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Diary

Sent the following letters entered in C. C. Nos. 140. 141. 142.

To the Peshwa

To the Peshwa congratulating him on his succession to the Peshwaship.—

To Purseram Ram Chunder

To Purseram Ram Chunder & congratulating him on his appointment of Minister to the Peshwa.—

To the Rajahs of Calastry, Veneatagherry and Bomrauze

To the Rajahs of Calastry, Bomrauze and Veneatagherry

and Bomrauze referring them to orders of the 25th November 1795 and again requiring that they do not detach Peons or Troops without the authority of Government.—

Dispatched the undermentioned letter entered in M. B. No. 116

To the Resident at Hydrabad and Poonah

To Major Kirkpatrick and Sir C. W. Malet with intelligence from the Mysore Country.—

Received

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Received the following letters & entered in M.B: Nos. 117.. 118.. 119.. 120.. 121.

From Sub Secretary at Bengal. —

From Mr. Sub Secretary Thornhill with letter for the Military Board at this Presidency. —

From Military Paymaster Genral. —

From Mr. Benjamin Roebuck with Statement of expence of the Madras Army for October 1796. —

From Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Benjamin Roebuck with Additional estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster at Tanjore. —

From Messrs. Tullok Jarvis and Brodie —

From Messrs. Tullok Jarvis and Brodie requesting that the Transfer and Govt. Bonds may be made out in favor of James Tibbald one of the Tanjour & Creditors according to the proposals of the Honorable Court of Directors

From Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. —

From Mr. John Humphrey Skardon with estimate of disbursements for October 1796. —

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Rec.d the following Letters

W.C. Jackson Esq.r

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you for the Notice of the Right Honorable the President in Council Copy of a letter & I have this day written to the Collector of Masulipatam; Likewise, Copy of a letter to the Commanding Officer at Innaconda and of the Inclosure therein referred to. —

From Resident at Hyderabad with Copy of a letter to the Collector at Masulipatam respecting the mode of discharging the Balance of Peishcush - and Commanding Officer at Innaconda & respecting the Situation & and Strength of Baptistes Detachment. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Hyderabad
12th. September 1796

(Signed) W. Kirkpatrick

To John Wrangham Esq.r

Collector at Masulipatam

Sir.

Since writing you on the 8.th Instant it has been represented to me by & his Highness's Ministers on the Authority of

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of Meer Gholaume, that a large proportion of the Rupees which you have tendered in Payment of the Arrears of Paishcush, is of a Species not current at this place, but at a considerable loss, and that therefore, they will on no Account, accept of them.—

I am in consequence to request that you will be pleased to deliver to Meer Gholaumi only such part of the Silver Money already tendered him as he may be willing to receive; making up the Remainder in Pagodas at the Exchange specified in my last Letter, or 382. 6¼ per 100, the Dubar having preferred this mode of Adjustment to my suggestion of accepting a reasonable Allowance on the footing of Batta

It having been proposed to me that the Pagodas paid by you, should be sent hither unshroffed, in sealed bags to be examined on their Arrival here, I stated the

objections

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Objections which I had to complying with this demand; observing among other things that if his Highness's Ministers did not think proper to leave the Shroffage on this occasion to the Masulipatam Shroffs, they had better appoint their own for the purpose — This has been accordingly done, and I am told that two Shroffs from his Highness's Treasury will set out tomorrow for Masulipatam; so that Mer Gholaumi will not receive any Money from you till their Arrival I foresee that you will have some difficulty in satisfying these people, and that they will sufficiently exercise your patience; but I have no doubt of your being ultimately able to give them content — I shall only add, that it is extremely desirable that this affair should be conducted with all the good

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good-humour, and conducted with all the expedition, possible and that to effect this object, I assure myself you will not stand upon trifles.—

I have the honor to be,

Hyderabad
12: September 1796.

&c. &c.

(signed) W. Kirkpatrick

P. S. My letter of the 8th instant referred to above, was sent to Meer Allum for the purpose of being forwarded by him to Meer Gholaumi, to whom I believe it goes by this Mail.—

True Copy

(signed) W. Kirkpatrick

To Major Halcott
Commanding at
Innaconda

Sir,

Inclosed I have the honor to send you Translate of the Report of a Harcarrah whom I dispatched not long since

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sine to Khummum principally with the view of ascertaining the number of Europeans with Baptiste, and whether or not he was carrying on any works of a Military nature at that place. He sojourned there eight or nine days, and insists upon it that he was very particular and exact in counting the Europeans. Either, however, he must be grosely Mistaken (as I suspect to be the case) or Baptiste must have been remarkably successful in his levies since he left this - You will Oblige me by communicating to me any Accounts which may have reached you, from this advanced post of Monsieur Raymond.-

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) W. Kirkpatrick

Hyderabad
12th September 1796

True Copy
(Signed) W. Kirkpatrick

Translate

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Translate of a Verbal Report of Ranojee Hircarrah, returned lately from Khummum

Monsieur Baptiste lives at a house in the Town of Khummum, where a guard of fifty Seapoys always mounts over him. His Troops are stationed near the Cudgãt with a Tank in their front. His Force amounts to a thousand Veterans, and two hundred and fifty Recruits, besides forty Europeans, and fifteen Topasses. He has four Guns, two of a middle Size, and two of a very small one, with twelve Tumbrils of Ammunition.—

Of the above Forty Europeans 6 there are five principal Men whose Names are as follows.—

Monsieur Mustuk.—or Murdue
Monsieur Monôn
Monsieur Jean
Monsieur Bordie, and the Drum Major (who is not specified by name) The Troops

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are exercised daily, the Veterans once and the Recruits twice a day. Baptiste himself comes out regularly once each day to inspect the Recruits at Drill - He is going on Recruiting entertaining such men as he deems fit & for the Service. Besides the above Force, I heard that there were two hundred and fifty Men stationed at Dupaud where a Cannon Foundry has been established, in which it is said, two small Guns have already been cast - There are likewise fifty men Stationed at Kunnuckgherry

In the neighbourhood of the Kusbah (Khummum) all Passengers are strictly interrogated, and asked from whence they come, and whether they are going - & with Regard to the Fort of Khummum, & Abdul Azeez Khan is for the sake of Appearance the nominal Killedar thereof, it is garrisoned by two hundred and fifty

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of Baptistes Sepoys; one of his Subadars of the Name of Sadhoo Sing formerly commanded in the Fort with this Party, but was relieved about two Months ago by another officer named Shaik Ahmed - There is a Round-hedge without the Ditch around the Fort, & composed of thorn-bushes, and which is about sixteen cubits in depth - The Fort itself is exactly in the same condition it was when belonging to Hyder and Tippoo, neither better nor worse. - I was informed that they were making Gunpowder in the Fort, which no strangers are permitted to enter. -

The Collection of the Kuobah Revenue have been consigned (by Baptiste) to the charge of Mahommed Saheb Araby, and Sadhere Meean, who have attached all the Enaum and Jaghire Lands belonging thereto, saying, that if the Proprietors

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will cultivate them at their own expence they shall be restored to them, but, if they persist in employing the gratuitous labour of the Ryotts, for the purpose, they shall pay the usual Taxes.— This proceeding has occasioned murmurs and complaints from several people.—

Formerly Rice used to be exported from Khummum to Kurnool, but at present the exportation of it is prohibited all other kinds of Grain however, still continue to be exported thether.—

Thirty Horses that are attached to Baptistes Detachment, have been Stationed by that Officer, for the convenience of Forage at the Village of Kakevanum, about three Cos from Khummum.—

I heard that an European had lately arrived at Khummum from the Durwar Quarter

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21st Quarter - It is a common report at Khummum; which was confirmed to me & indeed by some of the Sepoys themselves & that there is Enmity between the English and these People - that is to say, Baptists and the like, who mean, at some convenient time, to assert their claim to Pondicherry. -

I likewise heard that Nabby & Saheb Commandant is raising Troops in the Company's Talooks in the name of Bungar nair, and that many men from this Quarter repair to his standard. -

In consequence of a quarrel between the Zemindar of Busewâ poor (which lies between Nundial and Khummum) and his brother in law, the road through these parts has been much infested with Freebooters, who miss no opportunity of attacking and plundering Travellers. -

True Translate

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

True Copy

(Signed) W. Kirkpatrick

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council,

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Military Auditor General inclosing papers on the subject of Barrack Charges made by the Military Paymaster at the Mount Poonamalee and Tripassore and Retrenched on Audit—

In consequence of a reference on the Subject of Sundry Barrack Charges made by the Military Paymaster at the Mount Poonamalee and Tripassore, on Account of Officers Quarters, having been solicited by that Officer, I do myself the honor to lay before your Lordship a Statement of the case, exhibiting the Retrenchments, and the grounds upon which they were made - the explanations offered by the Paymaster in support of the same - with my Observations thereon annexed, that the Matter may come before Government at one View for their determination which I request to be favored with, as soon as convenient, for the information of the party concerned.—

I have the honor to be
My Lord,
with the highest Respect,
&c: &c:
(Signed) Wm Sydenham
M.G: Aud.r Gen.l

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
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My Lord,
with the highest Respect,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
M.G. Aud. Genl.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
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Colonel William Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am to request you will inform me whether any Reference has been made to Government by your Predecessor on the subject of the Charge made for Sweepers, Lotties Water Women and Scavangers Carts for the use of the Officers in the Cantonment of the Mount Poonamallee and Tripassore, for Observance in the last Retrenchments Received on the 18th. — instant upon the accounts of April 1796 that he still continues to retrench the Charge I have hitherto continued to make upon a supposition that from the Tenor of my first Remark upon the Retrenchment that a reference would be made immediately to Government in Order to know their pleasure upon the same, and in case they declared it. that it belonged to the Barrack Department

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as stated in the first remark upon the Charge that a General Order would be issued drawing the Line between the two Employs and if in favor of the Barrack Master, I of course would have discontinued the Charge from the date of the receipt of the General Orders, but as no such General Order has been issued I have been led to continue to make the usual Disbursements thereby preventing Complaints being made by the respecting Commanding Officers for a neglect of Duty on my part.—

Should your Predecessor from the Multiplicity of business he had to attend to, have omitted to make the reference to Government, I beg that an immediate one may now be made by you requesting their speedy decision, for if the Disbursements made by me belongs to the Barrack & Department I shall immediately desist making them any more, and in that &

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case I trust an order will be passed for the admission of my Charges up to the date of the Order of Governmt.

To bring the matter clearly before you I shall here state the 1st Remark of your Predecessor with my Answer.—

Remark of the Auditor Genl. upon the 1st Accounts of September 1792 "In the "Abstract of Articles supplied "the Garrison Paymaster & "makes the following Charges "which being deemed in the "Barrack Masters Depart- "ment are objected for "Want of Authority"—

To 46 Sweepers @ 24 fs @	26.12.—	
31 Totties including a Martry	31.21.—	
2 Lamp Lighters	2.21.—	
342 Measures of Coconut Oil	57.—	
Potts Lamps Brooms &c.	5.40.	
36 Water Women @ 31 fs @	25.30.—	
2 Scavengers Carts	15.—	
Pagodas	163.40.—	

Reply of Mr. Cochrane

"These charges have "been made since the Year "1794 and were considered "as Absolutely necessary they "were totally distinct from "those made by the Barrack "Master who by his contract "only supplies the Non "Commissioned Officers and "Men the Supply of the & "Cantonment and Garrison "Lamps Totties and Water "Women for the Officers being "left to the Paymasters & "Colonel Capper objected to the "like Charge made by Mr. "Hawkins in 1789/90 and on "his Explanation dated 5th August "1790 it was admitted likewise "all succeeding Monthly Charges "of the same nature — The "precedent

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"Precedent being thus
"Established for a length
"of time, a fresh Order was
"therefore deemed unnecessary
"the two Scavengers Carts
"were supplied agreeable
"to M.r Secretary Chamier's
"Letter Dated 11.th March 1788."

From the above reply on my part
it evidently appears that I meant to continue
the charge untill Countermanded by the
Government and I was confirmed in the
same Opinion from the Readit of the
same Monthly Account rendred on the 11th
August 1794 The following is Copy of the Sheet.—

The following proportion of the charge
is admitted under the explanation and the
particular circumstance of the case Viz.t—

	To 46 Sweepers @ 24 fd	26..	12..
31	Sotties including a Mashy	31..	21..
36	Waterwomen @ 31 fd	25..	30..
	Potts Ropes Brooms &c.a	5..	10.—
2	Scavengers Carts	15..	..
	Pagodas	104..	19..

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In the 2nd Readict of my Accounts for the Months of May, June, and July 1793 I am informed that the Charge will only be admitted up tell the 31st December 1793 The date on which the first Retrenchment was made known to me – I cannot but complain of the hardship of this for as your Predecessor must have seen from my Monthly Disbursements that I was continuing to make the Charge, it was his duty to have stopt it by a special Order to that purpose, and in case his Letter did not take notice that he had the Authority of Government to that effect, I should then have replied to the same, & requesting a reference to Government – but he must have taken it for granted that the Charge would be ultimately admitted so soon as Government had finally arranged the New System of the Paymasters expected take place from time to time for these three years past –

You

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21st. You will perceive that your Predecessor does not object to the propriety or necessity of the charge he only says that it belongs to the Barrack Department, I have pointed out that it is perfectly distinct, and has exhisted for these many years past — Had your Predecessor been of Opinion that the Charge was an improper one he would have said so, and have represented it to Government, at the same time that he did in part of the Charge made by me, for instance in Respect to the lightening up of the Cantonment, which produced an Order of Government under date the 7th July 1795 discontinuing the Charge, which was immediately complied with by me it is therefore evident that has he thought it was necessary to have an Order of Government to discontinue the Lighting up of the Cantonment it of course follows that I am Authorized to continue the Charge in question until Countermanded by Government and the People employed by me regularly attended the Monthly Musters. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(signed) Basil Cochrane
My Paym. Fort St. George

Fort St. George
30th August 1796

True Copy
(signed) J. Brunton Dep. My Aud. Gen.

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Paymasters objectionable Charges and Auditor Generals Remarks upon them.—

February 1794
St. Thomas's Mount
Charges Cantonment

The Paymaster Charges for the following Servants and Articles in the Barrack Department for January 1794.—

	P.	F.	C.
1 Totymastry and 6 Totees	9..	1..	40
1 Water Woman	..	30..	—
8 Sweepers	4..	24..	—
1 Cart for Cleaning the Streets	7..	21..	—
36 Water Pots	..	12..	12.—
Pagodas	22..	4..	52

Charges for Supplies of this Nature by Paymasters at Stations within the &

Paymasters' Replies to the Retrenchments Reference to Government

These Charges have been made since the Year 1784, and were considered as absolutely necessary, They are totally distinct from those made by the & Barrack Master who by his contract only Supplies the Non Commissioned Officers and Men— The Supply of the Cantonment and Garrison Lamps, Totees and

Divisions to which Barrackmasters stand appointed are inadmissible after December 1793 in Conformity to the Vi audit Remarks on the Disbursements for 1792 / 3 Retrenched Pay.s 22.. 4.. 52

March 1794

Charges Cantonment

The same Articles and Attendants drawn for by the Paymaster and Retrenched as in the preceding Month. — — — — — — — — — — 22.. 4.. 52.

April 1794

Charges Cantonment

The same as above — — — — — —	22.. 4.. 52.
D.o — D.o in May — — — — —	21.. 34.. 40
D.o — D.o in June — — — — —	30.. 10.. 40
D.o — D.o in July — — — — —	32.. 3.. 12
D.o — d.o in August — — — —	33.. 15.. 72
D.o — d.o in September — — —	33.. 15.. 72
D.o — d.o in October — — — —	33.. 15.. 72.
D.o — d.o in November — — —	33.. 15.. 72.
D.o — d.o in December — — — —	34.. 3.. 72.
D.o — d.o in January 1795 — — —	33.. 35.. 72.
D.o — d.o in February — — — —	33.. 25.. 72
D.o — d.o in March — — — —	33.. 25.. 72
D.o — d.o in April — — — —	33.. 25.. 72
D.o — d.o in May — — — —	33.. 25.. 72
Carried forward	486.. 17.. 8

Waterwoman for the Officers being left to the Paymasters. —

Colonel Capper objected to the like Charge made by Mr. Hawkins in 89/90 and on his Explanation dated 5th August 1790 it was admitted likewise all succeeding Monthly Charges of the same Nature — The Precedent being thus established for a length of time a fresh order was therefore deemed unnecessary — The Scavengers Carts are Supplied Agreeable to Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letter dated 11th March 1788.

Additional Replies

Copy of a Letter from the Military Paymaster at the Presidency to Colonel William Sydenham Military Auditor General dated 30th August 1796 Marked No 1. —

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	P.	F.	C.s
Brought forward	486	17	8

St. Thomas's Mount

The Paymaster Charges for the same description of Articles and Barrack Servants for the Officers of the Mount in June 1795 which were retrenched as in preceding Months. ..... 33.. 25.. 72.

Do.	Do. in July	33.. 25.. 72.
Do.	Do. in August	33.. 30.. 72.
Do.	Do. in September	34.. 3.. 72.
Do.	Do. in October	33.. 29.. 32.
Do.	Do. in November	28.. 30.. 20.
Do.	Do. in December	33.. 12.. 20.
Do.	Do. in January 1796	33.. 18.. 20.
Do.	Do. in February	33.. 18.. 20
Do.	Do. in March	33.. 27.. 32.
Do.	Do. in April	33.. 25.. 20.

Total Retrenched from the Abstracts for Barrack Articles and Servants supplied by the Paymaster for the Officers at St. Thomas's Mount ..... 851.. 12.. 60

Poonamalee
February 1794.—

Copy of a Letter from the Military Paymaster at the Presidency to Colonel William Sydenham Military Auditor General dated 13th September 1796 — Marked No. 2.—

The Paymaster Charges for the following Servants and Articles in the Barrack & Department for the use of the Officers Quarters in January 1794 —

	P.	F.	C.
10 Sweepers	5	30	—
12 Toties	12	21	—
22 Water Women	15	30	—
22 Extra Sweepers	12	24	—
12 do. Toties	12	—	—
2 Scavengers Carts	15	—	—
Pots, Lamps, Brooms &c.a	3	40	—
Pagodas	77	19	—

Retrenched for the reasons assigned on similar Charges on Account of Officers & Quarters &c.a at the Mount from January 1794 to April 1796 inclusive Pag.s 77 .. 19 .. —

Articles and attendants the same as above Charged in March Account of Officers Quarters in February were retrenched on the same principle — 80 .. 23 .. —

Do — Do in April	76	3
Do — Do in May	79	37
Do — Do in June	79	37
Do — Do in July	81	2
Do — Do in August	79	37
Do — Do in September	79	37
Do — Do in October	80	23
Carried forward	715	8

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	P.	F.	C.s
Brought forward	486	17	8

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Do.	Do. in March	33.. 27.. 32.
Do.	Do. in April	33.. 25.. 20.

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Carried forward	715	8

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	P.	F.	C.
Brought forward	715	8	—
The Paymaster charges for the same description of Articles and Barrack Servants for the Officers at the Mount in November 1794 which retrenched as in preceding Months	80	23	—
Do. — Do. in December	80	23	—
Do. — Do. in January 1795	80	23	—
Do. — Do. in February	80	23	—
Do. — Do. in March	73	17	—
Do. — Do. in April	73	17	—
Do. — Do. in May	59	5	—
Do. — Do. in June	73	17	—
Do. — Do. in July	73	17	—
Do. — Do. in August	73	17	—
Do. — Do. in September	77	17	—
Do. — Do. in October	72	17	—
Do. — Do. in November	72	17	—
Do. — Do. in December	72	17	—
Do. — Do. in January 1796	73	17	—
Do. — Do. in February	72	17	—
Do. — Do. in March	72	17	—
Do. — Do. in April	72	17	—
Total retrenched from the Abstracts for Barrack Articles and Servants supplied by the Paymaster for the Officers at Poonamalee	2048	32	—

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February 1794

The Paymaster Charges for the following Servants and Articles in the Barrack Department for the use of the Use of the Officers Quarters in January 1794.—

	Pag.		
1 Sweeper	"	24	—
1 Toty	1	—	—
4 Water Women	2	36	—
4 Extra Sweepers	2	12	—
3 Do. Toties	3	31	40
Pots, Brooms, Baskets &c.	"	37	40
1 Scavengers Cart	7	21	—
Pagodas	18	36	—

Retrenched for the reasons already assigned on similar Charges on Account of Officers Quarters at St. Thomas's Mount and Poonamalee Pag. 18 .. 36 .. —

The same Articles and Attendants supplied in March and Retrenched	11	39	—
Do. Do. in April 1794	11	39	—
Do. Do. in May	11	39	—
Do. Do. in June	11	39	—
Do. Do. in July	11	39	—
Do. Do. in August	11	39	—
Do. Do. in September	15	33	40
Do. Do. in October	15	37	40
Carried forward	122	5	—

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Brought forward 122.. 5.. —

The Paymaster Charges for the same description of Articles and Barrack Servants for the Officers at Tripassore in November 1794 which were retrenched as in preceding Months ———— 15.. 37.. 40

Do — Do in December	15.. 37.. 40
Do — Do in January 1795	15.. 37.. 40
Do — Do in February	16.. 8.. 40
Do — Do in March	16.. 8.. 40
Do — Do in April	15.. 37.. 40
Do — Do in May	16.. 7.. —
Do — Do in June	16.. 6.. —
Do — Do in July	16.. 6.. —
Do — Do in August	15.. 38.. —
Do — Do in September	15.. 38.. —
Do — Do in October	15.. 38.. —
Do — Do in November	15.. 38.. —
Do — Do in December	15.. 38.. —
Do — Do in January 1796	15.. 38.. —
Do — Do in February	15.. 38.. —
Do — Do in March	16.. 26.. —
Do — Do in April	26.. 5.. 40

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Total Retrenched from the Abstracts for Barracks Articles and Servants supplied by the Paymaster for the Officers at Tripassore ..... } 420.. 26.. 40.

Abstract of Retrenchments.—

	P.	f.	c.
St Thomas's Mount	851..	12..	60
Poonamalee	2048..	32..	—
Tripassore	420..	26..	40.
Total Retrenched Pag.s	3,320..	29..	20.

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Colonel William Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

I have been honored with the receipt of your Letter of the 8th Instant in reply to mine of the 30th Ultimo informing me that you should not hesitate to comply with my Request by an immediate reference, had you not found it necessary to offer some Remarks on the Arguments brought forward in support of my Charges previous to your submitting the matter to Government for their decision.—

I have represented the Reaudits and find as you point out, that the letter dated the 11th August 1794 does contain the same Remark as stated in the 2nd Reaudit Returned by me under date the 28th July 1795 upon the Accounts of the Months of May, June

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and July 1793 this oversight on my part does not however alter my position and I trust what I shall here state will fully convince you of the good Grounds I have to go upon

You say that "On the Audit of my Disbursements for 1792/3 the first year of the New System, it was deemed expedient to restrict the Charges for Sweepers, Toties, Water Women, Lamp lighters, and Oil supplied by me for the use of Officers Quarters from a Conviction on the part of the late Military Auditor General, that they / the Officers / were entitled to no greater Number of Servants, or Allowance of Oil, than what is established by the Barrack Regulation for 100 Men, and as no distinction was observed in the framing of the Regulations, between the Officers and Privates it was considered to be the duty of the Barrack Master to have supplied the whole of

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the Officers, as well as the Non Commissioned and Privates Returned on the Strength of each European Corps, agreeably to the Propositions stated in the Government Order under date 25th January 1788.—

It is necessary here to state the Orders of Government from the first Commencement of the the Appointment of the Barrack Master.—

G. O. by Government — Fort St. George 14th June 1788

Cornet Maxwell appointed Barrack Master to the Cantonment at Wallanjabad and Chevelamundoo, and to Supply the Europeans with necessary Barrack Furniture.—

G.O. by Government Fort St. George 27th Sept. 1786

Regulations for the Office of Barrack Master.—

3d The Barrack Master hereafter supply the European Troops in Garrison and

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and Cantonments with Cotts and the necessary Attendants for the Barracks which are limitted to the following proportions."-

100 Cotts to last 3 Years for every 100 Men
4 Sweepers ——— Do.
2 Tolies ——— Do.
4 Dooley Boys and 1 Dooly ——— Do.
1 Lamp Lighter ——— Do.

4/4 "The Barrack Master will also draw from the Garrison Stores Monthly the following Articles for the use of the Troops in Barracks for which his Receipts will be a Voucher to the Storekeeper for the Issues made on that Account."-

2 Matts ℔ Man for every Month
1 Quarter of Cocoanut Oil ℔ Company for their Arms each
1 Lamp of Oil for every Non Commissioned Officer ℔ diem
1 Hullock of Oil for every 6 Men ℔ day
1 Lamp of Oil for every Guard House ℔ diem
1 Do ——— for every necessary
1 Do ——— for every Gate

Earthen ware ℔ Month
1 Mullay ——— ℔ Man
1 Munday ——— Do.
1 Rice Pott ——— for 4 Do.
1 Water Do ——— Do.
1 Conjee Do ——— Do.

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1 Drain Pott ——— for 4 Men
1 Large Chatty ——— Do
1 Small Do ——— Do
1 Frigal ——— Do
1 Tea Kettle ——— for 8 Men
1 Guglet ——— Do
1 Lamp ——— for 6 Men
1 Fire Stand ——— for 8 Men
1 Rope ——— Do
1 Basket ——— Do
1 Broom Bundle ——— Do
1 Grain Pott ——— for 10 Men
1 Tea Kettle and 1 Lamp ——— to each Serjeant

5th When there is no public Stores in the Neighbourhood of the Cantonment the Barrack Master will supply those Articles Monthly at the Price Current of the District and Certify the same upon honor, his Accounts are also to be approved and Certified by the Commanding Officer of the Garrison or Cantonment before they can be discharged by the Paymaster" —

J. C.

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G: O: by Government — Fort St. George 25th January 1788

1st "All Orders respecting Allowances made to the European Troops in Quarters & are to cease the 1st of March next and after that period the following Monthly Allowances are to be Considered as the established proportion for every 100 Europeans on the Establishment so long as they remain in Quarters." —

No of Attendants & Articles for every 100 Men p Month

4 Sweepers

2 Toties

1 Dooly Boy

½ Lamp Lighter

100 Matts

100 Mullays

50 Mundays

20 Rice Potts

20 Conjee Potts

20 Water Do

20 Drain Do

20 Small Chatties

10 Large Do

10 Trizals

10 Tea Kettles

10 Guglets

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10 Lamps
10 Firestands
10 Ropes
10 Baskets
10 Broom Bundles
10 Gram Potts
Coconut Oil for Arms 1 Quart
3 Tea Kittle } Vizt. to 2 Serjeants
3 Lamps — }
Lamp Oil 1 5/8 Measures ℔ day is 8 3/4 Mr. ℔ Month
Thread for 13 Lamps 8 Oz ℔ Month —

7th As the Barrack Allowances granted to the Europeans are Extended to the European Serjeants of Native Corps, the Barrack Master will issue the same to the Serjeants of the Native Infantry and Cavalry within the Limits of the European Quarters under his Charge as well as a Quarter of Oil Monthly to every 100 Men of the Native Corps, for the use of their Arms — Paymasters at Stations where there are no European Corps in Barracks will issue the same Allowances to the Native Corps

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Corps, and to each of the European Invalids or Detachment of Artillery within the limits of their particular Districts they are also to supply those Europeans with Cotts of the New Construction, for which they are to receive 4 Pagodas each, which includes the Original Cost and Repairs for 3 Years, the period for which they are to last."—

From which it must clearly appear that the Barrack Regulations extended to the Non Commissioned and Privates only otherwise Government When they extended the indulgence to the Sergeants of the Native Infantry and Cavalry would have included the Officers also

It never could have been meant by Government that Common Cotts, Matts, and Chatties should be served out to Officers applying for this proportion of such Allowance, I cannot conceive that the late Auditor & General

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General could have ever wished to clase the
Officers with the men, indeed I have very
clear proof that he never did consider them
in the same point of view, also that he
approved of a Seperate Charge being made for
the Officers agreable to old Custom. — I
shall here instance the Barrack Master
of Fort St. George who from the 1st. April
1793 to the 31st. July 1796 has regularly
made the Charge, and it has been admitted
by the late Auditor General as appears
by the Audits up for April last. —

I shall now state by what Authority
he came to make the Charge. —

Previous to the 1st. April 1792 the
Civil Paymaster of Fort St. George furnished
the Sweepers Waterwomen, Toties and Oil for
the Officers Quarters, also Oil Chatties &c.
for the Privates and Non Commissioned
— and the Barrack Master agreable to the
5th. Article of the Regulations of the 27 Sept. 1786
was

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was supplied from the Public Store of the Civil Paymaster by Indent. – but in consequence of a representation from Lieutenant Wilkes under date the 24th. January 1793, he was allowed to supply all the Barrack Articles at the same rate that was charged by the Civil Paymaster, who was directed to discontinue the Charge from 1st. April and Lieutenant Wilkes was authorized to Commence from that Period. –

Lieutenant Wilkes was not only Barrack Master of Fort St. George but also for the Mount, however as the Order of Government only extended to the Civil Paymaster of Fort St. George, he did not think it his duty to interfere with me at the Mount, and made no charge for attendants on the Officers Quarters, there, altho he did it for the Officers of Fort St. George as will appear by the following

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following Extract from the last Accounts Audited by the Auditor General.—

"Articles and Attendants for the Officers Quarters Public Staff &c. for March 1796"—

26 Sweepers @ 2½ fanᵗ. each	14.	36.—
11 Sotties @ 40 fanᵗ. each	10.	20.—
9 Waterwomen @ 30 fᵗ. each	6.	18.—
2 Mastries	2.	—.—
2 Conicoplies	6.	—.—
1 Peon	1.	10. 40
1 Cil Man	1.	—.—
6 Lamp Lighters @ 1¼ Pagᵒ each	7.	21.—

Articles for the use of the Sweepers Waterwomen, Sotties, and Lamp Lighters,

36 Water Spotts	"	12. 1.
30 Conjee Dº	"	5.—
28 Large Chatties	"	11. 16
Carried Over	50.	7. 57.

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	Brought Over	50.. 7.. 57	
30	Ropes	3.. 60	
30	Baskets	7.. 40	
120	Broom Bundles	15.. —	
	Cooly hire for the above bringing from the Kiln to the Fort	10. 22.	
	Total Pag[t]	51. 2.. 19.	

Having had the payment of these monthly Accounts and seing them passed by the late Auditor General, convinced one of the Impriety of the Charge and as it mattered not to the Company who supply them — I of course continued to officiate in that line in the same Manner as my Predecessor had done before me, and until I receive Orders to the Contrary must conceive it my duty to do so — Therefore am again to request that an immediate reference may be made to Government on the Subject, and should they be of Opinion that the Barrack Master is henceforth to supply the Attendants on

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the Officers, that an order will be passed to admit my Charges up to the time fixed by Government for the Charge to take place in the like Manner as was done to the Civil Paymaster.—

In your last Paragraph you allude to the G.O. of the 3d April 1792 respecting the bringing to Account the Amount of the Retrenchments within three Months after the Retrenchments were made—which you remark had not been done by me— I have to only to Observe that from a full conviction that the Charges would be admitted by Government upon final Audit I conceived it was unnecessary to bring them to Account—

I am,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
(Signed) Basil Cochrane
Military Paymaster
Fort St. George

Fort St. George
13th September 1796.—

True Copy
(Signed) J. Brunton
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The Honble B. Cochrane

Military Paymaster

Fort St. George

Sir,

In Reply to your letter of
dated 30th Ultimo wherein you wish to be
informed whether any Reference had been
made to Government by my Predecessor in
on your charges for Sweepers, Sweeties, Water
women, Oil and Scavangers Carts, for the
use of the Officers at the Mount, Poonamalee
Tripassore, I have to observe, that it does
not appear either from the Records in my
Office or from the enquiries I have been
led to make on the subject, that reference
had been made to Government, neither
can I learn that you solicited at any
period antecedent to the date of the
foregoing Letter, an appeal to Government
on the Retrenchments in question.—

I should

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I should not hesitate to comply with your Request by an immediate Reference had I not found it necessary to offer some Remarks on the Arguments brought forward in Support of your Charges. previous to my Submitting the Matter to Government for their decision. —

On the Audit of your disbursements for 1792/3 the first Year of the New System it was deemed expedient to retrench the Charges for Sweepers, Sotties, Water Women, & Lamp Lighters and Ait Supplied by you, & for the Use of Officers Quarters, from a conviction on the part of the late Military Auditor General, that they (the Officers) were entitled to no greater number of Servants, or Allowance of Ait, than what is established by the Barrack Regulation for 100 Men, and as no distinction was observed

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21. observed in the framing of these Regulations between the Officers and Privates, it was considered to be the duty of the Barrack Master to have supplied the whole of the Officers as well as the Non Commissioned and Privates Returned on the Strength of each European Corps agreeably to the Proportion stated in the Government Orders, under the date 25th January 1788. However on the receipt of your Replies to those Retrenchments the Explanations offered by you were not deemed so satisfactory as to affect the principle on which the Grounds of objection rested, but in consideration of your not being furnished with the Retrenchments until sometime in the Month of December 1793. The late Auditor General came to the Resolution of admitting upon Reaudit the items coming under the head of Barrack Charges, up to the

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the 31st of that Month but to no later a period, it must therefore appear obvious that the Auditor did not consider himself warranted in passing any Charges of this discription subsequent to the foregoing Period, and consequently that a Retrenchment would become unavoidable should you continue to furnish such Articles as were understood and declared, not to be within the province of the Paymaster, when a Barrack Master had been appointed the Officer of Supply.—

The late Military Auditor General in his letter accompanying the first Reaudit of your Accounts, dated the 11th August 1794, and not the Second as you have observed, particularly called your Attention to the Retrenchments & made on your Charges for Articles &c. in the Barrack Department, by informing you

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21. you that no part of them would be
admitted in the Accounts after December
1793— This you seem to consider an hardship
because my Predecessor must have seen
from your Monthly Disbursements, that
you continued to make the same
Charge, whose duty you affirm it was
to have stopt it by a Special order, on
the Contrary it forms no part of the
Auditor Generals duty to apply for
Government on the introduction of any
unauthorized Charges for an Order to stop
it, as he professes the power of Checking
all such Charges in the first instance, by
immediate Retrenchments, and further
to confirm them in case the Explanations
offered in Support of the same, are not
so satisfactory as to induce him to dispense
with the refund, which the Paymaster
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is held Accountable for, unless he & requests a reference to Government for their final determination. - consequently whatever hardship you may have & sustained in the Audit and Reaudit of your Accounts, cannot be justly & imputed to the late Auditor General who appears to have done every thing that the Circumstances of the case required, by admitting the Retrenchments up to December 1793 for the reason already & stated, after which, the Charge in my Opinion should have been discontinued as he seemed not to have admitted either the necessity or propriety of your Supplying Officers with Barrack Articles of any description. -

I beg leave to observe before & concluding this letter that by the Government

Orders

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Sir.

Orders of the 3rd April 1792 - Regarding the new System of Military Accounts all Paymasters are enjoined to bring Retrenchments to Account in three Months after they are made, or at the end of every Official Quarter, as I do not find that you have complied with this order respecting the Retrenchments in question I have therefore to request you will favor me with an explanation on this point, when no time shall be lost in preparing the reference to Government on your Accounts, should you desire it. -

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Aud. Genl

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St George
8th September 1796.

True Copy

(Signed) J. Brunton
Depy Mty A. G.

G. O.

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G. O.

Fort St. George 25th January 1788

All Orders respecting allowances made to the European Troops in Quarters are to Cease the 1st. of March next, and after that period, the following Monthly Allowances are to be considered as the established Proportion for every 100 Europeans on the Establishment so long as they Remain in Quarters.—

No. of Attandants and Article	
4 Sweepers	For every 100 Men of Month
2 Toties	
1 Dooley Boy	
½ Lamp Lighter	
100 Matts	
100 Mutlays	
50 Mundays	
20 Rice Potts	
20 Water Do.	
20 Conjee Do.	
20 Drain Do.	
20 Small Chatties	

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10 Large Chatties
10 Trizals
10 Teakettles
10 Guglets
10 Lamps
10 Fire stands
10 Ropes
10 Baskets
10 Broom bundles
10 Gram Potts.

For every 100 Men for 1 Month.—

Coconut Oil for Arms & Guard

3 Teakettles } Vizt. 1 to 2 Serjeants
3 Lamps— }

Lamp Oil 1 5/8 Measure P day
is 48 3/4 Measure P Month
Thread for 13 Lamps 8 oz. P Month

2 As the Numbers of Lamps, for Guard houses, Gates, Streets, Passages, and Sentries will depend upon Incidental and local Circumstances, no fixed proportion can be determined upon, their Number must however be regulated by the Returns Certified by

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by the Chief or Commanding Officer of the Station, from the Paymasters and & Barrack Masters, and 1 Hullock of Oil be allowed to each of these Lamps in future, Except those Gates, which are to be allowed 1 Hullock and ½ each. –

3rd An Allowance of 1 Hullock of Oil ⅌ diem to be made to the Serjeant Major, and Quarter Master Serjeant of each Regiment or Battalion, to the Serjeant in Charge the Barracks at each Station, and to the & Laboratory Serjeant, where a Laboratory is Established, Drum and Fife Majors, as well as Drill Serjeants and Corporals, are to receive No Extra Allowances in Quarters & beyond what they are entitled to according & to their Ranks in their respective Corps &

4th The Key Serjeants of Forts are to have two Hullocks ⅌ Diem allowed to them,

for

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21st for the duties of their respective Stations,
the Key Serjeants of Fort St. George to be
restricted to 2 Measures of Oil p Month for
Oiling Locks, Bolts, and Hinges, and 2
Measures of Oil per Month for Oiling the
Fire Engines — The Key Serjeants of Trichinopoly
Tanjore, Vellum, and Masulipatam to be
restricted to half a Measure of Oil per
Month for Locks, Bolts, and Hinges,
and the Key Serjeants of all Forts to be
allowed 2 Hullocks per Month for the
same purpose — Paymasters and Barrack
Masters are to be particular in their
attention to these Orders, as no allowance
will be admitted in their Accounts beyond
the proportions here specified —

5th On the Commencement of the
new Regulations, Paymasters and Barrack
Masters of the different Military Stations,
are

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are to keep their Monthly Accounts of & Attendants and Articles supplied to every 100 Europeans seperate, from the Daily & Incidental expence of Oil, For the Lamps of Guard, Houses, Streets. Passage Gates, & and Necessaries and the Number of Lamps to each are to be distinguished under those & six particulars heads, all Charges for Lamps are to be Estimated by the Hullocks allowing 1 Hullock of Oil to each Lamp for a Guard House, Street, Passage or Necessary Per Diem, the Gates Excepted, for which one Hullock and an half is to be allowed.—

6 The Quantity of Oil Charged in the Paymasters and Barrack Masters Accounts will be regulated in future by the following Measures.—

4 Hullocks of Oil is equal to one Quart.
8 — Ditto. — — — equal to 1 Measure
1 Measure Equal to one and half Pucka Seir.—

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To the Barrack allowances granted to the Europeans are extended to the European Serjeants of Native Corps, & the Barrack Masters will issue the same to the Serjeants of the Native Infantry & and Cavalry within the limits of the & European Quarters under their Charge, as well as a Quart of Ale Monthly to every 100 Men of the Native Corps, for the use & of their Arms. — Paymasters at Stations where there are no European Corps in & Barracks will issue the same allowanes to the Native Corps, and to such of the European Invalids or Detachment of Artillery within the limits of their particular Districts they are also to supply those Europeans, with Coals of the New Construction, for which they are to Receive 4 Pagodas each, which includes the Original Cost and Repairs for 3 Years, & the

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21st. the period for which they are to last.—

8 Paymasters and Barrack Masters on quitting their respective Stations are to settle with their Successors for the remaining period those Cotts are to last, so that the Company shall not incur any other expence than the Original Charge of 4 Pagodas for each, for the space of 3 Years from the time of their being introduced on the Public Accounts.—

True Copy
(Signed) J: Brunton
Dep. Mj. Ad. Gl.

W: C: Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

From the Kings Deputy Adjutant General inclosing Bills for Arrears of Pay to Lieutenant Colonel & Dirom now in England requests they may be paid here.—

I have the pleasure of sending you, in consequence of the accompanying Certificate from Lieutenant Colonel Dirom, which I only received by the Ships lately arrived

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25. Arrived from Europe, two bills for his ℔ Arrears of pay, which I must request ℔ you will be so good as lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, in ℔ order to obtain his sanction for its ℔ being paid to him, as no Staff pay was drawn by me in this Country until the 1st of August 1794.—

I have the honor to be,
℔. ℔.
(Signed) James Robertson
Dy Adjt Genl

Fort St. George
19th September 1796

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President and Governor in Council

My Lord

From Military Auditor General with particulars respecting a Charge made by Surgeons of European Corps for Servants and Retrenched on Audit—

I beg leave to request your ℔ Lordship's attention to the following ℔ particulars respecting a Charge made by ℔ Surgeons of European Corps for Servants ℔ and which for reasons hereafter stated has ℔ been

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been Retrenched.—

By General Orders of Government, dated 8th November 1792 Paragraph 13, it is there expressed, "That the Allowance of Fifteen "Pagodas per Month to Surgeons of Stations "and Corps, and of Ten Pagodas per Month, "to Assistant Surgeons of Stations and Corps, "on Account of Servants be continued as "hitherto."—

These Allowances were accordingly drawn, and passed, until December 1793, when a New Medical Arrangement was published in General Orders, in which the Paragraph Respecting the Allowances for Servants before stated, was omitted.—

The Surgeons of European Corps however, continued to draw agreeable to the General Orders of the 8th November 1792 but the Amount was retrenched from them on the Supposition, that the silence

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of the Orders of December 1793 on the
subject of Servants, was meant to preclude
their drawing for them after that period—
But the Surgeons who made these Charges
have interpreted the Silence of the Orders
as above in their own favor, and contend,
that they were entitled to draw for Servants
until they were forbid by the Orders of
Government of the 7th May 1795 which
directed "that the Allowance of 15 Pagodas
"per Month to Surgeons of Stations and
"Corps, and of Ten Pagodas per Month per
"Month to Surgeons of Stations and Corps,
"and of Ten Pagodas per Month to Assistant
"Surgeons of Stations and Corps, on Account
"of Servants as expressed in the 12th Paragraph
"of the Medical Regulations of the 8th November
"1792 shall be understood to have been in
"force, from the Date of the Regulations
"published in the Month of December 1793,

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"and be continued in future with the exception
"of Surgeons doing duty with European Corps"—

After the Publication of this order
the Charge ceased to appear in the Accounts
of the Paymasters.—

On a full consideration of the case
as it stands connected with the different
Orders herein quoted, it appears to me &
that the Surgeons have a Claim to be
relieved from the Retrenchments, but I do
not consider myself at liberty to allow
it, until Authorized to do so by your
Lordship in Council.—

I have the honor to be,
with the greatest respect,
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Aud. Genl.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
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To

The W.C. Jackson Esq.r

Military &c. &c. Secretary

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Mr. Patrick Bowie accounting the delays which has occurred in forwarding the Tents he had Contracted to make up to the Presidency

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 6th Instant conveying the Orders of the Right Honorable the President in Council regarding the Remainder of the Tents which I had to furnish by my former Agreement, and to begin on my new Contract without delay.

In regard to the former Agreement I beg leave to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, that every Tent I had engaged to furnish by my former Agreement has been shipped except 4 thirty seven which had been kept back 4

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by the constant Rains and the inundation of the Gadaveri, preventing the Materials which had been provided being brought in from the Country. — It is owing to bad weather that one Vessel met with at Sea, and the danger of the other proceeding to sea when we heard that a Squadron of French Frigates were on the Coast that these Tents have not reached the Presidency for on the 10th of July 140 Tents were Shipped on the Snow St Catherine, Commanded by J. Wheaden, when she sailed and after striving against adverse Winds for a Month returned to this Port on the 12th Ultimo having damaged no less than fifty five Tents out of that Number which I am using every exertion to Replace before the Monsoon, on the 20th and 21st Ultimo I had shipped on the Ships Carton. Alexander Woodcock Commander one

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hundred and Sixty three Tents and the bills of Lading for them were signed on the 29th the Vessel preparing to sail when intelligence of was received here of a Squadron of the Enemies Ships on the Coast, it was therefore judged prudent to reland her Cargo consisting of Tents and Bales on Account of the Honorable Company and to bring the Vessel into the river - as soon the Apprehension of danger from the Enemy has subsided that Vessel goes out of the river and will I hope sail about the 25th Instant carrying the hundred and Sixty three Tents I had formerly shipped on her there will then be a defficiency of Ninety two Tents, twenty five of which might have been shipped on that Vessel but as her Cargo is complete she cannot carry more than were landed from her — Of the ninety two Tents wanting, the thirty Seven not yet shipped and a part of

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those to replace the Tents damaged by the Catherine will be ready to Ship by the end of the Month, and should I not be able to replace the whole of the damaged Tents by the time of sailing of the last Ships, I hope I may be permitted to ship them on the first Vessel of the next season. And although accidents of this kind were provided against by my Agreement, I wish only to mention it as accounting for the delay, and to shew that it proceeded not from any neglect or inattention on my part.—

With Respect to the New Contract I am ready to begin it as soon as I get in a sufficiency of Cloth from the Residents from whom I have only yet received 7/8 Corges of Cloth although nearly two Months are elapsed since signing the Contract, Should the Service require any extraordinary Supply of Tents I am so far advanced

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Advanced in what respects the provisions of
Material that even now I might venture to
promise the whole Amount of the Annual
Supply to be ready in March provided I am
furnished with the requisite quantity of
Cloth by the end of February, in regular
proportions.—

Give me leave likewise to observe that
I have not yet been furnished with an Indent
for the Tents to be provided.—

I am &c. &c.

Ingeram
15th September 1796

(Signed) Patk Bowie

P. S. Enclosed are the Bills of lading executed
by the Captains of the Catherine and Castor the
former dated the 10th of July the latter the 29th of
August which I send as Vouchers of the
Shipments abovementioned — A Copy of Captain
Wheadon's protest on his return hither is in the
possession of Mr Henry Burnaby my Agent
at Madras who will send it to you if necessary

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he likewise can give a Statement of the 8
Number of Tents damaged.—

William Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Captain Thomas Hart
- requesting that an Offic
Certificate may be forwardd
to the Court of Directors of
his having returned to
Europe upon leave of
absence and without
prejudice to his Rank.—

I have been favored with a 2d
Duplicate of your Letter of the 17th July 1794
by Order of the Governor in Council, granting
me permission to Resign the Service and to
return to Europe on one of the Ships then
under dispatch.—

As this does not Answer the
purpose for which I took the liberty of
writing You, I must beg leave to call to
your recollection, that on receiving your
Letter, I waited on you and requested a Letter
to the Court of Directors to signify my
proceding to Europe on Account of my
private Affairs, with a recommendation to
to be permitted to return without prejudice
to

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to my Rank after the usual period of Leave had expired — Your reply to me was, that a Letter to the Court of Directors was not at all necessary, as I would be mentioned in the Genral one, then under dispatch, recommending me to be permitted to return with my Rank, as was usually the case on such occasions. On applying some time ago for a renival of my leave I was not a little surprized to learn from Mr. Secretary Ramsay, that in Agreeably to the Genral Letter from Madras I had resigned the Company's Service, not having been mentioned in the Customary manner with a recommendation to return without prejudice to my Rank. —

As this is a Matter of the most serious concern to me May I request Sir, you will be pleased to Rectify it by the first Opportunity to this Country. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Hart Capt. Madras Estab.

Edinburgh
17th April 1796. —

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Cadets appointed in India in 1790 requesting to know if the Court of Directors have noticed a reference made in May 1795 respecting their rank. —

With the fullest confidence in your Lordship's justice and benignity, we the undersigned Officers appointed in this Country in the Year 1790, beg to state to your Lordship in Council that the Honorable Court of Directors in their General letter of May 1794 Ordered us, together with some Gentlemen of the Medical Department, who stood nominated at the same period to rank respectively upon this Establishment from the date of our Services; but unfortunately from an inadvertance in the Abstract of the Paragraph upon this subject, the Orders of the Honorable Court, respecting their Officers, were not carried into effect; although the Assistant Surgeons had the good fortune to

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21. sumed to the extent of their wishes, whilst our case, notwithstanding it was referred home J. Woodcott in May 1795 still remains in that undetermined State, from which My Lord permitt us to say, we experience the most painful suspence and anxiety.—

Relying upon your Lordship's humanity, we most humbly request that your Lordship in Council will be pleased to inform us whether the Honorable Court in its late dispatches, has noticed the reference therein alluded to, and if so that you will have the goodness to communicate their particular Observations thereon.—

Sincerely hoping that your Lordship will pardon the freedom of this address, and the Solicitude we naturally feel in a Matter so materially blended with our future prospect in life, and we trust

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with the cause of strict justice, we beg to subscribe ourselves—

With the highest respect
&c. &c. &c.

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Sept. 19th—1796

(Signed) J. Bettson
J. Russel } Lieut. of Artillery
J. Hathway
J. Fortune Lieutenant
Archd. Campbell Lieutenant
Dugald Campbell Lieutenant
James Funston Lieutenant
John Fitzpatrick Lieutenant
J.B. Bagshaw Lieutenant
A. Frith — Lieutenant
P. Dormeux Lieutenant
Thos. O'Conner Lieutenant
David Foulis Cornet
George Macgregor Lieutenant

22nd: Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in MB No. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136 —

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To Colonel William Sydenham

To Military Auditor General.—

with Copy of 7th Paragraph of General Letter from the Court of Directors under date 4th May last.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Close

To Adjutant General

with Copy of 8th & 9th Paragraphs of General letter from Court of Directors under date the 4th May last.—

To the Medical Board with a

To the Medical Board

Copy of the 10th Paragraph of General letter from Court of Directors under date 4th May last.

To Colonel William Sydenham

To Military Auditor General.—

with estimate of expences of the Madras Army—estimate of Commissary General of Grain and Provisions—additional estimates of Cash required by the Paymaster at Tanjore for October for examination.—

To the Military Board—instruc-

To the Military Board.—

-tions sent to Major Read and Captain Lennox

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Lennox relative to the Works of Royacotah
approve of Orders given for repairs at different
places in the Baramahl.—

To Colonel William Sydenham

To Military Auditor General.—

instructions relative to the manner in
which Major General Bridges is to draw
his pay as Colonel from the 1st January 1796
to the date of his Arrival at Madras.—

To Captain Lennox to attend to
Major Reads suggestions in regard to the
Repairs of Royacotah.—

To the Engineer in the Baramahl.—

To Major Read to furnish Capt.
Lennox with plan of reform for the fortifi-
cations at Rayeottah—leaving the mode of
occupying the Hill forts of Savaghur and
Sadeul to his Major Reads discretion—

To the Commanding Officer in the Baramahl.

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To the Officer Commanding at
Tanjore the guard allotted for Serfoge not
to be removed or lessened without communication
with

To the Officer Commanding at Tanjore.—

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with the Resident - a guard always to attend
him when he goes abroad. —

To the Agent for Cavalry Supplies —

To Mr. John Humphry Skardon
to advertize for proposals for providing the
bullock bags required for the different H.
Regiments of Cavalry. —

To the Collector in the Jaghire

To Mr. Lional Place to furnish the
report called for by Mr. Secretary Jackson on the
16th Instant: if not complete to state what
information on the subject he may possess. —

To Garrison Storekeeper

To Mr. James Brodie to conform to the
Conditions of an accompanying Agreement
from the Resident at Nagore for the delivery
of 500 Garce of Paddy at Madras - Authorizing
him write off sending Articles to Profit and Loss.

To Captain Lennox

To Captain Lennox - to state upon
honor any additional expence incurred on
Account of Malay Interpreter &c., above the
Sum allowed him as Secretary to the Eastern H.
expedition which he will be reimbursed. —

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To Colonel William Sydenham to

To Military Auditor General. — give instructions to the Paymaster at Ganjam to remove the inconvenience complained by the Commander Officer. —

To Do — Do — To Colonel William Sydenham with permission to build a Veranda on the East Side of the house allotted him as an Office

To Commandant at Royacottah. — To Major Dowdon to transmit regularly to Captain Read such parts of the intelligence he may procure from Mysore as may assist the Management of his District. —

To Captain Macleod To Captain Macleod. to transmit & regularly to Captain Read such parts of the Intelligence he may procure from Mysore as may assist the management of this District. —

To Commandant in the 24 Guntoor Circar. — To Lieutenant Colonel Leighton with Orders respecting the posting of small detachments at Dab Lapelly, Nairpellay & and Jewel Denny. —

To

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To Edward Saunders Esqr.

President &ca. Members of the

Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

To the Board of Revenue with Correspondence between the Resident at Tanjore and Messrs. Grant and Balmain - respecting advances - to suggest & measures for recovering the Outstanding balances from the Inhabitants. -

We transmit for your Information Copies of the Papers which have passed & between us and the Resident at Tanjore & and Messrs. Grant and Balmain on the Subject of Advances for Cultivation and & Repairs of Watercourses &ca. and as the three Soubahs of Trivady, Manargoody and & Mayaveram have been restored to the Rajah's Authority, We desire you will suggest to us such measures as may be necessary for & Adjusting the outstanding Balances. -

We are,

&ca. &ca.

(Signed) Hobart

&ca. Council

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List of the Packet to Board of Revenue

Dated 22nd September 1796

		Dates
1	Letter of this Date	
2	Extract of a letter to the Resident at Tanjore	26th July 1796
3	To Miss.rs George Balmain and T. A. Grant	26th do. do.
4	From Mr. George Balmain	1st August "
5	Do. Mr. T. A. Grant	2nd do. do.
6	Do. The Resident at Tanjore with 1 Enclosure	6th do. do.
7	To Ditto Ditto	5th do. do.
8	From Ditto Ditto	10th do. do.
9	To Ditto Ditto	16th do. do.
10	From Ditto Ditto, with 1 Enclosure	2nd Sept.r Do.
11	From Mr. T. A. Grant	14th Do. do.

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(Signed) Dan.l Ince
Dep.y Secry

Received the following Letters. — Do

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To the Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord,

From the Military Board submitting their Opinion on the necessity of the provision of Sundry Stores and repairs at Trichinopoly.—

We have the honor to &c &c acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Letter of the 11th August last, covering an Extract of a letter from Major General Floyd, and desiring our opinion on the points therein contained.— In reply to this We beg leave to inform your &c Lordship that having referred Major General Floyd's Letter to the Chief &c Engineer, he has given in a Minute on the Subject which We now lay before you, and beg leave to submit it as our opinion that as the Cotts for the Guard Room and the

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the Centry Boxes appear by the Chief Engineer's report to be necessary at Trichinopoly and the Charge moderate, that orders be immediately given for their being made up — We beg leave further to observe to your Lordship that as it appears, no provision has been made for the Regimental Store Rooms at the new Barrack at Puttoor, We think that converting the Buildings intended for necessaries into that purpose and building a Necessary on the Outside of the Quadrangle may be attended with advantage and We therefore beg to Recommend that the Bill for the Necessary Amounting to Pagodas 175..34..34. be passed for Payment.—

We do not see that a Regimental Hospital at Puttoor is at all essential as the General Hospital is in the Neighbourhood, but we recommend that a Well be sunk &

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for the accommodation of the Men at
that Cantonment, the Estimate amounting
to Pagodas 154.36.—

As the Officers Quarters at Warriore
and Puttoor appear from Major General
Floyd's letter to be in a ruinous and
useless state, and as we are informed
by the Chief Engineer that they are
composed of the worst materials consisting
principally of Mud Wall and Straw Roofs,
We beg to submit it to your Lordship
that as these Quarters have already
occasioned great and constant Expense
to Government, no further Repairs be
made to them, but that the Officers at
Warriore and Puttoor be allowed to
draw the usual House Rent in preference
to laying out more Money on so many
temporary Quarters, except indeed the

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Field Officers Quarter at Warriore at present occupied by Major Burne, that being the only one which can be considered as Permanent.—

We have the Honor to be,
&c: &c: &c:
(Signed) Alured Clarke
" Thomas Gils
" W. Sydenham
" In: Richardson
" B.T Close
" W. Gent
" George Hall

Fort St. George
20th September 1796

Report

of the Chief Engineer on the 4th Letter of Government Dated 11th August 1796 Containing Extract of a letter from Major General Floyd with inclosures, referred to him in Meeting the 25th August last.—

As Major General Floyd in the 1st Paragraph of his Letter to Government represents

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represents the necessity of Cotts for the Guard Room and Centry Boxes for the Garison— The Chief Engineer has only to observe that the Charges for these Articles are very moderate and Recommends their being made up

With respect to the 2.nd Paragraph of Major General Floyds letter he begs to observe that no Charge ought to be admitted for Fastnings to the Doors and windows of the New Barracks, at the Cavalry & Cantonment as every thing of the kind is included in the Estimate he therefore wrote to Major Frazer on the occasion and his letter in Reply says that "the Error respecting the fastnings of the Windows at the new Cantonment is rectified" so that notwithstanding the Bill is passed by Government, no Charge will

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will appear on that occasion.—

The 3d. Paragraph is respecting converting the necessarys at the New Barracks into Store Rooms, and Building a Necessary on the outside of the Quadrangle, as Regimental Store Rooms are required, and as no provision is made for them in the plan, The Chief Engineer recommends that Major General Floyds proposition be adopted The Estimate for the New Necessary accompanys this and appears moderate Charge.—

In the 4th Paragraph Major General Floyd Reports, that a Regimental Hospital and a Well are still wanting to render Puttoor a Complete Cantonment for 500 Men— The Chief Engineer thinks a Well certainly Necessary, but it must remain with the Board to determine on the necessity of a Regimental Hospital &

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when the General Hospital is situated in the Neighbourhood, at least within little more than two Miles of the Cantonment.— The Estimate & for a Well and Necessary appendages accompany & this Report.—

The 5th Paragraph of Major General Floyd's letter represents the Officers Quarters at Warriore and Puttoor to be in a Wretched state, and & recommends that they be condemned except & one Quarter occupied by Major Burne, and that House Rent be allowed to the Officers in lieu of Quarters.—

On the above Paragraph the Chief Engineer has the honor to inform the Board, that he has received from Major Toapaud a full state of the Quarters at Warriore and Puttoor, that at Warriore the Materials are Mud Walls with Common Country Roofs and Tyles those at Puttoor are in a worse state, for besides the Mud Walls they have only Straw Roofs that at both places they are infested with White

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White Ants, and for this reason they are & continually in want of Repairs, and have & already occasioned great expence to Government he therefore hopes the Board will be pleased to take the subject into Consideration and to recommend to Government as the most oeconomical plan that the above Quarters be condemned, except one Field Officers & Quarter at Warriore, and that the Officers at Warriore and Puttoor be allowed House Rent in lieu of them.—

The Number of Temporary Quarters at Warriore that should be condemned are as follows Vizt.—

7 Captains Quarter
18 Subaltern Quarters

At Puttoor

1 Field Officer's Quarter
1 Captains — Quarter
11 Subalterns Quarters

(Signed) W. Gent
Chief Engineer

True Copy
(Signed) T. Wallace
Actg. Secy Mety Board

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From the Military Board. have authorized the Repair of the Ingram Godowns at Arcot. estimated repairs required to sundry buildings at Tinjor. &

We have the honor to acknowledge your Commands under date the 20th August last, regarding the Ingram Godowns at Arcot, and beg leave to inform you that in consequence thereof, we requested the Chief Engineer to communicate with Lieutenant Wood of his Corps on the state of the Godowns in question, which he has accordingly done, & and laid before us a Plan and Estimate for repairing and improving them in a permanent manner, Amounting to Pagodas 525. 25. 26 which appearing to us moderate, and the Work necessary, we have authorized Lieutenant Wood to carry the same into execution immediately.

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We have further the honor to inform you in reply to the representation from the Commanding Officer at Tyagar referred to us, that the Chief Engineer has stated to us that, in consequence of your Orders to him some time ago a Survey of the Buildings in question had been made, and an Estimate of the expence that would be incurred for the Repairs, Amounting to Pagodas 1450.. 18.. 54 had been forwarded by him to your Lordship in Council on the 11th February last.—

We have the honor to be,
&c: &c: &c:
(Signed) Alured Clarke
Thomas Geils
Wm Sydenham
B.J. Close
Wm Gents
Geo Hall

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To W. C. Jackson Esq.r

Military Secretary. —

Sir,

You will be pleased to report to the Right Honorable the President in Council, that I had the honor of receiving your Letter dated the 20th Ultimo late Yesterday Evening. And that this morning I wrote to Captain Kingston, informing him that He was permitted to execute the duties of Paymaster and Commissary of Grain and Provisions, to which he stands appointed until further Orders, or till such time as Circumstances will admit of his being brought to trial upon the Charges Shaw preferred against him. —

I was aware that Captain Kingston's being in Arrest might be attended with

From Commandant at Tranquebar has permitted Captain Kingston notwithstanding his Arrest to execute the duties of Paymaster and Commissary of Grain and Provisions —

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with inconvenience, and which I endeavored to obviate, in some measure by the Mode I adopted.— He was informed that the business of the Pay Office might continue to be managed by the Servants as usual — that the Provision Department would be conducted by Mr Sullivan his Assistant appointed by Government, & and that He himself was at liberty to go and come where he pleased within the Forts of Trincomallie and Osterburg, and the Districts depending on them.— by notifying this to him It was my intention that he should superintend the Office to which he stands appointed and He has, I believe, done so accordingly.—

I will not venture to trouble the Right Honorable the President in Council with a detail of the circumstances which induced me to take the very unpleasant step of ordering Captain

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Captain Kingston under an Arrest, unless I knew that my doing so would be Agreeable, but I will beg leave to assure his Lordship, that I did take such a Step with very great Reluctance, and that Nothing would have given me more pleasure than Captain Kingston's having put it in my power to act otherwise, by Shewing himself sensible of the impropriety.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) H. Fraser Lieut Colonel 72d Regt.
Comg Trincomallee

Trincomallee
14th September 1796.

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary

Sir,

I herewith enclose an Account of Paddy laying in the several Villages of the Purgunnahs of the Jagheer, for the information of the Right Honorable President in Council, in obedience to his Orders of the 3rd Instant.—

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) Lio. Place Collector
& Accountant

From Collector in the Jagheer with Account of Paddy laying in the Villages in the Jaghier.—

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Account of Paddy laying in the Villages of the several Purgunnahs of the Jagheer.

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In the Villages of Carangooly	7,335.	.	2.	220.	20. 2.
In the Villages of Poonamallee	11,303.	3.	2.	429.	39 2
In the Villages of Outramalore	6976.	5.	1.	209.	117 1.
In the Villages of Cavantandalum	3627	.	6.	108.	324 6
In the Villages of Conjeveram	1581.	1.	7.	47.	173 7.
In the Villages of Chingleput	3889.	10.	6	116	278 6
In the Villages of Tripasore	1173	11.	"	35.	87. "
In the Villages of Sautmagans	393.	5.	5.	11.	321. 5.
In the Villages of Ponnary	599.	6.	1.	17.	394. 1.
In the Villages of Mannimungalum	522.	"	2.	15.	264 2.
In the Village of Salvauk	145	8.	2.	4.	148 6.
In the Villages of Covelong	196.	3.	"	5.	355. "
In the Villages of the Home Farms	29.	1.	4.	"	349. 4.
In the Villages of Peddapollam	134.	11.	5.	4.	259. 5.
In the Villages of Perumbauk	200	"	4.	6.	" 4.
In the Villages of Chickercotah	10.	5.	2.	"	125. 2.
In Vellore &c. Villages	126.	3.	5.	3.	315. 5.
In the Villages of Porror Magan	188	6.	3.	5.	262 3.
In the Vanjevauk &c. Dutch Villages	62.	9.	1	1.	353 1.
Total	41,515.	10.	6.	1245.	190 6.

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E. E. (Signed) Lio Place Col.

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Received the undermentioned letters &
entered in M. B. Nos 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142.

From Mr. Alexander Melvin applying
for payment of freight of the Begler. —

From the Agent to the Owners of Ship Begler —

From Mr. James Brodie recommending
the purchase of salt provisions from Captain
Smith of the Dublin. —

From Garrison Storekeeper. —

From Mr. George Powney will pay every
attention to Mr. Atkinson's requisitions for
Articles that can be procured for the use of
the Army at Columbo. —

From Collector at Rannad. —

From Colonel William Sydenham
with audit on the Accounts of Lieutenant &
Colonel Beresford as Paymaster to Kings Troops
and on those of Captain Borough as Paymaster
to the King's Troops on Ceylon. —

From Military Auditor General. —

From Mr. John Humphrey Mardon
requesting permission to extend the Gram
Contracts and enclosing a Statement of the
additional quantity required. —

From

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From acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

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From Messrs. Francis Lautour & Co. with

From agents to the Owners of the Ship Yarmouth. —

a bill for freight of Ship Yarmouth. —

Received the following letters. —

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Commandant of Coast Artillery requesting the post on the same allowances as the Commandant of Bengal Artillery. —

The recent honor conferred on me by His Majesty and by the Honorable Court of Directors in the late Military Regulations, I encourage me to hope that I may solicit your Lordship, to consider my application of being placed on a similar footing of allowances, with the Commandant of the Bengal Artillery. —

The Strength, Military Discipline and acknowledged Reputation of the Coast Artillery, can be comparitively mentioned to your Lordship without an invidious sentiment, and personally, I can venture to solicit your Lordship's attention to my length of Service to authorize the present application

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Application --

I solicit your Lordship to ascertain, if that I have not been placed in any Station of emolument or collateral advantage, exclusive of those, which my personal exertions have conferred on me, in the Field, or the proportion of Prize Money.-

I will take leave to add, that I have uniformly declined the accustomed emolument of Arrack, and such Articles, in the Stations under my Command, a source of advantage & accruing to Officers, as it would seem without any reproach.-

If Your Lordship's consideration of the Nature of my Address, and the grounds which I have stated in my behalf, shall confer on me equal Allowances with General Deare, Commandant of the Bengal Artillery, I hope you will permit me to acknowledge the personally, to your Lordship.-

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From Messrs. Francis Saulton & Co. with

From agents to the Owners of the Ship Yarmouth. —

a bill for freight of Ship Yarmouth. —

Received the following letters. —

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Commandant of Coast Artillery requesting he may be put on the same Allowances as the Commandant of Bengal Artillery. —

The recent honor conferred on me by His Majesty and by the Honorable Court of Directors in the late Military Regulations, & encourage me to hope that I may solicit your Lordship, to consider my application of being placed on a similar footing of Allowances, with the Commandant of the Bengal Artillery. —

The Strength, Military Discipline and acknowledged Reputation of the Coast Artillery, can be comparitively mentioned to your Lordship without an invidious Sentiment, and personally, I can venture to solicit your Lordship's attention to my length of Service to authorize the present application

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Application —

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I will take leave to add, that I have uniformly declined the accustomed emolument of Arrack, and such Articles, in the Stations under my Command, a source of advantage accruing to Officers, as it would seem without any reproach. —

If Your Lordship's consideration which I have stated in my behalf, shall confer on me equal Allowances with General Dears, Commandant of the Bengal Artillery, I hope you will permit me to acknowledge the personally, to your Lordship. —

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If your Lordship should hesitate to concede the object, from Motives of expediency or Policy, I request you will honor me by transmitting my Application to the Governor General in Council in Bengal, and I hope & accompanied with your Lordship's Sentiments in its favor. —

I have the honor to be with respect. —

&c. &c.

St. Thomas's Mount
26th September 1796 (Signed) Thomas Geils

Medical Board
26th September 1796

From the Medical Board
Opinion on Mr. Campbell's
Claim — application of
Mr. Duncan Surgeon at
Cuddalore for batta submitted
Mr. Gahagan Applies for leave
to visit the Presidency. —

We have received Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 14th Instant, with its & enclosures, and are of opinion that Mr. Campbell's claim is entitled to the favorable & Consideration of Government, as

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as the extra expence for which
he requests to be reimbursed &
become unavoidable by the non-
Arrival of the Wine and Medicines
intended for the Regiment. —

Approved.

We have the honor to &
transmit for the consideration &
of Government, Copy of a Letter &
from Mr. John Duncan, Surgeon
to the Garrison of Cuddalore, &
requesting an Allowance for the
expences incurred by his attendance
at the late Quarter Sessions. —

Mr. Duncan can only be allowed travelling Batta

Mr. Terence Gahagan, Head
Surgeon at Vellore, requests permission
to come to the Presidency for a few days
on his private concerns — which we
Recommend may be granted. —

Permitted — the Medical Board to give leave. —

(Signed) Ja.s Anderson
Physician General.
Colley L. Lucas
Chief Surgeon

To

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To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &c. &c. Members of the

Medical Board

Gentlemen,

Having agreeable to orders attended to the last Quarter Sessions from the 13th July to the 27th August, and no Allowance having yet been specified by Government for defraying the Expences of travelling, and attendance on that duty, I beg to request You will be pleased to lay the same before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, who I trust will grant an order for an allowance equal to Batta being given on any attendance at the late Quarter Sessions — I have the honor to be, &c. &c.

Cuddalore 3d September 1796.—

A true Copy (Signed) J. Duncan Surgeon

(Signed) T. Conolly Secy M.t B.d

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. No. 143. 144.—

To M.r John Humphrey Madras with an Account of Paddy laying in Store in the Jaghire to take measures for its removal to Arnee.—

Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

To M.r Lionel Place with Copy of Letter above mentioned to the Acting Commissary General of Grain & and Provisions.—

Collector in the Jaghire.—

W. M. 4d

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esqr.

&

Ernst William Tallofield Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation

Tuesday
27th September
1796.-

read and approved.-

Read the following letter from
Tippoo Sultaun / entered also in C. C. No. 143 /

Translation of a Letter
from the Nawal Teepoo Sultaun Bahadur:
To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor of Fort St. George

Without Date }
Recvd 27th Sept. } 1796

In these auspicious Days when the Through

From Tippoo Sultaun
forwarding presents on the
occasion of a Nuptial Ceremony
which has taken place in
his Family.-

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through the divine favor, the Nuptial Ceremony &
has been celebrated in the Khudadad Serkar; I doubt
not that you will participate in the general Joy
diffused by an Event so felicitous:- and as it is
incumbent Among Friends to observe the Complements
usual on such happy Occasions, I have therefore,
consistently with my Sincere Friendship, &
Transmitted by the distinguished Mahammed
Hussain Koraishy, a Khilaat / Dress / with
Jewels, and a Horse, agreeably to the enclosed
List, and you will be pleased to accept them.-

Considering me desirous of receiving &
Intelligence of your Welfare, continue to afford
me the Satisfaction of your Agreable and friendly
Communications.-

What more need be written.

A true Translation
/Signed/ A Falconer
Cpr. Sr.

Lists of Presents

One Sir-Peach } Jewels
One Kelleky }

One Piece Jamawar }
One Do Sash }
One Turband } Dress
One piece Rumchab. }

One Horse.-

/Signed/ A. F.
Pr. Sr.

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The President proposes that the following Answer be returned. (Vide also C.C. No 144)

To Tippoo Sultaun

Your letter, announcing the celebration of the Nuptial ceremony was delivered to me at a fortunate hour, by the distinguished Mohammed Hussain Koraishy - and I accept with peculiar pleasure, because it bears testimony to the Sincerity of your Friendship, the presents you have done me the favor to send on the occasion.

May this joyful event be the means of enclosing the Happiness and Splendor of your Illustrious House!

I have desired Mohammed Hussain Koraishy to take Charge of adress and Jewels, which I request you will accept as a proof of my earnest wish to perpetuate the Friendship and good Understanding which now so happily subsist between the two Circars - Be assured that I have nothing more at heart than the cultivation of sincere amity and the preservation of the Blessings of Peace - May they

Tippoo Sultaun congratulating him on the Nuptials in his family orders have been given to deliver up a Native named Mostun who had been charged with various offences in his Asoff at Darapuram & forwarding Copy of a petition of two Merchants who have been plundered in his Country in the hopes that attention will be paid thereto

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they, with us, continue forever! —

Having directed an enquiry to be made into the conduct of a Native, named Mootien, who has been charged by Mahomed Ally Beg, your Tookeydar at Daraporam with various offences; and finding that the Crimes brought against him had been duly supported, orders have been given for his being delivered up to your Aroff at Daraporam. —

I trouble you with a Communication of this circumstance, that you may be convinced of my friendly disposition, and at the same time of my fixed determination to act upon principles of strict Justice in all transactions relating to the two Governments. —

I take this occasion to forward Copy of a petition presented by two Merchants named Sultaun Rowater and Ismeul Rowater, setting forth the Loss they have sustained in the Coimbatour District, in consequence of some Articles of Merchandize having been intercepted and detained by your Phoudar Sied Ameen — You will

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will be so good as to give orders that an enquiry be made into this affair, and if the representation of the Merchants shall appear well founded, & I doubt not of your issuing directions for the restoration of the Merchandize.—

May the Sun Shine of prosperity always attend you!

What more can I say?

(Signed) Hobart

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28th September 1796

Approved and ordered accordingly.—

Read the following letter from the Reverend Mr. Swartz.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

From the Reverend Mr. Swartz enclosing extracts from the Hindoo Shaster which confirm the legality of Serfojees adoption

The Teachers of the Shaster have been searching the various Volumes of the Hindoo Shaster, and have thought the enclosed 2 Paragraphs a very great confirmation of the legality of Serfojees adoption.— I therefore beg

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beg Leave to offer them to your Lordships &
judgement.-

I have the honor to be respectfully

Tanjore
September 20th 1796

&c &c
(Signed) C.F. Swartz

Ramakritta Detta Memamse Shastra

Father and Mother cannot give
their first born Child or only Child to be
adopted to a Strange Tribe. But they may give
their first Child and only Child to be adopted
to their own Tribe, there is no guilt in it.

Warada Rajeya Shastor

As he says the father is to the male
Child. as the male Child is. so is the female &
Child. as the Children may increase by a &
male Child, so they increase from a female child, therefore if there are sisters, the &
father may give his only male Child to
be adopted. -

Order thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing
Letter, with the two Original extracts from the
Shasters be sent immediately to Bengal. -

Read

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Read the following Letter from H
His Highness the Nabob / entered above in C.C.
N. 145.)

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

Dated 23d September 1796
Recvd Do. — Do. — Do. —

From the Nabob expressing Satisfaction at the fortunate escape of three Indiamen in consequence of Captain Murray's exertions - requests that Ring, accompanying, may be presented him - as a mark of esteem. —

As an ally of the Company I feel peculiar Satisfaction in expressing the high opinion of the Honorable Captain Murray of his Majesty's Ships Carysfort, who, with a promptitude and decision which Reflect upon him the highest honor & rescued three valuable India Men from the almost immediate grasp of the Enemy. —

He also merits my warmest acknowledgements, on private as well as public Grounds, for having preserved from the impending danger a part of your Lordship's Family who were on board and for whose safety and welfare I felt, and always shall feel, the most lively Interest.

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I request

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Inquired, therefore, if your Lordship will do me the favor to convey to Captain Murray the favorable Sentiments I entertain of his conduct, and present him with the accompanying Ring as a small mark of my esteem.—

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A true Translation.

(Signed) A. Falconar
pr. Y.

The President proposes that the following Answer be returned. (Vide P.C. No 546)

To His Highness the Nabob Omdet Ul Omrahs Wallaujah &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Highness!

I had the honor of receiving your Highness's letter of the 23d instant - expressing the satisfaction you felt in the exertions of the Honorable Captain Murray of his Majesty's Ship the Carysfort by which three Valuable Indiamen had been rescued from the almost immediate Grasp of the Enemy to which you have been graciously pleased to add, that he also merited your warmest acknowledgments on private as well as public grounds

To the Nabob, acquainting him the Ring has been presented to Captain Murray

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grounds for having preserved from the impending
danger a part of my family who were on board
and for whose safety and welfare you felt and
always shall feel the most lively interest.—

In consequence of your Highness's
desire I have communicated your sentiments
to Captain Murray, and have delivered the Ring
received from your Highness for that purpose—
He is truely sensible of the flattering testimony
of your esteem with which you have been
thus pleased to honor him.—

I cannot be silent on that part
of your letter which relates to my family,
permit to assure your Highness that I am
thoroughly sensible of your attention upon
the occasion.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
[signed] Hobart

Fort St. George
27th. September 1796

Approved and ordered Accordingly.

Read the following letter from
the Supreme Government.—

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

My Lords,

From Bengal - forwarding a plan for the discharge of the Claims on the Company of the Creditors of the Nabob of the Carnatic Notes towards the discharge of the debt to be issued by Government desire to be furnished with a correct Statement of the Interest Debt of this Presidency -

Para 1st We have had the honor to receive your Lordship's letter of the 14th Ultimo & together with the Papers mentioned to accompany it. -

2nd We are much concerned to acquaint you, that the State of our Finances, will not allow us to promise you any assistance towards the Payment of the Claims on the Company of the Creditors of the Nabob of the Carnatic in Cash. -

3rd We cannot however advise your # to adopt the Measure that has been # suggested, for the Immediate Discharge of the whole Demand; for the Reasons # assigned by your Lordship, that the Issues of so large a proportion of Notes into the Market at once, could not fail to be highly injurious to Public Credit. -

We

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4th We concur therefore in your Lordships opinion that, as the Company's Credit may be expected to Improve, the most eligible mode of carrying the orders of the Court of Directors into effect will be, to Issue Notes towards the discharge of the Debt by Installments, conformably to the discretion allowed by those Orders.—

5th We therefore suggest to your Consideration the following plan.—

First That the Account with the Creditor be made up with Interest to the 31st of August 1796, or to the latest period that may be convenient.—

Secondly That a payment not exceeding Twenty five ₰ Cent of the Amount that may be thus ascertained to be due, be offered to the Creditors in Promissory Notes bearing Interest at the rate of Six ₰ Cent ₰ Annum: from the date to which the Account shall have been made up.—

Thirdly That it be declared that the Interest of the Notes will be paid Annually

as

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as it shall become due, and that the Principal will be paid regularly in the Order in which the Notes may be placed on the General Register of your Presidency.—

Fourthly, That this Order be determined as follows: First, By the Priority of date of the Original Obligations: and Secondly by Lot, in case any of those Obligations bearing the same date shall be held by different Proprietors:—

Fifthly That the Notes be declared transferable to Bengal at the Exchange of Crs: 600 ₹100 Pag.s and likewise receivable either at Madras or Bengal (at the Exchange for the time being) in the Remittance for the Tranfer of the Indian Debt to England.—

6th These Conditions, if you should adopt them, will of course be notified to the Creditors and to the Public at Large. They are calculated to uphold the Value of the Notes in full proportion to that of other Government Securities; and are in our Opinion both impartial and liberal. These Considerations added to the limitation of the Amount of Notes to be issued, will we trust so much

much enhance their value in the Public Estimation,
as to enable you to negotiate with the Creditors
on much more favorable terms, than you have
estimated under a supposition that Notes for the
whole Amount would be issued at once without
professing the Advantages of being remittable
to Bengal and England.—

7th To aid your Judgement, it may be
proper to observe that the Discount on
Sicca ₹ Cent Notes in Bengal is this day 8
(27th September 1796) about 6¼ ₹ Cent, and it
therefore, that the Discount to be allowed on
the Proposed issue of Notes at Madras, should
not exceed 2 ₹ Cent, to render the Transfer of Notes
to Bengal fully as advantageous to the
Remitter, as the present Rate of Exchange on
Bills payable in Cash, as the following
brief Sketch of their Relative advantage will
clearly Illustrate.—

If Notes be issued at a Discount of
of 2 ₹ Cent the Sum to be paid for 100 Pags.
by the Company in Bengall will
be

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be Current Rupees ..... 408.. .. in Paper

which sold at a Discount of 6½

ℳ Cent Amounting to ..... 26.. 8.. 4

will realize ..... Cts. 381. 7.. 8 in Cash

Then, for 100 Pagr. received at 8

Madras at Cts. 355 ℳ 100 Pagr. the

Sum to be paid in Bengal will

be Current Rupees ..... 383.. 6.. 5.

From this, Interest is to

be deducted for the delay of

the Post and the sight of

the Bills for about 1

50 days @ 6 ℳ Ct. ℳ Annum

being ..... 3.. 2.. 8

Leaving Net ... 380.. 3.. 9.

There remains therefore on the 8

above Date, a Balance in favor of } ... 1.. 3.. 11 being

the Transfer Remittance of ..... } Seller than ¼ ℳ Cent.

8th. It will be proper further to Notify to

the Creditors, that their Accounts will be made

up with Interest to the same Period Annually,

and that no loss a proportion that Twenty Five

ℳ Cent of the Amount that may be due, will

be paid Annually in like Manner, that is,

in Six ℳ Cent Notes at the premium or Discount

of

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of the Day / untill the whole shall be discharged;
leaving it to be clearly understood, that an op-
tion is reserved to the Company of liquidating
the Debt earlier, than they are expressly bound
to do, if the state of their Funds should render
such a measure eligible.—

We avail ourselves of this opportunity
to request that you will furnish us with a
complete list of all your interest debts; arrange
in the Order in which the Public Creditors
are entitled by the tenor of your Engagements
with them to expect payment of their
Principal; and we recommend that a state-
ment of your Paper debt, and the sums which
you may occasionally be able to appropriate
towards the discharge of it, be regularly
published in the Gazette, agreeably to the
Practice observed at this Presidency and at
Bombay.—

16th This Measure added to the Regular
payment of the Interest and the observance
of a fixed and known Order of payment of the
Principal

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Principal, will we trust, raise considerably the
Credit of your Paper, and enable you hereafter
to negotiate it to greater advantage—

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

(Signed) J. Shore
Robt Abercromby
P. Speke
W. Cowper

Fort William
the 7th September 1796

Order thereon.—

Ordered that the Plan proposed in the
the foregoing letter be sent immediately to the
Register of the Orphans' Debts for the information
of the Creditors—and that he be directed to take
their sentiments, and report the result to
Government with as little delay as possible.—

Read the following letter from the
Vestry at Tiechinopoly.—

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council
&c. &c.

From the Vestry at Tiechinopoly
recommending that Mrs Boyce may not
be Charity be appointed to
the Marriage Company.—

My Lord Fort St. George

We the Vestry, beg leave to represent to

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to your Lordship that three boys on the foundation of this Charity / being of a sufficient age and of strength to enable them to procure their own livelihood had they the opportunity / might be usefully employed by being bound apprentices to the Honorable Company and placed under the particular care and direction of the Commissary of Stores as Artificers - The Vestry respectfully propose to your Lordship, that orders may be given that they be recommended - and suggest that two Pagodas a Month each will be fully & adequate to their expence during the term of their apprenticeship -

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

/Signed/ J. Floyd. M. G. Commandant
Christian Pohle
W. Hawkins

Trichinopoly
10th September 1796

Minute thereon -

Resolved that the three Boys on the Foundation at Trichinopoly be bound apprentices to the Honorable Company, and placed under the particular care and direction of the Commissary of

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of Stone as Artificers, with an Allowance of two Pagodas each p.r Month, during the term of their apprenticeship.—

Ordered that the Military Board do take the necessary steps for carrying the above resolutions into effect.—

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Goodie.—

To W.C Jackson Esq.r

Military Secretary

Sir.

From Lieutenant Colonel Goodie submitting a Mode of Payment of the Amount he has been called upon to discharge, as Security for W.m Young late Paymaster of Angole &c.—

I have received your letter bearing date the 5th Instant, Respecting the Accounts of W.m Young late Paymaster of Angole, I have wrote to that Gentleman on the Subject, and now Enclose you an Extract of a Letter from him to me,—on this Head, I could wish to make the Reference to Him, and to Draw on him for the Amount—But should his Lordship not admit of this Mode, the Money must be paid the best way I can I have ready by me. The Bond

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Thousand Pagodas, the Company is Indebted to
me for Gratuity and Offerings, about Fifteen
Hundred Pagodas, which I hope will be taken
as part of the Security for the Sum Demanded,
the Remainder shall be made up in the
Course of the next Six Months. This is the only
mode I have to liquidate the debt - At the
time I became Security for Mr Young I could
at One Months warning have Answered for
double the Sum, Since which time my Affairs
have become Embarrassed to a degree I am
shocked at this very moment to think upon the
Consequence that may follow -

I am Sir with great Respect. -
&c &c &c
(Signed) Francis Gowdie Lt Col:
Commanding Madurah.

Madurah
September 21st 1796

Extract of a letter from Mr Young late Paymaster of
Angola, from Formosa Place near Maidenhead, Dated October 4 - 1795

If my Accounts are not yet settled I beg you
will Refer every Refund to me here I can defend them all, Colonel
Malcolm has taken every unfair and Unmanly advantage of
my Absence to shew his Power, but it will not all avail,
I have not heard any thing Concerning my Accounts since
January 1794. -
(Signed) Samuel Young

Fran: Gowdie. -

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Minute thereon –

At the reason offered by Lieutenant & Colonel Gowdie against the immediate payment of the Money for which he became responsible is by no means satisfactory – Resolved that he be again called upon to discharge it – and advised that he may include in the Amount such arrears as are actually due to him by the Company.–

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General. –

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lords,

From the Military Aud. General reporting his Opinion respecting the Claim of Kings Officers promoted at home to have in the Gratuity Fund from the date of their Commissions

I have now the honor to report my opinion in Answer to the following Query put to me in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 30th Ultimo by your Lordships' Command. –

"I am also directed to enclose copy of "a letter from the Deputy Adjutant General to His "Majesty's Troops, with an Abstract of Gratuity "States to be due to the Kings Officers on this Coast, "who have been lately promoted at home by his Majesty and

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"and to request you will acquaint his Lordship
"whether these Officers, by the existeng regulations
" or upon any ground of precedent, can, in your
"opinion, have any fair claim to Gratuity, &
"prior to the period when they commenced to act
"as Field Officers in India, and particularly &
"those holding Brevet Commissions only."-

In considering this subject I necessarily
referred to the last Regulations which have been
published at this Presidency relative to the &
payment of Revenue Money to the King's and
Company's Field Officers - they are to be found in the
General Orders of Government dated 6th October 1789 and
11th November 1791 and were adopted at this Presidency
by direction of the Government General in consequence
of Instructions from The Honorable The Court of &
Directors.-

I beg leave to refer your Lordship to
those Regulations as they are so expressed as not
to admit of my saying that the Distribution of
Gratuity is decidedly regulated in them so as to
depend intirely upon Regimental situation
and appointment. -

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It occurs to me to report my opinion thus far in regard to existing Regulations; and with respect to the Ground of precedent I beg leave to enclose a copy of the following Correspondence by which it appears that in consequence of a Reference to the Government General from this Presidency, the Officers of His Majesty's Service are entitled to the Revenue Money from the date of their Commissions in so far as Colonel Floyd's situation admits of being brought into comparison, as the decision on this Reference gave him that allowance from the date of his Commission as Colonel in the Army - the late Colonel Maxwell received the allowance on the same ground - and this case of Colonel Floyd (Now Major General) seems also to apply to the point affecting Regimental situation as he had no higher appointment Regimentally than that of Lieutenant Colonel of His Majesty's 16th Regiment of Light Dragoons - The correspondence enclosed is as follows. -

Copy ---- M. Secretary Jackson to Military Auditor General 26th March 1793

Military Auditor General to Govt 27th March 1793. -

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Extract from Government General to Government of Fort St. George } 25th September 1793

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
10th August 1796

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
with the highest respect,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Milty. Audr. General

Copy of Letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson to Colonel Malcolm Military Auditor General dated 20th March 1793.—

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to enclose Copy of a Letter from Colonel Floyd, Commanding His Majesty's 19th Regement of Light Dragoons & quoting an instance where the Company's & allowances to His Majesty's Officers have & commenced from the date of their Commissions issued at the War Office, and to desire you will state, for the information of the Board, the & authority under which the Allowances were drawn, prior to the Notification in India, of the promotion of His Majesty's Officers.—

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The President in Council observes in the Books of Regulations under the head of "Orders respecting the payment of King's Troops" that the Company's Allowances to His M.ty's forces are to commence from the day of their Arrival in India, and to cease on the day they embark to return to Europe Hence it is evident, according to the spirit of these regulations, that a King's Officer M.d serving in India, and promoted at home, cannot be entitled to draw the Company's Allowances for the advanced Rank until the promotion be published in this Country, when only he can commence to act upon the Commission issued from the War Office, and consequently benefit by those Allowances.-

Copy of Letter from Colonel Floyd to Government dated 18th March 1793.-

I have the honor of your Commands dated the 14th Instant, in reply to my letter of the 6th wherein you reject my Claim to difference of Gratuity between Lieutenant & Colonel

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Colonel and Colonel, from the date of any Commission,
saying "that as a single instance has not
"occurred where the Company's Allowances
"to His Majesty's Officers have commenced &
"from the date of their Commissions issued
"at the War Office, the Board do not think
"themselves authorized to deviate from the
"General Rule in the present instance, or &
"that it would be regular to make any &
"reference to Bengal on a point, that has
"been admitted, and established by former
"practice."

Allow me to assure you this is &
entirely an error, within my own knowledge
as the Abstracts of most of the Kings &
Regiment can prove.—

Gratuity and Batta are within
the discription of Company's Allowances.—
The difference of these Company's
allowances between Cornet and Lieutenant
were paid to the following Officers of H. M:
19th Dragoons, promoted in England, from
the dates of their Commissions, issued at the
War

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War office as the Abstract shews. -

Lieutenant Monteath ---- 21st October 1789

Patterson
Williams
Kennedy ---- 23d March 1791.
Brabazon
Mackenzie
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Captain Delany and Lieutenant Eyre of the 36th Regiment, and to all others who were serving in India at the date of their promotion. -

Therefore request you will be pleased to Order me to be paid accordingly and favor me with an Answer to this application, that I may take my measures accordingly. -

Extracts of Letter from the Military Auditor General to Government date 27th March 1793. -

I take the present occasion of reporting in obedience to your Commands of the 20th Instant on the subject of Colonel Floyds Letter" quoting an instance where "the Company's Allowances to His Majesty's Officers have commenced from the date of their Commissions

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Commissions issued at the War Office" in
"consequence of which you direct me to
"state for the information of your Honorable
"Board the Authority under which the
"Allowances were drawn prior to the
"notification in India of the promotion
"of His Majesty's Officers".-

There is no specific regulation on
the Coast which applys particularly to
the period from which the payments in
question are to commence in the case of
Officers being in India at the time of
their promotion but I believe that it
hitherto the Company's Allowances
have been drawn as stated by Colonel Floyd
on the ground of the usage of His Majesty's
Service which I am informed gives to an
Officer on Field Service the Arrears of Bat
and Forage Money from the date of
Commission, in the case of promotion,
as soon as the date is ascertained by
the Paymaster.-

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The Regulations on the Coast provide only for the case of Officers and Men coming from Europe to join His Majesty's & Regiments who commence in the Receipt of the Company's Allowances from the day of their Arrival in India at the place of their destination, with a proviso applicable "to their being disembarked at any other "of the Company's Settlements previous to "their Arrival at the place of their destination "and to their being detained on board to act "as Marins, in either of which cases they "are to be entitled to the Company's Allowances "from the date of the Order in the same "manner as if they had proceeded on their Voyage

I observe from the General Order of the 31st. last January "that the Colonels of "His Majesty's Service, although not Colonels of Regiments, shall be on a footing of equality with Officers of the same Rank in the Service of the Honorable Company in all future distributions of Gratuity to the Field Officers serving

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"Serving on this Establishment."—

This increased distribution therefore can only commence I conceive in the payment of that allowance to the Field Officers for the year 1792/3 during which period Lieutenant Colonel Stuart of the 72nd Regement has been promoted to the rank of Colonel; in consequence of which you may think it necessary to determine whether he is to be allowed the Gratuity of Colonel from the date of his Commission which is the 1st August 1792 to the day he embarked for Europe, as if the Receipt of the Allowance is to be regulated by the date of the General Order in India notifying the promotion Colonel Stuart will not be entitled to receive it in a higher rank than that of Lieutenant Colonel for any part of the Year 1792/3 the Order as above being dated 12th Instant and Colonel Stuart having embarked near Two Months ago.—

The rule for the Company's Service on

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on the Coast is, that in the case of promotions or appointments the pay of the New Commission commences only from the date of the General Order announcing it which regulates also the commencement of other allowances; and as it appears to be the rule of His Majesty's Service to draw the difference of pay or other allowances & from the date of the New Commission although the Order announcing the promotion may not be received for a considerable time after, your Honorable Board may see it proper to establish the principle on which the period of commencing the payment of the Company's Allowances to the Kings Troops is to be regulated in the case of their serving in India for a time in rank inferior to that which they actually held by a date of Commission subsequently notified as there is no regulation at present which provides specially on this head. -

Extract of Letter from the Governor General in Council of 12th August 1793 inclosed in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter to the Military Auditor General dated 25th September 1793. -

"The only remaining subject before "us is the Claim made by Colonel Floyd, & Lieutenant

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"Lieutenant Colonel of the 19th Regiment of Dr
"Dragoons to the Revenue Money of Colonel
"retrospectively to the date of his promotion in
"England. Weare of opinion that he is
"entitled to it.—

True Copies
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily: Audr Genl

Ordered thereon.—

Ordered to lie on the Table
Read the following letter from

Mr Wrangham.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Mr Wrangham reporting the sale of 33 of the Company's extra Horses at the Average Rate of 160 Pags

I have the honor to inform
your Lordship that I have disposed of
thirty three of the Honorable Company's
Extra horses at the average price of about
One hundred and Sixty Pagodas a horse,
which price I have no hesitation in
saying

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saying, is infinitely larger than I had the smallest idea of obtaining.— The remaining Seventeen horses are in low Condition, and I shall not endeavor to dispose of them 'till they recover their flesh and Spirits.—

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

Masulipatam Cutcherry
23.rd September 1796

Minute thereon

The Board are well pleased to find that 33 of the Horses have been so well disposed of

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.—

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council
of Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General reporting his opinion in regard to the future mode of auditing the public Accounts of the Detachment serving with the Nizam — submitting a Claim preferred by Captain Lieutenant Kirkpatrick to full Regimental Allowances as serving with the Nizam's Detachment.—

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 20th instant, desiring that I would take an early opportunity of replying to the Two Letters

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Letters written by order of your Lordship to the late Military Auditor General under date 22nd. October 1795 and 10th February 1796, that the question put by the Resident at Hydrabad in his Letter of the 8th. October 1795 and repeated in his Letter of 23d January 1796 with respect to the Accounts of the Detachment may be

Answered.—

Agreeably to this intimation I have now the honor to lay before your Lordship & such information as I have obtained on the subject, stating at the same time my opinion in regard to the future Audit of the public Accounts of that Detachment.—

It has been the rule hitherto for Account Disbursements of the Military & Paymaster with the Detachment to be & transmitted to my Office by the Military & Paymaster General for the purposes only of exhibiting in the Military Auditor Generals Book the expence of the Detachment and detailing the same in the Annual Military Statement forwarded to the Honorable The & Court

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Court of Directors for the information of
Parliament, but I do not find those Disburse-
ments have ever been Audited from a supposition
that they were checked by the Resident at
his Highness's Court, who issues on the
application of the Commanding Officer the
necessary Advances of Cash for the payment
of the Detachment and under whose
superintendance it is presumed all receipts
and issues of the public Money must have been
arranged - it does not appear that the
Resident at Hydrabad had ever communicated
with the Office of Audit for information
on any point connected with the expence of
the Detachment several references however
have been made by the Commanding Officer
and Paymaster from which it may be inferred
that the Resident neither audited the Accounts
nor took upon him to decide on doubtful cases.

I beg leave therefore to offer it as
my opinion that the Monthly Disbursements
of that Detachment should be Audited in
my Office from the commencement of the official
year

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Year 1796/7, because the Troops of which it is composed form part of the Military Establishment of this Presidency, and are paid according to the rates and under the same Regulations as the other parts of the Army, with the exception of certain extra allowances granted to the Staff; and as I observe that Government have at different times referred to this Office, the claims of Individuals serving with that Detachment, the necessity of having those Accounts regularly transmitted for examination and Audit appears obvious.—

With respect to contingent & Charges, or such as are not fixed in & their nature and amount, but depend & on particular and occasional circumstances I beg leave to recommend that the suggestion of Major Kirkpatrick in his Letter to Mr. Secretary Jackson under date the 17th & March 1794 be adopted. Accordingly the Party making the Charge should be required to declare to his actual disbursements & on

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on Honor, and previous to payment being made that the Commanding Officer of the Detachment should certify on the Bill "that the Charges contained therein were "indespensably necessary for carrying on the "Public Service and according to the established rates of the Station.—

I have the honor of submitting to your Lordships decision a claim preferred by Captain Lieutenant Kirkpatrick to full Allowances as an Officer belonging to the 1st Battalion of the 11th Regiment of Native Infantry serving with Nizams Detachment, conceiving his title to such allowances not effected by his holding a Civil appointment under the Resident, to which there is a fixed Salary independant of his Military Rank.—

The above claim has been communicated in a Letter from Lieutenant Goldsworthy Paymaster of the Detachment dated 19th instant of which Copy is enclosed.—

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
with the Highest Respect
&c. &c.
(signed) Wm Sydenham

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Colonel William Sydenham
Military Auditor General
Fort St. George

Sir,

At the request of Lieutenant & Colonel Roberts Commanding the Detachment serving with His Highness the Nizam I have the honor to submit the following claims to your consideration soliciting as soon as possible your decision.—

Captain Lieutenant James Kirkpatrick holding a Civil appointment as assistant to the Resident at the Court of his Highness the Nizam who stands appointed to the 1st Battalion 11th Regiment Native Infantry having laid Claims to full allowances as drawn by other Officers with that Corps on the principle of his not drawing a single Pagoda under any denomination from any part of the Madras Establishment.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) John Goldsworthy
Paymaster.

Camp near Hydrabad
September 11th 1796

(Sig) A True Copy
J. Brunton
D.T. M.T. Aud. Genl.

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Minutes thereon. —

The Board entirely approve the &
suggestions of the Military Auditor General
relative to the Accounts of the Detachment
serving with the Nizam — Ordered that a Copy
of the Letter be sent to the Resident at &
Hydrabad for the information of Mr. Paymaster
Goldsworthy. —

With respect to the application of
Captain Lieutenant Kirkpatrick the Board
are decidedly of opinion that he can only be &
entitled to allowance that are merely Regimental
and consequently that he cannot draw full
Batta. —

Read the following Letter from &
Major Kirkpatrick. —

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

From the Resident at Hydrabad respecting a Report of the Movement of a body of Tippoo's troops near the boundary of the Circars recommending Cautionary measures to be taken. —

Sir

I enclosed I have the honor to
transmit for the Notice of the Right Honorable
the President in Council Copy of a letter which
I have thought necessary to address to the
Officer

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Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Sirkar

and am, Sir &c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Kirkpatrick

Hydrabad
22d. September 1796

Lieutenant Colonel Leighton

or Officer Commanding in the

Guntoor Sircar.

Sir,

It being Reported that a large Body of Seapoys Troops Horse and foot with some Guns is Arrived in the Vicinity of Gooty ostensibly for the purpose of sequestering the Rennoud Country but perhaps eventually with other intentions I think it right to Recommend to you to instruct the Officer Commanding under you at Innicondah and other Posts in the Guntoor to be duly vigilant—

I am ignorant whether or not Timmee
cotah is included in your Command but
though it should not I presume there will be
no impropriety in your acquainting the
Officer in Charge of that Post the tenour of this letter
I conclude that it will be easy to take
the few cautionary measures proper on this
occasion without exciting any extraordinary
alarm

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alarm or uneasiness among st the Inhabitants
which you will of course be desirous of avoiding
as much as possible

If it should consist with your Orders
from Government I could wish that no Military
Stores were permitted to pass through your
District to Khummum or any other Part of
the Nizams Dominions without the Person in
Charge of them producing a letter or Passport from me.

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

(A true Copy)
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Hydrabad
22nd. September 1796

Ordered that the Officer in Command of
the Guntoor Circar be informed that no ordnance or
Minute thereon. — Military Stores are to be allowed to pass to Hydrabad
or to Cummum, unless the person in charge of them
can produce a pass port signed by Major Kirkpatrick

Read the following Letter from the
Military Board. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council
My Lords,

From the Military Board
have ordered the necessary Repairs
to be made at Tanjore — &c.
and that Camp equipage for
Colonel Roberts Detachment
be made up on the spot at
the established prices. —

We have the honor to acknowledge
your Lordships commands, transmitted to us
in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 8th. Instant,
referring to us copy of a letter with its enclosures
from

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from the Commanding Officer at Tanjore; and
having deemed the proposed repairs therein
represented to be necessary we have accordingly
authorized him to carry the Same into execution

With respect to the proposal of
Captain Tanner transmitted in Colonel Roberts'
Letter of the 20th. August, for carrying and providing
Tents for this Company of Artillery; we have taken
the same into consideration and finding on a
comparative statement, that the difference
is so very great that we cannot take upon
ourselves to advise the adoption of Captain
Tanners proposals; but as Colonel Roberts'
Detachment appears to labour under a
considerable distress for Camp Equipage,
we would recommend that either the
Commanding Officer or the Commissary be
be authorized to make up the necessary
number of Tents, 12 Privates and 3 Bell
Tents, on the spot, at prices not exceeding
the established rate, as a more convenient
and economical Plan than sending them

them

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them from the Presidency —

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

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23rd. September 1796.

/Signed/ Alured Clarke
Thomas Geils
Willm Sydenham
BJ. Close
Wm. Kent
George Hall

To lie on the Table —

Ordered to lie on the Table

The President recommends that it

Captain Despe be appointed to the Command

of the Fort and Garrison of Tumricotah — vice

Darley appointed to the Charge of the Offices of

Paymaster and Commissary of Grain and

Provisions in Tanjore &c.

Approved and ordered Accordingly.

Captain Despe appointed the Command of the Fort and Garrison of Timericotah vice Darley appointed Paymaster and Commissary of Grain at Tanjore. —

Ordered that a Bill be granted to Messrs.

Bengal Bills to be granted Messrs. Parry &c. for freight of the Mary. —

Thomas Parry and Co. for the Sum of /2102 Pagodas 38 f.)
two Thousand one hundred and two Pagodas Thirty eight
fanams being the Amount of Freight of the Ship Mary, and
that the Amount be carried to the Head of Expedition
against the Dutch Settlements. —

" Hobart
" Alured Clarke.
" Con Saunders
" E Wallscheid

Mr. Wigfield
Esq.

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Received and sent the undermentioned letters entered in M: B: No. 145.. 146.. 147.. 148.. 149 150.. 151.. 152.. 153

From Paymaster at Pondicherry.—

From Mr. J. H. Skardon—requesting that two bills drawn by him on the Civil Paymaster General an Account of the Civil pensions at Pondicherry may be paid.—

From Captain Lennox

From Captain Lennox enclosing a Bill for Extra Disbursements to a Malay Interpreter and Writer, while on the Eastern expedition, as stated in a former letter.—

From Agent to Owners of Ship Ewer

From Mr. Benjamin Roebuck requesting that Government will pay the Monthly freight in advance, for the Ewer Transport

From the Town Major

From Major Allan—requesting to know if he is to furnish Slops for the Malay Prisoners they being much in want of Clothing.—

From Military Paymaster General.—

From Mr. Benjamin Roebuck with Additional estimate of Cash for October.—

To

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To Secretary at Bengal

To G. H. Barlow Esq.r with
packet from Military Board at Madras
to the Military Board at Fort William &
containing the quarterly return of Ordnance and
Military Stores under this Presidency.—

To Ditto — Ditto with intelligence
from Mysore.—

To — Do. — Do with Copy of
letter from the Commissioners of Revenue in
the Province of Malabar.—

To Residents at Hydrabad and
Poona with Intelligence from Mysore &

28. Remind the following Letters.—

To W. Jackson Esq.r
Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir,

From Sub Secretary at Bengal with Extract of Resolutions in Military Department respecting the new arrangement of the Medical Department on that Establishment.—

I am directed to transmit you
for the information of the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council, the accompanying
Extract

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Extract from the Resolutions of the Governor General in Council in the Military Department, respecting the Medical line of Service on this Establishment.-

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) J Thornhill

Sub Secy

Fort William
the 12th September 1796.

Extract from the Minutes of Council in the Military Department of the 12th September 1796

Agreed that the separation of the Civil and Military lines of the Medical Service, which was Authorized by the General letter of the 8th of January last, be suspended until the pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known, and that the Surgeons, and Assistant Surgeons of the Bengal Establishment, do # continue to rise in one General List, and to be employed either in the Civil, or Military branches of the Service, subject to all the Rules and

Regulations

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Regulations now existing.—

Agreed, that as by the foregoing Resolutions, all Medical Practitioners & employed in the Civil Line, will remain & liable to be recalled to their duty as Military Surgeons, under the Restrictions, and & Obligations of Service which are annexed to their Military Commissions, they be considered as equally entitled to the same benefits of Furlough's, and retiring from the Service, which were intended for the Military Surgeons under the orders of the Court of Directors of the 8th January last, excepting only those Gentlemen who, under the option left with them by the Minutes of Council of the 24th October 1788, have previously resigned all claim to future promotion in the Service.—

A True Extract
(Signed) J. Thornhill
Sub Secy

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of

Fort St. George

My Lord:

From the Military Auditor General reporting opinion on such part of the Bengal Regulations as appear Suitable to the Coast and proposing the Draft of a General Order inconsequence-

In Answer to Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 12th Instant, desiring that I would report to your Lordship what part of the Bengal Regulations which accompanied it appeared suitable to the Service on the Coast, I beg leave to offer it as my Opinion that the Extracts of Minutes of Council dated the 29th July and 5th August are perfectly applicable to this Establishment; and will decide on Claims already preferred to my Office for an Allowance of House Rent Agreeably to Brevet Rank, & which if admitted would give the same & Officers a title to draw Tent Allowance or Camp Equipage in the same proportion in the Field.

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To the allowance of Superior &
Batta to Officers on whom the temporary
Command of Regiments or Battalions may &
devolve has been already established by &
Government with such explanations as
appeared suited to the subject, it would be
unbecoming in me to enter into any &
consideration of the Regulations lately &
published at Bengal, as Your Lordship
alone is the proper judge if any and what
alterations may be necessary on the subject —

I have taken the liberty of &
submitting the enclosed draft of a General
Order on the points before mentioned &
for Your Lordships' approval. —

I have the honor to be with great
respect — &c.a &c.a

(Signed) W. Sydenham
M.G. Aud.r General. —

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart &c

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Military Auditor General reporting on Military & Paymasters estimates for October —

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of October 1796, I have the honor to Report, that the Sum of Two Lacks Sixty Nine thousand, Two hundred and Forty Six Pagodas, Nine Fanams, and Sixty Seven Cash / Pagodas 2,69,246. 9. 67 /

is required for the Payment of such Military Charges as become due on the first of the ensuing Month. —

		f.	c.
From the General Treasury Pr	2,00,206.	—	27
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General.	69,040.	9.	40.
Pagodas	2,69,246.	9.	67

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In Examining the Estimate of
Mr. Paymaster Wynch, there appears an
Error of Nine Pagodas (Pag.s 9.-.-.-) in
extending Pay and Allowances on Account
of the 1st Battalion of the 6th Regiment
Native Infantry at Amboor, and also
in the Estimate of the acting Paymaster
in the Baramahl, an Error of One hundred
Pagodas (Pag.s 100.-.-.-) in the Addition
of the Sums required for the payment of
the Troops &c.a Stationed at Veerabuddanedroog,
which I have Rectified, by deducting the
Amount from their respective Totals —
The Estimate from the Chicacole
Pay Office having included a Sum
exceeding One Thousand Pagodas (Pag.s 1000.-.-.)
more than is required for the Pay and
Batta of the late 12th Battalion Native
Infantry, now a Detachment of the
2nd Battalion of the 8th Regiment Native
Infantry

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Infantry, that Sum has accordingly been deducted on the same Principle as stated in my Report of the 29th Ultimo on a similar occurrence.—

The Additional Estimate from the Tanjore Pay Office for the ensuing Month, forwarded with Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 22nd instant, appears admissible the Amount Viz.t One Thousand, five hundred Pagoda (Pag.s 1500.—.—.—) will fall to be advanced from the Treasury, being Required for the Payment of Dooly Bearers Lascars Bamboo Coolies &c.a attached to the 71.st Regiment now on the March from Tanjore to Wallajahbad.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord
with the highest Respect,
&c. &c.a
(Signed) W.m Lydenham
Milty. Aud.r Gen.l

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To

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General reporting on the estimate of disbursements of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for October

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 22nd instant, with the Estimate of the expected Disbursements in the Department of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for the Month of October 1796 and to report thereon as follows.—

	P.	F.	C.
Expected Disbursements at Madras	970	41	40
Chingleput	193	—	—
Vellore	71	12	—
Trichinopoly	750	—	—
Tanjore	2500	—	—
Madura and Dindigul	22	—	—
Palamcotah	30	10	40
Baramahl	121	—	—
Masulipatam	1050	36	24
Ongole	224	10	40
Pagodas	5933	26	64

from

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From the Total Amount of expected Disbursements as above stated, the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions deducts the following Sums, as not issuable from the Treasury at the Presidency, but payable from the Subordinate Treasuries for which Bills will be drawn upon him and transferred through the General Treasury

	P.	F.	C.
Chingleput	193	—	—
Vellore	71	12	—
Madura and Dindegul	22	—	—
Palamcotah	30	10	40
Baramahl	121	—	—
Masulipatam	1050	36	24
Ongole	224	10	40
Pagodas	1,712	27	24

Consequently the Amount issuable at the Presidency on Account of Disbursements in October 1796, as per Estimate of the Acting Commissary General

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28th General of Grain and Provisions, is Four Thousand, Two hundred and Twenty & Pagodas, Forty One fanams and Forty Cash (Pagodas 4220.41.40)

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Fort St. George
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I have the honor to be,
My Lord
with the highest respect,
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mty. Aud. Genl.

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

My Lord

From the Military auditor General reporting on the General estimate of the acting Agent for Bullock for October —

I have the honor to report as follows upon the General Estimate of the Acting principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for the Month of October 1796, accompanying Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 22nd instant. —

Madras

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	Pa.	f.	c.
Madras	975.	6.	—
Vellore	22.	—.	—
Trichinopoly	2000.	—.	—
Palamcotah	946.	21.	—
Baramahl	130.	—.	—
Masulipatam	528.	—.	—
Chicacole	380.	—.	—
Ichapore District	10.	—.	—
Lieut Col: Roberts's Detachment	877.	39.	—
Pagodas	5869.	24.	—

From the Total Amount of Disputed Disbursements as above stated, the Acting & Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks deducts the following Sums, as not payable from the General Treasury, but payable from the Subordinate Treasuries for which Bills will be drawn upon him, and transferred through the General Treasury.—

Madras	Pags.	975.	6. —
Vellore		22.	—. —
Baramahl		130.	—. —
Carried forwd Pags.		1127.	6. —

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Brought forward Pags.	1127.. 6.. –
Masulipatam	528.. – .. –
Chicacole	380.. – .. –
Itchapore District	10.. – .. –
Lieutenant Colonel Roberts's Detachment	877.. 39.. –
Pagodas	2,923.. 3.. –

Consequently the Amount issuable at the Presidency on Account of Disbursements in October 1796, as ff Estimate of the Acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks, is Two Thousand, Nine hundred and Forty Six Pagodas and Twenty one fanams (Pagodas 2946.. 21.. –)

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Generals Office
Fort St. George
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I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
With the highest respect,
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily. Audm. Genl.

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To William C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secy. & Secretary

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 14th Instant by the Tappal Arrived this day, the reply to which has in a great Measure been anticipated by my Letter Addressed to you on the 15th Instant it may only be necessary to Observe that I have advanced for every thing Necessary to complete the Amount of Tents required for the first Year of the Contract, and that nothing will be wanting to complete that Amount by the end of March but the timely supplies of Cloth and in Order that you may judge of that I shall beg leave from the end of this & Month, to send you regular Monthly &

Returns

From the Contractor for Tents will complete the Amount of Tents required as soon as possible - Tents shipped on the Carlton - a further supply will be forwarded in a Month. —

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Returns of the quantity I receive – I shall likewise beg leave to add for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, that the one hundred and Sixty three Tents landed from the Castor in consequence of the Apprehension from a Squadron of the Enemy's Ships Appearing on the Coast have been reshipped, that Vessel will proceed on her Voyage tomorrow. – The Remaining thirty Seven Tents / Marquees / which complete the Thousand I engaged to furnish by my former Agreement will be Shipped on a Vessel that will sail about the end of the Month There will then Remain to be replaced the Tents damaged by the Catherine viz.t –

6 Field Officers Tents
40 Marquees &
9 Private Tents
55 – And some few Tents landed & damaged at Madras which shall be sent &

by

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by the first Vessel sailing hence after the Monsoon together with such part of the Tents on the New Contract as may be ready at that time.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Patk. Bowie

I. Ingeram
22nd September 1796.—

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Sent the following letters

To Mr. Thomas Cockburn
Register of the Nabobs' Debts.—

Sir,

I am directed by the Right
Honorable the President in Council to
acquaint you for the information of the
Creditors of his Highness the Nabob in
the Consolidated debt of 1777 that his
Lordship is disposed to adopt the following
plan in consequence of the Orders of the
Honorable Court of Directors under date
the

To the Register of the Nabobs debts—with a plan for the liquidation of the Nabobs Debts.—

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the 20th of January last. —

First — That, the Account with the Creditors
Second — be made up with Interest to the
31st of August 1796, or to the latest
period that may be convenient. —

Secondly — That, a payment not exceeding
twenty five per Cent of the Amount
that may be then ascertained to
be due, be offered to the Creditors
in promissary Notes bearing &
Interest at the Rate of Six per Cent
per Annum from the date to which
the Account shall have been made
up. —

Thirdly — That, it be declared that the &
Interest of the Notes will be &
paid Annually as it shall &
become due; and that the principal
will be paid Regularly in the order
in which the Notes may be placed
on

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on the general Register of this Presidency —

Fourthly — That the Order be determined as follows — First — By the Priority of date of the Original Obligations: and Secondly, by Lot, in case of any of those Obligations bearing the same date shall be held by different Proprietors. —

Fifthly — That, the Notes be declared transferable to Bengal at the exchange of Rs. 400 ℔ 100 Pagodas, and likewise receivable either at Madras or Bengal at the exchange for the time being in the Remittance for the Transfer of the Indian Debt to England. —

These conditions are calculated to uphold the Value of the Notes in full proportion to that of other Government Securities, and are both impartial and liberal. —

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The discount on Six per Cent Notes in Bengal, was about 6¼ ℔ Cent on the 7th. Instant and therefore the discount to be allowed on the proposed issue of Notes at Madras, will be two per Cent, in order to render the transfer of Notes to Bengal fully as advantageous to the Remitter as the present Rate of exchange on Bills payable in Cash, as the following brief Sketch of their relative advantage will clearly & illustrate.—

If Notes be issued at a discount of two ℔ Cent, the Sum to be paid for 100 Pag.s by the Company in Bengal, will be

Current Rupees ——— 408.—.— in Paper which Sold at a discount of 6¼ per Cent Amounting to ——————— 26.8.4.

Will realize —— C.R.s 381.7.8 in Cash

Then, for 100 Pagodas Remitted at Madras, at A.R. 355 ℔ 100 P.s

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the sam to be paid on Bengal will be
Current Rupees ——— ——— ——— 383.. 6.. 5.

From this, Interest is to be deducted
for the delay of the Post, and the
sight of the Bills for about 50 days,
at 6 p.r Cent p Annum being ——— 3.. 2.. 8

——— ———

Leaving Nett 380.. 3.. 9.

There Remains therefore on the
above date, a Balance in y.r
favor of the transfer Remittance of ——— 1.. 3.. 11 being
better than ¼ per Cent. —

The Creditors Accounts will be
made up with Interest to the same period
Annually, and no less a proportion than y.r
twenty five p Cent of the Amount that y.r
may be due, will be paid Annually in like
Manner, until the whole shall be discharged,
leaving it to be clearly understood, that an
option is Reserved to the Company of y.r
liquidating the debt earlier, than they y.r
are

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are expressly bound to do, if the State of their Funds, should render such a Measure eligible.—

You will Obtain the Sentiments of the Creditors upon the foregoing plan, and report the result to his Lordship in Council, with as little delay as possible.—

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

To Colonel William Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Hon.ble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters dated the 21st 23d & 24th and 27 instant, and to acquaint you that, under all the Circumstances of the case, his Lordship has Resolved that the Charges for Servants made by Surgeons of European Corps

To the Military Auditor General - the Charges made by the Surgeons of European Corps for Servants between December 1793 and May 1795 are admitted - the same Charges made by the Military Paymaster at the Mount, Poonamalee and Tripasore for Officers Quarters returned, observations and Remarks thereon Major Kirkpatrick's suggestion relative to contingent Charges to be adopted Captain & Lieutenant Kirkpatrick's Claim to full batta &c inadmissible.—

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Corps between the Months of December 1793, and
the Month of May 1795, shall be admitted; and
you will be pleased therefore to Relieve the H
parties concerned from the Retrenchments H
standing against them.-

With respect to the Barrack Charges
made by the Military Paymaster at the Mount,
Poonamallee, and Tripassore for Officers Quarters,
I am instructed to acquaint you that his H
Lordship in Council considers your reasoning on
the Subject to be quite conclusive - and cannot
avoid expressing his Surprise, that Mr Cochrane
who has been so long attached to the Pay Depart=
=ment, and must be supposed to comprehend
the Regulations of the Service, should entertain
a Shadow of Doubt as to the Competence of
the Military Auditor General to issue Orders
to Paymasters prohibiting the introduction
or continuance of certain Charges in their H
Accounts

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Accounts, deemed by him to be irregular or to the Obligation of Paymasters to pay the most Rigid and implicit attention to such Orders.—

It is not in fact a question that would require deliberation—Whether it was or was not the duty of the Paymaster to pay Obedience to the Orders conveyed to him in the Military Auditor Generals' letter of the 11th August 1794— because the Regulations go expressly to this point—and unequivocally Authorize the Auditor General to make Retrenchments when he may judge necessary, and to communicate with Paymasters.— But Notwithstanding this, and that the late Military Auditor General acquainted M.r Cochrane that "he was to understand "That no Charge for Articles in the Barracks

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29th: "Barrack Department, could be admitted for "any period after December 1793" – he (Mr Cochrane) continues the Charges to April 1796; and for his Justification says, that "it was the duty "of the Auditor General to have stopped them "by a Special Order to that purpose". as if the communication of the 11th August 1794, before referred to, had not the Operation of a Special Order – Besides this, Mr. Cochrane without any Authority thought proper to interpret a General Order of Government, in a different Manner from the construction put upon it by the Military Auditor General who was strictly right in conceiving that the Officers stationed at the Mount, Ponda=mallee, and Tripassore, had no claim to a greater Number of Barrack Servants, than what were detailed for the 100 Men, including a proportion of Officers. –

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As therefore Mr. Cochrane did not think proper to obey the Orders he received from the Military Auditor General - Orders that were not to be misunderstood, since they were plain and explicit, he must take the consequences of adhering to an opinion so evidently wrong - and the President in Council accordingly directs that the whole Retrenchment &c Amounting to Pagodas 3320..29..20 be forthwith paid by Mr. Cochrane into the hands of the Military Paymaster General and brought to Account accordingly

The President in Council approves the opinion you have given with respect to the Accounts of the Detachment serving with the Nizam and desires in consequence that those Accounts may be in future examined and Audited in your Office from the Commencement of the Official Year 1796/7

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Major Kirkpatrick's suggestion &c relative to contingent Charges, not fixed in their nature and Amount, is to be adopted.—

With respect to the claim preferred by Captain Lieutenant Kirkpatrick, his &c Lordship in Council is of Opinion and has &c accordingly resolved, that this Officer can only be entitled to such pay and Allowances as &c are merely Regimental, and that according to existing Regulations As he is not serving with his Corps, he cannot draw full Batta.—

The Draft of the General Order submitted with your letter of the 27th Instant, has been approved, and published in General Orders.—

I am &ca &ca

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28th September 1796.—

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secry

Received the following Letters—

William C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

There remains at Cottapatam Fifty two

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provision recommending that the Grain at Cottapatam be thrown into the nearest garrisons in the Guntoor Circar Stores at &c Innacondah almost expended recommendation on the subject

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two Garce of the Paddy sent by M. Torriano in the Month of July 1795, for which there is at present no Sale; I beg leave to propose its being immediately thrown into those Garrisons in the Guntoor Circar situated nearest to it, which will give them a Supply of five Months each.—

The Stock of Paddy at Innacondah is nearly expended not more than a 4 Months supply Remains, therefore I beg to recommend that the Collector be ordered to send there without loss of time at least 60 Garce of Paddy, more if possible; at this place a considerable Store should always be kept up, for in the event of a Rupture with any of the Native Powers, almost the whole of the Troops in the Guntoor Circar must be called to its defence.—

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) J. H. Skardon
actg. Com. Gen. & H.P. to

Madras
Commissary Generals
Office 29th September 1796

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To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary Military Department.

Sir,

The Committee for the Settlement of the Off Reckoning Fund, and examination of my Accounts not being able to proceed by reason of there not being cloth in Store sufficient to compleat the Clothing, and also on Account of some of the Indents for Troops on Foreign Service not being yet delivered. I have in order to obviate the delay in closing the Accounts, and consequently on finishing the Proceedings of the Off-reckoning Committee proposed to give Security to compleat the Clothing according to the Indents; as soon as the Public Stores may be in a State to supply me with the Cloth

From the Contractor for Clothing - requesting permission to a proposal that Security may be taken to complete the Clothing which at present is wanted - Cloth in Store in order that the Adjustment of the Off reckoning Fund and the examination of his Accounts may proceed

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Cloth for that purpose and to deliver over such Clothing as may already be prepared for Troops on foreign Service to such Person as may be authorized by Government to receive it. The Committee have advised me to address you on the Subject and to request you will do obtain the sanction of Government to my Proposal.—

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Doring

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Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160.—

From the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provision.— From Mr. J. H. Skardon — with Copy of letter from Commandant of Chingleput & respecting the removal of a pile Rotten wood

From D.— From D.... D. D. with Indent for Rice for Victualling a body of Malays & marching to Ramnad.— From

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From Commandant at Sanjou.—

From Lieutenant D. Campbell will implicitly attend to the Orders of Govern-ment relative to Serfojee's guard.—

From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Benjamin Roebuck submitting the Claim of Mr. William Aken to compensation for the Loss of two Trunks of necessaries: he having been sent at a Moments warning on board the Carysfort from the Earl of Wycombe on which Ship he had taken his passage for Trincomalee on publick duty.

From Do— Do.

From Ditto — Ditto with an additional Estimate of Cash required in this department.—

From Sub Secretary at Bengal dated 1 Bengal.—

From Sub Secretary at Bengal desiring to know what quantity of Gun powder will be required prior to the Month of June, for the use of this Presidency.—

From the Military Auditor General.—

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From Colonel William Sydenham referring for decision of Government objectionable Charges

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Charges in the Accounts of Mr. John Lennox late Paymaster at Ishapour and Angole —

From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Benjamin Roebuck with letter from Mr. Paymaster Hughes on the subject of Cash required for October disbursements. —

From Do. Do. Do.

From — Do. — Do. — Do. with 4 Additional estimate of Cash Required — and 4 Subordinate Paymasters estimates. —

From Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. —

From M. J. H. Skardon recommending that a proposal of M. Kenworthy for the purchase of Paddy be accepted. —

From Acting Secretary to the Military Board. —

From Mr. Thomas Wallace recommending bills of the Contractors for tents for payment

Recived the following Letters. —

To William Collins Jackson Esq.r

Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Contractor for Clothing — inclosing a correspondence with Major General Gisle and requesting the interference and instructions of Government relative to apart of the Clothing of the 1st Battalion of Artillery 4 thrown on his hands the supplies on Account of the Commandant. —

The necessity I am under of troubling you with the accompanying Correspondence is the only apology I am able to offer for it. —

Soon after I obtained the Contract 4 for

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30. for Army Clothing Invoice Indent for the first Battalion of Artillery /No1/ which tho not in exact conformity to the prescribed Regulations yet as it bears the necessary Signatures and was handed to me by the Adjutant General, I naturally concluded it was to be complied with, or it would not have been passed through this Office and sent to me so & authenticated at all - I therefore had the Clothing prepared and according to orders sent to the Mount. - The Commanding Officer of the first Battalion Retained such part as was necessary for the Men stationed there and returned the rest to me to be forwarded to the different detachments on Service - a Receipt being necessary I drew out the Accompanying /No 2/ addressed it to the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion and observed the Signature of the 1st Quarter master was also necessary. - Colonel Gils informed

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informed me Lieutenant Burke his Quarter Master objected to put his name to it and after some Correspondence I could not obtain, and was obliged to accept Colonel Geils's Receipt as a Voucher for having delivered the Clothing.— This Receipt and Indent I handed over to the Committee appointed to settle my Accounts— who returned them with the accompanying letter /No 3/ this obliged me to address Colonel Geils as /No 4/ his reply No 5 made me again refer to the Committee No 6, and the Answer No 7 is just Received.—

Allow me Sir to request the favor of you to lay this correspondence before Government for its interference and instructions, and to inform me whether I am in future instances /should any happen during my Contract/ of non Compliance with the Orders of Government immediately to state the same to you— The apprehension of giving trouble was the only reason that made me delay it in the present.—

I have the honor to be.

Fort St. George
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&c &c
(Signed) Wm. Dring Contr. for Army Cloths

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Sir, Please to Order the delivery of Cloathing as undermentioned for the Year 1796 for the Honorable Company's 1st Battalion of Artillery Commanded by Captain Tredway Clarke, Mount, St Thomas's & Mount October 1st – 1796 As ℔ present Strength of the Corps. –

Companies

	Serjeant Major	2d Mr Serjeant	Drill Serjeant	Drum Major	Fife Major	Serjeants	Corporals	Gunners	Drummers	Fifers	Matrosses	Quetallies
1st Company	"	"	"	"	"	5.	5.	10.	1.	1.	62	2
2d Company	1	"	"	"	"	6.	6.	10.	1.	1.	64	2
3d Company	"	"	"	"	"	5.	7.	10.	1	1	63	2
4th Company	1	"	1	"	"	5	6	10	2	1	63	2
5th Company	"	1	"	1	"	5.	6	10	1	1	63	2
Total Strength of the Corps	2.	1.	1.	1	"	26	30.	50.	6.	5.	315.	10
Remains in the Store from former Cloathing to be delivered	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total to be Supplied by the Contractor	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

N.B. Abel Penn Serjeant Major of Lascars included in the above in the 2nd Company

The following Serveciable Cloathing is now remaining in the Stores of the 1st Battalion of Artillery; It Cannot be ascertained at present, whether it should be deducted from the above indent or not, Vizt Serjeants Twelve, Corporals thirteen, Fife Majors two, Drummers two, Matrosses two Hundred and five Coats. –

(Signed) T. Clarke
Captn Comg 1st B. Artillery

(Signed) W Burke
2d Mr 1st B. Artly

(A true Copy)
(Signed) Danl Ince Deputy Secretary

(Signed) B. Close
A.G.

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Sir 30

Please to order the delivery of Cloathing as undermentioned for the year 1796 for the Honorable Company's 1st. Battalion of Artillery & Commanded by Captain Tredway Clarke Mount St. Thomas Mount October 1st. 1795 as p. Present Strength of the Corps.—

Companies

	Asst. Surgeon	2d. Mr. of Artt.	D. Adjutant	Drum Major	Fife Major	Sergeants	Corporals	Gunners	Drummers	Fifers	Matrosses	Out Station
1st. Company	"	"	"	"	"	5.	5.	10.	1.	1.	62	2.
2d. Company	1.	"	"	"	"	6.	6.	10.	1.	1.	64	2
3d. Company	"	"	"	"	"	5.	7.	10.	1.	1.	63	2
4th. Company	1.	"	1.	"	"	5.	6.	10.	2.	1.	63	2
5th. Company	"	1	"	1.	"	5	6	10	1	1	63	2
Total Strength of the Corps	2.	1.	1.	1.	"	26.	30	50.	6.	5	315	10

[Signed] B. Close. Ag.

[Signed] N. Burke 2d. Mr. 1st. Battn. Artly.
T. Clarke Capt. Comg. 1st. Battn. Artly.

Sir, Please order the delivery of Cloathing for the year 1796 for the 1st. Battalion of Artillery being for Men Recruited on the Strength since the 1st. of October the date of the General Indent and Prior to the 1st. January. — 1796.—

Mount May 17th 1796

	Sergeants	Corporals	Gunners	Drummers	Fifers	Matrosses
1st Company	"	"	"	"	"	2.
2d Company	1	"	"	"	"	2.
3d Company	"	"	"	"	"	2.
4th Company	"	"	"	"	"	2.
5th Company	"	1	"	"	"	
Total Indented for	"	1.	"	"	"	8.

[Signed] N Burke 2d. Mr. 1st. Battn. Artly.
Tho.s Geils Lieut. Col. Artly.
[Signed] B: Close
A.G.

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Sir,

Please to order the delivery of Clothing as undermentioned for the year 1796 for Foreigners received on the Strength of the 1st Battalion of Artillery and to be furnished at the Honorable Company's Expense & agreeably to the Order of Government under Date the 10th Instant.—

Mount May 17th 1796

	Serjeants	Corporals	Gunners	Drummers	Fifers	Matrosses
1st Company	"	"	"	"	"	"
2nd Do	1	"	"	"	"	15.
3rd Do	1.	"	"	1	"	30
4th Do	"	"	"	"	"	15
5th Do	"	1.	"	"	"	14
Total Indented for	2.	1.	"	1.	"	74

(Signed) U. Burke 2d M. 1st Bt. Arty.
Thos. Geils - Lieut Col: Arty.

(Signed) B. Close
A.G.

Sir,

Please to order the delivery of Clothing as undermentioned for the Year 1795 for the Gun Lascars attached to the Honorable Company's 1st Battalion of Artillery Commanded by Captain Tredway Clarke.—

as ye present Strength of the Corps.—

Mount 19th September 1795

	Syrang	1st Tindal	2d Tindal	Peekallies	Lascars	Total.
Total Strength of Corps	15.	30.	30.	15.	1045.	1135.

(Signed) U. Burke 2d M. 1st Bt. Arty.
J. Clarke Captn Com. 1st Bt. Arty

(Signed) B. Close
A.G.

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This is to Certify that the Clothing Indented for in the four Annexed indents (except the following Detail which was returned to the Contractor to be forwarded by him) has been received into the Stores of the Battalion in good Order.—

(Signed) Thos. Geils
Colonel Artillery

Station Roll of the 1st Battalion of Coast Artillery

Europeans Lascars

Mount 19th May 1796

	Sepoys	Corporals	Gunners	Matrosses	Drummers	Fifers	Puckallies	Total	Syrangs	1st Tindals	2d Tindals	Puckallies	Lascars	Total
	1	1	7	27	2	2								
Lieutenant Paynton Vizagapt.	"	1	2	" 30										
Northd. Comd. Masulipatam	"	1	2	1	1	" 43								
									1	3	3	1	73	81
Baramahal Lieut Donaldson Kistnagerry	3	2	5	24	1	"	"	35	2	5	5	3	145	160
Ceylon Lieutenant Hammond	6	7	15	92	3	"	2	125	2	5	5	4	309	325
Malacca Lieutenant T. W. Nixon	"	2	5	13	1	"	"	21	"	"	"	"	"	"
Grand Total Returned to the Contractor	9	11	25	129	5	"	2	181	5	13	13	8	527	566

(Signed) John Sinclair
Lieutenant Adjt. 1st Batt.

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2d
30:

Mr. William Doring

Contractor for Army Clothing

Sir,

The Committee of Accounts

Observing that the General Indent for 4
Clothing for the 1st. Battalion of Artillery
for the Year 1796, does not specify the 4
number of Suits of spare Clothing remaining
in Regimental Store at the time, nor (in
event of there having been no Clothing 4
remaining at the time) note the circum=
stance at the bottom of the Indent, as 4
prescribed by the 9th Article of the Order of
Government. under date the 6th. of July 1795;

And further Observing that the Receipt for
Clothing, furnished by you to that Corps
upon the above and three other separate 4
Indents, is defective, by not having the
Signature of the Regimental Quarter Master,
Annexed to it, as prescribed by the 16 Article
of

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of the Orders of Government of the above date
and that by the 17th Article of the same Orders,
the Contractor is held responsible, not to comply
with any Indents, but such as are drawn out
in every respect, agreeably to the prescribed Form-

I herewith return the General Indent
with the deficient Receipt, and enclose a Copy
of the Articles applicable to the abovementioned
Deficts, which I request you may get
rectified, and that when the Indent is made
out, and the Receipt for Clothing furnished
by you upon it, is authenticated, conformably
to the Regulations of Government, that you may
transmit them to the Committee. —

Fort St. George
24th September 1796

I have the honor to be,
[Signed] A Brown Pres.t
of Reckoning Committee

To Colonel Thos. Geils
Commanding the 1st Batt.n
Artillery - Mount

Sir,

In consequence of a letter to me
from the President of the Off-Reckoning
Committee

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Committee accompanied with Copy of the 9th 16th
and 17th Articles of the Orders by Government
of the 6th July 1795 I am under the necessity of
returning to you the original Indent for the
Clothing of the first Battalion for the year 1796
and have to request that either the Number
of Suits of Spare Clothing remaining in Regimental
Store at the time (if any) may be specified
in the Column of the Indent ruled for that
purpose; or should no spare Clothing
have remained in Store at the time that the
circumstance may be noted at the bottom of the
Indent conformably to the Orders of Govern-
ment. — I have also the honor to enclose your
Receipt for the Clothing delivered, in order that
it may be signed by the Quarter Master of the
Battalion; and have to request that when
the Indent is formalized and the Receipt
Authenticated agreeably to the Regulations
prescribed by Government you will return them
to

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to me as vouchers in that form indispensably requisite towards getting my Accounts passed.-

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Dring

Cont.r for Army Clothing

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William Dring Esq.r

Sir,

I have the pleasure to return the Papers you did me the honor to forward Yesterday, in consequence of a requisition from the President of the Clothing Committee—

Having already communicated with Government, very fully on this Subject I must decline holding any further communication, but through the same Channel—However that the Committee may not have any Abstraction to their proceedings, I beg leave to suggest that Captain Clarke may be called upon to correct his own Indent, and that Quarter Master Burke do assign his reasons

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reasons to the Committee for declining to
sign the Certificate of Cloathing he had intended
for, and was present at the delivery of — and
Captain Lieutenant Sinclair with my Writer
and the Quarter Master Serjeant, shall attend
the Call of the Committee to give Colonel Brown
every further information he may require. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Thomas Geils

Mount
28th Sept. 1796

Colonel A. Brown
President of Reckoning Committee

Sir,

Being desirous to Reply to your letter
dated 24th Instant and Received by me at a late hour
on Saturday last I conceived the shortest and best,
and indeed the only mode was for me to address
Colonel Geils on the Subject, I accordingly wrote
him the enclosed letter dated 27th Instant which
he this day Returned together with paper therein mentioned
I think

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I think it necessary to enclose Colonel Gells's letter to me and have to request you will lay the same before the Committee together with my Letter to him, and to give me your advice how to proceed so as to obtain a Compliance & with the orders of Government.—

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28th September 1796

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Doring
Contr. for Army Clothing

Mr. William Doring
Contractor for Army Clothing

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 28th Current enclosing your letter to the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion of Artillery, and his letter in Reply, which I have laid before the Members of the Committee on Off. Vacancies, who, on reference to the General Order by which they are assembled, find that the Business of the Committee

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To

Committee can only extend to examine such
Accompts as may be laid before it by the
Contractor for Clothing, and from the
Adjutant Generals Office, and either to
Pass or reject them; as they may, or not
be regularly authenticated by the Documents
prescribed by the Regulations of Government;
And as the Contractor is held responsible by
the Regulations that he shall be furnished
with Vouchers for his Delivery of Clothing
drawn out in every Respect Agreeably to the
Form therein prescribed, under these &
Considerations the Committee does not
find itself at liberty to adopt the Mode
proposed by the Commanding Officer of the
1st Battalion of Artillery, which would &
involve investigation of Regimental Matter
extraneous to its Proceedings; and in the
present Case can only suggest to you to have
Reference to that Authority by which these
Regulations

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Regulations were enacted.—

I have the honor to enclose your letter to the Commanding Officer of the 1st. Battalion of Artillery with this letter in reply and to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

(signed) J. Brown President.

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Will.m C. Jackson Esq.r

Military Secretary.—

From Commandant at Guntoor with Copy of intelligence respecting the movements of Tippoo Sooltan & measures in case of an attack

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you a Copy of a letter just received from Major Kirkpatrick at Hydrabad and have in consequence to Request you will lay it before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council and beg to have their Instructions how to Act should an Enemy appear, but if Tippoo's intentions is to break with the English he

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he most likely will appear in this Circar
before I can receive an Answer to this, in
that case my Intention is to draw all the
Troops in this Circar under my Command
into Innacondah the only Place of any
Strength in this District. The Company at
Chintapilly I shall not recall, as Captain
Powis can very easily make his Retreat to
Cundapilly. —

I have also inclosed you a Copy
of a letter I wrote this Morning to Major
Halcott Commanding Innacondah which
I trust the Right Honorable the Governor
in Council will Approve of

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

/Signed/ Tho.s Leighton

Lt. Col. Commanding

Guntoor
26th September 1796

Lieutenant

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No. 30.

Lieutenant Colonel Leighton

Or Officer Commanding in the

Guntoor Circar

Sir,

It having been reported that a large body of Tippoo's Troops, Horse and foot, with some Guns is arrived in the Vicinety of Gooty, ostensibly for the purpose of Sequestring the Kurnoul Country but perhaps eventually with other intentions, I think it right to recommend to you to instruct the Officers Commanding under you at Innacondah and other Posts in the Guntoor to be duly vigilant.

I am ignorant whether or not Jemricottah is included in your Command, but though it should not, I presume their will be no impropriety in your signifying to the Officer in charge of that Post the tenor of this Letter. —

I conclude that it will be easy to take the few cautionary Measures proper on

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on this occasion without exciting any
extraordinary alarm or uneasiness amongst
the Inhabitants, which you will of course be
desirous of avoiding as much as possible.—

If it should consist with
your orders from Government I could wish
that no Military Stores were permitted to
pass through your District for Khurmmum
or any other part of the Nizams dominions
without the Person in charge of them producing
a letter or Passport from me.—

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

Hyderabad
22nd September 1796

A true Copy
(Signed) Tho. Leighton
Lt Col

To, Major Thomas Malcott
Commanding at
Innacondah

Sir,

Herewith I send you a Copy of
a letter

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a Letter just Received from Major Kirkpatrick at Hyderabad and have in Consequence, to request you will immediately employ all the Lascars in your Garison in Repairing such part of the Pettah Wall as may require it, and put the whole in as good a state of Defence as is in your Power I have also to Request you will send some trusty Persons for Intelligence of which you will give me the earliest Notice, as it is my Intention should an Enemy appear, to draw all the Troops under my Command into Innaondah — I have further to request you will do all in your Power to move the Guns now at Mootapilly to Innaondah I have given Instructions, to Mr Darley Acting & Paymaster to lay in six Months Provisions, and have to desire you will cause the Granaries to be cleaned out &

and

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and put in proper Order.—

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Tho.s Leighton

Lieut Col: Commanding

Guntoor

25th September 1796

A true Copy

(Signed) Tho.s Leighton.—

Lt. Col:

Sent the following Letter

To G.e H. Barlow Esq.r

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort William

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable

the President in Council to transmit for the

information of the Governor General in Council

Copy of a letter from the Reverend M.r Swartz,

with two Extracts from the Shaster in further

support of the legality of Serfogues adoption.—

I am

To Secretary at Bengal with two Extracts from the Shaster Corroborative of Serfogues Rights to the Musnud also Copies of Letters from and to Tippoo Sultaun.—

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I am also directed to enclose Copies in English and Persian, of letters from and to Tippoo Sultaun —

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28th September 1796. —

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

Sent the undermentioned letters entered in M B No. 165.. 166.. 167.. 168.. 169.. 170.. 171.. 172 173.. 174.. 175.. 176. —

To Secretary at Fort William —

To Mr. G. H. Barlow the despatches of this Presidency to be sent on the Georgina Packet will be forwarded on the 3rd October enclosing a transcript of dispatches of Earl of Wycombe to be forwarded in the Georgeana. —

To Collector in the Jaghire

To Mr. Lional Place — to send without delay a list of the Villages with the Quantity of the Grain in each to Mr. Skardon that the Paddy (600 Garce) to be Stored in the granary of Arnee may be completely housed before the Monsoon.

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To the Resident at Hyderabad.—

To Major Kirkpatrick all the Monthly disbursements of the Detachment serving with the Nizam to come under Audit at the Presidency all contingent Charges not specified in their Amount to be admitted only under the provisions expressed in his letter—to acquaint Colonel Roberts of the same Captain Lieutenant Kirkpatrick's claim to full batta inadmissible.—

To Mr. Charles Cram

To Mr. Charles Cram—his claim to full batta inadmissible—

To the Town Major

To Major Allan—to provide Slops for the Dutch and French prisoners of War and likewise to the Malays.—

To the Military Auditor General.—

To Colonel William Sydenham with additional Estimates of Cash required by the Paymaster General for examination.—

To Do—Do—Do

To Do—Do—Do with addional estimates of Cash, for examination, recvd from

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from the Military Paymaster General.—

To Colonel Gels decision on his claim to additional Allowances as Commandant of the Coast Artillery.—

To Commandant of Artillery.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Leighton No Military Stores to be permitted to pass to the Nizam's Country without a passport from the Resident at Hydrabad.—

To the Commandant in the Guntoor Circar

To Josiah Webbe Esqr. to issue Cash to Messrs. Rackett and Skardon on Account of their Departments.—

To the Clerk of the Treasury.—

To M.r J. H. Skardon—with Auditor General's Report on his Estimates—Money will be issued from the Treasury on his Application

To the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

To M.r George Wilson—with Invoice of Military Stores made and delivered at Vezagapatam.—

To the Storekeeper at Vezagapatam

October— 2nd Received the undermentioned Letters entered in C.C. No 147. 148.—

From

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No 2:

From the Nabob - with Copies of Correspondence with Tippoo Sultaun on the Subject of his marriage. -

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob -

From the Rajah of Travancore & will keep his Troops in readiness to march in case of any attack from Tippoo Sultaun in consequence of rumours respecting the Sultauns intentions to attack the English Settlements - requests his Battalion at Palamcotah may be ordered to his country -

From the Rajah of Travancore

Read the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. No. 1. 2.

From M.r James Brodie requests permission to purchase from Captain Bullock of the Thetis, a further Supply of Salt Provisions

From the Garrison Storekeeper

From Lieutenant Colonel Close submitting application of Captain Pogson for a fresh furlough for three Years. -

From the Adjutant General. -

Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. No. 3. 4. 5. -

From

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To the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

To Mr. John Humphrey Skardon

the Stock of Wood at Chingleput to be removed on the Terms proposed his recommendation for the Removal of Grain from Cottapalam approved a store of Paddy to be laid up at Innacondah— to take measures for the removal of grain & from the Jaghire to Arnee before the Monsoon.—

To the Collector & Gumtoor.—

To M. G. A. Ram—to afford every assistance for laying up a store of Paddy at Innacondah.—

To the Military Auditor General

To Colonel William Sydenham to give orders to the Military Paymaster to discharge the bills of Captain Bowles late of the Cavalry for the full pay of a Captain of Infantry.—

Received the following letters.—

To W. C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal with intelligence respecting a Dutch Fleet, and Copy of the Cypher made use of by Admiral Elphinstone.

I am directed by the Governor & General in Council to acquaint you that the

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The information contained in the Cyphered paper forwarded for translation in your letter of the 30th of August contains only the intelligence "that three Dutch Ships of the line and three Frigates, had been seen on the 18th April last in latitude 31° bound for India" To obviate however the necessity of a similar Reference, on any future occasion, I am directed to transmit for your information a Copy of the Cypher made use of by Admiral Elphinstone.—

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) J. Thornhill
Secretary

Fort William
the 8th: September 1796

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir,

I am honored with your letter of the 12th Ultimo acquainting me with his

From Late Contractor for Clothing with further explanations relative to the Cash Accounting provided from the 1st and 2d Bengal Battalions

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His Lordships Pleasure relative to the Interest on the balance which stood against me as Contractor for Clothing the Army.—

The Absence of my Writer who has the Charge of these Accounts occasioned this delay in Replying to the latter paragraph of it—

I have in my letter to you of the 29th August said that I paid Mr. Balfour for half Mounting made up by his order at Tanjore for the 1st and 2 Revenue Battalions—accompanying is Receipt for the Cash I paid to him on that Account—of this half Mounting you will have perceived that I only made up & dispatched from hence One hundred Short Drawers, One hundred Jackets and fifty Sashes for the purpose of completing these two Corps Agreeable to Indents transmitted me for that purpose.—

I beg to refer you to the accompanying letter from the late Mr. Peare which I acknowledge

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Acknowledges the receipt of the clothing for the Corps in question for the year 1791 the only year I supplied them with any and this on account of the Clothing not being issued by the Paymaster at Tanjore is the document I produce - which I hope will be deemed & sufficient to shew, that the Clothing was in his possession and I further beg your perusal of papers No.s 1, 2 & 3 which will & likewise shew that the half Mounting was by my desire tendered to the Officers Commanding the said Battalions by Vencatachellum & (Mr. Balfour's Dubash) at Tanjore - I declare most solemnly that no part of the Clothing or half Mounting for the 1st and 2nd Revenue & Battalions ever was returned to me and that I have not in any shape benefited by either, since they first passed out of my hands.-

I have the honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Jas. Brodie

Late Contr. for Clothing and Agent for half Mounting.-

James

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James Brodie Esqr. Dr.

Half Mounting Vizt.

To 1040 Sashes	@ 6 fanᵗ. each	148..	24..
To 2048 Turbands	@ 12 fanᵗ. each	585..	6..
To 2080 White Jackets	@ 6 fanᵗ. each	297..	6..
To 2080 Short Drawers	@ 6 fanᵗ. each	297..	6..
	Pagodas	1328..	-..

Fort St. George
7th May 1792. } E:E:

(Signed) Wm. Balfour
for the late Mil. Agency

Worthy Sir,

I have the honor to receive & your favor of the 20th Instant, Accordingly I have acquainted with the Officers of the Two Battalions to take the half mounting, who refuses it and says that they have not Order - Therefore if you be so kind as to Write them to take it, than I shall deliver it to them. -

Tanjore
25th January 1792.

Iam &ca. &ca.
(Signed) Vencatachellam

To

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To Lieutenant Hughes

Commanding 2nd Revenue Battalion

Tanjore

Sir

I have the honor to enclose to
Extract of a Letter from the Agent for Stapoy
Half Mounting and to inform you, that I am
ready to deliver the Articles therein mentioned,
to any Person whom you may please to appoint
to Receive the same.-

I am with Respect,
&c. &c.
(signed) Venkatachellum

Tanjore
23d December 1792.

Extract from Mr. Brodies Letter Received
the 18th December 1792.

Be so Obliging as to deliver
to 1st and 2nd Revenue Battalions at Tanjore
as follows.-

Captain

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Captain Pearson 1st. Revenue Battalion

520 Sashes
520 Turbands
1040 White Jackets
1040 Short Drawers

Lieutenant A. Hughes 2nd Revenue Battalion.

520 Sashes
570 Turbands
1040 White Jackets
1040 Short Drawers

I will give you further directions at another time respecting the Surplus of Turbands that are in your possession. —

Send me the Receipts from those Battalions when I will transmit you your

15th December 1792

Your friend
/signed/ James Brodie

Colonel Brathwaite
President and Member of the Military Board
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Having been favored with a letter from Mr. Secretary Brodie covering by your

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your desire Copies of a letter from your Board
to Government, and their Resolution thereon
I must now beg for your indulgence and
Assistance in getting me Relieved from refunding
the Stoppages of the year 1792 as that year
Cloathing has never been sent to this
Garison; and of Course I should imagine
that Government could have no objection to
the Stoppages being paid in Cash to the
Sepoys as they have now been disbanded
near eight Months; should the above meet
with your sanction I trust you will address
the Honorable Board on the subject as I shall
be a loser by even the first Years Clothing
being thrown on my hands of near 800 Star
Pagodas which must be thought a very heavy
loss when no profit could possibly arise
or be expected from my paying the
Amount

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Amount.-

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Thomas Pearce
Paymaster

A true Extract
(Signed) Ja.s Brodie
Secy Military Board

W.m C.n Jackson Esq.re
Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Commanding Officer of the Detachment moving with the Nizam - with correspondence with the President relative to his Marching to the Company's Territories - recommendation as to the destination of the Detachment &c.

I have the honor to inclose you for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council Copies of Letters of Correspondence between the Resident at his Highness the Nizam's Court and myself the one of Yesterday's date directing me to hold the Detachment in readiness to proceed to the Honorable Company's Territories. Imagine it will be some days before the Detachment will march from hence for want of Cash the Troops not having been yet paid for August.-

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I beg leave to represent to the Honorable Board that the two Battalions that form the 11th Regiment consist almost entirely of Men from the Northern Circars & where their families and connections mostly are, that they have been absent from the Company's Territories about 6 Years exclusive of about two Months only in last year, & I therefore humbly submit to the consideration of the Honorable Board (Circumstances admitting it) that if they could be indulged for a short time to return to the Neighbourhood of their families whether it might not prevent the loss of a Number of Men and I have no doubt after such an indulgence the Battalions would be ready to march to where ever their Services might be required, altho perhaps an immediate Removal to the Carnatic, might after so long an Absence from their friends, & occasion

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occasion considerable desertions from the Corps.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) George Roberts
Lt. Col.

Camp near Hydrabad
24th September 1796.—

To Lieutenant Colonel George Roberts
Commanding the Ellore Detachment

Sir,

I have to request that you will order a Detachment of four Companies of Sepoys to proceed with all due expedition to Mungâal, for the purpose of Escorting from thence about Seven Lacks of Rupees of Pascush belonging to his Highness the Nizam, coming hether from Masulipatam, and which I have reason to suppose will be conducted so far by a Party of Troops from that Garrison

I have likewise to request that the Commanding Officer of the above Detachment be instructed to obey any directions I may have occasion

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occasion to transmit to him after his departure from hence.—

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

Hydrabad
18th September 1796

To Major Kirkpatrick
&c. &c.

Sir,

I am just favored with your Letter of this date, the four Companies will March tomorrow Morning for Mungâal and I shall give Instructions to the Senior Officer (Lieutenant Macintosh) to obey any directions he may receive from you during his absence from the Detachment.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) George Roberts

Camp near Hydrabad
18th September 1796.—

To

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To Lieutenant Col: Geo: Roberts

Commanding the Ellore Detachment

Sir,

His Highness the Nizam having with a View to the accommodation of the H. Company, as well as because he has not at this time any pressing occasion for its Service, come to the Resolution of dismissing the Detachment under your Command, you will accordingly be pleased to hold it in readiness to proceed into the Company's Territories, on further Notice from me.—

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

Hyderabad
23rd September 8th 1796.—

To Major Kirkpatrick

&c. &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this date; and shall

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shall give the necessary Orders for the Detach-
ment being in Readiness to proceed into
the Company's Territories on receiving further
Notice from you to that purpose. — At the
same time think it necessary to observe that
from want of Cash the Troops have not as
yet Received Pay and Allowances for August
and therefore hope some Supply will be
granted to enable the Paymaster to pay the
Arrears before the Detachments marches. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(signed) George Roberts

Camp near Hydrabad
23d September 1796 —

3d Sent the following Letters. —

To G. H. Barlow Esqr.
Secretary to the Government
at
Fort William

Sir,

I have now the honor to enclose
the Original dispatches of this Government, in

To the Secretary at
Bengal — with dispatches
to go by the Georgiana — the
Tanjore Country received
Copies of Papers on the
Subject inclosed. —

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in the Military, Political and Secret Depart-
-ments to go by the Georgina; Copies of which
are herewith also transmitted for the information
of the Governor General in Council.—

With the Copy of the Political
General letter, are Copies of all the papers
that have passed on the Subject of Tanjore
since the address from hence to the Supreme
Government of the 17th August by which
they will learn that the Districts &
Assigned over by the Rajah of Tanjore &
to the Honorable Company in January
last were restored to his Excellency on
the 2nd Ultimo inconformity with their
Orders.—

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

Fort St. George
3rd October 1796.—

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Dispatched the undermentioned letters entered in M. B. Nos. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15 16. 17. 18. –

To Mr. Robert Wolf – to furnish a list of all the Interest debts of this Presidency to be sent to Bengal. –

To the Accountant General –

To John Morris Esq.r – information respecting the pay due to Lieutenant Charles Sheridan of the Coast Invalid Establishment. –

To Secretary at Bombay

To Lieutenant Colonel Lowdie & Calling upon him to pay the Money he is responsible for as Security for Mr. Young – his request for a communication with that Gentleman in admissible his Arrears of Pay if any due will be taken as Cash. –

To the Commandant at Madura. –

To Major Read – Lieutenant Marriott to shew by what authority he incurred the expence in building a Quarter a Warrant likewise Engineer's report and his opinion as to its necessity before any relief can be given to Lieutenant Marriott

To the Commanding Officer in the Baramahl. –

To the Board of Trade – to give orders to the different commercial Residents to supply the Contractor

To the Board of Trade. –

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Contractor for Tents with Cloth upon his Indents

To Mr. James Brodie to purchase the

Salt Provisions from Captain Smith if in good

condition

To the Garrison Storekeeper

To Captain Lennon

To Captain Lennon to transmit

abstract for the Amount due to them as

to the Eastern expedition including his

Advance to the Malay Interpreter and Writer.

To the Deputy Adjutant General King's Troops

To Lieutenant Colonel James Robertson

the Arrears of Lieutenant Colonel Dirom cannot

be drawn for in this Country.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board — the repairs

&c. Recommended by General Floyd at Trichinopoly

to be made.

To the Commanding Officer on Ceylon —

To Major General Stuart Mr. Surgeon

Campbells Claim admitted.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board the repair of the Lyon

Godown at Arcot approved observations respecting the

repairs required at Seegar — instructions relative to the three

Boys mentioned in the letter from the vestry at Trichinopoly

To Captain of the Dublin

To Captain Smith — with Box for the Secretary

at Bengal.

To the Secretary at Fort William

To G. H. Barlow Esq.r acquainting him of the

foregoing its contents (Despatches for the Court of Directors) to be

forwarded by the Georgiana to England.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esqr.

and

Ernst William Tallofield Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation read

Tuesday
4th October 1796

and approved.-

Read the following letter from the

Register of the Nabobs Debts.-

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

I had the honor of receiving M.r

Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 29th ultimo detailing

the plan proposed by your Lordship in Council in

Consequence

From the Register of the Nabobs Debts with proceedings of the Committee of the Nabobs Creditors relative to the order of the Court of Directors of the 20th January 1795 —

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consequence of the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors under date the 20th January last, directing me to obtain the Sentiments of the Creditors thereon, and to report the result to your Lordships, with as little delay as possible.

I lost no time in Calling a Meeting of the Creditors and laying the same before them, and I have now the honor to enclose for your Lordships information a Copy of the proceedings of a Meeting which was handed to me for that purpose.—

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

Madras
4th October 1796

/Signed/ Thomas Cochburne
Register

Extract from the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Creditors of His Highness the Nabob in the Consolidation of the Year 1777, held at the Madras Exchange on the 4th October 1796.—

Read Letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson to the Register dated 29th Ultimo

The Meeting approve the Outline of the proposed Plan of Liquidation offered by the Right Honorable the President in Council it having in View to uphold the Value of the

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the 6 p.Cent Certificates to be issued to the
Creditors, in full proportion to that of
other Government Securities.—

The Creditors sensible of the impartial
and liberal principle, which has dictated this
Arrangement; and anxious to meet Govern-
ment on that Ground, have no hesitation
in accepting it; being fully satisfied, that it
must be on a similar Principle, equally
the wish and intention of the Right Honorable
the President in Council to prevent the
depreciation of that part of the debt due to
the Creditors by the Company for which the
Certificates are to be issued progressively
as well as to prevent the Creditors from
suffering material loss by having so large
a proportion of their funds locked up, and
thereby becoming to them almost entirely
unproductive; Consequences, that, in a great
degree would inevitably result from a strict
adherence to the letter of the Plan, in Regard
to the progressive payment; for by adding
the Interest to the principal and paying the

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25 ₰ Cent thereof, a final Liquidation can never take place, which would tend to the injury both of Public and private Credit

Agreed to read the above Letter from Government Paragraph by Paragraph and Record on each Article, what the Meeting understand to be the Terms offered, and which they are willing to accept; and, at the same time, Candidly and fairly to state the Alterations which the Creditors request may be made with a view to uphold the Credit of the Uncertificated part of the debt, which they are confident they may Rely upon being accorded to them, as entirely Consistent with, the Principle and Spirit of the Arrangement.—

Article 1st. That the Accounts with the Creditors be made up with Interest to the 31st August 1796 or to the latest period that may be convenient.—

1st Article. The 31st of August being the usual and most Convenient period, and the Register informing the Meeting that the Accounts here referred to have already been made up to that date and laid before Government.—

Agreed

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Agreed that the 31st of August 1796 be considered the period fixed upon for making up the Accounts, and from & transferring the Balances due by the Company on that day; - which, being written off the Registers Books, it becomes necessary that Each Creditor should Receive from the proper Officer of the Company an Obligation declaring the Amount of his property Lodged with the Company in the following, or in such other form as may appear best adapted Viz.t -

Fort St. George 31. August 1796

I do hereby Certify that A.B. has Credit in the Honorable Company's Books for Ten Thousand Pagodas being the Amount due to him this day by the

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the Honorable Company
as a Creditor of His Highness the Nabob of Arcot
in the Consolidated Debt
of 1777 Under the 4th
Arrangement made &
between the Company
and the said Creditors
Communicated by the
Honorable Court of Directors
in their Letter under &
date the 20th January 1796
(Hereunder the terms of liquidation)

By order of Government.—
(signed) R. Woolf
Accountant Genl.

Each Creditor will
on the back of this &
Obligation give a receipt
for each respective Sum
of Certificates in the
following form Viz.t—

Recieved in part
of the within Obligation
Two Thousand Five hundred
Pagodas the first &
Instalment in Six Short
Certificates

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Certificates this 31st day of August 1796 together with the discount thereon at 2 ℔ Cent.—

Art: 2d That a payment not exceeding Twenty five ℔ Cent to accept the immediate payment of 25 ℔ Cent of the Amount that may then be ascertained to be due be offered to the Creditors in promisory notes, bearing Interest at the Rate of Six ℔ Cent ℔ Annum from the date to which the Account shall have been made up.—

Art: 3d That it be declared that the Interest of the Notes will be paid Annually and that the Principal will be paid Regularly in the order in which the Notes may be placed on the General Register of this Presidency.—

the Balances which shall appear due to the Creditors in 6 ℔ Cent Certificates with the Addition of two ℔ Cent Discount as hereafter specified.

3d Art: This Article is perfectly satisfactory to the Creditors—and the measure of Establishing a General Register and applying a Sum however small to the progressive Liquidation of the Notes as they stand therein as appears to them, is wisely Calculated to, and will better uphold the Credit of

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of the Notes, than any other that could be devised - in addition to the Bengal and Europe Transfer.

Article 4th That the Order be determined as follows - first by the Priority of date of the Original Obligation and Secondly By Lot, in Case any of those Obligations bearing the same dates shall be held by different Proprietors. —

4th Art: The Bonds in the Consolidation of 1777 all bearing the same date, the first proposal in this Article cannot be adopted, Agreed therefore that the 2nd be resorted to, and that the present Committee be Authorized to make a Lottery of the Bonds and Certificates as they now stand, and that it be drawn by two of the Assylum Boys; the Bonds to be Numbered and placed on the Register as they are drawn. —

Article 5th That the Notes be declared transferable to Bengal at the Exchange of C Rs. 400 per % Pag. and likewise receivable either at Madras or Bengal (at the Exchange of the time being in the Remittance for the transfer of the Indian Debt to England. —

5th Art — This privilege of immediately transfering the 6 ⅌ Cent Certificates to be granted to the Creditors, either to Bengal or Europe on the terms specified in this Article the Creditors accept as perfectly satisfactory. —

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Article 6th – The Discount on Six p.Cent Notes in Bengal was about 6/8 p.Cent on the 7th Instant (vide Sept.) and therefore the discount to be allowed on the proposed issue of Notes at Madras will be two per Cent in order to render the transfer of Notes to Bengal fully as advantageous to the Remitter as the present Rate of Exchange on Bills payable in Cash, as shewn by the Statement that follows which it is unnecessary to Recapitulate here.–

6th Art: The Calculate made in this Article is fair, on a supposition that, the Rate of Exchange on Bengal would not be enhanced by so much Paper being brought to Market,– And that, the Discount in Bengal will continue as therein stated at 6/8 p.Cent.– In the Common course of Mercantile Affairs this is very unlikely to be the Case–and there is little doubt, that two per Cent will prove an inadequate Discount particularly to those who wish to keep their Property at Madras:– but, as in an Arrangement of this Nature Consideration is due to its tendency to support General Credit, and as it is of essential Consequence to upholding the Credit of this Debt that every part of the present Arrangement should be clearly and definitively understood it is agreed to consent to accept the 2 p.Cent and 600 Current Rupees p.100 Pagodas–

Considering

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Considering these the fixed Rates
of discount and Exchange at
which all future Issues of
Certificates are to be made to
the Creditors until the final
liquidation of the whole debt -

Article 7th. The Creditors 7th. Art: In Order to shew the
Accounts will be made Operation of this part of the
up with Interest to the Arrangement, if the Letter be
same period Annually adhered to, The Creditors beg
and no less a proportion leave to refer to Statement
than Twenty five P Cent N.1. which will evince to
of the Amount that Government how distant,
may be due will be & and indeed totally indefinite,
paid Annually in the period of final Liquidation
like manner until the is thereby Rendered; since at
whole shall be discharged the end of ten Years there will
leaving it to be Clearly Remain no less a Sum than
understood that an & Pagodas 2,72,325.- due to the
option is Reserved to Creditors, a Circumstance &
the Company of & & which must very materially
liquidateing the debt affect the Value of the & &
earlier than they are Uncertificated part of the
expressly bound to do, Debt. -
if the State of their Funds
should render such a
measure eligible. -

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In framing this part of the Arrangement the Creditors Apprehend the very slow Operation of this mode of Liquidating the debt due by & the Company, may not & have been adverted to, nor do they apprehend the Court of Directors when they ordered in their Letters of the 28th January last, & that this debt should be discharged in Cash, or by Notes bearing 6 P Cent Interest, but in the latter Case, to be Issued progressively at the Premium or the discount of the day, had in Contemplation & that such Progressive & payment should be & extended to a period so distant, and which & would Render the debt &

so

so much less Valuable and
Negotiable, than payment
equal to Cash implied;
More especially as at the
Close of Ten Years there
will Remain due by the
Company the Sum of
Pagodas 272,325. 12. 43,
Some Years after the
Remaining part of the Debt
payable by the
the Creditors; shall have
been completely discharged

Under these Circum-
stances the Creditors
on the principle already
explained in these proceedings,
agree to make it an
earnest Request to the
Right Honorable President
in Council to fix that,
the Liquidation of the
whole debt shall be made
by

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by Progressive Issues within
four Years Viz.t 25 per Cent
Each Year agreeably to
Statement No2.-

It is further Agreed
to Request that the Annual
Interest Arising on the
Uncertificated part of the
Debt, instead of being added
to the Principal, may be
discharged Annually either
in Cash or by 6 p.r Cent Notes
on similar Terms a Consideration
very important to the Creditor,
while to the Company it can
make no material difference
since Interest at all events
is running on and payable.
In the event of Acquiescence
in this Request the following
will be the Periods and
Amount of Payments, to be
made to the Creditors.-

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1st Issue — 25 ℘ Cent of the Account made up to the 31st August 1796 with the discount of 2 ℘ Cent added ..... 6,75,082..14..54

2nd — Issue, of 25 ℘ Cent on the 31st August 1797 with ... Do ..... 6,75,082..14..54

And the Interest on the Uncertificated part of the debt from 1st September 96 to 31st Augt. 1797.. Pags. 19,85,536..17..60 to be paid in Cash or Certificate instead of being added to the Principal as proposed in Article 7 being Pagodas ..... 1,19,132..6..66 — 7,94,214..21..40

3rd — Issue; of 25 ℘ Cent on the 31st August 1798 with ... Do ... } 6,75,082..14..54

And the Interest on the remaining Uncertificated debt from 1st September 1797 to 31st August 1798 — Pagodas 13,23,690..35..66 being 79,421..16..44 — 75,4,503..31..18

4th Issue, of 25 ℘ Cent on the 31st August 1799 ..... } 6,75,082..14..54

And the Interest on the remaining Uncertificated debt from 1st September 1798 to 31st August 1799 — Pags. 6,61,845..17..72 ..... 39,710..26..22

In all Pagodas ..... 29..38,594..28..

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The Arrangement being made thus definite, would Completely uphold the & Credit of the Debt- The & Company would not incur & an annu of Additional & Charge for, it appears, by & Statement No. 1. Supposing & the debt discharged in Ten & years, or by the 31st August 1806. that the Principal Interest, and Discount, to be paid by the Company by that period would Amount to Pagodas 3233,306. 6. 30

Whereas if Liquidated in 4 Years as Requested by the Creditors the Total Issue will be as already Shewn ..... 29,38,594. — 28.

The difference or Additional principal Created by adhering to the letter of the proposed Arrangement would therefore be ..... 2,94,712. 6. 2.

By Complying with the request of the Creditors it hereby appears that the principal of the debt paid by the Company bearing & Interest

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Interest at 6 ₰ Cent would be so
much decreased - The small additional
Annual Issue of Certificates, cannot
make any essential difference or
affect the Credit of the paper of
Government Considering the Wise
Arrangement which it seems ₰
intended to Adopt to uphold
it; and, from its being Stated
in this Article that no less ₰
than 25 ₰ Cent of the Amount
due upon the principle proposed
by Government, shall be paid
Annually, it is implied ₰
that an opening is left for
the encrease proposed by the ₰
Creditors, which will Render ₰
the Arrangement Clear and ₰
definite will fully uphold ₰
the Credit of the debt due by
the Company, for Money borrowed
from the Creditors to support ₰
a War which terminated so
honorably

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honorably and happily
for the Company's
Interests and those of
the Nation, while the
Company reserve to
themselves the Power
of liquidateing it earlier
than they are expressly
bound to do, if they should
deem it eligible, in which
the Creditors fully acquiesce

Agreed that the Chairman
be Requested to Sign these Proceedings and that
a Copy thereof be handed to the Register to enable
him to convey to Government the sentiments
of the Creditors on the Plan proposed by the
Right Honorable President for Liquidateing
the Debt due to them by the Honorable Company

By desire of the Meeting.
(Signed) Robert Gardiner
Chairman

Statement

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Statement Shewing the progressive Liquidation of the Debt due by the Honorable Company to the Creditors in the Consolidated Debt of 1777 as proposed in the plan offered by the Right Honorable the President in Council referred to in the Creditors proceedings of this date.—

		Annual Interest on the Uncertificated part of the Debt	Discount in the Annual progressive Issue by the plan			
1796	The Amount of the Debt 31st August 1796					26,47,381. 35. 54.
	Payable by the Company					
August. 31st	First Issue 25 ℘ Cent on the above			6,61,845. 17. 74.		6,61,845. 17. 74.
	Discount 2 ℘ Cent on Do		13,236.. 32.. 60.	13,236. 32. 60.	6,75,082.. 14. 54	
						19,85,536. 17.. 60
	Interest to 31st August 1797	1,19,132.. 6. 66				1,19,132.. 6. 66
						21,04,668 24. 46
1797				5,26,167 6 11		5,26,167. 6. 11
August. 31st	Second Issue 25 ℘ Cent on the above balance					
	Discount 2 ℘ Cent on Do		10,523.. 12.. 29	10,523.. 12. 29.	5,36,690.. 18. 40	
						15,78,501.. 18.. 35.
	Interest to 31st August 1798	94,710.. 3.. 21.				94,710.. 3. 21.
						16,73,211.. 21. 56
1798				4,18,302.. 32. 34		4,18302.. 32.. 34.
August.. 31st	Third Issue 25 ℘ Cent on the above balance					
	Discount 2 ℘ Cent on Do		8,366.. 2.. 7.	8,366. 2. 7.	4,26,668. 34. 41.	
						12,54,908.. 25.. 22.
	Interest to 31st August 1799	75,294. 18. 63.				75,294.. 18.. 63
						13,30,203.. 8.. 5.
1799				3,32,550. 29. 1		3,32,550.. 29.. 1.
August.. 31st	Fourth Issue 25 ℘ Cent on the above balance					
	Discount 2 ℘ Cent on Do		6,651.. .. 46	6651.. .. 46	3,39,201.. 29.. 47.	
						9,97,652.. 15.. 4.
	Interest to 31st August 1800	59,859. 5. 17.				59,859.. 5.. 17.
						10,57,511.. 20.. 21.
1800.				2,64,377.. 32. 5.		2,64,377.. 32.. 5.
August 31st	Fifth Issue 25 ℘ Cent on the above balance					
	Discount 2 ℘ Cent on Do		5,287.. 20. 6.	5287. 20. 6.	2,69,665.. 16. 11	
						7,93,133.. 24.. 16.

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	Interest to 31. August 1801	47,588.. 38.				
1801. August 31st Sixth	Issue 25 ℘ Cent on the above balance		2,10,180.. 15.. 18			2,10,180.. 15.. 18.
	Discount 2 ℘ Cent on Do	4,203.. 21.. 72.	4,203.. 21.. 72.	214,304 1 10.		
						6,30,541. 9. 56.
	Interest to 31st August 1802	37,832.. 17.. 11				37,832. 17. 11.
						6,68,373.. 26. 67
1802. August 31st Seventh	Issue 25 ℘ Cent on the above balance		1,67,093.. 15. 57			1,67,093.. 15. 57.
	Discount 2 ℘ Cent on Do	3,341.. 31.. 21.	3,341.. 31.. 21.	1,70,435.. 10. 78.		
						5,01,280. 11. 10.
	Interest to 31st August 1803	30,076.. 29.. 37.				30,076.. 29.. 37.
						5,31,357.. 4.. 47.
1803 August 31st Eigth	Issue 25 ℘ Cent on the above balance		1,32,839. 10. 12.			1,32,839. 10. 12.
	Discount 2 ℘ Cent on Do	2,656. 28. 22.	2,656. 28. 22.	1,35,496. 2 34		
						3,98,517.. 30.. 35.
	Interest to 31st August 1804	23,911.. 2.. 43				23,911.. 2. 43
						4,22,428.. 32. 78.
1804 August 31st Ninth	Issue 25 ℘ Cent on the above balance		1,05,607. 8. 19			1,05,607. 8. 19.
	Discount 2 ℘ Cent on Do	2,112.. 5.. 16	2,112. 5. 16.	1,07,719.. 13.. 35.		
	Carried Over	Pag.o 4,88,404. 11.. 76	50,379. 10. 39.	28,75,343. 33 30.	3,16,821.. 24.. 59.	

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		Annual Interest on the Uncertified part of the Debt	Discount on the Annual progressive Issue by the Plan			
	Brought Over ..... Pag.s	4,88,404.. 11.. 76	56,379.. 10.. 39	.....	2,875,343.. 33.. 30	3,16,821.. 24.. 59.
	Interest to 31st August 1805	19,009.. 10.. 67	.....	.....	.....	19,009.. 10.. 67.
						3,35,830.. 35.. 46
1805. August.. 31st *	Tenth Issue 25 ℘ Cent on the above balance			83,957.. 26.. 71	.....	83,957.. 26.. 71
	Discount 2 ℘ Cent on Do		1679.. 5.. 46	1679.. 5.. 46	85,636.. 32.. 37	
						2,51,873.. 8.. 55.
	Interest to 31st August 1806	15,112.. 14.. 16	.....	.....	.....	15,112.. 14.. 16
						2,66,985.. 22.. 71.
1806 August. 31st	Eleventh Issue being the Balance supposed to be paid this day			2,66,985.. 22.. 71.	.....	2,66,985.. 22.. 71.
	Discount 2 ℘ Cent on Do		5,339.. 25.. 52	5,339.. 25.. 52.	2,72,325.. 12.. 43	
		5,22,526.. .. 79.	63,398.. 5.. 57.		32,33,306.. 6.. 30.	

* And so on ad infinitum. —

E. E.

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By desire of the Meeting

(Signed) Robert Gardiner

Chairman

Abstract

Interest	5,22,526.. 79.
Discount	63,398.. 5.. 57.
Principal Debt	2,64,7,381.. 35.. 54
Total in 6 ℘ Cent Government Notes ..	P.s 32,33,306.. 6.. 30.

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Statment Shewing the Progressive Liquidation of the Debt due by the Honorable Company to the Creditors in the Consolidated Debt of 1777 as Requested by them in their Proceedings of this date.—

		Annual Interest on the unsatisfied part of the Debt to be paid yearly—	Principal and discount payable Annually—	
	Total Debt 31st August 1796 payable by the Company			£26,47,381. 35. 5½.
1796 August 31st	First Issue 25 ₰ Cent on the above	6,61,845. 17. 7½	6,61,845. 17. 7½	
	Discount 2 ₰ Cent on Dº	13,236. 32. 60	6,75,082. 14. 5½	19,85,536. 17. 60
	Interest to 31st August 1797 to be paid in Cash	1,19,132. 6. 66		
		6,61,845. 17. 7½	6,61,845. 17. 7½	
1797 August 31st	Second Issue 25 ₰ Cent as above	13,236. 32. 60		13,23,690. 35. 66
	Discount 2 ₰ Cent on Dº		6,75,082. 14. 5½	
	Interest to 31st August 1798 on the above balance to be paid in Cash	79,421. 16. 44.		
		6,61,845. 17. 7½	6,61,845. 17. 7½	
1798 August 31st	Third Issue 25 ₰ Cent as above	13,236. 32. 60		
	Discount 2 ₰ Cent on Dº		6,75,082. 14. 5½	6,61,845. 17. 7½
	Interest to 31st August 1799 on the above balance to be paid in Cash	39,710. 26. 22.		
		6,61,845. 17. 7½	6,61,845. 17. 7½	
1799 August 31st	Fourth Issue 25 ₰ Cent as above	13,236. 32. 60		
	Discount 2 ₰ Cent on Dº		6,75,082. 14. 5½	

Abstract

£	In Cash or 6 ₰ Cent Certificates or Notes	2,38,264. 13. 52.	£ 2,38,264. 13. 52.
*	In 6 ₰ Cent Notes or Certificates	27,00,329. 22. 5½.	* 27,00,329. 22. 5½
	Total Pay!	29,38,594. * 26.	

Particulars	
Interest	2,38,264. 13. 52.
Discount	52,947. 23. —
Principal Debt	26,47,381. 35. 5½
	29,38,594. — 26.

E. E.
4th October 1796
By desire of the Meeting
(Signed) Robert Gardiner
Chairman.—

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The President acquaints the Board

Ordered accordingly — that as the subject contained in the foregoing & papers requires particular consideration, he is desirous of putting off the discussion upon it until Friday next, when he will lay before them his sentiments. —

Read the following letter from the Military Board. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From the Military Board with Statement of the Number of Tents necessary for the Army Observations on the Subject. —

The Quarter Master General having Laid before us a Minute accompanied by a Statement of the quantity of Camp Equipage that would be requisite to cover the Army on its present Establishment, We have the honor to submit to your Lordship's consideration Copies thereof; and beg leave to suggest it as our opinion, that the Quarter Master General is perfectly correct in his calculations; and that under the Idea of being in a State of preparation

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preparation for War, the proportions &c
recommended by him to be made up at &
Seichinopoly Vellore, and Madras, should
be ordered immediately - Upon this occasion
We take the liberty of calling to your attention
the Tent allowance specified in the Pay Table
lately sent out by the Honorable Court of
Directors, and communicated therein to the
Army - It appears to us that if this &
allowance is ordered to take place on the Army
going into the Field, the Officers must nevertheless
be provided in the first instance, with Tents from
the Publick Stores, in the same manner as &
was practised during the last War at the &
commencement of Tent allowance taking place
in the Field, as they cannot possibly at a short
notice provide Tents for themselves; consequently
the number to be made up must be the
same in either case. -

The necessary directions have &
been given to Mr Bowie to complete the
number of Tents agreeable to the &
first Year of his Second Contract. -

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We have the Honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
/signed/ Alured Clarke
" Thomas Geils
" Wm. Sydenham
" Bay Close
" Wm. Lyon
" George Hall

Fort St. George
23d. September 1796

I have the honor to lay before the Board agreeably to the resolution in Meeting the 8th. September. - a Statement of the number of Tents that would be required to cover the Army on its present establishment; and the proportions I would recommend to be made at the different Station. -

In referring to the Statement it will be observed that no provision of Tents have been made for the General Officers and the Staff attached to them - the Staff of His Majesty's Forces - the Brigade Staff - the Medical Staff and General Hospital, besides many appointments that may eventually occur as necessary for an Army in the Field. -

In