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To Mr Roebuck — To Military Paymaster General referring him to the Navy Agents for the acceptance of the Bills drawn by Captain Clarke.

To Mr Shardow — To Paymaster at Chingleput — directing him to give up the Cotton Godown for the accommodation of the Troops during the Repair of the Barracks - previously removing the Grain now lodged in it.

To Major General Collins — To Commandant at Vellore — stating that Staff allowances can only be granted to four General Officers on the Coast, agreeably to the late orders of the Company.

To Mr Sullivan Esq^r — To Attorney General - referring for his opinion Sundry papers received from the Commandant at Pondicherry, recommending the abolition both of the Superior Council and the Inferior Courts.

To Lieutenant Colonel Leighton — To Commandant in the Guntoor Circar - apprizing him of a French Squadron being on the Coast - and enjoining him to prevent by every possible means their having any communication with the Shore.

To Colonel Bidulph and Lieutenant Colonel Pitheringham — To Ditto - at Masulipatam and Vizagapatam - to the same effect.

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Sent the following Letters

To

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Fort St. George 25th August 1796.

To the Hon.ble Sir John Shore Bar.t

Governor General in Council

at Fort William

Hon.ble Sir,

To Bengal- stating the causes of delay in executing the Court's late orders respecting the Carnatic Polygars. Copy of a letter from the Columbo Prize Agents, referred

We have had the honor to receive your letter of the 18.th Ultimo, with a copy of your address to the Honorable Court of Directors, in consequence of our communication to you of the 31.st of May

We should long before this period have furnished you with our Sentiments as to the best mode of carrying into execution the orders of the Honorable Court relative to the Polygars- if it had not seemed to us requisite to wait for certain information which we had called for from the Board of Revenue, and which, for reasons stated in the accompanying Copy of a letter to them, is yet to be obtained- We can assure you, however, that there shall be no unnecessary delay, for we are equally anxious with you that the System Recommended by the Court of Directors

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Directors should be adopted at as early a period as possible.

We have the honor to transmit copy of a letter from the Prize Agents at Columbo, and to request your instructions thereon. The Box containing the Muster Rolls of Cinnamon Wa: will be forwarded from hence by the first Sea Conveyance.

We have the honor to be

Wa: Wa:

/Signed/ Hobart

Wa Council

Fort St. George
27th August 1796.

To Mr. Robert Gardner

Surety for Mr. Samuel Young
late Paymaster and Deputy Commissary
at Ongole

Sir,

To Mr. R. Gardiner — demanding payment of a Balance due to the Company from Mr. S. Young — with Interest.

The Military Auditor General having reported that there is a balance due by Mr. Samuel Young to the Honorable Company on the final audit of his Account, amounting to the sum of seven thousand one hundred and twenty three Pagodas - twenty one fanams - and thirteen Cash /7,123 " 21 " 13/ I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to call upon you for the immediate

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immediate payment of this balance into the hands of the Military Paymaster or General, who will pass a Receipt for the Amount.—

And as the above Sum appears to have been due to the Honorable Company since the 1st day of January 1793, I am further directed to require that you pay on Mr Young's Account an Interest thereon at and after the rate of eight per Cent p.r Annum from the period abovementioned to the day when the balance shall be paid to the Military Paymaster General as above stated.—

Your immediate obedience to this order is expected.—

I am &c.a &c.a

Fort St George
24th August 1796

/Signed/ W.m C.n Jackson
Secy

To Mr James Brodie
Contractor for clothing the Army
in the years 1791/2 and 1792/3

Sir,

To late Contractors for Clothing - requiring immediate payment of the Balance remaining in their hands - with Interest

The Military Auditor General having Reported that there is a Balance due by you to the Company on the audit of your Accounts as Contractor for clothing the Army, amounting to the

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the sum of fourteen thousand one hundred and eighty nine Pagodas, twenty four fanams, and five Cash /14,189.24.5/ I am directed by the President in Council to require from you the immediate payment of this balance into the hands of the Military Paymaster General who will pass his receipt for the amount.

His Lordship directs me further to acquaint you that he will admit of no delay in your obedience to this order - and that as it was your duty to have accounted for this Balance at the expiration of the Contract; you are to pay upon the principal sum an interest of eight p.c Cent p.a annum, from the period when the respective Contracts held by you, expired, to the day when the Balance is paid into the hands of the Military Paymaster General as above directed.

I am &c. &c.

/Signed/ W.C. Jackson Secy

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Note - It is indispensable that Interest should be charged the Contractors have had the use of the Money for a very long period - and they ought not, in strictness, to have held it one day after their Contracts expired. -

Ditto - the same to Mr. Lewis Agent for the sum of 15,651 - 66 Cash

Ditto - to Mr. Torriano's Agents for - - - - 12628 - 4 - 35.

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To Colonel William Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

To Military auditor General - with Copy of the letter written to the late Clothing Contractors - instructions relative to the quantum of Cloth issued to them

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of Colonel Malcolm's letter dated the 19th Instant, and to transmit for your information copy of a letter written in consequence to the former Contractors of Army Clothing.

The President in Council is very desirous that you should ascertain as nearly as possible, upon the principle laid down in my letter to the late Military Auditor General under date the 30th October 1795, what quantity of Cloth was drawn from the Company's Stores by each Contractor over and above the supply requisite for furnishing the army clothing, his Lordship having particular reason for believing that much more than was necessary was indented for - and consequently that it becomes the duty of Government to cause an enquiry that shall ascertain the point satisfactorily, in order to prevent the Company from sustaining any loss thereby.

I am &c: &c:

(Signed) W.C. Jackson Secy

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Received

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Received and Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M: B: No.s 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221. 222.

From Colonel Bidcliffe

From Commandant at Masulipatam - reporting that the European Barracks near that place are in want of Repair

From Colonels Baird and Dalrymple

From Ditto. at Tanjore and Vellum - requesting in consequence of the Scarcity of Sheep, the usual advance of 50 Cash in such cases.

From Mr. Thomas Wallace

From Secretary to the Military Board - requesting an advance of a thousand Pagodas to Major Prescott, on account of the Repairs ordered at Chingleput Wa:

From Major General Collins

From Commandant at Vellore - stating that no alteration has taken place in the amount of Duties Wa: on Provisions &c.

From Colonel Sydenham

From Military Auditor General - the Master Master in the Masulipatam District requests leave to visit the Presidency

From Messrs. Colt Baker Day & Co.

From Messrs. Colt Baker & Co. - soliciting some Compensation for the amount of the Bheepar, in consequence of the loss of that Vessel.

From

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From Military Board - suggesting that some unserviceable Brass Ordnance in the arsenal, be sent to Bengal to be recast.

From Military Board

To Military Paymaster General directing him to report to Government, of the sums demanded from the late Clothing Contractors are not paid to him in the course of the present month.

To Mr. Roebuck

To Military Auditor General - directing payment of the arrears of pay due to Captain A. McCally and of certain charges made by Captain Mackenzie, of the Engineers - Deputy Commissaries and Conductors of Stores allowed full or half Batta, as usual.

To Colonel Sydenham

To Clerk of the Treasury - ordering advance to Mr. Roebuck.

To Clerk of the Treasury

To Commandant at Masulipatam - directing him to send Captain Gahagan and Lieutenant Murray accused of Murder, under a proper Guard to the Presidency - the different Evidences to be also sent.

To Colonel Bilcliffe

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To Captain Peters

To Captain Peters – his application for difference of house rent, inadmissible

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Substance of a letter from the Superintendant of Arnee

Received letter from the Superintendant of Arnee – entered in C: C: No. 121. stating that the Engineer, having destroyed the Pettah on the outside of the Fort, had ordered it to be rebuilt near Peyoor – and pointing out the objections to such situation – requests also that a space may be allotted to him for building a house in the fort for his own residence.

Received the following letter

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St George

My Lord,

Paymaster General's Report on Mr. Roebuck's Estimate for September

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of September 1796, I have the honor to report, that the sum of two Lacks, Eighty Eight thousand, two hundred and Ninety Nine Pagodas, twenty Nine fanams and forty one Cash / Pagodas 2,88,299-29-41/ is required for

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for the payment of such Military Charges as become due on the first of the ensuing month.—

	P. ₹ 6.
From the General Treasury	219620. 21. 57
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General	68679. 7. 64
Pagodas	2,88,299. 29. 41

The Military Paymaster at Tanjore having reported a balance of Cash on hands amounting to one thousand, five hundred Pagodas /Pagodas 1,500/ that sum has accordingly been deducted from the total of the Estimate; and as I observe in the Estimate from the Chicacole pay Office, that a sum exceeding six hundred Pagodas /Pag.s 600/ more than is required for the pay and Batta of a Native Battalion, is estimated for the late 12.th now a Detachment of 2. Battalion of the 8.th Regiment Native Infantry, as per G. O. of the 26.th ultimo, that amount is likewise deducted as no particular cause has been assigned, or any occurred to me for the excess.—

In consequence of my observing in the Estimate from the Madura pay Office, a claim made by Lieutenant Colonel Oliver,

for

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for Quarters constructed for his Corps the late 13th Battalion Native Infantry, amounting to Four hundred Pagodas / Pagodas 500 /. I have referred to the latest Records in my Office, but cannot find that any instructions had been received in it, respecting this demand, neither can I learn on enquiry at the Offices of the Military Secretary, and Military Board, that authority had been transmitted for undertaking this work, I have therefore deducted the foregoing sum from the total amount of the Estimate.—

The following sums appear admissible, and are consequently included in the total amount herein reported upon. Viz.: Nine thousand four hundred and Seventeen Pagodas / Pagodas 9,417 / Gratuity to the King's Field Officers from the 1st to May 1795. to 30th April 1796. Pagodas one thousand and Seventeen / Pagodas 1,017 / on Account of Captain Bony of the Corps of Engineers, agreeably to an Extract from the Minutes

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29 Minutes of Consultation dated 9th Instant and one thousand one hundred and fifty eight / Pagodas 1158 / for difference of Batta, due to Major John Haliburton under the Government orders of 24th May last.

Before concluding this report I beg leave to state to your Lordship, that the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the ensuing Month, being so considerably encreased, on comparison with the usual Monthly demands, arises, not only from the advanced rates of Batta, as specified in the Table published in the Government orders of the 12th ult., but also from the allowance of Half Batta to Officers being invariably granted at all Stations, together with the Pay &a: &a: of the General Officers on the Staff.

I have the honor to be

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
29th August 1796.

&a: &a:
/ Signed / Wm Sydenham
Mily Aud.r Genl.

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

My Lord,

Fort St. George

Auditor General's report on the Grain and provision Estimate for September

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 23d instant, with the Estimate of the expected Disbursements in the Department of the acting Commissary General of Grains and Provisions for the month of September 1796, and to report thereon as follows.

	Pr.	f.	c.
Expected Disbursements at Madras	169.	31.	6
Chingleput	213.	.	.
Vellore	71.	12.	.
Tanjore	12.	30.	.
Madura and Dindigul	22.	.	.
Palamcotah	30.	2.	50
Baramahl	121.	.	.
Masulipatam	60.	36.	24
Ongole	235.	31.	40
Trincomalee	1130.	30.	.
Pagodas	2,047.	5.	34

From the total amount of expected Disbursements as above stated, the acting Commissary General of Grains and Provisions deducts the following sums, as not ispeable from the Treasury

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Treasury at the Presidency, but payable from the Subordinate Treasuries, for which Bills will be drawn upon them, and transfered through the General Treasury.

	Ps	f	C
At Madras	149	31	—
Chingleput &c:	213	—	—
Vellore &c:	71	12	—
Tanjore	12	30	—
Madura and Dindigul	22	—	—
Palamcotah	30	2	50
Baramahl	121	—	—
Masulipatam	60	36	24
Ongole	235	31	40
Trincomalee	1130	30	—
Pagodas	2,047	5	34

Consequently there will be no advance necessary from the General Treasury on account of the General Estimate in this Department for September 1796.—

I have the honor to be

&c: &c:

(Signed) Wm Sydenham

Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

Military Auditor General's Office Fort St. George 29th August 1796.

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Auditor Generals report on the Estimate for the Bullock agency for September

My Lord,

President and Governor in Council of Fort St. George

I have the honor to report as follows upon the General Estimate of the acting Principal agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks, for the Month of September 1796, accompanying Mr. Secretary Sucklands letter of the 23rd instant.

	Pr. P. C.
at Madras	547. 27. —
Vellore	22. — "
Trichinopoly	5000. — "
Palamcotah	987. 24. —
Baramahl	130. — "
Masulipatam	297. — "
Chicacole	350. — "
Ichapoor District	13. — "
Lieutenant Colonel Robert's Detachment	877. 39. —
Pagodas	8225. 3. —

From the total amount of expected Disbursements as above stated, the acting Principal agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks deducts the following sums, as not issuable from the General Treasury, but payable from the Subordinate Treasuries, for which bills will be drawn upon them, and transferred through the General Treasury

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29	at Madras / cash in hand /	15	35	6
	Vellore / Ditto /		22	
	Baramahl		130	
	Masulipatam		297	
	Chucacole		350	
	Ichapore District		13	
	Lieutenant Colonel Roberts Detachment		877	39
	Pagodas	3225	3	

Consequently the amount payable at the Presidency on account of Disbursements in July 1796, as per Estimate of the acting Principal agent for draught and carriage Bullocks, is Five thousand Pagodas / Pagodas 5000 /.

I have the honor to be
Sir & Hble:
/ Signed / Wm. Lydenham
Mily. Auditor Genl.

Military auditor General's Office
Fort St. George 29th August 1796.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

Agreeable to the orders contained in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 23d instant we have the honor to lay before your Lordship His Highness the Nabob's Kistbundy account current for the year 1795/96 with the Honble Company, and the usual amount of Poligars Peishcush carried to his Highness's credit.

We have the honor to be,
Sir: Sir:
/ Signed / Robert Wood
" Cecil Smith

Fort St. George
Accountant General's
Office 29th August 1796.

Com. Mess.rs Wood & Smith - submitting the Nabob's Kistbundy Account for 1795/96.

D.r

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D.r His Highness the Nabob His Kistbundy Account Current

To Kistbundy Account for the year Pr. 76 Pag.t 16
1795/96 Pag.s 12.56,400.. 15.54 payable
as follows as per Treaty of 12.th July 1792

September	1st	Pag.s 100,000
October	1st	100,000
November	1st	100,000
December	1st	100,000
1796		
January	1st	100,000
February	1st	100,000
March	1st	100,000
April	1st	150,000
May	1st	150,000
June	1st	200,000
		1,56,400.15.54

To the amount of Poligars Pishcush payable on the Nabob's account in part of the 9 Lacks for Subsidy..... 264,704.20.26

1,21,105.. ..

Carried forward ---- 1,21,105.. ..

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with the Honorable Company ——— Cr.

1795			Ps. ✠ ✠	Ps. ✠ ✠.
	By Cash received at Madras particulars per Treasury Journal as follows.			
Septemr.	1st. By Cash in part of the kist for P. 100,000 due the 1st. Instant	23,900		
	3d. Do. in further part of Ditto	18,550		
	4th Do. Do. of Do.	25,000		
	12th Do. Do. of Do.	27,000		
	14th Do. in full of Do.	5,550	1,00,000	
	29th Do. in part of a do. for Pags. 1,00,000 due the 1st. October 1795 Madras Pags. 7000 at 9 ✠ Cent.	7,630		
October	1st. Do. in further part of Do.	17920		
	12th Do. Do. of Do.	15,500		
	13th Do. Do. of Do.	37,630		
	" Do. Do. Mad. Pags. 3,000, at 9 ✠ Cent.	3,270		
	14th Do. Do. Mad. Pags. 12,000 at 9 ✠ Cent batta	13,080		
	" Do. in full of Do.	4970	1,00,000	
	26th Do. in part of a Do. for P. 100,000 due the 1st. Novr. 1795	5480		
	30th Do. in further part of do.	28,800		
	" Do. Do. Mad. Pags. 30,000 @ 9 ✠ Cent batta	32,700		
	31st Do. in full of Do.	33,020	1,00,000	
November	30th Do. in part of a Do. for Pags. 1,00,000 due the 1st. December 1795	10,300		
Decemr.	1st. Do. in further part of do. of Do.	55929		
	" Do. Do. Mad. Pags. 6,500 @ 8 ✠ Cent batta	7052. 18		
	2d. Do. of Do. Do.	21,000		
	5th Do. in full of do. due 1st. do.	5718. 18	1,00,000	
	29th Do. in part of a do. for P. 100,000 due the 1st. January 1796	4,755		
	31st Do. in further part of Do.	17,660		
	1st Do. Do. of Do.	28,000		
	4th Do. Do. of Do.	17,650		
	5th Do. Do. of Do.	3,000		
	8th Do. Do. of Do.	1,400		
	12th Do. Do. of Do.	4,350		
	13th Do. Do. of Do.	19,435		
	14th Do. in full of Do.	3,750		
			1,00,000	
	Carried forward		5,00,000	

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D.r His Highness the Nabob His Hist Boundy Account

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Brought forward	15.21.105	" "

Carried forward ---- 15.21.105 " "

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Current with the Honorable Company — Dr.

				Fr	℥	℄	Fr	℥	℄
1796			Brought forward				600000	"	"
January 29.	By Cash received in part of a Bill for Sicca Rupees 100000 due 7th February 1796			5000					
	30th	By do in further part of do		12,428					
February	1st	By do	do	17,600					
	2d	By do	do	12,000					
	4th	By do	do	7470					
	6th	By do	do	9000					
	8th	By do	do	12,597					
	9th	By do	do	4,405					
	11th	By do	do	5,840					
	13th	By do in full	of do	12,860			100,000	"	"
	27th	By do in part of a Bill for Sicca Rupees 150,000 due 1st March 1796		12,760					
	29th	By do in further of	do	8200					
	"	By do do Madras Rupees 13200 at 8 3/6 P Cent		14,355					
March	1st	By do do Madras Rupees 1000 at do		1087	18				
	"	By do	do	14,355					
	3d	By do	do	3,975					
	5th	By do	do	6,350					
	7th	By do	do	4,617					
	9th	By do	do	6,700					
	10th	By do	do	9,200					
	11th	By do	do	12,000	18				
	12th	By do	do	6,500					
	14th	By do in full	of do	12,900			150,000	"	"
	31st	By do in part of a Bill for Sicca Rupees 150,000 due the 7th April 1796		2000					
April	2nd	By do in further part of do	due 7th Instant	7,204					
	4th	By do	do	10,000					
	6th	By do	do	7,400					
	"	By do	do Madras Rupees 6300 at 8 P P Cent	6835	18				
	8th	By do	do	20,100					
	9th	By do	do	9200					
	"	By do	do Madras Rupees 1000 at 8 P P Cent	1085					
	11th	By do	do Madras Rupees 1100 at do	1193	18				
			Carried forward	75,018			750,000	"	"

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Dr His Highness the Nabob his Kistbundy account

Pr. J C

Brought forward ... 15,21,105 .. .

Pagodas ... 15,21,105 .. .

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Current with the Honorable Company ——— Cr.

			Pr	Z	C	Pr	Z	C
		Brought forward	7,518	—	—	7,50,000	—	—
1796								
april 11th	By Cash received in further part of a bill of Pags 150,000 due the 1st Instant		11,380	—	—			
	12th By do	do	24,600	—	—			
	13th By do	do	35,390	—	—			
	14th By do in full of do	do	3,412	—	—	1,50,000	—	—
	30th By do in part of a do for Pr 2,00,000 due the 7th May 1796		6000	—	—			
May	2d By do in further part of do	do	6,340	—	—			
	4th By do	do	12,200	—	—			
	5th By do	do	6,480	—	—			
	7th By do	do	21,000	—	—			
	9th By do	do	14,150	—	—			
	16th By do	do	10,310	—	—			
	11th By do	do	32,000	—	—			
	12th By do	do	11,900	—	—			
	13th By do	do	43,000	—	—			
	14th By do in full of do	do	36,620	—	—	2,00,000	—	—
		Pr 1,56,600 15 54						
June	13th By do in part of do for		94,200	—	—			
	14th By do in full of do	due the 1st Instant do	62,200	15	54	1,56,600	15	54
						1,56,600	15	54
	By Poligar Pushcash being the amount carried to His Highness's Credit in the General Book on that Account					2,64,704	20	26
						Pagodas	15,21,105	— —

27th August 1796.

Excepted

(Signed) Robert Woolf.

" Cecil Smith

Received

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Received the undermentioned Letter
Entered in M: R: Nos 223. 224. 225.—

From Mr. Shardow

From Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies — requesting new Perwannahs for passing Grain for the 4 different Regiments — recommends the appointment of a Deputy Agent to the 3rd Regiment, in case Captain St. Leger should continue at Tachinore.—

Memorial

Memorial of Captain Tennent — Soliciting some Compensation for having Conveyed from Madura to the Cape, despatches for Admiral Elphinstone.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Fotheringham

From Commandant at Vizagapatam — stating that the proprietor of the house, at present rented as a quarter for him, is willing to dispose of it to the Company.—

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Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

Sent Letter to the Nabob, entered in C: C: No 122 requesting a renewal of the Perwannahs for passing Grain to the 4 Cavalry Regiments.—

Dispatches

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30 Dispatches the undermentioned
Letters entered in Mr: B: No.s 226. 227. 228. 229.
230. 231. 232. 233. 234.—

To Secretary at Bengal—

To Mr. Secretary Barlow — Communicating the suggestions of the Adjutant General for removing some of the Supernumerary Cavalry Serjeants to the Bengal Establishment.—

To Ditto — transmitting Mysore Intelligence.—

To Ditto

To Ditto — requesting a Key of the Cypher used by admiral Elphinstone—

To Messrs Wolf and Smith — approving the Kittoundy Account & submitted by them and desiring them to obtain a reversed one from the Nabobs Deputies.—

To Messrs Wolf & Smith

To Residents at Poonah and Hyderabad — with Mysore Intelligence—

To Sir Charles Malet & Major Kirkpatrick

To Captain Berry Engineers — Informing that he cannot be reimbursed for any work executed by him unless he can produce proper authority for undertaking it.—

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To Military Board

To Military Board — directing that the old Wood in the Fort of St George lapsed be removed or disposed of — and referring for their opinion Captain Hill's letter respecting the paying and Clothing of the Madras Battalion

To Major Kinsey

To Major Kinsey — rejecting his claim to full Batta

To General Stuart

To Major General Stuart — authorizing a Compensation to the non Commissioned and privates of the Flank Companies of the 73d Regiment, for their Loses by the Wreck of the Diomede — the application of the Officers inadmissible.

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Fort St. George 30th August 1796.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Tuesday 30th August 1796.

Edward Saunders Esqr

and

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Hydrabad

From the Resident at Hydrabad respecting a Treaty of Friendship and alliance which has either been, or is in train of being, concluded between the French and Tippoo

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

The following are the principal Heads of a Communication just made to me from a quarter of considerable credibility

That

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That a French Agent who passed for a person of some distinction was at Seringapatam so lately as about three Months ago.—

That a treaty of perpetual friendship and alliance has been concluded between Tippoo and the French, and that they maintain a close correspondence by the Medium of Letters and Messengers.—

That a French armament is expected by Tippoo to arrive soon on the Coast of Malabar / the original has it Coorg / when the Sultaun will commence his attack upon the English / Possibly the meaning may be "that he will begin by "attacking the Coorg Rajah.—

That Tippoo cultivates a correspondence with the Imaum of Muskat, and also with the Grand Seignior.—

That he does not purpose to breaking with the English until joined either by the Nizam, or by the French,

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c.
/Signed/ Wm Kirkpatrick

Hydrabad
23d August 1796.

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Deliberations of the Board in consequence of the foregoing Intelligence.

The late intelligence from Bombay, from Poonah, and from Hyderabad, coupled with the communication from the Secret Committee of the Honorable Court of Directors dated the 19th April last, leaves no doubt upon the mind of the Board, with respect to the nature of the negotiation now on foot between Tippoo and the French - If - as Major Kirkpatrick's letter states, a Treaty of firm friendship and alliance has been formed between them, Prudence, as well as Policy, dictates the necessity of immediate preparation for War - If the negotiation should not have reached this length, and Tippoo should be still deliberating upon the consequences likely to result to him= =self from such connexion, a know= =ledge of which he could not fail of the early obtaining of our preparations for taking the Field, might operate as a Bar to the conclusion of the Treaty. In either event therefore, or in whatever

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and Resolutions to draw together a respectable Body of Troops to act as Circumstances may require

whatever way the subject be viewed, it seems indispensably necessary to draw together a respectable body of Troops competent to act upon the emergency of the Moment— and the Commander in Chief is accordingly requested to take such measures as may appear to him best suited to this end.—

Resolved that the following letter be immediately written to the Military Board.—

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

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board— desiring their Report on various points Connected with the state of defence &c. of the different Forts and Posts on the Western Frontier

In the present situation of affairs, we think it indispensably necessary that we should be in a state of preparation for war— and to this end, we desire you will lose no time in ascertaining how far our garrisons on the Western frontier are calculated for Security and defence— It will be proper that your enquiries should be

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be directed - to the state of the Fortifications in that quarter, as well as to the quantity and quality of the Ordnance - Military Stores - Provisions &c: and we authorize you to give directions for executing such repairs to the Fortresses in the ceded Districts, as may seem to you necessary to be immediately undertaken - and whatever Stores and provisions you may recommend to be laid up, in addition to what may have been already provided, shall be accordingly done upon your report. -

The Acting Commissary General of Grain and provisions has been directed to lay before you a return of all kinds of Provisions in Store at the several Forts and Stations on the Coast, shewing the quantity required for a twelve Months store for the different Garrisons according to their present Strength. -

You will also, as a matter of course, in connection with this subject, turn your attention to the State of the Camp Equipage, Gun Carriage &c &c. -

Weare &c) &c

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(Signed) Hobart
&c Council
Read

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Read the following Letter from
Mr Benjamin Sullivan

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
President & Governor
In Council

My Lords,

From Mr Benjamin Sullivan - enclosing an address to the Nabob on the subject of the Mortgage granted him by his Father on the Revenues of the Runjemahl, which he requests may be forwarded by the Board

The inattention paid, since the late Nabob's death, to the arrangement made by his Highness for the liquidation of his debt to me, compels me reluctantly to trouble your Lordship with the inclosed letter, on perusal your Lordship will perceive that I have little to expect if that arrangement be not now so far strengthened as to protect me against open injustice. I have accordingly solicited a similar Mortgage of the Runjemahl to that I enjoyed previous to the late assumption, which in the event of my not being paid at once, the Honble Court of Directors permit me to receive. as residing at the Durbar has been prohibited by your Lordship, and as Letters coming immediately from Individuals are never noticed, my humble request to your Lordship is that you will be pleased,

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if there be nothing objectionable in the letter, to transmit it to his Highness, with such observation as to your Lordship may seem proper on the occasion.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Benj.n Sullivan

Fort St. George
20th August 1796.—

Resolved that Mr. Sullivan's letter addressed to the Nabob be transmitted to His Highness accompanied by one from the President, recommending it to His Highness's serious attention.—

Minute thereon

Read the following letter from Captain Lieutenant Caldwell.—

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 10th Instant with its enclosed Copy of the 32d Paragraph from the General letter of the Honble Court of Directors, directing me to furnish the information required by the Honble Court, and at the same time to

From Captain & Lieutenant Caldwell — shall shortly submit the information required respecting the work at Manulipatam begun by the late Mr. M. Topping.—

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to submit my opinion upon the proposal of the late Mr. Topping for laying a Toll upon Boats passing this the proposed Canal for defraying the Expence of keeping the new Embankment in Repair

I request you will inform the Right Honble the President in Council that I shall immediately procure every information in my power towards forming a judgment of the probable advantages to be derived from the proposed Measure as well as of the additional Expence to be incurred by it's execution

I have the honor to be
Wa: Wa:
[Signed] H Caldwell
Capt. Lt. of Engineers

Masulipatam
August 26th 1796.

Minute thereon

Ordered that the above subject be noticed in the next despatch to the Honorable Court of Directors.

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

By the Government orders of the 24th May it was notified "that the Officers then "promoted by Brevet who were in the receipt "of Batta were entitled to draw the difference "from the dates of their respective promotions" but as this order does not express that the same rule shall be extended to future Brevet promotions, I request your Lordship's Instructions on the subject, and beg leave to state that it was before the established practice of the service for Officers holding two Commissions to draw the Batta of the highest rank, commencing from the date of the appointment, and not from that of the Commission, and as this the orders above mentioned have a retrospect to the latter, and it is understood by the Officers promoted to the rank of Colonel on the 17th Instant, to have been the Intention

From the Military Auditor General - reference respecting the period from which Officers promoted by Brevet are entitled to Batta in their assumed rank - also respecting the Officers under the rank of Lieutenant Colonel coming to the Command of native Regiments & Battalions who are entitled to the Batta of the rank as above their Regimental rank - recommends that the Paymasters at Dindigul be allowed to charge for three in Pachalliks.

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Intention of Government that the same rule should equally apply to them, I do not conceive that I am at liberty to admit of this construction, unless sanctioned by your authority.

Upon the principle that Colonels by Brevet are entitled to the Batta of their rank, Lieutenant Colonel Smith of the Artillery claims to draw it in virtue of his late Brevet promotion, and as your orders of the 20th Instant which directed his receiving the Batta of Lieutenant Colonel until he was promoted appears to sanction his claim, I wish to be informed if it is your pleasure that his Bills should be passed accordingly

In the order published by Government under date the 12th July last all "Officers not holding the Rank of Lieutenant "Colonel upon whom the Command of Native "Regiments and Battalions may devolve, are "to draw the full or half Batta of the Rank "next above their Regimental Rank, according "as they may be situated, in the same manner "as at present drawn by Officers under similar "Circumstances in the Command of Kings Regiments

and

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"and Company's European Battalions" by which I understand that those Officers only are entitled to the above allowance, who are properly & qualified to receive reports of the Regiment or Battalion whether in a collected or devided state, and in consequence to make Returns as directed, to the Commander in Chief, as it may otherwise happen that claims from Junior Officers in the temporary or occasional charge of Corps may be brought forwards, and produce considerable trouble and inconvenience - should it appear to your Lordship & that this observation is well founded, you will probably deem it expedient to publish an order on the subject to prevent any claims but those authorized by the rule which I have taken the liberty to suggest on this occasion. —

Mr. Paymaster Hughes having desired a reference to Government on three Puckallies drawn for at Dindigul which were retrenched because unauthorized in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 3rd October 1793 which allotted artificers to that Garrison, I beg leave in stating this matter to remark that the charge appears admissible because there is at that station, one Lieutenant Colonel, one Quarter Master of Brigade, one Conductor of Stores, one Fort Adjutant and upwards of 40 European Invalids, and because a Similar charge is authorized in Stations under the same circumstances. —

I have the honor to Remaine

Sir &c &c

/Signed/ Wm Sydenham

M.G. and Dr. G.L. &c

Military Auditor
Generals office
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To Colonel Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor General
Fort St. George

Sir,

On apprising Colonel Cuppage Comm=anding Dindigul of the Retrenchments which had been made upon my Disburse=ments of three Packallies of his Garrison and that it would be proper in obedience to your Remarks, to produce or acquire some Authority for their employment I received from him the accompanying letter and beg leave to join him in Soliciting you to procure the authority of Government if such is considered absolutely necessary - In the mean time I trust that Colonel Cuppage's desire the real necessity there is for the service of these people, the general Priviledge of Staff to be provided with them and lastly the probability that the Complement in several old Stations has been Sanctioned only by time and long Custom will be consi=dered by you as so many very sufficient Re=asons for my writing your further directions before I desire them to be discharged

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Robt Hughes
Capt

Madura
17th August 1796.

a true Copy
(Signed) Wm Lydenham
Mily Aud. Genl

Robert

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Robert Hughes Esqr
Military Paymaster
Dindigul.

Sir,

I have the honor to receive your letter of
Yesterday informing me that the Auditor General
had retrenched from your Disbursements the three
Puckallies employed on account of this Garrison
as the complement of Puckallies for this
Garrison is not more than actually sufficient
and indispensably necessary for supplying those
with water that are entitled to it agreeably to
the usage of the service, I therefore request you
will be pleased to refer the subject again to
the Auditor General and await his answer
before you make the retrenchment and if he is
of opinion the Sanction of Government is
necessary that he will be pleased to obtain
it in order to put this Garrison on the
same footing with others where there is
an established Staff.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
/Signed/ J. Cuppage
Col.e Commanding

Dindigul
14th August 1796.

/Signed/ Robt. Hughes
Payr.

A true Copy
/Signed/ Wm. Sydenham
Milty Audr. Genl.

Resolved

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Resolutions thereon

Resolved that all Offices promoted by Brevet, who were in the receipt of Batta, be entitled to draw the difference from the date of their respective promotions — and that Colonel Smith's Bill be passed upon this Principle.

Resolved that an order be published agreeably to the Recommendation of the Military Auditor General, relative to Officers in Command of Native Regiments and Battalions, who are entitled to the Batta of the rank next above their Regimental Rank — the explanation given by the Auditor, being Correct.

Ordered, for the reasons assigned by the Military Auditor General, that three Puckallies be allowed at Dindigul.

Read the following report of the Medical Board

From the Medical Board — proposing a general distribution of Medical Servants to Natives and Corps — recommending that Edward Reeves be appointed a Sub Assistant Surgeon and Stationed at Point De Galle — the Members of their Board claim the Batta of the Rank given them in the Army by the Company's orders.

Approved

Medical Board.
29th August 1796

We recommend that the following appointments and removals may take place.

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1st Regiment European
Infantry Surgeon —
Henry Harris —
Assistant Surgeon —
Joseph Daniel —

2d Regiment European
Infantry Surgeon —
Alexander Anderson —
Assistant Surgeons —
Colin Rogers —
— John Stephenson

1st Regiment Native
Infantry Surgeon —
Archibald Spiers —
Assistant Surgeon —
Alexander Noble Brown

2d Regiment Native
Infantry Surgeon —
Thomas Pollard —
Assistant Surgeons —
John Goldie —
— James Gilmour

3rd Regiment Native
Infantry Surgeon — John King
Assistant Surgeon — John James
— James Dalton

4th Regiment Native
Infantry Surgeon — Thomas Shippard
Assistant Surgeons — John Carnie
— Samuel Mc Morris

5th Regiment Native Infantry
Surgeon — Thomas Thackeray
Assistant Surgeon — John Abernethie

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6th Regiment Native Infantry
Surgeon — Robert Gallaway
Assistant Surgeon — Wm. Pritchard
7th Regiment Native Infantry
Surgeon — Thomas Spalding
Assistant Surgeon — Richard Stone
——— Jacob C. Tancredi
8th Regiment Native Infantry
Surgeon — George Anderson
Assistant Surgeon — Duncan McGibbon
9th Regiment Native Infantry
Surgeon — William Todd
Assistant Surgeons — John McArthur
——— James Barter
10th Regiment Native Infantry
Surgeon — William Norman
Assistant Surgeon — John Underwood

Fort St. George
Surgeon — George Baillie

Pondicherry
Surgeon — Alexr. Mackenzie

Negapatam
Surgeon — Bernard McMahon

Dindigul
Surgeon — James Johnston

Kistnagherry
Assistant Surgeon — William Reid

Rajahmundry
Assistant Surgeon — William
Colhoun.

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36th Battalion of Native Infantry Assistant Surgeon William Stuart.

We have been attentive to Station the Gentlemen so as to obviate, as much as possible, the inconvenience of removal – the other vacancies of the service must Remain open until Surgeons may arrive from Europe.

Approved

Edward Leavers having been recommended to the Physician General by Major Crosher and Mr. McMahon as a very active and deserving young Man, and being found very useful as a Medical Assistant on the Island of Ceylon, we recommend that he be appointed a Sub Assistant Surgeon and directed to do duty with the European Detachment at Point Delgalle.

Approved

Notwithstanding

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The allowances granted to the members of the Medical Board, and to head Surgeons, have been invariably considered by the Honble Court of Directors fully adequate to the duties required to be performed by this description of their Servants, no Batta can therefore be allowed in time of peace, and only in time of War to such as may be ordered into the fields.

Notwithstanding it has been published in the late arrangements "that the "Medical Gentlemen" "attached to the Company's "Troops have the same "Rank, with respect to the "Army, which they at "present possess" the Paymaster has declined paying the Batta of the members of the Medical Board, agreeably to their Rank, We beg leave, therefore, to enclose an extract of a General order under date the 24th of January 1787 on this subject, and trust instructions will be given to the Paymaster accordingly, that we may not be the only individuals of the Army excluded from the indulgence granted by the Company to the Military Establishment.

/Signed/ Jas. Anderson
Physician Genl.
" Colley Lucas
Chief Surgeon

Extract

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Extract from a General Order published the 24th January 1787.—

"Surgeons and assistant Surgeons who are under the necessity of returning to Europe for the reestablishment of their health, are in future to draw an allowance for passage Money, agreeably to their respective ranks in the army."—Viz.—

Physician General ranks as Brigadier General
Chief Surgeon — as Colonel
Head Surgeon of an Hospital of 800 men — as Lieutenant Colonel
Head Surgeon to all other Hospitals — as
Major, Surgeons to Regiments — as
Captains, assistant Surgeons — as
Subalterns."—

a true Extract
(Signed) T. Conolly Secy Mcd. Board

Read the following letter

from Major Mandeville.—

To Major General Alured Clarke
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

We the undersigned Officers take leave

From Major Mandeville - Lieutenant

Fireworker, to address you on the subject of our Baggage

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Lieutenant Mandeville and Lieutenant Barclay requesting Reimbursement of Loses sustained by them in consequence of their being ordered from onboard the Earl of Wycombe Indiaman without having time to convey away with them their Baggage Cloaths &c.

left on board the Earl of Wycombe Indiaman and to state the particular circumstances, Viz.t—

On the 17.th Instant, special orders from the Civil Department were transmitted to us, thro' the Channel of the Adjutant General directing the Captains of the Indiamen then under dispatch to receive us and our Baggage on board their respective Ships as Passengers to Trincomalee, in consequence whereof We embarked with our Baggage on Board the Earl of Wycombe which left Madras Roads on the 19.th Instant, but on the 22.d about 8 Clock P.M: a boat belonging to H. M. Ship the Carysford came onboard the Officer of it delivering a letter to Captain Wood, Commander of the Earl of Wycombe who immediately after called for Major Mandeville informing him, that the Ship was not going to Trincomalee, but that his private orders would not allow him to say more, than that it was necessary for us to leave the Ship immediately; the Lieutenant who commanded the Boat, then along side told us, that he would only give two Minutes, to step into the Boat, to which

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which without hesitation we did, Major Mandeville took his Executors and carried it to the Gang way, where he gave it to one of the Europeans standing there, to hold it while himself Jumped into the Boat, but at that moment the Officer ordered the Boat to be pushed off and the Executors remained on board; In that condition we came on board H. M. Ship the Seaflower; when Captain Murray, was so obliging to order the Cutter to go on board the Wycombe, with Lieutenant Mandeville to bring away our Baggage and Servants. When Lieutenant & Mandeville came on board the Wycombe they were just getting under Weigh, and all in such Confusion on board that he could only get at one Trunk of his own, Marked No 1, and one belonging to Lieutenant Barclay, but not a Single article belonging to Major Mandeville the Servants got into the Boat, in the greatest hurry, with what they had on their Backs only, Lieutenant Mandeville enquired after Major Mandevilles Executors, which however could not be found, the Servants told him, that it was taken by one of the Sailors, who had kicked the Servant that asked for it, and threatened to heave him overboard

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We now have the Honor to enclose a Statement of our Effects left on board the Wycombe, as far as Memory will permit, and request that you will be pleased, to recommend our present distressed Situation to the notice of Government, in order to receive that assistance, We stand so much in need of, being literally without either Cash or Cloaths.

We have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servants
/ Signed / G: Fra. Mandeville
Major
" R: Barclay
Lt. 1st Regt. E. I.
" Chas. Mandeville
Lt. 1st Regt. E. I.

Lieutenant Colonel B. Close
Adjutant General of the Army

Fort St. George
the 29th August 1796.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you of my return here, from on board H. M. Ship the Garyford - every Article of my Baggage remains on board the Earl of Wycombe, there is nothing left me, but what I have on my back - and I have to request, that you will do me the favor of representing my situation to the Commander in Chief - for the Consideration of Government - to

Receive

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receive that assistance, I stand so much
in need of; permit me also to observe, as
that my Son Lieutenant Mandeville, is
in a similar situation with myself,
the service requiring our leaving the
Wycombe, neither him nor Lieutenant
Barclay, had an opportunity of taking
their Effects from on board that
Ship.

In the mean time, I do
request Permission to proceed to Trinco=
=malee by Land - as these only apparent
means - to join that Station.

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your very obedient Servant,
Signed/ C: Fred.k Mandeville
Major

Fort St. George
the 23rd August 1796
6 Clock P.M.

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Statement of Effects, belonging to Major Mandeville, left on board the Earl of Wycombe Indiaman the 22d August 1796.—

		Valuation
1	Large China Chest, Containing Linnen.. Suit made up, two new Regimental Coats, one Gold headed Cane, one Silver gilt Small Sword, one Table cloth, & and a Quantity of Plate	Rup 600.—
2	a Deal Chest Containing China & Glass ware	100.—
3	a Deal Chest Containing Madeira Vale	54.—
4	a Box with Brandy in Bottles	25.—
5	a Mahogany Box Tea & Sugar Candy	24.—
6	Ditto with 2 Canister	12.—
7	a Trunk Containing Table Linnen and two pieces of Northern fine Long Cloth	60.—
8	Ditto Containing Wearing Apparel and a Tea Chest, with Silver Canister	175.—
9	a Trunk Containing Stationary some plate Knives and forkes	8.—
10	a Trunk Containing Linnen for immediate use a Spying Glass some plate and a Regimental Jacket	95.—
11	a Trunk Containing Boots, Shoes, Hatts and a Variety of other articles	54.—
12	a Trunk Containing Wearing Apparel Suit made up	150.—

Carried forward Rup 1,443.—

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Brought forward Pagodas	1463 —
No 13 a Trunk with Various Cloths	68 —
14 a Trunk with Bed Linnen	35 —
15 a Trunk with Several Cloths	45 —
one Pipe Madeira	100 —
One Escritore Containing 58 Pagodas in Cash, a Gold Watch Chain and other Valuables	130 —
One Boat Cloak and Bedding	25 —
Total Pagodas	1846 —

Fort St George
the 26th August 1796.

(Signed) Ch.s Th.s Mandeville
Major

N.B. Major Mandevilles Effects had all been marked and Numbered with Red Paint in the Laboratory by directions from Captain — Lack's from No 1. to 15 — besides three Table — Shades in Cases, Marked Nos 1. 2. and 3. The whole is marked thus. —

Major Mandeville
artillery

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Lieutenant Mandeville, had been marked in like manner from No 1 to 5. —

Lieutenant Barclay's had been marked with his Name only

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Statement of different Articles left on board of the Earl of Wycombe Indiaman 26th August 1796.

		Valuation Pags.
No 1	One large Trunk Containing Cloaths, as Jackets, Shirts, Waistcoat, Breeches, Pantaloons, Handkerchiefs &c: &a:	93
2 - 1	Escritore Containing 68 Pagods and Sundry other articles Containing Silver Spoons, Shoe & Knee buckles &a	119
3 - 1	Large Europe Trunk, Containing Liquor viz 6 Daf: Madeira, & 4 Dozn Brandy	50
4 -	a Small Trunk Containing Hatts, Boots and Shoes	18
5 -	To 1 Swinging Cott, with pillows & bedding	15
6 -	1 New Standing Cott, Complete	25
	Total Pag:	320

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/Signed/ R. Barclay
Lt 1st Regt E.I.

Statement of Effects belonging to Lieutenant Mandevelli and left on board the Earl of Wycombe Indiaman the 26th August 1796.

		Valuation
No 2	a Trunk Containing Linnen	86
3	a Trunk Containing Wearing apparel & books	79
4	a Trunk Containing Wearing apparel	54
5	a Trunk Ditto Ditto	48
	One Cot and Bedding	20
	Total Pagodas	287

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the 26th August 1796.

/Signed/ Chas Mandeville
Lt 1st Regt E.I.

Resolved

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Resolutions thereon

Resolved, on the Representation of Major Mandeville - and Lieutenants Barclay and Mandeville, of the Loss sustained by them in consequence of their inability to remove from the Earl Mycombe, the Baggage belonging to them, which had been sent on board that Ship, with the view of being landed at Trincomale, that the sum of five hundred 500/ Pagodas be advanced to the Major - and one hundred and fifty 150/ Pagodas to each of the Subalterns, for which they are to be accountable hereafter - and that, in the mean time, the sums do respectively stand to the debit of these Officers in the Books of the Military Paymaster General

Read the following Letter from Colonel Gils.

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

Sir,

From the Colonel Commandant of Artillery - recommending that Captain Blachmore may be invalided without prejudice to his appointment of Inspector of Stores at Vizagapatam

I have the Honor to forward a letter from Colonel Sydenham, covering an address from Lieutenant Colonel Smith, accompanied by an application and Surgeon's Certificate from Captain Blachmore of the 2d Battalion of Artillery to that Officer, stating that from age and Infirmity, he is no longer equal to field Service, and requesting to be recommended for the Invalid Establishment.

I &c

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In regard to Captain Blackmore's other request, to be continued in the Store Department after his admission on the Invalid List, I could only promise to notice it to you, which I now do, and as it appears, he can be considered no longer effective, but has otherways deserved well of the service, I presume to request you will be pleased to recommend to His Lordship in Council, that Captain Blackmore may be admitted on the Invalid List, without detriment to him in the Office he now holds as Inspector of Store at Vizagapatam.

I have the Honor to be,
Wa: Wa:
[Signed] Thomas Geils

Advt
24th August 1796.

Colonel Geils
Commandant of Artillery

Sir,

Enclosed I have the Honor to forward a letter from Captain Blackmore to Lieutenant Colonel Smith, (at that time understood to be in the Command of the 2d Battalion of Artillery) requesting to be placed on the Invalid List, not being any longer equal to the effective duties of the Corps.

From a perfect knowledge of Captain Blackmore's Character and Conduct since the period of

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of his entering the service, they leave to recommend him as an Officer deserving of attention, and capable of being very useful in his present station at Vizagapatam. — I have the honor to be

Wa: Wa:

Mount 23rd August 1796.

/Signed/ Wm Sydenham

Col: Comdt: 2d Battn artillery

To Colonel William Sydenham

Commandant of the 2d Battalion Artillery

Sir,

I having received the inclosed letter from Captain Thomas Blackmore making application for being put on the Invalid list, I have the honor to forward it to you that it may be transmitted through the regular Channels, requesting you will give it such support as you may deem necessary on the occasion. —

I have the honor to be

Wa: Wa:

Mount 23d August 1796.

/Signed/ David Smith

Lt Col: 2d Batt: Artly

To Lieutenant Colonel Smith.

Commanding the 2d Battalion artillery on the Coast of Coa:

St Thomas Mount

Sir,

Finding myself after upwards of fourteen Years of not inactive service, unequal to field duty,

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duty from age and infirmity, as will appear from the enclosed Surgeons Certificate, I have to request that you would have the goodness to recommend me for the Invalid Establishment - I served in the field with the Army Commanded by Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote, and Major General Stewart, and since my appointment to Vizagapatam, I have been employed in three successive Campaigns - the [illegible] of Vizenagaram, the Battle of Padmabam, and the Reduction of the fort of Vizygattam.

I would be rendering one many essential service, if you would be so good as to recommend my being continued as Inspector after my admission on the Invalid List - but as I cannot plead precedent for making this request I must submit it entirely on your favour.

I have the Honor to be
Sir: &c
/Signed/ Thos: Blackmore
Capt. 2d Bn. Artillery

Vizagapatam
9th August 1796.

This is to certify that Captain Thomas Blackmore of the Honorable Company's 4th Battalion of Coast Artillery is from age and Infirmity, rendered unequal to the fatigues of Field Service as Witness my Hand

/Signed/ Charles Ogilvy
Surgeon
Resident

Vizagapatam
29th March 1796.

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Captain Blackmore of artillery invalided

Resolved, for the reasons given, that Captain Blackmore be, at his own request, placed on the Invalid List.

Read the following letter from the Resident at Nagore.

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Military Department
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Resident at Nagore - states the quantity of Paddy under his charge and the expence that will attend beating it into Rice and transporting it to Trincomale

I have had the honour to receive your letter of the 4th Instant, desiring to know at what rate per Garce, Rice of the Chumba and Cushanum Crops could be sent from Nagore to Trincomalee, including the first cost, and all Charges, and what time it will take to beat out one hundred Garce, - and what quantity of Paddy belonging to the Company I have in Store. I have now on hand upwards of one thousand Garce of Paddy belonging to the Honble Company, It will take two Months to beat out a hundred Garce of Rice, the cost of which at the estimated rate by which the Books are kept will be from 51. to 52 Star Pagodas 7 Madras Garce, the freight and other charges will

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will be 10 Star Pagodas - that is to say a Garce of Rice from Nagore cannot be in the Harbour of Trincomalle under 61 or 62 Star Pagodas - what will be the cost of landing there, including Wastage Wa: I cannot say, I have ordered Paddy to be immediately issued to be beat into Rice in conformity to the order of Government and have to request that the Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Trincomalle may be directed to receive whatever may be sent by the Parrah, one of which make two, Madras Marcals exactly, otherwise I shall have some difficulty in getting Vessels to convey any there on account of the Company

I have the honor to be
Wa: Wa:
[Signed] W: H: Torriano
Resident

Pundateum
in the Tanjore Country
12th August 1796.

Minute thereon

Resolved that Mr. Torriano be directed to send to Trincomalee, in Donies, as soon as he considers it safe so to do, the quantity of Rice ordered for that Garrison on the 4th instant.

Resolved also, that Mr. Torriano be desired to send immediately to Madras, in a Donie, five hundred Garce of Paddy, consigned to the Garrison Storekeeper.

Read the following letter from Messrs Lautour and Co.

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Wm. C. Jackson Esq.r
Secretary

Sir,

From the agents for the Ship Yarmouth requesting they may receive a Bill on Bengal for the Principal and Interest of a Bond granted them which fell due on the 24.th Instant.

The Honorable Company's bond No. 340 dated 26.th June last in our favor and payable in two Months with Interest at the rate of Eight per Cent for Pagodas 4,616. being for two Months freight of the Ship Yarmouth, becomes due to day, we will therefore be much obliged if you will have the goodness to send us an order for payment, and if not convenient for Government to pay it in cash, we will esteem it as a favour if you will order a Sett of Bills on Bengal for the Principal and Interest at the Company's Exchange of 355 Arc.s for 100 Star Pagodas at 30 days Sight. & should the Company not grant Bills in this month, We request you will have the goodness to send us an order to receive a Bill on the 1.st of the next Month.

We have the honor to be
Wa: Wa:
/Signed/ Franc.s Lautour & Co.

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Ordered

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Order thereon

Ordered that the Bonds granted to Messrs Lautour and Company - and to Messrs Chase Sewell & Chase, dated the 24th of June 1796, for two months freight of the Chartered Ships Yarmouth and Lune, be exchanged for Bills upon Bengal, bearing date the 1st of September 1796, for the principal sum stated in the said Bonds, with the Interest due thereon.

An advance of Cash ordered to be made to Colonel Prescott on account of works carrying on under his Superintendence

Ordered, at the recommendation of the Military Board, that an advance of one thousand Pagodas be made to Major William Prescott of the Engineers, on account of the Repairs which he is ordered to execute to the Store Rooms at St. Thomas's Mount, and to the public Buildings at Chingleput.

The appointment of Quarter Master General on Ceylon discontinued

The President proposes that the appointment held by Major Allan of Quarter Master General on the Island of Ceylon, be discontinued

Approved and ordered accordingly

Death of Lieutenant George Gerrard Johnston of Infantry

The Secretary reports to the Board the death of Lieutenant George Gerrard Johnston of the 2d Battalion 8th Regiment Native Infantry at Vellore on the 16th Instant.

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Adjutant General

To W. C. Jackson Esq.
Secretary Military Department

Sir,

I have to request by desire of Major General Clarke that you will communicate his recommendation for the following promotions, to the Right Honble the President in Council.

Lieutenant G. C. L. Pittman of Engineers to be Captain Lieutenant, vice, Loudmore, Deceased — Date of Rank 19th August 1796.

Ensign John Ross Cleghorn, to be Lieutenant, vice, Pittman, promoted — Date of Rank 19th August 1796.

Brevet Captain Patrick Mapother, to be Captain Lieutenant, vice, Taylor, Junior Deceased date of Rank 1st June 1796.

I have the honor to be
Sir Your
/Signed/ B. C. Close
Adjt. Genl. of the Army

Ordered

From the Adjutant General proposing the promotion of Lieutenant Pittman and Ensign Cleghorn of Engineers and Brevet Captain Mapother of Infantry

Adjutant Generals Office
30th August 1796.

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Military Commissions Ordered

Ordered that the promotions be made.

H Abbr

" Howard Hartley

" Con Saunders

" E Wallscheid

Ex:
Ja Fullerton

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Diary

31st. Received the following letters

To W.C. Jackson Esqre.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Major Kirkpatrick enclosing Copy of a letter from and to the Collector at Masulipatam

I have the honor to transmit you for the notice of the Right Honorable the President in Council, Copy of a letter Received on the 19th Instant from the Collector of Masulipatam, and of my reply to the same.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Hydrabad
21st August 1796

(Signed) W. Kirkpatrick

To Major William Kirkpatrick

Resident at the Court of Hydrabad

Sir,

I have this day had the honor to receive your letter Dated on the 9th Instant relative to the payment of the arrear of Peshcush due

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51 due to his Highness the Nizam, in reply to which I have to inform you that the Balance of Cash in Rupees in my Hands amounts to no more than 1,04,343 (one Lac, four thousand, three hundred and forty three) — The Exchange at which the payments have heretofore been made, I find upon enquiry was at the Rate of Arcot Rupees 385 p.c. 100 Madras Pagodas by which I shall with your permission be regulated.

The amount in Rupees in the treasury will on this day be delivered to Meer Syed Mahommed who informs me that he must have reference to the Durbar of Hydrabad before he receives the residue — I beg leave to add that I have prepared funds in Pagodas equal to the discharge of it.

I shall have great pleasure in furnishing an Escort for the money as far as Meregalah and shall pay attention to any application that may be made to me by Golam Saheb on the subject.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) John Wedderburn
Coll.r of Masulipatam

Masulipatam
Cutcherry 16th. August 1796

True Copy
(Signed) W. Kirkpatrick

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John Wrangham Esqr.

Collector at

Masulipatam

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 16th. instant.

To what you mention respecting the rate of exchange at which the payments of Paisheush have heretofore been made at Masulipatam (namely 385 per 100 Madras Pagodas) I need only reply that, whether or reasonable or not it has always been complained of by this Durbar and that the Ministers of the Nizam, are not ready to acknowledge that the Standard of any past period can fairly be made a Rule for the present or future.

Strong objections laying on both sides to regulating these payments by the Bazar Exchange of the day, I formerly (in 1794) proposed to Azim ul Omra at the most just mode I could devise that the onedium of Exchange

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31. Exchange of the three preceding Years should be assumed as a fixed Standard; and for this purpose Communicated to him the necessary Documents which I had procured from the then Chief and Council of Masulipatam. The Result gave 382 Rupees and about seven Annas to the 100 Madras Pagodas; and I judge it necessary as well on grounds of consistency as of equity to adhere to this proposal; the fairness of which however has never yet been admitted by His Highness's Ministers

It is extremely desireable that this point should be adjusted with as little delay as possible, and also with as much accommodation to this Court as may be Compatible with the Reasonable rights of the Company; who if they are not on the one hand bound to discharge the Paishcush, at whatever rate of Exchange may be demanded by the Nizam; neither would they on the other, appear authorized to establish the Standard at their pleasure, or to regulate it by their own Domestic practise - I trust it

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31st. It will not be long before you receive ample instructions for your Guidance in this business from the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

I have the honor to be

&c. &c

(Signed) W. Kirkpatrick

Hydrabad
28th August 1796

True Copy

(Signed) W. Kirkpatrick

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

The Demand made on me, as Security for Mr. Young late Paymaster and Deputy Commissary of Angole, for Pagodas 7123.. 21.. 13.. and Interest thereon from 1st. January 1793 has been regularly conveyed to me through your Secretary Mr. Jackson.

From Mr. Gardiner on the subject of the demand made on him as Security for Mr. S. Young - requests Major Gobbie, the other Security may be called on for his Moiety

It is much to be lamented that those to whose Province it belonged to point out the Nature of the Security entered into for Mr. Young

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Young should have omitted to do so: for want of this material Information Government has been led to consider me the only Security, and has therefore called upon me for the whole Retrenchment.

In respect to the Security entered into I have to request that your Lordship will do me the Justice to Order the Bond itself to be laid before you when it will appear that the Securities are two, Major Gowdie and I; and that we are not bound jointly and Severally - If your Lordship on inspecting the Bond, find this to be a true Representation, I hope your Lordship will have the goodness to direct your Secretary to apply to Major Gowdie for his, and me for my Moiety of the whole Sum which shall be paid into the hands of the Military Paymaster General as directed immediately.

I cannot say I am at all sensible of the Justice of the principle on which Interest on the above Sum is demanded - A Sum of Money equal to this Refund has been at all times ready to be discharged as soon as the Auditor Generals final Audit determined the Amount thereof; but how, my

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31st my Lord could this Money, although ready, be paid before the Auditor General had ascertained what Sum I was to pay? This final Audit, My Lord only reached me a few days ago and I am fully ready to answer any Demand on this Account.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Madras
31st August 1796

&c &c
(Signed) Robert Gardiner

Received and Sent the undermentioned letters Entered in M.B. Nos 235-236-237-238-239 240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249 250-251-

From Lieut. Col. Roberts — From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts transmitting Copies of his Correspondence.

From Mr. Roebuck — From Military Paymaster General stating that there will be a want of Cash for the Madura payments for September.

From Ditto — From Ditto submitting a letter from the Commandant at Guntoor.

From Lieutenant Col. Baird — From Commandant at Tanjore submitting an Estimate of additional Repairs wanted to the Officers Quarters &c.

From

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From Major General Collins

From Ditto at Vellore reporting the arrival of Luckea Naigue at that place.

From Major Kirkpatrick

From Resident at Hydrabad advising of Tippoo's preparations for taking the field.

From Captain Darley

From Commandant at Simericotah requesting leave to resign his Command.

To Mr Secry Barlow

To Secretary at Bengal forwarding a Box, per Ship Cronberg containing Musters of the Prize Cinnamon at Columbo.

To Ditto

To Ditto forwarding the annual Statements of the Military Establishments as the same stood on the 30th April last.

To Mr Sharow

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions transmitting Copies of the Auditor General's Reports on his September Estimates.

To Commanders of the Cronberg

To Captain Tennent acknowledging his attention to the Public Interests in taking charge of the Despatches for Admiral Elphinstone but informing him that as His Excellency has not noticed the transaction, the Board are precluded from granting the Compensation desired

To Lieut. Col Fraser

To Commandant at Trincomale on the subject of Lieutenant Kingston's arrest and conveying the Board's wish that he should be permitted to

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31st to execute the Duties of his Office until he can be brought before a Military Tribunal.

To Mr. Shardon ✓ To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - requiring a Return of all the provisions in Store on the Coast - shewing the quantity wanting to Complete - as also a Return of the Grain with the Several Regiments of Cavalry - a supply of Rice ordered to Trincomale from Nagore.

To Clerk of the Treasury ✓ To Clerk of the Treasury - ordering the advances of Cash to Messrs. Roebuck and Shardon for September.

To Capt.n Campbell To Muster Master at Masulipatam permitting him to visit Madras.

To Mr. Torrians ✓ To Resident at Nagore - directing him to send to Trincomale the quantity of Rice ordered on the 4th Instant - and 500 Garce of Paddy in Donies to Madras.

To Mr. Brodie ✓ To Garrison Storekeeper - advising him of the order for sending paddy to Madras.

September 2d. Sent letter to the Nabob Entered in

Substance of a letter to the Nabob. C.C. No. 123 - forwarding a letter to His Highness from Mr. B. Sulivan - noticing the total disregard shewn

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2d Shewn by Eitabar Cawn to the Orders he has received for liquidating that Gentleman's demand, and requesting that His Highness will take effectual means for enforcing the same.

Receiving the following letter.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c &c &c in Council

Fort St George

My Lord,

From Collector at Masulipatam - requests orders relative to the rate of exchange at which the peshcush is to be paid.

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship Copies of letters to and from the Resident at the Court of Hydrabad relative to the rate of Exchange, at which the Cash now in the General Treasury at this place, which has been held in readiness for the liquidation of the arrear of Peshcush due to His Highness the Nizam / should be paid, and I beg the favor of your Lordship's Orders on the Subject.

Masulipatam
26th August 1796

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) John Wrangham
Coll.

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To John Wrangham Esqre

Collector

Masulipatam

Sir,

Having received an application from this Durbar, for payment of the Arrears of Paishcush due by the Honorable Company into the hands of Meer Sayed Mahomed, commonly called Gholaumi Saheb as Agent at Masulipatam I have to request that you will accordingly be pleased to pay the Sum of Seven Lacks and a half of Arcott 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 account. It is hoped that you will be able

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2 able to pay a large proportion of the present Draft in Silver, and 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 favored with your Sentiments - I formerly proposed to the late Ministers that the Exchange should be fixed at three Rupees thirteen Anas which I found to be nearly the average Bazar Exchange during a period of three Years; but at that time three Rupees ten Anas was contended for by the Ministers.

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

I Am &c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Kirkpatrick

Hydrabad
9th August 1796

A true Copy

(Signed) T.N. Aufrere
Asst. Coll.

List

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List of the Packet

No 1 Major Kirkpatrick's letter to Mr. Wrangham
Dated 9th August 1796.

2 Mr. Wrangham's letter to Major Kirkpatrick
Dated 16th August 1796.

Ahead entered in Diary 31st August

3 Major Kirkpatrick's letter to Mr. Wrangham
Dated 20th August 1796

4 Mr. Wrangham's letter to the Right Honble
Lord Hobart Dated 26th August 1796

5 List of the Packet

(Signed) John Wrangham
Coll.

Masulipatam
26th August 1796

Received and Sent the undermentioned
letters Entered in MB Nos 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10.

From Lieut. Col. Beresford — From the King's Deputy Paymaster General transmitting his Accounts in Continuation to the 24th August last.

From Captn Binny — From Captain Binny enclosing to Bills on account of the Surprize and Success Galley

From Captn Darley — From Commandt at Tenneriffe stating that he is preparing documents to disprove the charges brought against him by the Calcutta Manager

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2d Manager - Notices in the mean time, the oppressive and rapacious conduct of his accusers.

From Mr Roebuck — From Mr. B. Roebuck - enclosing a Bill for the freight of the Ewer.

From Ditto — From Military Paymaster General - reporting that Mr. Gardiner has not yet paid into his hands the demand made on him.

From Mr Sharon — From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - stating that he has not the means of knowing the quantity of Grain actually in Store with the different Regiments.

From Major Muat — From Major Muat - advising of Mooly Royal Bopaul Rauze having surrendered him to Mr. Collector Webb - suggests that Gopaulpille and Veeregottam be made two regular field Stations -

Circular letter — Circular letter to Cuddalore - Pondicherry Nagore, Negapatam, and Trincomale - desiring as the French Frigates have left the Coast that British Vessels be not prevented from proceeding to Madras.

To Col. Sydenham — To Military Auditor General - referring the accounts of the King's Paymaster, as above - mentioned.

To Lieut Col Brown — To Lieutenant Colonel Brown - stating objections which preclude a Compliance with his application for a compensation for his services at Malacca.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor-President

Major General Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esq.

and

Ernst William Tallofzeld Esq.

Minutes of last Consultation Read

Friday
2d. September 1796 and approved.

Read the following letter from the

Reverend Mr. Swartz.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c

My Lord

As his Excellency the Rajah has
made some Objection concerning the legality of
Serfojee's adoption, particularly on account of his
being the only Son, who ought not to be adopted
according to the Hindoo law, I have consulted
the

From the Reverend Mr. Swartz enclosing some Extracts from the Shasters in proof of the legality of Serfojees adoption

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the most learned Pundit at Tanjore on that subject and have received some Extracts (in Duplicate) from the Shaster, which will I hope elucidate that point - I therefore beg leave to offer them to your Lordship's perusal.

I have the honor to be Respectfully

&c &c

/Signed/ C.T. Swartz

Tanjore
August 26th 1796

According to the Shaster of Samscara Kowstu-
=vam the adoption made by Tuljajee Maha-
Rajah is right, or legal.

If you say that an only child cannot be adopted by another, this (Therefore) is not an only child, for he has two Sisters, the one Older and the other Younger than he - therefore he is neither the only, nor first child - But if you still say, is he not the only Child, this there are two Sisters.

In the Kowsturam Shaster, it is said that Girls may be adopted, as well as Boys - Is there a proof or speech concerning this? The Shaster says, that as a Boy may be adopted so likewise a Girl - As the word Child belongs equally to Girls as to Boys both may be adopted - Therefore, if there is a Sister at the same time, you cannot call the boy

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the only Child — As Sherfojee has Sisters, he cannot be called the only Child — An adopted Son, and an adopted Daughter are equally regarded.

In the Shaster Rama Krittee Ditto —

Mimamtse — it is Written.

If one gives his only child to be — adopted he commits a Sin — but to him that takes such child, it becomes his child. The child that has been adopted with the consent of the father, — cannot return to the father — Viz: to sell salt is not good — the Seller is guilty — but he that takes or buys it, is not guilty — The Seller of that Salt cannot take it again — it becomes the property of the buyer — Whoever has something as his Own property, he has power to give it, to another — he may give, sell, or exchange his own child — but he has no power to sell his Brother and Grandson — those he cannot give, sell, or exchange.

Another Shaster says, that an only child must not be given to be adopted — but if one disregards the Shaster — and will take the Guilt upon him and so gives his child to be adopted, he commits a Sin — but he who takes the — child to be adopted, is guiltless — The child belongs

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belongs doubtless to him who has adopted it.

Gowtoma Shaster says

Who ever takes a Boy who has no Sister to be adopted, whether he that takes the boy knows it, or whether he not knows it, (viz. that the boy is the only Child, without having a Sister) and performs the Ceremony of tying a String about him &c. that boy belongs to the person who has adopted him. he belongs no longer to the Father. Whether a Child may be adopted lawfully, or not, must be considered before the Ceremony of Omamie is performed. When the Ceremony has been performed and the Child adopted, it belongs to him who has adopted it.

The Shaster Weganedere says,

Who has adopted a Girl when he had no Child. and afterwards gets a Child of his own. both are to share equally in the Inheritance. therefore boy and Girl are equally Children. when there are Sisters the boy is not to be called the only Child.

Vematre

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Hematri Shaster says

A Child may not be given or be adopted by a strange tribe but in the proper tribe for family it may be given and it is his Child who has adopted it.

Resolved that the following letter be immediately written to Bengal.

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

Honorable Sir,

We have the honor to transmit a Copy of a letter from the Reverend Mr. Swartz enclosing farther Extracts from the Shaster with respect to the Hindoo Law on the subject of adoption which we consider of very material importance as it may affect the question at issue between Sheefogee and the present Rajah of Tanjore, and calculated to remove any Doubts that may possibly remain concerning the person in whom the real Right of Inheritance actually exists. Agreeably to your directions, we have transmitted the original papers.

Should

Letter to Bengal enclosing Copies of the foregoing papers.

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Should you already have communicated your Sentiments to the Court of Directors upon this subject we should hope you will not on that account judge it inadvisable to transmit the documents we have now the honor to forward since they are of a nature so essential to the purposes of substantial Justice.

We have the honor to be with great Respect

Yr. &c.

Fort St. George
2d. September 1796

Signed, Hobart
Yr. Council
" Hobart
" Hugh Boyd
" Edw. Saunders
" G. Brassfield

Ex.
Jn. Sullivan

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Diary

Recieved the undermentioned
Letters entered in / C. C. Nos. 124. 125. 126. 127.—

Substance of letter from the Nabob

From the Nabob transmitting
Translate of his letter to the Governor &
General.—

Ditto Ditto

From Ditto— stating that a
sum exceeding the Estimate has been expended,
at the requisition of General Floyd, on account
of the new Lepry Barracks at Trichinopoly

Ditto from the Peishwah.—

From the Peishwah— announc=
=cing his accession— and the appointment of
Purseram Bhow to be his Minister

Ditto from Purseram Bhow

From Purseram Bhow— advicing
of the accession of Chimna appa to the
Peishwaship.—

Recieved the following Letter

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council
of Fort St. George

From Colonel Sydenham— stating the additional expence of Completing the Nizam's Detach=ment to the New Establishment.—

My Lord,

In answer to Mr. Secretary Jackson's
Letter addressed to Colonel Malcolm under date
4th Inst.; I have the honor to lay before your
Lordship a Statement of the additional ex=
=pence

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expence which will fall to be defrayed by
His Highness the Nizam, in case he should
consent that the 11th Regiment of Native
Infantry be completed, to the full Establish-
ment upon the new formation of the
Army

This additional expence will
amount annually to Pagodas 4,963.30.56
under the following Heads.—

Pay and fixed allowances.
To Enclosure — No. 1. — 39,973.26.—
Wear & Tear of Arms & Accoutriments 2. — 168.10.25
Camp Equipage Ammunition
and Stores — 3. — 1,501.12.1.
Bullock, Lascars, Artificers &c. 4. — 3,664.16.40
Batta under new Regulations — 5. — 1,656.7.10

Pagodas — 4,963.30.56

and is calculated on the difference between
the strength of two Battalions of Native
Infantry on the old Establishment, and
a Regiment of the same description
upon the new Establishment, agreeably
to the Tenor of Mr. Secretary Jackson's
Letter — No provision is therein specified
for any addition which it may be
thought necessary to make either
to the Ordnance or to the Magazine
now

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now with the Detachment the fixed & allowances established by the Regulations have been strictly adhered to in forming this calculation, which it is proper to mention, as the original Estimate of the Expence of the Detachment serving with his Highness the Nizam, was formed upon particular Instructions, given to the Military Auditor General, in the view of comprehending all probable Contingencies, and to include such additional allowances as Government should think proper to make to the Commanding Officer or others serving with the Detachment; and this expence may possibly be augmented by the encreased Rank of the Superior Officers and the additional Staff which may in future be stationed there.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c. &c.
/Signed/ Wm Sydenham
Milty Aud. Genl.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St George
20th September 1796.

Received

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Received and Sent the under-
-mentioned Letters entered in Mr. Pr.
Nos. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22.—

From Captain Forbes. ✓ From Commandant at Nellore-
representing the irregular and disre-
-spectful Conduct of Sied Ahmed Cawn,
of the Nabob's service, in entering the
fort, without his permission, attended
by an Armed force.—

From Captain Dowse ✓ From Commandant of the
Pioneer Corps. requesting leave to draw
from the Paymaster General the Stoppages on account of the Serjeants
of that Corps for the year 1794. and
in future that they be accounted for
in the distribution of Off Reckonings.—

From Military Board ✓ From Military Board. trans-
-mitting a Bill for repairs made by the
Contractors.—

From Ditto ✓ From Ditto. stating their
opinion, that General Stuart's Signature
to Lieutenant Castles Bill for artificers
&c. is sufficient authority to the Pay-
-master at Columbo for discharging
it.—

From

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From Deputy Secretary to Ditto — transmitting Copy of a letter from Major Read, forwarding a detailed report of the present state of the Granaries in the Baramhaul - with suggestions in respect to the mode of conducting Repairs in future. —

From Deputy Secretary to Ditto

From Commandant At Tinnerycotah - transmitting his & Captain Moore's replies to the Complaints preferred against them by the Nabob's manager in the Palnaud

From Captain Darley

To Secretary at Bengal - forwarding a letter from the Nabob

To Mr Secretary Barlow

To Military Auditor General - all Offices promoted, by Brevet who were in the Receipt of Batta, to draw the difference from the date of their respective promotions - Colonel Smiths Bills to be passed accordingly —

To General Sydenham

three Peckallies to be allowed at Dindigul. —

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To General Collins — informing — To Commandant at Vellore — him that Lucknow Naigue is to be allowed 60 Pagodas per Month for his Subsistence —

To Mr. John Wynch — To Paymaster at Ditto — with instructions to the above effect

To Commandant at — Tricchinopoly — directing him to Counter- = mand the Embarkation of the two Companies of the 52d Regiment for — Jaffnapatam —

To General Floyd

To Resident at Tanjore — informing him that the same — allowance as was granted to the Troops for Sheep, during the former assumption is to be granted during the present assignment. —

To Mr. Macleod

4 Sent the following Letter. —

To

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

Gentlemen,

To Military Board directing them to state to which of the propositions for Conducting Repairs they give the preference - partial Contracts seem most eligible

We have received your letters dated the 4th and 26th ultimo.

We wish you to consider, and report to us the regulations that you might judge advisable to be prescribed, with a view of rendering the checks & submitted in the first proposition of the Chief Engineer's Minute of the 21st July as efficient as possible.

We desire also you will state to us, to which of the two propositions brought forward by Lieutenant Colonel Gent, you would give the preference - as far as we can judge of the subject at present, we are inclined to think that partial Contracts, under rigid inspection

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4 inspection by competent persons, would be the Cheapest and best mode for the Company - a pr. Centage on money ~ disbursed would probably tend to ~ encourage expenditure. —

We wish to be informed of the Works still in Hand by the late Contractors for buildings and Repairs - the period reckoned upon ~ for their completion, with the ~ Amount of the Bills likely to ~ come upon us on this Account. —

The Brass Guns reported in your Letter of the 26th Ultimo to be unfit for use may be sent to Bengal by the Company's Ships of the present Season, when application will be made to the Governor General in Council for their being replaced with an equal Number of Guns of the same Caliber —

We are &c. &c.

/ Signed / Hobart
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6 Received and Sent the under=
=mentioned Letters entered in M: B:
Nos. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32.
33. 34.—

From Military Auditor
General— submitting Draft of a—
General Order for regulating the
Payments to Men who may be
sent to Madras from examina=
=tion before the Invaliding Com=
=mittee and for preventing Officers,
in receipt of Full Batta from
having half Batta drawn for
them in their Corps.—

From General Lydenham

From Lieutenant Colonel
Mecat— advising of the Measures
he has authorized for strengthening
the Defences of Vizagapatam, in
consequence of the appearance of
a French Squadron upon the
Coast.—

From the Com=
=manding Officer
in the Vizagapatam
District.—

From

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From Lieutenant Colonel Brereford = master General - transmitting his Accounts in Continuation to the 24th June last. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts to the Commander in Chief, submitting Captain Tanners proposals for carrying and providing Tents for the Company of Artillery serving with the Nizam. —

To the Commandant at Masulipatam - disapproving the Conduct of Captains Forbes and Johnston in impeding the Collector's authority to examine into Civil Complaints - the Sepoy and Lascar withheld by them to be sent immediately to his Cutcherry. —

To Ditto - at Trichi = nopoly - conveying the Boards entire approbation of Lieutenant Oliphants Conduct in the execution

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execution of the service lately entrusted to him —

To Colonel D. Campbell

To Colonel Campbell

informing him that no distribution of the property found at Tuticoryn can be made without a previous Reference to England —

To Commandant at Tuticoryn

To Captain Davison

no expence to be incurred at present in repairing the Flag Staff at that place —

To Military Board —

To Military Board

authorizing the repair of the Regimental Barracks at the Cantonment near Masulipatam —

To Military Auditor General —

To General Sydenham

referring the accounts of the Kings Deputy Paymaster General as abovementioned —

To

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To Paymaster at Palam-

To Mr. Martin =cotah= transmitting an account of

Sale of three Cast horses, the Amount

Amount to be received and brought

to the Credit of the Company

To Mr. Patrick Bowie

To Mr. Bowie directing him to Complete the supply

of Tents he engaged to furnish

and to begin upon his new

Contract without Delay.

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 Tallosius Esqr.

Tuesday 6th September 1796 -

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

Read the following Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore (vide also 66. Mo 128)

Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Right Honble Lord Hobart &c Governor President &c &c &c dated 29th August 1796. -

From the Rajah of Tanjore complaining of the injury he sustains in consequence of Mr. Macleod's Proclamation in restoring the Country to his authority agreeably to the orders of Government - inclosed copies of his Correspondence with Mr. Macleod on this Subject.

on the 5th August Mr. Macleod addressed me a letter as if your

Excellency

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Expecting had done me the favor
of sending orders for the restoration
of my country. In that letter Mr.
Macleod says, "Yesterday confirmed
"
"your of the resolution which Government
"have passed. That is to say - your
"Excellency must receive possession
"
"of your country after you shall
"have punctually paid whatever
"
"sums may have been expended
"by the collectors of those districts
"in warlike repairs &c" for all
"
"cultivation, and becoming security
"for the sums borrowed by the "
"
"ryots. The accounts of the "
"
"money advanced by me to the
"
"ryots shall be prepared with the
"
"all the expedition in my power
"and sent to your Excellency." To this
letter I replied on the 5th August -
"
"That whatever sums had been
"
"advanced by the collectors for warlike
"
"and repairs I would punctually
discharge

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discharge at the reason of collections
notwithstanding my having written
this answer my country is not
yet restored and the matter is under
delay. - after this on the 8th august
Mr Macleod wrote to me " - I have
" sent you the orders which have
" arrived from Government. I have
" sent you a copy of them " He wrote
that I must take them into
consideration; but he did not send
me complete english copies with
translations: he only sent me the
Hindoos translations. In them it
is written " It is necessary that the
money advanced to the ryots of the
" three Soubahs of Mayauram Manar-
" goady and Trivady on account of
" Warwick Fee " for cultivation should
" be given without procrastination
" therefore if your Gentlemen does
" not get ready the money for this
" purpose, I shall authorize the
Company's

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"Company's collector to become
"Security in the Company's name
"to the money lenders with interest
"at one per cent. It is proper that
"this money should be discharged
"after eight months. It is however
"necessary in order to save the
"Company from loss that your
"Attorney should give a public
"written declaration." To this I
"sent an answer as follows "you
"sent me what you call a copy of
"the orders in reply I sent you on
"the 9th August a letter with my
"seal and signature containing
"a declaration that I would conform
"to those orders" - Notwithstanding
he had seen and received this the
Resident did not put me in
possession of my country; but
put the matter under delay
on this account I sent a message
on the 13th August by my servant
Chinnaree

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Chinnana that it was necessary
to cultivate the land, that I had
given an answer to what had
been written about the advances, a
that I know not for what reason
he delayed, that if the season for
cultivation should pass away the
business would be spoiled, and the
crop would be deficient, that A
therefore it would be well the
country should speedily be visited
to my profession. He (Mr Maddock)
replied that there was no interrup-
tion on his part, that he was pr
ready, and that if he (Chinnana)
would return in the morning, he
should have an answer. Ac-pr
cordingly on the morrow I sent
Chinnana to the Resident, who
said that the ryots and accoun-ts
had not arrived from the two
Soubahs of Mayaveram and
Manargoody, that besides some

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Predhumdars or Decanil gars of the
Paparaseurs Soubahs were ill a
disposed and gone to take up their
abode in Terputtoody, that he had
sent his Harbar Chinnaspillah to
pacify them and bring them back,
that they had not yet arrived
that on this account there was a
delay but that upon the arrival
of the accounts and rayots from the
Soubahs of Mayaveram and
Manargoody and that upon the
return and pacification of the
Cavilgary and rayots of the 4
Paparaseurs Soubahs who had
fled he would without the
delay of a quarter of an hour
send the rayots and accounts
to the Circar — upon hearing this
answer, it occurred to me that
Mr. Macleod was continuing
pretences for keeping the matter
under

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under delay; I therefore addressed two
letters to Mr. Macleod one on the 4
15 the other on the 19th August &
representing that the season for
cultivation was passing away, and
desiring that the country might
speedily be restored to my charge.
To which letter the Resident sent
for answer on the 22d August in
the following words" - I have taken
"proper care of the cultivation in
"the South under me; and the two
"collectors will have done the same.
"In the letter which I addressed to
"you on the 5th August I said that you
"must in ready money the sums
"which the collectors had advanced
"to the ryots for warrick and mer-
"remmut. upon that subject
"I yesterday received the orders
"of Government in which they direct
"that if your Excellency is at

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"present unable to pay in ready
"money, I should take from you
"a declaration. I will wait upon
"you and communicate all
"other information personally." I
I must here observe to your
Excellency that in the letter, which
I sent to the Resident on the 5th August,
I said I would be security for the
sums advanced to the nyth on
account of warwick and Mercuments
and would discharge them during
the season of the collections. There
is no ground for making this
a second cause of delay in the
restoration of my country. In this
state of things Mr. Macleod came
to waite upon me on the 22d
august, when a conference to
the following effect passed. He
asked me to give security for the
money, which had been advanced

by

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by the collectors to the ryots for wa-
-rrack and Murrummut. Hearing
heard this I was struck with a
considerable surprize that the C
Company who trusted to my agreements
for the payment of little lacs a
than six lacks of pagodas should
continue to demand security for a
the inside sum which had been
advanced on account of warrk and
Murrummut. Under this C
impression I replied "Having A
"acquiesced in what I was written
"by Government I have already A
"informed you by letter that I A
"would pay in eight months the
"whatever money the ryots should
"have borrowed from the merchants.
"What cause is there for farther
"hesitation. It does not appear
"necessary to demand security
"of me, because having received
"a copy of the order of Government

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"I have acquiesced in a letter "
"under my seal and signature
"It is not proper to make new
"arguments for each hour. What
"can be the amount of the "
"sums advanced up to the
"5th August for warrick and H
"Mumminut? It is extremely
"humiliating to demand of
"me security for such a sum.
"If such a demand be made
"I must satisfy it through the
"
"means of my own wyth and
"merchant." I therefore dwelt
upon this point to shew the
impropriety of these impairing
my dignity. The Resident H
however paid no attention, but
plainly said if you will give
security, I will restore the country,
but not otherwise." after this he "
went away. — I have sent with
this letter seven inclosures being
the

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The letter written to me by Mr
Macleod on the 5th and 8th august
with copy of the orders of Govern=
ment translated into Hindawee,
another letter from Mr macleod
of the 22d august – my answer
to the Resident of 5th 9th 15th and
19th august. If your Excellency
will be pleased to take these
papers into consideration you
will become acquainted with
the delay practised by Mr
Macleod. –

I have now to observe for
your Excellency's information
that if the country had been a
restored to my profession at
the time when your orders
arrived, I should have made all
the provisions necessary for
my advantage, I shall yet
do what may be requisite. This
is

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is the very commencement of the
cultivation. If there be any delay
at this particular period, it will
be attended with much detriment.
Though this is well known
to Mr Macleod, he yet raises
new disputes for every new day,
and impedes the restoration
of my country. There is on this
account a very considerable
deficiency of cultivation. - Besides
if the country should be
restored after the period of
my Rists shall have approached,
I shall suffer much distress
without being able to make
good my payments at the
regular times. He will then
impute to me a failure in
my stipulated payment to
obtain possession of my country.
It is his wish to accomplish
my

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any credit by any means
whatsoever. This I shall now
make plain to your H
Excellency. after the country
shall be restored to me I will
state the quantity of Grain
sown in the last year, and
the quantity in this year
up to this period. It will
probably appear to your
Excellency that some days
must absolutely be necessary
for the preparation of
accounts previous to the
restoration of my country.
I shall therefore remark
that if the country should
be restored during the height
of the collections the delay of
some days will be requisite.
according to the custom of my
country three months, to

according

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according to the custom of
the Carnatic two months have
elapsed since the conclusion
of the year: besides this the
accounts of customs and "
same other ready money
collections are renewed daily, but
there is nothing to prevent the "
accounts of today from being settled
tomorrow. Notwithstanding this
is the case and notwithstanding
the receipt of your Excellency's orders
he has not yet restored even these.
upon the restoration of my country
after the war, it was put into my
possession on the 12th July according
to the custom of the Carnatic, and
I received charge of it with the "
beginning of the year on the 13th —
There were at that time no "
pretences for delay for accounts "
securities assurances &c" When
the

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The country was restored to me I
provided myself for the advance of
warrants. viz to whomsoever it was
necessary. Besides the balances, I
which remained at the end of the
year after the collections had been
rigorously enforced, were made over
to me — What Mr. Macleod is now
doing is this — Though two years
are elapsed since the conclusion
of the year, he yet keeps the country
in his own hands, makes whatever
collections are to be made, adds
the irrecoverable balances, and takes
from the ryots acknowledgments
for advances as if ready money
had been actually advanced. If
such acknowledgments for
advances are taken, the accounts
indeed may appear correct, but the
cultivation is only to be provided
for by the actual advance of
ready

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ready money. In the letter written to me by Mr. Macleod on the 22d august. he says that he has properly provided for the cultivation and that the other two collectors will have done the same. but there is no ground for your Excellency relying on this as a fact; because but a few days have elapsed since the return of those inhabitants who had decided from the Southahs of Mayaveram and Sirkey: some indeed of the ryots who decided from Papanasam are not to this hour returned Therefore under those circumstances Mr. Macleod appears to that every proper provision and care is taken for the cultivation, how can I believe it? without the ryots what cultivation can there be? If the country had been restored to me upon the arrival

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arrival of your Excellency's orders,
I should have taken every precaution
for my own advantage. Whatever
advances may be made by your
collectors for cultivation, cannot, tho
though the country should remain
under your own management,
cannot be recovered till the
season of collection. on account
of the restoration of my country
at this period, it is demanded of
that I should be responsible for
this money. I have given a
written declaration accordingly
that I am answerable for those
sums. But it is still demanded
that I should give security for
those sums. I am security for the
ryots already. If farther security
is demanded of me, who can be
security for that security. Is there
any end to this? I therefore request
that your Excellency will do me

the

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the favor of sending instructions
to the resident for the restoration
of any country without any delay
Much time has elapsed
since your Excellency received
the directions of the Hon.ble Court
of Directors for restoring to one
the four Moghams of Harical and
since your orders were issued
for that purpose to the Resident.
but they have not yet been given
up to me. — I now therefore request
that you will send orders for their
speedy restoration to me. — I entreat
in the most earnest manner that
your Excellency will forward it
without delay to the Hon.ble the
Governor General in Council of
Bengal a copy of this letter with
an english translation, and the
enclosures contained it. I request
the favor of your Excellency to do
this without delay. To a friend why
should

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Should I write more?
a true Translation
(Signed) J Webbe
M: T:

From Mr. Maling to the Rajah
Dated 5th August. —

I Informed you yesterday
of the resolution of Government viz: "
that your Gultuny may receive
possession of the three Pagodahs "
upon condition of discharging "
whatever sums of money may "
have been advanced by the collector
of the three Pagodahs on account
of warwick murumment &c for
cultivation, and becoming "
responsible for the sums borrowed
by the ryots. — The accounts of
the money advanced by me "
to the ryots shall be made out
with all the expedition in my
power

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power and sent to your H
Equency - what should I write
more.

From the Rajah to Mr Macleod
Dated 5th August. —

I received your letter of this
days date at 1 to PM. and understand
the contents. You write that I may
receive satisfaction of the country
upon discharging whatever sums
of money may have been advanced
by the Collectors of the Shores &
Soubahs on account of warrent &
Muccurrumut &c. for cultivation
and becoming answerable for
the sums borrowed by the R
ryots. In answer to this I H
have to observe that upon
your furnishing me with
accounts of all the sums of money
advanced by the collectors on
account of warrent and H
Muccurrumut,

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Murrummut, and if on the inhabitants acknowledging them, I will repay in the season the sums so advanced on account of warrk and murrummut to the Company. If the ryots should have borrowed money from any persons, how is it incumbent on me to become answerable for it. If the country was entirely to me. I could give directions to the ryots in paying their creditors. What more.[2]

From Wm Maclod to the Rajah
Dated 8th August 1796

I have sent your Highness a copy of the paper written by the Government. What more.[2]

Inclosure in the above. —

It is necessary to make ad-
vance to the ryots of the three Sircars
of Mayaveram, Manargoody and
Trwady without delay on account
of

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of wanuch &c" for cultivation: A
therefore if his Excellency has not the
money ready for this purpose he
authorize the Collector to become "
Security in the Company's name
to such money lenders an Interest
interest of one per cent — This "
money it will be proper to dis-
charge in eight months, it is therefore
necessary that his Excellency should
give a declaration in writing on
this account that the Company
may suffer no loss. —

From the Rajah to Mr. Macleod
dated 9th August 1796.

I have received and understood
the contents of your letter of the 8th June
together with copy of a letter from
Government to you. It is written in
that copy that it will be well I should
give a declaration in writing for re-
paying in eight months with interest
&c

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at one per cent whatever sums may
have been advanced by the Sowcars
to the ryots of the Soubahs of Mayaveram
Manargoody and Trivady on account
of the rusparry & Sunnes of warwick and
Murrummut for the above mentioned
year In answer I have to observe that
upon your sending me an account
of the sums advanced by the Sowcars
and acknowledged by the inhabitants
of the three Soubahs including Shiaully
for warwick and Murrummut on
account of the said year, I will readily
give a declaration for the repayment
of the money with interest at one ½
percent to the Sowcars in eight ½
months. There is no room to
entertain doubts of this. What more?

From the Rajah to Mr. Maclod
Dated 15th august 1796. —

On the 8th instant you —
addressed a letter to me inclosing a
copy of the letter written to you by ye
Government

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Government — Having taken these papers
into consideration I sent you on the
answer on the 9th Instant which you
will have understood. If advances
are made to the ryots of the country
and precautions taken to provide for
cultivation, the crop will be forth-
coming; and I shall be able to
make good my payment to the
Honble Company at the first period.
If this is not done either by the
Collectors or myself at the very
commencement of the cultivation,
and if the matter should remain
under delay, the ryots will not
make proper provision for
cultivation there will then be a
deficiency in the crop and the
business will be spoiled — The
Government having resolved
upon restoring my country have
made an arrangement and
have sent orders to you for this
purpose

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purpose: of this you are informed me on the 5th Instant since which how much time has elapsed. ? — Yet still however you delay and have not restored me the three Soudahs of my country or the rents and customs. for what reason I am utterly ignorant. If it be that my country is to be restored to me according to the orders of the Honble & Company, just me in possession of it without delay. The reason of my pressing this with so much earnestness is — if the season of cultivation is allowed to pass, there will be a deficiency in the crop, which will be injurious to me. I have therefore expressed myself with earnestness to you Be pleased to send me an immediate answer to this letter without any delay. why should I write more to a friend. —

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From the Rajah to Mr Macleod

dated 19th August 1796

Finding that you wait no answer to the letter which I addressed to you on the 9th Instant, I wrote you another letter on the 15th since which four days have elapsed and you have yet returned me no answer. This is the very commencement of the cultivation on the country: if there is no means of making proper provision for the cultivation at this time, how will the crop hereafter turn out? This is well known to you, as well as the manner in which the ryots of this country do business. If no person takes the proper precautions at the very commencement of cultivation the ryots will not make a proper cultivation. It is therefore necessary that

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Most every care should be taken on this account, if according to the orders of Government the three Soubahs with Shealey and the rents and customs are speedily restored to my profession, I shall provide for the cultivation, by sending people here and there and taking the proper precautions. Whenever you may send me the ordonnances of warrant and Muccurrurrer I shall upon their being produced upon the spot be ready to discharge the whole amount in eight months with interest at one per cent. There is no reason for doubts on this head. I cannot conceive the motive of your delay. I request therefore you will lose no time in communicating your sentiments to me. What more.

From Mr Macleod to the Rajah
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The paper of making enu-
meration has reached me. I am making
enquiries

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enquiries with care into the
business of cultivation. at the
time when I deliver this packet
over to you, I will prove that more
has been done than formerly in
about the business of cultivation.
Such is the business of the
Trivady Taubah. the two collectors
of Mayaveram and Manargoody
will have taken care in this
manner. If you will again
peruse the letter which I sent
your Excellency on the 5th instant
I wrote that you was to pay in
in ready money the sums
advanced by the collectors for
cultivation and measurement.
Yesterday however received a
letter from Government who
direct that if your Excellency
is at present unable to discharge
this amount in ready money
you must give me a declaration to

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to save the Company from loss. I upon the arrival of this letter I sent to ask permission to wait on your Excellency, which you have granted. I shall therefore proceed to Tanjore early upon my arrival. what more -

true Translations
(Signed) J Webbe
M.T.

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

as the foregoing Letter charges the Resident with unnecessary delays and vexatious delays in the delivery of the Soucahs to the Rajah's authority - and as it contains a request that a copy of it may be sent to Bengal -
Resolved that Mr Macleod be furnished with a copy, that such observations as he may have to offer, may be forwarded at the same time to the Supreme Government.

Resolved

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Resolved also, that Mr. Macleod be reminded of the letter written to him so long ago as the 24th of June, in which he was called upon for explanations on certain charges stated in a letter from the Rajah dated the 9th of that month, and of which a copy was sent for his information. —

Read the following letter from Captain Mackenzie of the Engineers.

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

Have Captain Mackenzie of Engineers forwarding a Map of the Nizams Dominions with an explanatory Memorandum relative to the Recommendation of Government to the Court of Directors to confer on him the appointment of Surveyor General on the Coast.

My Lord

Herewith I have the honor to lay before you in duplicate a Map of the Dominions of Nizam ally Khan in

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"in 1795, with a Memoir explanatory
of its Construction" from my Surveys
carried on in that Country and such
other authentic materials as could be
procured A Copy of this I take the
liberty of requesting your Honorable
Board will be pleased to forward to
the Court of Directors in addition to the
several Surveys by me already sent,
for the improvement of the Geography
of this Country. —

In presenting this Map it is
a great satisfaction to me that I have
been able to include much more of
authentic information and materials
than I had even expected when I obtained
your permission to remain at Hydrabad
last year for the purpose of constructing
a General Chart, and that my being
detached to Ceylon has afforded me
time to procure more additional
matter that has considerably added
to its value. —

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The experience of several years has given me frequent occasions to remark the embarrassments, and detriment arising from a want of a permanent regular System of carrying on the Surveys on the Coast, and the difficulties that constantly occur in referring to what has been already done, for want of an Office, where the connexions of the several Surveys, with their documents and the original notes of the construction, could be traced, hence it arises that some are lost, or being obscure are of little use, while time and expence is lost in going over the same ground, and the service retarded and incumbered for want of communication, between the different Surveyors whose labours, are thus scattered in detail, and of less use to the publick

These are remarks which occur to every one conversant in this branch, and in the course of this work I have

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have appeared to me more forcibly,
from the difficulties I found in
connecting the limits of the Nizamaut
with our own Circars. —

To obviate these inconveniences
and render the several Surveys carried
on under this Presidency, of real use,
by bringing the whole under one
regular systematic arrangement / as
is already the case in our neighbouring
Presidency of Bengal / I beg leave to
submit to your consideration the
expediency of appointing an Officer
of Surveyor General for the purpose
of superintending and directing all
Surveys made by order under this
Presidency, for examining and
reporting their progress, and for
suggesting such further improvement
as may be expedient.

The duties of this Office would
include the preservation and arrange-
ment of all charts and Plans of
General

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General Surveys; the selection and
copying of such as are useful and
the transmission of the originals
to the Court of Directors when
required. -

another important object
would be the forming of General
and Provincial maps of the
Districts for Civil and Military
purposes, which are much wanted
but for want of the communications already
referred to, cannot now be constructed
with that accuracy which might be
expected from our Knowledge of the
Country. The execution of these
duties under fixed regulations,
and with an establishment
adequate to the purpose, would
be found useful and even
economical, by furnishing the
means of preserving what has been
already done, securing with
care

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Our energy what may be wanted
and should prevent any danger
of confusion and render them
less complicated by putting them
under the immediate direction of
one person who could bring their
progress forward at one view at
regular stated periods. —

The present moment of a
new General arrangement of the
Military System affords a fa-
favorable opportunity of introdu-
cing a regulation which may be
found beneficial, without a
interfering with any established
branch; as the Office of Marine
or Hydrographic Surveyor, and the
Preservation of the Professional Plans
and Charts belonging to the Engineer
Department, accumulating consider-
ably from length of time and i
increase of works and fortifications
are of a distinct and separate nature.

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The office of Surveyor General being for some years established in Bengal it is supposed that adopting the same plan on the Coast would facilitate a ready communication on these subjects, between the several branches of our Government in India and promote the acquisition and improvement of General Geography so useful and honorable to the British Interest — For this purpose the same regulations should be adopted in common and the same establishment granted, as far as consistent with local circumstances.

Having stated the reasons which appear to me sufficiently weighty to recommend an appointment of Surveyor General as extremely useful on the Coast / exclusive of many others which

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which may be urged) I have to a-
request your indulgence in a-
submitting respectfully to your
candid consideration. That for near
thirteen years I have been employed
chiefly either on the most fatiguing
part of this duty, or in the field (1)
in all the varying climates in to a-
which the Coast troops have marched
within that time; That my labours in
this line have met the approbation
of your Honorable Board, more a-
particularly recognized in the a-
appointment of Surveyor to the a-
Mysore Detachment. sanctioned & a-
by the recommendation of our late
Governor General immediately after
the successful campaign in Mysore,
whence I was sent with the imm-
mediate view of improving our
Knowledge of those Countries, and to
which I have paid a constant a-
application ever since / the Surveys
form

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from time to time were (
regularly forwarded) except when
called away on professional duty

To this I may be permitted
to add that three Surveys executed
by me, some at the distance of
six hundred road miles from
this Presidency, have been
actually done without any
expence to this Government, the
allowance of Surveyor with the
Nizam's Detachment being on
the common reduced scale. (
without any assistant, Draftsman
or Writer. —

I am hopefull these considerations
will induce that favorable attention
usually extended to the exertions of
individuals in the Honorable
Company's Service, and which
in this case, may be rendered prop
useful to my Employers by (
appointing

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Appointing me to this situation of Surveyor General to which I may presume to hope I am eligible by experience, as attached by habitual pursuit. —

I have the honor to be very respectfully

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August the 6th 1796

Sir, &c.
(Signed) C MacKenzie
Captain Engineer
Surveyor to the Nizam's Dhaut

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Maps and memoir be sent to England by the first opportunity, and that Captain MacKenzie's application for the appointment of Surveyor General on the Coast, be recommended to the favorable consideration of the Honorable Court of Directors. —

Read the following letter from Captain Symes. —

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
President in Council

My Lord,

I beg leave to submit to your Lordships a claim, which has not been long been depended upon inadvertancy or design, but from circumstances which were unavoidable

When the late war broke out, and the army took the field, I was appointed by General Meadows superintendent of supplies for the Bazars of the army, at the time of my nomination, no salary or establishment was fixed to the appointment. The sum of 6000 Pagodas was issued by order of the Commander of the army, to assist Merchants that would engage to follow the camp, and who stood in need of an advance

from Captain M Syme claiming payment of an allowance on account of Servants during the time he held the appointment of Superintendent of Bazars, similar to that which were drawn by Lieutenant Bush by his Successor in that office

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of small Sums, to enable them to
to attend the march of the Troops.
This money as superintendant I re-
ceived, on my representation that
it was an act of indispensable ne-
cessity, and being granted to
individuals, as a temporary
assistance, and a Loan free of Interest,
might, and ought to, be recovered, the
amount was not great considering the
object, but it answered the end, and
induced several Merchants to
undertake the Campaign who
otherwise would have continued in
security at home.

At the expiration of the
Campaign, I was severely hurt, and
obliged to leave the army, a dangerous
state of health soon after compelled
me to return to Europe.

On leaving the army the
acting President in Council, directed
that I should account for the Sum of
money

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Money entrusted to my Distribution,
In obedience to his Commands I
offered the balance, and the receipts
of the several individuals to whom
I had advanced the Money, The
President in Council - insisted
that I should be responsible for the
whole, and returned the receipts. "
I denied the responsibility, but
rather than hazard Censure, or
Contest with Government, I gave
my Bond for the entire amount,
my agent in Camp received all the
outstanding balances, except about
800 Pagodas - my Bond was duly
taken up by my Attorneys, Messrs A
Porcher and Co. thus Government
received every Pagoda, and I sustained
the loss of nearly the above mentioned
Sum / 800 Pagodas / which could not
possibly be recovered. -

Previous to my departure from
India, I applied to the acting President
in

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in Council to fix my salary and establishment – It was referred to + General Meadows – General Meadows returned the application for the + consideration of the Board – The + acting President would at that time come to no determination, and thus I left my claim to Salary and Establish- ment undecided, not doubting but when my agent took up the Bond, I would at least be allowed the fair Price of my Labour in a most + arduous Office –

On my return to India, + I found that my Bond had been + redeemed, but no pay or allowance granted me, I thereupon claimed as my right, what Lord Cornwallis + established and allowed Lieutenant Brathby my Successor – Sir Charles Oakley admitted the Justice of my Claim, as appears by the accompany- ing Copy of a Letter from the Secretary,

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in which he informs me "that the President in Council has come to the resolution of making me an allowance for the time I acted as Superintendant of Stepplies to the army in the Field, similar to that which was allowed to Lieutenant Bushby, my Successor in that employ, by the authority of the Marquis Cornwallis."

This resolution necessarily includes all allowances, similar to what Lieutenant Bushby received, and I accordingly authorized my agent at Madras to ascertain and receive those allowances. - By some oversight the Salary alone was drawn, and the allowance for establishment, as rated and specified by Lord Cornwallis's order, a copy of which I have herewith the Honor to transmit, was omitted. - I want to Ava, the mistake could not at that

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What time be rectified or advertised to, and since my return, Indisposition and occupation have caused another short Protraction. —

To defray the expences of establishment for the greater part of the time that I held the Office, was totally impossible. out of any Pro = duction of the Bazar, all Duties + except on native arrack being positively prohibited, and the marches of the army were, with an interval of only three months, so long and incessant, that the native arrack contractor + could not supply or carry Liquor for Sale, The Contractor during the + remission of our marches held his Licence for 400 Pagodas a month. This duty was levied only for three months, and was all that, under any Plea, was exacted from the Bazar, during Eleven months that I acted as Superintendant of Suppplies —

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I therefore submit to your Lordships my claim to the allowance for Establishment, such as was appointed for my succesor by Marquis Cornwallis, and which appears to be sanctioned by the accompanying resolution of the late President in Council, besides being in Equity entitled to what Lieutenant Bushby enjoyed, I entertain some hope of indulgence from having paid that which in strict right there was not any Compulsatory obligation on me to make good, and by which I ultimately incurred a loss of near ½ 800 Pagodas –

The amount of Establishment for the time I held I judge, (not having an accurate return of the Battalions immediately before me) to be ½ about 4000 Pagodas, from this 1200 ½ Pagodas received from the Native Contractor

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contractor will be liable to Deduction,
unless the Board think fit to allow
me that Sum as Remuneration for my
loss in the collection; and I rely on the
liberality and Justice of Government to
grant me the allowance agreable to the
Letter of the former Resolution

I the Right Honorable the
President in Council be pleased to
authorize the receipt of this money,
I shall transmit my Bills drawn
out conformable to the regulation
contained in General orders by
Marquis Cornwallis. —

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

Fort William
July 19th 1796

(Signed) Mark Symes

To Captain Symes
of his majesty's 76th Regiment
at
Bengal

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable
the President in Council, to acknowledge
the

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The receipt of your Letter dated the 5th Instant, and to inform you that he has come to the resolution of making you an allowance for the time you acted as Superintendant of Supplies to the army in the field similar to that which was allowed to Lieutenant Bushby, your successor in that Employ, by the authority of Marquis Cornwallis. —

You will therefore make out your Bill in conformity with the above resolution, and transmit it to Government, when an order will pass for its being paid

I am

Sir

your most obedient Servant

(signed) W.C. Jackson

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Fort St George
28th May 1794

A true Copy

(signed) M Symes

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Head Quarters Camp at Pallamanore
22nd February 1791

The following Publick Servants are established for the Bazar, with the Salaries to be paid monthly to each discription.-

Servants	Grand Bazar Monthly Salaries	Pagodas
One Head Cutwal	20	20
one apistant Do	10	10
one Head Choudrie	8	8
Two apistants	5 each	10
one head Writer or accountant	5	5
four apistants	2 each	8
Two Dubashes	3 each	6
two Peons	2 each	4
one Mapalgie	1/2	1/2
fifteen Dundiahs	1/2 each	22/2
	Total Pag.s	95

Servants to a Regimental Bazar		
	5	5
one Choudrie	2	2
one Writer	1/2 each	3
Two Dundiahs		10

Lieutenant Busby is to be allowed a Salary of one hundred and fifty Pagodas P. month. on account of the trouble he will have in conducting the Duties of Superintendant

Extract from the adj.t Generals Order Book

A true extract

(Signed) J. H. Agnew

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Minutes on the forgoing letter from Captain Sypres

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The Board would have a sincere pleasure in complying with the request of Captain Sypres, if the grounds upon which it had been preferred, could in any shape have warranted the measure

In his letter to the Govern= =ment of Fort St George, dated the 14th of June 1794, he explicitly says, that "he advances no claim "whatever for the numerous Servants "attached to the Bazar, as General "Medows pointed out a procedure "fund, by which the expence was "to be defrayed" — and in a subsequent part of the same letter he states his Loss to have amoun= (of the sum laid out by him) to seven hundred and sixty Pagodas

It was on the above account, that the Board were principally induced to grant Captain Sypres an allowance

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allowance, as Superintendent of
supplies to the army, equal to
what had been fixed by the
Marquis Cornwallis as Salary for
Lieutenant Bushby, his Predecessor
— and as, at the time this subject
was under discussion, Captain
Symes totally relinquished all
Claim on account of Servants, the
Board do not think they would
be justified in admitting it, under
all the circumstances of the case,
at this late period. —

agreed that Captain Symes
be informed of the foregoing opinions
— and further told, that should he
conceive any statement of his case
to the Court of Directors would be
attended with good effect, the
Board will readily forward any
paper he may transmit for that
purpose. —

Read

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Read the following proceedings
of the Medical Board

Medical Board
5th September 1796

The Medical Board,
conscious of having
advanced a claim that
is well founded and
authorized by every
precedent in the
service, cannot but
complain of the unjustifiable
decision of Government
on the request in their
last Proceedings of the
Batta that is given
to the whole army

It is stated "that
"the allowances granted
"to the members of the
"Medical Board, and
to

From the Medical Board.
the Members of the Board
solicit a reconsideration
of their Claim on
account of Batta
recommend that
certain Surgeons
remain in their
present Stations
till relieved & recom-
mend assistant
Surgeons for the
Cavalry detail
doing duty over the
Governor, for Ingram
Gunston, Nellore
the 35 Native Infantry
Battalion and
3d Regiment of
Cavalry. —

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"to the Head Surgeons, have
"been invariably considered
"by the Honble Court of
"Directors as being Judges
"adequate to the Duties
"required to be performed"
— Without presuming to
appreciate the value and
importance of those
Duties, we may be allowed
to observe, that it could
never be the intention
of the Honble Court to
bestow on us a specific
rank in the army, and
to withhold the allowances
attached to it: for, over
experience of their proceeding
forbids us to entertain
the suspicion that they
ever meant to make us
an exception to the
general rule of the Service.

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At the institution of the Medical Board the Court of Directors, and Board of Control specified Salaries for the Members and Head Surgeons (with the rank of Brigadier General for the Physician General) which were equal, at that time, to those of the Heads of other Departments.

Were we now placed on a footing of equality with the Heads of other Departments, all of whose allowances have been much encreased since that period, we should have less reason to complain of the refusal of our Batta in time of peace, and

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and that of the Head Surgeons,
& only in number. but as it
is for Therways we hope
to be excused in saying that
the conclusion of those allowances
in the Field is an acknowledge-
ment on the part of Govern-
ment that they are then
reasonable and necessary,
and sanctions the propriety
of claiming in consequence the
Batta in time of peace &
specified for our ranks by
the Court of Directors - for &
granting the former, and
withholding the latter, &
appears to us incompatible
with the uniform practice
of the Service, and it's general
impartiality; and we still
hope that Government
will have the goodness to &
reconsider the matter and
make

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and due to our reasonable
request.)

Some of the Surgeons
stationed to Corps in our
last proceedings being
employed on Services from
whence it would be
inconvenient to withdraw
them immediately, it may
be necessary, perhaps, to
issue an order that the
following Gentlemen
remain in their present
situations until relieved
Viz.t Mr. Alexander Anderson,
acting Head Surgeon in
the Circars, Mr. Bernard
Mc Mahon and Mr. William
Norman Surgeons with
the Detachments of the
1.st European Regiment at
Ceylon and Mr. Rogers,
Assistant Surgeon at
Trincomalee. —

approved

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As we understand the 33
34th 35th and 36th Battalions of
approved Native Infantry are not,
for the present, to be formed
into Regiments, it will be
necessary to add them
to the list of Stations for
Assistant Surgeons, together
with the Detachments
of Native Cavalry doing
duty at the Presidency, &
which formerly composed
the Governor's Body Guard

We recommend that
Mr. George Dunbar, &
Assistant Surgeon, be
appointed to the Detachments
of Native Cavalry, doing
Duty at the Presidency —
approved Mr. Michael O'Donoghoe
to the Factory of Ingeram.
Mr James Watt to the Garrison
of

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of Guntoor - Mr Edward
McKay to the Garrison of
Nellore - Mr Joseph Daniel
to the 35th Battalion of Native
Infantry (vice MacKay,)
and Mr James Dalton
to the 3d Regiment of Native
Cavalry. -

(signed) Jas Anderson
Physician General
Colloy L. Lucas
Chief Surgeon

Read the following letter
from the Sub Secretary at Bengal

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

From Sub Secretary at Bengal inclosing Extracts of the Orisjutted of the Supreme Board on occasion of carrying into Execution the new army arrangements. -

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council, to transmit you, for

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For the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, the enclosed Extracts from the Minutes of Council, in the Military Department, as connected with the new arrangements for the army of this Presidency.

Fort William
the 12th August 1796.

I am &c &c
/Signed/ I Thornhill Sub Sec.y

Additional Minutes of Council in the Military Department under Date the 18th July 1796

The office of third member of the medical Board having been abolished by the new arrangements Agreed, that the proportion of the Hospital Stoppages heretofore allotted to that Member, be, from the date of the abolition of the office, granted to the Senior Surgeon, in charge of a General Hospital

Ordered, That the Head Surgeons do continue to draw the Medical Allowance for

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for the native corps in cantonments, and also to have charge of the Doolies in cantonments, conformably to the Regulations of the 20th November 1786 and the 16th of July 1787.

Minutes of Council in the Military Department under Date the 29th July 1796

Agreed, that the military auditor General be authorized, to pass the allowance of Passage money to Subaltern Officers, both in the Kings and Company's Service, returning to Europe, for the benefit of their Health, upon the Certificates and affidavits which are prescribed by minutes of Council of the 29th July 1789. and 17th November 1790.

Agreed, also, that the authority granted by the Court of Directors in their letter of the 8th January last, to allow Passage Money to Subaltern Officers returning to Europe, from Sickness, be

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be considered under the foregoing
Resolutions, as including all Subalterns
holding the Brevet Rank of Captain
restricting the allowance of Passage
Money, to that of a Subaltern. —

Agreed, That the allowance
granted to the orphan Society for the
Children of non-Commissioned officers
and Privates be extended to the Children
of those men belonging to this Establish-
ment, who may be serving on the
Islands dependant on this Presidency

Agreed, That the Staff
allowance to the Brigade major, and
to the aide de Camps to General Officers
continue the same, as those drawn
respectively by the Brigade majors, &
and aide de Camps to Colonels —

Agreed, That the Staff allow-
ance to the adjutant to the Corps of
Engineers be fixed at one hundred
and Thirty seven Sonnaut Rupees 137 Month
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in Garrison or Cantonments, and
at one hundred and fifty seven
Sonaut Rupees in the Field. —

Minutes of Council in the Military
Department under Date the 5th August 96

Resolved, That Promotions
by Brevet shall not entitle the
Officers so promoted, to any further
accomodation of Quarters, or Camp
Equipage, nor to any other increase
of allowances, except to the Batta
Rank. —

Minutes of Council in the Military Department
August 8th 1796

As the new Systems requires,
that an alteration should be made
in the mode of recruiting the Native
Corps, resolved on the following Re-
-gulations. —

1st Recruits for Native Corps, are
to

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to be enlisted only under the directions of Commanding officers of Battalions, and services to enrollment, are to be approved by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, in all situations where he can inspect them, and in other cases, by the senior Officer present. —

2. Natives of the Company's Provinces only, are to be entertained as Recruits, in situations where such can be obtained, and it is directed, that as few men as possible, be received into Battalions serving in the Nizam's Dominions, from Countries to the West of Benares. —

3. No man who has served as a Sepoy, is to be enlisted, but on producing a discharge from the Regiment or Battalion he last served in; excuses of discharges being lost or destroyed, are not to be admitted. When such excuses are offered, if the Party chooses to wait

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the result of an inquiry, recourse may be had to the adjutant of the Battalion from which he is said to have received his discharge; if satisfactory information be obtained, he may then, if in other respects fit for the service, be entertained, but if no such information be obtained he is to be secured as a Deserter. —

4th No Sepoy is to be entertained who is not five feet six inches high, or who is under sixteen, or above thirty years of age, unless in the latter case, he shall have served before. —

5th The Recruit is to be enrolled on the strength of a Company, the day on which he joins the Battalion, for which he is enlisted, but Pay and Batta are not to be drawn for him, but from the first day of the month, succeeding that, in which he shall have enrolled, previous to which all whether entertained at a distance,

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or on the spot, he is to be subsisted at the
rate of two annas per day, to be drawn
for as hereafter detailed.

6th Prior to enrollment, the
following articles of War shall be read
and explained to him, viz! The 2d 3d 4th
and 5th articles, of the 2d Section; the 1st 3d
and 4th articles, of the 5th Section; the 2d
and 3d articles, of the 10th Section; and
the 1st 2d 6th 13th 16th and 20th articles, of
the 11th Section - at the same time, the
following Declaration is to be made
to him, and the following oath - to
administered to him, in the front
of the Colours of the Battalion, or
according to the tenets of his belief;
Declaration. - "In time of Peace, after
having served three years, on making
application for your discharge, through
the Commanding Officer of your
Company, it will be granted to you,
in two months from the date of your
application, provided it will not
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Declaration - "In time of Peace, after having served three years, on making application for your discharge, through the Commanding Officer of your Company, it will be granted to you, in two months from the date of your application, provided it will not

cause

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cause the vacancies in your Company,
to exceed ten, in which case, you must
remain until that objection be re-
moved, but in time of War, you
have no claim to a discharge, but
must remain, and do your duty"
until the necessity of retaining you
in the Service, shall cease"

Oath. "I A. B. Inhabitant of Village Perguenoah
Subah son of do swear, that I will never
forsake or abandon my Colours, that
I will march wherever I am directed, whe-
ther within or beyond the Company's
Territories, that I will implicitly obey
all the orders of my Commander,
and in every thing behave myself
as becomes a good Soldier, and faithful
Servant of the Company, and failing
in any part of my duty as such, I
will submit to the Penalties, A
described in the articles of War, which
have been read to me."

Translations of the foregoing A
Declaration and Oath, in the Persian

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and Hindoowee dialects, will be subjoined
to the translation of the abstract of the
articles of War. —

7th When any corps shall, from
the difficulty of recruiting on the spot
be so far incomplete of its establishment
as to render it advisable to send out
a Party or Parties to recruit for the "
corps, the Paymaster shall make "
advances, on the written Requisition
of the Commanding Officer of the "
Regiment, or detached Battalion, to the
Officers (whether European or native)
who may be selected for the Recruiting
Service, not exceeding 300 Rupees for "
each Battalion

8th On the return of the Recruiting
Parties, or the arrival of Recruits, sent
to the Head Quarters of the Battalions or
Regiments, the Officers entrusted with
such advances, shall render an "
account thereof, to the adjutant, who
is to make out a Review Roll and "
abstract

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abstract of the Recruits received, and,
from the information of the Recruiting
Officer, of those also who may have
enlisted, but died or deserted, without
joining the Corps awarding to a form
which will be furnished. This abstract,
the adjutant is to forward to the
Station Paymaster, and to receive
back any Balances remaining of
Recruit-money advanced, which he
is to account for with the Paymaster.
9th In order to defray the Expence
of subsisting the Recruits, who may
be entertained on the Spot, where
Corps or Detachments of Corps may
be, as well as to supply those who
may be enlisted at a distance, at
the rate of Two annas per Diem, "
from the time of the former being
enlisted, and the latter joining, until
the end of the month in which they
are enrolled with their Corps, the "
Paymaster

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Paymasters be directed, upon written applications from the Commanding Officers of Regiments, or Battalions, to advance to Commanding Officers of Companies, such as shall not exceeding Eighty Sicca Rupees, taking their Receipts for the same. The amounts of those advances, being intended to be adjusted every three months at furthest, as hereafter mentioned, it will not be necessary for the Paymasters to debit any particular head, for their amount, in their accounts Current with the Paymaster General, nor for the other advances abovementioned, but only to state in explanation, at the foot of their monthly accounts, how much is outstanding of the advances, and transmit Lists of the particulars, to the auditor General and Military Paymaster General, monthly for their information.

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10th The Officers commanding Companies are to send their Bills or abstracts for the Subsistence, countersigned by the Commanding Officers of Corps, accompanied by Review Rolls of the Recruits, to the Paymaster, to be transmitted for audit as soon as possible, after the Expence shall have been incurred:— The Paymasters will adjust the accounts for these advances, with the Commanding Officers of Companies, on every 31st July, 31st October, 31st of January, and 30th April, or oftener, if need be, paying whatever Balance may be due to the Officers and making further advances, on new Requisitions of the Commanding Officers of Corps, if the former advances shall have been exhausted, but if the Balance on the Quarterly adjustments be against the Officer, the Paymaster, may in that case, if necessary

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manner, as ordinary reimbursements.
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paid in arrear, the Recruits are to con-
tinue to be subsisted at the rate of two
annas a day, by the Officers commanding
their respective Companies, out of
the advance in hand, until the first
months full pay for the Recruit, shall be
drawn for and issued, when these Com-
manding Officers, out of the full pay drawn
for the Recruits, will have the means of
Reimbursement for their subsistence, and
by paying the difference, between their
Subsistence and full pay for that
month, will enable them to wait for the
next issue of Pay to the Corps in general.
But as Desertions of Recruits, may take
place, during the months succeeding en-
rollment, and as no pay can be
drawn for a Deserter, in order to
provide the means of Reimbursement
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for his subsistence, the Officer comm-
manding the Company, is to make
a Bill at the foregoing Rate, of Two
annas per day, for the portion of the
Month, prior to the desertion, which
being Countersigned by the Commanding
Officer, and accompanied by Review
Rolls of the Deserter, is to be forwarded
through the Paymaster for audit, as
directed in article Fourth, and to be
allowed in the adjustments of the
advances. —

12th The Established Stoppages of
Two Rupees per month, for the three
months immediately following that,
in which a Recruit was enrolled,
are not to commence in future, 'til
until the issue of the full pay
of the second month, after his enroll-
ment, and for which stoppages, the
Commanding Officer of the Company
is to furnish each Recruit, with
one Turband, one Cumberband, and

two

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two Corps, two Linnen Jackets, and two pair of Jamghers.

13th The Stoppages heretofore allowed to be made, for the supply of Curwah Jackets, to Recruits, to be abolished.

14th When the Commanding Officer of a Company, shall happen to be removed from one Corps to another, and shall not have adjusted his account of advances, on account of the Recruiting before his removal, the Paymaster of the Corps, to which he may be removed, is to recover the Balance on account of the Company, in like manner as Paymasters effect the recovery of Reimbursements for each other.—

Additional Minutes of Council in the Military Department under Date the 8th August 1796

Agreed that four Serjts in lieu of the Halberdiers formerly allowed, be added from

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From the 15th Instant, to the Establish-
ment of a Quarter Master of a Regiment
of Native Infantry, as detailed in
the Minutes of Council of the 20th
June last. —

Agreed, that four Gunners
at five Fanams Rupees per Month each,
be allowed to the Barrack Master
at Barrackpore, from the 15th Instant

Minutes of Council in the Military Department
under date the 12th August 1796.

Having found Difficulties to
arise on the Competency of Officers to
draw the Superior Batta, allowed to
Commandants of Regiments and
Battalions the Governor General in
Council, has been pleased to make
the following Resolutions. —

1st

That the Superior Batta
be drawn by one officer only, for the
same Battalion, during the same
period

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period, with the temporary exception
hereinafter mentioned. —

2d That Lieutenant Colonels
Commanding Regiments, or
Battalions, at half Batta Stations,
be entitled to half the Batta of
Colonels, Viz.t — Twelve Fanams - Rupees
and half per Day. —

3d That Officers of any Rank Com-
manding Regiments, or Battalions, be
entitled to the Batta of the next Superior
Rank, to their Regimental Rank, according
to the rate of Batta at the Station.

4th That a Field Officer Com-
manding a Detachment of different
Regiments, and consisting of two or
more Battalions, in conformity with
the Regulations now in force, do continue
to receive the Superior Batta, during
the period of his Command, and if
such Field Officer be also Commandant
of a Battalion, that the next Senior
Officer of the Battalion, be entitled to
the

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the Superior Batta, for the same period

5th That Officers Commanding

Detachments of Battalions or parts of

Battalions of the same Regiment, be

not allowed the Superior Batta, as "

Commanding such Detachments, or "

such parts of Battalions, but to the "

Batta, their rank, and command "

in their Regiment, may entitle "

them to. —

6th That Detachments of artillery

with field Guns, and doing duty

with a Regiment, or part of a Regiment,

do not entitle the Commanding "

Officer of such Regiment, or part of)

a Regiment to Superior Batta, as

Commanding a Detachment of

Seperate Corps. —

If the Senior Officer Commands

the Regiment or a Battalion, he is

of course entitled to the superior "

Batta, as such, but the next Senior

Officer

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Officer of such Regiment, or Battalion
is not entitled to superior Batta, on
the plea that the Commanding
Officer Rates it, as Commanding
the Detachment. —

5th That when officers com =
manding the Regiment or Battalions
of Artillery, are employed on the General
Staff, or have Commands in the Li-
ne, their Lieutenant Colonels, or
other Senior Officers, be entitled to the
Superior Batta, but when they are
only employed on Regimental
Duties, they be considered as in
Command of their own Battalions,
and their Lieutenant Colonels, or
other next Senior Officers, be not
entitled to the Superior Batta. —

6th That the Senior Lieutenant
Colonel of a Regiment of Native
Infantry, in the absence of the
Colonel, and consequently in
Command

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Command of the Regiment, do continue in Command of the 4th Battalion he is posted to, and do proceed with it on all duties it may be ordered on, and that no other officer be entitled to the Superior Batta for such Battalion.

9th That the officers Commanding the Divisions of the 2d and 3d European Regiments and the Officers Commanding the Companies of the 4th 7th and 11th Regiments formed from the late 24th 26th and 37th Native Battalions, being allowed the Staff of a Battalion until they join, to be also allowed the Superior Batta, to the same period. —

10th That Commandants of Regiments or Battalions, on leave of absence between Muster and Muster, whether on account

of

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of Sickness, or otherwise, Commandant
Sick, present, or detached on duty, &
either with, or without their
Battalions, be considered as en-
titled to the Batta, or half Batta, of
the next Superior Rank, but that
Commandants not with their
Battalions at Muster, and not
detached on duty, be not entitled
to the Superior Batta, from the
day of their quitting their Corps, to
the period of rejoining it. —

Additional Minutes of Council in the
Military Department under
Date the 12th August 1796.

"That when any Commissioned
"Officer shall die, or be Killed, in
"the Service, the Commanding
"Officer of the Battalion shall
"secure his Effects, and direct
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"an Inventory to be taken thereof,
"by a Subadar, and two Jemadars, which
"said Effects the Commanding Officer
"shall, after discharging the debts
"of the deceased, account for, to his n.
"Heir, or Heirs, declared by will, w
"whether written, or Verbal"

"That a Duplicate of the w
"above Inventory, be countersigned by
"the Commanding Officer of the
"Battalion, shall be delivered to the
"Colonel, or Offic Commanding the
"Regiment, and afterwards lodged
"as a Record, in the adjutants
"Office"

That when any Non-Com=
=missioned Officer, or Sepoy shall
die, or be Killed in the Service, the
Officer Commanding the Company,
shall direct an account to be taken,
of his Effects, above his Regimental
Cloathing, arms, and accoutrements,

and

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"and after discharging his Debts, deliver
"the overplus to the Representative of
"such non-Commissioned officer, or
"Sepoy, taking his receipt, for the same"-

In addition to the above, it
is directed, that if no Claim is made,
and established by the Representatives
of the deceased, to the Estate, within three
months from the date of the Casualty,
the produce, to be remitted to the
Treasury, in the manner directed by the
4th Paragraph of the minutes of Council
of the 21st of October 92.-

True Copies.-
(Signed) J Thornhill
Sub Secretary

Minutes on the foregoing
Letter from the Sub
Secretary at Bengal

Resolved that a Copy of the
above be sent to the Military auditor
General, with directions to report
to the Board whether any, and if
any,

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Lay before the Right Honble President in Council.—

Adverting to the late unsuccessful influx of horses for sale at this place, & and considering that of the seventy lot, fifty five were selected by Major General Floyd for His Majesty's 19th Regiment L: Dragoons, fifty were to Mr. Wrangham at Maisulipatam, and that all the young and certainly most valuable horses still remain for the future service of the Cavalry. His Lordship will I trust be satisfied with the average since that I have realized 159½ Pagodas P. horse.—

The 24 horses I formerly disposed of by His Lordship's permission at 150 Pag. each, and fifty to the Bencalygherry Rajah, with what the fifty above sent to Mr. Wrangham may reasonably be expected to bring, will make the Honble Company considerable gainers by the concern.—

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I also inclose acknowledgements for the sums due by the Gentlemen in His Majesty's and the Honble Company's service, which they have agreed shall be deducted from their pay and allowances by monthly instalments. —

I have the honor to be

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&c &c &c
(Signed) H. C. Montgomery
agent for horses

minutes thereon

The Board are well pleased to find that the operations of Lieutenant Montgomery have been attended with so much success — and that instead of a loss, a profit will actually arise to the Company by the sale of their supernumerary Horses. —

Ordered that the accounts be sent to the Military Auditor General, that the regulated Stoppages may be made from the pay of the purchasers of the Horses. —

Read

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Read the following letter from
the Resident at Tanjore. –

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord,

From the Resident at Tanjore representing the Inconveniences sustained by the late Rajahs Family on account of their allowances payable by the Rajah falling much in arrear

Having made repeated applications both personally and by letter, to his Excellency for the payment of the arrears due to the queens and Sherfojee, I am sorry to say my endeavours have hitherto proved ineffectual. On this subject I have used every argument in my power, laying before his Excellency in strong Terms the Distress and Inconvenience sustained by Sherfojee and the queens from this pecuniary Embarrassments. I am now under the necessity of stating the matter to your Lordship. in the Hope that his Excellency may be induced to fulfile his Engagements regarding

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regarding their allowances. —

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Bt.

Minute thereon

Resolved that a letter be
written to the Rajah of Tanjore, H
informing him, that if he will not
do that Justice to Sirfogee and the H
Widows of the late Rajah to which he
stands pledged, the Company's Government
must do it for him, by resorting to such
means as are within their reach — for
the Sequestration and appropriation of
a portion of his Country for their H
maintenance and support. —

The Commander in Chief's Recommendation of Captain John Malcolm for the appointment of Persian Interpreter at Head Quarters

The Commander in Chief
lays before the Board the following H
Letter from Captain John Malcolm —
and recommends that he be appointed
Persian Interpreter at the Head Quarters
of the army. —

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Right Honorable Lord Hobart
&c &c &c &c

My Lord,

from Captain Lotw
Malcolm Soliciting
the appointment
of Persian Interpreter
at Head Quarters

Your favorable reception of the
Letter I had the honor to bring from Capt.n
Packenham, and the wish you were
then pleased to express of forwarding
my views in the service when opportunity
offered, occasions this address. — you are
My Lord perfectly acquainted with my
present situation. — General Clark's
proceeding to Bengal will of course
make a material alteration in it, But
that Gentleman by whose Patronage
I have been already so highly honored
has given me a fresh mark of his
regard by promising to recommend
me to Government to fill the office
of Persian Interpreter to the Commander
in Chief at this Presidency which is of
all others the situation I was ambitious
to obtain. —

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as the appointment is novel
in this army His allowances &c remain
to be fixed at the discretion of your H
Lordships in Council. Should the H
General's recommendation be successful
it is to them I venture to call your H
attention and to solicit their being
established on a liberal footing. - To this
request I am urged by two motives, a
wish to see the Station made respectable
and desirable and a natural H
inclination to have my own private
Interests promoted. -

It would be presumptuous in
me to offer reasons for the adoption
of this measure they are numerous,
strong, and obvious, and cannot have
escaped your Lordship's notice. - There
is no Precedent to guide us no H
military Station on the Coast bears
any similarity in its duties, and H
forcible causes may operate to prevent

looking

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looking farther for me. - Under those circumstances It is most satisfactory to me, that the determination must rest principally with your Lordship being fully confident that whatever is done will be as favorable to me as the publick Considerations will admit of. - I have the Honor to be &c &c &c

Madras
27th August 1796.

(Signed) John Malcolm

Captain Malcolm appointed Persian Interpreter at Head Quarters. -

The Honorable Court of Directors having approved the appointment of a Persian Interpreter at the Head Quarters of the army - Resolved, at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, that Captain John Malcolm, (who is perfectly well qualified) be nominated to it, with an allowance of two hundred (200) Pagodas P.r Mensem, which is to include every charge in peace as well as War, for Office, Establishment &c &c &c -

Read

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Read the following extracts of
Letters from St Helena, brought by the
Honorable Company's Ship Canton

Extract of a Letter from St Helena
Dated 14th July 1796

Troops St Helena sending a Detachment of European Infantry embarked on the Canton for Madras

In conformity to the Honble
Company's orders received by the Canton
we now forward upon said ship Tower
Company's consisting of Two hundred
and Forty seven Military of this
Garrison, for your settlement viz.t
sixteen Sergeants, sixteen Corporals
Four Gunners Two Drummers, Two
Fifers Thirty six Matrosses and one
Hundrid and Seventy
under charge of a Lieutenant and Two
acting Ensigns, the men have severally
engaged to serve the Term of Five years
from the 1st Instant and have been
paid the Bounty accordingly the
Officers

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Officers we wish to have returned and request you will have the goodness to procure them a Passage for that Purpose the first opportunity - and at Captain Vyvyans request we have agreed to send him a Drummer and a Fifer for the voyage who are to be returned again to our Garrison upon the Cantons arrival here the next season - We shall also agreeable to the orders of the Honble Company's send upon the Ship Boddam a further Detachment of Two hundred and Fifty men for your settlement which Ship is daily expected to arrive from England, to elucidate the matter further respecting the mode of forwarding, we beg leave to enclose a Copy of the Governor's Minutes respecting the same. -

/ A true Extract /

(Signed) J. Falconar
Deputy Secretary

Copy

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Copy of the Governor's Minute entered upon Consultation of the 27th June 1796.

Gentlemen,

The Detachments in each Ship of Disciplined men are so numerous that I conceive we must send some Officers with them to preserve the good order they are now in and enable the Captains in case of meeting an Enemy to make the best use of the united efforts of the Men for the preservation of their Ships. and I further conceive that the Local Rank they hold should be continued them until your Honble Court of Directors pleasure be known and to enable them to lay in necessarys, the cloathing and difference of Pay between said Local Rank be allowed them, as I know

those

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those who went to the Cape have been deeply distressed ever since by their Expences on that occasion, which however I trust will be repaid them by the generous instructions of our Honble Masters. —

I now lay before you the orders I gave yesterday respecting this business which I trust you will approve. —

(Signed) Rob.: Brooke

Officers to be sent by the Canton
Majr. Wright
Hodson
Hay —

Officers to be sent by the Second Ship
Majr. Hamilton
Broadway
Hathank

Parole Fort St George. —

The Detach for the present Day to be formed as follows. —

	Lieut.s	Ensigns	Sergt.s	Corpl.s	Gunrs.	Drummrs.	Fifers	Matrosses	Privates	Total
Artillery	"	"	4	4	4	1	1	36	"	50
Infantry	"	1	8	8	"	1	1	"	132	151
Light Infantry	1	1	4	4	"	"	"	"	39	49
Total	1	2	16	16	4	2	2	36	171	250

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The officers Commanding Companies to be responsible that no men are returned for this Establishment, but such as are fit for Field Service and no man to be picked out on account of any bad opinion officers may entertain of his Character. —

As the Establishment is to be reduced 600 Men on the Home ships of this Season and the usual Compliment of Cloathing has been Indented for, the Deficiencies of last years Cloathing is to be drawn from the Honble Company's Stores immediately and those men furnished who were not completed so no deficiency is to be paid for except Sergeants.

This Return to be drawn by the Memorandum Book in the adjutants Office for the year, 1796.

(Signed) Rob. Brooke

(True Copy)

(Signed) W. W. Doveton Lieut & Adjt

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Extract of a Letter from St Helena.

Dated 14th July 1796.

From St Helena respecting Prize Money due to some Men embarked for Madras

We do ourselves the honor to enclose a Number in the Packet, a Return of the Men who were at the Capture of the Dutch East Indiamen, at Cape of Good Hope &c. That in case any Prize Money should be directed to be Paid them, no difficulty may arise in ascertaining whatEach Person may be intitled to. —

a true Extract

(signd) A. Falconar
Deputy Secretary

Minute on the two foregoing Letters from St Helena

Ordered that the officers and non Commissioned officers be returned to St Helena by the first opportunity — and that the Drummer and Fifer sent for the Voyage be sent back on the Garrison. —

Read

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Read the following letter
from the Resident at Hyderabad

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

My Lord,

I do myself the honor to
transcribe for your information the following
Extract from my Address of this date to the
Governor General, being part of a communica-
tion which I have received from the same person
who furnished me with the Intelligence
contained in my Letter of the 23 instant.

The manner in which Tippoo
proposes commencing his operations, it
is this.

If the Nizam joins him he
means that his Cloathsmen with the
Nizam's army shall fall upon
Guntoor, while himself with the
French attacks the English possessions
on the Coast of Malabar. The original
hasit

from the Resident at Hyderabad - respecting Tippoo's intended Plan of operations in the Event of his breaking with the English

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Sunset Koorg as by which however is it
manifestly meant the Malabar Coast

Jaw the other hand the Nizam
should not join him his intention is
to send his son with a numerous force
along with the French against the
English possessions on the Malabar
Coast, for as before the Koorg Quarter
he himself penetrates into Kurpah and
first recovering possessions of that and
the other Countries ceded to the Nizam
at the peace of Seringapatam, will advance
afterwards into the Company's possessions

His motive for cultivating the
Imaum of Muscat is that being the
ruler of a Mahomedan Seaport, and
having a respectable force, composed
of hardy and gallant Arabs, He may
sometime or other prove an useful ally

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

Hyderabad
28th August 1796.

Read

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Read the following letter
from the Resident at Tanjore

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council
Fort St George

My Lord,

Enclosed I beg leave to
lay before your Lordship Copy and
Translation of an agreement
proposed by his Excellency the
Rajah to furnish Security for the
Repayment to the Honble Company
of the sums which have been
advanced by the respective Collectors
in Mamargoody, Mayaveram, and
Tiruady

The above advances were
made on the Bonds of the Inhabitants
payable at the usual Periods viz.
2/5th of the Sum advanced payable in
the ensuing Cowr Crop, and the
remaining

From the Resident at Tanjore - enclosing the agreement entered into by the Rajah for Repayment to the Company of Advances made and Securities entered into on account of the Inhabitants

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remaining 3/5. 16 in the ensuing 11
Pooharnum Crop. ——

As the above Security is
perfectly good and adequate to
guard the Company against any
hazard of Loss I have thought it my
Duty to accept of the Terms proposed
by his Excellency.

The Sowcar Teps for 23,695 u
Chs. payable in 30 Days from the u
1st September 1796 as stated in the u
agreement has been duly lodged
in my Possession. — The Teps will
fully answer for that part of the
advance I made for Varicum u
which, as I learn from the Board
of Revenue, did not meet your u
Lordship's approbation for, had the
Paddy not been advanced to the
Inhabitants it, probably would
not have been Sold before the u
Period by which the Teps fall
due. —

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In order to prevent any misunderstanding regarding the Villages that belong to Shially and the Aber Pattucarrs of Myaveram the Rajah may desire furnished me with a list of them attested by his Signature — The latter Document cannot, on account of its long Detail, be copied time enough to be sent by this Days Tappal. —

Tanjore
2. September 1796

I have the honor to be &c &c &c
(signed) Alex.r Macleod
Resident

Translation of an Agreement delivered to the Resident by His Excellency the Rajah on the 1st September 1796

Amer Sing Maha Rajah &c
presents his Salaam to Alex.r
Macleod Esq.r agent of the Honorable
East

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East India Company, Resident
and makes the following Agreement

You have written to me last
night and sent me the accounts
of the three Soubahs viz Masargoody
Myaveram, and Tiwadi, which
I have considered. You have written
that I should give to the Collectors a
full Security for the money which
they have advanced as Varicuns
and muramut which Amounts to
Chuckrums 1,63,695, 3 7/8.

I therefore give as a full Security
the Pottaccums of Shally and the Tocon
of Trismelwasel . . . 9,000 Ch.s

In Myaveram,
the Pottaccums Nimely . . 72,000
Do . . . of Komul . . 20,000
Do of Karuvinda } . . 13,000
Do natapaur }
Do of Trikady . . . 18,000
Do of Ambinatta poor - 21,000

Chs . . 163,000

Besides I will pay 23,695 Chuckrums
ready money by the Sowcars Sriderra Mitta
and B

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and Ramadella Triander within one
month. –

As to the Security of the Pattycarrahs
I will pay two fifths of the Sums of the
Cauvery Crops viz.t 56,000 Chk.s which sums I
will pay from the day of Collection (viz.t
the sums which is daily collected) into the
hands of the agent appointed by the
Resident. – The Expences for Keeping 4
Subsidy Pagodas q.r I will not pay from the
money but from the Revenues of my
other Districts – all the money which
is to be paid from the Cauvery Crops shall
be paid by the End of December (31.st)

The money which is to be paid
from the Pychaveram Crops amounts
to 84,000 Chuck.rs which I will pay as
it is daily collected.

But the amount of what comes
in or have been collected shall be
punctually delivered to the agent
appointed

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appointed by the Resident. without
his Knowledge not one Fanam shall
be spent

That the Inhabitants are
indebted in the sum of 1,63,695. 3. 7/8 the
Collectors are to prove by the Inhabitants

This is the Agreement written
august 31st 1796.

(Signed) by the Rajah)

(His Seal
is in the
Beginning)

a true Copy
of the Translation

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Resident

The Board take it for granted,
that, in consequence of their former
order Mr. Macleod has surrendered
the Soubahship to the Rajah's authority-
but as his letter does not explicitly
say so, it is resolved that he be
directed to report immediately at
what time the Surrender took place

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Read the following letter from Colonel Baird

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

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that yesterday his Excellency the Rajah sent to inform me that Mr. Macleod had informed him, that your Lordships had been pleased to order the delivery to him of the Country at 12. o'Clock. At the same time he informed me that he had published it to all his Nobles and Principal men, and that he would be ready to receive their Congratulations at that time, and Requested that I would order a Royal Salute to be fired. —

From the Commandant at Tanjore relating the Circumstances attending the firing a Royal Salute by his orders on occasion of the Restoration of the Rajah's Country

As my instructions from Sir Charles Oakeley on being appointed to this Command were to pay every attention

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attention in my power, and comply with all proper requisitions from the Rajah, and being well convinced that these are your Lordships Sentiments, I immediately gave orders for the Salute — But directed the Non commissioned who Commanded not to fire till His Excellency sent him word to do so — No salute being fired at half past two O'Clock I sent my Hircarrah to learn the Reason, and his Return he acquainted me that Mr. Macleod had sent his Dubash to the Rajah in full Durbar waiting for the Ceremony — who told His Excellency that he was desired by his Master to inform him, that he could not give up the Countries till next day, as he understood a Salute was to be fired, and that he must write to your Lordship on that Subject. —

I of Course ordered the men from the Battery, they had not got to

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to the little Fort when they were sent
after by the Rajah, requesting they
would come back and fire the 21
Salute which was Complied with — it
afterwards His Excellency fired a
number of Guns in his own Palace
on this occasion, of Course I conceived
the Countries were delivered over to him,
But this morning I was astonished
to be informed from His Excellency
that the Countries were not delivered
over to him agreable to Mr Macleod's
promise made in your Lordships
name, and that rather than
submit to the disgrace of acknowledging
that he had been deceived in the
Eyes of all his people he desired the
Salute to be fired. —

As the Circumstances are
so very particular I consider it my
duty to acquaint your Lordship
with these particulars, which I
I trust will meet your Lordships
approbation —

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I have the honor to be with the
greatest Respect and Esteem
Sir &c &c
/Signed/ D Baird
Coll. Commandant

Tanjore
3. September 1796.

Minutes thereon

The Board are of opinion that
Colonel Baird's orders for firing a salute
were unnecessary and improper - that
consistently with his instructions he
ought not to have received any passage
from the Palace but through the
Resident / the general order of the 27th November
1795 specially stating, that no European
should have intercourse with the
Rajah without the knowledge and
consent of the Company's Resident. /
However, as it is intended immediately
to remove the 71st Regiment from Tanjore
the Board refrain from noticing Colonel
Baird's conduct in that particular -
manner which it might otherwise be
proper to do. -

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