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The entries made in pencil on the margin in the volume were made with the help of the papers in the bundle at the time of the weeding and destruction of Records.

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Read the following Letters –

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

&c &c &c

Fort St George

My Lord,

From the agent of Mr Torriano late Clothing Contractor – requesting the retrieval from the Demand made of Interest on the Balances of Cash on his Hands –

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of the order of Government under date the 24th Instant, wherein I am directed as the agent of Mr. Torriano to pay to the Military Paymaster General the Sum of Pag. 12,628. 4. 35 with Interest at the rate of 9 P Cent Annum from the expiration of his Contract for army clothing to the Day of the said principal Sum is paid – Considering myself as the agent of Mr. Torriano in this Business I have in obedience to the order of Government paid to the Paymaster General the principal Sum left in my Hands for that purpose I have also written to my Principal respecting the Interest claim'd by Government and hope to be indulged

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indulged with your Lordship's Forbearance
till I have his answer on that Head — As
In the mean Time I conceive it a Duty
incumbent on me, to submit the following
Statement of Facts to your Lordship's consi-
deration, in the hope that under such
circumstances, your Lordship will be
pleased to remit the Interest, as I hope it
will appear that it was not the Wish or
Intention of Mr. Soriano improperly
to withhold or delay the Payment of this
Balance and that he was at all Times
ready to do it when called upon. —

In the Contract entered into
between Government and Mr. Soriano it
was specified that his accounts were to be
inspected and settled by the Committee
of Officers annually assembled at
Fort St George for the distribution and
Disbursement of the effects coming from
In November 1794 a Committee of Officers
was appointed for this purpose — as
the agent of Mr. Soriano I laid before
them

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Herw the bloathing accounts together
with an account Current stating the
Balance of £ 12,628: 4: 35: being due by
him to the Honble Company, which I
informed the Committee I was ready
to discharge; but never received any
orders from them on that head — some
months having elapsed and the
Balance not being called for, I offered
to pay the amount to Mr Greenhill as
Import Warehouse Keeper in part
Payment for the Cloth drawn from
the Warehouse for making up the
army Cloathing, but he told me he
could not receive it without the order
of Government and that he would
mention it to your Lordships — In
October 1795 an order was issued by
Government to the Military auditor
General to audit the different Cloath-
ing Contractors accounts, when Mr
Torriano's accounts were immediately
sent

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sent to the auditor together with the a
account Current stating the Balance
on the 19th Instant and not before I
Recieved a Letter from Colonel Malcolm
informing me that he had audited Mr.
Torriano's accounts and that there
appeared the Sum of Pags. 12,628: 4: 35 :
due to the Honble Company, which exactly
corresponds with the balance stated by
me to the Committee and which I
have at all times been ready to pay
when called upon so to do. —

I have the honor to be with
the greatest Respect. —

Fort St George
30th August 1796.

Sir
Your most
obedt Hble Servt
(Signed) C Braithwaite
Agent for Mr. Torriano late
Contr. for army Cloathing

William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

From Mr. Braithwaite late Contractor for Cloathing - requesting to be relieved from a refund demanded of him on account of Hay

Sir

In consequence of your letter
of the 24th instant and to prevent any
material

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Half mounting to the 1st and 2d Battalions the Disparity on account of which were returned to the Mm there the Inadvertence of Mr. Pearce late Paymaster at Tanjore? —

materiel impediment to public arrangements, I have paid to the Military Paymaster General of the sum of fourteen thousand one hundred and eighty nine Pagodas 14189.24.5. / said to be due by me, the sum of Ten thousand nine hundred and Twenty one Pagodas 10921.16.45) — for having also received a letter from the Military Auditor General, wherein it appears that this balance is in a considerable degree owing to a retrenchment made on my account of half mounting and as I trust to be able to prove to the satisfaction of the Right Honorable the President in Council, that no part of this retrenchment can well be laid to my charge and that a great part of it arises from a

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a transaction in which I had no concern
whatever - I am for those reasons
imboldened to hope, that this
from the orders contained in your
letter, will not meet with his Lordsh
displeasure, and I likewise hope
it will appear clear to him, that the
balance on the clothing account could
easily be adjusted, until Government
shall be pleased to take my claim
to the retrenchment in question in
their consideration - to enable you
to come at the true state of it immediat
I must beg to refer you to the accompa
ying copy of extracts which are already
on the records of Government - from w
you will appear, that the Honble
were pleased to admit of my claim for
payment on account of the clothing
half mounting furnished by me
agreable to their orders to the 1st and
Reserve Battalions - If the late
Paymaster at Tanjore / Mr Pearse

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to whose mistakes this retrenchment
has arisen, should not have represented
to Government his unauthorized
payments of Stoppages on this account,
surely it must appear a hard case that
I on his should suffer so great a loss —

I further beg leave to state that
the only half mounting furnished by me
for the 1st and 2d Revenue Battalions was
for the year 1791 as Pr the account I had the
honor to lay before Government on
the 11th October 1794 viz. —
"To half mounting furnished
for the 1st 2d 3d 4th 5th 6th 7th and 8th
Revenue Sebundy Battalions —
for the year 1791 as Pr General
order dated 25th October 1791 and the
Indents received from different
commanding Officers as follows. —
Paid Mr. Balfour late
agent for the following surplus
half mounting delivered to me at
Tanjore

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Tanjore on account of the 1st and 2d Revenue Battalions. —

		Pr.	f. 6.
1040	Blue Sashes @ 6 f. Pr each	148.	24 —
2048	Turbands @ 12 Do	585.	6 —
2080	white Jackets @ 6 Do	297.	6 —
2080	Short drawers @ 6 Do	297.	6 —
	amount paid to Mr Balfour	1,328.	—

Delivered in addition to the above articles received from Mr Balfour to complete the Indent for the 2d Revenue Battalion

50	Sashes @ 6 fanams each	7.	6 —
100	Jackets Do Do	14	12. —
100	Drawers @ Do Do	14:	12. —

Total amount of half mounting furnished by me for the 1st and 2d Revenue Battalions . . . 1,363. 30 —

The Retrenchment stated in my account for half mounting for these two Battalions is for the year 1792 and amounts to Pag. 3,260. 7. 40 consequently allowing that there may be a mistake in some quarter as to the

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The year there certainly appears a charge against me on this account of Org.d 1896. 19. 40 more than what I have pubited the Company with and of Pagodas 832. 17. 40. more than I ever charged the Honble Company for both cloathing and half mounting together, for the 2. Corps in question while I hold the contracts - it cannot clearly appear to the Honble Board & therefore that, that Sum cannot in justice be claimed of me, nor can it be perceived I think how it could with propriety have been stated under the head of retrenchment at all - it may not be improper here to beg your attention to the account of half mounting allowed to, where you will perceive that the Sum charged by me for half mounting to eight Revenue Battalions for the year 1791 amounts only to Pag.s 4,780. 36. —

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I shall only in apologizing to the Honble Board for having taken up so much of their time further add that in consequence of your letter to me of the 18th October 1792 I desisted furnishing clothing for the Battalions therein mentioned and cannot I humbly hope be made accountable for the late Mr Pierce's unauthorized payments of Stoppages. —

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
Signed J.s Brodie
Late Contractor for Clothing the army

Fort St George
29th August 1796

Extract of a letter from Government to the Military Board
dated 7th March 1793

"We enclose a copy of a letter from
" the Contractors for Cloathing the army, upon
" which we desire to have your opinion
" it will be necessary to ascertain
" whether the Cloathing and half of
mounting

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"mounting for the 1st and 2d Revenue
"Battalions were forwarded in due
"time according to the conditions
"of the Contract"

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

Having agreeable to my Contract and the order of your Honble Board under date the 25th October 1791. made up Cloathing and half of the mounting for the 1st 2d 3d 4th 5th 6th & 7th and 8th Revenue Battalions I beg leave to inform you that on sending the Cloathing of the 1st and 2d Revenue Battalions to Tanjore as Indented for by Captain Pearson and Lieutenant Hughes I received from the latter a letter (copy of which I have the honor to inclose) informing me, that they cannot receive it,

and

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and I am since told by Captain Pearson, that he has rejected the A Cloathing sent for his Battalion for the same reason that is given by Lieutenant Hughes. —

I apprehend some mistake or misconception must have arisen in respecting the order alluded to, in Lieutenant Hughes's letter as none of the other Revenue Battalions have refused to receive the Cloathing and Half Mounting due to them for the same period. —

I paid Mr Balfour the amount of the half mounting intended for the 1st and 2d Revenue Battalions which his Dubash at Tanjore had in his possession and whom I informed both the Commandants of those Battalions would deliver it to them on application; — but they have likewise

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Lt Knowles refused to take it.

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25th February 1793

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) James Brodie
Military Clothg. Contr.

A True Copy
(Signed) Danl Jones
Dpy Secretary

Extract of a letter from the Military Board
to Government dated 12th July 1793

"We beg leave to acquaint you
in answer to a paragraph in Your
commands of the 7th March last, &
that finding in the course of our
correspondence with the several
parties connected with the subject
represented on by the letter from
the Contractor for Army Clothing
of the 25th February last, that the
acting Paymaster at Tanjore had
made an unauthorized refund of

Two pages

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"Stoppages to the 1st and 2nd Battalions
"Battalions which was the principal
"cause of Captain Pearson and
"Lieutenant Hughes declining to receive
"the Clothing and Half Mounting for
"those Corps we are therefore of opinion
"that the Contractor should receive
"payment for the same that as the
"Military auditor General has
"informed us he has retrenched the
"amount of the stoppages thus paid
"without authority, the Company we
"conceive will suffer no loss"

"We have the honor to lay
"before you copies of the several papers
"which appear on our records
"concerning this business and have no
"doubt it will appear to you as it
"has done to us that a misconception
"or want of due attention to orders
"has occasioned the difficulties that
"have arisen rather than any delay
in

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in the Contractor in forwarding the
Clothing, which appears to have been
sent nearly as soon as the weather
permitted after an agreement made
in August that he should deliver the
Clothing at the several places where
the Troops were stationed. —

Extract of a Letter from Government to the Military
Board dated 24th July 1793

"We approve the opinion you
"have given in regard to the Clothing and
"half Mounting of the 1st and 2d Battalions
"Battalions, but before the Contractor be
"indemnified we must be informed that
"the amount retrenched from the
"Paymaster in consequence of the
"unauthorized payment of Stoppages
"has been refunded after which the
"Clothing and half Mounting must
"be delivered over to, and considered as
"the property of the Paymaster." —

"We

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"We cannot pass over in silence
"the improper style of some of Captain
"Pearson's letters to your Board on the
"above subject – his insinuations that
"Mr Brodie was governed by motives
"inconsistent with his public duty is
"wholly unjustifiable, since that Gentleman
"acted in compliance with an order of
"Government and could not have
"been guided by any of those motives
"which have been imputed to him
"by Captain Pearson"

Signed J.s Brodie

William Collins Jackson Esq.r

Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Military Paymaster General States the Sums he has received from the different Clothing Contractors

I beg leave to state for the
information of the Right Hon.ble the
President in Council that Messrs
Tulloh and Brodie as attorneys
for Mr Jn.o Groves have paid
into my hands the sum of
Pagodas 15,651:-:66 being the
amount

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amount stated in your Letter of the
24th Instant to stand against him
as Contractor for Clothing, but have
refused to pay any Interest — Mr.
Braithwaite as agent for Mr. H
Torriano has also paid into my
Hands the sum of Pagodas 12,628: 4: 36:
being the Balance stated in your
Letter of the above date to stand
against him whilst Contractor for
army Clothing, — but has also
refused to pay Interest Mr. James
Brodie has also paid into my
hands the sum of Pagodas 10921. 16. 45
instead of the sum mentioned in
your Letter of the above date
Pagodas 14,189.. 24.. 5. The cause of which
deviation he says he has explained
to the Honble Board. —

Fort St George
30th August 1796.

Sam
Hew Hux
(Signd) B Roebuck
M.P.G.

Received

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Minutes on the three foregoing Letters

Resolved, under all the circumstances of the case, that the Contractor for army clothing be relieved from the payment of Interest on the Balances which stood against them. —

With respect to the retrenchments made in Mr. Brodie's accounts by the Military auditor General, as it clearly appears from the papers upon record that the Paymaster at Tanjore was not authorized to return the Slop Stages to the 1st and 2d. Battalions, the Board are inclined to dispense with the refund which Mr. Brodie has been called upon to make, provided he can satisfactorily shew that the clothing and Hat Mounting for the abovementioned Corps were bonâ fide made up and sent by him to Tanjore — and that no part of the one or the other was ever returned to him, or that he had in any shape

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shape benefited by it, since it first passed
out of his hands. —
agreed that the above be
communicated to Mr. Brodie. —
Read the following letter
from Colonel Dugald Campbell. —

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

My Lord,

Late in the last year I was
directed by Major General Floyd to
prepare a Quantity of Materials to
be made of Bamboo for the Siege of
Columbo with all possible dispatch.
All the Bamboo in the
Tinnevelly Province from the Hills to the
Sea (a Space of above Fifty Miles) being
Private property I commenced cutting
those most conveniently situated for
embarkation, and attempted to Float
them to the sea on Rafts of light Wood — The
River swelled suddenly and a great part
of

from Colonel D. Campbell — in consequence of the Injury & Suffering by different Inhabitants in the Tinnevelly Country from the Destruction of their Gardens to make Faseines &c for the Siege of Columbo — the Copy of Cummer id Dear the Nabob's Commandant particularly noticed — and his Conduct recommended to Government

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of the first supply were lost. —

The Garden of Commandant Odiers a Commandant of the Mobobs / and the son of an old and much esteemed Commandant of the Company's / Mheer became the only Resource all his Bamboo's but one blumpe were cut, his fruit trees lopd for fuel Settling to the ground those intended for scaling ladders, and his Ryots stock of straw / for supporting his cattle and thatching his houses / was used in heating the lesser Bamboos in order to straighten them

By a second overflowing of the River the working party was for some days insulated on this man's grounds; by which the whole unavoidably sustained damage, as soon as he discovered the working party in his Garden he waited on me and said that his Bamboo's were at the Company's disposal but intreated that the Pickets and straw should be taken

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taken from them, this I directed to be
done but the Rise of the River &
prevented the execution of my -
orders.

Cannaur Odien being in
good circumstances and of
Respectable character, I beg leave to
propose that he may be presented
with a Horse from those in charge
of Lieutenant Montgomery and that
Mr. Martin Paymaster may be
directed to distribute fifty Pagoda's
among those who had their Bamboo's
cut at Alica Timmeddy and
Cattewangaudeen in the most
equitable manner, and I will
write to the Commander of the
working party Captain Wame who
is now at Madura to give Mr. Martin
the best information he can respecting
the Sufferers - for although it may
be considered an act of necessity. I hope
your Lordships Justice and liberality
will

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of the first necessity were lost. —

The Garden of Commander Adien a Commandant of the Malabis / and the son of an old and much esteemed Commandant of the Company's / Then became the only Resource — all his Bamboo's but one blumpe were cut, his fruit trees loped for fuel Cutting to the ground those intended for scaling ladders, and his years stock of straw / for supporting his cattle and thatching his houses / was used in heating the ladder Bamboo's in order to straighten them.

By a second overflowing of the River the working party was for some days insulated on this man's grounds; by which the whole unavoidably sustained damage, as soon as he discovered the working party in his Garden he waited on me and said that his Bamboo's were at the Company's disposal but entreated that the Pickets and straw should be taken

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taken from others, this I directed to be done but the Rise of the River + prevented the execution of my + order.

Cummer Odien being in good circumstances and of + Respectable character, I beg leave to + propose that he may be presented with a Horse from those in charge of Lieutenant Montgomery and that Mr. Martin Paymaster may be + directed to distribute Fifty Pagoda's among those who had their Bamboo's cut at Aliva Timmedy and + Extravangaedum in the most + equitable manner, and I write + write to the Commander of the + working party Captain Wame who is now at Madura to give Mr. martin the best information he can respecting the Sufferers – for although it may be considered an act of necessity. I hope your Lordships Justice and liberality will be

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will convince the injured that no
motive could warrant their being so
hardly treated. —

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1st September 1796

I have the honor to be with
great respect Sir &c &c
(Signed) Dunc. Campbell
Colonel

Minute thereon

agreed, for the reasons stated
by Colonel Campbell, that Cummer
o Dien the Nabob's Commissandant be
presented with a Horse, and that
the Military auditor General be
directed to send orders to the Paymaster
at Palamcotah to distribute fifty
Pagodas amongst the Persons from
whom the Bamboos were taken for
the Public Service. —

The President reports to the
Board that intelligence having
been communicated to him of the
desertion of Eleven Soldiers of the
Madras Regiment from Pondamallee
his Lordship judged it necessary

to

The President reports to the Board the Desertion of Eleven of the Madras Regiment and the Expedition made by Bommaruzie Pannee for securing them — Several of the Deserters wounded and one Killed in the Fray

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to send immediate orders to Bonnaudze
and the Rajahs of Calastry and Ve
Vencatgherry to use their best endeavours
to intercept them — In consequence of
which, the Vakeel of Bonnaudze
waited upon the President yesterday,
and stated that the Deserters, after
desperate opposition, had been ap
apprehended by his Master's People —
That, in the Conflict one of the
Europeans had been Killed, and se
several wounded — and that Bonnaudze
was under some alarm, fearful that
he would incur the displeasure of
Government — His Lordship proposes,
therefore, with a view of relieving the
apprehensions of Bonnaudze that
the following letter be written to him
(vide also C. C. No 129)

To Bonnaudze

your Vakeel has acquainted
me with the persevering exertions made
by your people for the seizure of a
party

To Bonnaudze — com=
mending his Exertions
in apprehending
the Deserters above
mentioned

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party of European Deserters, consisting of
of Eleven persons, the desperate Speculation
they made, and the unfortunate circum-
stances that resulted from their Temerity. This communication has
afforded me considerable satisfaction
for whilst it proves a very active
and vigilant attention on your part
to the execution of my Commands it
is no less manifest your fidelity and
attachment to the interests of the
Company, and you may rely that
so long as you continue to pursue
this line of Conduct, you will be
merit and receive as on the present
occasion, my entire approbation
and support. —

I desire that the Deserters
whom you have secured, and their
arms may be sent to Poonamalle
under a proper Guard and as I
understand that one of the people who
assisted

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assisted in apprehending Khan has since died of the Wounds he received I desire you will inform me what his family he has left behind him and their condition, when I shall then consider the provision it may be proper for the Company to make for their maintenance.—

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What more?

(Signed) Hobart

approved and ordered accordingly

Resolved that orders be sent to Major General Floyd directing the march of the 71st Regiment to Vellumjaubad and of the 52d Regiment to Tanjore and Vellore

the 71st Regiment to be stationed at Vellajabad and the 52d at Tanjore and Vellore

The President made to the Board an extract of a private letter from Major General Floyd stating his intention of sending a detachment in pursuit of Tamboo Goinden (a notorious Robber) through the Dandigul Valley — and his Lordship recommends that an order be sent to

President's recommendation relative to a Plan agitated by Major General Floyde for securing the Person of Tamboo Goinden

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To General Floyd to Countermand the
March of the Detachment —
approved and ordered accordingly
Resolved, at the recommendation
of the President, that eighty men of the
Regiment de Meuron whose Terms of
Service have Expired, and who have
declined to enter anew on that Corps for a
further period be sent on the Company's
Ship Fort William for Bengal via the
hope that they may be persuaded upon
to enlist at that Presidency, which seems
probable, and if not, to be forwarded
to Europe. —

The President proposes that 80 men of the Meuron Regiment whose Service is expired be embarked on the Fort William for Bengal

Hollond
Edw.d Saunders
Ch.s Brownrigg

Examined
H. Fullerton

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Diary

Received the undermentioned Letters

Entered in C. C. Nos 130. 131.

Substance of a Letter from the Peshwah

From the Peshwah - requesting that the Mahratta Vackeel, Resident at Madras, may be permitted to return to Poonah, his Mother Nago bee Ram ill & Officiate during his absence.

Ditto from the Nabob

From the Nabob - transmitting five New Destuchs for paying Grain to the Cavalry Regiments.

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Recieved and Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57.

From W. Sullivan

From Attorney General - repeating his opinion that it would not be advisable to adopt any alteration in the present System of Jurisprudence at Pondicherry, until the Kings pleasure be known.

From W. Parsland

From Commander of the General Small Letter - requesting Sundry Articles of Stores required for refitting that Vessel

From W. Shardon

From Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies - Recommending that the Bullock Bags with the different Regiments be completed to One thousand each

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From Messrs. Chase Sowell & Chase

From Messrs. Chase Sowell & Chase presenting a Bill for one months freight of the Jane Transport, being Pagodas 2,660

From Ditto

From Ditto - repeating their application for the payment of the Ballance of Rechonings due to Lieutenant Colonel Vigors for the year 1794.

From Lieutenant Colonel Must

From Lieutenant Colonel Must submitting Copies of further Correspondence relative to Strengthening the Defences of Vizagapatam.

From Major Kirkpatrick

From Resident at Hyderabad advising of Tippoo having repaired and Strengthened his larger forts and dismantled the smaller ones.

From Captain Clarke

From Captain Clarke of the Victorious - advising of his having chartered the Ship Gloucester, to carry provisions &c. for the relief of Admiral Rainier at Amboyna - and drawn Bills on this Government, on account of her Imprest.

From Messrs. Mackay Smith

From Messrs. Mackay & Smith advising of the Nabob's deputies having delivered to them a reversed account of his Highness's Kistbundy for the year 1795/96.

From

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From Military Paymaster General
From Mr. Rebuck — transmitting an additional Estimate of 4
Cash for September.

From Commandant at Guntoor—
From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton — has stationed a party of Sepoys at Nairpillee—
submits a letter from the Commandant at
Lunacondah representing the defenceless state
of that post.

From Military Auditor General
From General Lydenham — requesting to be furnished with Copies of the
Orders issued by the Board of Revenue, &
related to the Revenue Corps employed at
Mugulatore.

From Major General Stuart—
From General Stuart — submitting the Claim of the Surgeon of
the 73d regiment, on account of Wine, &
Country Medicines, &- purchased by him
for the use of his Hospital.

From Paymaster at Cumbo—
From Mr. McDonall — stating the particulars concerning the Robbery
of the Copper coin from a Department of the
Dutch Treasury.

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

To Ditto — advising of the
To Ditto — embarcation upon the Fort William for Bengal

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of Eighty men of the Mercenary Regiment, whose time of service has expired and who have declined renewing the same

To Major Kirkpatrick — To Resident at Hyderabad - transmitting a Statement of the extra expence of Completing the 11th Regiment of Native Infantry to the new Establishment

To Major General Floyd — To Commandant at Trichinopoly ordering the immediate March of the 71st Regiment from Tanjore to Pondicherry - whose quarters are to be occupied by the 52d Regiment from Negapatam

To Colonel Baird — To Commandant of the 71st Regiment at Tanjore - communicating the preceding orders, and directing that there be no delay in the execution of them

To Major Monson — To Ditto of the 52d Regiment - directing that he hold the Corps in readiness to March, on receipt of orders from General Floyd.

To Major General Sydenham — To Military Auditor General - referring Mr. Roebuck's additional Estimate of Cash for September.

To Ditto — To Ditto - transmitting Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Montgomery, with the acknowledgments of Sundry Gentlemen who have purchased the Company's

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8 Company's horses - Instructions for collecting the Amount. —

To Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies - directing him to report to the Military Board the quantity of Grain requisite to Complete to a year's Stock - the quarter Masters of Cavalry ordered to make returns to him of the Stock on hand. —

Sent the undermentioned letters as entered in C. C. Nos. 132. 133. —

9. To the Nabob - representing the improper Conduct of one Sied ahmed Cawn in insulting the authority of the Commanding Officer at Nellore - and desiring that he may be cautioned against a repetition of it. —

Substance of Letter to the Nabob

To Rajah of Tanjore - urging him to the punctual payment of the allowance to Sherfoge and the Widows: and apprizing him that the Stipulations of the Treaty will be inforced in case of future failure on his part. —

Ditto - Rajah of Tanjore

Sent the following letters

To

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Fort St. George 7 September 1796.

To Mr Robert Gardiner

Sir,

To Mr Gardiner—
requiring the payment
of the refund before
ordered— the question
respecting Interest
suspended

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 31st Ultimo, and to acquaint you that as you have stated therein that, "a sum of money equal "to the refund / meaning the Balance re "due by Mr Young / has been at all times "ready to be discharged, as soon as the "Auditor General's final audit, determined "the Amount thereof." His Lordship re desires you will without further loss of time pay the Amount of the refund, so said by you to be ready, into the hands of the Military Paymaster General, agree=ably to the directions contained in my letter to you of the 24th Ultimo.

The President in Council will give you his further orders upon the subject of Interest in the course of a few days.

Fort St George
7th September 1796

I am &c. &c.
Signed Wm Jackson Secy

To

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To Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 30th Ultimo, and to transmit in consequence a letter for the Rajah of Tanjore, which you will deliver to his Excellency - a copy is enclosed for your information.

You will acquaint the Rajah that you have the orders of his Lordship to require from his Excellency the immediate fulfilment of his promise as it relates to Serfoge and the Widows - and that if there be any further delay the measure alluded to in the letter now transmitted will infallibly be adopted.

I am &c: &c:

(Signed) W.C. Jackson
Secy

Fort St. George
8th September 1796.

To Resident at Tanjore - forwarding the letter for the Rajah - orders.

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To Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Resident at
Tanjore

Sir,

To Resident at Tanjore - with Copy of a letter from the Rajah - Complaining of his delay in restoring the Nautical Magnans - his reply thereto required - reminding him also of the orders of the 9th June.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to transmit to you a Copy of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore dated the 29th Ultimo, with copies of its enclosures, charging you with unnecessary and vexatious delays in the delivery of the Soubahs to His Excellency's authority - The Rajah having desired that a copy of his letter might be sent to Bengal, his Lordship conceives it should be accompanied by such observations as you have to offer, and with this View, the Copy is now transmitted to you.

I am further directed to remind You of the letter written to you so long ago as the 24th June, in which you were called upon for explanations on certain charges stated in a letter from the Rajah dated the 9th June, and of which a Copy was sent for your information.

Fort St. George
9th September 1796

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

By Enclose a Copy of my Letter to you of the 24th of June.

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Despatches the undermentioned

Letters Entered in Mr. B: No.s 58. 59. 60. 61. 62.

63. 64. 65. 66.

To Secretary at Bengal — transmitting

To Mr. Secretary Barlow — Copies of Mysore Intelligence.

To Residents at Poonah and

To Sir Charles Malet & Major Kirkpatrick — Hyderabad — with Ditto.

To Commandant at Guntoor —

To Lieutenant Colonel Leighton — directing that the Stores belonging to the

Nizam, at Nairpilly &c. be permitted to pass

to Hyderabad

To Ditto at Trichinopoly —

To General Floyd — with directions for changing the destination

of the 71st Regiment from Pondicherry to

Walajabad.

To Ditto — directing him to

countermand the order for the march of the

To Ditto — Detachment intended to be employed in the

pursuit of Tombor Gounden.

To Military Board — transmitting

To Military Board — Copy of a letter from the Commandant at Tanjore,

the additional repairs therein proposed, if necessary,

to be authorized — Captain Tanners proposal for

supplying and carrying Tents for his Company

of Artillery, serving with the Nizam, referred

for their opinion.

To

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To Military Auditor General —

To Colonel Sydenham with Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Dowse, and directions for bringing in future to account the Stoppages on account of the Serjeants attached to the Pioneer Corps. —

To Paymaster at Columbo —

To Mr. Mc. Donald transmitting for his guidance the opinion of the Military Board upon the Bills for Artificers and Extra Charges in the Engineers Department enclosed in his letter of the 10th May last. —

To Commander of the Fort William

To Captain Simpson directing him to receive on board Chartered party passengers for Bengal. —

Sent the following letter

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To Major Kirkpatrick

Resident at Hydrabad

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 21st Ultimo, and to acquaint you that although His Lordship conceives the Nizam's Ministers could not fairly object to its

To Resident at Hydrabad — leaving it to his discretion to fix the rate of exchange at which the pesheush is to be paid. —

Received

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receive the Peishcush at the former Exchange
Viz.t 385 Rupees P.r 100 Madras Pagodas, as
especially as it had been considered the
Standard of every former period, yet if there
be any serious difficulty started, against the
admission of this rate, the President in
Council must leave it to your discretion
to make the best terms you can for the
Company- and Mr. Wrangham has in
consequence been directed to pay the
arrear of Peishcush, at such rate of
exchange as you may ultimately fix
upon.

A copy of your letter of the
11.th ultimo has been transmitted to
Lieutenant Colonel Lighton, the Officer
Commanding at Guntoor, with directions
to permit the Stores specified therein,
to pass from Nairpilly to Hydrabad
without interruption.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your
Most obedient
Humble Servant
/Signed/ Wm. Jackson Secy.

Fort St George
9.th September 1796.

To

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To

To Alexander Macleod Esqr

Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

To Resident at Tanjore desiring him to Report at what time the 6 Districts were surrendered to the Rajah.—

We have received your Letter dated the 2d Instant with the agreement executed by the Rajah for the repayment to the Company of the sums advanced by the Collector — we take it for granted that in consequence of our former orders, you have surrendered the Soubahs to his Excellency's authority — but as your Letter does not explicitly say so, we direct that you report immediately to us at what time the surrender took place.—

We are &c &c

(Signed) Hobart

&c Council

Sent and Received the under-mentioned Letters entered in M: B. &

Nos 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76.

77. 78.—

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To Commissary General of Grain and provisions.- informing him that all =
articles requisite for a six months Store
for the Troops on Ceylon are to be sent =
from the Southern Countries- and trans=
=mitting Copies of Papers on the subject.

To Mr. Sharow

To Resident at Nagore and
Collector at Ramnad - with orders for =
supplying the same.

To Commandant at Vizaga=
=patam - directing him to put a stop
to the works proposed by Captain =
Pittman for the better defence of the
Pettah - they appearing unnecessary
at present - but approving the Zeal Mani=
=fested by Colonel Mcat on the occasion

To Messrs Sirians and Powney

To Lieutenant Colonel Lethbridge

To Lieutenant Colonel Mcat.

transmitting Copy of the foregoing Letter

To Agent for Spirituous =
Liquors - acquiescing in his application
relative to Imports of Batavia arrack
from Tanjour, on his giving the =
Security proposed

To Mr. Cochrane

To

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To Mr. Wrangham — To Collector at Masulipatam — transmitting for his information Copy of the Letter, above entered, to the Resident at Hydrabad. —

From Colonel Sydenham — From Military Auditor General — Mr. assistant Surgeon Thiepsaad proposes to liquidate the refund demanded of him by Monthly Instalments — suggests that a Retrenchment standing against Captain Lieutenant Mc.Cally be deducted from the arrears ordered to be paid to him. but passed Captain Mackenzie's Bills. —

From Ditto — From Ditto — submitting a Calculation of Stoppages and Adjustment of the off Reckoning Funds for the year 1795. —

From Captain Webber — From Commandant at Mr. Ganjam — complaining of a wilfull Misconstruction on the part of Mr. Paymaster Cooper of the late orders for discharging the difference of pay to Officers, in consequence of promo= =tion. —

From

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From Lieutenant Colonel Mcatt advising of his having stationed a small Detachment at Bimlipatam, for the protection of that Town.

From Lieutenant Colonel Mcatt

From Mr. Mc. Mc. arthur - applying for payment of certain arrears.

From Mr. Mc arthur

From Lieutenant A Hughes — requesting copy of a letter which he understands has been addressed to the Court of Directors by the Coast Officers, reflecting upon his Character. —

From Lieutenant Hughes

Received the following letters

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Resident at Tanjore - forwarding copy of Colonel Baird's letter respecting Sherfogee's Guard - observations thereon

I have the honor to enclose copy of letter received from Colonel Baird relating to Sherfogee's Guard, & mentioned in my address of Yesterday's Date. —

I am sorry to say that Sherfogee Expresses much dissatisfaction and will not consent to make the requered application

to

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11 to Colonel Baird— He is in consequence of
obliged to remain at Home.—

With regard to the orders by
Colonel Campbell as stated in Colonel
Baird's letter it appears they never had
operation for no refusal was ever given
before, to Sherfoge's requisition that
some of the Havildar's Guard should
accompany him— The impression conveyed
by part of Colonel Baird's letter is
that Sepoys had been taken out to a
great distance in the Country— the fact
is that Serfoge has never gone to any
distance from the fort, except now and
then, to visit the old Queen at Trivier,
seven English Miles distant from the
Tanjore fort.—

I trust your Lordship will
favor me with orders on this occasion
by which Sherfoges situation may
be settled to his satisfaction.—

I have the Honor to be

Wa: Wa:

/Signed/ Alex.r Macleod

Rev.d

Alex.r

Tanjore
7 September 1796

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To

Alexander Macleod Esqr.

Resident

Sir,

I was honored with your's of yesterday's date, acquainting me that Sheriffjee had complained to you in pointed terms, that the Havildar of the Guard at his house, could not allow the Sepoys of the Guard to attend him, when he went out as formerly - It is but two days ago that he ever knew any thing of the matter; but on enquiry of the Fort Adjutant I understand that Lieutenant Colonel Campbell, who commanded during my absence, finding that the Sepoys of his Guard were carried out for Miles into the Country without his knowledge, he gave an order that no Sepoys should leave his Guard without his permission - and seeing the propriety of his order I confirmed it - Notwithstanding, when Sheriffjee, wants

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11. wants Sepoys upon any particular occasion, I will with pleasure grant them provided he makes the request to me, altho' Government never having mentioned Sherfojee to me, I ought to know, nothing about him, and it is therefore impossible for me to know what their wish is respecting him. On his arrival as you will bet, I gave him a small Guard.

In all Military Ideas, a Drummer with a Havildar's Guard is ridiculous he was therefore with-drawn.

I have the honor to be
Wa: Wa.
/Signed/ D. Baird
Col: Comm.t

Tanjore
7. September 1796

P.S.
as to a Company's Sepoy attending his Servants going for Water - it a thing never heard of.

a true Copy
/Signed/ alex.r Macleod
Rest.

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord,

From the Committee at Dindigul - reporting the result of their enquiry into the Complaints preferred by Tipsoo's Managers at Caroor, of the outrages and Depredations committed by Mootien in that Neighbourhood a Petition from two Merchants, respecting the seizure and detention of their goods in the Coimbatore Country also enclosed

We has the honor to receive your orders of the 9th Ultimo respecting Mootien, and in consequence called upon the Poligar of Veerapatchy to furnish us particular information in regard to the Conduct of this man, whom he had delivered up on the requisition of Mr. Wynch, as the Offender, pointed out in the letter of Complaints from the Tookeydar, Mahomed ally Beg - We also wrote to the Tookeydar, to send us without delay five, or ten people to prove the Guilt of the accused if well founded, observing that they must be able to identify the Person of Mootien -

Nos 1. 2. 11. & 13

Copies, and Translates of the answers from the Veerapatchy Polygar are transmitted herewith - it will therefore appear that Mootien was formerly

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" formerly the Head Inhabitant of the "
Village where the outrage is said to have
been Committed - and that having deserted
he attached himself first to Tombe Gounden
afterwards became a Vagabond, and then
settled in one of his / the Poligar's / Villages -
it also appears that the Poligar was
apprized of an attack having been
made upon the Village in question by
/ as he says / two, or three of Tombe "
Gounden's people - and that in an affray
which took place in consequence some
of the Village people were cut. —

An Answer was received to our
No. 344 Letter to the Tookeydar on the 3rd instant,
accompanied by five Inhabitants of "
the Villages where Mootiew had com"
=mitted outrages, two of whom exhibited
the Wounds they declared to have "
received in consequence - one being yet
unhealed we sent the man to Dr.
No. 546 Dalton, the Surgeon at this Station, "
requesting him to examine it, and "
Report by what Instrument he was of

Opinion

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opinion the Wound had been made, and how long since, - in reply, he gave it as his opinion that it had been given with a short cutting Instrument, which / from the Curvation of the Scars / appeared to have been a Nair's knife, as part of the Collar Bone had been cut through which respect to the period of its having taken place Dr Dalton judged from appearances - that it was 2, or three Months ago, but on this head, he said, it was impossible for him to speak with any precision. -

To satisfy ourselves whether the five Inhabitants had personal knowledge of Mootoo we kept them aside, and having sent for Mootoo from the Rock, where he was confined, we directed, before he was confronted with them, that his fetters should be taken off, and that he should be brought indiscriminately with eight, or ten other persons - in this state he came before us, and we then sent severally for the Inhabitants into the same Room, and desired each in the absence of the others to point out the person of Mootoo, which they did respectively without the least hesitation, - and on Mootoo being questioned regarding them, he recognized them, acknowledged that he had formerly belonged

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to the same Village, but denied that he had committed the outrage Complained of.— Five Inhabitants having been then examined, their depositions were taken down, and Sworn to — copies, and translates thereof are transmitted herewith for your Lordships information.—

Nos 7 to 11. & 14

On comparing this Evidence with the letter of Complaint from the Tohseldars translate of which accompanied your Lordships orders of the 9.th Ult.o a difference appeared in regard to the Statement of the Violence as said to have been committed by Mootoo:— the latter mentioned that two persons &.a named "Pylney Goundon and Sundacauma" had been Murdered;— whereas the former states the life of only one Man to have been lost, and neither of those above named are in consequence called for an explanation of this apparent inconsistency, and without the least hesitation we received the &.a following answer.— that immediately on the outrage having been committed an express went off to the Tohseldar to advise him of it, and from the first impulse &.a of General alarm Pylney Goundon and

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a Tintalcan/ meaning a Peon as expressed
in the original letter, not the name of a
person, as mistaken in the translation/ &
having been severely wounded they were
represented as murdered, but that they
both survived - that the former was the
person who attended upon us, whose wound
was examined by Dr. Dalton, and that the
latter left the Village from the apprehen-
sion of another attack, and could not be
found, or would have also attended - with
respect to the man who is declared to have
died in consequence of the treatment he &
received, and the other wounded person who &
waited upon us, it appears that these were
the consequences of an attack made by the
same Mootoo in 1794 on the Village of
Gurramcotah, about 7 miles from the
other Village, Munjiccumpatty, where the
last took place, and he is declared to have
tied their hands in a cloth which had
been dipped in Oil, and to have set fire
to it - the scar on the hand of the &
Wounded person was exhibited in proof
of this - and he appeared to have lost the

use

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11 rose of two of his fingers by the effect. — In the Translate of the Tahseeldar's Letter, transmitted by your Lordship, the Village where the last Violence was said to have been committed is called "Murya Compettu depending on Marandon," whereas the Name of the Village in the original is Muniyacumpettu - which is also distinguished by the appellation of "Peritmadoor," in the head Cutcherry — The Translation sent by Mr Wynch having been made by a Native these Mistakes may be readily reconciled.

Having considered all the Circumstances which had come before us - respecting the accused person - adverting to the Character given of him by the Veerapatchy Poligar - his having been in the service of Tombe Gounden, the Notorious Marauder - and the testimony of the Inhabitants - we were so satisfied of his guilt that in pursuance to your Lordship's orders

he

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11 he was yesterday dispatched under a Guard
to a Village on the Boundaries of the Dara=
=poram District, there to wait till Tippoo's
Asof, who was written to for the purpose,
should send to take charge of him - we take
the liberty to suggest to your Lordship the
propriety of Tippoo Sultaun being advised by
you of this transaction in order that there
may be no doubt of it's coming to his =
knowledge.

We take this occasion to forward to
your Lordship Copy, and translate of a Petition
presented to us by two Merchants
named Sultan Nowaten, and Ismael Nowaten,
complaining of a loss they have sustained in
the Coimbatore Districts consequent of some
articles of Merchandize having been inter=
=cepted, and detained by the Phouzdar, Said
Ameen, your Lordship will determine
whether a Reference on the subject should
be made to Tippoo Sultaun

No 5 & 6.

We have the Honor to be.
Yr: Yr:
Signed Wm Harington
" Wm Macleod

Dindigul
8th September 1796.

Received

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12 Received letter from Bombay entered in C. C. No 134 advising of his &
Substance of a letter from Bom Govt having Seized Eleven European Deserters, &
and of one of his people, employed on the
occasion, having died of his wounds.—

13 Received and Sent the undermen=
=tioned letters entered in M. B. No 79.
81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90.—

From Commandant at Pondicherry
From Colonel Brathwaite detailing his Sentiments on the subject
of the Tribunals of Justice - suggests &
their abolition - Sundry letters relating
to the subject also Submitted - with his
observations thereon.—

From Beach Master at Tuto=
From Mr Baggot =coryn - submitting sundry retrenchments
made by the Accomptant General from his
Charges on account of boat hire &c.—

From Commandant at Ditto
From Captain Davison with a Similar Reference respecting his
charge for House Rent Cuchally Hire &c.—

From Secretary at Bombay
From Mr Secretary Morris transmitting Copy of a letter from
Lieutenant C. Sheridan and advising of
an advance made to him in conse=
=quence.—

From

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From King's Deputy Paymaster General — transmitting his accounts current &c. Continuation to the 24th August.

From Lieutenant Colonel Bereford

From Military Auditor General — Reporting on Mr. Roebuck's additional & Estimate of Cash for September

From Colonel Sydenham

To late Contractor for Clothing — relieving him from the payment of Interest on the Balance due from him — the & Refund demanded on account of Clothing and Half Mounting supplied the 1st and 2d Revenue Battalions will also be dispensed with, on his giving a Satisfactory explanation on the subject.

To Mr. Lt. Brodie

To Military auditor General — transmitting Copy of a letter from Bengal and desiring his Report upon the subject of it.

To Military Board — trans= =mitting Invoices of Military Stores received per Thetis, and Bridgewater, also Accounts of Goods shipped thereon, & for which Certificates are required

To Military Board

To Board of Revenue — directing them to furnish Copies of Certain papers & Required by the Auditor General.

To Board of Revenue

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To Mr Secretary Barlow

To Secretary at Bengal - transmitting Mysore Intelligence. —

To Residents at Poonah and Hydrabad - with Ditto. —

To Residents at Hydrabad and Poonah

Ordered that the following Letter from the Board of Revenue, containing Report from different Collectors on the subject of Breeding Horses in the Carnatic and Northern Circars &c. &c. &c. Letters from Lieutenant Strachan and Colonel Brathwaite relative to the stud on the Islands of Delft and two Brothers, be now entered, that reference may be hereafter had to them, incase it should be determined to adopt the plans brought forward by Lieutenants Friend and Evans. —

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lords,

From Board of Revenue - submitting reports of different Collectors on Lieutenants Friend and Evans's plans for breeding horses in the Carnatic - observations thereon

On receipt of your Lordships Command under date the 17th February, requiring our opinion on two plans submitted by Lieutenants Evans and Friend for the Establishment of a breed of horses in the Northern Circars and Carnatic, we desired the Collectors in whose District it appeared to us the experiments

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13 experiment might be made, to ascertain and report such circumstances as appeared favorable or averse to its adoption, so far as connected with this Department.

The Novelty of the subject, the different points of enquiry which belong to it, but particularly the other important avocations of the Collectors, have, we presume, prevented our receiving all their replies to this late period - but as further delay might prove an inconvenience to the projectors, and of great loss to the public in deferring the institution of a scheme which promises important advantages if brought to Maturity, we have judged it expedient to lay those sentiments thereon

Vide Reports from the Collectors &c. masulipatam Guntoor Chicacole and Ganjam Entered in Rev: Consult: March 9.th April and and June 1795

The Plan of Lieutenant Evans seems well Calculated for the attainment of the end proposed, and the situation he has made choice of for carrying it into execution, appears to us, from the Remarks of Mess.rs Sydgrafs, Bransfill and Wranghan, to be in every point of view, particularly well adapted for the purpose - We could however appear, from the opinions of these Gentlemen,

Entered in Revenue Consultations &c 26.th March 1795 20.th and April.

that

13 that his Estimate of the Cost of a three years old Colt, is too low, including Casualties, but if it even amounted to the sum which Mr Snodgrass seems to think a reasonable Calculation Viz: 96 Madras Pagodas, it certainly must be considered moderate, and when we advert to the Magnitude of the Object in a Political point of view we hesitate not to pronounce it an undertaking deserving the Liberal encouragement of Government.

The introduction of this Scheme as it relates to the Inhabitants, under Vigilant Superintendance will, we have every reason to believe, be easy, and may lead to their becoming with due encouragement Breeders of Horses on their own Account for the service of Government

We cannot however concur with Mr Snodgrass in his Remark in allusion to the Ryots taking charge of the Mares: he observes, "tis well known that in all "Country Governments / Tippoo Sultaun's not "excepted / less proportionate Revenues are "drawn from the Country than in the

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"provinces held by the Company and it is
"therefore that under the former, customs
"may obtain without oppressing the subject
"which if superadded to the high payments
"made by the Inhabitants of the latter,
"would be found Severely grievous."

The data here assumed by Mr. M.
Snodgrass we are of opinion is incorrect, and
that upon investigation it would be found
the reverse is the fact, so far as it relates
to the division of the produce between
the Inhabitants and the Circar, indeed it
appears from Captain Read's Minute
Researches into this subject, that deviations
from the established rules of Division fre=
=quently took place in the Ceded Countries
when under Mysore, not founded on prosperity,
but dictated by the favour or oppression of
Amildars, and particularly mentions, that
a few years ago, in the Salem Country,
an arbitrary increase upon the Inhabi=
=tants of 5 ₰ Cent had been assessed, and
in the Baramahl of 12¼ ₰ Cent, or one =
fourth above the Regular Standard, and
the same Arbitrary proceeding appears
to have been observed by his Managers
in the Districts dependent on Dindigul.

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13 The Plan adopted by Tippoo, allowed to by Lieutenant Evans, appears to have been liberal — for in the first instance advanced the Ryots who agreed to undertake the charge, one or two Hundred Rupees for the purchase of a mare — to preserve a good breed two Stallions were sent into each district by the Circar, and kept at its expence, and positive orders given that no mare should be covered, but by them, when report was made of a mare having foaled to enable the owner to take proper care, of the Mare and foal, another advance of one hundred Rupees was made by the Circar, when one year and a half old the Foals were ordered to be broken in, at two they were sent to the Hoozoor to be purchased, and the prices given from 2 to 500 Rupees each, according to their appearance, deducting the advances made from the purchase Money

We are of opinion that it should be left entirely to the Collector to issue orders to such Villages as the Superintendant may point out to be most Eligible

for

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13 for stationing the Mares to receive charge
of them, we cannot however recommend that
the Collector should have interference with the
detail care of them in any shape, but the
the charge and responsibility to rest with the
Superintendant to whom it will be the
Collectors duty, as it will certainly be his
inclination, to give every possible general
support in the execution of his trust, and
we doubt not that in his tour of inspection
to make choice of the best situated Villages,
the Superintendant will be able perfectly to
Reconcile the Inhabitants to his plan, &
particularly in that part of the Country,
where he has been so long resident.

On the plan proposed by Lieutenant
Friend it appears unnecessary for us to &
enter into any particular discussion, as
the Collector of the Sapphire, where it is &
proposed to have effect has pointed out
those parts of it which appear objection=
=able, in particular the appropriation
of lands in Farm to the Superintendant,
he has at the same time so fully &
detailed the advantages which he is of
opinion

Mr. Place report
entered in Revenue
Consult. 2d April 1796

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opinion will follow its adoption under
the Modifications proposed, whether in
respect to Revenue, the Inhabitants, or the
public, that we cannot doubt of its meeting
your Lordships encouragement, more
especially as the success of the respective
Plans will be the means of establishing
upon certain grounds, the best method
of rearing Horses, and both embrace the
ultimate object of inducing the Natives
to undertake it.

The Fort of Carangoody, as repre-
=sented by Mr Place, appears to be the
situation in the Jaghire best adapted
for making the experiment which might
also to be the residence of the Super-
=intendant; how far it may be convenient
to clear out the Fort in the manner
proposed by Mr Place by the aid of
Lascars rests with your Lordship to
determine; as already observed in
regard to Lieutenant Evans the
Superintendant should be held solely
responsible for the charge committed

to

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13 to him, and make his Reports direct to
Government, or to the Military Board, as
as may be deemed by your Lordship most
proper, and the Mares and foals be subject
to the inspection of the Master Master,
the necessary arrangements between the
Superintendant and the Collector, can
easily be made so far as the Inhabi-
tants are concerned, and we are satis-
fied he may rely upon the Zealous
exertions of Mr. Place in following
up the great public object he had
in view.

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

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4th July 1795

(Signed) Edwd. Saunders
" Chas. N. White
" Tho.s Cockburn
" Wm. Harington

List

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List of the Packet

No. 1. From Mr. Tho.s Sandgrass ... dated 10.th April 1795
2. From Mr. B.n Bransfee ... do ... 6.th do ... do
3. From Mr. D. Wrangham ... do ... 9.th March do
4. From Mr. A.W. Gregory ... do 2.d April do
5. From Mr. G. a: Raw ... do 15.th March do
6. From Mr. Lionel Place ... do 30 March do
7. From Mr. M.c Keating ... do 7.th June do
8. From Mr. W. Balfour ... do 15.th do do
9 Letter to Government ... dated ... 4.th July 1795

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4.th July 1795

I Lt.gov.d H. R. Lushington
Actg Dep.y Sec.y

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

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

My Lord,

Report of Lieut.t Graham Thachan respecting the Trading Stud on the Islands of Delft and two Brothers.

I have the Honor to inform your Lordship that I was detached from Manar, by Lieutenant Colonel Campbell, on the 9.th Instant, with a party of the 7.th Battalion, and arrived, and took possession of this Island the 10.th in the Morning

Captain

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Captain Maybrinke Commandant of the Islands of Delft and two Brothers, and Inspector of the Breeding Stud, has delivered to me an Inventory of property belonging to the Dutch Company at both places, a translation of which, together with a Register of the Stud, I have transmitted to Colonel Campbell for your Inspection

Since the Capture of Trincomallee, the Brood Mares have been totally neglected, and are consequently in a wretched Condition, The Stallions, Ten in Number, are in better order, seven of them are Serviceable, and may be Drafted into the Regiments of Native Cavalry, although from their age they will be no great acquisition. The Brood Mares are in general clean, Limbed, Bony, well framed, and most of them in Foal, many of the Fillies and Colts are very promising—

The Portuguese, are said to have been the first, who established a Breeding Stud on this Island, and from what the Inhabitants

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13 Inhabitants relate, as well as from the Extensive Ranges of Stables now in view, it appears to have been formerly on a very respectable footing, The Dutch have allowed it to go to Decay, and by Constantly only their annual Gains, have nearly succeeded in debasing, and destroying, the original Race, which was, beyond a doubt, of Arab and Persian Extraction

The Stallions are mostly aged, some of them under sized, and Consequently, as Breeders, of little value.

Of the Brood Mares, about Seventy, not including some promising Fillies, are sound and fresh; and if Matched with proper Horses, would produce an Offspring fit for any service. I have mentioned above, that most of the Mares are in Foal, whatever therefore, may be your Lordship's determination respecting the Stud, it would be dangerous, in their present State, to remove them from hence.

&c

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The Island of Delft is from Eighteen to twenty English miles in Circumference, the whole a Rock, Superficially Covered with a light marly Soil, it produces in abundance the finest Grass for Pasture or Hay, and is well supplied with springs of Fresh water, most kinds of any Grain are sown and thrive here, but Paddy from the want of a proper Depth of Soil, or sufficient supply of water, is never Cultivated, The North and North west Quarters of the Island, are well stocked with Palmira, Cocoa Nut and other Trees, towards the South are extensive Plains, and enclosures, which furnish, after the Rains, an ample provision of Hay for the Stud during the Dry months, By Public Returns upwards of 12,000 head, of Black Cattle, the property of the Inhabetants, are fed on the Island, from which stock, it would be easy to furnish the Garrisons of Jaffna and Manar, or any Detachments on the West Coast of Ceylon, with a

Constant

13 Constant supply of fresh provision during the North east Monsoon

Four hundred families, amounting to nearly 2000 Souls inhabit the Island, have lands portioned out to them, and are besides allowed to Graze, a stipulated Number of Cattle, In consideration of these Previleges, by an ancient Law, or agreement, Each male after the age of twenty, is obliged, when called on, to Contribute his services towards the Support of the Fort, to furnish a Dayly proportion of Grass for the Stables, to Cut and prepare Hay in the season, and keep the enclosures in repair, the Heads of Families are also obliged to pay a Capitation Tax, a Duty on their Palmira Trees, and to furnish annually a certain quantity of the Chaye Root, which grows, tho' not in plenty, on the Island

It is now nearly a twelve month since I took the Liberty to suggest the Practicability and advantage of establishing a Breeding Stud on the Coast, the present instance demonstrates the facility with which

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13 which it may be accomplished, and furnishes the means of Laying a foundation, should Government adopt the Idea; and encourage the prosecution of such a plan, I should be happy (while the Corps remains inactive) to contribute my best endeavours, and the little knowledge I may have acquired in ten years service with the Cavalry, to render it successful - Many situations on the Coast are well calculated for the support of a Stud of Brood Mares, but should this small Island remain annexed, to the + British Empire, there are certainly none, where it could be subsisted at so small an expence to the public - Captain Meybrinke, who has had the direction of this Stud since the year 89, has favoured me with the accompanying information respecting it and the Island

I have the honor to be
Sir: Your
Island of Delft
October 26th 1795
(Signed) Alex: Strachan
Lieut.t of Cavalry

Abstract

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Abstract of the Brood mares and Fillies &c reported by Lieutenant Strahan

Brood Mare Serviceable 1 ..... No 1.
1 ..... do 2
1 ..... do 3
1 ..... do 4.
1 ..... do 6.
1 ..... do 7.
1 ..... do 8.
1 ..... do 9.
1 ..... do 10
1 ..... do 12.
1 ..... do 13.
1 ..... do 14
1 ..... do 15
1 ..... do 16
1 ..... do 17.
1 ..... do 18.
1 ..... do 19.
1 ..... do 20.
1 ..... do 21.
1 ..... do 22.
1 ..... do 23
1 ..... do 24
1 ..... do 25
1 ..... do 26
1 ..... do 27
1 ..... do 28.
1 ..... do 29.
1 ..... do 30
1 ..... do 31.
1 ..... do 34
1 ..... do 37
1 ..... do 38
1 ..... do 39.
1 ..... do 40.
1 ..... do 41.
1 ..... do 43
1 ..... do 44.
1 ..... do 45

Carried over ... 38.

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13	Broughtower	38	
	Brood Mares Serviceable	1	No 46.
		1	do 47.
		1	do 48.
		1	do 49
		1	do 50
		1	do 51
		1	do 52
		1	do 53
		1	do 54
		1	do 55
		1	do 56
		1	do 57.
		1	do 58
		1	do 59
		1	do 60
		1	do 61
		1	do 62
		1	do 63
		1	do 64
		1	do 65
		1	do 66
		1	do 67.
		1	do 68
		1	do 69
		1	do 70
		1	do 71.
		1	do 72
		1	do 73
		1	do 74
		1	do 75
		1	do 76
		1	do 77.
		1	do 78.
		1	do 79.
		1	do 80.
		1	do 81
		1	do 82
		1	do 83
			Carried over 76.

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Brought over		76.
Brood Mares serviceable	1	No 84
	1	do 85
	1	do 86.
	1	do 87.
	1	do 88.
	1	do 90.
	1	do 91.
	1	do 93
	1	do 94
	1	do 99
	1	do 102.
	1	do 103
	1	do 104.
	1	do 105
	1	do 107.
	1	do 108
	1	do 109
	1	do 110.
	1	do 111.
	1	do 112
	1	do 114
	1	do 115
	1	do 116.
	1	do 117.
	1	do 118.
	1	do 119.
	1	do 120.
	1	do 121.
	1	do 123
	1	do 126
Filly lately foales	1	do 82.
Total	107.	

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Brood Mares Unserviceable 1. No 5
1. do 11
1. do 30
1. do 33
1. do 35
1. do 36.
1. do 42
1. do 89
1. do 92
1. do 95
1. do 96
1. do 97.
1. do 98
1. do 100
1. do 101.
1. do 106.
1 do 113
1. do 122.

Total 18

Fillies - Three years old, promising 1. No 16
& very promising. 1. do 20
1. do 33
1. do 48
1. do 57
1. do 58.
1. do 80

Total 7.

Fillies - Two years old & upwards 1 No 1.
promising and very 1. No 10
promising 1. No 11
1. No 12.
1. No 13
1. No 15
1. No 17.
1. No 24
1. No 27
1. No 28
1. No 29
1. No 42
1. No 44
1. No 51.
1. No 52.
1. No 53
1. No 55
1. No 60

Total 18

Fillies

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13 Fillies - one year old Kupwards of 1. No. 2 promising and very promising

1. No 3
1. No 6
1. No 7
1. No 9
1. No 14
1. No 21.
1. No 22.
1. No 25
1. No 26.
1. No 30
1. No 33.
1 No 34
1. No 35
1. No 36.
1. No 39
1. No 40
1. No 43
1. No 45
1. No 49.
1. No 59.
1. No 61.
1. No 66.
1. No 68.

Total . 24

Fillies under one year old, promising 1 No. 4 and very promising

1 No 5
1 do 8
1 do 32.
1. do 41.
1. do 46
1. do 54
1. do 56
1. do 64
1. do 65
1. do 70
1. do 71
1. do 72
1. do 73
1. do 74
1. do 75
1. do 79

Total . . 17.

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Abstract Fillies

Promising Very promising three years old --- 7.

Two years old and upwards. } 18

One years old and upwards. } 24

Under one year old } 17.

Total --- 66

Fillies to be sold as unfit. 1 --- No 18.

1 --- do 23.

1 --- do 31.

1 --- do 37.

1 --- do 38.

1 --- do 47.

1 --- do 50.

1 --- do 62.

1 --- do 63.

1 --- do 67.

1 --- do 69.

1 --- do 76.

1 --- do 77.

1 --- do 78.

1 --- do 81.

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Total --- 81.

To Lieutenant Strachan

of the Cavalry

Sir,

I cannot decline communicating to you my Ideas concerning the Stud of Horses

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Horses on this Island; and as you have
had an opportunity of examining its
Pasture, and are also acquainted with the
number of horses that have been bred
on it for some years back I trust your
opinions will coincide with my own

On examining the Soil it
will appear evident that it possesses
every requisite for producing and feeding
the first horses. Experience has shewn
that a Soil similar to that of this
Island produces, healthy, active, strong,
and Serviceable horses, with nervous
Limbs, and a hard Hoof, capable of subsis-
-ting on a Slender Diet; all Qualities
held in the highest Estimation. —

The Grass which this Land
produces is of the best Quality - short,
sweet, and nourishing - the fields produce
for six Months grass sufficient for
3000 horses, and Hay may be made
in sufficient Quantity to subsist them

for

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for the Remainder of the year - The water is very good, as you will no doubt have observed, and uncommonly so at the Spot called the thousand Wells. —

The Inhabitants of the Island amount to the Number of about 2000 — out of whom there are about 400 Men able to pay the Capitation Tax, and to work in care of the Stud - which they are bound to attend - their Ordinary Duty is to bring Grass for the Horses to the Stable - and to make the Hay, which they readily do without pay; the Recompence for their Labour consisting in the previledge of sowing and Cultivating the ground - For in this Island none of the Ground can be sold, or become individual property - the whole belonging of Right to the Company - the Inhabitants have however the Liberty of Cultivating as much as they may require for their Subsistence free of all Tax or Demand

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13 Demand whatsoever — The Capitation & Tax and Duty on Palmira produced to the Company annually Rx ℔ Dol.s 289 — and the Chayah Rent ℔ about 150 Rx Dol.s — These trifling ℔ Taxes being relinquished in favor of the Inhabitants will contribute to their Happiness and to their alacrity in working for the support of the ℔ Stud. —

Of the Number of 400 ℔ Inhabitants there are 20 or 24 who are employed in tending the Horses at Grass and those in the Stable: these alone draw pay at the Rate ℔ of 1 Rix Dollar and 3 fanams ℔ p Month each. —

The Servants attached to the Stud are. —

One

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one Sub Inspector ---- Pay p Month Rx Dll ... 18
one ---- Ditto ---- 15
4 Horsekeepers at 6 Rx 8c each p month ... 24
21 Natives ... at 1 Rx Dll 3 fanams ---- 26. 3.

Total ... 83. 3.

which for one year amounts to ... Rx Dll. 999.
2000 Parahs of Paddy p year Cost ... 625
Medicines and other Necessaries ... 140

Total Cost of the Stud for one year Rx Dll 1764

In this Sum is not included the Pay of the Superviser which was very inconsiderable.

For the three last years the Stud was composed of 10 Stallions, and 105 Brood Mares, who usually produced 85 Colts and Fillies in a year, - The 4 Colts are generally sold when three years old at the rate of 150 Rx Dll. each - I have already told you Sir that on my arrival here in the year 1789, I found only 5 Stallions and 80 old Brood Mares who have

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almost all died since that time - and the total Number including colts was 118.—

. — The Stud is at present composed of.—

Stallions of foreign Breed 2
Do. of this Country — 8 } Stallions — 10

Breed Mares — 124

Colts — 37

Fillies — 82

Total — 253

Colts on the Island of the two Brothers — 27.

Total Number of the Stud — 280

Since the month of Jan. March 1790 — 137 Horses have been turned out from the Stud which have either been sold or received into the Company's Stables.—

You will observe on a little reflection that I have done every thing in my power to benefit the Company by the Number of Horses furnished from

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from the Stud, since I have had the
Management of it. I feel however so
much concerned that the Company
have not enabled me to improve the
horses in their Size and Figure so
which they might have done so
by providing at least some good
Stallions of Weight and Cast.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant,
/Signed/ P. F. Van Meybrinke

Attest Translation
/Signed/ George Parry
Act. J. French Translator

Delft
25th October 1795

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

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

My Lord,

In obedience to your Lordship's commands, conveyed to me in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 4th Instant, I have now the honor to lay before your Lordship my sentiment on the Stud lately captured on the Islands the Delft and Brothers, and on Lieutenant Colonel Campbell's Report thereon.

From Colonel Wrathwaite submitting his sentiments on the breeding Studs Captured on the Islands of Delft and two Brothers.

The information these contain is in a great degree satisfactory, but I conceive that many more particulars relative to the subject must be ascertained, before a decided judgment can be formed relative to the final measure which should be taken by Government to render the Establishment capable of producing horses of the proper size and strength, and in the greatest number that the accommodation on the two Islands above mentioned will permit.

I shall first advert to what I think should be immediately done towards improving the Stud, on the strength of the information before me, and then detail those

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13 those points on which I think Lieutenant Strachan should be called upon for farther information

On inspection of the Register it is evident, that the eight Stallions numbered from three to ten inclusive, should be sold off, and that to answer present purposes four, six, or eight if they can be found choice horses should be selected as Stallions from His Majesty's 19.th Regiment and the 3rd Regiment of Native Cavalry, or the lots of horses now expected to the Southward, if they arrive in time, and forwarded to Lieutenant Strachan without delay, I say to answer present purposes, because, the greatest part of the Mares being in foal will in general soon require the Horses, and because I take it for granted that arabs of the proper Cast and size to answer as Stallions cannot so possibly be procured for some time to come, the selection of the Horses above mentioned may be left to Colonel Floyd

of the Brood Mares and Fillies as entered in the Register I enclose an abstract by which it appears that eighteen as marked by Numbers, should be sold off, as being past breeding from age

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or evidently too small, of the remainder I must allow that many are under size, but as they are generally in foal or ^ marked sound and well fashioned and being bred on the Island may be considered as having the advantage of foreign mares from the Climate being Congenial to them, I would therefore recommend their being permitted to remain on the Establishment, till the Stud can with convenience be ^ thoroughly weeded

From the abstract your Lordship will also perceive that of the Fillies there are of the Descriptions "promising" and "very "promising," seven, three years old and upwards, eighteen two years old and upwards, twenty four, one year old and upwards, and Seventeen under one year old, making in all of the two descriptions above stated sixty six, and that fifteen as marked by numbers should be sold off, as being sickly, small, or weakly, and unpromising.

The nine Colts being all inserted as "promising" or "very promising," except one, should be kept on the establishment, for the excepted one being only twelve month's old may recover and flourish, from the Superior care which will now of course be taken of him

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If what I have proposed is adopted, the present Stud will consist in Stallions of four, six, eight or ten according as they may be found to add to the two now on the Islands, one hundred and Seven Brood Mares / one of the Fillies having lately foaled / sixty six Fillies, and nine Colts, but as seven of the Fillies are three years old and upwards, they may be classed with the Brood Mares which will then amount to one hundred and fourteen, leaving fifty nine Fillies.

In regard to the Establishment of its Servants kept up for the Stud by the Dutch, I can only say, that it appears to me very reasonable, and to argue strongly in favor of the Islands in question being well calculated for the purpose to which they have been so long appropriated, / I believe first by the Portuguese / and that it should be continued untile further orders.

I have said that four, six, or eight Stallions / if they can be found / should be selected from the Southern Cavalry to answer present purposes only, and that some Mares that are under size may be retained on the establishment till it can be thoroughly weeded

This

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This I have stated under the idea that even on the information before me, Lieutenant Montgomery should be immediately directed to purchase at least thirty or forty mares of the Marattoe or Cothiwar Cast, of between four and five years old, not under fourteen hands two inches, and of the proper roomy form for breeding, and that Mr Manesby should be written to, that Government is in want of ten Arab Horses to serve as Stallions, the size, colour, and form of which to be described, and that if he will send round horses of such description they will be sure to meet with a ready sale, the arabs need not I think be required to be above fourteen hands one inch, though it may be desirable to have them taller if well fashioned, it being rare to meet with an arab Horse with the proper qualities above that size, the Govern=ment of Bombay may also be written to, to the above effect, as some fine arabs are occasionally brought thither for Sale—

Having taken the above measures for the immediate improvement of the Stud, I would previous to the adoption of further measures call on Lieutenant Strachan for a Statement containing an

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13 an estimate of the expence incurred annually
by the Dutch Company in keeping:—
The Stallions per Head
Brood Mares . Do
Colts or Fillies first year Do
Colts or Fillies 2cond year Do
Having submitted this Statement which should
Contain the grounds on which the estimate under
each head is formed, he should give a particular
detail of the mode of keeping and treatment
hitherto observed in regard to each description
of the Stud, annexing his own ideas as to any
alterations or improvements which should be
adopted in regard to care and feeding towards
rendering the Breed sufficiently large and strong
for our purpose, and subjoin an estimate of
the additional expence which would be
incurred by his proposed improvements in
those articles, / which however he may be
authorised immediately to introduce that
no time may be lost, / to which should
be added his opinion as to the greatest
number of Brood Mares that might
be maintained at an establishment on
the two Islands, allowing the Colts to be
drawn off to the Cavalry at two years old,
I take it for granted the above Statement
will explain the particular aid afforded
the

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the stand by the Villages of the two Islands as alluded to by Lieutenant Strachan

Government having the above information before it will be able to judge of the extent to which the establishment of mares should be maintained, and what measures should be further pursued for rendering that establishment in every respect efficient.

I have the honor to enclose a letter addressed to your Lordship by Colonel Floyd, and beg leave to recommend that his request may be complied with, both I & think that though he himself has made the proposal it is scarcely fair to take from him two horses for one delivered to him, and that if he replaces the horse he takes with one serviceable Horse it is as much as he ought to do.

I have the honor to be with great respect

My Lord

Your Lordships very obedient Servant

(Signed) John Braithwaite

A.C.

Head Quarter
Choultry Plain
November 7th 1795

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor President

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esqr

Tuesday 13th September 1796.

and

Ernst William Tallofield Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. —

Read the following letters from Mr. Macleod. —

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Resident at Tanjore - complains of the Interference of the Commandant in his Official duty - represents Safeguis Embarassment in consequence of Colonel Baird's having refused to allow the Company's Sepoys to attend him as usual - and the Rajah's indirect Endeavours of obtaining the Restoration of his Country

I am sorry to be under the necessity of laying before your Lordship the enclosed Copy of a correspondence with Colonel Baird in consequence of his ordering certain Inhabitants of the Trivady Soubah to appear before him and deciding on a dispute between

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between them and others. It would be superfluous to dwell on the mischiefs and embarrassments that must, probably, ensue by an interference of those orders of Government which prescribe rules for the Jurisdiction of Collectors.

What Colonel Baird alludes to in the latter part of his letter by the Complaints and Representations merely a private note from the Engineer to me stating that the Contractor's people had informed him that a Cavelan had stopped Bamboos which had been cut in consequence of a public order coming from the Country for the Repair of quarters in Tanjore. In consequence of this I wrote a private note to Colonel Baird stating what I heard the Contractor's people had mentioned. Immediately upon this the Colonel sent for the Engineer and as I understood put him in arrest.

Had the Engineer made any public Representation of the Materials for the quarters being stopped in the Country, I should have sent to remove the Impediment,

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Impediment, immediately from the Cut=

=cherry.

I have been obliged to address Colonel Baird, as per Copy of my Letter No 31 in conse=quence of a Complaint made to me by Sherfoge relative to restrictive orders issued to the Havildars Guard which attended him. Sherfoge feels very much hurt at what he considers, and what the Natives must consider, the Indignity offered him, In speaking of it he told me that at Madras, where a much larger Military Detail than a Havildars Guard, attended him, it was occasionally diminished when the public service required it, but that such Diminution was always preceded by a Message thro' Mr Gericke giving notice that it was to take place, He owned to impute this Change to the Restoration of the Rajahs Country

It is highly expedient that some Military attendance should constantly shew to the Tanjore people that Sherfoge is under the protection of the Company.

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The Tanjoreans are usually an insolent set of people, especially the Retainers of the Palace, and particularly at the period of restoring the Soubahs to his Excellency - some of these parade the Street attended, by a train of armed followers - Indeed the general behaviour of the Rajah's advisers, at this moment requires check rather than encouragement - there is among them an impatience and Precipitancy which may prove detrimental to the Company's Interest in several points particularly the adjustment of Matters with his Excellency & relative to the Grain remaining in the Soubah of Trivady - late in the Evening of the 5th Instant, I informed the Rajah, personally, of my acceptance of the Security for the advances made by the Collectors, and that his Soubahs should be immediately restored in consequence, the next day a Salute of one hundred and forty Guns from Tanjore announced to all the Country the restoration of the Soubahs - A Step of this nature should not

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not have been adopted till an official notice had been duly transmitted to the other Collectors, and to the public Servants in Trivady who were in charge of the Grain; at any rate, previous to the Salute, as a Public proclamation had been made on the Soubahs coming into the Company's management / a Proclamation of the same nature would have been proper and expedient, especially for the purpose of intimating to those in public Stations a change by which the mode of conducting certain points of their public duty would necessarily be altered

I have the honor to be
Wm. Wm.
/Signed/ Alexr. Macleod
Resr.

Tanjore
6th September 1796.

Colonel Baird
Commanding Tanjore

Sir,

The principal Engineer South of the Coleroon having made application to

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to me, some time since, for an order, that might facilitate the purchase of Bamboos from the Inhabitants of Trivadi for the repairs of Company's Quarters in Tanjore, I issued the necessary directions for that purpose.

Yesterday Morning you Sent a Havildar into the Country and stopped a quantity of Bamboos coming in for the above repairs, and you ordered certain Inhabitants of the Trivadi Soubah to come before you, and you proceeded to examine them on the plea of their Bamboos having been irregularly taken by Servants of the Contractor for repairs: after this Examination you passed a decision regarding the Price to be paid for the Bamboos.

I apprehend that if any Inhabitant had been aggrieved he would applied to me for Redress. I must also think it would have been proper, had you heard of Inhabitants suffering such a grievance, to have given Notice to me of the same that the Matter might have been decided by lawful Authority

With

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Fort Selegar 13th September 1796.

with respect to your sending the Militia
Cavalier into the Country I beg leave to refer
you to the G: Orders Viz.

" Whenever there shall be any of the
"Honble Company's Troops at a Revenue Station,
"the Commanding Officer shall on no account, of
"his own authority detach any Sepoys, either
"singly, or in parties beyond their quarters, to
"upon any service whatever, except at requisition
"in writing of the Collector of the Station at
"which he is fixed. I have the Honor to be

Sir: Your

/Signed/ Alex: Macleod Colo.

A true Copy

/Signed/ Alex: Macleod Colo.

To Alexander Macleod Esqr.

Sir,

I have received both your letter of this
Yesterday and this date, and in answer
shall now nearly repeat what I wrote to
you yesterday

In your first you acquaint me
that

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that Lieutenant De Haviland had not made application to you in a public manner, which astonishes me as he told me had in writing and by direction of Major Trapaud who, you inform me had indented on you for Bamboos, for the repairs of quarters of this Garrison, which has surprized me much as the indent never was presented for my signature, without which it ought not to have been complied with particularly as the Engineers are prohibited from having any connection whatever in supplying materials for the Repairs of quarters or any works - you say you hope that I will reconsider the matter, alluding to my sending out the Havildar on the 2d instant to protect the Inhabitants from being plundered of their Bamboos, by people under my immediate authority, the Engineers and Contractors Servants; you may be assured that whenever any

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any Inhabitant complains to me of any injury or injustice done by any person under me, that I shall consider it my duty from Honor and humanity, to enquire into the Complaint, as I did yesterday; by sending the Havildar to stop the Bamboos / by the by at the foot of the Glacis / and ordered both parties to come before me yesterday Morning when I settled the business to the satisfaction of all, to Wit, the Bamboos to be given to the Contractor's people they paying the fair Buzar price, and not what is called the Company's which is but half.

In your letter of this day you seem to lay great stress on the Inhabitants not bringing their Complaints to you of any injustice done them, but that they should come and lay their grievances before me and claim my protection. I can only account for their coming to me from their always meeting with immediate

Redress

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redress of their grievances if well founded and I have much pleasure in reflecting that my Conduct has been such as to induce the Inhabitants to place so much confidence in my justice.

I thank you for the information, you are pleased to give me in both your letters and also your quotation from General orders "that it is irregular to send any Military person, Peon, or Cavilar out of quarters, without requisition from the Collector," but notwithstanding, I shall send them whenever I find it necessary, and in return for your attention I beg leave also to give you some information that it is irregular in you to receive any Complaint or Representations or to Comply with any indents from any person under my authority without their coming immediately through me.

I have now only to request that when you forward your own letters on this subject to Government that you will also forward my answer.

I have the honor to be

Tanjore
4th September 1796

Wm. Wall
/Signed/ D. Baird Col.

a true Copy
/Signed/ Alexr. Macleod
Colo.

Colonel

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Colonel Baird
Commanding Tanjore

Sir,

Sherfojee has made a Complaint to me, in very pointed terms of the refusal of the Havildar, Sheik Madar of the 36th Battalion, who Commands his Guard, to let any of the Sepoys of it accompany him as usual when he goes out - Sheik Madar declared, while I was present with Serfojee, Yesterday, that he received orders personally from you, and the Fort Adjutant, to remain at the house where Sherfojee lives, but on no account to let him be attended by any of the Sepoys when he went out, whenever the Havildar got the above orders, it appears from his Declara-tion and Conduct that he had received them. —

As I am bound to see that every due attention is paid to Sherfojee I cannot pass by the present Change in the Con-duct of his Guard without representing it, and requesting that you will be pleased

to

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to issue such orders as may put these Matters on the usual footing; and if at any future period the public service should make a change necessary, that you will please to give me previous notice of the same for Sherfojee's information.

Sherfojee also states and the Havildar confirms it, that a diminution was made in the Number of the Military allotted for him by the Dessauve being withdrawn, and that the Sepoys are prevented from going, as usual, with his people for the daily supply of Water for his use from the Tank in the little fort.

I have the Honor to be
Wth Wt:
/Signed/ A. Macleod Rest

a true Copy
/Signed/ Alex. Macleod
Rest

The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Tanjore
13th September 1796.

From the Resident at Tanjore - with Copies of his orders to the Collector for restoring the Country to the Rajah's Servants Dismissal made by Mr Grant on the occasion

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship Copy of letter / No 1 / from

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from me to Mr. Grant which with a letter to
same effect for Mr. Balmain, were delivered
to the Rajahs people on the 3rd Instant. I received
this day from Mr. Grant a letter of which I
enclose a Copy / No 2 /.

Nos 1 and 2 Vide letter from Mr. Grant 8th September

I have sent to Mr. Grant for express
Appeal the authenticated Copy required by him
of that part of your Lordships letter of the 16th Ult.
which authorizes me to deliver the Soubahs —
At the same time it seems to me that the
Special Signature to my Public letter of the 23
Instant, stating the orders I had received from
Government, is as much a proof of my having
received them, as my Signature authenticating
the Extract can be.

My letter for the delivery of Manar-
-goody was an Exact copy of that for the delivery
of Myaveram, and Mr. Balmain complied
with it immediately.

I have the honor to be
Wa: Wa:
/Signed/ Alex.r Macleod
Tanjore Rd.
9th September 1796.

Ordered that a letter be written
to the Commanding Officer at Tanjore, directing
that the Guard allotted for Serfoje be not Reviewed
or Inspired, without a previous communication
with

Minute on the two foregoing Letters from the Resident of Tanjore

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with the Resident, whose Consent must be necessary to the Measure and that a part of the Guard be always in Readiness to attend Serfoge when he goes abroad, if he should so signify his wish to that effect.—

Read the following Letter from Mr. Francis alexander Grant.—

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

Sir,

From Mr. F. A. Grant. state the cause of his Demur in Relinquishing his charge on Mr. Macleods orders.—

I beg leave to enclose for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, Copy of a letter I have just received from Mr. alexander Macleod, the Resident at Tanjore, together with a Copy of my Reply thereto, and to hope that my Conduct as therein stated, will not appear exceptionable to the Honorable Board.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
Obedt. Hble Servt.
(Signed) Frans. alex. Grant.
Coll.

Mayaveram
8th. September 1796.

Francis

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Francis Alexander Grant Esqr.
Collector
Mayaveram

Sir.

His Excellency having furnished Security for the Amount due from the Inhabitants on account of Warieum Wz. the Soubas are to be immediately delivered over to him according to orders I have received from Government.—

This will be presented to you by the person named by the Rajah to take charge of Mayaveram.—

It is stipulated in the agreement with the Rajah that each Collector is to authenticate by the Inhabitants the Sums received by, and due from them to the Honble Company

I have the honor to be

Tanjour
2d September
1796.

Wz: Wz:
/Signed/ Alexr. Macleod
Resident.

a true Copy
/Signed/ Frans. Alexr. Grant
Collr.

Alexander

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Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Resident at
Tanjour

Sir,

Your letter of the 2d Instant was delivered to me about an hour ago, but as I have not received any Communication from my Superiors at Madras, by whom this Soubah was confided to my Superintendance, respecting the Surrender of it to His Excellency the Rajah, and as your letter is unaccompanied by any Authority which in the relation we bear to each other I can construe into an order, I feel myself under the necessity of refusing the Relinquishment of a trust thus reposed in me, untill you shall be pleased to furnish me with an authenticated Copy of the orders you state to have received from Government on the subject.

I have the honor to be
Wd. Wr.
/Signed/ Frant. Alex.r Grant
Coll.r

Mayaveram
2d September 1796.

a true Copy.
/Signed/ Frant. Alex.r Grant
Coll.r

agreed

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Agreed to inform Mr. Grant that the Resident at Tanjore had the authority of the Government to send orders to the Collectors to restore the Districts to the Servants of the Rajah — and that he is therefore to consider Mr. Macleod's letter of the 2d. inst. in the same light, as if it had been addressed to him immediately from the Board.

Resolutions passed upon the letters from the Court of Directors in the Military Department dated 22d April and 4th May 1796.

The Board now proceed to pass the necessary orders and Resolutions on the Honorable Court's commands dated the 22d of April and 4th of May 1796.

General Letter
Military Department
22d April 1796.

Para 1st to the said Regulations by which the Officers are to draw their pay on Furlough, or when retiring from the service, under the new Military Arrangement

Ordered that the Company's Regulations by which the Officers are to draw their pay on Furlough, or when retiring from the service, be immediately published in General Orders for the information of the Army

General

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General Letter
Military Department
4th May 1796.

Para 1 to 6 Date of last dispatche, Letters acknowledged. appointment of Major General Harris to be Commander in Chief on the Coast with a Seat in Council of Major Generals Ryde and Doyle to be on the Staff - of Major General Clarke to be Commander in Chief in India - and of Major General Stuart to be Commander in Chief at Bombay, with Seats in Council, Captain Doyle aid de Camp, and Captain Wilson Brigade Major - permitted to proceed to India with General Doyle -

These paragraphs require no Remark. -

Para 7. Point when the allowances to General Doyle are to Commence -

ordered that a copy of this paragraph be sent to the Military Auditor General, for his information. -

82 Officers permitted to return to India -

Ordered that Copies of these paragraphs be sent to the Adjutant General for his information. -

10 Assistant Surgeons appointed for the season of 1795. -

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be sent to the Medical Board. -

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11. Five hundred Men ordered to be embarked at St. Helena on the Ship's Canton and Woodman for Fort St. George the Serjeants & and Corporals to be returned to the Island

The Orders contained in this Paragraph will be duly attended to.

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council of Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General – proposing a new arrangement for the Muster Master's Department Comprizing an addition of three Muster Masters to the present Establishment

I have received from the Captain of the Cuddies a Letter together with a Sketch & and Table of distances on the subject of my representation to your Lordship under date the 3rd December last relative to Muster Masters

I do myself the honor to transmit herewith a copy of his Letter and the original of the Sketch and Table that accompanied it, by which your Lordship will observe, from the full information they contain, that eight Muster Masters will be barely sufficient for the execution of the duty upon the principle which I have understood & has been approved by

by

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by the Honble the Court of Directors for the service under this Presidency; because it appears in those documents that the Master Masters at present are under the necessity of making a Circuit of from three hundred to nine hundred and eighty miles before they can muster the Troops in their respective Divisions, and that even under the new distribution of the posts, pointed out in the Sketch and Table of distances, the range of one of the Master Masters supposing eight to be established will not be less than three hundred and seventy miles, although there can be no doubt that the Captain of Guides has reduced the whole of the road to be gone over in the course of the Musters, to every extent admissible on adverting to the Geographical situation of the several posts.

It will still be necessary, even if the Eight Master Masters shall be established, that the Deputy and the assistant Military Auditor General shall take the musters at the Presidency, Mount, Poonamallie, and Tripassore.

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It follows I conceive that the propriety of the representation made in my address of the 7th December last is strongly supported by the Sketch and distances exhibited in the report from the Captain of the Guides, for upon this point, the distances, appear to depend the expediency of increasing the Establishment of Muster Masters for the purpose of rendering efficient the System of taking Monthly musters by a class of Officers specially appointed and Sworn in for that duty In the event of your Lordship's seeing it proper to adopt the suggestions made on this subject, I do myself the Honor of submitting for consideration a draught of an order for carrying into effect the new Arrangement for Musters, and of reporting that the monthly expence of three additional Muster Masters, one Month with another, for their pay and Batta and their allowance for Writers and peons amounts to three hundred and forty Seven Pagodas, Twenty fanams and fifty Cash /Pags 347.20.50/

In framing the order I have endeavoured to avoid the confusion which might

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might arise from adhering to the terms by
which the extent of duty of the respective
Muster Masters is generally described at
present, by dividing the posts into Eight
Districts for Muster — I have likewise
supposed, in the draught of a General order,
that the pay of the three new appointments,
which will be required if the plan is adopted,
may commence most properly from the day
that the Musters are to be taken as ex-
plained in the order Viz: the 1st September
next. — This new arrangement for the Mus-
=ters being delayed in it's operation until
that date will afford sufficient time for
carrying it into effect without inconvenience
to any of the parties concerned, on a
supposition that the order, if adopted, is
dispatched to the several Stations in the
course of a week from this date and that
the Muster Masters at present on the
Establishment are not to be removed from
the Districts where they are now
stationed. —

Your

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Your Lordship will I make no &
doubt approve of the part of the Letter which
relates to the Corps paid in the Revenue a=
Department and direct the necessary comme=
=nication to be made to that Board - The
Muster Master on the Military Establish=
=ment being thus instructed, as they pass
along in the execution of their duety, to
visit another branch of the service, &
will not I presume appear exceptionable,
especially as the result of their assistance
is solely for the information of the latter, while
at the same time it may not be accounted of
consequence to make any computation of the
expence to be incurred for Musters as &
chargable in the Revenue Books.

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c. &c.
/Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Milty Aud.r General

Military Auditor
General's office
Fort St. George
4th August 1796

P.S.

I have numbered the Districts for &
Musters in the order they stand in the
Sketch and Table of distances; if any other mode
shall appear preferable the variation may
easily be made. /Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Milty Aud.r Gen.l

To

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To Colonel Henry Malcolm

Military Auditor General

Sir,

Having been furnished by the Military Secretary with a copy of a letter from you to Government together with one from Lieutenant Wynn, Muster Master in the Center Division to you, and having been directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to forward to you, the information you have applied for, I have the honor to acquaint you, that on referring to Tables of Distances and to Lieutenant Wynn's letter, I find the muster Masters are under the necessity of making a Circuit of from 300 to 980 miles before they can muster the Troops in their respective Divisions.

Without attending strictly to the Principle of no one Muster Master being in a Situation to travel a distance exceeding 200 or 250 Miles it will appear on reference to the accompanying Sketch and Table of distances on which I have Marked in red lines, the proposed Circuit

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Circuit of each Muster Master / that
eight would be requisite, to muster the
Troops at the different Military Stations
on the Coast, who would have to travel
from 180 to 320 or on an average 280 Miles
each; not including the Presidency, St.
Thomé Mount, Ponamalee, and
Trippasore, at which stations it had
been the practice for your Deputies to
Muster the Troops.

I have the honor to be
Sir: Your
/Signed/ A: Allans
Capt: Comdt: the Guides

Madras
January 5th 1796.

a true Copy
/Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Mily Aud: General

Draught of a General Order submitted
to the Consideration of Government by the
Military auditor General with his letter
of 5th August 1796 relative to Musters.—

The Right Honorable the
President in Council is pleased to adopt
the following alteration in the distribu=
tion of Muster Masters as it appears
that

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that the duty at present is too extensive
for five officers of that description. —
The whole of the Stations to be
divided into eight Districts for Musters,
besides the Musters to be taken at the
present of the Troops Kc. stationed at
the Presidency, Mount, Trepasore and
Pomamallee. —

First District of Musters — A. B:
Muster Master, to be composed of the
following Stations. —

Ashe
Ganjam
Barampore
Burgaum
Chicacole
Polconda
Veragottam

The Muster master to be paid from
the Ganjam Pay office. —

Second District C. D. Muster Master,
to be composed of the following Stations. —

Vizeanagreum
Gopalpilley
Vizagapatam
Copeincotta
Coringa
Samulcotta
Rajahmundry

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The Muster Master to be paid from the Vizagapatam Pay Office.—

Third District—E. I. Muster Master, to be composed of the following Stations—

Masulipatam
Mugulatore
Ellore
Nogeed
Condapilly

The Muster Master to be paid from the Masulipatam Pay Office.—

Fourth District—G. H. Muster Master, to be composed of the following Stations

Guntoor
Cheintapilly
Belemconda
Timericotta
Innacunda
Ongole
Nellore
Rampoor

The Muster Master to be paid from the Ongole Pay Office

Fifth District L. K. Muster Master, to be composed of the following Stations

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Stations.—

Tiagar
Chemundalcon
Cuddalore
Pondicherry
Permacoil
Chinglepat
Wallajahbad
Arcot
Cunatore
Vellore
Amboor

The muster Master to be paid from the Vellore pay office.—

Sixth District L.C. muster master, to be composed of the following Stations

Attoor
Salem
Namacel
Sankerydroog
Pinagra
Verabadroog
Chinnayendroog
Nyacotta
Kistnapherry
Congoondy

The Muster Master to be paid from the Baramaul Pay office.—

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Seven District N.O. Muster Master, to be
Composed of the following Stations.—

Karical
Nagore
Negapatam
Tanjore
Vellum
Trichinopoly
Dindigul
Pulny

The Muster Master to be paid from the Trichinopoly
Pay Office.—

Eighth District P.D. Muster Master to be composed
of the following Stations.—

Mellow
Madura
Scaundermallee
Ramnad
Tutocorin
Pallamcotta
Tachenore
Tytar
Chevalapatore

The Muster Master to be paid from the
Madura Pay Office.—

The Musters and appointments upon the
plan of the new Distribution are to be in force on and
from the first day of September next from which date
Musters are to be taken Monthly at all Stations on
the Coast, but prior to the 1st September the duty is to be
Conducted as at present and no additional expence to be
incurred until October when the allowances for the
new appointments become payable for September.—

The Musters at any new posts which
may be occupied hereafter will be directed in a
General Order to be taken by the Muster Master
of the District to whose Range they happen to be
most Contiguous.—

all the Corps established for the
particular service of the Revenue, such as those
at Meyyaltore, Ramnad, Chevalapatore Guntoor
Circars

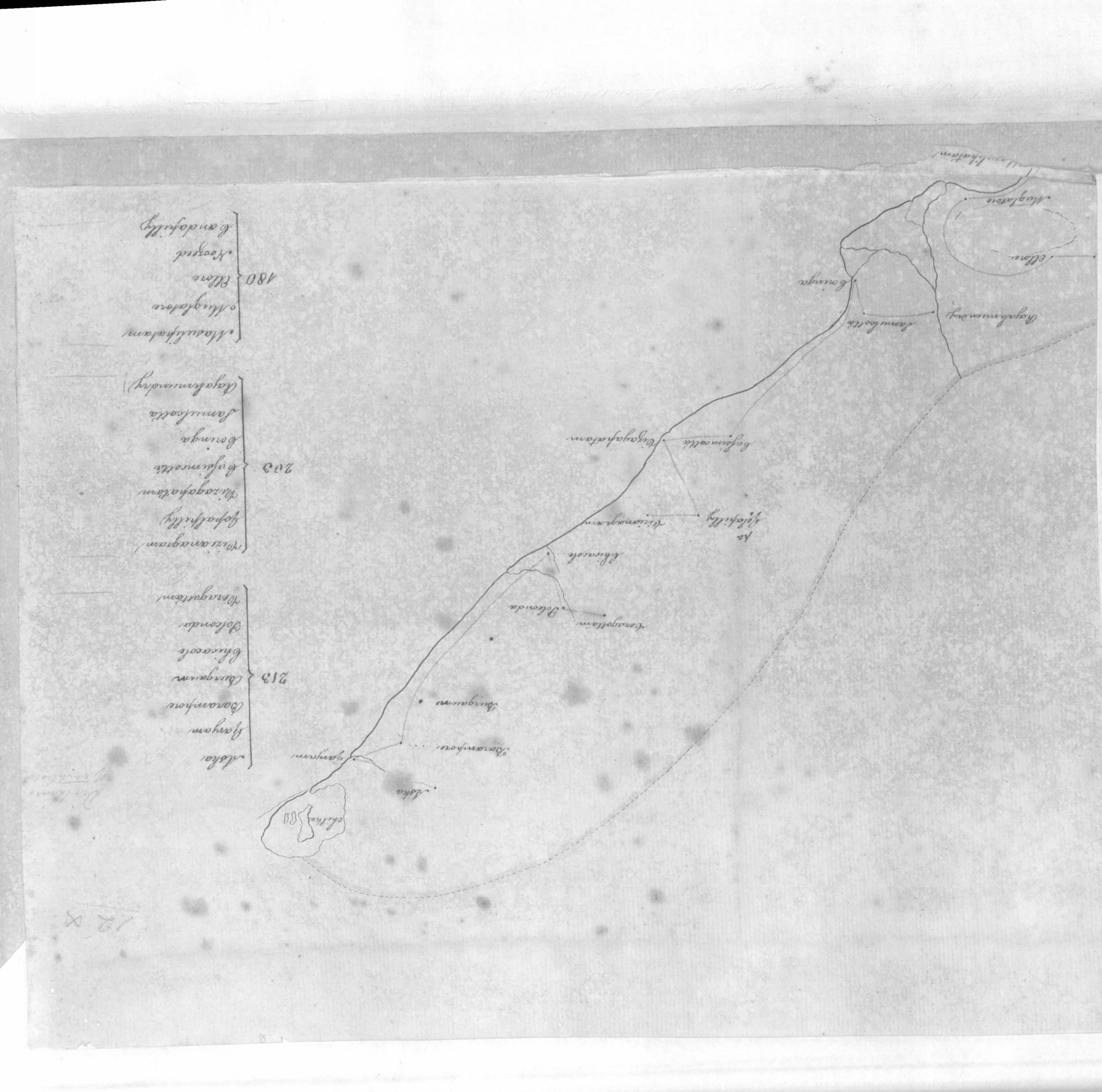
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Circar and in the two divisions of the
Vizagapatam District are to be mustered by
the present Establishment of Master Muste
according to the forms in making out
the Master Rolls and under the same
Regulations as ordered for the Regular
Corps, only that the Master Masters
respectively who muster the Revenue
Corps are to transmit the Rolls of
such Corps to the Accountant of the
Revenue Board instead of forwarding them
to the Military Auditor General on
the same principle that the payments
are directed in G.O. of 10th November
last to appear in the Revenue and
Military Accounts respectively; whereby it
will follow that when a Revenue
Corps shall be formed as in the case
of the one at Muggleteros of a mixed
detail of Invalids or other part of the
Military Establishment joined to a detail
of Sibendies, the Muster Roll of the former
will be sent to the Military Auditor
General and of the latter to the Accountant
of the Revenue Board

/Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Mily Asst Genl

Ordered


Thuja occidentalis
Juniperus virginiana
Juniperus communis
Juniperus sabina
Juniperus horizontalis
Juniperus chinensis
Pinus strobus
Pinus resinosa
Pinus nigra
Pinus sylvestris
Pinus mugo
Pinus contorta
Pinus ponderosa
Pinus flexilis
Pinus aristata
Pinus longaeva
Pinus monophylla
Pinus edulis
Pinus cembroides
Pinus quadrifolia
Pinus torreyana
Pinus coulteri
Pinus sabiniana
Pinus radiata
Pinus attenuata
Pinus muricata
Pinus contorta
Pinus banksiana
Pinus resinosa
Pinus strobus
Pinus monticola
Pinus lambertiana
Pinus ponderosa
Pinus jeffreyi

Gunther

To the Right Honorable the President &c &c &c

Henry Dearborn
Mar. Genl.

Enclosure in a letter from the Military Auditor General 8th August 1796 - Jon Consult. 13th September

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To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table
Read the following Letter from
Major Kirkpatrick.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Major Kirkpatrick
Scindeah places his
principal ministers
under confinement

Accounts have reached this place
to day from Poonah stating that Dowlat
Row Saindeah in the afternoon of the
26th Ultimo seized the persons of his two
principal Ministers, Ballo Juntia, and
Bhow Buckshy - the latter of them, the
Minister for English affairs.

I have been induced to apprize
you of this fact / no letters announcing it
having yet arrived from Mr. Uhthoff, so
because, it is best too likely to affect the
Ultimate, and entire enlargement, of Azim
ul Omrah, I derive my intelligence of
this event from Meer Alleum

Hydrabad
1st September 1796.

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

Read

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Read the following letter from the Resident at Nagore—

To W. B. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Military Department
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Resident at Nagore - enclosing Sundry papers connected with the demand made by the Commander of the Union for Reimbursement of Loses sustained in consequence of the Embargo laid on that Vessel in order to convey Troops from Nagore to Ceylon

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 18th Instant, enclosing one copies of a Memorial addressed to His Lordship from Jamee Cresna Sonoy Merchant at Bombay, and Principal Owner of the Union Union, which was taken up at Negapatam in September 1795 to convey troops and Stores to the Island of Ceylon, representing the loses he had thereby sustained, and requesting some adequate Compensation - and directing me to transmit a list of the Vessels said to have sailed for Atchen about the time the Union was taken up, and to state any information in my power concerning the Circumstance.

I have already laid before his Lordship under date the 27th September 1795 the necessity for demanding the Service

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service of the Union Snow arising from the peremptory order of Colonel Stuart to the Honble Captain Monson, No other Vessel in the road ~~here~~ were at the time at all ready for Sea, except two - one belonging to Mahomed Cossim, and one belonging to Noor Mahomed Mercoyr which were both likewise taken up for the service - Had I waited until any other Vessel could be got ready the most fatal consequences might have occurred for ought I could tell

Enclosed is a list of the Vessels which sailed for Atchin in the Month of October & shewing the time of their arrival there, from which it may be observed that from the Fort of Nagore or Negapatam no Vessels sailed bound for Atchen, before the Return of the Union - The Union having returned on the 8th October - and the earliest Vessel that sailed from Nagore did not depart before the 9th - The Union sailed for Atchin on the 11th & only three of the other Vessels made their Passage good

That the sum of 4 Pagodas ℔ Ton ℔ Month for as many days as the

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the Union was employed, which was thirteen days, is inadequate to the loss the owner has risked, cannot be contradicted, but to settle what the Compensation should be, was beyond any authority that neither myself or Captain Monson, prospect and time did not allow of any communication with Government, tho' I have reason to suppose that Captain Lane would have been satisfied to have agreed for 4 Pagodas P^r^ Ton for a Month had his Vessel been engaged for the whole Month, judging from what he says in the latter part of his letter to me (without date) which I transmitted to Government enclosed in my letter of the 12th October 1795, and the Second Paragraph of his letter to me under date the 13th October 1795— But at that time he was probably ignorant of the Engagement his Owner had made after his Departure from Bombay.

I have the honor to be
Sir Your
Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed H. Lt Conyngham
Asst

Lieut

Nagore
25th August 1796.

No. 394?

List of Ships which sailed from the Port of Nagore for Atcheen in the Month of October 1795.

Time of Sailing	Name of the Vessel	Commander Name	Owner Name	Time of arrival at Atcheen
October 9th	Snow Cawder Buf	Tuckenmahomed	Seersaib	18th November 1795
13th	Snow Cawder Buf	Shacksaib ---	Mahomed Casim	13th Ditto
16	Snow Mahomed Buf	Mahomed Cundo	Nooramahomed Macay	26th Ditto
18th	Snow Mahomed Buf	a Peacongmercay	Mahomedoo Meecy	These did not reach the Port
18th	Snow Mahomed Mora	Cassim Naqueedah	do -- do	
19th	Snow Tuttarahenon	Shaikally Naqueedah	Conjotuny	

/Signed/ John Hinder
Brack Master

Nagore 24th August 1796.

N.B. No Vessel sailed from Nagore for Atcheen in the Month of November 1795 /Signed/ W. W. J.

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Ordered to lie on the Table,
until the Report called for, from Messrs
Colt, Baker, & Co. be received

Read the following letter from
the Military Paymaster General.

William Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

From the Military Paymaster General - Mr Robert Gardiner prays the amount of his Security ship on account of Mr Samuel Young late Paymaster of Ongole &c.

I have to request you will be pleased to inform the Right Honorable the President in Council that Mr Robert Gardiner has called at my Office this day and tendered the sum of Star Pagodas three thousand five hundred and Sixty one, thirty one Fanams and forty six Cash on account of his Bond to Government in behalf of Mr Samuel Young late Paymaster of Ongole which I have received and passed my Receipt for the same.

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) Benjn Bathurst
M. P. G.

Fort St George
13th September 1796.

Resolved

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Minute thereon

Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel Gowdie, as one of the Sureties of Mr. Samuel Young, be called upon for the immediate payment of the sum of three thousand five hundred and Sixty one Pagodas, thirty one fanams, and forty six Cash, being a moiety of the sum due by that Gentleman to the Company on the final audit of his accounts.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From the Military Board - conveying their recommendation on the subject of Completeing the demands of Camp Equipage by Indent on Mr. Bowie the Contractor - enclosing a Minute of the Quarter Master General Recommending the adoption of a System formerly suggested for keeping the Camp Equipage in a Servicable State.

In consequence of your Lordship's letter of the 30th Ultimo, we called upon the Quarter Master General for a Return of the Camp Equipage at the different Stations of the army, which we have herewith the honor to forward to you together with a Minute particularly explanatory of the subject. In adverting to the Contract lately entered into with Mr. Bowie by Government for the annual Supply of Tents to the amount of 15,000 Pagodas for three years, we beg leave to suggest to your Lordship, that under present circumstances, it would be advisable to send

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send instructions to Mr Bowie to make up
Tents equal to the above amount for the
first year of his Contract according to the
proportions with which he may be from
time to time furnished by us.

We have the Honor to be
Hon'd Sir's
/Signed/ alured Clarke
" Wm Sydenham
" Jn Richardson
" By Close
" Wm Kent
" George Hall

Fort St. George
9th September 1796

Agreeably to the Resolution in
Meeting 9th September I have the Hono to lay
before the Board a Statement of the Camp
Equipage as taken from the last Returns—
the first Column shews the stated propor-
tion as fixed for the old Establishment, the
other Columns the Serviceable Repairable,
and Number deficient of the quantity directed
to be kept up at the different Stations—

I would recommend that the Board
should immediately direct an inspection
of the whole of Camp Equipage, in order
that Estimates may be made, and, either,
transmitted to this Board previous to the
Repairs taking place agreeably to the Custom
of the Service, or that the Repairs, under the
present

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present exigency, should be executed without
delay under the directions of the Officers
Commanding at the different Stations.

There is due on Mr. Bowies first Con-
=tract for Making Tents 11 Field Officers 96
Officers 195 Privates 16 Necessary

I am, therefore of opinion, that the Board
should address Mr. Bowie, & express the
Completion of them with all possible dispatch

Mr. Bowie has received no directions to
commence making Tents upon his Second Contract
Viz.t to the extent of 15,000 Pagodas annually for
three years - I therefore submit to the Board
the propriety of indenting immediately on that
Gentleman for Tents to the amount of 15,000
Pagodas, of such descriptions as may appear
most necessary - of Field Officers Tents the defici-
=ency is considerable even for the Establish-
=ment of Officers we have but little more
than one third, and of Private Tents only half
the quantity, fixed for the peace Establishment,
in Store.

In adverting to the above circumstance
and on referring to Government's Letter dated 30.th
August 96 wherein we are informed of the
necessity of an immediate preparation of War,
I am

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I am apprehensive that the public service may experience some serious inconvenience, unless immediate steps are taken, besides Mr. Bowie's Contract, for an augmentation of our Camp equipage.

I hope the Board therefore will see the necessity of addressing Government on the subject, and if requesting to be authorized to make up Tents at Madras, Trichinopoly, Vellore, &c.: as it will not be possible to complete the Tents to the number required for the service, under the expectation of War, at any one place.

However desirable it may be at all times to have a well Established System capable of producing both regularity and economy in conducting Military Expenditures, it becomes more particularly necessary at a moment when the public expences may eventually be greatly increased, particularly those incurred by the Camp Equipage of an Army, I would therefore wish at this period to call it to the attention of the Board that no decision has been passed yet on the plan for the better regulating the Camp Equipage submitted by the Quarter Master General to the Military Board, in Meeting 18th September 1794 and Recommended by the Board to Government in Meeting 24th February 1795.

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found upon adoption to produce the desirable end
of securing the public property from waste and
damage, a circumstance that of course must be
productive of saving and oeconomy, as well as the greatest
convenience to the public service.

It hath been insinuated by some without
having given the plan a fair consideration, or made
any Calculation by which a judgement could be formed
with precision, that the advantages arising to the
person in charge of the Camp Equipage would be consi=
=derable - at the same time I cannot concur in this opinion,
whose so much responsibility must be annexed,
and where great exertion and attention would be
required to do justice to the engagement, that an
handsome and honorably acquired profit would
probably have accrued, and as the advantages
would have been proportionable to the care
and fidelity with which the trust would
have been executed, benefits would have of
course arisen to the Individual, and from the
immediate Interest he must at all times
have had in the care and preservation of the
Camp Equipage, both saving and convenience
must have been produced to the public service.

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the Quarter Master General &
notwithstanding he did not wish to reject
the opinions of the Military Board in
their additions and alterations must confess
that he prefers the plan in its original
state as being less complicated, and easier to
be carried into effect, besides being fully cal-
=culated to guard the Company from as
every possibility of imposition by such
check and Securities as must oblige the
person in charge to a faithful and Zealous
discharge of his duty

Should Government ever consider
the plan in question worthy their attention
and the Quarter Master General be so &
highly honored as to be entrusted with
the conducting of it, he would propose in
order to render it more complete, that
he should visit annually every station
on the coast and inspect personally every
Fort in the service in the course of the
Year.

Should it become necessary to
bring

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being a large part of our Army into the Field,
the Quarter Master General would probably
be present where the greatest part of our
Tents would be employed, and by a careful dis=
=tribution of subordinates in the inferior
Divisions of the army, the whole of the Camp
Equipage would come under the immediate care
and inspection of persons whose Interests it would
be to pay the greatest attention to its preservation

With respect to the advantages the person
would have at the head of the System proposed,
should it be the Quarter Master General, he would
wish that they should be open and avowed, conse=
=quently a preference would be given to a fixed
allowance specified in the Gross, or a sum affixed
to each Tent under his charge, with an Establish=
=ment for this particular part of his depart=
=ment, to any speculative profits of whatever
extent they might be, and he does not think it
presumption to hope that in proportion as the
situation is made respectable it will become
more effectually beneficial to the public
service - under the above idea, a further propos=
=tion becomes necessary (Viz.) that the monthly
allowances that may be established for each

Tent,

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Sent, to whatever given number Government may think proper to keep up, shall be paid as proposed in the plan, as advances absolutely necessary, to keep up the Camp equipage in the state required, and the person in trust shall give into Government, or to such public officer they may please to direct annually an Account Current of the sums received, and those appropriated for keeping up the Camp Equipage under the most positive and unequivocal assertions upon Honor / or Oath if required /.

It may be said that the plan is admissible on account of D. Bowie having Contracted for making Tent to the amount of 15,000 Pagodas annually for three years; but to this I would answer that the Contracts might be transferred from Government to the person at the head of the proposed System with the Consent of D. Bowie, and instead of its being a public Contract, between Government and D. Bowie it would become a private one between that Gentleman and the person in charge, nor can I see any grounds of objection on the part of D. Bowie that could possibly be started, as his payments, advantages, Securities, and support in the performance of such Contract might be exactly the same as at present

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and it would likewise be the best method that could be adopted by the person in charge to employ such a Contractor as D. Bowie for the provision of Tents to fulfill his engagements - on the other hand should it not be thought advisable to make any alteration in the Contract D. Bowie might continue to supply the Tents for the three years, and deliver them under the restrictions of his contract; at the Arsenal of Fort St. George from whence the person conducting the new system might receive them in order to complete the quantity Government may think proper to keep up; and the Monthly allowance for Tents as received should commence from the day they may be delivered and brought upon the returns according to the Regulations for conducting the proposed Plan

With these Memorandums and the Arguments already adduced in the Plan submitted by the Quarter Master General, a System is to be hoped may be formed that will prove as beneficial to the public as Service in Oeconomy and accommodation both in peace and War, as, on the Contrary the present Regulations even have been proved upon all occasions deficient and Extravagant.

Fort St. George
13th September 1796.

/Signed/ Jn. Richardson
D.M. Genl. of the Army

a true Copy
/Signed/ J. Wallace
acty Secy Mil. Bd.

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Tent, to whatever given number Government may
think proper to keep up, shall be paid as is
proposed in the plan, as advances absolutely
necessary, to keep up the Lascar equipage in
the state required, and the person in trust shall
give into Government, or to such public Officer
they may please to direct annually an Account
Current of the sums received, and those appro-
=ied for keeping up the Lascar Equipage under
the most positive and unequivocal assertions
upon Honor / or Oath if required /.

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on Account of D. Bowie having Contracted for
making Tent to the amount of 15,000 Pagodas
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Fort St George
5th September 1796.

/Signed/ Jno Richardson
Dpty Genl of the Army

a true Copy
/Signed/ D. Wallace
Actg Secy Mil Bd

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the Established Quantity with the Deficiency

September 5th 1795.

s of Returns last Received																						
	Repairable									Total				Wanting to Complete								
		Generals &c						Generals Tents							Generals Tents							
Artillery		Dining	Sleeping	Tid Skins	Skins	Chintz	Bell	Artillery	Dining	Sleeping	Tid Skins	Skins	Chintz	Bell	Artillery	Dining	Sleeping	Tid Skins	Skins	Chintz	Bell	Artillery
29		2	1	2	4	37	33	1.	2	1.	20	97	581.	151.	90	"	1.	4	160	187	143	"
2		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	2	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	11.	"	"	"	"	7	131	358	139	29.
"		"	"	1	"	11.	"	"	"	"	1	"	11.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"		"	"	1	3	16	"	1	"	"	1	3	16	"	1.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"		"	"	1	3	16	"	1	"	"	3	8	13	"	1.	"	"	"	16	69	32	5
"		"	"	"	8	13	"	1	"	"	3	8	13	"	1.	"	"	"	2	13	7	"
"		"	"	"	6	13	9	2	"	"	"	6	13	9	2	"	"	"	3	18	50	7	2
"		"	"	"	4	"	4	3	"	"	"	5	12	11	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"		"	"	"	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	15	90	196	80	27.
11.		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	59	252	108	11.	"	"	"	1	10	31.	11.	1.
1		"	"	"	"	5	5	"	"	"	"	"	5	11.	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"		"	"	"	3	17	4	"	"	"	"	3	17	4	"	"	"	"	5	10	"	1
"		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	15	17	1	"	"	"	1	34	26	50	4
1		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	6	148	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
2		"	"	"	"	7	"	"	"	"	"	6	6	16	1	"	"	"	7	16	4	1	
2		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	1	9	10	1	"	"	"	2	3	26	24	6
"		"	"	2	1	9	1	1	"	"	"	17	40	"	"	"	"	"	19	55	36	3
"		"	"	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	1	"	"	"	"	16	49	29	4
"		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	4	7	3	"	"	"	8	25	16	2
"		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	41	76	61	7	"	"	1	19	91	"	9
6		"	"	1	17	6	16	1	"	"	"	"	1	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"		"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	10	"	1.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1		"	"	"	"	10	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	6	"	1.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"		"	"	1	"	4	6	"	"	"	"	"	4	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"		"	"	1	"	1.	"	"	"	"	"	"	4	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
114		2	1.	7	62	152	72	11	2	1.	35	272	1262	401	125	"	1.	34	537	1201	580	94

/Signed/ Jno Richardson
Dy. Mr. Genl. of the Army

A true Copy
/Signed/ L. Wallace
Actg Secy Mil. Board

Resolved

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Fort St. George 13 September 1796

Return of Camp Equipage at the different Stations of the Army shewing Fort St. George

	Actual proportion							Present Number Serviceable					
	Marquees Horse	Marquees Hospital	Tilt Waggons	Bullock Waggons	Camels	Bullocks	Hackeries	Marquees Horse	Marquees Hospital	Tilt Waggons	Bullock Waggons	Camels	Bullocks
Fort St. George	2	2	24	237	568	296	68	-	-	18	93	366	118
Mount Cantonment	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	2	"
Trepassore	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	"
Pallipahbad	"	"	3	130	364	124	24	"	"	"	"	"	"
Chinglepat	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Vellore	"	"	3	24	32	92	6	"	"	3	"	"	"
Amboor	"	"	"	8	25	16	2	"	"	"	"	"	"
Arnee	"	"	3	23	62	18	5	"	"	"	"	1	12
Cuddalore	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Trichinopoly	"	"	15	149	468	188	38	"	"	"	39	252	100
Madura	"	"	1	10	36	22	2	"	"	"	"	"	6
Dindigul	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Palamcottah	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	15
Tanjore	"	"	3	25	16	2	"	"	"	"	"	2	17
Ongole	"	"	2	40	176	50	6	"	"	1	6	184	"
Innacondah	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	6	16
Masulipatam	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	9
Waggapatam	"	"	3	25	16	2	"	"	"	1	"	"	9
Ganjam	"	"	2	20	66	20	6	"	"	"	16	60	"
Tiagar	"	"	1	20	56	36	3	"	"	1	1	1	"
Pondicherry	"	"	1	20	56	32	4	"	"	2	1	6	3
Vettiraghierry	"	"	3	25	16	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Ahtoor	"	"	4	60	165	55	16	"	"	9	24	63	45
Riacottah	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2
Veerabuddadroog	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total	2	2	66	795	2567	958	191	"	"	28	200	1498	339

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Return of Camp Equipage at the different Stations of the Army shewing Fort St. George

	Hackeries proportion							Present Removal unserviable					
	Elephants	Camels	Bullocks Draught	Bullocks Sumpter	Horses	Mules	Bullocks Slaughter	Camels	Bullocks	Bullocks Draught	Bullocks Sumpter	Horses	Mules
Fort St. George	2	2	24	237	768	296	68	"	"	18	93	366	118
Mount Cantonment	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	2	"
Trepatoore	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	"
Wallajahbad	"	"	3	130	369	137	29	"	"	"	"	"	"
Chinglepatt	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Vellore	"	"	3	26	82	22	6	"	"	3	"	"	"
Ambore	"	"	"	8	25	16	2	"	"	"	"	"	"
Arnee	"	"	3	23	62	18	5	"	"	"	1	12	7
Cuddalore	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Trichinopoly	"	"	15	149	468	185	38	"	"	"	59	252	102
Madura	"	"	1	10	36	22	2	"	"	"	"	"	6
Dindigul	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Palamcottah	"	"	"	8	25	16	2	"	"	"	2	15	17
Tanjore	"	"	2	40	174	50	6	"	"	1	6	168	"
Ongole	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	6	16
Innaeondah	"	"	"	8	25	16	2	"	"	1	"	"	9
Masulipatam	"	"	2	20	66	24	6	"	"	"	14	60	"
Vizagapatam	"	"	1	20	56	36	3	"	"	1	1	1	"
Ganjam	"	"	1	20	56	32	4	"	"	2	1	6	3
Tiagar	"	"	"	8	25	16	2	"	"	"	"	"	"
Pondicherry	"	"	4	60	165	55	16	"	"	2	24	62	65
Histnapherry	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2
Ahtoor	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Riacottah	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Veerabuddadroog	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total	2	2	64	785	2502	908	191	"	"	28	210	1096	39

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the Establishes Quantity with the Deficiency

September 5th 1795.

Returns last Received														Wanting to Complete					
	Repairable						Grands Tents		Total					Grands Tents					
Artillery	Dining	Hospl	Fd Pieces	Officers	Privates	Bell	Artillery	Dining	Hospl	Fd Pieces	Officers	Privates	Artillery	Dining	Hospl	Fd Pieces	Officers	Privates	Artillery
29	2	1	2	4	37	33	1	2	1	20	97	581	157	90	-	1	4	160	187	143	-
2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	2	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	11	"	"	"	"	7	130	358	139	29
"	"	"	1	"	11	"	"	"	"	1	"	11	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	1	3	16	"	1	"	"	1	3	16	"	1	"	"	"	16	69	32	5
"	"	"	"	8	13	"	1	"	"	3	8	13	"	1	"	"	"	2	13	7	"
"	"	"	"	6	13	9	2	"	"	"	6	13	9	2	"	"	"	3	18	50	7	2
"	"	"	"	4	"	4	3	"	"	"	5	12	11	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	59	252	108	11	"	"	"	15	90	196	80	27
11	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	11	1	"	"	"	1	10	31	11	1
1	"	"	"	"	5	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	17	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	3	17	4	"	"	"	"	"	3	15	17	1	"	"	"	5	10	"	1
1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	15	17	1	"	"	"	5	10	"	1
1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	6	148	"	2	"	"	1	34	26	50	4
2	"	"	"	"	7	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	6	16	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	1	9	10	1	"	"	"	7	16	6	1
"	"	"	2	1	9	1	1	"	"	3	1	9	10	1	"	"	"	2	3	26	24	6
"	"	"	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	17	40	"	"	"	"	"	19	55	36	3
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	19	55	36	3
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	4	7	3	"	"	"	"	16	49	29	4
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/Signed/ Jno Richardson
D.r Mr Genl of the Army

A true Copy
/Signed/ L. Wallace
Actg Secy Mil. Board

Received

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Minute thereon

Resolved that a Letter be written to Mr Patrick Bowie, Contractor for Tents, on the terms Recommended by the Military Board

The Commander in Chief Recommends the System of appointing the Commandant of Cavalry to a Seat at the Military Board

The Commander in chief represents to the Board the very great convinience that would result to the publick service by giving to the Colonel Commandant of Cavalry a Seat at the Military Board.

Deliberations of the Board on the Subject

as the most material, and perhaps indeed the only objections to the measure brought forward by the Commander in Chief have been done away by the new arrangements for the Army, since it would by neither confer additional Rank upon the Officer, nor add to the expences of the establishment — it is Resolved to submit to the Supreme

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Supreme Government the expediency of
their granting permission to this
Government to appoint Colonel Campbell
to a Seat at the Military Board —
This place of Residence being at the
Presidency, when he is not employed
in visiting the different Cavalry
Cantonments. —

The Commander in Chief
recommends that Lieutenant Strachan
be appointed Brigade Major to
the Corps of Native Cavalry; and
that Adjutants Lauder and Bose
be permitted to exchange appointments. —

Approved and ordered accordingly

Ordered, at the recommenda=
=tion of the Commander in Chief,
that twenty nine Matrosses do proceed
to Hydrabad, under charge of Lieutenant
Barclay, in order to complete the
Company

Lieutenant Strachan appointed Brigade Major of the Native Cavalry Corps. —

Lieutenant Lauder Adjutant of the 1st Battalion 16th Regiment and Lieutenant Bose adjutant of the 2d Batt. of the same corps permitted to exchange —

Lascars to complete the artillery detail sailing with the Nizam ordered to proceed to Hyderabad under charge of Lieutenant Barclay

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Company of Artillery serving with
the Nizam.

Hobart
Lord Clarke
Col Saunders
C. Wallace

Esqr
Jas. Sullivan

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Substance of a letter from the Nabob

Received letter from the Nabob Entered in C.C. No. 135 advising of his having discharged his 4th September last and one thousand Pagodas on account of Arrears of Salary due to the late General Joseph Smith.

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Entered in MBN°. 91 92 93 94 95.

From M°. Charles Oram

Received the undermentioned letters

From M°. Charles Oram requesting as Surgeon to the Garrison, the allowance of Full &a Batta, the same having been granted by late Orders from the Company to the Garrison Staff

From M°. Roebuck

From Military Paymaster General reporting the want of Cash for the payments in the Masulipatam District

From M°. Brodie

From Garrison Storekeeper requesting authority to write off the Account of Sundry Articles lost in shipping and relanding the Provisions &a intended for the expedition against the Moluccas.

From Col. Lyeendam

From Military Auditor General requesting permission for the Construction of a Veranda on the East Side of the House allotted to him in the Fort

From Capt.n Bowles Cavalry

From Captain H.B. Bowles requesting leave to draw the pay, Gratuity, and half Batta of

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15th of Captain, during the period he may be detained in the Country.

16th Sent the following letters

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bt.

Governor General in Council

at

Fort William.

Honorable Sir,

To Bengal - advising of a Malay Corps being raised for the Service on Ceylon.

For the reasons stated in our Presidents Minute (a Copy of which we have the honor to enclose) we trust you will approve the measure we have taken of entertaining a Corps of Malays for the Service of Ceylon.

The Strength of this Corps is to be is detailed in the accompanying Copy of a G.O. issued on the 2d Instant

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

(Signed) J. Cobbard &c. Council

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To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart

Governor General in Council

at Fort William

Honorable Sir,

The Commander in Chief of the Forces on the Coast, having represented to us the very great inconvenience that would result to the public Service by giving to the Colonel Commandant of Cavalry a Seat at the Military Board and as the most material perhaps indeed the only objections to the measure have been done away by the new arrangements for the Army, since it would neither confer additional Rank upon the Officer nor add to the Expences of the Establishment, we beg leave to submit to you the expediency of granting us your permission to appoint Colonel Campbell to a Seat at that Board, his place of Residence being at the Presidency when he is not employed in visiting the different Cavalry Stations.

To Bengal. recommending the appointment of the Colonel Commandant of Cavalry to a Seat at the Military Board the former objections being now removed.

We have the honor to be with Respect

&c &c

(Signed) Hobart

&c Council

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To. W. Francis. Alexander Grant

at

. Mayaveram

Sir,

To W. Collector Grant the orders of the President at Tanjore for restoring the Mayaveram district to be obeyed.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated the 8th Instant and to acquaint you that the Resident at Tanjore had the authority of his Lordship to send Orders to you to restore the Districts under your authority to the Servants of the Rajah - you will therefore consider his letter to you of the 2d instant in the same light as if it had been addressed to you immediately from Government.

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I am
&c &c
(Signed) W. C Jackson
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To Colonel Baird

Commanding his Majesty's 71st Regiment

Sir,

To Colonel Baird disapproving of his ordering a Royal Salute upon the Restoration of the Tanjore Districts to the Rajah.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated the 3d instant and to acquaint you

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you, that his Lordship is decidedly of opinion that the orders issued by you for firing a Royal salute on the occasion of the surrender of the Soubahs to the Rajah of Tanjore, was unnecessary and improper - and that in receiving a Message from the Palace, and acting upon it without any Communication with the Resident, you opposed yourself to the General Order of Government dated the 27th of November 1795 which specially enjoined all Europeans from having no Communication with the Rajah of Tanjore but through the channel of the Company's Resident.

As you have however been recalled from Tanjore the President in Council refrains from further animadversion on your Conduct.

I am &c &c
(Signed) W.C. Jackson
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To Captain Symes
at Calcutta

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the to Receipt of your letter dated the 19th of July and to

To Captain Symes, stating objections to his Claim on account of Servants while Superintendant of Bazars a reference if desired will be made to the Company

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16 to acquaint you that his Lordship would have had very sincere pleasure in complying with your request if the grounds upon which it had been preferred could in any shape have warranted the measure.

In your letter of the 14th of June 1794 to the Government of Fort St. George you explicitly say, that, "you advance no claim whatever "for the numerous Servants attached to the Bazar "as General Medows pointed out a precarious fund "by which the expence was to be defrayed" and in a subsequent part of the same letter you state your losses to have amounted (of the sum laid out by you) to seven hundred and Sixty Pagodas

It was on this account that the Board were principally induced to grant you an allowance as Superintendant of Supplies to the Army, equal to what had been fixed by the Marquis Cornwallis as Salary for Lieutenant Busby your Successor and as, at the time this subject was under discussion you totally relinquished all claim on account of Servants, the President in Council does not think he would be justified in admitting it, under all the Circumstances of the case at this late period. Should you be of opinion that the letter of

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the 16 of your case to the Court of Directors would be attended with any good effect the President in Council will forward any paper you may transmit to him for that purpose.

His Lordship desires me to assure you that he feels great reluctance in rejecting your claim and that if a sense of public duty had not compelled him to do so he would have had real satisfaction in meeting your wishes.

I am &c &c
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
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Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in MB Nos 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112

To Lieutenant Montgomery

To Lieutenant Montgomery

directing him to send one of the Company's Horses to Palamcotah to be presented to the Nabob's Commandant Cummer D'Dieu

To Military Auditor General

To Col. Sydenham

directing him to debit "The Expedition against Dutch Settlements" with the value of the said Horse Fifty Pagodas to be distributed by the Palamcotah Paymaster amongst the persons from whom Bamboos

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16th Bamboos were taken for the Publick Service.

To Ditto — To Ditto approving his suggestion for a Monthly deduction from Mr. Assistant Surgeon Shippard's pay - The Balance due by Captain Lieutenant Mc Cally to be paid immediately - Charges made by the Commandant and Beachemaster at Tutocoryn transmitted, with orders to pass them if Correct.

To Ditto — To Ditto - desiring him to reply to the letters of the 22d October 1795 and 10th February 1796 on the subject of auditing the Accounts of the Hyderabad Detachment.

To Mr Bowie — To Contractor for Tents - desiring him to furnish as soon as possible Tents equal to the full amount (Vizt Pagodas 15,000) stipulated for the first Year of his Contract for three Years.

To Military Board — To Military Board - advising of the preceding Order.

To Clerk of the Treasury — To Clerk of the Treasury - transmitting the Auditor General's report on Mr Roebuck's additional Estimate for September - with Instructions respecting the issue of the Sums therein recommended.

To Mr Roebuck — To Military Paymaster General transmitting to him a Copy of the preceding Order.

To Medical Board — To Medical Board - referring for their opinion

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16th Opinion a claim of Mr. Campbell Surgeon of the 73d Regiment for extra expences incurred by the purchase of Wine — Medicines &c.

To Sir Charles Mallet — To Resident at Poonah — transmitting Copies of the letters from the New Peshwa and his Ministers addressed to Lord Hobart with his Lordship's replies thereto.

To Major Kirkpatrick — To Ditto — at Hyderabad — transmitting for his information Extract from the Board's address to the Supreme Government in consequence of his letter of the 6th Instant.

To Captain Moore at Dackapilly — To Captain Moore — informing him that his explanations upon the charges of the Nabob's Phousdar at Nellore against him are by no means satisfactory — and cautioning him not to give cause for any further Complaints.

To Major General Stuart — To Major General Stuart — transmitting Copy of a letter from Mr. Paymaster Mc Dowall and directing that he be authorized to write off to Profit and loss the Sum stolen from the Treasury if no neglect be attributable to him.

To Mr. Mc Arthur Assistant Surgeon — To Mr. Mc Arthur — informing him that no payment of subsistence or Arrears, can be made to him at Madras.

To Lieut. Col. Gent — To Chief Engineer — desiring to know if

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16. if there be any objection to the construction of a Veranda on the East Side of the House allotted to the Accountant General.

To Lieutenant Colonel Gowdie

To Lieutenant Colonel Gowdie calling upon him for the immediate payment of a Moiety of the Balance adjudged, to be due from Mr Sankey Young late Paymaster at Ongole.

To W.L. Place

To Collector in the Saghire desiring an immediate report of the quantity of Paddy under his charge - and the Villages wherein it is Stored.

Substance of letters from the Rajah of Calastry and Bomrauze

19th
Received letters from the Rajah of Calastry and Bomrauze, Entered in C. C. Nos 136. 137. desiring to know whether they are to comply with the Nabob's requisition for a Body of Peons to be employed against the Mograll Polygar.

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Received the following letters.

William Collins Jackson Esqre
Secretary to the Military and Political Departments
Fort St George

Sir,

From Mr Collector Grant has summoned the Mayaveram Soubah to the Office deputed by the Rajah of Tanjore to receive charge of it

I beg leave to acquaint you for the Information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that having received from Mr Alexander Macleod the Resident at Tanjore an authenticated Copy

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11th 19. Copy of their Orders to him for the conditional Surrender of the Ceded Soubahs to his Excellency the Rajah's Authority, I have in obedience thereto delivered over the Soubah of Mayaveram to the Person named by His Excellency to take charge of it.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Franc. Alex. Grant
late Collector

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

My Lord,

From Mr. Gardiner has paid a Moiety of the Balance due from Mr. Young - and suggests that Colonel Gowdie be called on for the Remainder

Through your Secretary Mr. Jackson I have been honored with your Lordship's Directions to pay into the Hands of the Military Paymaster General the whole of the Retrenchments made by the Auditor General on Mr. Young's Accounts, on the Grounds of my having said that the Money was always ready to be paid as soon as the Auditor General had ascertained the Amount - I thought myself perfectly warranted to say so, as, in the last Conversation I had with

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the 19 with Major Gowdie on this subject, he answered me that his Moiety would be ready whenever Government was pleased to call upon him for it. Knowing that my own was ready and contemplating Major Gowdie's Character for Veracity could I hesitate to say the Money was forthcoming. Government alone possesses the Power to call upon Major Gowdie for his Share, over which I can have no Controul without it had been deligated to me by the Major himself, which I confess he has not done. Supposing My Lord that I absolutely knew the certainty of Major Gowdies portion being in the hands of his Agents at Madras to be paid down when your Lordship chose to call for it, still, without powers from that Gentleman I can have no possible Controul over his Agents or his Finances As far as relates to my Moiety amounting to Star Pagodas 3,561.31.46. my Obedience to your Lordships Orders has (as I hope it always will be) been implicit having paid the above Amount into the hands of the Military Paymaster General on the 12th Instant taking his Receipt for the same

I have the honor to be with all due Respect
&c. &c. &c.
Signed Robert Gardiner
Received

Madras
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19th Received the undermentioned —

Letters Entered in MB. No. 113-114-115.

From Major Read. From Commandant in the — Baramhaul — Submitting Lieutenant — Marriott's application to be reimbursed for a Quarter built by him at — Nameul.

From Mr. Torriano From Resident at Nagore advising of his having engaged — freight for the 500 Garce of Paddy ordered to be sent to Madras — his Agreement with the Merchants enclosed.

From

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No. 19.

From Lieutenant Colonel Gent

From Chief Engineer - stating that there is no objection to constructing the Veranda herein before mentioned

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor-President

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders and

Ernst William Tallofield } Esquires

Tuesday 20th. September 1796

The Minutes of last Consultation Read. and approved

Read the following letters

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

My Lord,

1 Our Secretary has laid before us your Secretary's letter to him of the 26 Ultimo, forwarding for our information Copies of two letters from His Highness the Nabob of Arcot and the Resident at Tanjore.

From Bengal enclosing the original and Translate of an Order sent by the Nabob to the Governor General for delivering the Fort of Chandernaghurry to be Garrisoned by the Company's Troops.

2 The Governor General has received a letter from His Highness with an order to the Killadar of Chundernaghurry to deliver over the fort to

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to your Government.

3 We cannot but disapprove of the Nabob having transmitted this Order immediately to us, at the same time that he declined complying with our request for the relinquishment of the Fort made through you; and we should have returned the letter to His Highness had it been written subsequent to his receipt of the Governor Generals letter of the 22.d Ultimo, But as His Highness's letter enclosing the Order, must have been dispatched before the abovementioned letter from the Governor General could have reached him and as it may be of importance that you should be put in possession of the Fort with as little delay as possible, We have judged it proper to forward the Original Order to you, that you may give directions for its being presented to the Nabob's Officer.

We presume there can be no objection to the part of the Order which regards the Nabob's buildings, and his horses and Servants.

We have the honor to be,

&c &c

/Signed/ J. Shore

" P. Speke

" Wm. Cowper

" Translator

Fort William
the 19.th August 1796

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Translation of an Order under the Seal and Signature of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, dated 13th July 1796, addressed to Ghoolam Zein ul Abid Deen Khan, Theeladar and Soujdar of the Fort and District of Chandergerry

This paper will be delivered to you by the English Officer immediately on the Receipt of which you are to receive the Garrison of my Sircars into the Fort, and to make over to them the Command of the same. The Buildings, Horses and other Articles, under your charge, the property of the Sirkar, are to be considered so still. The Ingress and Egress of my Servants, God Willing, is not to be interrupted. you will take a Receipt on the delivery of the Fort from the said Officer.

A true Translation

/Signed/ A. Falconar
Pr. Sr.

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

From the Persian Translator at Bengal with original and Translate of a letter from the Governor General to the Nabob on occasion of his sendeng, direct. to Sir John Shore, the order for delivering over the Fort of Chandernaghury to be garrisoned by the Company's Troops.

Sir,

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from the Honorable the Governor General to

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to His Highness the Nabob of Arcot, together
with Copies in English and Persian, for the
information of the Right Honorable the President
in Council and to be

&c &c

/Signed/ N.B. Edmonstone
P.T.

Fort William,
31st. August 1796

To the Nawaub of Arcot

Written 30th. August 1796

I have been honored by the receipt
of your Highness's letter pude that Received 18th.
August] and the order to the Killadar of Chunder-
=geery enclosed in it.

I have to return you thanks both
on the part of the Honorable Company and my
own, for your acquiescence in the request made
to you, for permitting the fort of Chandergary
to be Garrisoned by the Company's troops, a
measure, that I doubt not, far from being
productive of the evils which your Highness
apprehends, will be found to have effects highly
beneficial to your Highness's interests; It
would still have afforded me much more
satisfaction, if, in compliance with my wishes
and

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and those of the Madras Government for delivering up the Fort of Chandergeery to the Company, you had communicated your acquiescence in the first instance and the orders in consequence to the Government of Madras, as your Highness must be sensible, that the Governments of Fort William and Fort St. George can have no separate interests and that I must ever view with great Regret and concern any act of your Highness, tending to shew the existence of a distinction in the mind of your Highness, which I cannot admit. It is therefore with the greatest concern I perused that passage in your Highness's letter, in which, you mention the Madras Government in Terms similar to those which attracted my remarks in a former letter, and which I am persuaded your Highness would not have used, had my Sentiments upon this subject been received. —

With respect to your Highness's request of assurances on my part, that, hereafter the Fort of Kylargur shall not be required of you, upon a similar Exigency and the earnest hope

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hope you express, that the Fort of Chandergeery may be restored, when the Exigency which occasioned the application for it's cession, shall no longer exist; it is only necessary to observe to your Highness that, it is ever my intention to abide strictly by the terms of the engagements subsisting between your Highness and the Company, in these, as in all other instances, your Highness may depend upon the Madras Government's giving the proper Orders to the Commandant to observe every degree of Delicacy in regard to your Excellency's private property and Sirvants.

I am extremely pleased to find that your Highness has determined to put the Cavalry Debt into a train of payment. For the adjustment of the best mode of discharging which, I beg leave to refer you to the Madras Government with whom I request your Highness will freely confer upon this Subject.

A true Copy

/Signed/ N.B. Edmonstone

P.T.

Read the following letter from the Nabob. entered also in C.C. No. 138

Translation

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Translation of a letter from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &c &c &c &c &c To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St. George

Dated 9th } September 1796
Received 10 }

From the Nabob advising of the orders he has issued to the Rajahs of Calastry Uncatagherry and Bomrauze to detach Peons for the purpose of punishing the Mogral Poligar

The Kaveligar of Mogral is a most notorious Disturber, who, giving protection in his Fastnesses to many Freebooters from the Balaghat and the Talook of the Rebel Cheeb Nauck harasses the Inhabitants and ravages the District. Whilst Ghoolam Ali Khan, a principal Servant of the Nabob Teepoo Sultan, resided at this place, he repeatedly recommended the punishment of this Villain, and in a List, which your Lordship formerly transmitted me, containing the Names of such as sheltered rebels from the Balaghat Provinces, the name of this Mogral Kaveligar was included.

Previously to your Lordship's arrival in this Country, Shekoh ul Moolk Bahadur Jageerdar of Chittore on whom the Mogral Kaveligar is dependent, detached, with a view to punish this man's Enormities and Depredations, his own Troops, in conjunction with some of the Sirkar Sebundies and a Body

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Body of Peons from Venkatgerry; Calestry and Bom Rauze pollam which last my late Father had called on for the purpose; They deprived him — accordingly of some of the Jageer Villages which he had unwarrantably assumed, and deterred him from his irregular practices of rapine plunder and harbouring the Balaghat poligars — However his innate perversity and Cruelty of disposition have lately assumed again their wonted ascendancy and he has pillaged most of the Villages, and captured many of the Inhabitants of Chittore — Shekoh ul Moolk Bahadur had detached his second Son for the protection of the District — this Ravelgar having lately joined with a party of plunderers to ravage the Villages of the Chittore Jageer, — killed the Jageerdar's Son, with several other persons and is proceeding from day to day in the perpetration of the most atrocious enormities.

At this Season, particularly, that the Hindoos are proceeding to Tripetty, on their devotional visits, they are grievously harassed by this Disturber

Shekoh ul Moolk has detached his other Son with a Body of Silhundies, and a part of my Body Guard, to punish this R. Ravelygar

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Havelygar for, unless he be chastised, the Comfort and safety of the Inhabitants is impracticable.

I have addressed the polygars of Venkatgerry, Calestry, and Bom Rauze pollam directing them to detach as usual, a Body of peons to Chittore, and I send a Copy of my address for your Lordship's Information

Translation Copy of an Enayet Nameh from His Highness the Nabob to the poligar of Venecatgerry - Dated 8th September 1796.

Shekoh ul Moolk Bahadur having requested a Detachment from my Body Guard, and a Body of Peons for the purpose of punishing the Havelygar of Mayral who has lately killed the Second Son of the said Bahadur - I am therefore to acquaint you that on a former occasion, your Troops in conjunction with those of the Sirkar gave a proper Check to this Disturber, and to desire that you will now also, without delay, detach One thousand peons, under a confidential Monigar, to Serferaz Ali Khan, the Son of the Bahadur above alluded to.

true translation
Signed A. Falconar
Pr. Tr.

the same to Calastry
the same to Bom Rauze

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true translation
/Signed/ J. Falconar
Pr. Tr.

the same to Calastry
the same to Bom Rauze

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The President proposes that the following letter be addressed to the Nabob (entered in C.C. N°139)

To His Highness the Nabob
Omdut ul Omrah Walajaw
&c &c &c &c

May it please your Highness

I have the honor to forward to your Highness a letter from the Governor General by which I am happy to find that you have been pleased to comply with his application for the introduction of a Garrison of the Company's Troops into the fort of Chandernaghery. The necessary directions have been issued for that purpose, and the Order, transmitted by your Highness to Sir John Shore and by him to me, will be delivered to your Highness's Killadar by the Officer appointed to the Command of that place. looking at the object as of more importance than the manner of your Highness's acquiescence, I do not judge it advisable to make any Observation upon that subject.

It has given me much satisfaction to find that your Highness has determined upon

To the Killadar an Officer will be appointed to take charge of the Fort of Chandernaghery. I hope he will make an early arrangement for liquidating the Company's Demand on account of the new Custom Line Payments. Instructions from the Court of Directors render it necessary to enforce the Orders lately sent to the Rajahs of Calastry, Vencatagherry, and Bomraze.

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upon the liquidation of the new Cavalry Debt and I am to request that you will be pleased to — to Communicate your intentions in that respect, — without loss of time, the pecuniary exigencies of the Company being extremely urgent.

The Officer appointed to the Command of Chandernagherry will receive my particular directions to make every enquiry in his power, with a view to put an end to the troubles occasioned by the revolt of the Khavilgar of Mograll, and I shall take such measures in consequence of your Highness's Communication respecting him, as any information may lead me to consider most effectual.

It is with much concern that I have been under the necessity, in conformity to the Sentiments lately expressed by the Court of Directors, of directing the Rajahs of Vencatagherry and Calastry, and Bomrauze to decline complying for the present with your Highness's requisition for Armed peons.

I have the honor to be
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(Signed) Hobart

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The President proposes that the following letter be addressed to the Nabob (entered in C.C. #139)

To His Highness the Nabob
Omdut ul Omrah Walajaw
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May it please your Highness

I have the honor to forward to your Highness a letter from the Governor General by which I am happy to find that you have been pleased to comply with his application for the introduction of a Garrison of the Company's Troops into the fort of Chandernagherry. The necessary directions have been issued for that purpose, and the Order, transmitted by your Highness to Sir John Shore and by him to me, will be delivered to your Highness's Killadar by the Officer appointed to the Command of that place. looking at the object as of more importance than the manner of your Highness's acquiescence, I do not judge it advisable to make any Observation upon that subject.

It has given me much satisfac-
-tion to find that your Highness has determined upon

To the Nabob — Officer will be appointed to take charge of the Fort of Chandernagherry. hope he will make an early arrangement for liquidating the Company's Demand on account of the new Cavalry Loan Payments. Instructions from the Court of Directors render it necessary to countermand the Orders I lo he has sent to the Rajahs of Calastry, Vencatagherry, and Bomoaugo.

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/Signed/ Hobart

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The Board entirely approve the preceding Draft.

The President recommends that Captain R. Mealy be appointed to the Command of Chandernaghurry, and that he receive instructions to make particular enquiry into the origin of the Dispute between the Jaghiredar of Chittoor and the Moyzalls Polygar.

Captain Mealy appointed to the Command of Chandernaghurry

Approved and Ordered accordingly

Read the following letter from the Military Board.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From the Military Board - communicating their opinion on many suggestions of Major Read relative to the Security of the Eastern Frontier - particularly relating to the Forts of Ryacotah, Tapal, Gingyghur, Cattawaghur and Congoondia, recommend the provision of Army Boats & Basket Boats for transporting Troops Stores &c across the Cavery -

In consequence of your Lordship's Commands under date the 30th of August, we addressed a letter in confidential Communication to Major Read, Copy of which we have herewith the honor to forward together with his Reply and a Minute given in by the Adjutant General on the same subject.

We concur in opinion with the Adjutant General that the subjects a[dverted] to

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to in the beginning of Major Read's letter respecting the several Forts in the Baramahl have formerly undergone a very complete discussion at Our Board at different times, and final instructions were in consequence given to carry the result of that discussion into effect. The Records of Our Board will likewise evince the attention that has been at all times paid to the opinions and suggestions of Major Read for the protection and security of the Western Frontier, and the same confidence in his zeal and judgment will no doubt be manifested on all occasions where it may be necessary to refer to him in future, but with respect to a Committee of Survey as recommended in his letter, We are of Opinion, that however useful it might prove, yet as the Officers whom Government would probably wish to select for such a service are employed in situations in which their personal attendance cannot at this particular crisis be dispensed with, such a measure under this Circumstance, may now be considered impracticable, and perhaps appear the less necessary, as Major Read will shortly have the assistance of Captain Pennon of the Corps of Engineers in determining what repairs may

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be immediately requisite to the principal Forts in the Baramahl.

It would no doubt be very desirable to carry Major Read's proposed reform for Ryacottah into execution, but as it appears that no Estimate of the expense has accompanied the Plan submitted for that purpose, We have not at present the means of judging how far it may be expedient to adopt it, and therefore have only to recommend with your approbation that Captain Lennon be directed immediately on his arrival at Ryacottah to prepare an Estimate founded on Major Read's plans, and forward it to us with such observations as may occur to him on the subject. This information being obtained We will without loss of time take the Sentiments of your Honorable Board on the extent to which we may proceed in directing the execution of it; but as some time will necessarily be required to prepare the Estimates above mentioned, We beg leave to recommend that Major Read be desired to instruct Captain Lennon to proceed to the immediate repair of the weaker points of the Fort of Ryacottah so —

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so as to keep in view, and form a part of the greater and more extensive Plan of reform suggested, if it should be found practicable.

Should it appear to Major Read that Seavaghur in it's present state if possessed by an Enemy could not be turned to any serious purpose against us, We recommend that it be allowed to remain as it is, to be eventually occupied, or otherwise, as Major Read may decide; and that it may also be in his option to occupy Tadeul, or Guggenghur as he may find most expedient, provided the latter has equally the advantage of being supplied with Water. — The repairs wanting to either of the above Places, and to Cautareghur or Kongoondi appearing from Major Read's report to be very trifling. We have resolved that the be directed to have them executed without delay it being necessary that they should be occupied before he can establish any Plan of communi=cation by Signals.

The measure proposed by him of placing a twelve pounder in each of the inferior

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inferior Hill Forts has met our approbation. We have also agreed to authorize Major Read to have a few Basket Boats made up for carrying Troops a cross the River, and to desire him to forward to Us a Plan and dimensions of the large Boat which He proposes to establish, with an Estimate of the expense that will attend the Construction of it and of the carriage required for its transportation.

We have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
/Signed/ Alured Clarke
" Thos. Geils
" Wm. Sydenham
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" By Close
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"
" George Hall

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To Major Alexander Read
Commanding the Ceded Districts

Sir,

We have the honor to forward to you

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you, in confidential Communication, a Copy of a letter which we have received from the Right Honorable the President in Council under date the 30th. Ultimo, and as the objects therein recommended to our attention are of such importance that no time ought to be lost in carrying them into effect, We wish to avail ourselves of the experience which you have acquired with respect to the present state and means of defence of the Forts and Garrisons on the Western Frontier by requesting such general information and suggestions on the several points connected with this subject as you may be able to send to us without delay. We shall therefore advert to some particulars which appear to claim a primary consideration. In our letter of the 24th March we explained to you the steps that were necessary to be taken for carrying into execution the Orders of Government of the 4th January. The forts therein desired to be dismantled, we trust are either destroyed or that the preparations for rendering them useless

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useless are in such forwardness that little time will be wanted to accomplish it In regard to the Posts to be retained, as we have not yet received any Estimates of the Expense requisite to place them in a respectable posture of defence We can only express our hopes that the necessary means are taking for bringing the subject before us in a way that shall leave little else to be done but to despatch Orders for completing it It is probable that you will soon receive the assistance of another Engineer, and as the Outline of a Plan has been submitted to Government for executing public works, We are hopeful that we shall be able to Communicate to you in a little time such a system as will enable you to proceed on this object in the Baramahl without impediment or delay.

In case however it should be found expedient to execute any repairs either to the Fortifications or Buildings before you can take our Directions respecting them we empower you to adopt the speediest and most effectual means for having them done, being persuaded

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persuaded from our Knowledge of your zeal and judgement that every regard will be had to Oconomy and the good of the Service on this occasion.

As Darampoury is not in a situation to receive the Garrison and Stores from Penagra, and the former post if not properly repaired, will be unable to resist the attempts of any considerable Force, We submit to you whether measures should not be taken forlodging those Stores &c for the present in some place of Security.

Tatiel being naturally a strong post and requiring only a small Garrison it is recommended to your consideration whether it may not be adviseable now to have it occupied.

With respect to the Fort of Ryacottah we are apprehensive that it is not in such a state as its importance demands, and altho' a very extensive reform may hereafter be necessary, yet the object at the present moment is to do all that is possible to render it secure, and with this view a Plan and Estimate have been laid before us by the Chief Engineer of which we send you a Copy enclosed and

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which if no material objection occurs to you, We wish to be carried into execution forthwith. The Plan was Communicated by the Engineer on the spot, and had received the Concurrence of Major Doveton. In taking the several matters here recommended into your consideration We request you will attend especially to the present state of the Ordnance and Military Stores as well as the Provisions in the different Garrisons and state to us your Opinion as soon as possible on this subject and on the addition to each Article which may appear to you as essential to their defence and Security.

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3d September 1796

We are
&c. &c.
/Signed/ Alured Clarke
" Thomas Geils
" William Sydenham
" John Richardson
" Barry Close
" William Gent
" George Hall &c.

A true Copy
/Signed/ J. Wallace
Actg Secry MLB

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To Major General Alured Clarke

President &c. Members Military Board

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Having had the Honor to receive your letter of the 3d. instant and it's enclosure on the preparations thought necessary on the present aspect of Affairs, I lose no time in giving my sentiments on the state of the western frontier, and on the means of providing for its Security. Diffident however of my judgement, and wishful of excusing my want of ability to furnish you with such full information, as I think is required on the subject, I beg leave to observe, that having looked forward to this period, and expected to be called upon for the opinions and suggestions you desire I have never lost an opportunity of representing that the several points which would enable your board to judge competently of the measures proposed for the defence of the frontier or of particular posts could only be ascertained, by a comprehensive military survey performed by a Committee of Officers, possessing among them, the several qualifications necessary in such

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such an undertaking; that owing to the want of them some places have been fortified garrisoned and Stored, that ought to have been destroyed, works perfectly useless have been repaired; and a future consequence may be a further waste of the public Money. Those are facts that have been officially ascertained, and the like may happen again while the determination of your Board must from necessity entirely depend on the judgement, or report of individuals. Though I did not, confidentially hope, that any effort of mine would evince the utility of such a survey, sufficient-ly to induce the appointment of a Committee for the purpose, I resolved on the trial and began a report last Year which might I thought have the wished effect - It was under taken under all the pressure arising from other avocations and which proved such as to lay me under the necessity of setting it aside, till circumstan-ces would admit of carrying it on with less inconvenience - uncertain when that would be I sent it, as it was, unfinished, to Lord Hobart in June last, with all the plans, Sections, & views, to which it refered and another Copy to

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to the Commander of the Army - From its length, and the tediousness of frequent reference I do not suppose that his Lordship can have had leisure to peruse it, and doubt that any use has been made of it, or its accompaniments. The same reasons and the necessity there is for despatch will not admit of adding to it now what was intended, but what is done may serve to show that among other points, the situation and natural strength of places in these districts or elsewhere, are the points which I have conceived ought determine the uses to which they should be severally appropriated and thence additional fortifications, or repairs the stated proportion of Ordnance and Stores and number of Troops deemed necessary for the defence of each - Were these matters fixed, they would be data for resolving the number, and demensions of quarters, barracks, guard rooms, magazines Store rooms granaries &c From the want of those essential points of information and a digested plan drawn up from them, it is not yet known, with certainty what additions or repairs are absolutely

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necessary for the Security of every post I question much from my idea of them that the stated proportion of Military Stores are apportioned to their Strength. Though some are almost impregnable and others could not be maintained a Month against an efficient force a twelve Months Store of grain is laid up in each and that is for the number of their Garrisons at the time of storing, which is probably double at some places, what it will be in time of War To regulate these matters with greater precision requiring information peculiarly necessary to the Engineer, the Artillery, and the Store Depart-ments it will at once occur to your Board should you approve of my suggestion, what persons should constitute the proposed Committee I have only to request that I may not be appointed one of them, on account of my avocations being more than ordinary and the impossibility of my attending without material detriment to Revenue. From the mode I have pointed out and conceived to be the best for procuring that general information you require, relative to the present state and

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and means of defending the western frontier, and the impediments I have mentioned to the prose= =cuting my intended view of the Subject your Honble Board will perceive, that any information I can give is far short of what I esteem necessary. If however it be in my power to draw it up soon, I shall do myself the honor of laying it before you. In the mean time I shall only advert to the particular subjects of your letter as deserving immediate considerations and such others as may occur. —

Pursuant of your letter dated the 24th March instructions were sent to Lieutenant Grove of the pioneers respecting the road to be made through these districts from Amboor to Trichinopoly and the demolition of the hill forts in the Baramahl — He was going on with the roads, and to have dismantled the forts in his way back from Dasampoory where he was at work, but on receipt of your last he was ordered to proceed immediately with all his Corps and the Gun Lascars at Thingeery to destroy the forts. He is to demolish the most

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most accessible faces, and to flanks of them all, first which will soon be done, and to destroy them more effectually afterwards if it appear necessary.

The estimates of the expence of the proposed additions and repairs to Darampoory Tadcul and Catoragur have been delayd by the Illness of Captain Cudmore and absence of the other engineers, but according to the enclosed No. 1 from Lieutenant Sothering ham they will soon be ready.

I went myself last Month to examine those places, that I might be the better judge of what is necessary to put them in a posture of defence. Darampoory requires some of the bastions to be enlarged the ditch to be deepend, the glacis to be raised all round, a new gateway and draw bridge, & besides accommodations for the Troops and Stores. In my opinion the pioneers could do all that is necessary to the fortifications, but on the whole there is much to do and it must be attended with some expence. It may however be made a respectable post and from its central situation it will be very important.

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The works of Sadeul, being in good repair, three gates only are wanted for its Security With advertence to the Considerations stated in your letter of the 24th. March that have influenced your Board in coming to an opinion for keeping this place, I beg leave to observe that in respect to its contiguity to the projected route it is not more advantageously situated than Guggungur, that place being only two Miles to the Northward of it; that it cannot be much more useful than Guggungur as a post; in communication between Changama, and Woodiaddroog; that it is the same in regard to all the other places you have mentioned and that both are too high and difficult of access to afford retreat for baggage, or protection to any but small bodies of infantry. The greatest use of either appears to me their serving as look out places and in that respect Guggungur is greatly preferable, from its Superior height and it being within sight of Kiangeery and Rypacottah from which Sadeul cannot be seen. As Captain Bong is said to have demolished Guggungur and the height of it is

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is immense, I have never gone up it. but I apprehend that a breach only has been made in it which may soon be repaired and if a party were posted there for making signals without any fortifications, I don't believe the enemy would ever disturb them. I have drawn this parallel between Tadeul and Guggunger, that if your Board should think their advantages equal, you may, if you please give me a discretionary power to occupy which ever of them, I may prefer upon further examination.

Catoragur is in sufficient repair and only requires a gate to render it a secure post.

Half a Company would be a sufficient garrison for each of those places and there is not water upon Tadeul for a greater number, nor any other accommodation upon either for Troops or Stores, than the walls of an old Granary upon each. I think there must be the same reason for retaining Shevageery as Tadeul namely, its being in the chain of Communication. It would be time enough to make any repairs of its works at the Commencement of hostility, and half a Company would be a sufficient garrison for it.

Cungoondy requires only a few yards

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Yards of the upper Wall to be rebuilt, and a gateway to it. That place has several lower walls but, as of no use in my Opinion, for the Security of the place, they may be repaired and defended by the Rajah and his people.

Though Cungoondy Shevageery and Cutvaguer, being distant from the usual Routes of Armies, their being attacked, by any considerable force, is the more improbable. I think they should each be supplied with a 12 pr. to make them respectable.

The remoteness of Penagra from the grand South and North road, making likewise the attack of that place the less likely I shall let the Stores remain there till I receive your instructions in regard to Darampoory after inspection of the estimates.

I am sorry to confirm your fears that Ryacottah is not in such a state as its importance deserves - As far as I can judge of the plan and estimate, you have sent me, I think the Repairs proposed, there, very inadequate all the Walls of that place being so decayed that a three pounder would bring them down they should be rebuilt from the foundation

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and not repaired. In my opinion the fortifications of hill forts should be as much retired as possible, both for security and oeconomy and when they must necessarily be exposed to cannon shot within 800 or 1000 Yards as at Ryacottah, they should not be less in the parapet than 10, or 12 feet thick. The whole of the South west face which Captain Lieutenant Blair proposes to repair is exposed to a hill opposite at the above distance, and it appears by the sections, that he means to make the parapet only 3 feet thick; also that he does not intend to repair the front wall, though, being very much decayed it absolutely requires to be rebuilt.

I disapprove likewise of his proposed repairs to the Gateways, because I think three of them unnecessary, and that the last, which is where the fourth is, or was, when we took the place, should be rebuilt. By having one there it would not be exposed to any fire, it would be secured from enfilade by a large rock on the left flank, and two guns on the top could have a range of 150 Yards at least along the narrow passage which makes the only entrance into

into the upper fort.

This place being on the level of the Mysore Country, and 160 Miles from the coast I have considered it of such consequence as to make particular survey of it, and to examine it minutely, on every side, with a regard to the Attack and defence of it, and I refer you to my report and the several drafts I made of it in his Lordship's possession for a full view of the subject. after much labor I ascertained that a Cart road might be made from the plains to the flat before spoken of, and had the jungle cutaway to mark the proposed tract, which being measured proved to have an ascent of only 7 degrees - As Ryacottah may by this means be made a valuable depot, I hope your Board will authorize the making of this road. A little Masonry will be required, at some places where the Rock bulges out, but I do not think the expence will exceed 500 Pagodas and it may not amount to half that Sum - If this be approved, the gateway, which was built by Captain Bong, the outermost of the four, must come down an account that having

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a traverse, it will not admit of Carriages.

Having just received the enclosure No. 2 from the Officer Commanding at Ryacottah stating as in former letters laid before Government the impaired state of the Tanks and the total want of accommodations on the hill I shall in consequence of your authority to make any necessary repairs, desire, that he take the speediest means of repairing all the tanks and Store Rooms in the upper fort - as to accommodations for troops upon the hill forts, I recommend tents, as less expensive than buildings If approved of your Board will consider the necessity of supplying them in time.

I was a few days ago at Sankledroog to inspect the works and Store Rooms there and found two breaches, one of 30 and the other of 60 yards, in the fifth wall, but conceiving they might safely remain as they are, till I receive the new plan for buildings and Repairs, I left no orders respecting them.

As a circumstance that may hereafter be of some consequence in transporting Stores to this place, or troops a cross the Cavery though too late in the Season to answer at present

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present I beg leave to acquaint you with an experiment lately tried, by which it has been found that that river is navigable in boats of 20 tuns burthen as high up as Eroad which is within 15 Miles of Sankledroog, and 80 Miles above Trichinopoly - If deemed important, two boats of that size could be made, and deposited, at Sankledroog whence they could be occasionally transported to the river, on a carriage for the purpose - The boat used for the experiment was one of the Nabob's, and made at Trichinopoly. If your board approve, I would endeavour to improve the construction - a Number of basket boats might likewise be collected at Sankledroog and Namcul for transporting troops a cross, when the river is not fordable, which may frequently happen in the Months of June, July, August, and September.

I recommend, if apprehensions be entertained as to the intentions of our neighbour to the westward, as the means of preventing such a Sudden and distructive incursion as we experienced in 1780, the having signals established from certain points on the frontier, to the presidency; and if you think proper

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proper those lines of intelligence may be connected so to apprize the inhabitants every where, of the enemy's approach.

By way of example, Lautgur — Amboor Mallegaryanaguer, Congoonday Ryacottah Mookonoor near Darampoory Sapoor Cunjemally near Salem Collemally Terriore and Trichinopoly would answer for the line of Communication on the frontier and Ryacottah Guggiungur, Yellagery Mallekunjungur, Amboor Pallicondah Calligur, and other hills to the eastward, would serve for one of the lines to Madras. Signals may be easily devised for conveying intelligence during the day, by smoke &c and during the night by fires, of small or large parties, of horse or foot, with, or without guns and of some more points, but they must necessarily be limited to a few unless European Officers or intelligent Commissioned be appointed to each station for serving them. Telegraphs could be established that I apprehend they would be more expensive than useful, and horse tappals could be posted that might convey letters in half the usual time.

I beg leave to suggest that all the Gentlemen employed in procuring intelligence for

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for Government be ordered to transmit, me from time to time such information as may relate to the Districts under my Command.

As a measure very important to their Security during hostility, I request in that event, I may be allowed to take the field with my Battalion, to act as rangers; for garrisons which are only sufficient for the defence of their posts cannot afford to make detachments, with safety to protect the inhabitants, or annoy the enemy and all this Country being interspersed with ranges of hills and jungle, is admirably calculated for such a party's acting with great advantage I beg leave further to suggest that if a Troop of Cavalry and a Company of Europeans can be spared, to attach to my Corps (as last war) I will engage that their Services shall warrant the measure.

I am sorry Gentlemen, that hurry has obliged me to treat the matters here submitted to your Consideration, in so desultory a manner, and in case of being honored with your Commands to carry them into execution I beg leave to remind you that though

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charged with a Department which is alone so weighty to demand a very considerable share of my time, I have no staff or any person whatever to assist me in the execution of my Military functions.

Seeing with pleasure, that Captain Lennon is appointed Engineer to these districts I have informed him of my wish that he join as soon as possible, and intend proceeding to meet him in the Baramahl when we will enter upon a circuit of these Districts - Your Board may rely upon our utmost attention to their Security and in all matters whatever to the public interest.

I am with great Respect
&c &c
/Signed/ Alex.r Read
Major Comm.t Ceded Distrct

Salem
13th September 1796

A true Copy
/Signed/ T. Wallace
Actg Secry. M.y Bd.

To. Major Read
Commanding the Troops in the
Ceded Districts

Sir,

I have so often addressed you on the subject of shelter and accommodation for the

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the Guards stationed on the Hill and on other matters relative to this Garrison that I am apprehensive lest a degree of impertinence or officiousness be imputed to me in troubling you again on the same subject; but as I conceive it my duty to make such representation, I feel indifferent to any imputation it may involve.

Under this impression therefore I beg leave to acquaint you that the very heavy rain which fell at this place during the last week, and which in the course of a few hours filled all the surrounding Tanks below, scarcely put a drop of Water in the large Tank on the Hill. The principal cause of this circumstance is that the aqueducts made to convey the water into the Tank, are in some places broken in others totally demolished so that during a fall of rain the waters are uselessly & scattered, and not a twentieth part of that which might be is conducted into the Tank the small portion that falls directly into it is quickly absorbed by the quantity of mud at the bottom.

In the small Tank also, to which

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which a new retaining Wall was lately built; the water decreased in the space of 48 hours after the rain, nearly five feet; that quantity, owing to the badness of the cement, having oozed or rather — poured out thro' the crevices of the Wall.

This deficiency of water would be seriously felt when the Tanks on the Hill become the only reservoirs to which we could have recourse. I trust therefore it will appear to you necessary that a remedy to this evil be early applied, — (previous to the setting in of the Monsoon) as a circumstance on which in the event of a seige, the maintenance or surrender of the place would in a great degree depend. had the large Tank been cleansed and prepared for the reception of Water and the aqueducts in repair, the late heavy shower, would have persuaded, have nearly filled it and given a supply of Water for the Garrison equal to six or eight Months.

Of the condition of the Store Rooms of the state and situation of the Powder — Magazines, and of the total want of accommoda- = tion for Troops on the Hill, you are fully acquainted

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acquainted from the report of the Committee, as well as from my former letters. I shall avoid therefore saying any thing on those points further than to request your attention to them.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
/Signed/ G. Doveton
Major Comg Ryacottah

Ryacottah
9th September 1796

A true Copy
/Signed/ T. Wallace
Actg Secry MyBd

To Major Read
Commanding Ceded Districts

Sir,

I am favored with your letter of the 9th and to what I wrote you yesterday have now only to add that I begun the Plan of the Environs six days ago, and have surveyed the N.E. side of the Fort, including as much of the River as will be necessary to take in.

All the Plans and Estimates required cannot possibly be finished this Month as I have six Levels or Sections to take to shew the unevenness of the Ground round about, besides the whole of the Pettah and some other small

Villages

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Villages necessary to be included

The greater part of the Plans for the necessary buildings and repairs are drawn and the Estimates for them only wanting.

To give yaw a better idea of the probable length of time it will take before I can finish and bring in person all those Plans &c. I have subjoined a list of them as proposed by Captain Lieutenant Blair.

Three Plans of the Fort

1st a Plan of the new fortifications and an Estimate &c. for a Draw Bridge.

2d A Plan of the old works with the proposed additions and

3d The Fort with the Country Enveroning it 800 yards to the N. E. and South, and 200 yards to the other Quarters with six Sections thereupon it.

Buildings and Repairs

Two separate Quarters with Godowns, one for a Commanding Officer and the other for one Subaltern.

Quarters for two Serjeants.

A Guard Room

Barracks for two Company's of Sepoys

(Plans of which are already drawn) A

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A small Magazine and
Store Rooms
The Plans and Estimate for fitting up
an Old Granary was transmitted to you by Captain
Lieutenant Blair.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) R. H. Fotheringham
Dt. & Senior Engineer

Daramporey
September 16th 1796

A true Copy
(Signed) T. Wallace
Actg. Secry Mty. Bd.

The following observations on the letter
received from Major Read under date the 13th
Instant, may be acceptable to the Board in so far
as they may tend to facilitate the resolutions to be
passed in regard to different parts of it, and lead
in some degree, to the Instructions he should
receive from the Board in reply.

In respect to the Military Survey
he alludes, it must be allowed that if the Committee
for the purpose, were well composed its services
might be essential - but to this it may be observed
that the Officers whom Government or this
Board might wish to select for such a service
are employed in situations of trust or Command
from which their personal attendance could not

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not possibly be spared. Could Major Reed procure
at such a Committee, the important object he points
at might certainly be attained, as from his qualifi=
=cations and experience in the Engineer Department
and his personal knowledge of the Frontier, he
would require but little assistance from his Colleagues
but as from his own account, he could not be
employed on a Circuit that would demand so much
of his time and attention. I apprehend that the
fulfilment of his wish to have the aid of a Committee
of Survey particularly at this juncture, may be
viewed as impracticable.

He remarks that owing to the want of
such a Committee, some places have been fortified
Garrisoned, and stored, that ought to have been
destroyed. That works perfectly useless, have been
repaired, and that a future consequence may be
a further Waste of the public money. To this
I would reply, that no place was Garrisoned,
stored and Fortified in the Baramahaul, till
after the whole line of Frontier had been perfectly
ascertained and the utility or otherwise of each
Post most minutely discussed by the Commander
in Chief in India, the Commanding Officer of

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of the Troops on the Coast (who purposely made a Tour of the Ceded Districts and took Major Read's sentiments in regard to the different Posts) and further by this Board in correspondence with the Captain of the Guides and this Government, who conveyed to us instructions from Bengal and the Court of Directors founded on the discussions in question, and that in the end, nothing in regard to the frontiers, was recommended by this Board but in consonancy as we conceived, with Major Read's sentiments the Board having very properly consulted him step by step on every point that occurred for our consideration or on which we entertained the smallest degree of doubt.

The places he alludes to therefore as having been fortified, Garrisoned and Stored & which ought to have been destroyed I cannot even guess at although he observes the fact has been officially ascertained. He can scarcely allude to Penagra from the terms in which he now speaks of it. That it is but a poor Post and that more Stores have been thrown into it than it could well require or protect, cannot be denied. The Money that has been laid out in fortifying it

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it I believe has not been much, and the Garrison it has had was originally placed in it, as I have always understood, as necessary or convenient for the purpose of giving confidence to the neighbouring Inhabitants immediately on the Frontier and favouring the Collections in the surrounding Valley but I never heard it talked of as a tenable Post and had Major Read at any time offered an hint that storing or occupying it was unnecessary I am certain his opinion would have been complied with.

The places that have been occupied as tenable permanent Post in the Baramaul, were in the first instance so occupied by the orders or at the recommendation of Lord Cornwallis, and although difference of opinion arose on many points relative to the Frontier, the propriety of so occupying them I never heard questioned before - That the Main Forts in the Baramahaul might be materially improved by a General reform of their Works I believe cannot be doubted - but we know at the same time that as they are allowed to be naturally strong Government has never yet as far as we can determine judged it expedient on a general view of Circumstances, to involve the Company in

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in the expense that the adoption of such a plan in the Baramahaul not to mention our other Provinces would require.

Trichinopoly remains untouched — notwithstanding it's weak and decayed state has been noticed from Bengal and if we take a less distant view it may even be asked what is the present state of Fort St. George.

That the situation and natural — strength of places in the Ceded Districts or elsewhere are Considerations which should in great measure determine the uses to which they should be — appropriated, will be readily allowed it will — nevertheless be agreed that we are not going now to establish ourselves in these Districts by the — construction of a Chain of Posts Systematically connected for general defence, or specially calculated for appropriate purposes. The defensive means we posses must be used - the tenable Posts that we have must be held let them answer what purposes they may - Kistnagherry, Ryacottah, and Sankerydroog such as they are, and situated as they are, must be held to the last, notwithstanding their defects as Hill Posts, and must therefore be stored and Garrisoned to the extent that their importance,

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and the nature of their fortifications required. These Posts maintained, the Country must be substantially in our possession, and if in time of Hostility, Major Read's professional abilities are to be employed in a line of service in which he has already distinguished himself I mean in the conduct of a flying Detachment in the Baramahaul, the weaker Posts may be either occasionally sustained, or their Garrisons safely withdrawn, as circumstances may require.

If money to a large amount is to be laid out for strengthening the Frontier, I conceive it should be applied for the construction of a good post on a convenient Spot, near to the great Road leading from Verabudderoroog to Changama, to be used as a general Magazine of Ordnance Military Stores, and Provisions - into which the Crops of the Baramahaul could be expeditiously collected in case of emergency and at which, the Troops might conveniently rendezvous should appearances menace in that direction - such a Post well stored would enable our Troops to assemble promptly to the Westward, with proper equipment, and operate permanently along the frontier either immediately against the Enemy, or to cover those Posts which may be incapable of withstanding a sharp attack

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But I imagine the Board will concur with me in thinking, that the present is not a juncture at which a discussion of such extensive plans can be attended with much use. Posts radically wrong, I apprehend, can now only be repaired, not altogether rebuilt or reformed. — That some repairs in the Baramahal in particular were injudiciously conducted, is matter for regret - when they were ordered however no general reform of the Place was intended, nor has the reform recommended by Major Read ever come before this Board, although we heard of it's having been submitted to His Lordship and the late Commander of the Army - To this I would add, that in ordering repairs in the Baramahal it has ever been the aim of this Board that they should be conducted under the superintendance, or with the concurring sentiments of Major Read.

What now seems however to demand the particular attention of the Board is that as Major Read has expressed his disapprobation of the Plan sent to him for repairing the works of Ryacottah and putting them in some state of defence - and has also brought his plan for reforming the place under our immediate notice

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it may be proper for the Board to apply for a Copy of it, in order that with the approbation of Government Captain Lennon may proceed in strengthening the place agreeably to the plan in question, provided it shall appear that in doing so, he can first strengthen those faces of the Fort which are now so weak and impaired and in the progress of the reform, avoid bringing the place at any time into an untenable state. The Cart Road alluded to I suppose is to be considered as part of the reform the purpose it is intended to answer being important

Major Read being now of Opinion that Shevaghur should be eventually occupied it may be necessary for the Board to come to some resolution on the subject as if it is not to be destroyed, the sanction of Government should be had to that effect. The Board will probably leave it to his option to occupy Tadeul or Gurgiur Ghur as he may judge proper, the preference he gives to the latter seems to be well founded, especially if it is supplied with water as well as Tadeul.

The Repairs wanting to these places to Catteiguer and Congrondah are so trifling that an estimate of them seems to be unnecessary. Major Read therefore may be desired to direct their

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their being proceeded upon without delay.

His suggestion for using Tents on the inferior Hill Posts is for the consideration of the Board.

When the measure of drawing the Garrison of Pinagra to Darampory was acceded to by the Board, I believe it was scarcely in idea that the latter was to be so far strengthened as to make it a tenable, permanent Post. If it can be rendered so at a moderate expence, the advantage will be considerable. Mean while the Stores at Pinagra are not very eligibly situated as from it's remoteness from any of our Posts and its vicinity to the Alembaddy Pass, it must be always exposed.

Major Read observes that some of the Posts in the Baramahal, contain more Grain than could be necessary for the Garrisons that could be allotted for them in time of War. Here the error seems to be on the safe side and the surplus Grain perhaps may be conveniently used to supply deficiencies in some of the neighbouring Garrisons.

Establishing a System of Signals along the Frontier and to extend to the Westward

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Westward as occasion might require, appears to be a subject that should in the first instance be deliberated on and adjusted by Government and the Commander in Chief — Major Read's notion however, that a signal Post need not be secure, I conceive is not likely to meet with general assent.

The preparation of Boats for the Coleroon I believe refers equally direct to Government.

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/Signed/ By Close
A.G.

A true Copy
/Signed/ T. Wallace
Actg Secy Mily Dept

Minutes and Resolutions upon the foregoing letter from the Military Board

The Board having duly considered the subjects contained in the foregoing letter from the Military Board entirely approve the Instructions transmitted by them to Major Read, as well as their observations upon the points adverted to in the former part of his reply thereto, respecting the several forts in the Baramahal.

Resolved that the directions be sent to Major Read and Captain Lennon, in the terms of the Recommendation of the Military Board

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Board, relative to the reform proposed for the works of Ryacottah and that it be left in the option of Major Read to occupy Tadeul and Guggenghur as he may find most expedient, provided the latter has equally the advantage of being supplied with water. It is likewise agreed that Shevagar be retained in it's present state should it appear to Major Read that, if possessed by an Enemy it could not be turned to any serious purpose against us.

The Board approve the Orders given by the Military Board for Repairs at Tadeul Guggenghar Cataraghar and Congoondie for the provision of Basket boats at Sanklydroog and Nameul and for Estimating the expense of Constructing the large Boat for the Transport of Troops or Stores up the Cavery.

The President lays before the Board the following letter which he has deemed it necessary to address to the Honorable the Court of Directors.

The President lays before the Board the Copy of a Letter addressed by His Lordship to the Court of Directors.

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To the Honorable the Court of Directors

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Honorable Sirs,

Letter from Lord Hobart to the Court of Directors - stating fairly before them the points in which a difference of opinion has arisen between his Lordship and the Governor General and desiring an impartial review of the whole of his conduct as connected with the arrangement proposed to the Nabob for modifying the treaty of 1792. Information related relative to the pretensions of Serfogee to the Musnud of Tanjore

The Supreme Government having been pleased to transmit a Copy of their address to you of the 11th July for the purpose of Communicating their Sentiments principally upon my conduct, and Minute respecting the negotiation with the Nabob and having stated "that their principles are fairly "at issue with mine" and that it will remain with "your Honorable Court to determine which you deem "best adopted to promote the permanent interests "of the Company" I feel much satisfaction at the appeal and shall submit to your decision with deference and respect.

As your Honorable Court must excuse my prefacing this subject by intruding a few words upon the following observation of the Governor General in Council "On the language "of declamation, or intemperance we shall never "animadvert unless it becomes necessary to the "support of the authority of the Supreme Government "leaving it on this, as on former occasions to the "observation and notice of your Honorable Court."

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I trust that the zealous obedience to the Orders of the Supreme Board which I have manifested upon every occasion will afford ample testimony of the respect I entertain for their authority but if I am not to defend my conduct when attacked in terms not indeed of intemperance and declamation, but of cool, deliberate censure and severity impeaching my Character as a public Servant in a manner not possible to be misunderstood, or I am placed in a situation wholly incompatible with a due regard to my own reputation.

The Bengal Government having declared that "they shall never regret the time "given to discussion, which tend to bring under "your review and judgment the principles, by "which it appears to them the Governments of India "should be regulated in the conviction that the "stability and prosperity of the British power "in India materially depend on the clear ascer- "tainment and definition of these principles and on a steady adherence to them" coupled by the observation "that their principles are fairly at issue with mine" it would seem their intention to imply that there was a fundamental

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difference between us, and consequently that if you acquiesce in the principles laid down by them, you must of course disapprove of those by which my conduct has been actuated.

An exposition, therefore, of our principles becomes the more necessary for the purpose of ascertaining upon what points we really are at issue. Whether and how far, our maxims of Government are contradictory; or whether the difference between us consists solely in the application of those maxims

The Governor General in Council states it as his first position that the Nabob has succeeded to the rights and station of his father under the solemn obligation of a treaty and that those rights may be conceded but cannot be extorted without a violation of public faith 2.dly That the inviolability of public faith is inculcated by the orders of our Superiors - the prescriptions of the legislature, by justice, policy and law. That its infringement would be a departure from moral rectitude, and consequently can never be politically right and that the admission of arguments in deviation from this principle would be the certain

certain prelude to the subversion of the British power
in India 3rdly That this principle admits of deviation
for "he cannot go so far as to assert that no circumstances
"could exist to justify the deprivation of those rights
"which the Nabob holds by treaty, but before he
"assented to such a measure he should require
"the clearest proofs of their existence and that they
"were of a nature to justify to the world the violation
"of these sanctions which he is bound to observe."

These being the rules of policy proposed
by the Bengal Government as a clear ascertainment
and definition of the regulating principles of British
power in it's relation to the Nabob of the Carnatic
the discussion can only be useful, in as much as
it may lead to discover whether these rules be
sufficiently definite to refer to, when exigencies
may require specific instructions to determine the
measures of your Governments in India, but as
principles, professedly admitting of deviation,
fluctuating with circumstances neither alluded to
nor enumerated, but to be estimated as they arise
by the existing Government the propriety or improprie
of that estimation to depend, not upon precedent
analogy, or any written law - but upon the subsequen
opinion of the world, can never be productive of
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those beneficial effects avowedly sought for by the Supreme Board it would be desireable that you should be induced to convey your instructions for a more precise application of the foregoing principles if they be such as are honored by your approbation.

Having established it as a maxim of British Government that circumstances may justify the deprivation of the Nabobs guaranteed rights, the Governor General in Council proceeds to enumerate some of the evils which have resulted to himself, his people and the Company from the undue exercise of these rights - the mal administration under which his Country has so long suffered - the evils of a divided Government - the pernicious effects of Durbar influence and intrigue - the embarrassment of the Nabob and the Company from the usurious system of loans and assignments - and the numerous consequences attending it to his highness's subjects, are all acknowledged and lamented by the Supreme Board, and it appears from the tenor of the Governor Generals correspondence to be a desideratum of national importance, implicating the most serious interests of humanity that these causes of decay should be removed and

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and such an arrangement introduced for the adminis-
tration of the Carnatic as might avert impending
ruin and lay the foundation of future prosperity.

In aggravation of these abuses, it
has also been admitted, that most of them have
originated from the Nabob's violation of a so
Solemn engagement yet under the fullest conviction
of the existence of all these evils, and of the opinion
that circumstances might justify the deprivation
of those rights which the Nabob holds by treaty
the Governor General in Council has charged the
President of Fort St. George with having been so
guilty of a conduct calculated to subvert the
British power in India, because he has proposed
and at a time of pecuniary emergency that the
Nabob should be urged to liquidate an so
unquestionable debt in the hope that it might
induce his acquiescence in the so modification of a
compact which he has so grossly and openly so
violated, such modification, having for its
sole object, the prevention of violations of a so
similar nature in future, and offering as an
additional inducement to obtain his Highness's so
acquiescence that the discharge of the Debt in
question should be postponed to a limited so
period

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period, and that another demand upon him from the Company which cannot amount to less than thirty Lacs of Pagodas, should be relinquished for ever. I must, however, observe that at that time I was not aware that the Nabob considered it "a delerection of his" Honor, as well as his interest" to pay his debts much less that he could have been prevailed upon by any circumstances to hazard a declaration so profligate and unprincipled.

It cannot escape the discernment of your Honorable Court that if the ascertainment of principles for the guidance of your Governments in India be expedient and if the position of the Governor General in Council be correct "that" circumstances may exist to justify the deprivation of those rights which the Nabob holds by Treaty" it would be difficult to appreciate such circumstances if those, which have been stated, be not of that" description and more especially when you reflect that this power, the calamitous exercise of which is" annihilating the resources on which your empire may depend, has been nourished and upheld by British Arms and that it is now perverted from the legitimate and of all authority into an oppressive, perfidious and depopulating tyranny

I shall

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I shall close this part of the subject with a remark, that if experience has not, I am convinced it will completely substantiate - That no point will at any time be carried with the Nabob, or the Rajah of Tanjore, which does not hold out to them some immediate advantage from their acquiescence, or disadvantage from their refusal - and that the means of persuation alone, however pleasing in sound will at all times be found nugatory and inoperative.

I shall now take the liberty of drawing your attention to the repetition of the charge of the negotiation with the Nabob having been — unadvisedly precipitate.

To this accusation after what I have already said I can have but little to add. I have expressly stated that I had prevailed upon the Nabob to recall his first refusal - that he requested it might not be forwarded to England - that he — affirmed it to be an act, not of his own connection but extorted from him by the measures of his Ministers that he had not maturely weighed the subject and that he desired the Packet might not be despatched until the time of his mourning (a period of forty days) had elapsed - I am therefore to lament that the Supreme Board should —

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have brought forward their Conjectures, and partial quotations upon this subject in opposition to my positive and public declaration to the contrary, and upon a point in which it is not possible for me to have been mistaken; nor can I well conceive how an event, the beginning continuance and termination of which were circumstances of public notoriety marked by the fears, intrigues and exultation of every corrupt member of the Durbar combination, and by the hopes, anxiety and disappointment of every mind that felt for the injured rights of humanity and the interests of the East India Company should have been unknown to the Governor General in Council. Public report I should have thought would have spoken in Bengal, and corroborated my declaration that the negotiation was protracted to the period I have stated.

The force of the reasons I have assigned for the early introduction of the subject having been admitted by the Governor General in Council, I do not think it necessary to advert to them further than to observe that if, with the Supreme Board, you admit the force of the reasons for the early introduction of the subject - and if you believe what, upon my honor,

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I assert as a fact, that the negotiation did not terminate for at least forty five days you cannot agree in the censure of "unadvised precipitation" which has been passed upon my conduct.

The Supreme Government having resumed the subject of the 5th. section of the 8th. Article of the Treaty of 1792, I must refer your Honorable Court to my minute of the 7th of August respecting the Tanjore Treaty, in which I have given the best consideration in my power to that point. Upon the present occasion I shall briefly remark that the Article is made to affect two parties - the Nabob and the money lender. If the former grants assignments on the mortgaged districts, he is liable to such penalties as generally attach upon a breach of engagement. If the latter advances his Money upon Securities on the districts in question, he hazards the loss of it on their falling into our hands. How a clause distinctly affecting two separate objects can justly be construed to exonerate the one from all penalty, because its penal operation upon the other is specifically provided for, is beyond my capacity to discover. The Governor General in Council has explicitly stated his construction of the terms of the

treaty

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treaty of 1792. You are in possession of Mine; to whom the charge of an attempt "to explain away the obligations of a treaty" is most applicable your Honorable Court will determine.

The principle I maintain is that so long as the party with whom a treaty has been made shall adhere to his engagements, a similar observance from us is indispensable - but that from the hour it is violated by him, our obligation ceases - were it necessary to go beyond an appeal to common sense upon the subject, I might refer you to Vatel. He says "If a power which has sought to protection of another does not fulfil his engagements with fidelity, the protecting party is discharged from his - he may refuse his protection and declare the treaty annulled, if he shall think it expedient so to do.

It being the opinion of the Supreme Board that "it would not be difficult to shew "that arguments founded on the views of the "Company at the original formation of the treaty "of 1787 or at the subsequent modification of the "pecuniary stipulations of it in 1792 are either "inapplicable or overstrained" my own justification demands that I should assign my reasons for having

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having resorted to such arguments - I have the best authority for asserting that the Nabob had been in the habits of complaining that his engagements under the Treaty of 1787 involved him in the greatest distresses, alleging that the resources of the Carnatic were not competent to enable him to perform his pecuniary stipulations - I am confident that one of the principal objects of the Treaty of 1792 was to relieve those Resources by lessening the Nabobs payments (six Lac of Pagodas annually) and that in consequence of so considerable a deduction from the receipts of the Company, the Nabob was obliged to enter into certain new stipulations having for their object the preservation of those resources which he had represented to be endangered by the existing treaty - Now, if the object of the modification of the treaty of 1787 really was the preservation of those resources, and he has violated the conditions agreed upon for that purpose, a reference to that Treaty with a view to prove not only that the letter but the spirit of that which was a modification of it had been infringed by his Highness, does not appear to me to warrant the term "inapplicable

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Whether the sentiments of the Governor General in Council, and particularly those conveyed in his letter to the Nabob respecting your views on the subject of the Polygars, be calculated to affect the salutary object you had in view, or to impede its attainment is a point to which your early attention is certainly required – the question at issue between the Governor General in Council and me, arises from the following paragraph in his letter to the Nabob "Your Highness cannot "but recollect that on the death of the late Rajah "of Calastry your honored father conferred the "succession on the present Rajah and received the "Nuzzeranah on the occasion. This was an act of "Sovereignty coming clearly within the reservations "of the Treaty, and the exercise of it consequently "readily admitted" to which I have observed in reference to the manner in which the Nabob was allowed to exercise his right of Sovereignty upon the occasion alluded to, that "if the Nabob "be at liberty to make pecuniary demands upon "the polygars upon all occasions, whenever the "customs of his durbar may furnish claims for "Nuzzeranahs under the idea of such demands "coming clearly within the reservations of the Treaty

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"Treaty, as acts of Sovereignty" I was under the necessity
"of declaring, that the right which has been countenanced
"and asserted by the Governor General is absolutely —
"incompatible with the realization of the polygars Tribute"

If I had the arguments of the Governor General to combat upon this point, I should certainly meet them, but with a deference I cannot now feel since he has rested the case upon my consistency and requested your decision upon that ground, a reference to the whole of the correspondence on the subject of the Calastry nuzzer is all I desire in proof of my inconsistency - but I must beg not to be judged by the partial abstract which the Governor General in Council has thought proper to annex to their letter - Upon the candour of such a proceeding it would be unbecoming in me to make any remark. I consider it however my duty to say that had I entertained at that early, or indeed at any other period of my residence in India, an opinion which further experience had taught me to alter, and more especially, after the comprehensive communication of your sentiments upon the subject, I should have been more proud to have acknowledged my error, than to have preserved my consistency

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and thus have acted in opposition to my own judgment and your instructions - but I am not reduced to such an alternative - a Detail of the transaction and a more enlarged reference to the records will demonstrate that the Sentiments subscribed by me throughout are both reconcilable and consistent

Upon the death of the late Rajah of Calastry the Nabob intimated his intention of demanding a Nuzzer on the investiture of his Son which understanding to be the custom of the Carnatic and looking upon it, as a complimentary acknowledgement of the Nabobs right of Sovereignty, I was disposed to admit - but at all events judged it prudent to solicit the opinion of the Supreme Government upon the subject. In reply the Governor General in Council, conceiving that the Nabob "was rather tenacious as to the principle than anxious as to the amount" suggested that he should be allowed to receive a Sum which might fairly be deemed a complimentary acknowledgement of his Sovereign right but also directed that it should be settled with his Highness's acquiescence."

A communication of the Nabobs Sentiments soon discovered that he looked upon

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these Nuzzers as a source of revenue and not as a mere compliment - upon which I immediately saw the necessity of urging the terms of the Treaty as a bar to that understanding of the subject - His Highness adhered to his original idea - a second reference was made to the Supreme Government and the discussion terminated in the Nabob's receiving a Lac of Rupees - The Governor General has stated this precedent to the Nabob as the rule by which he is at liberty to exercise the Sovereign rights - I resist it as incompatible with the realization of the Tribute.

An appeal to the whole of the proceedings upon this transaction would be the most ample testimony of my consistency - but I shall merely trouble your Honorable Court, in addition to the extracts furnished by the Governor General in Council with Copies of my letter to the Nabob of the 26th. April - of my Minute of the 21st. May 1795 and of the concluding paragraph of the letter from this Government of the same date.

I cannot forego this opportunity of expressing to your Honorable Court the deep regret I have felt at the frequent animadversions the Supreme Government have made upon my conduct I will not presume to assert it is free from errors

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errors - but whatever those errors may be I can confidently declare they have been the result of the most zealous anxiety to promote the interests of the East India Company.

The satisfaction to be derived from disinterestedness and generosity is too grateful to a well disposed mind to be checked by any considera-tions except those of duty - but to publish to the whole Indian world that our allies may violate the faith of treaties - undermine the resources of the British Government and withhold the liquidations of their debts to the Company without incurring any possible inconvenience, appears to be a sacrifice desperately alarming to the public welfare.

For my part I must for ever disclaim that species of reputation which is to be raised upon the ruin of those interests which it is my duty to preserve or to be acquired by resorting to popular arguments in support of a depopulating system - an adherence to the faith of treaties is a great principle of the first public utility - but if it be not uniform it cannot be just - It must be binding on both or conclusive against neither party - Vatel tells us "If "the engagements of a treaty impose on one side a "perfect obligation - they give to the other a perfect "right - To violate a treaty, is to violate the perfect right

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The relative situation of the Nabob
and the Company renders our protection to his Country
an act of indispensable necessity. He is indebted
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into arrear, and if the express stipulation against granting assignments upon the mortgaged districts had not been violated, the effect of the measure would have been as beneficial as it's design was sagacious. The fullest consideration of this important subject with the contemplation of that ruin in which the Nabob's breach of engagement is involving the Carnatic, the daily accounts I receive of the oppression and miseries of the unfortunate inhabitants and the conviction I have of the progressive annihilation of the resources of the Company, have so strongly impressed my mind with necessity of a change of system, that I have no hesitation in saying if there be no doubt (and it is not possible that any man in India can doubt of it) of the treaty of 1792 having been violated by the Nabob, there can be no question of our right to avail ourselves of every means in our power to enforce such a modification of the treaty as will guard against the fatal consequences of future violation, and I am not afraid to hazard my Character upon this opinion, resting it upon the policy, the justice or the humanity of the measure.

I shall conclude this address with the recital of two paragraphs from Lord Cornwallis's letter

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Letter to the Court of Directors dated the 10th. of August 1792.

The change of circumstances since that period seems to have lessened the weight of those arguments which his Lordship was apprehensive might be urged against an alteration in the system. The present Nabob, though Heir to the possessions, cannot have the same claim to your consideration to which his father was entitled the expectations justly entertained from the operation of the Treaty of 1792 have been disappointed and the evils of the administration of the Carnatic have, if possible, been encreased ten fold, since the decease of Mahomed Ally.

Extracts of a letter from Lord Cornwallis to the Court of Directors dated 10th August 1790.

Para. 22 "I must freely own that I could not venture to propose any plan, on the success of which I could have any firm reliance, unless the Nabob could be induced by a large annual revenue, regularly paid and properly secured to him, to surrender the management of his Country for a long term of years to the Company."

Para 24 "The Nabob's age - his long connexion with us - his rights to the possession of the Country which, however, without our assistance, would have

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have been but of little value to him, and exaggerated accounts of his former Services may furnish Topics for popular declamation and may possibly engage the notion, upon mistaken ideas of humanity to support a system of cruelty and oppression; but whilst I feel conscious that I am endeavouring to promote the happiness of mankind and the good of my Country, I shall give very little weight to such Considerations and should conceive that I had not performed the duty of the high and responsible Office in which you did me the honor to place me, if I did not declare that the present mixed Government cannot prosper, even in the best hands in which your part of it can be placed, and that unless some such plan as that which I have proposed should be adopted, the inhabitants of the Carnatic must continue to be wretched, the Nabob must remain an indigent Bankrupt, and his Country an useless and expensive burthen to the Company and to the Nation"

I have the honor to be with great Respect
&c &c
(Signed) Hobart

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Postscript

The Governor General in Council having directed this Government to procure informa-
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information on certain points concerning the relative rights of Sherfogee and the present Rajah, to the Musnud of Tanjore, I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the information of your Honorable Court, Copies of the Correspondence that has passed on the occasion.

I Signed I Hobart

List of Packet from the Right Honorable Lord Hobart to the Honorable Court of Directors &c. &c.

General Small.

Lord Hobart's address of this date

Enclosures:

No. 1 Copy of letter from Bengal to the Gournment at Fort St. George } 18th July 1796

No. 2 Copy of Lord Hobart's Minute in Council } 7th August "

No. 3 Copy of Lord Hobart's letter to His Highness the Nabob } 26. April 1795

No. 4 Copy of Lord Hobart's Minute in Council } 21st May "

No. 5 Extract of letter from Fort St. George to the Bengal Gournment } Do. Do. "

No. 6 Copy of letter from Bengal to the Government at Fort St. George } 29th April 1796

No. 7 Copy of letter from Fort St. George to the Bengal Gournment with Enclosures from No. 1 @ 6 } 1st July "

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No 8 Copy of letter from the Reverend Mr Swartz } 26. August 1796

No 9 Copy of letter from Fort St. George to the Bengal Government } 2d September "

No 10 List of the Packet

Signed Dan. Sykes
Dep. Secy

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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 stating the precise time when the districts were restored to the Rajah's authority

I have been honored with your Lordship's letter of the 9th instant directing me to specify the time when the Soubahs were delivered to the Rajah's Authority.

The delivery of the Soubah of Tovaey was begun on the night of the 1st Instant by the Restoration of all the places near Tanjore (including the Customs of the Soubah,) and Completed on the 14th instant; his Excellency having expressly agreed that all those places in which Company's grain was lying, should be under the inspection of the Revenue Servants for a few days, as it was supposed by the Rajah, old Bava, and myself that

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that the necessary proofs for the security of the Company's property might be arranged within those few days.—

The necessity of the above precaution must fully appear from the following considerations — The agreements of many of the Puttuckdars were to pay some Rists in Money and some in Grain the Grain remains in their charge till it is sold or otherwise disposed of in Store &c.; for Grain sold or Stored an Order is given on the Puttuckdar who furnishes the quantity required (by which means all expence of keeping the Paddy is avoided) — When once proof is given to the Rajah, by means of these People, that such a Quantity of Paddy is to be furnished by them, his Excellency is bound to see that justice is done to the Company in the delivery of it, by enforcing his Orders to that effect. As to the nature of the Proof, they consider the Signature of a paper as insufficient; — hence his Excellency's stipulation in the Agreement already transmitted that the Proof of Advances &c by the Collectors should be made by means of the Inhabitants — that is by a personal Examination of them and attestation on their part.

To have withdrawn the Company's Servants hastily, and before the requisite proofs were given, would have been to depend for obtaining that

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that proof (and consequently for the Security of the property) on the Rajahs Ministers who are indifferent to the Company's Interest, and on the Puttuckars whose profit would arise from Counteracting it.

With respect to the Restoration of the other two Saubahs, I gave his Excellency, on the 3d Instant, the letters to be sent by his Amildars to Messrs. Grant and Balmain. Your Lordship has already before you a Copy of those letters announcing your Orders for the delivery of the Country Both of Manargoody and Myaveram have been restored to the Rajahs Authority, as I learn from his Excellency and from the private letters of Messrs. Grant and Balmain. but I cannot state the precise time of the Restoration. I conjecture however that those Gentlemen have notified it in a public address to Government.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/Signed/ Alex.r Macleod

Resd.

Tanjore

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The President considers it his duty to state to the Board the difficulty he has been under in selecting a Civil Servant for the situation of Secretary to the Military Board and the consequent delay in.

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in the appointment.

The necessity of the person who shall be named to fill that Office having previously acquired habits of business and a considerable knowledge of the several Branches of the Military Department cannot be questioned whilst at the same time, it must be evident that Civil Servants so circumstanced look to situations of more importance to their general views in the Service. Indeed the President has distinctly ascertained this point, since many to whom he has proposed the appointment have desired to decline it on that very account.

and proposes that it be left with the Commander in Chief to recommend a proper person for the Situation.

Under this impression, and knowing that in Bengal, probably for the same reason it has been judged advisable to appoint a Military Servant, as Secretary to the Military Board at that Presidency the President proposes that the Commander in Chief be requested to recommend a proper person for that Situation.

The Board concur in the President's suggestion

The Board concur in the Sentiments above expressed by the President and accordingly agree to adopt His Lordship's propositions

Read the following letter from Captain Lennon Right

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Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Captain Lennon relative to Money disbursed by him on account of Malay Interpreters and Writers on the Eastern Expedition

Not having drawn any pay as yet for the appointment of Secretary to the Eastern Expedition I take the liberty to state that the great addition of pay necessary to tempt writers and Interpreters to undertake that service so much exceeded the usual allowances that I preferred rather to depend upon the consideration of Government upon a representation of the fact, than draw any pay whatever for that Office. Those public Servants whom I carried from Madras refusing to proceed farther than Malacca I was under a necessity of engaging a Malay Interpreter at 40 Pagodas pr. Month and Writers and others in proportion. I have therefore to request you will allow me to draw the difference of expence incurred on this particular account which in addition to my own pay not drawn will amount to something above 100 Pagodas pr. Month.

I have the honor to be with great respect &c &c

Signed W. Caulfield Lennon

Agreed &c

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Minute thereon

Agreed that Captain Lennon be reimbursed any additional expense which he shall state upon honor to have incurred for account of the pay of a Malay Interpreter and 1 Writers, independent of his pay as Secretary to the Eastern Expedition.

Read the following letter from Bombay.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council at Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Bombay intend to establish an institution similar to the Male Orphan Asylum at Madras.

We have had the honor to receive your Lordship's letter of the 6th of this Month, with the accompanying report, from the Reverend Dr. Bell of the success that has attended, his very laudable exertions, in the Superintendance of the Male Asylum at Madras, and we are so well satisfied of the great advantages that must result from some institution of a similar nature, and tendency on this side of India, That we shall no longer defer bestowing our full attention, on an Object, wherein humanity and the great Interests of morality, are so deeply Interested.

We have the honor to be

Bombay Castle
29th August 1796 -

&c &c
Signed " Jon. Duncan
" W. Whitehill
" John Spencer Reid

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Read the following letter from the Military Board

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From the Military Board proposing that a General Order be published tending to ensure the better preservation of the unserviceable Firearms at out Stations

In consequence of the very defective state, in which unserviceable Arms have been in general sent from the Out Stations to the Arsenal at the Presidency, We requested the Military Auditor General to prepare the draught of a General Order, regulating the care and preservation of such Arms in future when returned into Store at the different Stations, and to be afterwards forwarded to the Presidency where it appears they have been hitherto received in a state so extremely defective, as to preclude all possibility of repair and to render them of little or no value when exposed to public Sale. It is however to be remarked, that although Firelocks may be deemed unserviceable in Out Stations where the Artificers and Materials are inadequate for the purpose of putting them in order, yet in the Arsenal of Fort St. George where a regular Establishment of the best workmen is constantly kept

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kept up Firelocks that are useless with a Corps for the above reason, may be put into a Serviceable state, provided all the parts of each Firelock are taken care of and sent to the Arsenal which is far from being the case at present— The Military Auditor General having accordingly laid before us the accompanying draught— We beg leave to submit it to your Lordship in Council and if approved, recommend it may be published in General Orders.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

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/Signed/ Alured Clarke
" Thomas Geils
" Wm Sydenham
" John Richardson
" By Close
" Wm Gent
" George Hall

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In consequence of the very defective state in which unserviceable Arms have been in general received into the Arsenal at Fort St. George, so as to render the greatest part of them of no value whatever it is ordered that in future when any Arms are rendered Unserviceable, the Commanding Officer of the Regiment Battalion or Detachment to which they belong, shall deliver them into the public Store with a particular account of their deficiency agreeably to the annexed Form, to which the Storekeeper or person in charge of the Stores is to return a Corresponding receipt, and to forward a Counterpart of such receipt with his next Monthly Return to the Military Board, in order that the precise condition of all unserviceable Arms when returned into Store may be clearly ascertained, and that the Storekeepers or others in charge of Stores at Out Stations may be made answerable for sending them in the same state to the Presidency when opportunity offers. This order applies equally to the Troops at Fort St. George and its neighbourhood when any unserviceable Arms are delivered direct into the Arsenal.

Commanding Officers of Corps are at all times to make the established Stoppages from the European or Sepoys who appear to have lost or damaged thro' carelessness or neglect any part of their Arms or accoutrements for which Stoppages the Paymaster is to give Credit to the Company according to the Regulations now in force.

A true Copy
(Signed) T. Wallace
Actg Secy Mily Bd
Report

Report of the state of unserviceable Musquets delivered into Store from the Regement or Battalion Commanded by Lt Colo A. B. — 1796

Articles Deficient

Number of Soldiers	Of Iron and Steel: Bayonets	Bridle Bits	Cocks	Hammers	Saws	Saw Pins	Locks	Ramrods	Brass: Bridle Bits	Cocks	Hammer Springs	Hammer Springs Stoppers	Swivels	Screws for Springs: Bayonet	Hammer	Main	Shear	Hoop for Ramrod	Swivels	Trigger	Trigger Tumblers	Guards	Nose Screws	Pipes: Upper	Middle	Tail	Plates: Heel	Side	Trigger	Pins with the Bands screws complete from the Store	Casts of Iron & Steel in pieces not fitted for use, except the Hammers
1	1	"	"	"	"	1	1	"	1	"	"	"	1	"	"	1	"	"	"	2	"	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	1	"		
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Note { Hammer Springs are Sometimes called Feather Springs
A Ramrod Stopper is a small piece of Iron placed at the point of the Ramrod within the Stock.

A true Copy
[Signed] T. Wallace
A.A.G. Serv.ts 24th Div.n

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The General Orders to be published as recommended

Resolved that the General Orders recommended by the Military Board be published

Hobart

Wm Hickey

Colv Saunders

E Waddington

Fullerton Secy