieutenant Colonel Smith having given a Latitude with respect to those who may suffer by the new Arrangements, and are not promoted - And the new Arrangement having produced a Supercession which never otherwise could have happened to this Officer - It is Resolved, under all these circumstances, that Lieutenant Colonel Smith shall be permitted to receive the full Batta of a Lieutenant Colonel, until he shall be promoted, or placed in a full Batta Station - The Allowance to be Personal. —

Resolutions to allow Lieutenant Colonel Smith full Batta, till promoted, or placed in a full Batta Station —

Read the following Letter from Bengal.

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

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council that the following Brevet Promotions took place here on the 13th June last, in consequence of Brevets granted to his Majesty's Troops

From Bengal - advising of the Brevet Promotion of Lieutenant Colonels to the Rank of Colonels made at that Presidency and of the new Arrangement of the Medical Department -

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Troops Vizt. Lieutenant Colonels from the 25th October 1787 to the 8th October 1790 to be Colonels by Brevet of the 26th February 1795. Lieutenant Colonels from the 9th October 1790 to the 29th September 1791 to be Colonels of the 22d August 1795. —

I am further directed to transmit you for the information of Government, the enclosed Copy of the Minutes of Council of the 24th June, respecting the new Arrangement of the Medical Department on this Establishment. —

I have the honor to be,

Fort William
the 18th July 1796. —

&c. — — — &c.

(Signed) G. H. Barlow.
Secy to the Govt.

Minutes of Council
in the
Military Department.
June 24th 1796. —

1st. The Medical Board conformably to the orders of the Court of Directors, to consist of two Members, under the denomination of first and second Member, who are to superintend — under the Commander in Chief, or Officer — Commanding

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Commanding the Troops, the management of the Medical Department, in the Military line.

2 The Head Surgeon of the Hospital at the Presidency, no longer to have a Seat at that Board.

3 The Medical Gentlemen attached to the Companys troops to have the same rank with respect to the Army that they now hold.

4 The following are the number of Surgeons required for the different Corps of the Army, and for the General Hospital and Military Stations

Full Surgeons

Hospital Board	2
General Hospitals	5
Fort William	1
Tuttycorin	1
Fort Marlborough	1
Prince of Wales's Island	1
Dispensary	1
Artillery	1
European Regiments	3
Native Regiments	12
Total	30

Assistant Surgeons

Hospital Mates

Fort William	22
Fort Marlborough	1
Prince of Wales Island	2
	1

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Buxar	1
Monghyr	1
Dispensary	1
Cavalry	2
Artillery	3
Europeans Infantry	6
Native Infantry	24
Marine Battalion	1
Military Orphan Society	1
Total	66

5. The following are the number of Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons, attached to the Civil Department.—

Full Surgeons

Presidency	5
Luckmow	1
Benares	1
Patna	1
Moorshedabad	1
Dacca	1
Total	10

Assistant Surgeons

Luckmow	1
Benares	1
Patna	1
Dacca	1
Zillahs and Factories	29
Resident with Scindia	1
Ditto at Hydrabad	1
Ditto at Rangoon	1
Total	36

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6 There being 131 Surgeons on the list, exclusive of two not joined, two insane, one invalid, and one absent with leave, and 142 being required on the establishment, there are eleven Surgeons wanting to complete.

7 A promotion of nine full Surgeons to be made to complete the number required with the Native Regiments.—

8 The Directors having given an option to the Surgeons in the Company's Civil Department" to remain in their present situation or to attach themselves to the Military line of the Service under a notification that vacancies in the general Hospitals will in future be filled by Gentlemen in the Military line only". Previous to any promotion taking place, every Surgeon to be called on to make his option under the conditions above stated, and under a notification that there will be no alteration made in the Civil line of the Service in respect to pay or rank.—

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9 Should so great a number of the Surgeons at present attached to Civil Stations, be desirous of going over to the Army, as would leave the former line of the Service without its due proportion of Medical assistance, the requisite number to be ordered to do duty in the Civil Service until their places are supplied from Europe, when they will join the Army with their rank. —

10 The Medical Board are also to superintend under the Governor General in Council, the Medical Department of the Civil Service, and to draw the pay of Surgeons at the presidency, as they do at present. —

11 All applications and recommendations for promotion in the Medical Department in the Civil line, to go through the Medical Board to the Governor General in Council. —

12 Applications from Medical Gentlemen in the Military line to be transmitted to the Medical Board with the previous concurrence and consent of Commanding —

Officers

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Officers of Stations. The Medical Board to forward them to the Commander in Chief with their remarks, by whom, if necessary, they will be laid before the Governor General in Council. —

13 All recommendations for vacancies and promotion in the Military line to originate with the Medical Board, and to be laid before the Governor General in Council by the Commander in Chief, should he see no objections to the recommendation. —

A true Copy
(Signed) G. H. Barlow
Secy to the Govt

Resolved, in Consequence of the foregoing Communication, that the following Officers be Colonels by Brevet, to rank from the periods hereafter mentioned.

Brevet Promotion of Lieutenant Colonels to the Rank of Colonel.

George Conyngham
Thomas Trent
Thomas Prendergast
Richard Tolson

} From the 26th of February 1795

Artillery

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Artillery

David Smith from the 22d of August 1795.

Read the following report

from the Medical Board. –

Medical Board

15th August 1796.

The following are the number of Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons required for the General Hospitals, Garrisons and Stations and the different Corps of the Army, agreeably to the new Arrangements.

	Full Surgeons	Assistant Surgeons
Medical Board	2	
General Hospitals	4	
Nizam's Detachment	1	
Island of Ceylon	1	
Presidency General Hospital	1	

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From the Medical Board – propose a Distribution of the Medical Servants to Stations and Corps, according to the late Formation of the Army – an allowance for each Native Regiments – and that the Pooles be placed under the entire Direction of the Surgeons – Recommend an Increase to Mr. Conolly's allowance as Secretary to their Board. –

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Fort St. George - - - 1
Black Town and Jails 1
Medical Storekeeper - 1
Secretary Medical Board - - 1
Cuddalore - - - - 1
Pondicherry - - - - 1
Negapatam - - - 1
Tanjore - - - - - 1
Madura - - - - 1
Palamcotah - - - - 1
Dindigal - - - - 1
Baramaul - - - - 1
Chingleput - - - 1
Madepollam and Ingeram - - - 1
Vizagapatam - - - 1
Ganjam - - - - - 1
Artillery - - - - 2
European Regiments - 2
Native Regiments - 10

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Assistant

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Assistant Surgeons

General Hospitals . 16

Dispensary - - - - 1

St Thome - - - - - 1

Collectorships - - - 3

Condapilly - - - - - 1

Nellore - - - - - 1

Rajamundry - - - 1

Guntoor - - - - - - 1

Chicacole - - - - 1

Ganjam - - - - - 1

Ingeram - - - - - 1

Sunkerdroog - - - 1

Cuddalore - - - - 1

Kistnaguery - - - 1

Artillery - - - - - - 2

European Regiments 4

Native Regiments . 20

Native Cavalry - - - 4

Nizam's Detachment 2

Corps of Pioneers - - 1

Madras Native Battalion . } . 1

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In the foregoing
Statement we have inserted
the Garrison of Fort St.
George as a Station for a
full Surgeon the expe-
diency of which will we
trust, appear obvious,
and we have substituted
full Surgeons for Af-
sistants at Pondicherry
and Negapatam where
Such Officers frequently
resort for the recovery
of their health, and where
experienced Practitioners
should be placed.

In the list of the
medical Establishment
which we have the honor
to annex, there is one
Surgeon absent on leave
at Calcutta, where he is
permanently fixed. One
under

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under Suspension, and
One on foreign Service.

These Gentlemen can-
not in our opinion be
considered eligible to
occupy any Station here
until they are actually on
the Spot. Aprommotion of
Twelve full Surgeons is
therefore required.

We recommend
that the following Gentle-
men be promoted to the
rank of full Surgeons and
that their Commissions
will bear the same date
as those of the other Officers
promoted in consequence
of the new Regulations.

Messrs. William Todd
Thomas Thackeray
Thomas Sheppard
Alexander Mackenzie

Thomas

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Thomas Pollard
Valentine Conolly
James Johnston
Francis Duncan
Archibald Spairs
George Anderson
Robert Galloway
John King

Assistant Surgeons to Native Battalions having been allowed Twenty Five Pagodas per Month for Country Medicines and Servants, we recommend that Surgeons to Native Regiments be granted an allowance of 75 Pagodas monthly for these purposes and the further Sum of 25 Pagodas — monthly for Medical expenditure in consideration of the increased number

An allowance of Eighty five (85) Pagodas per mensem to be drawn by the Surgeon of a Native Regiments, in lieu of one hundred Pagodas as recommended by the Hospital Board. —

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number of European officers and Staff - and the additional number of non-Commissioned officers for whom it will be expected that the Surgeon shall provide Hospital treatment when they require it

All Medical expences on account of Detachments &c. &c. to be defrayed by the Surgeon. —

Some misapprehensions having arisen respecting the Pooles which in Garrison and Cantonment are attached to European and Native Corps, we recommend, as the most effectual mode of obviating all inconvenience

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inconvenience that these Doolies shall be drawn for, and placed under the entire direction of the Surgeon, who is to be held responsible for affording prompt and adequate assistance in all cases of accidents and sudden illness where the conveyance of Doolies is requisite.

It does not appear to us that it is necessary to make any further deviation from the Medical Arrangement published in the General Orders of the 4th. of December 1793.

We recommend that an application may be made to the Honorable Court of Directors to appoint some Medical Gentlemen for this Presidency there being now 24 Assistant Surgeons

† The Right Honble the President in Council entertains with the Medical Board a very favorable opinion of the conduct and capacity of Mr. Conolly but as the reasons offered by that Board are not such as would justify his

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his Lordship in Council in acquiescing in their recommendation, or in concurring with them in the necessity of putting their Secretary on a foot in point of allowances with the Secretaries of the Departments under Government, no alteration can take place. →

Surgeons wanted to complete the Establishment.

+ Our Secretary has repeatedly represented to us the very inadequate allowance attached to his appointment but we have been hitherto unwilling to address Government on the subject, in the expectation that it would have been noticed in the present arrangements. —

This, not having been the case, we think the present period the fittest for stating to Government that the duties of the Office can only be properly discharged by a person of diligence and capacity and who also possesses a perfect knowledge of the service in its different branches, and

that

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Mr. Colley Lyon Lucas the Junior Member of the Medical Board will henceforward examine and check all Medical Indents, and take upon himself the Duties that were performed by Mr. [illegible] in his capacity of Junior Member. —

that a considerable portion of his time must unavoidably be occupied by it, more especially since our Junior Member has been discontinued. —

Under these circumstances we trust Government will concur with us in the necessity of making such addition to the Salary and Office establishment of our Secretary as will put him on a footing with the Secretary of any other Department under this Government, or the Secretary of the Medical Board at Calcutta, the new regulations being professedly intended to equalize all the establishments in India. — We

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are induced the more readily to solicit the favorable attention of Government to this recommendation, from the satisfactory and attentive manner in which Mr. Conolly has uniformly fullfilled the duties of the Station for several years past..

Jas. Anderson
(Signed) Physician Genl.
Colley L. Lucas
Chief Surgeon ÷

List of the Medical Establishment under the Presidency of Fort St. George. -

James Anderson - Physician General & first Member Medical Board

Colley Lyons Lucas - Chief Surgeon - Second Member Medical Board.

William Raine - Head Surgeon - General Hospital Madras

Terence Guhagan - - - - - - - - - Vellore

John Briggs - - - - - Island of Ceylon

James

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James Richardson - - General Hospital Trichinopoly
Alexander Watson - - - - Masulipatam
William Roxburgh Surgeon on leave at Calcutta
Joshua Gillespie Head Surgeon Nizam's Detachment
George Ogilvy - - Surgeon Presidency Hospital
Alexander Anderson - 4th Battalion of Europeans
Maxwell Thomson - - under Suspension
Patrick Bowie - - Madepollam and Ingeram
Henry Miller - - - - - - Madura
Charles Ogilvy - - - - - Vizagapatam
Henry Harris - - - - 3d Battalion of Europeans
Andrew Berry - - - - - Apothecary
Michael Corbett - - With the French Prisoners
Bernard McMahon - 1st Battalion of Europeans
Charles Fleming - - - - - Ganjam
John Inglis - - - - - Palamcottah
Alexander Boiswell - 1st Battalion of Artillery
John Duncan - - - - - Cuddalore
George Baillie - - - 2d Battalion of Europeans
Maurice Fitz Gerald - 2d Battalion of Artillery
Thomas Spalding Surgeon - Vizianagrum
Whitelaw Ainslie - - - - Chingleput
William Norman.
George Wilson - - - - Moluccas Islands

Alexander

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Alexander Kennedy - - - - - - - Tanjore
Samuel Barber - - - Black Town and Jails

Assistant Surgeons

William Todd - - - - - Barramaul Country
Thomas Thackeray - - - - expected from Europe
Thomas Thippard - - - - Rajamundry
Alexander Mackenzie - - - Pondicherry
Thomas Pollard - - - - To the Eastward
Valentine Conolly - - - Secretary to the Medical Board
James Johnston - - - - 3d Regiment of Native Country
Francis Duncan - - - - - On leave to go to Europe
Archibald Spiers - - - 23d Battn. of Native Infantry
George Anderson - - - Gantoor
Robert Gallaway - - - - - Condapilly
John King - - - - 24th Battn. of Native Infantry
John Mc Arthur - - - - 27th - - - Ditto
David Halliburton - - - Chicacole
William Tait - - - - 17th Battn. of Native Infantry
William Martin - - - 28th - - Ditto
John Goldie - - - - - 2d and 36th - Ditto
Henry Hankes - - - - 1st - - - - Ditto
John Abernethie - - - 30th - - - Ditto
James Barber - - - - 4th - - - - Ditto

Edward

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Edward Mackay	35th Batt.n of Native Infantry
John Casterade	General Hospital Trichinopoly
Michael O Donoghoe	8th Batt.n of Native Infantry
James Gilmour	24th Batt.n of Native Infantry
Patrick Neal	19th Ditto
William Stuart	10th Ditto
Samuel Mc Morris	25th Ditto
Wynne Peyton	Sankeridroog
George Dunbar	Body Guard
William Ord	15th Batt.n of Native Infantry
John Crilly	2d Regiment of Native Cavalry
John D. White	With the Collector of Vizianagram
James Dalton	13th Batt.n of Native Infantry
Charles Oram	Dispensary
John Steddy	With the Collector of Polygar Pishcush
Charles Oneal	Negapatam
Jacob C. Tancourt	20th Batt.n of Native Infantry
Anthony Babington	4th Regt. of Native Cavalry
Henry Wise	34th Batt.n of Native Infantry
Joseph Street	1st Regt. of Native Cavalry
Robert Addison	1st Topne, of Madras Native Bn.
William Colhoun	5th Batt.n of Native Infantry
Richard Stone	7th Ditto
John Picks	29th Ditto

Samuel

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Samuel Lockhart - - - - - - - Ganjam
William Prichard - - - - 1st 43d 1st Battn of Native Infantry
John Carnie - - - - 4th - - - - - Ditto
Duncan Mc Gibbon - 48th - - - - Ditto
Archibald Little - - - - - Moluca
Thomas Green - - - 33d Battn of Native Infantry
James Peat - - - - - 11th - - - - - Ditto
Alexander N. Brown - Island of Ceylon
Colin Rogers - - - - - - - - - - Ditto
Joseph Purcel - - - 2d Battalion of Europeans
William R. Bulman - General Hospital Madras
John James - - - - - 3d Battn of Native Infantry
John Stephenson - - - 26th - - - - Ditto
John Underwood - - -

Read the following letters

From Bengal - with original and Translate of a Letter from Sir John Shore to the Nabob in reply to one from his Highness (respecting Purwannahs to the Polegars) in which certain expressions are animadverted on as disrespectful to the Government of Fort St. George. -

To The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council at Fort St. George

My Lord,

Our Secretary has laid before us the Communication of your Deputy Secretary under date the 15th Instt and We have the honor to enclose an Address from the Governor

General

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General to the Nabob of Arcot in reply to his Letter; with a translate for your Lordship's Information. —

With respect to the subject of his Highness's Letter, the Permaunahs to the Polygars, We have only to express our Wishes to receive your Lordship's Information whether any variation has been made from the usual form and the reasons for such variation, if it should have taken place. —

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

Fort William
the 22d July 1796. —

(Signed) J. Shore.
Rob: Abercromby.
F. Speke.
W. Cowper.

To the Nawaub of Arcot

Written 23d July 1796.

I have the honor of your Highness's Letter, on the subject of the Permaunahs to the Polygars (Recapitulate) that received 30th June 1796. —

It will ever be my inclination, as it is my duty, to attend to the Representations of

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of your Highness, but, I cannot sufficiently express my Concern, at the perusal of that part of your letter, in which, you mention the Government of Fort St. George, in Terms, equally unbecoming the Dignity of your Highness, and their situation, and although they have not thought proper to notice the expressions, to which I allude, and which I cannot repeat, I cannot avoid pointing out to your Highness, the Impropriety of such a Language in the Confidence, that, I shall never be under the disagreeable necessity in future, of reminding your Highness, that, it is no less my Duty to support the Just Authority and Dignity of the Government of the Company at Fort St. George, than to maintain your Rights

With respect to the Subject of your Letter, your Highness will not be surprized, that, I should have received no explanation upon it, from the Government of Fort St. George, and that, without such explanation, I cannot give my Sentiments upon it.

A true Copy
(Signed) A.B. Edmonstone
Pr. T. To

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To the Nawaub of Arcot

Written 23d July 1796.

I have been honored, by the receipt of your letters, vide these received 6th May and 30th June, notifying the payment of the Kists for April and May. —

I am much Gratified by the punctuality, your Highness observes in paying up the Kists, and I hope, that, your Highness will never fail in completing your payment with the utmost regularity. —

Believing me &c.

A true Copy

(Signed) B. Edmonstone
P. T.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George. —

My Lord,

I have the honor to reply to your Lordship's Letter of the 29th April. —

I have always considered it my duty to receive representations or Letters addressed to me by any of the Natives of

India

From Bengal. con-
-cerning in the Pro-
-perty of the Nabob's
furnishing the Govern-
-ment of Fort St George
with Copies of his
Letters to the Governor
General and of hers
transmitting all his
Correspondence thro'
that Medium - Copies
of Letters from and to
the Nabob on the
subject enclosed. —

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India, through whatever Channel they might come, and although the propriety of the principle cannot in my opinion be disputed, nor am I aware that the supposed inconveniencies stated by your Lordship are likely to arise from an adherence to it, I shall no longer hesitate in conformity to your Lordships Sentiments to request the Nabob of Arcot to confine the transmission of all Letters to the Governor General in future to the Channel of your Government.

I have been more particularly influenced in this determination, in consequence of a letter lately received from the Nabob of Arcot, a Copy of which I have the honor to enclose for your Lordships Information.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Letter of the 30th June with the Correspondence mentioned to be enclosed. The Nabob can be at no loss I imagine to procure English Translations of my Letters to him, and as it is stated to have been the invariable practice to furnish him with Translations, I cannot

but

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but recommend the continuance of it. —

On the Subject of the Nabobs
Letter respecting the Pearl Fishery, I do not
find any reference from your Lordships in
Council. —

I have the honor to send
enclosed an Address to the Nabob of this
date with a Translation for your Information.

I have the honor to be,
&c. — — — &c.

Fort William
the 22d July 1796. —

(Signed) J. Shore —

From the Nabob of Arcot

Recvd 15th July 1796.

It affords me the highest concern
to take up your time with matters of a
Trivial nature, but the most unavoidable
necessity obliges me to communicate a Cir-
cumstance, that has recently occurred. —

I sent to Lord Hobart a letter to
your address upon the subject of the Share of
the Pearl fishery, which I am entitled to,
together with the Copies of the Correspondence
which passed upon the occasion for the pur-
pose of being forwarded by his Lordship

to

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to Bengal – His Lordship did no forward it, but after the lapse of two days returned it to me with a message, purporting that – without being made acquainted with the Contents he would not forward it – I enclose for your information Copy of the note which I received from Mr. Adderly upon that Subject – Prior to this I dispatched a letter to your Address explanatory of the matter and soli= citing your advice upon it, and am in anxious expectation of an answer – From this measure of his Lordships I am greatly alarmed, not knowing how in the face of such impediments my letters are to reach you, and the circumstances of my situation which ought to be imparted to you, are to come to your knowledge – Your upright judgment will be a guide to me in this affair, for without establishing a proper channel, and receiving your reply to my former letter, my addresses must remain undispatched – If you approve I will lay a separate Packet to Bengal that my letters may reach you direct – I trust that your

goodness

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goodness will lead you to establish a proper and exclusive Channel for my communications

In the Nabob's hand writing

My kind Sir, This is the third time that Lord Hobart has returned my letters to your address, I now feel a degree of humiliation from having written Letters which have been returned to me — I shall however act as you may suggest in this case. —

A true Translation
(Signed) N. B. Edmonstone
Pr. Trans.

A true Copy
(Signed) G. H. Barlow
Secy to the Govt

To the Nawaub of Arcot

Written 23d July 1796.

I have had the honor to receive your Highness's Letter, communicating to me, the circumstance of the Right Honorable the President in Council, having objected to forward your Highness's letters to my address, without being furnished with Copies / Vide the letter received 15th July 1796 /.

I cannot but express my concern,

that

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that, your Highness should have thought it necessary, to make a proposition for establishing a Separate Bank, for the purpose of a Separate Correspondence with me in deviation from the usual forms of Communication, through the Government of Fort St. George, nor can I avoid mentioning my Surprize at the reasons assigned for the Proposition. —

I am persuaded, that, your Highness on Reflection, will see the Inexpediency of such a measure, as, I cannot take notice of any Representations from your Highness, or relating to your Intercourse with the Government of Fort St. George, without previous and full communication with them, nor can your Highness receive the Communication of my Sentiments, except through the same Channel of Intercourse

Whatever wish I may entertain to comply with your Highness request, in the present Instance I must beg leave to decline my Acquiescence, under a conviction, that, the apprehensions assigned by your Highness, for the proposition, Neither have, nor can have any foundation

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foundation. —

I have also been favored with your Highness's letters (vide those received 17th. and 24th June 96,) transmitting the correspondence with your Highness and his Lordship, on the subject of furnishing you, with English Translates of the letters, which, I have the honor to address to your Highness; and in conformity to your Highness wishes, I have requested his Lordship to furnish you with them as usual. —

It is the duty of the Government of Madras, to transmit any letters, which your Highness may think proper to address to me; it is no less my duty to attend to them; It is equally proper and necessary, that the Government of Madras, should be furnished with Copies of them, that the Subject may come before me, with the observations necessary to assist my Judgement, without which, it will be impossible for me to form an adequate opinion upon it, or transmit my Sentiments to your Highness, It is my Intention therefore to continue the mode, which, I have hitherto pursued of Transmit-

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Transmitting all letters, which, I may have occasion to address to your Highness, thro' the Channel of the Government of Fort St. George, and I trust, your Highness will see the propriety and necessity of sending to the Madras Government, for Transmission, any letters that you may think proper to honor me with accompanied by Copies for their Information, and that this form of Correspondence may be invariably adhered to in future.

A true Copy
(Signed) N. B. Edmonstone
Pr. T.

Observations on the two foregoing Letters from Bengal.

As the Board are wholly unacquainted with the contents of the letter from the Nabob to the Governor General received in Bengal on the 30th. of June respecting Permanahs to the Polygars; and not knowing that a letter on such subject had been written by his Highness, or the occasion that could have provoked an expression of terms (in reference to Permanahs) that appear to have been equally unbecoming the dignity of his Highness, and the

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"the situation of this Government," since no Communication or Correspondence on this point had taken place from the death of the Nabob Mahomed Ally to the present hour, it is not possible to furnish the Supreme Government with any explanation on the subject of his Highness's Address to the Governor General.—

Under a supposition, however, that the Nabob's letter may refer to a former transaction relating to Permaumahs, it is resolved to transmit to Bengal copy of the letter written by Sir Charles Oakeley to the Nabob Wallaujah on the 29th. of August 1793, and of that from Lord Robart dated the 9th. January 1795, on this subject— and to acquaint the Supreme Government that no reply was ever given by the late Nabob to either of those letters.

Resolved also, that copies of the two letters from the Board of Revenue dated the 20th. August 1793, and the 5th. January 1795, which induced the necessity of writing the aforesaid letters to the late Nabob, be sent to Bengal; and that the Supreme Government be requested to transmit to the Board a Copy of the letter from the Nabob to the Governor General regarding Permaumahs.—

Tho.s Wilkett

E.W. Saunders

C.K. Talloch

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Diary

17th Received the following letter.

William Collins Jackson Esqr

Secretary to the Military and Political Departments

Fort St. George

Sir

From Mr. Collector Grant shall authorize further advances for Tuckavi according to orders

I beg leave to acquaint you for the Information of the Honorable Board that I have this Day received from Mr. Macleod. the Resident at Tanjour. Copy of their Letter to Him dated the 5th Instant. and that in consequence of the Permission therein contained, I shall immediately make further Advances of Tuckavi to the Cultivators. by sanctioning a Loan on behalf of the Honorable Company -

I have the Honor to be
Sir Sr

Mayaveram
12th August 1796.

Signed Fra.s Alex.r Grant
Coll.r

Received the undermentioned Letters

Entered

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17th Entered in M.B. Nos. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124.

From Lieut. Col. Close — From Adjutant General enclosing a List of the army specifying the rank held by each officer under the new arrangements.

To Captain Mackenzie Engineers — To Captain Mackenzie requesting payment of an Establishment employed by him in surveying the Forts and posts on the western side of Ceylon and of some contingent Expences incurred by him on that service.

From Lieut. Colonel Gowdie. — From Commandant at Madurah again soliciting an Enquiry into the Complaints lately preferred against him by the Nabobs Manager at that place.

From Mr. Place — From Collector in the Jaghire transmitting Copy of an application from Majr Prescott for artificers to execute certain repairs at Chingleput and stating his inability to spare any.

From Mr. Ruthchoff — From Assistant Resident at Poonah advising of the state of affairs at that place and

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1st and the reports of the arrival of three or four French Emissaries at Seringapatam -

From Military Paymaster informing

From Mr. Cochrane that all the officers going home who had received an advance of six months pay have refunded the same, Lieutenant Walcott excepted -

From Mr. Roebuck From Military Paymaster General transmitting another additional Estimate of Cash for August -

From Coll. Malcolm From Military Auditor General submitting for the Boards decision a Quare put to his office respecting the allowance of a Rupee per diem to Captain Lieutenants and Subalterns -

From Capt.n Clerk From Captain Thomas Clerk - - advising of his being compelled by ill health to proceed to England from the Cape of Good Hope

From Capt.n Lieut.t M.c Cally - From Captain Lieutenant M.c Cally representing that Captain Ferguson has without authority struck him off the strength of the 1st Battalion whereby he is liable to lose many months subsistence -

Received

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Substance of a letter from the Nabob.

Received letter from the Nabob Entered in C C No 120. requesting that two persons may be appointed as usual to adjust his Kistbundy account. has appointed Mr. J. Batley and Venkatachellum on his part.

Received the following letters.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

From Major Kirkpatrick with further advices of Tippoo's designs suggests the removal of the French prisoners to Bengal Ajmir al Omrah about to return.

My Lord

I think it proper to inform your Lordship that I have ascertained to a certainty that the Intelligence mentioned in my letter of the 19th ultimo was not received from Masulipatam/ as I stated indeed to be very improbable/ but was communicated to the Nizam by Imtiaz ud Dowlah who no doubt obtained it. if not from Tippoo himself; from one of his Vakeels at this Court. It may not be amiss to add here for your Lordship's further Knowledge that Imtiaz ud Dowlah.

Omits

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19 Omits no occasion of exerting himself for the purpose of detaching his Highness from his connection with the English and of prevailing on him to form a close alliance with Tippoo —

It is further incumbent on me to apprize your Lordship that upon a careful — consideration and Combination of the various — accounts which I have received relating to the motions and designs of Tippoo. I see but too much reason to be persuaded that the latter are — hostile to — the English. How far his actual execution of them may depend upon his being — joined by a French Force or upon any less — immediate co-operation of that nation or of the Dutch. I have no sufficient means of judging but I have some reason to doubt, whether it rests in any material degree upon the success of his — present negotiations at this Court. —

It being of great importance in the Event of a French armament appearing on our Coasts that all means of communication — between

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between the Enemy and Monsieur Raymond should be rendered as nearly impracticable as possible. I beg leave to submit to your Lordship whether it would not be expedient in such a case to remove all the French without exception /whether Prisoners or at large/ both from Masulipatam and Mootapilly or Nairpilly. Further it might be presumptuous in me to suggest any measures of precaution yet I must own I should be happy to hear, no particular convention preventing, that the whole of them had been transferred to Bengal or some other quarter of equal security.

I have the pleasure to inform you that accounts have been received here of, Azim ul Omrah's having entered his tents to the Eastward of Poonah, preparatory to his return to Hyderabad. The money agreed to be furnished on this occasion by the Nizam, left this yesterday under an Escort from Mons.r Raymond's Corps, commanded by

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by Asst. Peon his Secd.

I have the honor to be,
&c &c

Hyderabad
9th August 1796.

Signed W. Kirkpatrick

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of

Fort St. George

From Mr. Ukthoff with Intelligence of the state of affairs at Poonah

My Lord

My last address was dated the 1st Instant. and I have now the honor to enclose, for your Lordships Information, Extract of my letter of this Date to the Governor General.

and to be very respectfully
&c &c

Poona
3d August 1796.

Signed J. Ukthoff
Assistant

Extract of a letter from the Assistant to the Resident at Poona, to the Governor General dated 3d August 1796.

My last address was dated the 1st Instant.

On the same Day, the Executive Ministry

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19 Ministry, both of the Bramin and Sindean — Parties paid a long Visit to Bava Furkea (eldest surviving Son of the late Hurry Pundit) who afterwards proceeded to the Peshwá's Durbar. For the first Time for many Days past Bhoo Pundit also paid a Visit to Appa Balwent. In the afternoon, Chinna Appa, on an Elephant in his State Umaree, with Appa Balwunt and Hurry Pundit (one of Pursaram Bhow's younger Sons) in the Khuwafsy, attended by Pursaram Bhow and Baba Furkia on the same Elephant, with many other Chiefs of Consequence, and a large Body of Troops, proceeded towards the Encampment of Azim ul Omrah, about a Mile to the Eastward of the City. He was met by Doulut Row Sindea on Horseback, attended by his Ministers, and a large Cavalcade. After exchanging Salams without alighting, Doulut Row Sindea got on an Elephant with Doandebah in the Khuwafsy, soon after which, Azim ul Omrah on an Elephant with his Household Dewan Reem Runt in the Khuwafsy, attended by

Kullian

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19th Kullian Row and Babro Row / Nizam ally Khan's Vakeels at the Lindean Durbar / on the same — Elephant, and many Followers, met the Peshwa. They both alighted, and exchanged Salams and Embraces standing / after which, they remounted their Elephants, and returned Home.

On Intelligence reaching Doulut Row Sindea, at his Camp Four or Five Cose from Poona that Chimna Appa was about to set out, — He mounted an Elephant, Narain Row Buckshy in the Khuwafsy, and a large Retinue, and on the Road was met by Ballo Santea. Bhow Buckshy, &c. Soon after which, the approach of Azim ul Omrah being announced, He got into his Pallankeen, as did Azim ul Omra from his Elephant, and, on meeting, they Exchanged Salams and Embraces, and sat some Time on a Carpet that had been spread for them. Doulut Row Sindia then remounted his Elephant, Doandebah in the Khuwafsy and desiring Azim ul Omrah to follow him, proceeded to meet the Peshwa, on approaching whom He

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19th got on Horseback.

Neither Tukojee Holkar, nor his adherents took any Part on the occasion - The agents of Ragojee Bhonsla were present.

This very conspicuous Introduction of Ajem ul Omrah to the Peshwa by Dowlut Row Sindea, would appear to be a prelude to all affairs between the Governments of Poona and Hydrabad being in future transacted through the mediation of the Sindian party -

To external appearances the various personages that met on the above occasion acted Cordially in concert yet it will be observed, that the Bramin and Sindean parties however insidiously shewed very great Honors and Respect towards Baba Furkia who, in Return, could not with Consistency or Prudence well do less than He did. Still, however, it is very confidently said, that He is not cordially attached to the reconciled to the Bramin and Sindean parties but on the contrary partial to the cause of Bajyrow and Nana Furnavese It is said that

Nana

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19th Nana has lately remitted to Baba Furkia and Jukojee Holkar Ten lacks of Rupees each; that Ragojee Boonsla though He has not taken a conspicuously decided part in any of the measures pursued here since the Death of the late Peshwa Mhadoo Row inclines to the cause of Bajyrow and Nana Furnavese and that Ally Bahader does not approve of Chimna appas usurpation -

Notwithstanding the present very formidable apparent consolidation of Power here it is not by any means clear that Dowlut Row Sindeah and his ministry are on Terms of cordiality The heterogeneous and discordant principles both of religion and policy of the Bramin and Sindean Parties and the iniquity in which the coalition is founded, must surely preclude cordiality between them; and though they both seem aware that union is at present absolutely necessary for them, yet the Lust of power and the predatory and encroaching principles of both parties are likely ere long to occasion a

Breach

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19 Breach. It is also to be adverted to that there are many very formidable members of the Maratta Empire to which, there is Reason to think, may be added the Community in general inimical to both parties the Danger that threatens the Sindean party from the Cabool Afgaws and the Seiks is likewise to be taken into Consideration. Still, however it would appear to behoove the British power in India not to be totally unmindful of the Possibility however unlikely of an effective Consolidation of the power of the Bramin and Sindean parties and of a close connexion between them and the Nizam and Tippoo particularly if there is any Truth in the Reports of a French Force being about to join the latter.

True Extract

Signed J. Uhthoff

Assistant

Received

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Received and sent the undermentioned letters Entered in M.B. Nos. 125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134-135.

From Coll. Malcolm

From Military Auditor General - stating that the arrear of salary due to him in consequence of the late orders from England. - amounts to Pagodas Twelve hundred and Twenty five -

From Major Genl. Collins

From Major General Collins - representing the hardship of, being the only Officer of his Rank who is excluded from the advantages which that of Major General by Brevet has - conferred -

From Captn. Bong, Engineers

From Captain Bong - submitting his claims to reimbursement for repairs made by him to the Commandants quarters at Kistnagherry for a quarter built by him at Ahtoor, and other works at Sanklydroog -

From Mr. Torriano

From Resident at Nagore - forwarding a Box containing Samples of the Prize Cinnamon

at

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at Ceylon, sent to him for that purpose

From Lieut.t Col.l Brown.

From Lieutenant Colonel Brown:

Submitting his claim to some Compensation for the additional Trouble, responsibility and extraordinary Expense, which attended his situation at Malacca.

From Mons.r Dreguet

From Mons.r Dreguet requesting leave to retire from the Meuron Regiment on a pension.

To Col. Malcolm.

To Military Auditor General directing the payment of subsistence to Colonel Lydenham. Major Prescott, Captains Macalister Faulis - Sampson and Malcolm and Lieutenant Hudleston from 1st January 1795, to the day of their arrival at Madras from England

To Capt.n Campbell

To Commander of the Henry Dundas enclosing a letter for the Secretary at the India House.

To Mr. Skinner

To Justice of the Peace. transmitting Copy of Mr. Scott's letter, with the depositions taken

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19 taken by him upon Oath, touching the murder of Captain Gahagan's Servant - and desiring him to suggest the necessary measures for bringing the perpetrators to Justice -

To Mess.rs T. Parry & Co.

To Mess.rs Thomas Parry & Co.

discharging the Ship Mary from the Company's Service -

To Lieutenant Col. Gent

To Chief Engineer - informing him that Major Prescott is to superintend the repairs ordered at Chengleput -

22d Received the following Letter -

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart,

Governor and President in Council,

Fort St. George,

From Major Kirkpatrick requesting, by authority from Bengal, that the Nizams Stores at Nairpilly &c may be permitted to pass to Hyderabad

My Lord,

Having received an application from this Durbar for a Passport for the Military Stores at Nairpilly &c enumerated in my letter of the 6th July, and which are declared to be the residue of Articles purchased at different times

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22d times on account of his Highness the Nizam with the permission of Government. Beg leave, in conformity to the orders of the Governor General in Council, on this head, to recommend that the necessary directions be accordingly transmitted to the proper Officers: so that the Stores in question, after being collected together at Nasipilly, may be allowed to proceed from thence without interruption to Hyderabad.

To prevent the trouble of reference I insert the list of these Stores, in this place.

3,000 Muskquets
2500 Sepoy Coats
1500 Do. Do. with Cloth for 5,500 more
30 Pieces of Scarlet Cloth
10 Chests of Glass ware
10 Bullock Loads of Country Cloths / Barsaut Cummerbands /
10 Pieces of Cannon at Conniga
20 Do. Do. at Madras
10 Do. Do. at Tranquebar

It is also requested by the Durbar, that a party of Fifty Sepoys, belonging to Monsieur

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22 Monsieur Raymonds Corps: and which is said to have been all along employed at Narpilly as a Guard over these Stores, may be suffered to proceed with them—

The Cannon abovementioned not being mounted 40. Carriages and 200 Bullocks are proposed to be sent from hence for transporting them hither: and I shall accordingly, in compliance with the desire of his Highness, grant a Passport, for these Bullocks &c. and the People that are to accompany them: namely, five Markarrahs belonging to Mons.r Raymond: 30 Bullock men. and 40 Cart drivers.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Hyderabad
11. August 1796.

/Signed Will.m Kirkpatrick

Received the undermentioned letters

Entered in MSS. N.os 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141.

From Lieut.t Davison — From Commandant at Tutocoryn.
requesting authority to erect a new Flag Staff.

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From Major Genl Floyd — From Commandant at Trichinopoly transmitting Lieutenant Oliphants account of his attack on Ayaloor.

From Captn Malcolm — From Captain Malcolm requesting to receive his pay from the 1st January 1795. until the day of his arrival at Madras.

From Captn Sampson — From Captain J. Sampson to the same effect.

From Mr Larkins — From Commissary General of Grain and provision - transmitting his Estimate for September -

From Mr Roebuck — From Military Paymaster General with Ditto -

Sent the following letters -

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

at

Fort William

To Bengal forwarding extract from the Boards proceedings consequent to the orders for restoring the Tanjore Country with Mr Saunders's different observations on the occasion -

Honble Sir

We have the honor of transmitting copy of a Minute dated the 7th instant, containing

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22. containing the observations of our Right Honorable President, upon the letter of the Supreme Government under date the 20th of June relative to the Treaty entered into with the Rajah of Tanjore in the month of January last: and Extracts of our proceedings consequent to your orders for the abrogation of that Treaty.-

At the first meeting of Council after the receipt of your letter, Mr. Saunders moved that your orders should be immediately carried into execution. But to this motion our President and the other Members of the Council opposed the necessity of a previous arrangement with the Rajah, through the Resident, for the indemnification of the Company, on account of the advances that had been made by the Tanjore Collectors for the future Cultivation of the Country; and for the repairs of water Courses. — The obligation we were under of obeying your order, could not be a subject of discussion. For the line of our duty was too well defined — but in executing such order we

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22 we were essentially bound to act with that discretion which the magnitude of the object called for, and without evading or attempting to evade instructions so pointedly given, it was obviously incumbent upon us to carry them into effect in such way, as might upon full consideration, appear the best for the Interest of the Company—

In consequence of our President's proposition, we wrote to Mr Macleod, directing him to urge the Rajah to an arrangement that should indemnify the Company for the advances they may have made, and the Securities they may have entered into—

On the 5th Instant, (as you will observe by the extracts herewith transmitted) we wrote again to the Resident, stating, that as any delay in the necessary advances of Tacavi to the Ryots in the Soubahs of Manargoody, Mayaveram, and Trivasy, might be prejudicial to the ensuing year's Revenue, we had determined

to

22° to authorize the Collectors to become security on the part of the Company for the payment of whatever Money should be advanced by the Money Lenders for the purpose of Tacavi - but on the express condition that the Rajah should give his Solemn assurance in writing that the Company should be no losers whatever by such engagements on their part — having been entered into.

At a Meeting of Council the 16th Instant. Mr Macleod's answers to the letters we had written to him were read. It appeared that the Rajah was willing to indemnify the Company, and to give the assurance in writing that we had required of him - we therefore directed the Resident to restore the Soubahs upon his Excellency's becoming responsible to the Money Lenders for all Sums with Interest that had been advanced under the Guarantee of the Collectors for the future Cultivation of the Country, and upon his repaying either at Tanjore or Madras the amount of such Sums as might have been actually advanced by the Collectors for

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the repair of water Courses or Maraments; or giving such Security for the repayment as the Resident might deem good and adequate; as well as for any money or Grain at a fair value, that may have been issued directly by the Collectors to the Ryotts, (without the intervention of money Lenders) for the benefit of the ensuing Crops.

Mr. Saunders recorded a second Dissent against any delay in the Execution of your orders, and having requested that a Copy of this Dissent might be sent to the Supreme Government, we have judged it indispensably necessary to state to you all the measures that have been taken, and the cause of the present delay.

We must declare that we are decidedly of opinion the Company would never receive a Pagoda of the Money that had been advanced if the Country were delivered up previous to their being reimbursed or good Security taken for the purpose, and that there is no other honest way (with respect to the Company) of carrying your orders into

execution,

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22. execution -

With respect to the second subject stated in Mr. Saunders's minute of the 15th Instant. we are to observe that our President has informed us that some days ago he ordered the Civil Secretary to prepare a Statement of the expences of this Government, with a view to its being transmitted to you, in which he directed a return to be included of all the Prisoners, with their monthly charge, in order to a consideration how far in your Judgement the expence of Keeping them, might preponderate against the risk of sending them to their respective Governments

We have the Honor to be

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&c &c

Signed Hobart &c Council

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To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

at

Fort William

Honorable Sir

To Bengal on the subject of the Nabobs late reference to the Governor General respecting the Peiwandah to the Polygars - a Copy of the letter requested -

We have had the Honor to receive your letter dated the 22d. Ultimo, and one from the Governor General under the same date, with three letters addressed to the Nabob, which have been delivered to His Highness -

Being wholly unacquainted with the Contents of the letter from the Nabob to the Governor General, received in Bengal on the 30th. of June respecting Peiwannah to the Polygars, and not Knowing that a letter on such subject had been written by His

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His Highness. or the occasion that could have provoked an expression of terms / in reference to Pernannahs / that appear to have been "equally "unbecoming the dignity of his Highness. and "our situation." since no communication or correspondence on this point had taken place from the death of the Nabob Mahomed Ally to the present hour. it is not in our power to furnish you with any explanation on the subject of his Highness address to the Governor General- We request you would be pleased to furnish us with a copy of the abovementioned letter-

Under a supposition, however, that the Nabobs letter may refer to a former transaction relating to Pernannahs we have the honor to enclose. copy of a letter written by Sir Charles Oakeley to the Nabob Wallajah dated the 29th august 1793, and one from Lord Hobart

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Hobart dated the 9th January 1795. on this subject, and to acquaint you that no reply was ever given to either of those letters.

We also forward Copies of two letters from the Board of Revenue dated the 20th August 1793, and the 5 January 1795, which induced the necessity of writing the aforesaid letters to the late Nabob.

We have the Honor to be,

Fort St George
19th August 1796

&c &c

Signed Hobart

&c Council

Despatched the undermentioned letters

Entered in MB Nos 142-143-144-145-146-

To Mr. Lt. Barlow √ To Secretary at Bengal - Forwarding Copies of the General Letters to England per Earl of Wycombe.

To Col. Lydenham √ To Military Auditor General - Captn Geekie to be paid the usual Sum for his Regimental Horse, which died of an epidemic Disease.

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22 Disease - Lieutenant Colonel Smith to be allowed the Full Batta of his Rank from the 1st June last, until he shall be promoted or placed in a Full Batta Station -

To Coll. Geils — To Colonel Commandant of Artillery directing him to hold in readiness to march to Fort St. George one Company of Artillery -

To Mr. Skaife — To Commissary General of Grain and provisions - requiring an Estimate of the Expense of building a new Granary at Guntoor - that at Masulipatam to be repaired by Mr. Corbett - the offer for purchasing the old Grain at Tanjore to be rejected - orders on the subject - Grain Godowns will be ordered to be built at Arcot -

To Military Board — To Military Board - directing the building of the said godowns at Arcot - and the repair of the Storehouses at the Mount - their opinion desired on a letter from the Commandant at Tanjore -

23 Received and sent the undermentioned letters entered in MB. Nos. 147 - 148 - 149 - 150 - 151 -

From

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From Committee at Dindigul — From Committee of Enquiry at Dindigul - advising of the Pollam of Yerriadoo being taken possession of - and enclosing Copy of the proclamation published by them in consequence -

From Mr. Totton — From Clerk to the Justices - requesting that Captain Gahagan and Lieutenant Murray may be brought to Madras to take their trial - and that the Evidences examined by Mr. Scott may also be ordered down -

From Lt. Col. Close — From Adjutant General - suggesting that some of the supernumerary Cavalry Serjeants whose services are not required on the Coast, be sent to Bengal -

To Col. Wyndham — To Military Auditor General - referring the Estimate of Mr. Roebuck and Mr. Kardon for September -

To Messrs. Woolf and Smith — To Messrs. Woolf and C. Smith - directing them to meet the Nabob's Deputies for the purpose of adjusting his Balance account -

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.

and

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

Tuesday 23d. August 1796.

Minutes of last consultation read and approved.-

Resolved. that the following letter be written to the Governor General in Council -

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

at Fort William

Honorable Sir,

To Bengal advising of the Nabobs Refusal to enter into any arrangement for repaying to the Company the Sums advanced by them in Liquidation of the new Cavalry Loan. and desiring their further Instructions on the subject-

The letter we have had the Honor to address to you from the public Department under this date will have fully apprized you of our pecuniary embarrassments and of the necessity we are under of looking to the Supreme Government for immediate relief.-

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Notwithstanding the Nabobs refusal to comply with the application of this Government we had entertained some Hopes that the manner in which the Governor General had expressed himself in his letter to the Nabob of the Carnatic dated the 8th of April last on the subject of the new Cavalry Debt, would have induced His Highness in conformity to the Company's expectation to have adjusted the necessary arrangements for the purpose of its liquidation. But altho he is fully aware of the great embarrassments in the company's Finances (for our President has repeatedly urged the subject upon him) solely occasioned by our operations against the common enemy, in the result of which he is equally interested - and altho the Debt is in itself liable to no objection on the part of his Highness, that could not readily be refuted, he has undisguisedly told us in a late letter (copy of which was transmitted by our Secretary to Mr. Secretary Barlow under date the 10th Instant) that he must defer the discussion of the Subject to a more convenient occasion and that to embrace the opportunity which presented itself of entering

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upon the arrangements recommended to him by the Governor General would be nothing less than "an infringement of his Honor, and a "dereliction of his Interests"—

Our Resients minute of the 23d. of October 1795. which is before you states comprehensively the nature of the Cavalry Debt— explains that it was incurred by the Nabob: "on account of actual advances from the Company's "Treasury, which relieved his Highness from an "interest upon the greatest part of it of 12 ℔ Cent, "and for which no more than 8 ℔ Cent, had been "charged by the company"— and points out a "mode of indemnification provided the Nabob "should continue to resist our intreaties for the "payment of it—

Lord Hobart observed in the minute to which we are referring that "if the "demand were just and reasonable, the expediency "of enforcing it, could not be questioned— provided "the means of doing so, should not be inconsistent "with the principles of Justice, or contrary to "the nature of the connection formed between the "Company and the nabob"— we are now more than ever

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ever impressed with the justness of this observa-
tion and of the propriety enforcing the
demand. of the unequivocal avowal of his Highness
sentiments already alluded to, we entertain
not a shadow of doubt. That the demand
is reasonable - the exigencies of this Government
the object which has occasioned them open by
declare, and that it is just. has not even
been attempted to be denied by his Highness
by any argument worthy of the smallest
consideration. If then the nabob have the
means. and we believe he has to discharge
the demand. it is surely at a moment like
the present. that he ought to do it - and we
have no hesitation in offering our decided opinion
that he should be compelled in the manner we
have proposed to this act of justice - if he
cannot otherwise be prevented upon to perform
it -

Bound down. as we are by your
orders against the adoption of any measures
in which the nabob is concerned. save those
of conciliation and persuation: and fully
impressed with the belief from the tenor of

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his late letters. that Representations from us would first of effect. and subject us to a reputation of that language to which his Highness has for some time past accustomed himself in his correspondence with this Government, we must look to your influence with the Nabob for the accomplishment of every essential point. and we must solicit explicit orders from you. whether. under existing circumstances. we are to take any and what steps for enforcing the payment of a just Debt, since arguments of a conciliatory and persuasive nature have failed of their end. and that the discharge of it is absolutely indispensable to the reestablishment of our finances. exhausted for a purpose. not to be separated from the safety of his Highness's dominions.

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

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Read the following letter
from the Resident at Tanjore.

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart,

Governor in Council,

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Resident at Tanjore - assents Colonel Bairds direct Interest in Loans of Money to the Rajah and communicates circumstances relative to the calling out of the Troops - Denies the Charge of having had recourse to Measures of Intimidation in obtaining the Rajah's Signature to the Treaty hopes to ascertain the channel thro which the Rajah obtained Copies of the opinions of the Pundits -

I was honored with your Lordships letter of the 26th. ultimo regarding the restoration of the three Soubahs to His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore, in consequence of orders to that effect lately received from Bengal -

The tenor of the Oath I took on my appointment to this place required that I should pursue the best means for bringing to light the nature of the pecuniary burthens illegally brought on the Tanjore Country, together with those persons who were instrumental to and concerned in the above illegal Transactions -

I have been steady in pursuing that important object by means which in my opinion were best adopted to effect it - My oath requires the disclosure to Government of every Circumstance nearly.

nearly or distantly connected with the Loans &c. at the same time. it must be obvious that bringing forward circumstances connected with the Loans at a premature period might probably defeat the end proposed, of complete discovery. Indeed the circumstances alluded to in the latter Paragraph of your Lordships present letter, shew the hazard there may be of interested persons finding means to get at Secret intelligence regarding their conduct -

I have now the best Authority for asserting that Colonel Baird commanding his majesty's 71st. Regiment and the Garrison of Tanjore, is deeply concerned, (and has been for a length of time concerned,) in Loans of Money to the Rajah. I am ready to make Oath that he told me of this himself and likewise that Hussein Cawn, (whose character I have made Known to your Lordship) was the agent for managing the concern at the Palace -

Alth.

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altho the above may not furnish complete Proof of the Colonel being so concerned in the above illegal Transactions yet I, (according to the following part of my Oath,) was not at liberty to refuse hearing the communication —

"and I will not under any "pretence whatsoever, refuse to listen to or "decline to receive any Information that "may be offered, connected with the said — "subject —"

I shall now, as directed, state to your Lordship every thing that passed — either verbally or in writing with regard to the Employment of the Troops. The written Documents are already before your Lordship but I shall here recapitulate one of them to shew that Colo. Baird — made use of a private note, I wrote to him and produced it as a public Record, to convey an unwarrantable insinuation against your Government, and against me its agent, to serve his own private

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and corrupt Purposes. The letter spoken of in the following Extract was a more private note to Colonel Baird. Extract of letter from Colonel Baird to the President dated 23. January 1796

"The other letter acquainting
"me that you had in your possession, a public
"letter directed to me, to be delivered or not as
"occasion may require and that you think
"it probable you may find it necessary to
"send it in the course of this day and that
"it respects the employment of a large part
"of my Garrison; when I receive the letter
"I shall then know how to act but I most
"Sincerely hope for the Honor of our Country
"that it is not to be employed against the
"Person of the Rajah, whom I know to be
"an honest and a good man. whatever
"orders Government are pleased to give I will
"answer from my knowledge of the Rajah
"to carry them into effect. I therefore
"entreat you will communicate with me
"freely on the subject, before you make
"use of any Harsh measures and be
"assured I am as desirous of fulfilling

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"the orders of Government as you or any other
"person can be—

&c: &c.

(Signed) D. Baird"

Lt. Col.

Such is the manner, and such is
the language in which the Colonel would
secure the public Honor of the British
nation, and his own private Profit.

I shall now relate the verbal
communications that took place.

On the evening of the 23d
January last being with Mr. Swartz at his
House, Colonel Baird and the adjutant of
his Regiment Lieutenant younge came in,
the Colonel told me he had received my
public letter and in consequence the Troops
were paraded in the little fort ready to
march as desired. he earnestly requested
however that I would inform him of the object
to be effected that I could say nothing on
the subject. at any rate, till the Troops
were at their Station Lieut younge then
went with orders to march them to their
Station. Some little time after his Departure
I informed Colonel Baird that Shevarow

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the Sirkeel had been guilty of an insult to the Company's Authority and that my object was to apprehend his person in case the Rajah persisted in declining to afford the Company reparation by the Punishment of Shevirow - The Colonel immediately replied that he would be answerable for putting Shivirow into my hands, without making use of the Troops -

I was fully persuaded of the Colonel's pecuniary dealings at the palace, and consequently could never trust the execution of orders committed to my special charge, with a person whose Interest it was to defeat that execution; on this Ground, independant of the irregularity of the proposal, I directed all assistance from Col. Baird on the occasion. It may be proper here to remark that I could bring several Proofs of my acting with commanding Officers for the good of the Service, even where the letter and spirit of the orders would have justified me in forbearing to cooperate, and the above Instances would shew the extreme improbability of.

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of my declining Colonel Baids Interference from any fastidious notion of the Duties of my office -

Immediately after the above Conversation I went to the Palace: and saw ready to declare in the most Solemn Manner that I entertained no other idea than that the Rajah might be induced to deliver up Shevirow. I neither thought of, proposed nor alluded to the Treaty: the proposal of Executing it came from the Rajah himself -

With regard to verbal communication with Captain Borthwick all that passed was his reporting to me that he had come with orders from Col. Baird to follow my Instructions and my replying that there was no further occasion for the Services of the Company he commanded -

I am extremely sorry to find that the Governor General in Council should conceive that Intimidation was resorted to as a means of compelling the Rajah to sign the Treaty. I am ready and anxious to reply to any questions they may.

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may be pleased to direct. for elucidating the subject.

I communicated to Mr. Swartz the Paragraph of your Lordships letter regarding the Sanscreet Declarations of the Pundits and hope the Inquiries he is making will bring to light the means by which the Copies were obtained by the palace.

I have the honor to &c &c.

Tanjore
15th August 1796

(Signed) Alexr. Macleod
Resr.

The Resident proposes that the following letter be immediately written to the Resident Tanjore.

To Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Resident
at Tanjore

To the Resident at Tanjore pointing out particulars Circumstances on which the Supreme Board have desired Information and desiring his immediate and explicit answers thereto

Sir,

The orders of the Supreme Government having directed that information should be obtained upon several points. besides that to which they had particularly directed our attention. and to which you have replied in your letter of the 12th instant &c.

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we are under the necesity of requiring from you an explanation upon matters. which the Governor General in Council is of opinion, should make a part of the official records respecting the late proceedings at Tanjore.

You are therefore to state officially the reason for having substituted the Treaty which was afterwards signed by the Rajah for the draft of that which had been transmitted to you by our President. and your authority for so doing - you will also forward an official Copy of the propositions suimitted by the Rajah to you on the evening of the 23d. of January and if any Public declaration of indemnity to shewerow was made by you to the Rajah. you will transmit it -

you will make official communication of the period when you received the draft of the Treaty from our President with instructions to take a favorable opportunity of obtaining the Rajah's acquiescence to it- you will also acquaint us of the Time. when the abstract of the Treaty was

communicated

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communicated to the Rajah - The supreme Board observe, that "the Rajah asserts that it was on "the 21st. or 22nd. of January, one or two days before "the Signature of the Treaty; and that his assertion "derives confirmation from his silence on this "point, in his letter of complaint of the 20th. for "which no motive can be assigned. if the Treaty "had then been proposed to him. Mr. Macleod "says, the communication was some days "before the 23d. the point ought not to have been "left to conjecture".

They proceed further to remark, that, "the same uncertainty prevails as to the "period when the Resident first noticed the grievous "insult to the Rajah, and as to the time "when he made his requisition for reparation, "and his assertions on this subject have an "inconsistency, which impeaches his accuracy "in very essential points A comparison of his "letters of the 19th December 12 of January, and "of his remarks on the Rajah's representation "of the 20th of last Month, will prove that the "terms are contradictory".

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we are persuaded you must
see the necessity of being explicit upon all the
objects respecting which we have been directed
to call upon you, in so particular a manner
your letter of the 15th. instant,
as far as it relates to Colonel Baird. and the
communications relative to the employment
of the Troops. Furnishes the information you
have been required to Transmit, but we cannot
admit the Justice of the inference you have
drawn from your opinion "that bringing
"forward Circumstances connected with the Loan,
"at a premature period, might probably defeat
"the end proposed of complete discovery" —
because, you seem in consequence of that
opinion, to have withheld much of that
Information, of which we suppose you must
now be in possession: and have gone no
further into the subject, than to intimate
to us the concern that Col. Baird has had
in such transactions - had Government not
felt themselves under the necessity of calling
for this

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for this information. it might possibly have been prejudicial in you to have produced it - but as you have been directed to bring it forward. it has become your Duty. in conformity to your Oath. to communicate every circumstance relative to Loans in the Tanjore Country. which has come to your Knowledge. whether Government may consider that information of such a nature as to induce them to proceed upon it, must be a question for their consideration. but there can be no doubt of the line of conduct you are bound to pursue: and we therefore direct that you convey to us all the information you have been able to procure. with regard to Money transactions in the Tanjore Country -

We are
&c: &c.
(Signed) J. Cobbett
&c Council

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23d. August 1796.

Approved and ordered accordingly -

Read the following letter from the

adjutant General -

To

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Fort St George 28th August 1796.

To W. C: Jackson Esqr.
Secretary Military Department.

Sir.

From the Adjutant General enclosing a Return of the Deputy Commissaries of Stores and Conductors on the Establishment.

I was favored with your letter of the 10th Instant, and in compliance therewith have the honor to enclose List of the Deputy Commissaries and Conductors of Stores on the Establishment who have not received Commissions or warrants from Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) B. Close
Adjt Genl. of the army.

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List

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List of the Deputy Commissaries and Conductors of Stores on the Establishment who have not received commissions or Warrants from Government

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Rank	Names	Date of appointment
Deputy Commissar.	Mr. Benjamin Bishop	19th February 1791
	" John Christian Fancke	22nd. August 1793.
	" Robert Gellson	5th December 1794.
	" Henry Livesay	23d April 1796.
Conductors	Mr. Robert Thompson	2nd November 1786.
	" William Geils Donald	11th January 1788.
	" Samuel Mills	13th January 1789.
	" John Maccan	5th October 1790
	" John Stephens	2d January 1791
	" William Norman	19th February "
	David Henry Fechen	1st June 1790
	" Walter Gowbie	2nd December 1791
	" John Clarke	2d. " "
	" George Llewellyn	20th January 1792
	" John Bass	
	" William Stuart	7th November 1792
	" John Johnston	11th June 1793
	" Sidney Montague	11th " "
	" Charles Pullocke	11th July "
	" John Wynn	11th " "
	" John Shawe	7th July 1795.
	" Oliver Coghlan	7th " "
	" William Vaughan	1st September "

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Rank	Names	Date of Appointments
Conductors	Mr. William Mead	1st September 1795
	" Thomas Molesworth	17th "
	" Richard Bactan	27th October "
	" William Campbell	25th November "
	" Daniel Mahony	25th December "
	" William Starr	2d March 1796
	" William Murphy	23d April "
	" George Fotheringhame	12th July "
Invalid	Francis Lloyde	26th September 1782

(Signed) B. Close
Adjt Genl. of the army.

Minute thereon

Ordered that warrants be granted to the Deputy commissaries of ordnance and Conductors of Stores agreeably to the Commands of the Honorable Court of Directors.

Read the following letter from Lieut Col. Oliver.

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The Right Honorable Robert Lord Hobart

President in Council &c: &c. &c.

My Lord,

as I have reason to believe that Mr. George Wynch has transmitted to Government some declarations and papers of information tending to criminate my Conduct while cammanding Pylney - and as I hope it will appear from the Proceedings of Mr. Harrington's committee that such declarations have been obtained by means the most unjust and illegal: I request the Board will suspend their judgement respecting them. till the proceedings of the committee abovementioned are laid before Government -

After spending my youth in the Service. and serving for Twenty Sev years with an irreproachable and unblemished character. I trust the Indulgence I solicit will be granted -

I have the Honor to be with the greatest respect -

Pylney
August 17th 1796.

&c &c &c
(Signed) James Olivier
Lt. Col: 2d Batt. Augt.
N. I.

Sworn Lieutenant Colonel Olivier requests that the Boards opinion on the charges preferred against him by Mr Wynch may be suspended until the Report of the Committee of Investigation now sitting be received -

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Substance of a Communication made to the Deputy Judge advocate in the Center Division on the subject of the charges exhibited by Mr. George Wynch against Lieutenant Colonel Oliver.

The Board having judged it necessary to call for the opinion of the Deputy Judge advocate in the center Division upon the papers transmitted by Mr. George Wynch (vide Miscellany Book No. 152. Pa. 198 with the view of ascertaining whether there were sufficient grounds for applying to the Commander in chief to bring Lieutenant Col. Oliver to a Court Martial, the following letter and report from Captain Leith, the Judge Advocate are now read -

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary.

Sir,

From the Deputy Judge Advocate in the Center Division. stating his opinion as to the charges on which Lieutenant Colonel Oliver may be brought to a Court Martial.

I have has the honor to receive your Letter of the 3d. Instant transmitting Copy of a letter from Mr. George Wynch late Collector in the Dindigul District with papers forwarded by him from No 1 to 46. &c. desiring that I would peruse these papers with particular attention and report to his Lordship whether there are any. and if any. what grounds of just Complaint

against

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against the conduct of major Oliver that Government may determine thereupon how far it may be advisable to recommend to the commander in chief to take measures for bringing that officer to Trial before a General Court Martial.

I have accordingly — perused these papers with the best attention in my power. and have stated what has principally occured to me on the subject. in a report opposite to the charges. to which the different complaints seem to relate. —

By which Her Lordship will — perceive that it has appeared to me, that there are, in some Instances. and which I have specified. sufficient grounds to call on major Oliver to answer to these charges before a General Court Martial — as the Papers Transmitted by Mr. Wynch. are — deficient on the enumeration of those — particular Circumstances. which are necessary to prepare the charges and conduct the — Prosecution with precision. I have taken —

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the liberty to observe that some mode of Inquiry should be adopted for the more full elucidation of what relates to the confine-ment of the Debtors in the Guard. and the having seize the effects of the Pollygar of Pylney -

It is always a matter of great delicasy to appoint out, or call the public attention to a presumtive crimi-nality. in any mans conduct: and where the person complained of, has bore a fair and honorable character for a long period of years. the sollicitude attending on such a Duty. is every way increased - however painful the task. I should think it unpardonable in me. not to endeavour to call the attention of his Lordship particularly to the case of Candir Nayettum a person who is said to have been confined by major Oliver in his main Guard for the payment of a Debt. and whom the Sepoys used to carry round. with his hands tied. from House to House to beg his Victuals. and who is said to have died.

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did at last in confinement, for want of Food,
Twelve different Witnesses (tho not under upon
Oath) have affirmed to the Truth of this trans-
action, and many of them speak of it as a
matter well Known to all the people of Pylney
(v. No 11 to No. 17. & No 19 to 22 & No 24.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signd) J. Leith
Depy. Judge advocate
of the Centre Division.

Madras
15th August 1796

Charges as prefered by Mr. George Wynch late Collector of Dindigul against Major James Oliver.

For disobedience of orders, and acting unbecoming the Character of a Gentleman in the following Instances.

Report offered by the Deputy Judge advocate as to the probable cause, for exhibiting these charges, or charges to that effect, to a General Court Martial, as collected from, and depending on the evidence contained in different Papers transmitted to Government by Mr. George Wynch.

That

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1st For having made Loans of money in several of the Pollams in the Dindigul District at an usurious Interest.

That there appears probable cause for this accusation in the paper marked A as contained in No 1. so far as relates to certain Sums of money lent by Major Oliver to the Poligar of Pylney - and that the said Transactions is also rendered probable from an allusion to it, more or less direct, in several of the other papers Nos 4: 5. 6. 7: 9: 28: 29 30 & 35 -

2 For having made an Improper use of his authority as commanding officer in Pylney in confining divers persons not appertaining to his command & in enforce the payment of certain Loans -

That there is no presumptive proof for the accusation on the case of Cawdii Ravettum (Nos 11. to 17 & No 19 to 22: & 24). Coomby Samy No 20. Chinia Pentarum No 14. Cannamal No 23. Sandaby No. 24: Sungra Moorty No 25.

But

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But as the different dates of time at which these transactions may have taken place, are not set forth in the papers as sent by Mr. Wynch a more particular Inquiry seems to be necessary, before the said Accusations can be formed into a Charge, — proper to be submitted to the Investigation of a — court Martial —

It does not clearly appear how far these — persons did or did not — appertain to Major Oliviers command, nor does such circumstance seem Material —

That there appears presumptive grounds for charging Major Oliver with having taken an oppressive Mortgage on the Pollams of Yarryadoo &c &c. as is shewen in the

3d. In having caused a desal = cation of Revenue in taking an oppressive Mortgage on part of the Pollam of yarry = adoo and employing three Sheis Dubash Chinna Ver = Ketachellum Mootiler a Tasildar for the purpose of collecting the Revenue —

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the paper no 26, & 27, and as is further collected from the Military Correspondence. Mr. Wynches letter No 11: 27: January & Captain Oliviers letter 28th January Mr. Wynches letter 7th February and captain Oliviers 15th February) where although Major Oliver disavows any Knowledge of the Transaction. yet as Mr. Wynch on an after letter sends a counter part of the Bond made out by Major Oliviers Servant, Arnachellum, on his masters name, desiring that if his Servant had acted without his Knowledge. he would please to deliver him up to him and as it does not appear that Major Oliver ever Complies with this request,

or

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4th In having delivered up the person of Tenavangoo -dy Sheruegar. late Peishanie to the Pollygar of Pylney. the safety of whose person was publickly committed to his charge by the then Collector. on consequence of which. he Tenavangoody was confined in Irons for near a year—

or even discharge the Servant. he must in either way be answerable for the Transaction.

The accusation as laid on this charge for having occasioned a—— Defalcation of Revenue is at least unnecessary. This is not an action for Damages. The—— simple lending of money on this way. is already prohibited on pain of—— Dismission from the Service. the consequences of the Loan can not—— therefore aggravate the Penalty.

The account of the confinement of Teena- -vangoody as contained in No. 44. is drawn up on very broken—— English; by this it—— would rather appear that M. Wranghamthe former Collector was the Person

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Person who gave him up to the Polygar - however this may be, the whole matter appears much too uncertain to be made the subject of a creminal Prosecution.

The mode of conduct which was expected to have been observed by major Oliver towards the Prisoner, seems to have been left on a great measure to his Discretion. (vet. 42) and where a Discretionary power has been granted to an officer a strong case must be made out, before he can be criminally charged for the excercise of that discretion.

In the present Instance, no Currupt motive seems imputed to

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5th. In having subsequent to the Capture of Belsundrum disgraced, and ill treated the person of the Pollygar then his Prisoner -

to Major Oliver -

The only Circumstances as to be found on the different papers transmitted by Mr. Wynch, which seem any ways applicable to this part of the charge, are in having tied the Polligar, at the time he was made Prisoner at which time also his cloth was thrown up so as to leave his body exposed - both these circumstances are complained of in No. 35 & from No. 37 to No. 41. -

It cannot well be imputed as a crime to an officer, on having taken the common means of securing a Prisoner; and in a Situation of that sort a Disarrangement of his dress, is not to be wondered at -

Major

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2 in having seized the effects of the said Bellygar and his Family and not having rendered an account thereof-

major Oliver admitted that he retained a carriage and Horses found in the Fort, because he had not received the Price of them from the Peligar to whom he had sold them. Civil & military correspondence with every thing found on an enemy's Fort must be considered on the light of public Property. until the captors are empowered by Government to dispose of it. an application to that effect seems therefore to have been necessary in the present Instance. before Majr Oliver could with propriety have requested the articles in question.

(v. N. 35 4 to no 41)-

Seven witnesses swear to the collection of the Joys and valuables by major Oliviers Servants. Three of these swear that Major Oliver himself gave the orders for the collection -

Bam Reddy says "Captain Oliver sent an orderly

"orderly Boy to the Womens
"appartments ordering
"them to deliver up all
"their Joys which they
"were then wearing with
"their Cloths. which was
"accordingly taken (N:40)
another witness declares,
that he saw them lay
a Bundle containing
the Joys before Captain
Oliver who was walking
about v. No. 39: It appears
likewise from the Testimony
of these witnesses that
the Joys were carried
into a particular Room
and placed under the
charge of a Sentry, and
that major Oliver went
and slept in that Room.
The collection of the Jewels
and Valuables into one
place and giving them
in charge of a Sentry might
appear to have been done
with a view to prevent

them

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their being plundered by the
Troops: but when the person
to whom they belong —
swears that they were
never restored. and Mr
Wynch on his letter to
Government affirms that
"major Oliver declared to
"himself and others that
"he had taken certain
"Jaggs &c from Balsundrum &c
"it appears to me that
"there is probable cause
"to require the Prisoner
"to clear up this matter
"before a General Court
"Martial. which can
"alone decide upon the
"Truth or falsity of the
"accusation —

For if a presump-
-tive proof of this Kind,
were not sufficient to
put an officer upon his
Trial persons on such
a situation might —
easily

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easily avoid. or at least
put off for a long Time,
the possibility of being
brought to justice.

nothing therefore
being Known to impeach
these Depositions. they
appear sufficient. in sub-
stance. to Induce a pre-
sumption of the leading
Facts. they are however
deficient in the enumera-
tion of those particular
circumstances. which are
necessary to be Known. in
order to prepare the charges
and conduct the prosecution
with precesion.. it therefore
seems to be that some
mode of Inquiry should
be ordered, to ascertain,
more specifically, what
relates to the confinement
of the Persons alluded on
the 2nd. charge. and also

that

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that they should be directed to receive whatever more specifick evidence can be given. in respect to the 5th. charge -

In regard to this last charge, I can only say that there does not appear to me. any matter on the different Papers in support of it.

Besides those Numbers above alluded to all the papers transmitted by Wm. Wynch relate. in a manner more or less direct. to Major Oliver, but the matter which they contain seems either too trevial or uncertain to be made the subject of a Criminal prosecution.

(Signed) J Leith
Deputy Judge advocate
of the Center Division

6 In having falsified his word in making intimidally certain assertions which when publickly called on he denied or unwillingly

As

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as the Enquiry now on foot at —

Minute on the foregoing letter from the Deputy Judge Advocate.

Dindigul may possibly throw considerable light upon the subject of the charge brought against Lieutenant Colo Oliver, it is Resolved to postpone the application to the commander in Chief for a Court Martial, until that enquiry be con=cluded.

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General.

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General stating the Balances due to the Company by the different Cloathing Contractors. Remarks respecting a Credit taken by Mr Brodie on account of Half Mounting, provided for the 1st and 2d Reveue Battalions

I do myself the Honor to report the following Ballances which appear to be due on the audits I have this day commu=nicated to the cloathing contractors as follows—

Mr. James Brodie	1791/2 & 1792/3	14,189-24-5.
Mr Toriano	1793/4	12,628-4-35
Mr John Jervis	1794/5	15,651-0-66
Total Pags.		42,468-29-26.

The audit on Mr. Toriano's account has been addressed and transmitted to his agent here Mr. Brathaupt by whom the —

accounts

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accounts were given in to my office.

The audit on Mr. Jervis's account to Mr. Tulloh and Mr. Brodie his agents here.

In the auditing of Mr. Brodies contract I have included his separate account while a contractor for providing half Mounting for Revenue Corps in that account (Half Mounting) I did not deem it proper to admit the Sum of Pagodas 3,208. 7. 40. which had been retrenched from the account Disbursement of Mr. Thomas Pearce the acting Paymaster at Tanjore in consequence of his having paid Money in lieu of half mounting to the 1st and 2nd Revenue Battalions without the sanction of Government as he had interpreted an order to be in favor of that payment which had no such meaning either expressed or implied. Mr. Brodies account for Half Mounting to the said Corps (1st and 2nd Revenue Battalions) has been involved with the Retrenchment on Mr. Pearces Disbursements, as Government signifies to the Military Board, in consequence of a reference on Mr. Brodies application for

payment

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payment of his charges for half mounting. that
Mr. Brodie's charge would be admitted as soone
as Mr. Pearce made a Refund to answer the
Retrenchments as above. Mr. Pearce having dies
insolvent it has therefore been necessary for
me to audit Mr. Brodies account by not
admitting to his Credit the whole of the Sums
charge for providing the Half mounting, and
by striking the Ballance as above on the Audit
of both his accounts. subject to the decision of
Government whether or not under the Circums-
tances of the case he shall be relieved from
the payment which stands against him in
consequence of the Insolvency of Mr. Pearce.

In regard to one part of your
Lordship's commands on the Audit of the
accounts of the Cloathing Contractors. I mean
what relates to their drawing from Store more
cloth than was necessary I must confess
myself totally incapable of ascertaining the
point satisfactorily: but I beg leave at the
same time to suggest to your Lordship that
in all future contracts it might prove useful
to guard against any supposed imposition
arising.

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arising from the quantity of cloth drawn for
if the advertisement inviting proposals made
it necessary for every person offering for the
contract to declare the quantity of cloth they
required for a given number of the coats and Jackets
of each description shewn to them in the Masters
of Cloathing at the Military Board office.

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
19th August 1796.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily. Aud. Genl.

Order thereon

Resolved that the former
Contractors for army clothing be called upon to
pay immediately their respective Balances
into the hands of the Military Paymaster
General, who will pass his receipt for the
amount.

Resolved that the former
contractors be informed that the Board will
admit no delay in their obedience to this order;
and that as it was their duty to have accounted
for the balances at the expiration of the con-
tracts. they are to pay upon the principal
Sum, an interest of eight ₰ Cent. ₰ annum
from

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from the period when the respective contracts fell
by them expended, to the day when the balance
shall be paid into the hands of the Military
Paymaster General, as above stated.

Read the following letter from
the Military Auditor General.

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

My Lord,

I do myself the honor to
send enclosed a copy of a letter I yesterday
addressed to Mr. Robert Gardiner and Lieut.
Colonel Francis Gowdie as securities for Mr.
Samuel Young late Paymaster and Deputy
commissary of Grain and Provisions at Ongole
and other stations attached in the pay and
provision Departments to the Ongole office.
I transmit the copy of
this letter to Government in order that
Mr. Gardiner and Lieut. Col. Gowdie may
be called upon conformably to the Security
given

From the Military Auditor General stating the amount due to the Company from Mr. Robert Gardner and Lieutenant Colonel Gowdie as Securities for Mr. Samuel Young late Paymaster of Ongole &c.

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given by them at the time Mr. younge was allowed to proceed to Europe.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily. Aud. Genl.

Military Auditor
Generals office
Fort St George
19th August 1796.

Robert Gardiner Esq. &
and
Major Francis Gowdie

Gentlemen

On the 27th December last I did myself the honor of forwarding you, The audit on the accounts of Mr. Samuel young as Paymaster from may to December 1792 inclusive the Retrenchments in which amounts to Pagodas Four thousand nine hundred and Thirty Eight. Fanams Twelve. Cash forty Seven / Pagodas 4938.. Fanams 12 Cash 47/.

I at the same time inform. ed you, that in consequence of Mr. Younge request previous to his Departure for Europe. I had referred to Government, The audit upon his accounts as Paymaster from July

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1791 to April 1792 inclusive and that the Honble Board had in that period confirmed a Retrenchment against him equal to Pagodas Two Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty four. Fanams Eleven cash Six, one Third. (2784.. 11.. 6⅓. I have not been favored with your Reply on any of those matters..

I furnished Mr. young, previous to his embarking for Europe in May 1793. with a List of the Retrenchments on his Grain accounts from May to December 1792 inclusive to enable him to afford you the means of sending such explanations in Reply as he might have to offer on the subject of those Retrenchments, but as I have not heard from you on this head I now inclose herewith the audit on the said accounts and request to be furnished with such explanations as fall to be given in to remove those Retrenchments as well as those made on his Pay office accounts for the same period, that I may have an opportunity of reporting to Government on the whole of the Balance against Mr. Young-

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c.
Signed H. Henry Malcolm
Mily. Aud. Genl.

Mily. Aud. Genl. Office
Fort St. George
20th September 1794.

(a True Copy)
Signed J. Brunton
Depy. Mily.

Mr.

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Mr. Robert Gardiner
and
Lieutenant Col. Francis Gowdie
Gentlemen.

Having furnished you this day with the necessary official documents of Vouchr on the accounts of Mr. Samuel young late Paymr. and Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Ongole. I have to acquaint you that the following Sums remain as Retrenchments against his Balance of Retrenchment as confirmed by Government on his accounts as Paymaster from July 1791 to april 1792 communicated to you. in my letter of the 20th September 1794 ... 2,784 .. 11 .. 63

Balance of Retrenchment after Vouching his accounts as paymaster from may to December 1792. on such explanations as have been given to similar charges by Mr. Lennox Mr young's successor None having been sent to my office by Mr. young previous to his Departure for Europe. nor by you afterwards ... 3,524 .. 9 .. 30

Balance of Retrenchment after Vouching his accounts as Deputy Commissary of Grain and provisions at different Stations from December 1790 to april 1791 ..... 100 .. " .. "

Balance of Retrenchment as Do Do from may 1791 to April 1792 ..... 240 .. " .. "

Balance of Retrenchment after Vouching his accounts as Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provisions at different Stations from may to December 1792 ..... 475 .. " .. "

Total Pagodas .. 7123 .. 21 .. 13

I have

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I have to acquaint you further that I now send in to Government a Copy of this address to you in order that you may be called upon to pay the amount conformably to the Security given by you to pay on demand the Sum which Government may adjudge to be due on the final Settlement of Mr Young's accounts--

This letter and the Requisite of this date are addressed on the outside cover to Mr. Robert Gardner as he is at the Residency--

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) H. Malcolm
Mily. Aud. Genl.

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
18th. August 1796.

(A true Copy)
(Signed) J. Brunton
Depy. Mr. Aud. Genl.

Resolution thereon

Resolved that Mr. Robert Gardiner Surety for Mr. Samuel young be required to pay immediately the balance due to the company with Interest at and after the rate of eight (8) P Cent P annum from the 1st day of January 1793. when the principal Sum became due--

Read the following letter from the Resident at Hydrabad--

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

My Lord,

From the Resident at Hydrabad suggests the necessity of preventing the Troopers discharged from the Company's Service from enlisting in Raymonds Corps - directs to Dr. Wrangham to pay 7½ Lacks of Rupees to the Rajah's agent on account of Peshcush -

Observing by the printed General Orders of Government respecting the new formation of the army, that about Two hundred Native Troopers are to be discharged from the company's Service; and knowing how much best Mons.r Raymond is upon having a Body of Regular Cavalry. I have no doubt but his agents will eagerly endeavour to entertain these men, who, indeed, would be a very important acquisition to him. I therefore presume to suggest, for the consideration of your Lordship in Council, how far it may be practicable to prevent his profiting by this occasion. The worst men will, of course, be dismissed by commanding Officers; yet I fear the worst might prove but too well adapted to his purpose -

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Willm. Kirkpatrick

Hydrabad
11th. August 1796.

P.S.

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P. S. I do myself the Honour to Transmit herewith Copy of my letter of the 9th Inst. to the Collector at Masulipatam.

(Copy)

John Wrangham Esqr.
Collector,
Masulipatam

Sir.

Having received an applic-ation from this Durbar for Payment of the arrears of Paishcush. due by the Honorable Company. into the hands of Meer Syd Mahomed. commonly called Gholaum Saheb. its agent at Masulipatam. I have to request that you will accordingly be pleased to pay the sum of Seven Lacs and a half of Arcot Rupees to the said agent. taking his Receipt for the same. - I have signified to the Ministers of the Nizam. that any balance which may remain will be instantly discharged upon a final adjustment of accounts. and. as the delay which has occurred, in the settlement of these. is principally attributable to themselves, they have consented to receive the above mentioned Sum

on

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on account,

It is hoped that you will be able to pay a large proportion of the present draft in Silver and that such part of it, as may be discharged in Gold, will be issued at a reasonable rate of Exchange, with respect to which point I shall be glad to be furnished with your Sentiments. I formerly proposed to the late Minister that the Exchange should be fixed at three Rupees thirteen annas, which I found to be nearly the average Bazar exchange during a period of three years; but at that time three Rupees ten annas was contended for by the Minister.

Should any application be made to you, for an Escort for this Money as far as Mungal, I assure myself you will be ready to comply with it, as far as Circumstances may allow of.

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

Hyderabad
9th August 1796.

(A True Copy)
(Signed) Wm Kirkpatrick
Sr

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In the present state of affairs, the Board are decisedly of opinion that the supernumeray native Troopers should not be discharge from the service - and the Commander in Chief is accordingly requested to take measures for retaining them until further orders -

Minute thereon

Read the following letter from the late military Auditor General -

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

My Lord,

I beg leave to report to your Lordship that having your permission to go to Europe on account of my health as signified to me in Mr Secretary Jackson's letter of 12th ult. I embark on the Henry Dundas one of the - Honorable Company's Ships now proceeding to - Europe. - leaving charge of the office consequently with the Deputy Captain Brunton who will of course be the proper person to explain the state of it to the officer who has been nominated to - succeed me -

From Colonel Read Colln resigns the office of Military auditor General recommends his Deputy Captain Brunton and Assistant Captain Bruce to the notice of Government -

I cannot close my address to your Lordship on the present occasion without soliciting the

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the favorable consideration of Government to the Zealous exertions of the Deputy military auditor General Captain Brunton and of the assistant Captain Bruce as officers highly deserving of attention and reward for their useful labours in the office of audit at this Presidency.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
M.G. Aud.r Gen.l

Military Auditor General's Office
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Major General Lydenham succeeds Colonel Malcolm in the Office of Military Auditor General

In Conformity with the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors Col. Lydenham has succeeded to the office of Military Auditor General. ordered that the last paragraph of Colonel Malcolm's letter be published in General Orders.

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General.

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

From the Military Auditor General recommends that a G.O. be issued explanatory of certain points connected with the Tables of Pay lately published reference respecting the officer of Engineers entitled to draw the established allowance in lieu of Commission the specifick Rank as "Subaltern" to which the additional Rupee

My Lord,

I have the Honor of reporting to your Lordship that in consequence of your commands conveyed to me in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 12th ultimo I have committed to the Military Paymaster General along with a

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Rupee & Diem is payable the allowances payable to the Military Auditor General and other officers on the General Staff request that the Horse allowance to be drawn by Officers of Cavalry of the Rank of Subalterns, and the Tent allowance due to the Colonel Commandant of Cavalry and Colonel of Infantry Regiments may be established by Government-

a copy of the General Orders of the same date, the alterations contained in the General orders of the 12th. ultimo of the Establishment of the different Corps of the companys army on the Coast as fixed by the Honorable the Court of Directors this communication has been adopted by annexing the alterations in red ink on the same paper that contained a copy of the Establishment-

I beg leave to inclose herewith a copy (No. 1) for your Lordships consideration in order that any errors I may appear to have committed in explaining the alterations may be rectified-

I should not have stated any matter respecting the payments in explaining the alterations in the Establishment of Corps had I not considered that the Head Farrier of Cavalry. the native adjutants. the Sergeant major. Quarter Master Serjeants. Drum Majors and Fife majors to the native Infantry (exceeding those allowed by the Honorable Court)- were not intended to add to the effective strength, with the exception of Two additional Serjeants to each Regiment of Native Infantry as the Staff

duties

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duties to be executed by the latter (the Serjeants) could not be filled up without such addition.

I observe that the Table which is part of the General Order of the 12th ultimo makes a material alteration not only in the rate of payment to the officers but also varys the principle on which those of one Corps will be paid in future on comparisons with another. the variation goes indeed still further. for it occasions particular ranks of a Corps to be paid under a mode of computing the pay and allowances differing from what applys to other ranks of the same Corps. that is to say. the several rates being stated in the Table as a computation for a Month of Thirty days a variation is adopted. as will be seen on examining the Table. whereby it is regulated that a Month having Thirty one Days Twenty nine or Twenty eight is to occasion no difference to certain ranks while others even in the same Corps will receive more or less according to the number of days in the month drawn for.

All these matters appear on reference

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reference to the letter A as noted at the bottom
of the Table; it requires however a minute —
observance of the operation of this reference to —
ascertain them precisely; on considering this
circumstance your Lordship may judge it necessary
to explain the Table very fully to prevent —
irregularities for at present although the
rate of Monthly Pay to Commissioned Ranks
is different, depending on the Corps to which
they belong Cartillery, Infantry, Cavalry or Engineers
still all receive more or less in proportion to
their respective rates according to the number
of days in the month drawn for.

I therefore beg leave to submit
to your Lordship's consideration in the form
of a General Order (marked no 2) the explanation
of the Table which appears to myself will
prove useful, being apprehensive that if
the operation of the reference to the letter A is
left entirely to the judgement of the numerous
bodies of officers who will have to draw pay
&c. on a new principle while at the same
time

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time the rates are varied, it will occasion considerable Bustle and confusion in adjusting the accounts for several Months to come arising probably from a difference of opinion and preferences to Government. If however the manner I have considered the Table shall be approved by Government I can easily communicate such consideration to the several pay officers but nothing I imagine can so well answer the purposes of regularity as a communication to all parties in a General order after minutely examining the Table in communication with the marks or letters to which reference is made at the bottom of it. The Tent allowance being the same for any month for the officers of artillery, Infantry and Engineers depends more particularly on your Lordships consideration of the reasons assigned for that rule in the concluding paragraph of the inclosed draught of a General Order.

There are some other points which may require consideration —

Brevet

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Brevet colonel Patrick Ross being in the promotions as colonel and Chief Engineer his pay and allowances while at home appear to be those of colonel as an equivalent is granted in such case equal to the offreckonings falling to the colonel of a regiment - the sum however of Pagodas 479 - 7 - in the Table under the head of "Established allowance" extended opposite to "colob. Chief Engineer" does not seem to be appropriated during his absence but reference to the letter E. in the Table shews that sum to be granted in lieu of commission on public works and of all contingencies whatever - the reasons thus assigned for giving the allowance seem to apply to the officer who may execute the duty in the absence of of the chief Engineer. it is however specially allotted by the regulation and the Table to the colonel Chief Engineer only -

Another point which it occurs to me to bring to notice is "the additional pay of one Rupee ℔ Day to

Captain

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"Captain Lieutenants and subalterns but which
"is not to extend to any officers to be admitted
"into the Service subsequent to the period fixed
"by the Court of Directors"—

On reference to the arrangement and orders an explanation of this period may appear to your Lordship necessary, besides— which I beg leave to suggest for consideration that if it be intended, which is supposed to be the case on the principle of equalising the allowances of His Majesty and the Company's officers. that the Captain's Lieutenants and Subalterns of the latter shall receive the additional pay. it may consequently appear expedient to come to some decision on the Rule according to which this allowance is to be drawn by His Majesty's officers of those ranks—

There is another matter in which although I am individually interested at present it does not seem to be a sufficient reason to prevent my touching upon the point. as it may be thought necessary to—

give

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give it consideration from the following provisions of the new arrangement under the Head of Pay and Allowances.-

"The Pay and allowances to the "several officers included in this arrangement are "to be fixed agreeable to the Table Transmitted "herewith. subject to the following Regulations-

"As the promotion in the whole "of the company's army will fully compensate "for the diminution of certain allowances which "have occasioned jealousies and discontents between "the establishment at the different Presidencies- "we have Resolved that double full Batta to — "officers be abolished that the Half Batta as — "now allowed at Bengal, at the same rates be "made generally to all the Kings and Company's "officers under the other Presidencies. except to — "Colonels who are always to be allowed Full Batta-

"The Military auditor General "is to have 7500 Pagodas per annum, besides the — "pay of his Regimental Tanks, when the office is "held by a Military Officer."

"All other General Staff "officers to have the same allowances as at present.

These orders may be considered.

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to require some explanation on adverting to the following circumstances and the standing rule of the Service relative to Batta which is not annulled by the new arrangement.-

The standing rule of the Service is that Batta is issuable according to the highest ranks in all situations where it is allowed and the new arrangement does not limit to Colonels of Regiments the Receipt of the Full Batta to be always paid to Colonels-

Hence it appears to follow that the Regulations give the Military Auditor General (appointed as he is at present) the full Batta of Colonel which is not done away by the words "besides the pay of his Regimental ranks" for otherwise those words will equally apply to preclude a Colonel of a Regiment, or a Colonel by Brevet, who may be Auditor General from drawing the Full Batta which is always allowed to Colonels, that is to say of Pagodas 7500 besides the pay of Regimental ranks are to be considered the only allowances authorized by the arrangement to be drawn by

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by one Military auditor General who's a Military
officer they are the only allowances authorised to
be drawn by another who may be selected to -
fill the office from the Military branch of the
Service - and from this cause I conceive it must
be considered that the pay only of his Regimental
rank being specified in addition to Pgs. 7500 ff
annum could only have arisen from the circum-
-stance of Batta (Full or Half) being an -
allowance granted generally to all officers in a-
preceding paragraph of the Regulation - without
any kind of exception whatever besides what
applys in discriminating the rate -

Your Lordship will perceive
therefore that according to the principle on which
the issue of Batta shall be considered under
the new arrangement the allowances of the -
other officers accounted on the General Staff
will be affected, because if the new arrange-
-ment does not occasion any addition to -
what they receive at present they will "
necessarily be paid less than before for perform-
-ing the Staff Duty - and yet taking the words
of the

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of the new arrangement relative to them in a literal sense they will have the same allowances as at present," — that is to say, as the officers holding the post of adjutant and Quarter master General and Deputies would be entitled to the Half Batta of their rank, supposing them not to fill those stations, their being considered under the new arrangement, as entitled only to their present allowances they will thus receive less for performing the Staff duty than they did before and consequently their pay in those situations will in fact be reduced, unless your Lordship shall be of opinion that under the provisions of the new arrangement, on adverting to every circumstance, it will be proper to consolidate the present allowances drawn by those Staff Officers as a gross sum forming their Salary after which they will be entitled to draw the Half Batta of their rank: for at present as Full Batta forms a part of their allowances they are not authorized according to the existing regulation to draw Two Battas and therefore will not receive Half Batta likewise they are thus sufferers owing in fact to the manner in which their

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their Receipts as Staff officers falls to be drawn,
from which I presume it may be clearly
inferred that in directing their allowances to
be the same as at present, it could not have
been the intention thereby to reduce the rate
of their Receipts for executing important duties,
although it will in fact have that operation-

Independent of such consider-
-ations I beg leave to express my opinion that
it will simplify the accounts to order the
allowances for all Staff officers to be drawn
in a gross sum, I mean what is allowed to
each personally for performing the Staff duty
exclusive of the rates to be included in Regi-
-mental abstracts;- a rule of this Kind has
indeed been adopted by the Honorable the
Court of Directors in the case of the Regimental
Staff, as your Lordship will observe by
reference to the Table, in which a consolidated
sum is allotted as the pay of an adjutant
and a Quarter master made up of their
former pay and their former allowances for
Candles and Salary I conceive that on the
same principle the pay and Batta of other
Staff

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staff officers may be consolidated under the head of "Established allowance" although it may not be either necessary or convenient to include in the consolidation a Sum for Stationary, office rent &c. &c.—

Your Lordship will observe that blanks are left in the Table of Pay and allowances for the rate of Horse Allowance to the Colonel commandant of Cavalry. to a Lieutenant Colonel. a Captain and a Captain Lieutenant of the same corps. and which are to be filled up by Government—It is also observable on the subject of Tent allowance that there is no rate fixed for the Colonel commandant of Cavalry and the Colonel of a Regiment of Infantry. but in neither case is it noticed as an allowance to be filled up by Government. nor does it appear that they are to provide their own Tents. Lascars and Bullocks—

By the 11th paragraph of the General Orders of Government bearing date 11th July 1792 when the Contract then existing for Forage and providing the Cavalry was abolished

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abolished on allowance was made to the Com-
=mandants of Regiments (cavalry) of one Hundred
Pagodas \$ month in addition to the allowances
of their Ranks — The new arrangement is —
silent on this allowance I therefore request
to be informed if it is to be admitted after the
1st. of June the period from which the new —
Regulation for the payments is to commence —

After considering all these —
matters I use the freedom of suggesting that it
may be expedient to give such intimation in
orders concerning the different allowances —
touched upon in this address as to your Lordship
shall appear proper to prevent decidedly any
from being drawn in the first instance, —
except those intended to be granted; otherwise
several Months elapse before the references
likely to occur can be brought before Govern=
-ment (on adverting to the number and —
distance of Military stations under this —
Presidency) during which payments not —
meant to be admitted may be made unless
the several matters are previously determined

upon

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upon and published for the information of all parties —

Military Auditor
General's office
Fort St. George
1st August 1796.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) Henry Malcolm
mily Aud. Genl.

P. S.

I beg leave to subjoin an answer by the Paymaster of the 71st Regiment (Major Robertson) to a Retrenchment I had made of half Batta drawn in the abstract of that Corps as it may tend in some degree to elucidate a part of the subject of the present address. although the Retrenchment does not fall to be removed under the Regulations of the Service prior to the new arrangement which is the period to which the Explanation apply —

" In reply to the Retrenchments
"made for Half Batta to the Honorable Major's
" Lindsay and Robertson. I have to observe that
"in the regulations there is no order against
"officers whose Corps are quartered in half-
" Batta stations drawing the same allowances
"with the other officers of their ranks. who-
are

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"are present with the Regiment, although the
"officers absent, are on command, or holding
"Staff employments; and this allowance which
"at present is denominated half Batta was
"under former Governments styled an equivalent
"and I presume is generally considered in the
"literal sense, neither more nor less, than
"extra or additional pay, given to Corps in
"certain Districts, and therefore all officers
"whether present, or absent, provided they are in
"the country, are equally entitled to this extra pay,
"commonly called Half Batta, and for these
"reasons I thought it but fair to draw this
"allowance for the Honorable Major Lindsay
"although he received full Batta as Commanding
"Permacoil.

"In regard to the propriety of
"my drawing this allowance I conceive my
"pretensions to it are even stronger than major
"Lindsays as the Batta attached to the office
"of Deputy adjutant General is not in conse-
"quence of my rank, but arising from the
"post I hold and therefore can only be considered
as

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"as a Salary annexed to that situation. For a
"subaltern would exactly receive the same Batta
"and allowances as I do, was he Deputy Advt
"General".

"If the Regiment I belonge to
"was ordered to a quarter of the world where their
"allowances are inferior to what is paid in India,
"I should suppose this Government would think
"it very unreasonable if I was to apply to
"have the difference of my Regimental allowances
"augmented to what was paid to officers of the
"same ranks. I therefore hope that the Right
"Honorable the Governor in Council will not
"make my income inferior to the officers of the
"same ranks in the Regiment with myself,
"unless upon the same principle they should be
"pleased to make up the difference should my
"Regimental pay from the local situation of the
"Corps ever become inferior to what is enjoyed
"by officers of a corresponding rank on the
"Madras Establishment".

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily Sec.y Genl

Establishment

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(Copy)

Establishment of the different Corps of the Company's Army on the Coast of Coromandel as fixed by the Honorable Court of Directors —

European Artillery —

Each Batt.n of five Companies to consist of —

1 Colonel
1 Lieutenant Colonel
1 Major
5 Captains
5 Captain Lieutenants
10 Lieutenants
5 Lieutenant Fireworkers
25 Serjeants
25 Corporals
50 Gunners
10 Drums and Fifes
310 Matrosses
10 Pacallies

Staff —

1 Adjutant — }
1 Quarter master } non Effective
1 Paymaster }
1 Surgeon
1 Mate —

1 Serjeant Major }
1 Quarter master Serjeant }
1 Drill Serjeant } non Effective
1 Drill Corporal }
1 Drum Major }
1 Fife Major }

each

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Each Company of
Lascars for the service of
the Artillery to consist of -

1 Serang -
2 First Tindals -
2 Second Tindal's
56 Lascars
1 Puckally

European Infantry

The Battalion's on the present
Establishment to be formed
into Regiments of 10 Companies
each to consist of -

1 Colonel
2 Lieut.t Col.s Junior Lieut.t Col.s and
2 Majors Junior major to be Adjutants
7 Captains
1 Captain Lieutenant

21 Lieutenants
8 Ensigns
40 Serjeants
50 Corporals
22 Drums and Fifes
950 Privates
20 Pucklallies

Staff.

1 Adjutant
1 Quarter master
1 Paymaster
} non Effective

1 Surgeon
2 Mates
1 Serjeant major
1 Quarter Mr. Serjeant
1 Drill Serjeant
1 Drill Corporal
1 Drum major
1 Fife major
} non Effective

native

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Native Cavalry

Each Regiment of Six Troops to consist of

2 Captains
1 Captain Lieutenant
6 Lieutenants
3 Cornets
2 Serjeants
6 Subidars
6 Jemedars
18 Havildars
18 Naicks
6 Trumpeters
420 Troopers
6 Puckallies

Staff.

1 Adjutant
1 Quarter master } non Effective
1 Pay master
1 Surgeon's Mate
1 Serjeant major
1 Quarter master Serjeant
1 Drill Havildar
1 Drill Naick } non Effective
1 Trumpeter Major
6 Pay Havildars
6 Farriers
1 Native Doctor

Each Regiment to be Commanded by a Field officer.

Native Infantry.

The Battalions of native Infantry to be formed into Regiments of Two Battalions each with ten Companies in each Battn. the Regiment to consist of.

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1 Colonel
1 Lieutenant Col. Junior Lieut. Col. and
2 Majors. Junior Major to be without Companies

7 Captains.
1 Captain Lieutenant
22 Lieutenants.
10 Ensigns
2 Serjeants
20 Subidars.
20 Jemidars
100 Havildars
100 Naicks
40 Drums and Fifes.
1800 Privates.
20 Puckallies

Staff.

2 Adjutants } non Effective
1 Paymaster }
1 Surgeon
2 Mates
1 Serjeant Major. } non Effective
1 Quarter Master Serjeant }
2 Native Doctors
1 Drum major } non Effective
1 Fife major }
2 Drill Havildars }
2 Drill Naicks }

(A true Copy)
(Signed) W. C. Jackson Lt.

(A true Copy)
(Signed) Pat Bruce
a/st. Ma. Genl.

(A True Copy)
(Signed) Pat Bruce
a/st Ma. Genl.

Draft

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Draft of a General order submitted to the consideration of Government by the Military Auditor Genl. referred to in his letter of 1st August 1796 - relative to payments under the new arrangement -

In order to prevent mistakes which might otherwise occur in drawing pay and allowances for officers under the Table published in the General Orders of the 12th Instant The Rt Honorable the President in Council is pleased to publish the following explanation in consequence of the references noted at the bottom of the Table -

1st The computations by the Table are for a Month of 30 Days but with respect to the European Infantry the pay and allowances will be increased or decreased depending upon the number of days in each month on comparison with what is regulated in the Table for a Month of Thirty Days. with the exception of the Sums under the head of "Established allowance" "Horse allowance and "Tent allowance" - the native Infantry and the Engineers the same as the European - Infantry -

2nd " with respect to the artillery there will be a variation depending on the number of

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of days in a month on comparison with the computation for 30 Days in the allowances of the Colonel. Lieutenant Col. Major. Adjutant. Quarter Master. Surgeon and Assistant Surgeon with the exception of the "Establisho allowance" of Page 208. 4th. to a Colonel of the Corps not being a General officer on the Staff and the Horse and Tent allowances as these three are to be the same for any month, but with respect to the Captain. the Captain Lieutenant the Lieutenant and the Lieutenant Fireworker none of their allowances will be subject to increase or decrease depending on the number of days in a month.

3d. The allowances of Table for the officers of Cavalry are not subject to increase or decrease depending upon the number of days in a month with the exception of those put down for the Adjutant. the Quarter Master and the Assistant Surgeon under the Head of Pay. Gratuity. Establisho allowance. Half Batta and Tuff Batta all of which will be subject to variation. in respect to these

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there appointments, according to the number of days in the month drawn for an comparison with the computation for a Month of Thirty Days in the Table-

4th The "Established allowance" in Garrison or cantonment and in the Field respectively. for a General officer on the Staff. from whatever Corps selected. is to be the same for any month.-

5th Government has considered the Horse allowance and Tent allowance for the officers of Artillery Infantry and Engineers to be the same for any month as well as for the officers of the Corps of Cavalry. although not so discribed by the References in the Table; because on adverting to the nature of those allowances it appears to have been an omission in Copying. the Table especially as the allowances in the Table are declared to be the same for any Question are declared to be the same for any month in the Cavalry-

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily. Aud. Genl.

Resolved that the General order submitted by the Military auditor General be published-

Resolved. that the Senior officer of Engineers on the spot. do at all times draw the

(Resolutions passed on the different points contained in the foregoing letter from the Military Auditor General

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the established allowance of £79. 7/. granted by the Honorable Court of Directors. "in Lieu of Commission on public works, and of all Contingencies — whatever" the Board considering it an allowance given for specific duties to be performed, which can only be done by the Senior officer on the spot —

Resolved that Captain Lieut.s in his Majesty's Service do receive the additional Pay of one Rupee ₹. day. as Lieutenants agreeably to the principles established for officers of that rank in the Company's Army —

Resolved, that the allowances heretofore made to officers holding the Posts of adjutant and Quarter Master General, and their Deputies, be consolidated under the Head of staff allowances — that their pay & Batta be drawn for in the Regimental Abstracts according to their respective Ranks in their several Corps — But that no officers not in command or in the Field under the rank of Colonel, be deemed entitled on any account to full Batta —

Resolved

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Resolved that the Colonel — commandant and the field officers of Cavalry do — draw forty eight Pagodas ℔ Month Horse allow=ance. and the Captains and Captain Lieutenants thirty Six Pagodas ℔ Month on the same account. These allowance are fixed according to the princi=ple adopted in Bengal—

Capt.n John Samson readmitted on the Establishment—

Ordered that Captain John Samson be readmitted on the establishment.—

The Secretary reports to the Board the Death of the following officers

Death of Captain Lieut.t John Taylor of Infantry

Captain Lieutenant John Taylor of the 1st European Regiment at Amboyna the 7th May 1796—

Captain Lieut.t Cudmore of Engineers

Captain Lieutenant Cudmore of Engineers at Kistnagherry - the 18th of August 1796.—

and Lieutenant Fireworker Haddon of Artillery

Lieutenant Fireworker Peter Boyd Hadden of the 2nd Battalion of Artillery, on board the Earl of Wycombe the 20th August 1796.—

Read the following letter from major General Stuart—

Major.

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the established allowance of 4/9 7/- granted by the Honorable Court of Directors. "in Lieu of Commission on public works, and of all Contingencies — whatever" the Board considering it an allowance given for specific duties to be performed, which can only be done by the Senior Officer on the spot —

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Resolved

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Read the following letter from Major General Stuart-

Major.

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Major General Clarke

Commander in Chief

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

From Major General Stuart enclosing a Statement of the Losses sustained by the officers and men of the 73d. Regiment by the Wreck of the Diomede which he recommends may be reimbursed by Government.

I have the Honor herewith to enclose a letter and some papers from Lieut. Colonel St John commanding His majesty's 73d. Regiment, stating the Losses sustained by the Flank companies of that Corps by the accident which happened to the Diomede man of war off Trincomalé—

I request you will submit to Government the claims of these companies to receive some Reimbursement—

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

Head Quarters
Columbo 7th. Augt. 1796.

Sir,

I enclose herewith the proceedings of a Regimental Court of enquiry into the Losses of the Flank companies of His Majesty's 73d. Regiment on Board the Diomede man of war, and solicit your transmitting it to the Government of Madras should it receive your approbation. I have only to remark in support of the claim, that the men merit every attention being

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being paid to them from the cheerful manner in which they have submitted to the Damage they sustained -

Likewise think it incumbent on me to suggest the propriety of making some allowance adequate to the reimbursement of the officers belonging to them. that of the Grena- deirs I send you, as being present with Corps I cannot exactly ascertain the amount of the Light Infantry, except that the subalterns are in proportion to the Grenadiers. and trust you will coincide with me in noticing the moderation of the demand-

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) G. St John
Major commanding.
73 Regt Lieut. Col.

Kolumbo
August 4th 1796

P. S.
It may not be improper to add that I have received a letter from Col. Baird [illegible] him inquiring concerning the 71st Regiment which informs me that the Flank companies under Col. Dalrymple have some months past received a compensation per their Corps at the same time on board the Diomede -

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Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held by order of the commanding Officer 73d. Regiment to ascertain the losses of the Flank Companies of the regiment by the loss of His majesty's Ships the Diomede on the 2nd day of Augt. 1795.

Columbo 6 August 1796.

Captain White President

Lieut. Mc Pherson, Lieut. Gordon } members { Lieut. Sutherland, Ensign Crosser

Major French informs the Court that he has after enquiring particularly into the losses of the men of the Grenadiers on board the Diomede ordered his pay Serjeant to make out the paper N.1 entered on the Proceedings which he considers as very correct — Loss sustained by the Grenadier Compy. 73d. Regiment

						P.	S.	C.
	To 249 Shirts	at	P.	30.	C.	each	166	—	—
	To 249 Pantaloons	at	—	36	—	each	199	9	—
	To 249 Waistcoats	at	—	15	—	each	83	—	—
	To 83 Pr. Shoes	at	—	30	—	each	58	30	—
Papers Not.	To 145 Tale collers	at	—	1	—	each	9	10	—
	To 19 Knapsacks	at	1	11	20	each	23	23	60
	To 83 Canteens	at	—	13	—	each	23	5	—
	To 34 Half gaiters	at	—	12	—	each	9	3	—
	To 17 Stocks and Clasps	at	—	12	—	each	4	36	—
Sal sworn	To 5 Regimt. Jackets	at	1	15	—	each	6	25	—
Sal sworn	To 2 Regimt. Caps and Feathers	at	1	8	—	each	2	16	—
						Total	585	22	60

N.B. Fatigue Cloths, Bed cloths &c. &c. &c. not included in the above. The Grenadiers were Kept at the Pumps untill the other three companies were disembarked —

(Signed) John French major
Captain 73d. Grenadrs.

Lieut.

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Lieutenant Rose informs the Court that he has particularly enquired into the losses of the men of the Light Infantry by the loss of the Diomede and ordered his Serjeant to make out the paper Nos entered on the Proceedings which he Considers as Correct—

Losses sustained by the light Infantry 73d Regt

		P.	f.	C.	Tot. Amt of fans	P.	f.	C.
To 243 Sherts	at	"	30	each	7290	162	"	—
To 243 Pair of Pantaloons	at	"	36	each	8748	194	18	"
To 60 Waiscoats	at	"	15	each	900	20	"	—
To 108 Pairs of Shoes Europe	at	"	30	each	3240	72	"	—
To 81 Pairs of half gaiters	at	"	12	each	972	21	27	"
To 25 Stocks and Clasps	at	"	12	each	300	6	30	"
To 4 Regimt. Jackets half worn	at	1	14	each	236	5	11	"
To 2 Regimt. Caps and Ornaments	at	1	37	each	165	3	30	"
To 5 Knapracks	at	1	11	each	280	6	10	"
To 81 Canteens	at	"	13	each	1053	23	18	"
To 405 False Collers	at	"	1	each	405	9	"	"
				Total	23589	524	9	"

N.B. Fatigue cloths and beding not included on the above.

(Signed) Alr. Rose Lieut.
73d Light Infantry

I approve
(Signed) G. St. Johns
Major Comms.
73d Regt.
Lieut. Col.

(Signed) Wm. White Captn. 73d regt.
& President—

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The Honorable Lieut. Colonel St. John
commanding H. M. 73d Regiment.

Sir,

I beg leave to lay before you the accompanying claims of the officers of my company the exact amount of their several loses on the wreck of the Diomede off Trincomallee. The officers names are as follows—

Captain John French
Lieutenant William Macleod
" William Macpherson
" William Maxwell

Upon adding the amount of our joint loss, it exactly makes Lll Star Pags. which we have to hope you will have the goodness to recover for us from Government - should a more particular account of our individual loses be required, we are ready to produce them—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) John French
Capt. 73d Grenadrs
Major

Columbo
12th July 1796

The Board having sometime since made compensation to the non commissioned and

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and Privates of his Majesty's 73d Regiment on account of the Loss sustained by them in the wreck of the Diomede. Government must of course do the same with regard to the non commissioned and Privates of the Flank Companies of the 73d Regiment, who, by Lieutenant Col. St Johns report, appear to have equally suffered.

Resolved therefore that the sum of 1109 Pagodas 31 : 60 be paid by the Paymaster on the Island of Ceylon, as a company's allowance to the Kings Troops, and the amount carried to the head of "Charges Extraordinary"

Agreed to inform Major General Stuart that the application of the officers of the 73d Regiment to compensation cannot be admitted.

Read the following letter from the Board of Revenue.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

From the Board of Revenue proposes shortly to submit their sentiments relative to the Introduction of System calculated to secure the good order obedience, and attachment of the Polygar Tributaries.

My Lord,

We have had the honor to receive your Lordship's Commands of the 9th Instant.

We have recently taken occasions to

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to advise your Lordship of the receipt of Mr Duncan's Report and that we should in a short time have the honor of laying it before you with our Sentiments as to the best mode of carrying into execution the Orders of the Court of Directors for introducing such a System of internal arrangement among the Poligars as shall tend to restore order and Subordination, and secure the future peace and prosperity of their own Countries and those of their Neighbours from molestation. —

We need scarcely observe how difficult it will be to suggest any Plan that shall entirely reconcile the Polygars to a change which tho' it may secure them from undue exaction must not only curb their power and lawless habits but diminish their income yet to be at the same time calculated to strengthen their attachment to the Company's Government and to make them firm friends during a period of War fare, instead of avowed, or concealed enemies which they have hitherto almost uniformly proved when the Military force in the Districts has been too weak

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to restrain their depredations.

Upon a subject so important and involving such a variety of local considerations and interests, we are anxious to avail ourselves of every Channel of information, from whence our deliberations can derive aid, we therefore propose deferring our Report to your Lordship in Council, until we can have the benefit of Mr Harington's assistance and the information he must obtain in the course of his present investigation into the state of the Polliams in the Dindigul District as it would certainly be very desirable that an uniform System of Government should be introduced over all the Polygar Countries under the Company's authority on this Coast.

We have the honor to be &c &c

/signed/ Edwd Saunders
" Chas H. White
" Thos Cockburn

Minute thereon

Resolved that the receipt of the Letter from the Governor in Council of the 18th July be acknowledged and that he be informed that the Board would long before this period have furnished him with their sentiments as to the best mode of carrying into execution the orders of the Honble Court relative to the Polygars if it had not seemed to them requisite to wait for certain information which they had called for from the Board of Revenue and which is yet to be obtained

Resolved

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Resolved that copy of the foregoing letter be sent to Bengal and the Supreme Government be acquainted that there will be no unnecessary delay, the Board being equally anxious with them that the System recommended by the Court of Directors should be adopted at as early a period as possible.

" Hobart

" Alured Clarke

" Edw.d Saunders

" J. Follosfield

Thomas Pett
Cash