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Inadverting to the above circumstances, notwithstanding the calculation has been made for Corps complete, and although it cannot be supposed that upon any emergency more then two thirds of our Army can be at any one period in the Field, I am of opinion that a less number of Tents, than are stated, would be insufficient for the probable wants of the Service; and tho' I am aware of the difficulty of Anticipating the wants and expenditure of an Army in this Article with any precision, I am nevertheless supported in the Opinion I have, & given, from an experience that has too often proved to us the little dependance to be placed on many of the Tents in Store, which, from their having been subject to a variety of fates, and from the many "A vicissitudes they may have undergone very soon become unserviceable on being brought out for the use of the Service— Besides the above considerations we may, in the event of War, be obliged, as in the late Wars with Hyder Ally and Tippoo Sultaun, to supply the Bengal Troops with Tents to a considerable Amount.—

It has been the practice to allow those officers holding Superior Rank in the Army

to

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to their Regimental Commissions Camp Equipage corresponding with their highest Rank; but as, heretofore, these instances have seldom occurred & the consequences were of course immaterial - I therefore think it my duty, under consideration of the late very extensive Brevet promotion, to call it to the attention of the Board, that should the former practice be continued, it will be impossible to form any calculation of the probable number of Tents, and quantity of carriage that may on any occasion be required; independant of the great expence that would be incurred, and the irregularity that must be occasioned through the Regimental lines of an Encampment. -

Having suggested to the Board in the last Meeting the propriety of applying to Government to be sanctioned to make Tents, on account of the present preparation, at different places I have thought it proper to shew the quantity / I conceive should be provided without delay, to make up the number necessary to cover the Army, - a reference to the Statement will shew the proportions. -

&c.

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Mr. Bowie has contracted to furnish a certain quantity of Tents at 10 ℔ Cent less than the average prices formerly charged by the Storekeeper; and there can be little doubt of his fulfilling his engagements to the fullest, to Government, and advantage to himself. but it should be understood, that if Mr Bowie can make Tents at the rates he has proposed it is entirely owing to the local circumstances of his being resident at a place where Cloth, workmanship and every necessary material Tents are considerable more reasonable than at any other place on the Coast. It cannot, therefore be considered as extraordinary, upon any sudden demand for Tents, and in the event of our being obliged to make them up at different places in order to complete the Army, and keep it in any tolerable state of equipment, if the expences should revert to and even exceed, what they were formerly. The contract which has been entered into with

Mr

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Mt. Bowie is not more then sufficient to supply the Arsenal of Fort St. George and the Centre and Northward Divisions, and certainly inadequate even to the wants of the Peace Establishment. I would therefore suggest to the Board the propriety of recommending that the Tents required for the Southern Division should upon all occasions be made at Trichinopoly; the Tents hitherto supplyed at that place having been found in every respect as good as the very excellent Tents that have lately been delivered at the Arsenal from Mt. Bowie; and notwithstanding the Charges at Trichinopoly may be higher then those to the Northward, the expence of carriage in Transporting the Tents

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Tents from Madras to the Southward, &
independant of the injury they may receive
in a journey of near three hundred Miles &
may render it ultimately the Cheapest and
best way to adopt the mode I have &
recommended. —

Bells of Arms, from their being
generally made of Europe materials have
not been included in D. Bowie's contract,
it will be necessary, therefore for the Board
to take some Steps for the supplying of Tents
of that description. —

Fort St. George
15. September 1796

(Signed) John Richardson
Dy. Mr. Genl. of the Army

A true Copy
(Signed) Thomas Wallace
Act.g Secy M.J.B.d

Statement

Statement of the number of Tents required to cover the Army on its present establishment shewing the quantity in Store the deficiencies and the expences to be incurred in making up the quantity requires.—

Fort St. George 15th Sept.r 1796.—

	Commander in Chief Dining	Mustering	Field Officers	Officers	Privates	Bell	Marquees
One Regiment of European Cavalry	"	"	3.	26.	55.	"	7.
Two Companies Royal Artillery and two Battalions Companies Artillery	"	"	1.	14.	155.	27.	23.
Six Regiments of His Majesty's Infantry 2 Regiments of the Companies Infantry and the Regiment De Meuron	"	"	45.	270	900	198.	54
Four Regiments Natives Cavalry including the Colonel Commandant	"	"	5.	53.	333.	"	17.
Eleven Regiments of Native Infantry of Two Battalions each	"	"	55.	341.	946.	440.	99.
Pioneers	"	"	"	4.	18	"	2.
Engineers	"	"	3.	14.	22.	"	18.
Head Quarters Commander in Chief and Staff	1.	1.	3.	1.	13	"	1.
Adjutant Generals Department	"	"	2.	2.	4.	"	2.
Quarter Master Generals Department	"	"	2.	1.	4.	"	2.
Paymaster to the Army	"	"	1.	1.	3.	"	1.
Commissary of Provisions	"	"	1.	1.	3.	"	1.
Chaplain	"	"	"	1.	1.	"	1.
Judge Advocate	"	"	"	1.	2.	"	1.
Muster Master	"	"	"	2.	1.	"	1.
Captain of Guides for himself and Guides	"	"	"	1.	4.	"	1.
Baggage Master to the Army	"	"	"	1.	1.	"	1.
Deputy Baggage Master	"	"	"	1.	1.	"	1.
Commissary of Stores	"	"	"	1.	1.	"	1.
Town Masters	"	"	"	2	1.	"	1.

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Provost Marshal ... " " " " " "

Total Numbers to cover the Army	1.	1.	127.	802.	2469.	665.	239.
In Store at the different Stations	2.	1.	35.	272	1242.	401.	125.
Wanting to Complete to the quantity required to Cover the Army	"	"	92.	530	1227.	264.	114.
Expected from M.r Bowie on his first contract	"	"	11.	96.	195.	"	16.
Recommended to be indented for on M.r Bowie to the amount of 15,000 Pagodas the first Year of his second Contract	"	"	30.	108.	330.	"	40.
Recommended to be made at different Stations, at Madras and Vellore two thirds and one Third at Tritchinopoly	"	"	31.	326	702.	264.	58.

Expence to be incurred in completing the deficiencies —

Due on M.r Bowies first Contract —

						£	S	C	
Officers	11	@	74.	Pag		3700.	—	—	
Private	96	@	41.	33	60 @	4008.	—	—	
Necessary	195	@	19.	22.	20 @	3801.	18.	60.	
	56	@	10.	5.	32. @	566.	32.	32.	190. 6. 12.

To be indented for on M.r Bowies 2d Contract for the 1st Year

Field officers	50	@	74	—	—	—	—	—	3700. — —
Officers	108	@	41.	33.	60.	—	—	—	4,509. — —
Private	330	@	19.	22.	20.	—	—	—	6433. 7. 40.
Necessary	40	@	10.	5.	32.	—	—	—	404. 36. — 15,046. 43. 40

Recommended to be made at the different Stations and Calculated at the Old average prices charged by the Storekeepers on Each —

Field officers	31	@	82.	21.	—	—	—	—	2556. 21. —
Officers	326	@	47.	—	—	—	—	—	15,322. — —
Private	702	@	20.	19.	40.	—	—	—	14,344. 9. —
Bell	264	@	8.	31.	40.	—	—	—	2306. 36. —
Necessary	58.		11.	5.	75.	—	—	—	645. 29. 30 35,175. 5. 30

Total expences to be incurred in completing the deficiencies — 50,412. 10. 2.

(Signed) Jn.o Richardson
D.y M. Gen.l

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True Copy
(Signed) Thomas Wallace
Act.g Secry Mily Bd

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From the Military Board reporting opinion on Captain Hills Letter respecting the Pay of the 1st Madras Battalion with Copy of report on the Detachment given in by the Commissary of Grain &c. relative to in a Stock of provisions in the different Garrisons

We have the honor to acknowledge your Commands dated the 20th: August last, referring for our opinion Copy of a letter from Captain Hill commanding the Madras Battalion, upon which subject We beg leave to enclose copy of a report laid before Us by the Military Auditor General, and recommend that the suggestions contained therein may be adopted.—

We have the honor also to # submit to your consideration copy of # a report given in by a Committee from # our Board on the Statement of the # Acting Commissary General of Grain # and Provisions with the Return alluded to therein, and recommend that you will be pleased to issue the necessary Orders #

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in consequence.—

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

Fort St. George
30th September 1796.—

(Signed) Alured Clarke
" Thomas Geils
" Wm Sydenham
" John Richardson
" B.z Close
" Wm Gent
" George Hall

Report of the Committee of the Military Board on the Statement of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

The Committee taking into consideration the Quantity of Provisions in the several Forts on a comparison with the established Stock for 12 Months, calculated on the strength of their present Garrisons, have extracted from the General Statement of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions a List of the particular Forts which from their importance and situation require to be immediately completed with the Articles deficient with &

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the exception of Tirewood, in some places which being either situated on Hills covered with a Jungle &c. or containing within themselves a great number of Trees, can at all times with a replenish their Stock of Tirewood, and it appears therefore unnecessary to lay more in at present than is specified in the accompanying List. The Committee likewise recommend that a proportionable Quantity of Curry Stuffs be laid up in the different Garrisons.—

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/Signed/ Wm. Sydenham
Pres.t of the Committee.—

True Copy
/Signed/ Tho.s Wallace
Actg Secy M.y Bd.

Military Auditor Generals Report on the reference of the Military Board respecting Captain Hills Letter to Government.—

The Madras Battalion was directed by General Orders of the 15th November 1795.— to be placed on the same footing with regard to pay, allowances and Clothing, as the Revenue Corps

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Corps lately raised at Muggleton - which, from the information furnished by the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, is as follows. -

Captain Boone is the Commandant is allowed the pay of his Rank, and the & Batta of Captain in lieu of all other & allowances. -

The Native Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers attached, being drawn from the Invalid List, No pay is inserted for them in the Abstract of the Corps. -

The Pay of the Sepoys is fixed at one Pagoda and Twenty Fanams per Month, and they are furnished with Clothing at the Company's expence. -

Upon a Consideration of the & Orders regarding the Madras Battalion, in communication with the information received from the Revenue Board, and Captain Hill's & Letter, as well as from the circumstance of this Corps being partly composed of Men who have served in the late Body Guard on the established pay of Sepoys, and from the advanced price of & Provisions

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provisions, especially the expensive dearness of the Article of Firewood at the Presidency, on a comparison with Out Stations; the Military & Auditor General recommends; that the Privates of the Madras Battalion be allowed the same & pay as the Sepoys of the established Corps Viz.t one Pagoda and Twenty four fanams per Month, and to be furnished with Clothing at the Company's Expence.—

The Military Auditor General is indeed to recommend that the Sepoys of the Madras Battalion be placed upon this footing from a further consideration of the Duty which they are required to perform, as it appears that the Sepoys of the Revenue Corps during the late War, when ordered to do Garison Duty were allowed the same pay as Sepoys of the regular Battalions

Full pay Viz.t Pag.s 1. 29. 40 having been drawn for each Sepoy from the Date of his being entertained in the Service, it is further recommended, that Captain Hill be required to acct.t to the Military Paymaster, the Amount of Stoppages returned by him above the Net pay of Pag.s 1. 24. — per Month, Clothing being furnished to the Sepoys

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of the Corps at the Company's Expence.—

As however the Company will not be reimbursed the expence of the first Clothing made by the Contractor for 1795 before the expiration of the present year the Military & Auditor General proposes that they do not receive a second supply until the commencement of 1798 in order to place them on the same footing in respect to Clothing as the effective Battalions which are always Clothed in arrear To this proposition there will probably be no objection, as it appears from Captain Hill's Letter that the Clothing has not yet been served out to the Corps.—

Captain Hill is already in receipt of the full Batta of Captain by authority of Government under date the 23d July 1796 agreeably to the allowance made to the Officer in command of the Revenue Corps at Mugglestone.—

29th September 1796

/Signed/ Wm. Sydenham
Mily. Audr. Genl

True Copy
/Signed/ Tho.s Wallace
Act.g Secry M.y B.d

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From the Military Board with opinion on two propositions submitted submitted by the Chief Engineer for the future Execution of the Works and Repairs

We have had the honor to r
ceive your Lordship's Letter dated the 1st Instant
wherein you signify your desire that We should
intimate an opinion, which of the two propositions
submitted by the Chief Engineer on the subject 1
of public Works and Repairs, should be preferred
and in the event of our giving the preference to
the Proposition, that We should lay before
you such additional checks as might appear
requisite to render the Plan complete and
efficient.—

Having appointed a Committee
from our Board to take the above subject t
into consideration, and to prepare a Sett of
Regulations calculated to Establish the
Checks alluded to, We have now the honor
to forward Copy of their Proceedings and t

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Minute connected therewith, which the C. conceive will be found to contain such C. information as will enable Government to adopt a convenient and adequate System for conducting Public Works and Repairs under this Presidency.—

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

(Signed) " Alured Clarke
" Thomas Geils
" Wm. Sydenham
" Jn. Richardson
" B.J. Close
" Wm. Gent
" George Hall

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Minute of the Committee of the Military Board on Public Works and Repairs.—

The Committee have the honor to submitting to the consideration of the Board their Proceedings upon the future mode of C. C. conducting Public Work and Repairs under this Presidency.— Altho' from the instructions they C. received for their guidance founded on the Extract of

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of the Letter from Government it would appear that their attention should have been confined to ascertaining to which of the two Plans proposed by the Chief Engineer a preference ought to be given, yet the Board will perceive that our review of the various Regulations published at different times at Fort St. George on the subject and a full consideration of the System which has obtained for many years at Bengal, the Committee have adopted the Idea of a mixed plan, combining in itself, as they conceive all the advantages of a Contract with such additional checks as appeared to apply a remedy to the defects which have been hitherto found inherent in that mode of executing public Works and Repairs.—

This deviation the Committee hope will be found to merit approval, not only as it may seem applicable to the circumstances of this Presidency, but also as it serves to promote an uniformity of System between the two Establishments, an object frequently recommended and no doubt highly to be desired.— In this point of view, the Committee have detailed the Regulations which have prevailed at

Bengal

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Bengal with respect to the allowance or Salaries made to the Officers of Engineers when employed in executing Public Works and Repairs, with the alteration of expressing the Sum upon a rough Calculation in Pagodas instead of Rupees - but at the same time that in doing so, the Committee wished to conform to the practice at Bengal in this particular, still they beg leave to express their opinion that this mode of rewarding the Engineer Officers for the performance of that duty appears to be open to some objections from the difficulty of fixing the period when the allowance or Salary is to commence, and the temptation it offers for protracting the work. - From these considerations, the Committee submit to the Board, whether it would not be more eligible to allow them a rate of per Centage as proposed by the Chief Engineer on the principle that as the Estimate of the Work will be formed on ascertained

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ascertained prices and measurement, subject in
every instance to the examination and check
of the Chief Engineer, the Officer entrusted with &
the execution of the Work will not have the &
means of encreasing the Estimate to an amount
beyond what the nature and extent of the &
work fairly admits.— Besides it might be &
regulated that no per Centage should be &
allowed for any Charge above the original &
Estimate unless the necessity of it should be
satisfactorily proved.— Government however &
having adverted particularly to this point, &
the Committee offer their opinion with diffidence.

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Signed/ Wm Sydenham
President of the Committee

True Copy
Signed/ Tho: Wallace
Asst Secy M.J.B.d

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At a Committee of the Military Board
Held Saturday 17th September 1796

Present

Colonel Sydenham President
Lieut Colonel Richardson Quarter Master Genl. } Members
Lieutenant Colonel Close Adjutant Genl. } Members
Lieutenant Colonel Gent Chief Engineer } Members

Read the following Letter from the Secretary of the 8th September 1796.-

Military Board Office

To Colonel Sydenham Military Auditor General
Lieutenant Colonel Richardson D.M. General
Lieutenant Colonel Close Adjutant General
Lieutenant Colonel Gent Chief Engineer.-

Gentlemen,

The Military Board having submitted to Government a Minute of the Chief Engineer, exhibiting two Separate plans for the future mode of carrying on the Public Works, I have the Honor to forward you Extract of Government's Letter in reply, together with the Minute

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Minute alluded to, and to request you will take them into Consideration, and make such report as you conceive may enable the Board to give the information required.-

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Tho.s Wallace
Actg. Secry. to G.t B.d

Fort St. George
8th September 1796.-

Read Extract of a Letter from Government to the Military Board &
Dated 1st September 1796 with Minute of the Chief Engineer 21st July 1796 referred to in the Secretarys Letter.-

The Committee having taken it into Consideration Extract of the Letter from Government above mentioned, proceed to examine the Merits of each of the propositions submitted by the Chief Engineer in his Minute.-

In regard to conducting the Public Buildings and Repairs by a general Contract the inconveniencies of such a plan have long since come under the Observation of Government and the Military Board-

and

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and altho' some of the evils might perhaps be avoided, by having separate Contracts, for each Division or Distrct - still the Committee is of Opinion, That the time which must inevitably be consumed in Arranging and Establishing the several Contracts on this plan, would render the present urgent demand for Buildings and Repairs on the Western & Frontier, and other parts of our Territories be attended with Considerable Risk and inconvenience to the Public Service - on a full Consideration of, these Points, as well as of the regulation for & conducting the public Works under this & Presidency established during the administration of the late Sir Archibald Campbell, and the System which has long obtained and still continues in force at Bengal for the same & Department - The Committee is induced to prefer a Mixt plan, which shall embrace the Oeconimical advantages resulting from Separate Contracts without being subject to the frequent delays unseperable there from, that is by & having

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having New and extensive Buildings and &
Repairs exceeding a Specific Sum, performed by
Contract and offered to the lowest Bidder, and
Repairs and Buildings under that sum &
executed by the Engineers on the principles submitted
in the Chief Engineers first proposition —

On this out line The Committee &
proceed to detail the regulations which &
appear necessary for rendering the proposed
plan complete and efficient.

1st That all New and extensive Buildings
or Repairs at Fort St. George and elsewhere
under this Presidency that shall exceed the
expence of - 2000 Pagodas be performed by Contract,
and offered to the lowest Bidder, in exclusion
of the Engineer, and that all Repairs and
Buildings under that Sum be done by
Estimate. —

2nd That when work are to be performed &
by Contract, plans Elevations and Sections &
with Masters of Materials, and necessary &
Instructions shall be prepared by the Chief
Engineer and exhibited to the public in the
usual

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usual Manner, and that the Chief Engineer shall superintend each Building, or depute a junior Officer for that purpose.—

3d.——— All Officers who may at any time be entrusted with the Responsibility of inspecting Works to be executed by Contract are to Certify whenever the Work is completed to the due performance of the Contract in all its points, and it is moreover required of the inspecting Officer, to Sign to the written affirmation upon Honor or on Oath if required, that he has not directly or indirectly, any participation or Connection in the provision or Sale of the Materials used; nor derived any benefit or emolument whatever, from the works carried on under his inspection over and above the stated Allowance assigned to him by Government.—

4th ——— All musters connected with Military Buildings are necessary to be exhibited to persons desiring to Contract, are to be

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previously prepared by the Chief Engineer, and approved by the Military Board. —

5 The Situation of the Chief Engineer at the Presidency, rendering him the general Inspector of all works carrying on there; the Spirit of the Regulations for Certificates on Works performed by Contract requires the Chief Engineer to join in all those Certificates or affirmations which are given in by Subordinate Officers, acting at the Presidency as Inspectors of particular works in the Department of the Chief Engineer. —

6 These Certificates and affirmations are to be lodged with the Secretary to the Military Board, and the delivery of them to be reported by him to the Secretary to the Government for the information of the Governor in Council. —

7th When Buildings are done by Contract at out Stations the Superintending Engineer shall report thro the Chief Engineer. —

That

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8th That advances of Cash from the Treasury for all Works to be executed by Contract shall be made in the following manner one third at the Commencement of the Building - one third when the Wall are as high as the Beams, or Springs of the Arch and the last third shall remain unpaid until the Building shall be duly reported on as prescribed in the 3rd and 5th Articles - and that it be further stipulated, that the second advance shall not be made, until the first portion of the Work is duly executed and reported on by the Superintending and Chief Engineer -

Works to be performed by Estimate

1st That no Buildings or Repairs of Buildings be undertaken or authorized at any Station Cantonment or fixed Camp, without the previous approbation of the Governor in Council, the Commander in Chief or the Military Board -

2d That When Buildings or Repairs are required at out Stations the Senior Officer in

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in Command shall report the purposes and necessity for them to Government, and that in the event of orders being sent to the Military Board on the Subject that plans Sections and Elevations together with an Estimate by measurement regulated by the prices of materials and Artificers with a description of the work in all its parts be transmitted by the Engineer of the Station & to the Chief Engineer for his examination and Signature previous to their being laid before the Military Board.—

3d. That before the Commencement of any Work at out Stations, the Engineer who is to execute the same, shall transmit & to the Military Board thro' the Chief Engineer —a List of prices of the several Materials in & Current use or that can be provided at such & Stations, of the first Quality, together with the daily and Monthly pay or hire of all Artificers and Labourers of every discription and that this List besides his own Signature shall be certified by the Commanding Officer and Paymaster, or

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Senior Civil Servant on the Spot, and that a Similar List certified as above shall be transmitted from each Station to the Military Board & Quarterly, that is on the 1st of January 1st April 1st July and 1st October.—

4th That the prices of Materials and the hire of Artificers at the Presidency and in its Neighbourhood shall in like manner be laid before the Military Board Quarterly by the Chief Engineer.—

5th That a Book of Rates to be kept by the Secretary to the Military Board, and to be corrected from the Quarterly Lists received from the different Stations.—

6th That the Engineer or whosoever shall perform the Work, shall be allowed to draw one third of his Estimate in advance to enable him to purchase Materials, One third when the Walls are ready to receive the roof and the other on the Completion of the Work. Subject however to the following Check and Controul.—

That

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7th That a Committee of Survey Consisting of not less than three Officers of whom the Commanding Officer on the Spot shall be one with the paymaster or other Civil Servant, and such other Officers as the Commanding Officer may appoint, be held on all Buildings and Repairs at out Stations once during the progress of the Work before the Roofing is laid, and again on its Completion.—

8th That the Certificate of the Committee of Survey that the Work is executed properly and agreeably to the plan and Estimate being transmitted to the Military Board will be the Voucher for recommending the payment of the Bill.—

9th That a Declaration upon Honor or Upon Oath if required dictated in the most unequivocal terms that the original Estimate was prepared according to the best of his Judgement and belief on a just Calculation of Measurement and Prices and that no benefit or Advantage in any Shape whatever, has been

or

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or will be derived from the Work, shall be
given by the executive Engineer and, &
accompany the Certificate of the Committee
of Survey. –

10th Such Buildings as are executed &
by an Engineer or other person on Estimate
at the Presidency, shall be surveyed and &
Reported on by a Committee of the Military &
Board deputed for the purpose. –

11th No expences attending Works Buildings
and Repairs which shall be carried on without
authority first had from the Governor in &
Council Commander in Chief or Military
Board, shall be discharged by the Honorable
Company. –

12th In all bills for Money expended in &
Public Buildings or expences of any Kind &
incurred by individuals under the Sanction
of Government or the Military Board, the &
person making such demand shall particu-
-larly express on the face of the Bill, the &
Authority and the date of the order or orders by which
he became authorized to make the Charge. –

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No Bills or Indents of the above
Description on which the information now
required is not fully expressed, be laid before
the Military Board, but that the Secretary do
immediately return them to the persons from
whom they shall have been received whenever
an instance occurs of such Omission.—

Temporary Buildings

The Committee recommend that
the following Arrangement be made for
Temporary Buildings in case such are
required, To comprehend the several
discriptions of Buildings which are
deemed requisite. The demensions of
each Building and the Material of
which they are to be constructed to be
as follows.— Statement of the demensions
of different discriptions of Temporary
Military Buildings.—

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No 1 For a Complete Battalion of European Infantry.-

Discription of Buildings		No. of each	Interior Dimensions Length	Breadth	Height	Thick of Wall Foundation Depth.	Thick	above Ground	Floor to above from the Ground	Roof.	Allotment and Uses
			feet	feet	feet	feet		feet	feet		
Barrack Ranges		10.	250.	22.	8.	2.	3.	2.	2.	Thatch.	1 To every Company
Cook Rooms		2.	60.	15.	5.	1.	2.	1.	1.	Tyles.	For a Battalion
Necessaries		2.	30.	15.	5.	1.	2.	1.	1.	Thatch.	For a Battalions
Serjeant Majors Quarter		1.	30.	15.	8.	1.	2.	1.	1.	Thatch.	Do.
Qr. Mrs Store Rooms		1.	60.	15.	10.	2.	2.	1.	1.	Tyles.	Do.
Guard Room for a Battr.		1.	30.	15.	8.	1.	2.	1.	1.	Thatch.	Do.
Hospital for	Ditto	2.	200.	24.	8.	2.	3.	2.	2.	Thatch.	Do.
Offices for Hospital	Cook Room	2.	30.	15.	5.	1.	2.	1.	1.	Tyles.	Do.
	Necessaries	2.	30.	15.	5.	1.	2.	1.	1.	Do.	Do.

The Supporters of the interior Square to be burnt Brick in Clay, Square Pillars of 2½ feet and feet as under from Center to Center.

The Walls to be built of burnt or unburnt Bricks.-

The Floors to be raised two feet and to be well beat with Jelly and Clay.-

The Doors to be 12 feet as under and to be 6 feet high by 4 feet

Cook Room

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Cook Room

To be built with the same Materials as the Barracks, The Roof to be Tyled.-

Necessarys

The Walls to be of Mud with Straw-Roof

Stabling

When Stabling is required, each Stall to be 9 feet in Breadth and 11 feet in length The Piers to be of the same dimensions as the Barracks and of the same Materials and a Thatched or Straw Roof

Quarter Masters Store room

The Walls to be of burnt Bricks.-
The Ridge and Corners of the Roof to be fixed in Chunam

Guard Rooms necessary for a Battalion.-

One Guard Room for the Officers Guard
One ... Do. ... for European Guard
One ... Do. ... for Sepoy Guard
One ... Do. ... for Rear or Barrack Guard
The Guard Rooms to be built of the same Materials as the Barracks.-
The Buildings for the European Officers Guard Room to be divided into two Rooms and the

Rear

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Rear Guard Room to be partitioned for a prison

Hospitals

To be built of the same Materials as the Barracks The floor to be laid with Brick The Ranges to have a Door and a Window alternate on each side The doors to be of the same Size as those for the Barracks The Windows to be 3½ feet by 6½ feet.

Where European Artillery or Cavalry are Stationed and require Temporary Building the same Accommodation According to Numbers as Specified for a Company of Infantry to be provided and to have two Small Offices for Cook Room and Necessary.—

No 2. Statement of Buildings proposed for a Battalion of Native Infantry.—

Description of Buildings	No of each	Interior Dimensions: Length	Breadth	Height	Thickness of Walls: Foundation Depth	Thickness	Above Ground	Floor to be raised from the Ground Feet	Inch	Roof	Allotment and Uses
		F.	F.	F.	F.	F.	F.	Feet	Inch		
Barrack Ranges	2.	180.	22.	8.	2.	3.	2.	1.	6.	In Thatch	1 for 5 Comp.ys

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The Offices for a Battalion Hospital discretionary where they are deemed Necessary. –

A Fixed Station or Cantonment

Quarter Guard

The Materials and Construction as Specified for the European Guard Room No1. –

Rear Guard

The Materials and Construction as Specified for the European Guard Room No1. Twelve feet to be partitioned for a prison. –

Battalion Store Room

The Materials and Construction as Specified for Quarter Masters Store Room No1.

Adjutant and Quarter Masters Office

The Materials and Construction as directed for Serjeant Majors Barracks No1. –

Office for Brigade Major the same as above &

That the Complement or number of Buildings & for Corps be as expressed in the aforegoing & Statement. –

That the demensions laid down for the several

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Several descriptions of Building be invariably attended to.

That Temporary Buildings shall be Constructed on the three following Principles

1st Walls of Burnt Bricks
Burnt Brick Pillars with Door Frames Plank Doors and Windows

2nd Walls of Raw Bricks Wood upprights and Doors and Windows of double Matts

3rd Walls of Straw, or double Matts, Wood Upprights. –

In order to ascertain as accurately as possible the real State of all Quarters & Barracks, and temporary Buildings, when the Charge of them is transferred from one Officer to another, it is to be a standing & Regulation, that upon the arrival of Troops for the purpose of Relief such Public & Buildings shall be inspected by a Committee of Survey to be instituted in such manner as the Senior Officer may think proper & proper to direct – making the Barrack & Master and Quarter Masters where there are such Staff present Members of it –

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The Survey Report to bear the Signature of the Officer who holds or succeeds to the Command of the Station - and to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Military Board. -

And further that in the 1st Week in January and July every year a Survey be taken as before directed of all Quarters Barracks or Temporary Buildings at each Station & and the Reports transmitted to the Military Board.

That the following allowances be established for Officers of Engineers when employed in the Superintendance of works & engaged to be performed by Contract and that such gratuities shall be paid to them on a report of the due Execution of the Contract & If the Work exceeds 25,000 Pagodas the Superintending Officer if a Field Officer or Captain shall receive one thousand Pagodas - If a Subaltern 500 - If exceeding 12,500 Pag. Field Officer or Captain 750 - a Subaltern 375 - If exceeding 6250, and not exceeding 12,500 Field Officers and Captains 375 & Subalterns 187½ If not exceeding 6250 Pagodas Field Officers and Captain 187½ Subaltern 93¾. -

When

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When the Engineers are employed in the Execution of Works upon Estimate the following allowances are established - For a Field Officer or a Captain 100 Pagodas per Month - For Captain Lieutenants and Subalterns 50 Pagodas p Month. -

And in order that a due Check may be maintained so as to prevent public works being delayed by the Continuance of their Salaries it shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to Report Quarterly to the Military Board what Officers of this Corps are employed in the execution or Superintendance of Public Works and it shall be the Business of the Military Board to Report immediately to Government any delay which they may conceive has taken place in the execution of them that an order may be issued for the discontinuance of their Allowances or Salaries, and that no Officer shall be intitled to receive either without an express Appointment from Government or the Military Board - and that the Certificate

to

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to be given by the Chief Engineer for the purpose of ascertaining the period the Officer has been employed shall further specify his Opinion whether such period was necessarily taken up in completing the Surveys Plans and Reports. —

(Signed) Wm Lyndenham
President of the Committee.

True Copy
(Signed) Tho: Wallace
Actg Secy Mily Bd.

Minutes upon three foregoing Letters from the Military Board. —

The Board approve the reasons assigned by the Military Board, for hastening the provision of Tents. But as it would seem from Mr Bowie's late Reports (vide Diary to this Consultation) that a very considerable number of Tents may be expected from him early in the next season; and as those he has already furnished are stated to have been made of excellent materials, it is resolved to confine the quantity to be made up elsewhere to Trichinopoly alone,

with

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with the exception of the Bell Tents, which,
as they are to be made of Europe Materials, &
may be provided at the Presidency.—

Resolved, that Officers promoted by
Brevet be only entitled to Camp Equipage &c &
corresponding with their regemental Commissions

The Board approve the suggestions
of the Military Board upon the representation
of the Officer Commanding the Madras Battalion
—Resolved, in Consequence, that the necessary &
Orders be given to the Military Auditor General

Agreed that the Report of the &
Committee of the Military Board be sent
to the Acting Commissary General of Grain and
Provisions—and that he be directed to issue &
Orders for completing the Garrisons, with &
Provisions &c. agreeably to the Recommendation
therein contained.—

Resolved, upon the most mature
consideration of the Regulations submitted by
the Military Board, with Respect to the future
mode of conducting public Works and Repairs,

That

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That a per Centage be granted, as well upon Works is executed by Contract, as when it is executed by the Engineer upon Trust - And that in the former case, four /4/ per Cent be granted to a field Officer or Captain - and two and a half /2½/ per Cent to a Captain & Lieutenant and Subaltern upon the Amount specified in the Contract - and in the latter case, eight per Cent to a Field Officer or Captain - and five per Cent to a Lieutenant or Subaltern upon the original Estimate. -

Resolved, that with the above exceptions, the regulations submitted by the Military Board, be adopted, and published in General Orders. -

Read the following letter from the Resident at Hydrabad. -

To W: C: Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit for your for the Notice of the Right Honorable the

From the Resident at Hydrabad with Copy of a letter to Colonel Roberts notifying the dismission of his Detachment from the Nizams Service -

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the President in Council, Copy of a letter I wrote yesterday to the Commanding Officer of the Ellore Detachment.-

Hyderabad
24th. September 1796

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

Lieutenant Colonel Roberts
Commanding the Ellore Detachment

Sir,

His Highness the Nizam having & with a View to the accommodation of the 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.-

Hyderabad
23d. September 1796

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

True Copy
(signed) J. Kirkpatrick
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Read

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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 with draft of a General Order respecting the allowance to be granted in future for keeping the Saddles &c. &c. of the Native Cavalry in repair—

No Orders having been issued by Government in consequence of the New formation of the Regiments of Native Cavalry respecting the allowance to be drawn in future for keeping up the established number of Saddles and Horse Accoutrements, and for having them always complete and in a serviceable state, I have with a view to enable me to report on the subject, taken into consideration the General Order published by Government dated the 17th May 1795 and beg leave in consequence to submit to your Lordship the enclosed Draft of a General Order, both to ascertain the footing upon which those Corps are to be considered hereafter in Regard to the allowance

for

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for keeping their Saddles complete and in a constant state of repair, as well as to establish regularly in the Article of public expenditure on this account.—

Your Lordship will observe that the period at which it is proposed that the Commandants shall be authorised to commence drawing for the full Establishment is from the 1st August altho the different Corps must be a certain number deficient of that complement this deficiency however will be immediately supplied And as the Orders of the Commander in Chief for their formation on the New Establishment were published about that time, and the Saddles would have been then distributed but for the absence of the 3d Regiment to the Southward, I have adopted that period as appearing to be the fairest both for the public and the parties concerned.—

The Serviceable Saddles and Accoutrements which were in use with the late 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry will be nearly if not entirely sufficient, for the encreased Establishment, and for the Supernumeraries

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Supernumeraries ordered at present to be kept up above that number. —

I have the honor to be with great respect. —

&c &c

Signed T. Wm Sydenham

Milty Audr General

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
28th September 1796

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J. C. By Government,

The Commandants of Regiments of Native Cavalry being obliged by the General Order of the 17th May 1795 to keep up in a good serviceable state the full complement of Saddles and Horse Accoutrements calculated for the old Establishment namely 450 for each Regiment, and the said Saddles and Accoutrements having been either originally furnished from the public Store, or paid for at the rate of 4½ Pagodas each Suit or by an Allowance of half a Pagoda per Month & commencing from the 1st June 1795 and ending on the 1st March 1796 the period when the full complement was ordered to be completed, by which

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which they clearly became the propriety of the
Honorable Company- it is now Regulated, that
the Commandants of Native Cavalry Regiments
shall have authority to draw from the 1st. of
August last for the compliment of Saddles
required for the New Establishment Vizt. 501,
deducting therefrom the number belonging to
the Horses of each Regiment doing duty at the
Presidency under Captain Grant, who draws
from them separately:- And in order that the
whole of the Saddles, and Horse Accoutrements
in use either now or hereafter with the different
Regiments may continue to be the property of
the Company, it is further directed that the
Number of Setts required to complete the full
establishment be Indented for on the Arsenal
of Fort St. George.- Orders for supplying Saddles
for Supernumeraries will be issued hereafter
- Lieutenant Colonel Orr will order for the with
a Committee of Officers to survey and Report
to the Commander in Chief the present state
of the Saddles and Horse Accoutrements that

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were in use with the late 3rd Regiment & & particularizing the Number of Setts that are in a perfectly serviceable condition.—

By Order &c.

(signed) W.C. Jackson
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To
The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President and Governor in Council
&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General & submitting draft of a General Order relative to the Table of Pay & and allowances to the Army sent out by the Court of Directors.—

The orders lately received from the Honorable Court of Directors, regarding the Army under this Presidency, being accompanied by a Table of Pay and allowances computed for thirty days, wherein Certain items are explained to be Monthly allowances, and & others variable according to the Number of days in a Month, and which upon comparison with the former established rates, differ in several instances; it became necessary to draw out & comited Tables of Pay, Batta and Allowances on the principles of the Tables formerly in & use

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use, Viz.t, for one day, 28th 29th 30 and 31 days, which are now preparing in my Office, both with a View to facilitate payments, as well as that the different allowances, (some of which are now liable to misconstruction,) may be stated in the manner intended by the Honorable Court of Directors and your Lordships in Council.—

Upon an inspection of the Table transmitted, and upon Consideration of the nature and former mode of issuing similar allowances, I have been induced to submit the following instances to your Lordship's consideration, previous to completing the new Tables, in order to prevent references hereafter on the same points.—

European Artillery.—

Under this head in the Table the Letter a is placed as here marked upon the lines opposite the following ranks.—

Captain

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Captain ..... a
Captain Lieutenant ... a
Lieutenant ..... a
Lieutenant Fireworker .. a

In the Head of Native Cavalry &
the Letter a is placed thus.—

Colonel .....
Lieutenant Colonel
Major .....
Captain ..... a
Captain Lieutenant ...
Lieutenant .....
Cornet .....

And at the bottom of the Table,
that mark of reference stands thus a "The
allowances thus referred to are the same for
any month."— which has been explained in the
General Orders of the 23d. Ultimo as applying
to all the allowances on the line opposite those
Ranks,— altho' there is reason to suppose
that it is only meant to apply to the pay
or Subsistence; for the following Reasons.—

Gratuity.—

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Gratuity. This allowance was origenally granted under the denomination of Gratuity or additional pay, in Sterling Money, Viz.s 3 Shillings 2 Shillings and one Shilling per day, and reduced to Currency has always been issued as an allowance variable according to the Number of days in a Month.—

In the Bengal Table of Pay &c.a the Additional allowance of one Rupee per day is inserted 30 Rupees for a Month of 30 Days, whilst at the same time the mark of reference and explanation "The same for any month," stands opposite the Rank entitled to this additional allowance of one Rupee per day and might be construed to extend equally to the whole as the mark for the Tables on the Coast, whereas, as the allowance is fixed for each day, it naturally follows that it must depend on the number of days in the Month.—

From the Circumstance of the mark of reference a being placed at the head of some of the Columns, as well as upon the line opposite the Ranks, it does not appear intended that the explanation of the same for any month should

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prevade the whole line, nor apply to all the allowances in General, of the ranks above & detailed as no distenction in Batta or Gratuity has ever been made between any of the Corps in the Army, altho' there has been a difference in the rates of pay both to the Artillery and Cavalry. —

I beg leave also to solicit your Lordships instructions on another point. —

The General Orders issued under date the 17th Ultimo, appears to consider dooleys, as being attached both to European and Native Corps in Garison and Cantonments and directs them to be drawn for and placed under the entire direction of the Surgeon. —

On this Subject I have to observe, that no Dooleys have been hetherto allowed in time of peace, except those furnished by the Barrack Masters in the proportion of one Dooley Boy for every 100 Europeans, and that this allowance has not been extended at any time to the Native Corps. I therefore request your Lordship will be pleased to inform me, if the Dooley Boys heretofore drawn by the Barrack

Masters

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Masters are to be Considered in future under the Charge of the Surgeons, or if any distinct Establishment is entended to be granted to them.—

The same order fixes an Allowance for Medicines and Servants to Surgeons of Native Corps, but is silent with regard to the Conveyance of Medical Stores in the Field and when M.ch Marching; the Assistant Surgeons of Native Battalions on the former establishment have been allowed a Maistry and six Coolies for the Carriage of Medicines, and as these Corps are occasionally ordered from one Station to another, I beg to have your Lordships Instructions with respect to the proportion to be allowed to the Native Corps of the present Strength when complete.—

I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect,
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mj. Audr. General

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

L. S.

In the event of the Ideas which I have taken the liberty to offer meeting your Lordships Approbation

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approbation, I have enclosed the draft of a G.O. General Order applicable to the Subjects in Question-

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Jn. O. By Government.-

The Right Honorable the President in Council in further explanation of the Tables of Pay, and Allowances published by order of the Honorable Court of Directors in the G.O. of the 12th July with the new Regulations for the Army, is pleased to direct that the mark of reference A. which is placed opposite to the Ranks of Captain, Captain Lieutenant, and Lieutenant Fire Worker of Artillery - and opposite to the Ranks of Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, Major, Captain, Captain Lieutenant, Lieutenant and Cornet of Cavalry shall be understood as fixing the Pay or Subsistence & Horse and Tent allowance only the same for any Month, but that the Batta and & Gratuity shall be considered variable according

to

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to the Number of days in a Month; so as to make these allowances, as appears & intended by the Court of Directors, the same throughout every Rank in the Army.—

The Military Auditor General will furnish the different Paymasters with a correct Table of Pay and Allowances & calculated according to the explanations which have been given from the first & publication of the Statement received & from England, to which they are & required to conform in all Respects.—

By the Orders of Government of the 17th August last, for the doolies allowed to Corps in Garison and Cantonment to be placed under the entire direction of the Surgeon, it is to be understood that nothing is to be drawn for beyond the former establishment expressed in the Barrack Regulations Viz.t—

— One dooley boy to every 100 Europeans in Garison and Cantonment, Native Corps &

not

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not being allowed doolies in the same &
situation - These doolies shd under the &
Charge and direction of the Surgeon, are to
be drawn for and paid in the same manner
as heretofore -

The former allowance to the Surgeons
of Native Battalions for the Carriage of &
Medicines in the Field is to be extended
in the same proportion to Native Regiments
or Battalions according to their present
Strength ie a Maistry to each Battalion
and a Cooley to every 100 Men including &
Officers, so that a Regiment when Complete
will be allowed 2 Maistries and 22 Coolies
for the Carriage of Medicines &c. in the
Field, and a Battalion in the same proportion -

By Order &c.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secry

Minute thereon. -

The Board approve the drafts of the
General Orders submitted by the Military Auditor
General - Ordered that they be published to the Army. -

Read

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Read the following letter &
from the Resident at Poona. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor of
Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Resident at Poona with Intelligence respecting the two parties at Poona. —

My last Addresse was dated the 13th Instant. —

Affairs here appear to have been for these three or four Days past ripe for attempting a revolution in favor of Baajy Row and Nana Furnaveese and the delay in proceeding to extremities is generally attributed to the Deficiency of Vigor and promptneſs in the two principal Leaders Baba Furkia & Holker. —

The Guards, over Baajy Row and his immediate Adherents in Doulut Row Sindea's Camp have been of late considerably encreased, and Cannon attached to them. —

Military Preparations are in general in this Quarter. Azim ul Omra is still here, and his Departure uncertain. —

Nana

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Nana Furnavees is said to have moved from Meer, in the Direction of Sattarra or Panwella, above the Ghauts. —

Poona
27th August 1796

I have the honor to be very respectfully,
&c. &c.
(Signed) F. Ulthoff
Assistant

P. S.

Since writing the above, affairs appear to have taken an unfavorable Turn against the Baajy Row.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor of
Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Resident at Poona with further & important Intelligence respecting the two contending Parties at Poona. —

My last address was dated the 30th Ultimo, and I have now to present your Lordship my acknowledgements for Major Dowdeswell's interesting Communication from the Mysore Country, accompanying Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter to Sir Charles Malet of the 30th Ultimo.

The

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The Plan lately in Agitation here, in favor of Baajy Row, is completely at an End; but the Persons concerned in it are not by any Means cordially reconciled to the ruling Power here

It has been officially Signified to me by the Sindeah Party, that Baajy Row has relinquished all Ideas of Sovereignty, and that He will take up his Residence in Sindia's Country, on the Bank of the Nurbudda. Preparations are on Foot for Baajy Row's leaving this Quarter, and it is reputed that He will reside within some convenient Distance of the Strong Hill Fort of Asur, near Burhaunpore.-

Nanna Furnavees is still at Mhar, busily employed in Raising Troops, and making other Military Preparations. He continues to gain slight Advantages over his Antagonists.- Preparations are on Foot here for collecting a large Force to act against Him under the Command of one of Purseram Bhow's Sons.-

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No period as yet fixed for Azeem ul Omrah's Departure He has now with him about 8 or 10,000 Men, He has assured me, in the most solemn Manner, that the English have not any thing to apprehend from the negotiations between the Nizam and Tippoo through Medina Saheb the Vakeel of the latter at Hydrabad. —

Perron's Brigade, in Sendea's Service, arrived this Day in the Neighbourhood of Poona. —

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
&c &c
(signed) J. Uhthoff
Assistant

Poona
20th September 1796

Read the following letter from the Major and Captains of Engineers. —

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

My Lord,

From the Major and Captains of Engineers requesting that the additional allowance granted by Government in 1780 in lieu of Offreakonings &c. may be continued to them. —

We the undermentioned Officers of the Engineers for ourselves and the other field Officers and Captains of our Corps, observing in the new regulations that no notice is taken of the allowance of 51 Pagodas P.r Month granted by Government to us in 1786 and confirmed by the Court of Directors; and apprehending that it is consequently liable to be objected to; take the liberty to represent that the same motives which influenced Government to grant this allowance in 1786 still exist, with the addition of increased responsibility from considerable accession of territory and fortification since that period, and that by being subject to various calls of professional Duty we are liable to be constantly deprived of

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of the Chance of Command which fall the lot of other officers. –

The new regulations which are ℔ intended to improve the Service, instead ℔ of adding to our allowances as they do to ℔ the Army at large must in this case cause a material deminution therefrom, and we conceive this circumstance has escaped the Court of Directors, as it is not likely that at such a time, a reduction should be ℔ made from the Pay, of the Senior part of this Corps, when their libuality has been so generally extended. –

We therefore presume to ℔ hope that, as the Court of Directors ℔ have left it in the discretion of their ℔ Government in India to grant reliefs ℔ to particular persons who might suffer by the general Arrangements, the Justice of your Government will prevent the loss of those allowances that we have looked ℔

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up to the enjoyment of, in the regular course of our rise in the Service, and continue them to us as usual; as tho' of material importance to us individually, from the smallness of our number, cannot be of much consideration in the general scale of expence. -

We have the honor to be
My Lord
with due respect. -

Fort St. George
September 22d 1796

(Signed) W.m Prescott Major Engeneers
W.m Caulfield Lennon Capt.n
{Signed by authority} Colin Mackenzie - Capt.n
George Johnston Capt.n

Minute thereon. - Resolved, that the additional Allowance granted by Government in the Year 1786 to the Officers of the Corps of St Engineers and approved by the Court of Directors be continued to them as heretofore. -

In consequence of the Resolution of Council Recorded on the Minutes of the 20th Ultimo the Commander in Chief now recommends that Brevet Captain Frederick Pierce, who has

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Brevet Captain Frederick Pearse appointed Secretary to the Military Board.—

has been reported to the General to be particularly well qualified for the Office, he appointed & Secretary to the Military Board.—

Approved and ordered accordingly.

Captain Godfrey of the Invalids appointed to the Command of Pulicat

The President Recommends that Captain Godfrey of the Invalids, be appointed to the Command of Pulicat—vice Walker ordered to join his Corps

Approved and ordered accordingly.

Read the following Extract of a Letter from St. Helena

Extract of a Letter from St. Helena Dated 6th August 1796

Extract of a letter from St. Helena with Returns of Detachment embarked for Madras on the Boddam—request that the Officer may be returned.—

Having Received Intelligence that several of the Enemy's Ships have eluded the Vigilance of His Majesty's Fleets, and got out of the Ports of France, and Holland and being at a loss to judge their destination, We have in consequence of such Intelligence determined to send only Two Hundred, &

instead

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instead of Two Hundred and Fifty Men of the
this Garison for your Presidency upon the N.E.
Boddam, they are composed of one Company of
of Artillery, and Two of Infantry under Charge
of Three Ensigns - Enclosed is a Return of the
the Detachment, with Copy of the Orders given
by the Governor to the Senior Officer in Charge,
together with Copy of a Letter from Captain H.
Palmer, and our Answer there to Respecting his
touching at Tanjucimale' in case of the
Monsoon Shaving set in - The Officers in Charge
of this Detachment, We have to request
may Return to the Garison whenever an
opportunity offers for that purpose -

A True Extract -

/Signed/ S. Webbe Secry

Return

Return of the Madras Detachment

Companies	Names	Time to serve from the 30th June 1796 Y	M	D
Artillery				
Sergeants	Edward Ryan	5		
	Richard Wells		7	24
	Alexander Hamilton	5		
	Henry Clarke	5		
Corporals	John Pearson	5		
	Thomas Plimpston	5		
	George Dunfield	5		
	Laurence Byrne	5		
Gunners	Hugh Dunning	5		
	James Stewart	5		
	David James	5		
	John Pettinead	5		
Drummer	George Coe	5		
Fifer	John Forsythe	5		
	Matrosses			
	Nicht Johnston	5		
	William Newport	5		
	Thomas Butterlee	5		
	James Boyce	5		
	Samuel Smith	5		
	Matthew Bradley	5		
	John A. Fritching	5		
	Michl Carey	5		
	Christr Woolgan	5		
	Francis Cruo	5		
	Garret Johnston	5		
	William Flint	5		
	John Barry	5		
	John Knowles	5		
	Francis Swab	5		
	Daniel O'Brien	5		
	John Munsh	5		
	Johannes Jackshaw	5		
	John Wheeler	5		
	John King	5		

Companies	Names	Time to serve from the 30th June 1796 Y	M	D
	Joseph Light	5		
	William Forbes	5		
	Henry Thompson	5		
	Richard Bizzy	5		
	Patrick Hole	5		
	James Draper	5		
	Henry De Jost	5		
	Patrick Foley	5		
	Wm Dunmore	5		
	Robert Read	5		
	John Grouby	5		
	John Mansfby	5		
	John Lewis	5		
	John Mose	5		
	Joseph Taylor	5		
	Joseph Wright	5		
	Edward Berry	5		
	Jacob Cocile	5		
	Henry Degrout	5		
	Richard Tiet	5		
	John Wilmot	5		
	George Setcorn	5		
	James Mc Donald	5		
	Lewis Moore	5		
	Charles Jackson	5		
	John Alchurch	5		
	Jorge Allen	5		
	Anthony Donde	5		
	John Horn	5		
	James Kidston	5		
	John Ellis	5		
	Matthw Wright	5		
	Joseph Sykes	5		
	Henry Lyons	5		
	John Sinkerton	5		
	Samuel Burcoff	5		
	Samuel Archer	5		
	Kenth Mc Coy	5		

Companies	Names	Time to serve from 30th June 1796 Y	M	D
	Robert Sedgen	5		
	James Bynon	5		
	Isaac Knight	5		
	Matthw Washington	5		
	Charles Redstone	5		
	Johant Ranish	5		
	Wilm Wilkins	5		
	Evan Williams	5		
	Thomas Jones	5		
	David Henderson	5		
	Wilm Stevens	5		
	Wilm Shaw	5		
	John Waggoner	5		
	John Mitchel	5		
	Thomas Parkins	5		
	Patrick Connor	5		
	John Anson	5		
	Peter Boyers	5		
	Lewis Anderson	5		
	John Keith	5		
	Fredk Ross	5		
	Charles Palmer	5		
	David Fraser	5		
	Fredk Wilmoth	5		
	Abel Schuvelle	5		
	Robert Wright	5		
	George Yates	5		
	Jacket Archer	5		
	John Myer	5		
	John Morris	5		
	Byron Forbraine	5		
	Willm Hunneling	5		
	John O Neil	5		
	Willm Delate	5		
	Thomas Connelly	5		
	John Magee	5		
	Willm Jackson	5		
	Jacob Dibnett	5		
	Willm Blewer	5		
	Willm Watson	5		
	John Lewis	5		
	Isaac Moore	5		
	Light Infantry			
	Luke Lage	5		
Sergeants	Thomas Evans	5		
	George Lamothine	5		
	Colin Mc Neas	5		

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	Augustus Valentbrand	5			Chris[r] Tomkins	5	
	Chris[r] Modorf	5			George Butler	5	
	Daniel Stevens	5			Wm Thompson	5	Corporals
	Wm M[c] Gusfolk	5			Joseph Stevens	5	
	Parker Poland	5			John Harding	5	
	Gilbert Hanley	5			Wm Lane	5	
	Robert Young	5			John Manning	5	
	Fred[k] Smyer	5			James Kelly	5	
	Mich[l] Diell	5			Joseph Rice	5	
	Joseph Mansfield	5			James Reilly	5	
	Paulus Mindell	5			Peter Wayman	5	
	Lenard Valcoman	5			2[nd] Company Infantry		
	James Lenfer	5			John Broadway	5	
	Chris[r] Winfell	5		Sergeants	Johannes Selen	5	
	Jeron[o] Fumago	5			John Jaques	1	8 27
	Eve Wynbledey	5			John Woodland	5	
	1st Company Infantry				Sam[l] Ward	5	
	John Hillman	5	24	Corporals	James Wade	5	
Sergeants	Thomas Buckmaster	5			Robert Curtiss	5	
	Thomas Burrows	5			Edward West	5	
	Wm Tisdell	5			Willm Thompson	5	
	John Hatton	5			Privates		
	Thomas Broom	5			George Cotnell	5	
Corporals	Will[m] Wiseley	5			Thomas Cane	5	
	Sam[l] Madden	5			Richard Cullen	5	
					John Burton	5	
Drummer	John Smith	5			Nick[s] Herman	5	
Fifer	William Petty	5			Sam[l] Lolley	5	
	Privates				John Harley	5	
	John Sullings	5			John Tisken	5	
	John Heymore	5			Richard Nord	5	
	Peter Pollard	5			Willm Glover	5	
	Edward Hughes	5			Wm Powell	5	
	Daniel Dunn	5			James Meridan	5	
	James Anderson	5			Willm Waters	5	
	John Freeman	5			John Weaver	5	
	Bryan Jordan	5			John Gough	5	
	Mich[l] Cannons	5			John Whiting	5	
	George Pekem	5			James Hand	5	
	Thomas Simmonds	5			Willm Handfield	5	
	Joseph Wood	5			George Rigby	5	
	John Cornish	5			Willm Wright 1st	5	
	John Ellis	5			James Rolfman	5	
	James Ackworth	5			Willm Pinkat	5	
	Willm Hare	5			John Palmer	5	
	Willm Atkins	6			Willm Keith	5	
	George Thomas	5			Thos Warren	6	
					Robt Sudgen	5	

	Joseph Rushton	5	
Corporals	William Allen	5	
	James Pantenes	5	
	Ellis Hayward	5	
	Privates		
	Alexander M[c] Coy	5	
	James M[c] Annally	5	
	James Whitehead	5	
	Charles Langley	5	
	George Spelen	5	
	Reuben Downs	5	
	Richard Vennett	5	
	Thomas Rhespell	5	
	Henry Gunter	5	
	William Barling	5	
	Andrew Graham	5	
	John Hilliard	5	
	William Robinson	5	
	Samuel Price	5	
	James White	5	
	James Bennett	5	
	George Downings	5	
	Samuel Shedman	5	
	George Williams	5	
	Robert Gillett	5	
	John Davis	5	
	Joseph Williams	5	
	William Foss	5	
	Benedict Melgonnette	5	
	James Price	5	
	William Birch	5	
	Philip Mason	5	
	John Strang	5	
	John Evans	5	
	Ezek[l] Jones	5	
	Sam[l] Chittle	5	
	Sam[l] Fleming	5	
	John Wilson	5	
	Nick[s] Archy	5	
	James Griffiths	5	
	Dennis Evonin	5	

This is to Certify the above mentioned Men have neither received Clothing or Half Mounting for the year 1796 & are fit Shape and Man Kind

Signed Rob[t] Brooke
Col

Orders.

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Orders to Lieutenant John Wright and Ensign Daniel Hamilton, Junior Officers in Charge of the Detachments forwarded to Madras upon the Ships Canton and Boddam

Sirs,

I have entrusted you, and the Officers who accompany you, with a great Charge in the care of so large a Detachment, as now Sails in the Canton / Boddam / to which I have been encouraged by your very good conduct, and Theirs here and at the Cape. —

I now request you will be particularly attentive to the following Instructions. —

1st Keep a Book in which you are to enter all Proceedings, the Original to be delivered if required at Fort St George, a Copy to be brought back to me, in which you will note Dayly, how the Men are Victualed taken care of &c. —

2nd Observe that you are to make your Men obey all Orders and Instruction they may receive from Captain Nyoyan / Palmer / or from the Immediate Commanding Officers on the Quarter Deck and on any Complaint being made against any one of them you are to Report the same to the

Captain

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Captain, who will instruct you, if necessary to hold a Court Martial, and who is to approve, or disapprove the Sentence; or order how far it is to be carried into Execution. In the Sentence of Court Martials always avoid being severe, but when it is absolutely necessary.—

3.d You are to take care that the Men are kept clean and Orderly and to exercise them as often as possible and to see that the Messes be properly provided, and that they get their allowance of Wine Grog &c.; but to execute these Instructions you must consult the Captain, who will acquaint you with his wishes, to which you are strictly to conform in every instance, marking down in your Book from time to time the applications you make, and the Directions he gives you.—

4th Get the Men Stationed as the Captain directs and have their Names taken down for each Station, and let the Officers and Serjeants who are Placed in Command of each be strictly ordered, and clearly Instructed what the Duty of his Station will be in the time of Action, that no confusion may take place

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place on such an occasion.—

5th Record the good and bad behaviour of the Men, and when you arrive at Madras take care to Recommend without favor or affection those who may really deserve it, and bring on back a Certificate from Captain Vyvyan / Palmer / respecting your own conduct.—

6th Listen to Complaints attentively and patiently and if you cannot adjust matters to the Satisfaction of all Parties, apply to the Captain for Instruction.—

7th Be careful of the Mens Cloathing and necessaries that you may Land them in a Soldier like manner so as may serve to do you and the Island Honor.—

8th Take Leave from Captain Den Taaffe before you go, as from his Experience you may learn a great deal.—

9 I have recommended you to the Notice of Government of Fort Saint George if you manage matters well on board Ship, & and assure yourselves I shall do my utmost to

to

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to Serve you on your return.—

Wishing you every Success.—

St Helena
14th July & 5th August 1796

Remain
&c. &c.
[Signed] Robt Brooke

True Copy
[Signed] W. W. Doveton
Secry

To Colonel Robert Brooke
Governor &c. &c.

Sir,

As from the advanced period of the Season we may possibly not arrive on the Coast of Coromandel before the Shifting of the Monsoon.—They leave to submit it to you, whether it would not be advisable for the good of the Honorable Company's Service, that being the Case, for us to put into Trincomallee and land our Troops there, & and proceed from thence direct to China, by which means we should secure an early and certain

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certain Passage instead of a late and uncertain one.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Geo. Palmer

St. Helena
4th August 1796

True Copy

(Signed) W. W. Doveton

Secy

To Captain George Palmer

Commander of Ship

Boddam

Sir,

In answer to your Letter of the 4th Instant in case you find you must lose the Season by the Monsoon setting in against you in your Passage for Madras, and in that Case only, it is agreed that it may be advisable to put into Tuticorin but even under such Circumstances you are not to act further in Landing the Troops &c. &c. except by the advice and directions of the principal officers of Honorable Company's

Agents

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Agents at that Place, who will of course on your shewing them this Letter, instruct you, what may be most advisable to be done for the good of the Service; but be as careful & in going into the Harbour / if you are obliged to put in there / as you were in coming in here, for fear the Place may have possibly & fallen into the Hands of the Enemy.-

We are &c. &c.

/Signed/ Robert Brooke
Francis Robson
B. A. Wright

St. Helena 6th August 1796.

"True Copy"
/Signed/ W. W. Doveton Secy

Order thereon

Ordered that the 4 & Commissioned Officers and the Serjeants and Corporals arrived on the Boddam & from St. Helena, be returned to the Island by the first opportunity, agreeably to

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to the orders of the Court of Directors.

" Hobart

" Thomas Oakeley

" Edw Saunders

" C H Ballastier

" [illegible]

Thos Wilson

Esqr

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Diary

5th Received the following Letters.—

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

From Major General Stuart referring a letter from Mr. Paymaster Mc Donall relative to his disbursements and requesting instructions

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr. Paymaster Mc Donall, whom I have informed in answer that I would not authorize any alteration in the present System of his Military Disbursements, till I had received an answer to a reference which it was my intention to make to Government on the Subject.—

I need not observe to your Lordship how necessary it will be for Government to furnish Mr. Mc Donall with specific Instructions, by which his Disbursements should be regulated, for I do not conceive myself, authorized to give the orders he requires, as by so doing I might in some Instances act contrary to the Regulations established by Government for the guidance of their Paymasters.—

I should

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I should however conceive that the orders quoted by Mr. McDowall cannot apply to the particular Instance of striking off the allowances enjoyed by the Brigadier and Staff of the Native Detail, serving on this Island, which Government I suppose mean they should continue to receive till those appointments are regularly annulled by their orders and while the Details of Tent and Store Lascars are necessarily employed at this place, an officer, as Quarter Master must be kept in charge of them, who is of course entitled to the allowances equal to such appointment.—

It appears to me that while Corps are subject to be called upon to move at the shortest notice, which must unavoidably be the case in the present situation of affairs on this Island an Establishment of Camp Equipage, with the necessary Followers must either be held in readiness in a public Department, or Officers should receive the allowances to be

granted

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5th granted, in the first Instance for purchasing and afterwards for carrying and pitching of their Tents. —

I judged it expedient on the 1st Instant to instruct the Commissary Mr. Atkinson to provide and keep in readiness One Hundred Draught Bullocks for the publick Service, in order that I may be able to move some Field Pieces with a Light Detachment which I shall immediately form in the event of an Enemy's Fleet appearing on those Coasts, in order to give every possible interruption to any attempt which may be made to Land Troops, as well as for other necessary purposes here — Government I trust will approve of this measure. —

Head Quarters
Columbo 25th Sept. 1796.

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

Major

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Major General James Stuart

Commanding on

Ceylon

Sir

The General Orders by Government under date 12th July and 23d August not particularising the situation of the Troops on Ceylon I find myself at a loss how to act and have to request that you will now issue such orders as you may think necessary as it would require near 30 days to make a reference to Madras. —

Lieutenant Colonel Bonnewax was appointed by Government to Command the Brigade of Native Troops under your Command against Trincomalee and has continued as such upon this Expedition & entitled to a Table allowance besides his Pay and with a Brigade Major and Quarter Master attached. —

Majors of Brigade are Ordered to continue untill further orders on their present footing but quarter

Masters

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Masters to Native Brigades are abolished and no mention being made in the new Arrangements of any part of the Native Troops being Brigaded upon foreign service under a Field Officer may hereafter be the cause of retrenchments from my Accounts by the Auditor General. —

It will also remain with you to determine how far the Troops on this Island drawing all other allowances of Troops in the Field are entitled to arrears of Tent allowance from the 1st of June, as all the Tents had been before that time returned into Store and the Officers obliged to hire quarters from the Inhabitants and by the General Orders now to find their own Tents. —

I have also to request your Orders Relative to the General Staff of the Army including Head Surgeon and the Departments of Commissary of Grain and Provisions and Paymaster to know whether they will be supplied with Tents as formerly or an allowance granted in lieu of them. —

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

Columbo
22d Sept. 1796.

A true Copy
Signed John McDonall
Paymr.

Signed D. Fearing
Act. Secy

W.

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To
W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary
Sir

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts with correspondence with the Resident at Hydrabad respecting the removal of his detachment.—

I have the honor to inclose you for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council Copies of Letters of correspondence between the Resident at his Highness the Nizams Court and myself— agreable to the directions contained in the Residents Letter I purpose commencing my march for Mungaul with the Detachment under my Command to Morrone—

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

Camp near Hyderabad
28th September 1796.

To
Lieutenant Colonel Roberts
Commanding the Ellore Detachment
Sir,

I have the honor to desire that you will be pleased to commence your march to Mungaul as soon as possible

waiting

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waiting at that place for the further orders of Government.—

I shall endeavour to procure you a supply of cash by the time you get to Nyautroeggur, if not before.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ Will Kirkpatrick

Major Kirkpatrick

&c &c

Sir

Hydrabad
27th Septr 1796.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this date and shall agreable to your directions commence my March for Mungaul with the Detachment under my Command as soon as possible which I hope to be able to do on the 29th Instant.—

Camp near
Hydrabad
27th Septr 1796.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ George Roberts

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Military Auditor General reporting upon the Military & Paymaster Generals additional estimates for September and October 1796.—

I have the honor to report as follows upon the Military Paymaster Generals additional Estimates for September and October 1796 forwarded with Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 29th ultimo.—

The additional Estimate for the former month amounting to Five Thousand Pagodas (Pag.s 5,000) is stated by the Military Paymaster General to be required for the payment of a Bill drawn by Mr. Paymaster Hawking, on account of Cash advanced to the 3d Regiment Native Cavalry for August, as it was not included in any former Estimates, I have in consequence referred to the Estimate of Mr. Skardon Paymaster of the Station to which that Regiment was by the G.O. of 21st July last directed to proceed and find that the Subsistence of the European Officers and Serjeants for September with the Arrears

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for August including thereon the Pay &c.ª of the Natives had been Estimated for and passed. The Military Paymaster General will ∴ therefore have to apply to the Paymaster in whose Estimate their pay for August had been admitted, which can be adjusted by a transfer

In the Military Paymaster Generals addetional Estimate for the current month amounting to Eight Thousand four Hundred and Twenty Seven Pagodas ∴ nineteen fanams, and Sixty four Cash ∴ /Pag.ª 8427. 19. 64/ is included, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty five Pagodas ∴ Twenty five fanams and ten Cash /P.ª 1765. 25. 10/ being the Amount of difference of Batta that appeared due to the Honble Major Lindsay from the date of his Brevet promotion up to the 30.ª last April as Commandant at Permacoil, during this period, the Bills for which have been audited in my office agreeably to Orders the remaining part of the addetional Estimate Viz.ª Six Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty one Pagodas Thirty six fa.

and

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and fifty four Cash / Pag.s 6661. 36. 54 / appears to be for the payment of Bills drawn by the Military Paymaster at Columbo, on which I can only report as before on similar demands from the pay offices at Ceylon. —

I am reply to Mr. Secretary Jackons Letter of the 30th Ultimo, accompanying another additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for September 1796, I beg leave to State that the Amount contained in the additional Estimate of Mr. Paymaster Cochrane Viz.t Pags. Two Thousand four Hundred and thirty Pagodas thirty four fanams, and fifty two Cash Pags. / Pag.s 2430. 34. 52 / will fall to be advanced from the Treasury as the several Sums appear to be required under the heads Estimated.

As I do not find on reference to the Estimates of the several Paymasters for September 1796, that any Corps or detached parties / excepting those on foreign service / had been omitted the Amount required by the acting Military Paymaster at Manilipatam for different Detachments expected to arrive at that Station does not appear admissible except

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except what is estimated for a small party of Recruits lately embarked from the Presidency & drafts into the 2d Division of the 2d Regement of European Infantry amounting to Three Hundred Pagodas / Pags. 300 / In the same additional Estimate is included One Thousand one Hundred Pagodas / Pags. 1100 / on account of Pay to Colonel Prendergast for August September and October 5796 to which I see no objection, as the allowance of that officer has not been estimated for in those months this Sum as also the foregoing is payable at the Subordinates for which Bills will be drawn on the Military Paymaster General. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/ Signed / W. Sydenham

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Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
4th October 5796

Received and dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. No. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. & 33. —

From

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From Commissary General of Grain and Provision.—

From Mr. J. H. Skardon—with additional estimates of Cash required by Captain Darley at Guntoor

From Lieutenant P. Bose in charge of Malay Battalion.

From Lieutenant P. Bose requesting the same allowance as officers in command of Revenue corps.—

From the Paymaster at Madura.—

From Mr. Robert Hughes requesting permission to visit the Presidency.—

From Collector in the Jaghire.

From Mr. Lionel Place—reasons why the account of grain has not yet been forwarded—proposes that carriage be sent to five villages where the grain will be measured out without delay.—

From Captain Macleod

From Captain Macleod—with bills for Intelligence.—

From the Commandant at Chandernaghery

From Captain Mealy—requesting an establishment of Lascars and artificers for Chandernaghery likewise a Key and Store Serjeant.—

From Captain Alexander Grant of the Cavalry.—

From Captain Alexander Grant—recommending that some Stables & private property which are too near the Stabling of the Body guard, be removed.—

To

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To the Collector in the Guntoor Circar

To W. G. A. Ram directing an advance of Cash to the Acting Commissary of Grain &c. —

To Contractor for Tents. —

To W. Patrick Bowie — returning his bills countersigned for payment by Mr. A Collector Bransfill. —

To the Military Auditor General

To Colonel William Sydenham the additional allowance granted to the officers of Engineers in 1786 to be continued — Captain Pogson to receive the allowances of his rank until his departure for Europe his negotiation respecting the accounts of the Madras battalion approved. —

To Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. —

To M. J. H. Skardon — the Paddy offered for sale at Cuddalore to be purchased the Collector at Guntoor will advance the sum of required to the Acting Commissary at that place enclosing return of provisions in different Garrison received from Military Board with remarks thereon. —

To Military & auditor General.

To Colonel William Sydenham to discharge Captain Maygregor's bills of the St. Helena Establishment & correct instructions respecting the allowances payable to the Officers of that Establishment while they remain

on

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on the Coast.—

To Military Board

To the Military Board orders & respecting the provision of Tents and the proportion of camp equipage to be allowed brevet officers to report of any alteration will be necessary in consequence of delay of the repairs of Egmore orders will be given respecting the Madras battalion the Commissary General of Grain been ordered to complete the different garrisons with Provisions resolution on the mode of conducting the public works and repairs—with papers from Cloathing Contractor to ascertain the cause why the orders of Govt have not been attended to in as far as they relate to 1st battalion of Artillery.—

To the attorney General.—

To W. Benjamin Sullivan to state his opinion on appeals from Pondicherry referred by Major General Braithwaite.—

To the Adjutant General.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Close with extracts on the subject of a claim made by Lieutenant John Bettan and other officers appointed in India to rank above certain officers nominated in Europe—noteifying the definitive opinion of the Court of Directors & and

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7to and Governments resolution thereon.-

Received and despatched the under-
=mentioned letters entered in M B Nos. 34. 35.
36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44.-

From the Acting Commissary of General of Grain and Provisions.-

From Mr. J. H. Sheldon with Extract of letter from the Grain agent at Arcot respecting the grain godowns.-

From the Commander of His Majesty's Ship Heroine.

From Captain Gardener - referring letter from the Naval Storekeeper requesting permission to erect temporary sheds on the esplanade for the masts &c for the use of the Navy.-

From Mr. P Wrenghams.-

From Mr. John Wrenghams reporting the sale of 50 of the Company's supernumerary Horses - requests to know if the Officers may be allowed to pay for them by Instalments.-

To the Resident at Hydrabad and Poona.-

To Major Kirkpatrick and Sir Charles Warre Malet - with copies of Mysore intelligence.-

To the Commandant at Palamcotah.-

To Major C. Smart with letter to be forwarded to the Rajah of Travancore.-

To the Chief Engineer

To Lieutenant Colonel Gent to permit sheds to be built for the preservation

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of his Majesty's mastr, & praying his instructions relative to the removal of the stabling & near the body guard stables.—

To the Chief Engineer

To Lieutenant Colonel Gent with letter from the Jaghiredar of Arnee to make particular enquiry and report respecting the propriety of rebuilding the Pettah.—

To the Clerk of the Treasury.—

To Mr. Josiah Webbe to issue Cash from the Treasury to the Military & Paymaster General.—

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr. Benjamin Roebuck with copy of letter from the Auditor General respecting Pay to the 3d. Regement native Cavalry an additional advance of Cash will be made from the Treasury.—

To Commandant of Guntoor

To Lieutenant Colonel Leighton the Company of Sepoys at Chentapelly is not to be withdrawn. no more provisions to be thrown into Tennecotah.—

To Paymaster at Madura.—

To Mr. Robert Hughes with permission to visit the Presidency.—

Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Travancore.—

D.r Sent letter to the Rajah of Travancore entered in L. L. No. 149 acknowledging receipt of his last letter mentioning that he is

Increasing

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8.th preparing his forces to take the field - requesting of that he will allow the battalion in garrison Madura and Palamcotah to remain for the present. -

Sent the following Letter. -

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bar.t

Governor General in Council

at

Fort William

Honorable Sir

We have the honor to transmit for your information Copy of a letter from the Resident at Tanjore, with the copies of two papers forwarded by him - the one containing a list of Sums due by his Excellency the Rajah, with the names of the Creditors; the other - a List of cancelled Bonds and other Instruments found in the house of the late Cawn Saheb. -

In consequence of the directions contained in the 9.th paragraph of your letter dated the 7.th ultimo, we now forward a compleat List of all our interest debts, ranged in the order in which the public Creditors are entitled by the Tenor of our engagements with them to expect payment of their Principal. -

We have the honor to be with respect. -

&c. &c.

(Signed) Hobart

&c. Council

Fort St. George
8th October 1796.

To Bengal - with copy of letter from the Resident at Tanjore relative to Sums due by the Rajah and the names of his Creditors and copies of Papers found in the House of the late Cawn Saheb Enclosing a list of all the interest debts of this Presidency.

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To

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To Colonel William Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

To the Military Auditor General with resolutions upon objectionable charges in the accounts of Mr. Lennox late Commissary of Grain at Ithapour &c.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of dated the 27th Ultimo and to transmit to you the accompanying paper containing the resolutions of his Lordship in Council upon the several objectionable charges in the accounts of Mr. Lennox late Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Ithapour and Paymaster and Commissary at Angole &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George
7th October 1796.

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
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Statement

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Statement A

Objectionable charges on Mr Lennox's accounts as Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Pt Pedro from May to November 1792.—

Observations of Government

Art. 1st Deficiency of Grain

Amount Retrenched — £ 233. 10. 6

The Board approve the reasons assigned by the Military Auditor General for continueing this Retrenchment and it must be enforced against Mr Lennox unless he can produce the origenal to which he has referred or attested copies upon Oath.—

Art. 2d Damaged Grain

Amount Retrenched 7. 14. 6

As the Regulations of the Service required that before any Grain should be condemned, a Committee of Inspection should be held upon it, and as this was not done, it is impossible to dispense with the refund no excuse can be admitted for inattention to the orders of Government.—

Art. 3d Defference between the Amount Sale of Grain and the Amount brought to the Credit of the Company Dep. 21. 6. 57.

If there were no error in copying the figures as stated by the Commissary it should have been satisfactorily explained But no explanation is given and the amount is therefore to be refunded.—

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Art. 4th the same as the preceding article — to be refunded, for the reasons above stated.—

Pagoda ₱ 18. 19. 45.

Statement B

Objectionable charges on Mr. Lennox's accounts as Paymaster at Sadras from June to Dec.r 1792

Observations of Government

Art. 1st. charges for two Peons amount retrenched Pag.r 3.

If it shall appear as stated by the Paymaster, that on a former audit this charge was remarked upon and admitted in consequence of the answer given — the Board will allow it in the present case — otherwise the amount to be refunded.—

Art. 2. Barrack charges amount returned ₱ 3 24.

This charge having been struck off in the Department of the Barrack Master of the Northern Division where it properly appeared; it cannot be admitted in the Paymasters accounts the amount is therefore to be refunded — the Board will never admit an unauthorized charge let the plea for it be what it may. If it were necessary the sanction of Government

Art. 3. Charge for a Line Quarter Master Serjeant in the Field Pag.r 4.—

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Government should have been
obtained. the amount to be refunded.

Art. 4th. Charge for an officiating chaplain at Ganjam Pag. 5 — — If this charge were not paid in the Civil Department for the Months of June 1792 it may be admitted in the Paymasters Accounts.

Art. 5th. The same as Article the first D.o 3. — Vide observation on Article the first. —

Art. 6th. Charge for Oil Pagodas 11 — — — Vide observations on Article the Second

Art. 7th. Charge for a Cutcally Pag.s 3.8.32. — Admitted by the Military Auditor General. —

Art. 8th. The same as Article the fourth D.o 5. Vide observation on Article the fourth. —

Art. 9th. Charge for two Peons Pag.s 8. — The difference being Pagodas four to be refunded, for the reason assigned by the Military Auditor General. —

Art. 10th. The same as Article the first D.o 3. — Vide observation on Article the first. —

Art 11th. The same as Article the fourth D.o 5. — Vide observation on Article the fourth. —

Art. 12th. The same as article the Ninth D.o 4. — Vide observation on Article the Ninth. —

Vide

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Art: 13th The same as Article the first P. 4. 21.	Vide observation on Article the first.
Art: 14th The same as Article the Seventh P. 3. 8. 32.	Vide observation on Article the Seventh.
Art: 15th The same as Article the fourth P. 5.	Vide observation on Article the fourth.
Art: 16th The same as Article the Ninth P. 8.	Vide observation on Article the Ninth.
Art: 17th The same as Article the first Pag. 3.	Vide observation on Article the first.
Art: 18th The same as Article the Seventh P. 3. 8. 32.	Vide observation on Article the Seventh.
Art: 19th The same as Article the fourth P. 5.	Vide observation on Article the fourth.
Art: 20th The same as Article the Ninth P. 8.	Vide observation on Article the Ninth.
Art: 21st Charge for a Maistry Armourer Pag. 3.	Being unauthorized, the Amount is to be refunded.
Art: 22d & 29th Various charges reported above	See the observation of Government on similar charges.

P.	3.	—	—
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Statement C

Objectionable Charge on Mr. Lennox's Accounts as Paymaster and Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Angole &c. &c. from January 1793 to Feby 1795.

Observations of Government

Art. 1st. Charge for Peons and Golah Peons amount retrenched P. 234.

A Similar charge having been rejected by Government, in the Accounts of Mr. Lennox's Predecessor, it consequently follows that it cannot be admitted here. The Board have referred to the reasons adduced by Mr. Lennox in the paper marked No. 1 in favor of this charge. He there admits that he knew of the Military Auditor Generals objections in January 1794 and yet he continued it to February 1795 - the Amount is therefore to be refunded. -

Art. 2d. Charge for a Sheriff admitted - P. 104. -
retrenched - - 143. -

This charge stands precisely upon the same grounds as the preceding one and the same reasons equally apply the amount of the retrenchment is therefore to be refunded. -

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Art: 3. Charge for Pucka[illegible]
admitted P. 198.16.64
retrenched P. 115.8.32

The overcharge to be refunded the decision of Government having been already had upon a similar charge in Mr. Young's accounts.—

Art. 4th Charge for Pucka-
-lies admitted P. 499.8.32
retrenched — 332.33-48

Vide preceding observation the amount to be refunded.—

Art. 5th Charge for Puckallies
and Bullocks.
Admitted P. 74.20.48
Retrenched — 4—16—20.

Amount to be refunded, under the orders of Government of the 9th of January 1793.—

Art. 6th Charge by
Assistant Surgeon
Shipsbard
admitted P. 70.—
retrenched — 70.—

Already decided on—

Art. 7th Charge for Medicine
Godown P. 220.—

Already decided on

Art. 8 Charge by Assistant Surgeon Macmahon for Servants and Medicines Pag. 80—1—0

No Explanation having been given by the Paymaster on this retrenchment the amount is to be refunded.—

Art. 9th Charge for travelling
Batta by Assistant Surgeon
Macmahon P. 74.—

Vide observation on the preceding Article — The amount to be refunded

Art. 10 Charge for a Key
and Store Serjeant at
St Mores P. 96.—

Mr. Lennox ought to have known that the authority of the Military Board does not extend to the sanction of Charges enurring expence unless specially warranted by the orders of Government.—

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The Board however in consideration of the possibility of Mr. Lennox not having conceived that the Military Board did not act without authority limit the retrenchment to the period subsequent to his receiving the first Audit.—

Art: 11th Charge for Oil Pay.r 92.15.64. The Board have no difficulty in deciding upon this charge Candles were drawn for and passed.—

Art: 12th Charge for Coconut Oil for arms &c.— The Paymaster not having complied with the requisition contained in the Audit— The retrenchment must be made good.

Art: 13th Charge for a Coniscopy Pay.t 4.—— Unauthorized and the amount to be refunded.—

Art: 13th Charge for a Godown for the Pagoda Stores Pay.t 30.— Authority should have been had for this charge— There is no discretion left with Paymasters. If an expence be indispensable it should instantly be reported The Regulations of the Service are decisive on this point— For these reasons it was that a similar charge

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charge was rejected in the
Accounts of Mr. Young, and the
amount charged by Mr. Lennox
must consequently be refunded.

Art. 15th Charge by Assistant
Surgeon Shepherd
Pag.e 47.—
Already deceased on

Art. 16th Charge by Assistant
Surgeon Stuart
admitted Ps. 1–9.—
No explanation having been
offered upon this charge the
Retrenched — " 5 — 4
Amount is to be refunded.

Art. 17th Overcharge of Batta
drawn by Capt.n Knox
January — " — 29. 32.
To be refunded

Art. 18th Bamboo allowance
for Tents Lascars
Excess — P.s 3.—
The excess being contrary to
the regulations of the Service must
be refunded.—

Art. 19th Charge of full
Batta for Lieutenant
Covenant P.s 33. 2. 64.
No explanation having
been afforded and the charge
being in itself irregular, the
amount is to be refunded.—

Art. 20th Charge for repairs
of Magazines.
P.s 30.—
The Sanction of Government
not having been had to this charge
the Amount must be refunded
Vide observation on Article the
fourteenth.—

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9th Art 21st Charge by Assistant Surgeon Robert Brydon Pr. 10–36.–	The Excess improper and the Amount to be refunded.–
Art. 22. Charge for Lamp Oil for the Garrison of Nampoor Pr. 22. 35. 30.	The abstract not having been countersigned by the Commanding Officer, the retrenchment is confirmed.
Art. 23. Surcharge of Batta for Lieut. Peters.– Pr. 1–22–66.	The Amount to be refunded
Art. 24th Charge for Peon Money for Lieut. Covenant drawn by Lieut. Dejoe Pr. 4.–.–	No reply having been given to the Audit on this charge the Amount must be refunded.–
Art. 25th Charge for Bamboo Coolies Excess for one 1/4–	To be refunded under the Paymasters explanation–
Art. 26th Charge for Peon Money by Captn. Knox for Lt. Hardon Pay 1.–	To be refunded. Vide Observation on Article the Twenty fourth
Art. 27th Charge for Cuckallis by Lieut Colonel Wynch Pr. 12. 33. 48.–	No remark. The refund having been made.–
Art. 28th Charge for a Storekeeper. Pr. 350.–	Mr. Lennox states that this charge was admitted on taking possession of the Circar, and that it had been invariably drawn by his Predecessors. If this be the fact, the Board would certainly not object to it in the present case. The Military Auditor General will satisfy himself on this point, and act accordingly.–

The

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The President in Council cannot conclude his observations upon the objectionable charges in Mr. Lennox's accounts, without adverting to the following passage in the Military Auditor Generals remarks upon the Postscript No. 3 Viz. On the whole on reauditing Mr Lennox's accounts every consideration was made, with regard to Circumstances and situations - and the references now before Government are of such a nature that Colonel Malcolm would not admit any part of them on any of the extraordinary Circumstances stated in support of the charges referred" - His Lordship in Council is so fully satisfied of the Justice and propriety of this declaration that he thinks it necessary to express his approbation of it

By Order of the Right Honble
the President in Council -

Council Chamber
7th October 1796.

/Signed/ W. C. Jackson
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Received

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10th

Received the following letters.—

W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department.

Sir,

From the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions reporting that Mr. Place has not furnished him with the names of the villages where the Paddy is lodged no order sent to the Cumeldar at Cuttramalore to deliver the Paddy to Mr. Wynch Enclosing statements of sundry supplies required for one year for the Garrisons on the western frontier

I be pleased to inform Their Lordships that I have not yet received from Mr. Place the Names of the Villages where the Paddy is lodged in the Districts of Carroongoly Cavendandalom Trepasore Poonamalee Conjeveram Saluauk Cuttramalore Cheinglepet and Cerumbaukum which on the 28th. Ult.o I requested might be applied for.—

I think it necessary also to observe, for the information of Their Lordships, That on the 30th. Ultimo I requested Mr. Place might be informed I had directed Mr. Wynch To commence receiving Grain at Cuttramalore, for this service a considerable number of Carts were dispatched from hence and arrived at Cuttramalore on the 7th. That on the 8th. Instant no Orders had been received by Mr. Places Cumeldar to deliver the Paddy.—

In compliance with the Order of Government of the 4th. Instant, I have now the

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I have the Honor to report the quantity of Carriage Stuffs necessary to be laid up in the Garrisons & on the Western Frontier for the use of Native Troops for one year, also a Statement of the quantity of Arrack and Salt Provisions necessary for one years consumption of the Europeans in those Garrisons. —

Madras
Commissy Genl.
Office 10th Octr. 1796.

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) J. H. Stardom
actg Comy Genl. G & F.

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

My Lord

From Lieutenant Colonel Mcatt reporting the disposition of the troops under his command,

Unwilling to intrude with matters of little consequence, I delayed addressing you again in regard to this district untill the last of the troops lately removed from it should have departed, and the disposition of those which remain be fully settled. —

I reported to the Commander in Chief the march of the detail belonging to the second division of the second european Regement &

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from Vizagapatam on the 11th. ultimo; and I have now the honor to mention that the seven companies of the second battalion of the tenth native Regiment proceeded on the 29th. I ultimo from Cajeemeattah for the presidency very many having been previously sent to hasten the interior movements necessary for their relief and assemblage. -

There are now left in the district under my immediate orders, a small party of Artillery seven companies of the second battalion eighth native Regiment, and the European and Native Invalids. There are in it besides two revenue corps under direction of the Collectors. -

In my letter of the 6th. ultimo I acquainted your Lordship, of having in consequence of a representation from Mr. Collector Webb relative to the protection of the town of Bimlipatam against the danger then apprehended, appointed a party under the charge of Brevet Captain Grant for that service; but having on the day following received the order regarding the troops called to the

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the Southward I countermanded this party, as it could not in that event be spared from duties of greater importance. —

On the strength of Mr. Webb's information relative to his accommodations with the Hill Zemendars by a letter of which a copy was enclosed in mine of the 26th of August, I ordered from the western frontier all the regular native troops, except one Company to occupy Cajeapooram agreeably to his application, leaving the other interior posts for the revenue corps. But on a subsequent strong representation from that gentleman of what might result in countries newly restored to peace if entirely abandoned by the regulars I agreed, provided he could relieve Cajeapooram with Sibendies, to leave a compleat company under an European officer at Gopaulpellie and that the Commanding officer of the second battalion eighth regiment with his Staff & Recruits some supernumerarie and half a company so as to keep up the appearance of a force, should continue at Nergotam & and this arrangement has accordingly taken place. —

Vijapatam

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Vizagapatam, when the sick & absent which from the late hill stations are numerous have joined, will thereby be garrisoned with nearly four Companies of Native Regulars a small party of Artillery and the European and Native Invalids. one regular native company is at Gopaulpellie, detachments equal to one at Vergottam, and two are at Chicacole. -

This is the present disposition of the troops under my command, covering, to the best of my judgement as far as can be done with their number, the coasts of this destrict and its inland frontier.

yesterday, I received another application from Mr. Webb, for assistance to the Jealcondah Manager in his collections which it seems have stagnated since by his own desire a detachment there was withdrawn until he could furnish him from his revenue corps and I despatched immediately a Jemmadary & party from this cantonment. -

Lieutenant Barclay with the greater part of the northern revenue corps has taken a contrical station on the borders of the Madegole and Golgondah countries where I hope affairs

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affairs will continue as lately compromised, and Captain Riddell, since the departure of the regular Troops from Cajamcottah, has fixed there the head quarters of the Southern division revenue corps, so that I hope he may be able to guard the Southern frontier from Marauders.—

I have lastly the honor to acknowledge Mr. Secretary Jacksons letter under date the 9th. ultimo enclosing copy of another to Lieutenant Colonel Fothringham, and am extremely happy that you was pleased to approve in the first instance of my directions in regard to the temporary repair of works in the pettah of Vejagapatam, which on receipt of that letter was immediately put a stop to.—

Vejagapatam Destrict
Head Quarters at Chicacole
4th. October 1796.—

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) Geo. Muat
Lt. Colt. Commanding

Right

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Right Honble

The Governor in Council

My Lord

From Major General Floyd with Statement of Repairs required at Trichinopoly and Puttoor also List of Fascines &c. required for the Defence of the Fort. –

His majesty's 52d. Regiment occupied the late Quarters of H. M. 72 Regiment at Tanjore and Vellum on the 29th ultimo. –

The Honble Major Monson commands the Corps, and is stationed at Tanjore – Major Cowan commands that part of it stationed at Vellum. Tho' I have forgot fullness I omitted to make this Report to your Lordships a few Days ago and have to apologize accordingly. –

Lieutenant Colonel Campbell of the 2d. Battalion 2d. Regement N. Infantry commands at present at Tanjore – But being under marching Orders, with his Corps as soon as joined by three of his Companys from Madura, I have directed him when He moves, to deliver over his Command to the next Senior Officer who at present is Major Monson. –

I beg leave to lay before Your Lordships an Estimate No. 1 for repairing a Watercourse

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a water course at the Warrore Gate amounting ℔
to Pagodas 22. 3. which appearing to require ℔
immediate dispatch, took on me to order to be done,
and hope it will meet your approbation. –

Also the Senior Engineers statement
No. 2 of Fascines and Gabions, and other Articles, ℔
absolutely necessary to be laid in for the repair
of particular Batterys, in case of attack on the
Place – of the degree of probability of such ℔
attack I am no judge, and it rests with your
Lordship to order the Articles to be provided, ℔
or not, as you see fit

Also an Account, No. 3 for thatching
and repairing the Depoy Barracks at Cuttoor ℔
occupied by the 1st Battalion 2d Regement Native
Infantry The frequent Rains and near ℔
approach of the monsoon, rendering this ℔
unavoidably necessary, took on me to authorise
Major Halliburton to get it done, which, with
the assistance of his Corps have been ℔
performed for Pagodas 25 – when the Engineers
Estimate amounted to Pagodas 154. 39. 60. –

Also an Estimate No. 4 for
repairing the sides of the Draw Bridges at the

Warriore

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Warriore and Madura Gates – the Bamboos being wholly decayd, the Bridges dangerous, and the Sum small, I took on me to order it to be done and beg for your Lordship's Approbation. –

I have the Honour to be
&c &c
(Signed) J. Floyd.
M. G.

Trichinopoly
October 4th 1796.

Memorandum of what will be wanted for the Temporary Repairs of the defences of Trichinopoly

600 fascines – of 3. 6 and 9 feet
2000 Gabeons 4 feet high 2 in diameter
18, or 20,000 Pickets –
One Lack of Bricks with an adequate quantity of Chunam. –

Trichinopoly 5th September 5796
(Signed) Elisha Strapaud
Major

Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in MB Nº. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. –

From Secretary at Bombay. –

From John Morris Esqr. Salt Provisions sent to Ceylon by the Sea Horse. –

From

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From Resident at Hydrabad.

From Major Kirkpatrick recommending a small allowance to the acting Post master at Masulipatam in consequence of extra expence encurred on account of wax cloth &c. –

From the Contractor for Tents. –

From Mr. Patrick Bowie – has shipped the remainder of the Tents agreed to be furnished – encloses a return of Cloths furnished by the Commercial Resident for the new Contract. –

From Lieutenant Colonel Wahab commanding 2d. Regiment C.I.

From Lieutenant Colonel Wahab requesting that he may draw an allowance for building a bungalow suitable to his rank. –

To Secretary at Bengal. –

To G. W. Barlow Esqr. with copy of intelligence from Mysore. –

To Resident at Hydrabad and Poona. –

To Major Kirkpatrick and Sir G.W. Malet with copy of intelligence from the mysore Country. –

To the Collector in the Jaghires

To Mr. Lionel Place desiring that he will immediately give orders to his amildar at Outramalore to deliver the Paddy to Mr. Hardow. –

From Commandant 11th at Guntoor

From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton information respecting Military Stores at Boringa belonging to the Nizam – intelligence respecting Monsieur Raymond – and from the Mysore Country. –

From

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From Mr. J. H. Skardon with

From the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. — proposals received for supplying Gunny bags — recommend that they be not accepted. —

Received the following letters. —

From the officer commanding the Nizam's detachment stating & claiming of Captain Tanner commanding the detachment of artillery to Tent allowance. —

W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary
Sir

By desire of Captain Tanner Commanding the Artillery with this Detachment I have to request you will lay before the Right Honble the President in Council the inclosed Letter stating his Claim to Tent allowance & from his appointment in Cantonment & Orders to succeed Captain John Bell. In order that the Honble Board may more clearly understand Captain Tanner's Claim I think it necessary to state what has been already drawn in the Detachment Abstracts by those Two officers, which is as follows, Captain Bell drew Tent allowance to the end of June Captain Tanner from the first of July and twenty four Days House Rent & for May. —

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

Camp Tungrapully
4th October 1796.

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To Lieutenant Colonel Roberts

Commanding the Detachment serving with
His Highness the Nizam.—

Sir.

As I was ordered to join this Detach-
-ment in a Cantonment order issued at the
Mount in May last I concluded as I could not
procure Camp Equipage at the Presidency
or Masulipatam that I was intitled to the
Tent allowance from the period I was under
marching orders upon a reference to the Ac-
Auditor General about my allowance he says.

"With respect to your own
"allowance I am of opinion as your nomination
"to succeed Captain Bell in the Command of
"the Detachment was by a Cantonment order
"that you are entitled to full Batta only
"from the Day you set off to join until Captain
"Bell relinquished the Command when the
"allowance before granted to them for Tentage, Sic.
"Pagodas Twenty one per month fell to be
"included in the abstract of the Detachment on
"your account"— Now Sir permit me to remark
"that I conceive myself fully entitled to the
allowance

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allowance for Camp Equipage as I was not
furnished with the same at any of our stations
on the Coast – as I did not suppose that Government
would wish or did I think it ever can be their
intentions that an Officer is to take the Field
in a Foreign Service without the necessary
accommodation allowed by the usage of our
service and with the Idea that they would not
hesitate granting the Tent allowance from the
period I left the Presidency In consequence
made up the necessary Tentage at a considerable
Expence – I therefore respectfully request of you
to lay this circumstance before the President
in Council stating my hard case in this
instant more particularly at this period
when we are on our return to Garrison and
when this allowance will cease. –

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/Signed/ R. Tanner

Camp 1st Oct. 1796.

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W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir

From the officer commanding the Nizams detachment with correspondence with the resident at Hydrabad on the subject of the disbursements for the detachment requests a supply of cash may be immediately ordered.—

I have the honor to enclose you for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council Copies of Letters of Correspondence between the Resident at his Highness the Nizam's Court and myself. I have also to request you will inform the Right Honble the President that the Cash sent by Major Kirkpatrick with what Balance remained in the Paymasters hands was barely sufficient for the payment of the amount of the Disbursement for August & that unless a supply of Cash is sent to meet the Detachment on its march I fear the Sepoys will suffer much inconvenience as being about to quit his Highness the Nizams Domenions they cannot expect any credit from the Bazar People who mostly belong to this Country.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) George Roberts.

Lt

Camp Jungraphelly
4th Oct. 1796.

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Lt. Colo. Roberts

Commanding the Ellore Detachment

Sir,

I am to request you will be pleased to take the necessary steps for preventing any interruption to the Public Mails in the course of your march to the Eastward, either by sending for or stopping the Sepoy Harcarrahs in order to examine their Bags or for any other purpose the public service being liable by such means to very serious prejudices. –

I shall give orders for your Dispatches being forwarded outside of the General Bag & and for their being detained at Mungaul till your arrival there. –

I have the honor to be

Hyderabad

30th Sept. 1796.

&c &c

/Signed/ Will Kirkpatrick

Major Kirkpatrick

Resident at his Highness the Nizam's Court

Sir

I am just favored with your Letter of this date respecting the Public Mails

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Mails, you may depend on their meeting with no interruption whatever from any one belonging to the Detachment under my command. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/Signed/ George Roberts

Camp Hyatnagur
31st. Septr. 1796.

Lt. Col. Roberts

Commanding the Ellore Detachment

Sir

I find that fourteen thousand instead of twelve thousand five hundred Rupees, have been dispatched to you by aka Mahomed the peasaw of whom I have procured the present supply for you. —

Hyderabad
30th. Septr. 1796.

I am &c. &c.

/Signed/ W. Kirkpatrick

Lieut.

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Lieutenant Colonel Roberts
Commanding the Illore Detachment

Sir

I do myself the pleasure
to send you twelve thousand five
hundred Rupees, being the most I
have been able to procure / for /
Bills on Bengal / for the use of the
Detachment under your Command. I
shall write however, to the Collector
of Masulipatam requesting him to
dispatch to meet you whatever Sum
he may be able to spare you. -

Hyderabad
30th. Sept. 1796.

I have the honor to be
&c &c.

Signed / W. Kirkpatrick

Major

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Major Kirkpatrick

Resident at his Highness the Nizam's Court

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you a Receipt of the Cash received by the Bearers and return of them the bad Rupees.—

Camp Wyatnaguer
1st October 1796.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ George Roberts

Sent the undermentioned letters entered in M B No 54. 55.—

To Secretary at Bengal.—

To Lt. H. Barlow with copy of Mysore intelligence.—

To the Resident at Hydrabad and Poona.—

To Major Kirkpatrick and Sir C. W. Malet with copy of Mysore Intelligence.—

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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 Falkofield Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation

Tuesday

11th October 1796. read and approved. —

The following draft of a Letter to the Register of the Nabobs Debts, submitted by the Right Honble the President, having been approved of by the Board was despatched on the 7th Instant. —

To Thomas Cockburn Esqr.

Register of the Nabobs Debts

Sir

I am directed by the President in Council to acquaint you, that, the Acceptance of the plan proposed in his Letter of

To the Register of the Nabobs Debts communicating the Board's observations on sundry Points connected with the Proceedings of the Meeting of Creditors. —

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of the 29th Ultimo for the liquidation of the Loans on the Company by the Creditors of the Nabob of the Carnatic on the Consolidated debt of 1777, has afforded him much satisfaction; because, he is convinced that under all the circumstances of the case, it is equally calculated for the advantage of the Creditors, and the Interests of the Company.—

His Lordship having given the most serious attention to the observations submitted by the Creditors upon the proposed Arrangement, considers it his Duty to the Company, to declare, that, the observations in question are not looked upon by him as constituting any part of the arrangement; nor are they to be referred to hereafter by way of ascertaining any doubts that may arise upon the terms that shall be agreed upon, between the Government and the Creditors.—

If the Interpretation be not deemed sufficiently explicit, the questionable part of it must be further discussed and his Lordship is perfectly ready to enter

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enter into such explanations as may be
desired, but according to his understanding
of the communication made to Government
on the part of the Creditors, he conceives
"that, conscious of the impartial and liberal
"Principle which has detached the arrangement
"they have had no hesitation in accepting"—

As however, it may be satisfac-
-tory to the Creditors to be acquainted with
his Lordships sentiments upon some of
the points adverted to in their observations
he has authorized me to apprize you, for
the information of the Parties concerned
that, he sees no objection to each Creditor
being furnished with a document from
the proper Officer declaring the amount
of his Property lodged with the Company—
—and that he will direct such Sums
to be made out, as may appear best
adapted to the purpose. —

With respect to the Suggestion
that two per Cent and 400 current Rupees
per 100 Star Pagodas shall be considered
the fixed rates of discount and Exchange

upon

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upon which all future issues, Certificates are to be made to the Creditors, until the final liquidation of the whole debt, — His Lordship does not judge it advisable to offer any opinion whatsoever — he will lose no time in communicating the wishes of the Creditors to the Supreme Government, and will request an early decision upon the subject. —

For the reasons assigned by the Creditors, his Lordship will recommend to the Governor General in Council, that the whole debt shall be liquidated within four years by Progressive Issues — and that the annual Interest arising on the Uncertificated part of the debt, instead of being added to the Principal, may be discharged annually in Cash, or by 6 ℘ Cent notes or similar terms. —

His Lordship approves of the intention of the Creditors to authorize their Committee to make a Lotting of the Bonds and Certificates as they now stand with a view to their being numbered and placed on the Register as they are drawn.

Directors

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Directions will be immediately given for issuing six per cent promissory Notes, bearing a Discount of two per cents to the amount of 25 per cent of the Debt made up to the 31st of August 1796. These Notes to be declared transferable to Bengal at the Exchange of 400 Current Rupees per 100 Star Pagodas, and Letters receivable either at Madras or Bengal at the Exchange of the time being for the remittance for the transfer of the Indian Debt to England. —

Fort St. George
7th October 1796.

I am &c &c
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
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To which the following reply was received. —

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

From the Register of the Madras Debts the Creditors received their approval of the arrangement made by Government with a reservation relative to fixing the Rates of Discount and Exchange of the 6% Notes and Bengal Certificates. —

My Lord

I had the honor to receive Mr. Secretary Sullivans Letter of yesterdays date, and the Creditors having in Consequence met

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met this day I have the honor to inclose an Extract from their proceedings handed to me for your Lordships information.—

I have the honor to be

Madras
8th October 1796

&c. &c.
/Signed/ Tho.s Cockburn
Register

Extract from the proceedings of a meeting of the Creditors of His Highness the Nabob in the Consolidation of the 1777 held at the Madras Exchange on the 8th October 1796.—

The Register lays before the meeting Copy of his Letter to the Right Honble the President in Council which accompanied the proceedings of the Creditors and Mr. Secretary Jacksons Answer dated the 7th Instant which is now Read.—

The Creditors in their proceedings of the 4th October stated that, sensible of the impartial and liberal principle which dictated the proposed Arrangement, and that anxious to meet Government on that Ground they had no hesitation in accepting it, they at the same time expressed their confidence

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confidence that the like liberal principle would actuate Government in according to the Creditors the Requests which they make, with a View to support the Credit of the unascertained part of the debt, and they again repeat their perfect acquiescence in the proposed plan, considering the observations of the Creditors in Regard to fixing the Rate of Discount and Exchange and the Liquidation of the debt in four payments the last to be made on the 31st. day of August 1799, including the payment of the Annual Interest on the Uncertificated part of the debt as Requests the Reasonableness and equity of which, they had a Conviction Government would be sensible of, and heard and they are happy they have not been disappointed in their expectations by the Right Honble President in Council having resolved to submit the proceedings of the Creditors and to recommend their Requests to the adoption of the Honble the Governor General in Council on whose equity and liberality they throw themselves without the least hesitation and to whose decision whatever it may be they will adhere.

I &c

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I am loyed to fixing the rate of
discount and Exchange the former at Two
per Cent and the latter at 400 C Rupees ₹/0
Pagodas which the Right Honble President
in Council proposes to submit to the
Honble Governor General in Council, the
Undersigned think it necessary to observe, that
its being fixed may not ultimately be so
favorable to the Undersigned, as having it
seem to be settled by the course of Exchange
and the discount of the day in Bengal when
the progressive Sums are made; — their
Object in wishing it to be fixed was and
is that the Unmortgaged part of the
Debt may be rendered thereby more
negotiable by its Value being clearly
ascertained and, this, the Undersigned hope
will weigh with the Honble Governor
General in Council in determining
upon it, who will also no doubt be
sensible, how important it must be
to uphold individual Credit, where so
large a Capital is at stake, as the best
means of supporting that of the public

when

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when the exigencies of the state require it.

Agreed that the Attorney

be immediately drawn that no time may

be lost in placing the Bonds on the P

Register and transmitting the same to Government

to enable them to give the Necessary Orders

for the Issue of the Certificates of the P

first payment.

Agreed unanimously, to

record the thanks of the Meeting to the Right

Honble President in Council for the P

favorable and candid attention paid by him

to the Representations of the Creditors. -

Agreed that Five hundred

Copies of the whole proceedings relative to P

this arrangement be printed for transmission

to the Creditors in India and England. -

Resolved that the proceedings

be signed by the Chairman and that the thanks

of the Meeting be given to him agreed also that

a Copy be handed to the Register for the

information of Government.

By desire of the Meeting

(Signed) Robert Gardiner

Chairman

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On the 9th instant the following letter was written to Bengal.—

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

Honble Sir

To Bengal reporting the proceedings of the Government for the new arrangement of the Nabobs Debts their final Instructions required on particular points.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 7th instant, conveying to us your opinion of the plan that should be adopted for the adjustment of the claims on the Company by the Creditors of the Nabob in the consolidation of 1777.

Concurring with the Supreme Government in the advantages arising from this plan both to the Company and to the Creditors we lost no time in making a communication of it to the Register for the information of the parties concerned and we have now the honor to enclose copies of all the papers that have passed on the subject.—

We request your orders upon the proposition submitted by the Creditors with respect to the fixed rates of discount and

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and exchange upon which all future issues of Certificates are to be made until the final liquidation of the whole debt, and we beg leave to recommend for the reasons assigned by the Landators that your authority be given to us to declare to them "that the whole debt "shall be liquidated within four years by "progressive Sums; and that the annual "interest arising on the uncertificated part "of the debt, instead of being added to the "Principal, shall be discharged annually "in Cash, or by Six per Cent Certificates "on similar terms". —

We have the honor to be

with respect. —

Fort St. George
1st October 1796.

&c. &c. &c.
/Signed/ Hobart
Dr. Council

Read the following
Letter from his Highness the Nabob
/Entered also in C.C. No. 150

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

Dated 6th October 1796

Received __ th __ th

From the Nabob
observations on
occasion of his
relinquishing the
command of the
Fort of Chandernagore
cannot make any
immediate arrange-
ment of Liquidating
the amount paid
by the Company to
the new Cavalry
Loan Creditors-
promises (in an
inclosed Extract of
his Letter to the
Governor General)
to make provision
for it on the Extinction
of the consolidated
Debt of 1777- com-
plaints of the
Interference of
Government (in
regard to the Conduct
of the Mogral
Poligar) as subversive
of his Rights. —

I have to acknowledge the Receipt
of your Lordships Letter of the 21st ultimo, &
covering a Letter from Sir John Shore; and
have to request that your Lordship will
be pleased to accept my best Thanks, for the
obliging manner in which you have
communicated to me the Governor Generals
Pleasure. —

In contemplating Sir John
Shores Letter, I am naturally led to a
consideration of the Fort of Chandergerry &
and of objects connected with it: But as
your Lordship is already apprized of the
Reasons which have induced me to
evacuate that Fortress, it will not be
necessary to repeat them, nor to call to
your Lordships mind the temporary
sacrifice I have made of my private
Rights

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Rights and Feelings for the General good and
Service; sensible of this, your Lordships
Liberality will incline you, in every thing
which relates to Chundergerry, to study, as
much as possible, to render it easy and
favorable as may be and I have no doubt that
your Lordship will give the necessary Orders
to the Officer, whom you may think fit to
appoint, Commandant of that Garrison, to
allow free Ingress and Egress to my
managers, on every proper Occasion; whether
for the purpose of inspecting and arranging
the military and other Stores belonging to
me in the Place, or for the Disposition
of Concerns of a civil nature and I trust
your Lordship will not think me
premature or interfering in your Lordships
Office, If I request that you will be so
good to give positive Instructions to the
Commandant, whosoever he may be not
to interfere himself or permit an Interfer-
-ence on the part of his Followers, in the
affairs of my Revenue, or arising out
of the Districts of Chundergerry: either

in

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in hearing and determining the Complaints of the Ryotts, if any should arise; or in furnishing them with any Loans of Money the Evils arising from which last Practice being well known. —

In former Letters of your Lordship now before me — yourself and Sir John Shore has been pleased to request, in very earnest Terms, my particular attention to the Cauvery Debt; and I believe, in more than one Instance, I have evinced a Forwardness to meet the Company's wishes in the only way in my power. It is well known, that my late venerable Father, notwithstanding his great and indispensable attachment to the Company, and his strong Regard towards the English nation, could not consider this claim, in a fair and equitable view; nor did he ever give it his sanction yet in the warmth of my attachment and Friendship towards the Company and the English Nation, whom by the blessing of the almighty, I had ascended the Musnud of my hereditary Government

I endeavored

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I endeavored to devest myself of a natural prejudice, instilled into me by the Conduct of my much revered Father; I assure your Lordship, that it does, and ever will give me Pain, to refuse any requisition which your Lordship may deem fit to make; But I feel myself obliged to refer your Lordship to my former Letters, and to entreat you will consider them in the same spirit, with which they were written - in the utmost degree of frankness and friendship. By the large Pecuniary Provisions, which I am bound by Treaty and the most solemn Engagements to make, for the Protection of the Carnatic and for the Discharge of Public Debt, incurred in the life time of the late Nabob Walajah / who is in Heaven by the Exigencies of State concerns by the necessary Provision for my family; and by the maintenance of Officers and attendants I feel myself often reduced to a situation of Distress, which my pride forbids me to particularise - If, in accumulation to these Embarrassments I were to undertake

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undertake a fresh Warfare, without the means of bearing up against it, I must either submit myself to new Hardships, or be compelled to break the recent Obligation, which I might enter into, in that respect - an alternative to which I should hope your Lordships would not wish to see me exposed. after this Explanation, I have to express a Desire, that your Lordship will not again urge a matter, so impossible to be complied with, more especially, since the mode of Arrangement proposed in a former Letter to the Governor General under date 31st July 1796 an Extract of which is inclosed, seems to have experienced a favorable Reception - I shall now quit this Subject, with a conviction, that your Lordships will not renew it. -

In perusing the concluding Paragraphs of your Lordships Letter, which refer to the Rawlgar of Mogrul and the Rajahs of Vencatagerry, & Calastry and Bommaya, I was affected in

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in a more than common degree as they
appear to contain Matters in regard to
which, I apprehend your Lordships
Sentiments and mine can never coalesce
But I shall not magnify the Difficulties
which are already seized between us, by
any remarks on the Tenor, with which
your Lordship seems to regard the
rebellious conduct of the Rajah of
Mograll, towards me, his Sovereign, —
the Insult offered by him to my immediate
Representative and my near Relative
Shuekoh ul Mulk Abdul Wahab Khan
Bahader — and the atrocious, barbarous
Murder of his Son: apprized of all these
Circumstances, your Lordship, instead of
having tendered an instant cooperative
assistance, has been pleased to intimate
that you will order an Inquiry to be
made, from the result of which you will
take such Measures as you shall deem
most Effectual — But my Lord, I am
not convinced of the Necessity for your
instituting an Inquiry, the affair not

belonging

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belonging to the Treaty, but principally
concerning my Dignity and Honor, which
demand an immediate atonement for the
daring Insult and outrage they have suffered
from a Tributary Dependant - not having
solicited your Lordships Judgement, in the
case indeed not requiring it nor do I now
conceive it necessary it being an affair
entirely belonging to my authority and
Station / I should have been unable /
to conjecture on what ground your /
Lordship was pleased to offer to investigate
the circumstances of what your Lordship /
terms a Revolt had not you given me to
understand, in the last Paragraph of
your Letter, "that you were under the
"necessity of directing the Rajahs of /
"Vencatagerry, Calastry and Bommaty to
"decline complying, for the present with
"my Requisition for armed Peons in /
"conformity / as your Lordship has /
"stated / to the Sentiments of the Court /
"of Directors" — From this, my Lord it
would appear, that your Lordship /

complying

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consider the Polygars in Question, as
entirely free from all duty and Service
which they hitherto have owed me, or that
I am divested of authority over them for a
time, and that for ~~such time~~ it does
devolved on your Lordship, in your
official situation, neither of which
Propositions can I admit while the Treaty
of 1792, hath any Force or operation, If your
Lordship will do me the favor to Consult
that Treaty, which I do and ever shall
consider as my Guide, you will find
that the Nabob of the Carnatic is particu-
-larly guaranted in his Sovereignty
over the Poligars, therein specially
mentioned; and I am persuaded that it
will prevent even a temporary Misunder-
-standing obtaining between your Lordship
and myself, on the Subject of the Southern
Poligars, a Misunderstanding, which
I am assured, hath already led your
Lordship into an Error, of which your
Lordship may hereafter be advised. For
although you have thought yourself

authorized

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authorized, under the sentiments of the Court of Directors, lately expressed to your Lordship for you have been pleased to say to direct the Rajahs of Vencatagerry, Calastry and Bommaraze to declare forgoing attention to my Requisition yet your Lordship on Reflection must be aware that the Court of Directors could not issue any Orders to your Lordship in contradiction to the spirit of the Treaty - But, if the Treaty of 1792 be no more or if it be liable to the Control and Alteration of the Court of Directors as often as they shall deem meet, may I request that your Lordship will please to acquaint me therewith. I have been conforming myself in all things, to the Provisions and Stipulations of that Treaty, with religious scrupulosity and truth, and I cannot comprehend, in my notions of natural and political Justice and faith a solemn engagement between two Parties for mutual Advantage, which can be broken by one Party at will & while it is rigorously binding and

restrictive

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restrictive or the other. -

In recollection of the good
understanding which has long subsisted between
the Company and my revered Predecessor, and
which it is my Spirit wish to cultivate, I held
it proper, in my Letter of the 9th ultimo, to
acquaint your Lordship with my Reasons, and
the precise number of the Force, I had judged
it necessary to employ, for the suppression
of the Insurrection which were and still continue
to be committed, by the Raadgar of Mograll
in the District of Chittoor / although it was
a measure of more internal Regulation /
I made this Communication with an anxious
desire that my conduct should have nothing
in it but openess and Candor: your
Lordship however has deemed it expedient
to direct the Polegars, whom I had called
on to contribute, in the usual Ratio, to
the accomplishment of the Measure
I had in view, to shew a disobedience to
my Commands: I shall not contract your
Lordships mode of acting with my own

but

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but shall seriously request a Reconsideration of the measure which you have been pleased to adopt, and beg you to peruse - ver you confirm an Order to the Polegars, which would encourage them to throw off the natural Duty and allegiance they owe to their Prince and would teach them to disregard those Ties, which connect the different Ranks of Mankind, and compose Social Order, & and Subordination Beware, my Lord, of a Doctrine, which would be as subversive of the Company's Rights as of mine.-

I earnestly and fervently entreat your Lordship, to retract prohibitory Order which you have issued to the Polegars, in regard to their sending the Force required of them respectively against the Raniger of Mograll, and that you would permit me to redress the wrongs I have suffered in the manner prescribed and prescribed by the Laws of the Empire.-

I shall state, for your Lordship's Information, the detriment which my affairs have sustained at this time - when

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the Ravelgar of Mogrant had perpetrated the daring murder of the Son of Shaekohul Mulk abdul Wahab chan Bahader, he was somewhat apprehensive of meeting with punishment; But finding a remissness on our part in retaliating upon them for his conduct and receive the Intelligence of the Counter Orders which your Lordship has given to the Polegars, in regard to the Peons required of them by me, his insolence increased, - this has created a general Distrust among the petty Polegars the Ryotts, and the Country People and embarrassed the Arrangements of the Country - some ill disposed people, in the Districts, have dared to disturb the Collections of the Revenues, and to injure the Travellers - a little reflection will shew how much interruption may be occasioned by these Circumstances, in the persuasion for the payment of the Rents. -

What more I can write more.

a true translation
(Signed) A Falconar
Pr. Translator

Translation

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Translation

Extract of a Persian letter from His Highness
the Nabob to Sir John Shore Bart. Governor
General dated 25th Moharram 1211 Hegery
answering to 31st July 1796. –

Had it been in my power I
should have exerted myself in providing
the payment of the Cavalry Loan in the
same manner as I Complied with your
wishes with respect to the evacuation of the
Fort of Chandergherry – but my inability
renders it impossible for me to discharge
that Loan at present, and I promise
you, my Friend, that after the extinction
of the new Consolidated Debt, which is
now in a train of liquidation, I will
place the Cavalry Loan in the same
train, and order it to be discharged in the
same manner – you will observe, by the
Records, how much my Father was against
this Cavalry loan, which was made
without his permission – and to which
he never gave his Consent, but in the
greatest

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of my friendship, and my desire to meet
your wishes, I agree to the abovementioned mode
of discharging the Cavalry Loan - I am persuaded
you will see the falsehood of the report, of
my having got possession of money that
belonged to my father, however, if you please
I am ready to take my Oath - I request you
will be kindly pleased to order this
Government, not to distress me by
requiring payment of the Cavalry Loan at
present - I have also to state another
measure, regarding this business, for
your information - namely that the
Poligars of my Country do not pay a one
sixteenth of the Peishcush that is
proportionably paid by the Poligars
of the Districts which my Friends have
taken from the Nawaub Tippoo Sultaun -
as you will understand on enquiry from
the Board of Revenue - and the Peishcush
that they do pay, is not a thirtieth part
of the Revenues of their Countries - By
Virtue of muchelkas and Vouchers
under their hands, the Poligars owe me

Large

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large sums of money, and it was in
reference to this, that Lord Cornwallis
Bahauder inserted the Paragraph relative
to this subject in the treaty of 1792, your
aid and justice in this business, will
enable me to recover my right from them
according to their Vouchers by this account
an additional sum of two or three lacks
of Pagodas yearly would be collected, and
I will appropriate it to the payment of
the Cavalry Loan.—

I The President proposes that
the following Answer be returned / Vide
also C. C. No. 151

To His Highness the Nabob Amdut ul Amrah
Walajah &c &c &c &c &c

May it please your Highness.

I had the honor of receiving
your Highness's letter of the 20th Ultimo
and 6th Instant — the Account you
have desired respecting the Collections
of the Ceded Country is preparing
and will be sent to you in a Post time.—

your

To the Nabob in
reply to the
foregoing letter

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your application to this Government for a payment of fifty Thousand Pagodas at a period when the exigency of the pecuniary affairs of the Company have obliged them repeatedly to urge your Highness to discharge the unquestionable demand they have upon you, on account of the new Cavalry Loan, and more especially after the Communication you have made of your considering it a dereliction of your honor, as well as of your Interest, to pay your debts, carrying along with it such an appearance of pointed disregard to the Representations of this Government that I only forbear to remark upon it, lest I should be led into observations that might be displeasing to your Highness. —

I shall certainly issue the necessary orders to the officer commanding the Fort of Chandernaghurry to allow free ingress and egress to your Managers on every proper occasion, and shall direct him not

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not to suffer an interference on the part of his followers, in the affairs of the Revenue, or in the determination of the Complaints of the Ryots — the Levity and Mischiefs arising from the officers of the Army having any concern in Loans of Money at their respective Stations, has long attracted the notice of Government and has been particularly prohibited — I am ready to admit that your Highness in acquiescing in the application of the Governor General, respecting the Fort of Chandermaghurry, has made a sacrifice of your feelings but, in adverting to the treaty of 1792 I do not find that a Relinquishment of right is comprehended in that sacrifice. —

Your revered Father, with all those Virtues which adorned his Character, was not remarkable for his disposition to discharge the demands of the Government upon him, and the reluctance he might have felt

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to admit the claim of the Company, on account of the new Cavalry debt, cannot possibly be considered an agreement — against its existence — the ground upon which it stands is wholly inconteatible — I am concerned to observe that the reference you have suggested to your Highness's — former letters upon this subject, affords a little expectation of the Company's deriving any assistance to their present difficulties from your professions of attachment to their interests. —

With respect to the — Kavilgar of Moyral I must beg leave to assure your Highness that on every — account I should feel the strongest — disposition to punish an insult offered to your authority, but being convinced that misrepresentations are frequently made to your Highness upon points of that nature, I consider it my duty to be informed of all the circumstances of the case, of the propriety of the employment of the Company's troops, and of the —

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most effectual means of employing them previous to the issuing of any orders upon that subject, and I have already given the most particular instructions to procure requisite information - I sincerely lament that a Relative of your own should have suffered in the Skirmish which is said to have taken place with the Rovilger of Mogral - your Highness may not have thought proper to solicit my judgment upon this subject, but my duty to the Company renders some degree of investigation necessary previous to my ordering a Military Force upon the service in question. -

As your Highness desired it, I have most seriously reconsidered the directions I issued to the Rajahs of Venkatagherry and Calastry and to Bommauze, and must confess it is with real concern I am to acquaint you that I do not deem myself at liberty to retract them

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Hobart
approved

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approved and ordered accordingly.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following letters from the officers of Cavalry, with one from Major General Floyd, stating his opinion on the subject.—

The commander in chief lays before the Board

Sir,

I am at a loss to construe what the Captains and Subaltern officers of the 1st Regiment term Grievances they being appointed Regimentally to the Command of Troops, in obedience to the late orders of Government and the Commander in Chief, over which they exercise every authority and Controul Viz. being responsible for the good appearance of their Men and Horses, care of the Arms and Accoutrements signing Indents for Grain and Furloughs and every other interior management of their Troops such as is the usage of the 19th Dragoons, where Troops are commanded by field officers and Captains only.—

Letters from the commandants of the different Regiments of Native Cavalry — enclosing Memorials from the officers of their respective Corps complaining of the hardship of their not being vested with proper authority and Controul over the Troops which they are respectively appointed to command and praying that they may be put upon a Semester footing with officers commanding Troops in His Majesty's 19th Dragoons.—

Checks on the Muster Rolls they have none, Government not deeming it

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it necessary they should, and I cannot but remark the observation on this, is highly improper, as it is a part of the address that implies a censure on my conduct, in assuming a greater Authority than by the Virtue of my Commission I am entitled to. These points I will refer to your future decision. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/Signed/ J. W. Murray

Major Commt. 1st Regt.

Actg. Lt. Col by Regt.

Arcot

5th September 1796.

To Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Sir

We the undersigned officers of the first Regiment of Native Cavalry respectfully trust we shall not be deemed presumptuous in soliciting your attention to our particular situation in the Corps in which we have the honour to serve. —

The officers of Artillery and European and Native Infantry are, by the late

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late regulations for the Army, vested with
the same Authority in the immediate P
charge and command of Companies as the
Officers of his Majesty's service, but, as
no alteration has taken place in the
interior arrangement of the Regiments of
Cavalry, we are persuaded that in the
execution of more important business it
may have escaped your notice, that P
Troops, in the Native Cavalry, are not
/as in the other branches of the Army/
named after the Officers who should P
Command them, that these Officers neither
possess due Controul over their Men, nor
any check upon Musters; have no P
immediate charge of the Arms, Accoutrem-
-ent, Horses, Horse Keepers or Grass cutters
of their Troops, nor of Artificers attached
to them; in short, are vested with no P
responsibility whatever, the whole P
charge and power being subject at P
present to the sole management of
one person. —

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It would ill become us to
dwell upon the many advantages at all
times accruing to the service, from the
interior Systems of his Majesty's 19th
Regiment of Light Dragoons, contrasted
with that of the Native Coast Cavalry
and more especially when one or more
Troops are detached to a distance from the
Regimental head Quarters; or to urge
that the Bengal Native Cavalry have
been recently regulated by the Supreme
Government, on the system of his Majesty's
service — We however, are induced to express
our hopes, that on consideration of the
subject you may be pleased to adopt such
measures as will secure to Captains and
Officers in Command of Troops, that
Responsibility and charge observed in
his Majesty's 19th Regiment of Light
Dragoons — the Bengal Cavalry, and
every other Corps of Cavalry on the
British establishment. —

We are further extremely
desirous of conveying to your notice that

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the Junior officer of those at present leading Troops has served the Honble Company for a period of fourteen years, which length of service we have to hope will be deemed a sufficient claim to place the officers at the head of Troops in the Native Coast Cavalry on the same Establishment with the above mentioned with the above ~~.....~~ mentioned Corps. –

We have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ John Forein

Alex.r Watson Capt.n

Capt.n

Tho.s Burrows

Lieut.t

Wm Streteh.

Lieut.t

J. Dunn

Lieut.t

Montague Cosby

Do.

L. Dallas Do.

D Monteath

Cornet

Patrick Madjill

Cornet

Cavalry

Cantonments near Arcot

August the 31st 1796.

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To Major General Clarke

Commander in Chief,

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a letter sent to me by Lieutenant Colonel Cater Commanding the 2d Regiment of Native Cavalry at the desire of the officers of that Corps. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Dugald Campbell

Col Commt of Cavalry

Madras
September 1st 1796.

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief,

Sir,

We the undersigned officers of the 2d Regiment of Native Cavalry respectfully trust we shall not be deemed presumptuous in soliciting your attention to our particular situation in the Corps on which we have the honor to serve. —

We

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The officers of Artillery, and European and Native Infantry, are by the late regulations for the Army, vested with the same authority in the immediate Charge and Command of Companies, as the officers of his Majesty's service but, as no alteration has taken place in the interior arrangement of the Regiments of Cavalry we are persuaded, that, in the hurry of more important business, it may have escaped your notice, that, Troops in the Cavalry, are not [illegible] the other branches of the Army, named after the officers who should command them; that these officers neither possess due controul over their Men, or any check upon the Musters, have no immediate charge of the Arms, Accoutriments, horses, Housekeepers or Grass cutters of their Troops, nor of Artificers attached to them; in short, are vested with no responsibility whatever the whole resting, at present, with the Commanding Officer of the Regiment. -

&c

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It would ill become us to dwell upon the many advantages at all times accruing to the service, from the interior Systems of his Majesty's 19th Regiment Light Dragoons, contrasted with that of the Coast Cavalry, and more especially when one or more troops are detached to a distance from Regimental Head Quarters, or to urge that the Bengal Native Cavalry have been recently regulated, by the Supreme Government, on the System of his Majesty's service — We however are induced to express our hopes, that on consideration of the subject, you will be pleased to adopt such measures as will secure to Captains and officers on command of Troops (the junior of whom will be of 8 years standing in the Army) that responsibility and charge which is consistent with their situations, and conformable to the System observed in his Majesty's 19th Regiment Light Dragoons, the Bengal Native

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Native Cavalry, and every other Corps of
Cavalry on the British Establishment. —

We have the honor to be

&c &c

Walajaubad
29th August 1796.

Signed K. Macalister
Capt. & Major
Bernd. Delmonte
Lt. & Capt.
Robt. Price
Lt. Capt. 1st by Brevet
H. Williamson
Lt. & Capt.
John Doveton
Lt.
Wm. Macgregor
Lt.
Thos. Nuthall
Lt.
Wm. Lewis
Cornt.
John Colebrooke
Cornt.

By way of remark on the above, with due
deference to the Judgement of my Superiors
I beg leave to observe, that the Subordinate
Officers of Cavalry are nominated Regimentally
to Troops in the 2d Regiment, and Consequently
have uniformly had the immediate Charge
of their respective Men, the inspecting of
their

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their arms accoutrements, reporting at A
pleasure on the same, and charge of the horses
as far as I believe is generally understood by
the rules of War, suitable to similar situations
that is, under the immediate control of the
Commanding officer

It will readily I trust occur
that the Commandants of Corps, being the
most Responsible Men, by virtue of their
situations, will be considered the most
Eligible for the service to hold Charges
of trust, in which their professional honor
and Characters as Men is at once A
inseparably blended, and become Pledged
to Government for the most minute A
correctness of their Conduct, and which is
at all times open in case of any Animadversion
to public Animadversion from their Seniors
Should the subordinate officers of Native
Cavalry be placed on a Parallel with
Captains of his Majesty's 19th Light
Dragoons as the Commandants have
not a similar advantage in point of
Precedency &c. &c. and as they are
also

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also deprived of the usual allowance of Gratuity
their Situations will be reduced to a State of
mortifying inferior to that, which I Soon
a series of revolving years servitude to attain
that Rank / they had reason to expect. —

/ Signed / J. Pater

Lt Col. & Major Comdt
the 2d Regt of Cavalry

To Major General Clarke

Commander in Chief &c &c

Sir

I have the honor of forwarding
a letter signed by a majority of the officers of
the 3d Regiment Native Cavalry. —

As the address has no particular
reference to any point of duty which has
happened during my Command of the Corps
I will not trouble your Excellency with any
Remarks upon it — at the same time I beg
leave to subjoin an Extract of those Regimental
Orders which I thought it my duty to issue
on taking Command of the Corps. —

I humbly conceive that the
Regulations in G. O. of 12 July last, page 26
respecting

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respecting investing officers Commanding Native companies with the Necessary authority &c. &c. &c. is intended to be applied to Cavalry as well as to Infantry or any other branch of the Army in similar situations, and under this interpretation of the Spirit and meaning of the Regulations I trust that the apprehensions suggested in the inclosed memorial must be intirely obviated.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Chemundalam
29th September 1796.

(Signed) J. Orr
Major Comm.g 3d Reg.t N. Cav.y
Lt. Col.o

To Major General Alured Clarke
Commander in Chief

Sir

We the undersigned officers of the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry respectfully trust we shall not be deemed presumptuous in soliciting your attention to our particular situation in the Corps in which we have the honour to serve.—

The

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The officers of Artillery, and European and Native Infantry are, by the late Regulations for the Army, vested with the same authority in the immediate charge & and Command of Companies as the officers of his Majesty's service: but as no alteration has taken place in the interior arrangement of the Regiments of Cavalry, we are persuaded that in the hurry of more important business it may have escaped your notice, that Troops in the Native Cavalry, are not, as in the other branches of the Army, named after the officers who should command them; that these officers neither possess the Control over their men, nor any check upon the muster, have no immediate charge of the Army Accoutrements, Horses, Horsekeepers or Grass-cutters of their troops, nor of Artificers attached to them; in short are vested with no responsibility whatever; the whole charge and power resting, at present, with the Commanding officer of the Regiment.—

It would ill become us to dwell upon the many disadvantages at all times accruing

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accruing to the service, from the interior system of his Majesty's 19th Regiment Light Dragoons Contrasted with that of the Coast Cavalry, and more especially when one or more Troops are detached to a distance from Regimental Head Quarters, or to urge, that the Bengal Native Cavalry have been recently regulated by the Supreme Government on the System of this Majesty's service - We, however, are induced to express our hopes, that, on consideration of the subject, you will be pleased to adopt such measures as will secure to Captains and officers in Command of Troops, / the junior of whom will be of 14 years standing in the Army / that Responsibility and Charge which is consistent with their situations and Conformable to the System observed in his Majesty's 19th Regiment Light Dragoons, the Bengal Native Cavalry, and every other Corps of Cavalry on the British Establishment. -

We have the honor to be
&c &c

/Signed/ A. Sentleger Captain
C. Rumley Captain
R. A. Gladstone Capt. Lieut.
J. Geekie Lt & Captain
Alex. Strachan Lt
H. C. Montgomerie Lt
John Maclean Lt
Regimental

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Regimental Orders by Lieutenant Colonel Orr
Commanding the 3d Regiment of Native
Cavalry Camp at Tundamapet September
22d 1796. -

R: O: In order to enable officers Commanding
Troops, and every Subordinate officer in the
Regiment, to assist and support him in
keeping up discipline and due Subordination
throughout the Corps, he is determined to
maintain their respectability on all
occasions, as well as to see strict justice done
to every Sepoy in the Regiment, for which
purpose a book of standing Regulations will
be published to the Corps as soon as they
can be Collected from the orders of former
Commandants, and made out conformable to
the new Arrangements. -

A true Extract from the Regimental
Orderly book of the 3d Regiment of Native
Cavalry. -

/Signed/ J. Geekie
adjt
/Signed/ J. Orr
Major Comm.g 3d R.N.C. & Regt

Regimental

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Regimental orders by Lieutenant Colonel Arbuthnot Commanding the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry Cantonment Chemundalum September 28th 1796. –

1st. All European officers in Command of Troops are to receive Morning and Evening Reports from their respective Subadars, or oftener should they judge it necessary, and it is to be understood, that those Reports extend to every individual attached to the Troops whether fighting men or Followers, as well as to Horses, Arms, Accoutrements & Cloathing and every appointment, and Articles belonging to Troops, and should any Officer Commanding a Troop, wish to make an extraordinary inspection of it, with, or without Arms, the Commanding Officer of the Regiment will not only acquiesce, by ordering the Squadron to Parade for that purpose, as soon as other duties will permit, but he will at all times maintain the respectability of Officers at the head of Troops, and pay

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due attention to their recommendations. -

A true Extract from the Regimental Orderly Book of the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry. -

/Signed/ J. Geekie
adjutant

/Signed/ J. Orr
Major Comdg 3d Reg.t N.C. &c.

To Major General Alured Clarke
Commander in Chief

Sir

I have the honor to transmit you two Letters from the Captains and Subalterns of the 1st and 4th Regiments of Native Cavalry, / Captain Dallas excepted / which they requested might be forwarded, & although Lieutenant Colonel Murray and myself stated Reasons to the Contrary, which Letters, I likewise have the honor to enclose for your perusal. -

Since the Native Cavalry has been established in the Company's service, the Troops have been invariably

Named

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Named from the Seniority of Troops as they
stand in the Regiment, Viz.t
1st. Troop, 2d. Troop / and Similar to the 19th. D
Dragoons, who are named A. Troop, B. Troop /
and the European officers appointed to the C
Command of them do possess due Controul
over their men have the immediate charge
of the Arms, Accoutrements and Horses, and
of every description of Followers attached
to their respective Troops, in the pay of the
Company Artificers excepted who from
the smallness of the Establishment, are
placed under the Quarter master

The officers in Command of
Troops are responsible to their immediate
Commanding officer for the good appearance
of the Men and horses, as also the care
of the Arms and Accoutrements, they D
likewise Sign all Indents for Gross
Repair and exchange of Arms &c. Passports
and every thing whatever that tends to the
Interior management of their Troops,
Government has been pleased to order
the mode to be observed for the Mustering

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of the Cavalry, which is adhered to most Honorably, on the part of those whose duty it is, to sign the Rolls. -

In the comparative Statement between his Majesty's 19th Dragoons, and the Native Cavalry, it is to be observed, that Officers Commanding Troops in the former are none under the Rank of Captain, which Rank is attained after many years of Service and experience, and very frequently by Purchase, In the Native Cavalry, it has often occurred to my Knowledge, that a young officer just arrived is placed in the Command of a Troop, who is perfectly unacquainted with his profession, the Customs, Manners and Language of the Natives, and if responsibility or trust is attached to his Station, he surely cannot be qualified for such a charge against this Government by placing responsibelity and trust on the several Commandants, as the most eligible, how far the service has benefitted thereby, I will not presume to say but chearfully submit it to the opinion of my Superiors

fully

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fully persuaded that the strictest attention has been paid, to promote the good of the Service, by an honorable discharge of the trust Reposed in the Commandants by Government. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Arcot

September 6th 1796.

/Signed/ Wm Younge

Lt. Col. Commg Cavy Cantonmt.

To Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Sir

We the undersigned officers of the 4th Regiment of Native Cavalry, respectfully trust we shall not be deemed presumptuous in soliciting your attention to our particular situation in the Corps in which we have the honor to serve. —

The officers of Artillery, and European and Native Infantry are by the late regulations for the Army, vested with the same authority in the immediate Charge and Command of Companies as the officers of his Majesty's service, but as no alteration has taken place in the interior

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interior arrangement of the Regiments of Cavalry we are persuaded, that, in the hurry of more important business, it may have escaped your notice, that Troops, in the Native Cavalry, are not, as in the other branches of the Army, named after the officers who should Command them; that these officers neither possess due controul over their men, nor any check upon the Musters & have no immediate charge of the Arms Accoutrements Horses, Housekeepers, or Grass cutters of their Troops, nor of the officers attached to them; in short are vested with no responsibility whatever, the whole charge and power resting, at present, with the Commanding officer of the Regiment

It would ill become us to dwell upon the many advantages at all times accruing to the service, from the interior Systems of his Majesty's 19th Regiment Light Dragoons, contrasted with that of the Coast Cavalry, and more especially when one or more Troops are detached to a distance from Regimental head Quarters, or to urge

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That the Bengal Native Cavalry have been recently regulated, by the Supreme Government on the Systems of his Majesty's service, We, however are induced to express our hopes, that, on consideration of the subject you will be pleased to adopt such measures as will secure to Captains and officers in Command of troops, / the juniors of whom will be of 15 years standing in the Army / that responsibility and change which is consistent with their situations, and conformably to the Systems observed in his Majesty's 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons the Bengal Native Cavalry and every other Corps of Cavalry on the British Establishment

We have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ J Leonard
capt. Lieut.
Wm Ellcock
Lt. of Cav. & Capt. by Brevet
Alex. Deas
Lt. & Capt. by Brevet
P. Hargrave
Lt. & Capt. by Brevet
P. Walker Lt. & Capt. by Brevet
H. Mackay Lieut.
Geo. Veale Lieut.

Arcot 31st August 1796.

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To Captain Leonard and officers
of the 4th Regiment Cavalry
Gentlemen

I have received your address to the Commander in Chief, which Consistent with my duty and Station, I must decline to forward - because the grievances stated therein, do not exist, as the officers have all along, been vested with due controul, and authority over their men and in the interior Management of their respective Troops, and which has been pointedly maintained to them by me, whenever my interference became necessary, because the officers Commanding Troops, have always been held responsible, for the care of the Arms and Accoutrements, as also for the good appearance of the Troops, under their immediate Command, because, a part of the address conveys a censure on my Conduct as Command-ant of the 4th Regiment, because with regard to the Naming officers to troops by their Names, the Regimental Orders of the 23d August 1796 ought to convince them, that their appointment was made without impartiality

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particularity on my part, and in obedience to the Orders of Government and the Commander in Chief. Because your address to the Commander in Chief, embraces Matter, which the officers had not my permission to discuss. -

Cavalry Cantonment
Near Arcot 1st September 1796.

I am &c &c
(Signed) Wm Gourlay
Lt Col. Commt.

Lieutenant Colonel Close
Adjutant General

Sir

Letter from Major General Floyd containing his opinion upon the above mentioned Representation of the officers of the Native Cavalry. -

In compliance with the Commander in Chiefs directions, conveyed in your letter of the 14th Instant, I shall proceed to state the situation of Commanders of Troops in the 19th Dragoons. -

Commanding officers of Troops in His Majesty's 19th Dragoons, are charged with the care of the Dragoons, horses, Arms, Cloathing, and Accoutrements they hold the Contract for supplying Forage, and Red soper, horse shoes, Grain Bags - Medicine - they have charge of the horse keepers and Grass Cutters - they receive

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receive for their clerks of troops for them and distribute the pay for their Dragoons - house-keepers and Grass Cutters - keeping an exact account with each Dragoon &c. they sign the Muster Rolls of their Troops, and are in one word, responsible for all that concerns it - they receive an allowance made by Government in lieu of Contract for feeding, amounting to 16 2/3 Pagodas per month each. -

I humbly conceive the present practice of the Native Cavalry, in these particulars to be very pernicious - for the Native Cavalry all the European officers, except the Commandant, and the adjutant are, for that purpose - should the Command of a Regiment at any future time fall into unworthy hands the Commandant might abuse it without Controul, except from the wrong end, the Junior officer - under great disadvantages, the want of Responsibelity extinguishes Zeal - want of practice precludes skill and the Commanding officer has a great deal more on his hands

than

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than he can possibly attend to — and then comes in the Dubash, the Comicopoly, and all their evil consequences. —

When the head of the Troops has the Responsibility with which he is charged in the 19th Dragoons — the Controul, with all propriety, is in the Commanding Officer of the Regiment — who superintends — directs and instructs — and a Detachment is as perfect in its Composition as the united Regiment. —

As the Commander in Chief has done me the honor to mention this subject to me at all — I think it incumbent on me to offer, but with the utmost deference, my opinion on the allowance in lieu of Contract for Feeding — In a Native Regiment the Commandant had this Contract, and on it ceasing he received 100 Pagodas pr month in lieu. In the 19th Dragoons each Commander of a Troop had this Contract and has since received, in lieu, his Share of 100 Pagodas pr allowed for a whole Regiment — This was an act of liberality towards those who had pr

Yesterday

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actually held one of these Contracts — But I
submit to Consult, the propriety of extending it
to those who never had that Contract, and
thus making it perpetual, does not strike me.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ J. Floyd
M. G.

Friedensberg
Sept. 19th 1796.

Resolved, after the most mature
Consideration of the subject, that the following
General Order be published to the Army.

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G. O. By Government

Government is pleased to pass
the following Regulations respecting the Native
Cavalry. —

1st That from the 1st of November 1796 the
monthly Contract of 49½ fanams for the
supply of Head and Heel ropes and Shoes &
entitling in the Native Cavalry Regiment
as detailed in the G. O. of Government dated
24th and 30th April 1793, shall be held by the
the officers Commanding Troops, the same
as practised in his Majesty's 19th Regiment

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G. O. published
giving the Contract
& providing Head
and Heel Ropes &c
to the officers com-
manding Troops
in the Regiments
of Native Cavalry
superseding other
Contracts of Cavalry
in detail. —

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of Dragoons.—

2d That the Horsekeepers and Grasscutters with each Regiment shall be attached to Troops and that the muster rolls of Troops including the Horsekeepers and Grasscutters shall be so signed by the officers commanding them, and Countersigned by the Commandant of the Regiment.—

3d That when a Regiment of Cavalry is mustered, the head and heel Ropes Grain bag and other stated articles of each horse, shall be mustered likewise, to the end, that the state number and deficiency of each article in each Troop, may be correctly ascertained and noted in the muster Rolls. That the musters be accordingly taken by Troops, and that the Troops shall be numbered from one to Six, and with the Numbers be distinguished by the Names of such officers respectively as shall hold the Contract of 49½ Peons at the time.—

4th That although the Horsekeepers and Grasscutters are thus attached to Troops they shall be considered as always

Subject

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subject the orders of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, who shall have authority to remove them from Troop to Troop, and employ them on the publick service in such manner as he may judge for the good of the Regiment at large. —

5th That under the article of horse cloth, each horse shall be kept supplied with a large substantial Gumboy, to be used when the horse is not stabled in bad Weather, or when sickness or other cause requires his being clothed. —

6 That when a Detachment of Cavalry shall consist of a part of several Troops it shall be the business of Commanding Officers of Troops to provide at their joint expence Gram Kettles and Servants to accompany the Detachment provided with the means of supplying all Deficiency in the Articles expressed in the Contract during the absence of such Detachment from the Head Quarters of the Regiment.

7th That no Officer shall hold the Contract of 49½ Fanams whilst absent in

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in Europe or on leave off the Coast, or while holding a Staff appointment shall withdraw from Regimental duty, and that the Captains or Subalterns holding that Contract shall on quitting the Regiment on leave point out to the Commanding officer of the Regiment the person who has undertaken to conduct the Contract for him in his absence, and that such person shall be liable to objection of from the Commanding officer of the Regiment should he think him not sufficiently responsible for the Conduct of such a trust and that it be the special duty of the Commanding officer of the Regiment, to see that the Contract of 4 P.C. Fanams at all times strictly and honorably fulfilled.

8th The Adjutants and Quarter Masters of Native Cavalry being by the new Establishment of that Corps, now effective staff included in the strength of Troops, they will consequently be posted to the Command of Troops agreeably to their standing in the Regiments respectively and altho' the present complement of

Europeans

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European officers to a Regiment can seldom fail of affording either a Captain or a subaltern to Command each troop, Nevertheless, should a troop from a scarcity of officers with the Corps, become at any time vacant the Commanding officer of the Regiment shall give the Contract for it, to the Adjutant or Quarter master of the Corps as he may judge proper, 'till an officer can be posted to it and receive it in charge.—

9th The Adjutant or Quarter Master having in this case the temporary Contract for supplying the Troop, shall also sign the Muster Rolls and be invested with the charge of the troop to all intents & and purposes as if he had been specially appointed to the Command of it.

By Order &c &c

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
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Read the following letter from Mr. Macleod.—

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Resident at Tanjore - enclosing a Statement of the Rajahs Bonded Debts to Europeans &c. also a List of Cancelled Bonds &c. found in the House of the late Caun Saheb

I have now the honor to enclose [N.1] a "List of sums said to be due from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to the undermentioned "Dead Natives and Europeans" and [N.o 2] a "List "of Cancelled Bonds and other Instruments found "at the house of the late Caun Saheb."-

With regard to the List N.o 1 as led to suspect from the best information I can obtain that the sums and names are pretty correctly stated, but I cannot by any means vouch for that correctness for from my own knowledge I shall have no opportunity that may offer of endeavouring to acquire a more certain Intelligence of these transactions - The various sums in the List N.o 2 / at least the greater part of them / were obtained, I strongly suspect, for the use of his Excellency for Caun Saheb was a man much employed by him in Extensive Speculations and contracts for the provision of Various Articles

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Articles for the palace. –

I must observe that I think it highly probable that I may gradually acquire a more satisfactory and authentic account of the Rajah's Debts &c. the late Restoration of his Soubahs without any further Inquiries – tions / except those from your Government / for the prosecution of my Inquiries on this head seems to have Created a lost of confidence and Security in those who are supposed to be Creditors of the Rajah, that all Inquiry is to cease. It may be owing to this, possibly, that I have lately obtained a Collection of Maratta Papers said to be the Cowle granted by the Rajah to the Inhabitants of his Country to induce them to return to it, about two months before my arrival there in December last. –

These papers are now translating and they will shew what Grievances the Inhabitants suffered from his administration by shewing what Remedies he promised to apply to them – promises which I understand he never performed

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
/ Signed / Alex.r Macleod
Bart.

Tanjore
2.d October 1796.

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List of Sums said to be due by his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to the undermentioned Natives and Europeans upon which an Interest of at least 9 p.ct p.Annum is still running on. —

	Now Payable
Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott	* 39,600
Trimul Naig	10,000
Mr. Wolf	10,000
Mr. Hart	15,600
Succolum Mootoo Kistna Chitty	15,600
Khanto Sellum (Guzzerattee)	10,000
Poony Narraina Pilly	40,000
Culloor Vencata Ramiah	10,000
Josee of Bengal	7,000
Pooniah	6,000
Rama Naig	6,000
Moorly Saur	5,000
Gosauvy	5,000
Jagarauje Moodely	6,000
Soolasingah Pilly	4,000
Vengayea moodaly	20,000
Soubaraya moodaly	6,000
Bala Moocoond	3,000
Marie Cristnadavoy	4,000
Sawrah Brahmin of Madras Triplicane Village	2,000
Mr. C. Baker	2,50,000
Pachapah Moodelier	50,000
Soubah Chitty	30,000
Cawn Sahib	150,000
Mr. Hossman	24,000
Sankeroo and Sreeddea mayta	1,20,000
Thimma moodelier	60,000
Various Persons at Madras borrowed by Dupe	1,50,000
Mootoo moodely	15,000
The Rajahs House hold arrears	1,50,000
Clerk Sellers Jewellers &c. &c.	10,000
	Sa. Pags 12,45,800

E.E.
Signed J. Alex. Macleod
Asst.

* of this Sum about 27,000 Pags is said to be due for Timber sold for building the new

+ this should be 35,000
Vide P. 1. D.

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List of cancelled Bonds and other Instruments found at the House of the late Cawn Saheb

Bond from Cawn Saheb to Lieutenant Robertson for 6228 S.t Pagodas 12 per Cent dated 14th January 1794.—

Note from Do. to Do. for S.t Pag.s 260. 36 f.o dated 14th January 1794.

Bond from Cawn Saheb to Lieutenant Peters & Sinclair of the Artillery for 700 S.t Pagodas dated 10 July 1793.

Bond from Cawn Saheb to Mr. Pearse /Paymaster/ /amount torn off/

Bond Cawn Saheb to Mr. Robertson 7500 S.t Pag.s dated 6th October 1793.

Bond Cawn Saheb to Mr. Marten /particulars torn off/

Bond Cawn Saheb to Mr. Schorp 4800 S.t P. dated 1st Oct.r 1793 and Note same date

Bond Cawn Saheb to Andrew macpherson S.t Pag.s 2000, and Note.

Bond Cawn Saheb to Mr. Lambell S.t Pag.s 2000.—

Bond C. Saheb to Mr. George marten /no particulars/

Bond C. Saheb to Schorp 5600 S.t P. and Note

Bond C. Saheb to Lt. Robertson 8000 do and Note

Bond C. Saheb to Mr. Lambell for 2700 do with a memorandum on the back of it that Sheerow would want 15000 P. more.—

Bond

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Bond b. Saheb to Mr. Pearce 5000 and Note
Bond b. S. to Mr. Cunningham 2100 P. and Note
Bond b. Saheb to Lieut.t Colonel Cuppage
for 20,000 Sa. Pag.s dated 1st March 1795.
A Note of Colonel Cuppage /no name/
for 1600 Pagodas.
Note of Cauen Saheb to Captain Innes for
Sa. Pagodas 544.-
Note of George Sullivan Marten Esqr. for
3000 Sa. Pagodas dated 28 April 1795 endorsed
/Wm. Martens Bond to Cauen Saheb"
Malabar Bond of C. Saheb to Mr. James
Strange for 5000 Chuckrums
Bond C Saheb to Colonel Cuppage 20000 Sa. Pags.
dated 1st July 1794.
Note to Lieutenant Marten 3700 Pags.
Receipt of Mr. Pearce to Shiverow for 29000 Sa. Pags.
/probably for Cash to pay the Troops
Receipt of Baron Reichell to Shiverow for Sa. P. 2000
Promissory Note of Herman Reil to deliver Mr.
Pearces Bond
Rajahs Bond to Lt. Wm. Macleod for 2017 Sa. P.
payable in 4 Months dated June 1794.-
Bond Cauen Saheb to Lieut.t Peter Dallas
1500 Pagodas.-
Bond of Sankerow and Swimba Row to major
Dalrymple for 50,000 Sa. P. dated 11 April 1795
12 per Cent with Note of same Date for 2000 Sa. Pags.
Bond of Sankerow and Cauen Saheb to major
Dalrymple for 4500 Sa. Pags.-

Tanjore
2d October 1796.

E E
Signed/ Alexr. Macleod
Asst.

Entered

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Minute thereon.

Fort St. George 11th October 1796

Ordered that a copy of Mr. Macleod's letter and Enclosures be sent to Bengal.—

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General.—

From the Military Auditor General relative to Lieut.t Colonel Oliver's Claim to reimbursement of the Amount expended on building Barracks for his Corps at Pulney.—

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

My Lord,

I beg leave to state to your Lordship, that on the 30th July last, Mr. Paymaster Hughes addressed a letter to Colonel Malcolm and inclosed a Bill of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver's amounting to Pagodas Five hundred /500/ being a charge for Barracks built at Pulney for his Corps, /the late 13th Battalion Native Infantry/ and kept in repair from the 20th August 1792 to the 11th September 1796, as stated in the Copy of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver's letter of the latter date to the Paymaster at Madura which I have the honor to enclose— Marked A.—B, is a Copy of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver's letter to Mr. Secretary Jackson dated the 8th June 1794, stating his claims for the consideration of Government & is a

Copy

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Copy of Mr. Secretary Jackson's reply dated the 27th June 1794, and D is a copy of my letter of the 20th. ultimo, to Mr. Paymaster Hughes, assigning my reasons for not passing the charge, which is now referred to your Lordship's decision, agreeably to the concluding Paragraph of Mr. Paymaster Hughes's letter to me of the 26th. ultimo which I have likewise the honor to enclose marked E.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 3. Octr. 1796.

Signed Wm. Sydenham
mily Auditor General

A

Robert Hughes Esqr.
Paymaster

Sir

I am favored with your letter of the 9th Instant, with the extract from the Military Auditor General's report

In support of the justice of my claim to be paid for Covering or rather quartering the Troops stationed at Pylney from the 20th August 1792, to the present date

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date a space of more than four years, I send you a copy of my letter N°1 to Mr. Secretary Dickson under date 8th. June 1794, with his answer N°2 under date 17th. June 1794 and beg leave to observe, that I received but fifty Pagodas for my own quarters, and that Seventeen months house rent, which I represented was not paid to me. —

I have much satisfaction in asserting, that the Barracks I built with the sole intention of preserving the health of my Troops without a possibility of advantage, are Composed of the best materials and will stand the strictest Survey — there are eight beams of a very superior quality of Wood, and twenty feet long. —

I trust that my claim for payment will appear reasonable and just to Government who I hope will direct it to be discharged

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) James Oliver

Dy. Coll. Comm.

Sydney
September 14th. 1796.

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B

W. b. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir.

Upon my assuming the
Command of the Station of Sydney, which the
Honorable the President in Council was
pleased to confer upon me in August 1792
I represented to Major Dalrymple that
there was no publick Building or Tents to
Shelter myself, my Officers, Serjeant Major
and Drill Serjeant and two Companies of
Sepoys, which my Detachment consisted
of from the heavy Rains, which fell
daily at the time, and that in consequence
I was under the necessity of erecting Buildings
for my own accommodation, that of my two
Staff Serjeants, and two Companies and
my European officers did the same for the
preservation of their healths. —

In November 1792, I forwarded
to Major Dalrymple a bill for the
expence I had incurred, and represented
to him, that which my officers had
been

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been unavoidably subject to, and requested of him to lay it before Government, receiving no Answer to my application, I beg you will lay before the Honorable the President in Council the accompanying Certificate from Mr. Macleod the Collector of the Dindigul province, and a letter from my Officers, and that you will be pleased to Represent, that they have not received any Allowance for the Quarters they have been obliged to build, neither have I received Allowance of any nature for my own House, quarters for two European Non Commissioned officers, and three Company's of Sepoys, which I was necessited to build neither have I received House Rent for September, October, November and December 1792, January, April, May, June July October, November and December 1793, January February, March, April, and May 1794, being Seventeen Months. —

I submit my claim and that of my Officers to the Consideration of Government, who I hope will be pleased

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pleased to make me the same allowances as
have been granted in Similar Situations.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ James Oliver

Capt. Commg

Atrue Copy

/Signed/ James Oliver

Lt. Col.

C

To Captain James Oliver

commanding at Dindigul

Dindigul

June 8th 1794

Sir

I am directed by the Honorable
the President in Council to acknowledge
the Receipt of your letter of the 8th Instant
and to acquaint you, that the Military Auditor
General has been directed to issue the
necessary Instructions for placing you &
and the officers who were stationed under
your Command at Oythey, exactly upon
the same footing, in point of allowances
for building temporary accommodations

at

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as the officers at Ryatar and Tackenore.—

Fort St. George.
27th June 1796.

Sam Ux Ux
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Maj

a true Copy
(Signed) James Oliver
Lt. Col.

a true Copy
(Signed) Robert Hughes
Pay.

D

Mr. Robert Hughes
Paymaster at
Madura

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 30th July last, addressed to Colonel Malcolm and covering a Bill of Major Oliver's Commanding at Oyney, amounting to Pagodas 1500 / five hundred, for Building Barracks for a Detachment of the 13th Battalion Native Infantry, I have to observe, that Major Oliver quotes the order of June 1794, in support of this charge, stating that Mr. Vaughan late Paymaster at Madura, received an order to put the Cantonment of Oyney

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Sydney, in respect to an allowance for building Quarters on the same footing as those of Tachinore and Keytar, and that Mr. Secretary Jackson had made him acquainted with the Resolution of Government to that effect. —

On referring to the Records of my office on this subject, that Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 17th. June 1794 addressed to Colonel Malcolm / Copy of which was transmitted to Mr. Vaughan with Extracts which regarded the officer stationed at Keytar and Tachinore / directed as follows, that instructions should be sent to Mr. Vaughan for placing the officers who were stationed at Sydney Exactly on the same footing in respect to allowances for building temporary accommodation for themselves, as the officers at Keytar and Tachinore. —

But as no part of the order hereinquoted, nor any subsequently issued seems to warrant my passing Major O'Hiers Bill, which appears to be a distinct charge from that of the officers, I have returned it enclosed, but shall if he desires

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it, refer the subject to the decision of Government

I am &c &c

/Signed/ Wm Sydenham
Mily Aud Genl

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

a true Copy
/Signed/ J. Brunton
Depy m.a.G

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To Major General William Sydenham
Military Auditor General
Fort St. George

Sir

I was yesterday honored with your letter of the 20th Instant & and on the 19th transmitted your Copy & of another letter received from Lieutenant Colonel Oliver, with Copies of the several inclosures, to which it referred, & from the concluding paragraph of that letter to the following effect

"I trust that my claim for payment

will

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will appear reasonable and just to Government who I hope will direct it to be discharged.

It appears that Lieutenant Colonel Oliver is desirous that the subject should be referred by you to Government.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Madura
26th September 1796.

/Signed/ Robt. Hughes
Purr.

The foregoing Letter ordered to lie on the Table.—

Ordered to lie on the Table.—

Read the following Report of the Medical Board

From the Medical Board Medicines shipped for Ceylon on the Bark Mercury recommend that particular attention be paid to the Diet of the Troops at Trincomale—and that Mr. Kennedy attend the Sick of the Artillery in garrison at Jaffna.

Medical Board
10th October 1796

We have the honor to acquaint Government that ample supplies of Medicines have been forwarded to the Island of Ceylon by the Bark Mercury which sailed on the first Instant, & whereby we hope that all inconveniences

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ordered that an extract of this Report be sent to Lieutenant Colonel Fraser Commanding at Trincomale with directions to state his opinion on the best mode of supplying Sheep for the use of the Troops serving on the Island of Ceylon.—

on that head, will be obviated, but as it has come to the knowledge of the Medical Board that a Dropsical Complaint has prevailed amongst the Troops at Trincomally which admits of less Relief from the exhibition of Medicines than attention to diet and other circumstances, we recommend that the most particular attention be paid to the daily Messes of the Men, and as Mutton has been found by experience the best kind of Animal food for Europeans in Tropical Countries that effectual measures be taken for supplying the Island with Sheep for that purpose.

We recommend that Mr. Alexander Kennedy Surgeon at Tanjore be directed to attend the Sick of the Artillery in that Garrison

[Signed] Sam.l Anderson
Physician Gen.l
Colley C. Lucas
Chief Surgeon

approved

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal.-

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary at

Fort St. George

Sir

From Bengal - the first falling due to the Nizam on account of Peishcash to be paid by the Madras Government who are authorized to draw Bills on Bengal for the amount.-

The Accountant General having stated to the Board that no proposals have been delivered in for the remittance of money to Masulipatam for the payment of the Peiscush to the Nizam, reporting at the same time the ill success of the endeavours he had subsequently adopted to procure such on that account, by personal application to the principal Shroffs here, the Governor General in Council is induced by these circumstances and by a consideration of the near approach of the period stipulated for the payment of the next Instalment to his Highness to suggest to his Lordship in Council the expediency of measures being taken at Madras for the punctual discharge of that Kist, and with a view to his Lordships

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Lordships reimbursement for the sums he may find it necessary to take up for that purpose, to draw immediately upon this Government for the amount of its

Sam.l Ed.a Ed.a

Fort William
the 19 September 1796.

/Signed/ J. Bornshill
Sub.y

To lie on the Table.

Ordered to lie on the Table. –

Read the following Letter from the Accountant General. –

William Collins Jackson Esq.r
Military Secretary

Sir

From the Accountant General with Statement of the Interest Debts of the Fort St. George Presidency. –

Agreeable to your Letter of the 1st. Instant, I have the honor to send you a Statement of the Interest debts of this Presidency as they stood on the 1st. October 1796 which you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable the President in Council. –

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.a &c.a
/Signed/ Robt. Wood
Accot. Genl.

Fort St. George
Accountant Generals
Office 7th October 1796

Statement

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Statement of all the Interest Debts of the Madras Government on the 1st October 1796.—

	Pags. & C	
Bonds for Grain taken on Paybill dated 1st January 1795 bearing Interest at 6 per Cent per Annum and payable in one year	178215	2637
Bonds bearing Interest at 8 per Cent per Annum payable in one year or in the option of Government in two years issued in the years 1795 and 1796	96918	1148
Promissory Notes bearing Interest at 6 per Cent per Annum, payable according to priority of date, but in case such payment be not made within one year, the Interest to be paid annually until the Principal be discharged / most part of the Notes granted in 1793 and 1794	133473	1026
Bonds granted to the Registered Creditors of the Payik of Tanjore bearing Interest at 6 per Cent per Annum if paid in India or at 4 per Cent per Annum if paid in England, payable in half yearly Instalments of not less than one fifth, the first payment to be made at the end of two years granted in 1795/96.	60369	2637
old 8 per Cent Bonds payable in the year 1793 but not applied for on which Interest ceased at the different periods	23194	2946
A Promissary Note granted on account of the Estate of Captain Joshua Smith bearing Interest at 6 per Cent per Annum payable on demand	669	2646
12 per Cent Bond granted to the private Creditors of the Nabob Outstanding on which Interest ceased in 1792.	678	2860
Deposite on Jewels in China bearing no Interest at 6 per Cent per Annum, the Principal not payable	20,000.—	
Carried forward	20,000	1,566,738

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Brought forward — 1846.60 7 38

Brought forward — 20,000.—

Deposite of the Reverend
Father Severino and Mr.
Antonia Carvalho de
Madeiros bearing Interest
at 6 per Cent per Annum — 1894. 26. 42

Perpetual Loan from Conjomby
bearing Interest at 6 per
Cent per Annum — — — — — 2000. —. —

29894 26 42

Pagodas 1876494 34 ″

Fort St. George 1st October 96.

Errors Excepted

(Signed) Cecil Smith
Depy Accountt

(Signed) Robert Woolf
Accountant General

N.B.

By a late Arrangement with the Nabob's
Creditors in the Consolidated debts of 1777
the Company are to issue Notes in 4
four years to the Amount of Pagodas
26,67,381. 35. 54 bearing Interest at
6 per Cent per Annum from 31st
August 1796, the first issue of which
will be Pagodas 6,61,845. 17. 74. to which
add two per Cent discount the 4
whole Amount to be now issued
will be Pagodas 6,75,082. 14. 54 dated
31st August 1796 bearing Interest
of 6 per Cent per Annum and 4
transferable to Bengal or England

Ordered

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Order thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the Statement be sent to Bengal.—

Read the following Letter from the Acting Resident at Poona.—

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor of
Fort St. George

My Lord

From the acting Resident at Poonah requests that the Letters from this Government to the Peishwa may be forwarded thro' the Channel of the Resident. Being now communicated this March.

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter to Sir Charles Malet of the 9th Instant, since my last address to your Lordship of the 20th

On occasion of the Receipt of a Letters from the Governor General, in answer to those from Chinna appa and Purseram Bhow announcing the accession of the former to the Peishwaship; I enquired of the Durbar, whether, or not similar letters had been written by Chinna appa and Purseram Bhow to your Lordship; and was acquainted, in reply, that such letters had been written both to your Lordship, and to the Nawaub of the

Carnatic

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Carnatic, and dispatched by Corsair about six Weeks ago, of which it had escaped the Durbar to advise me at the time. –

Permit me to submit to your Lordship, in promotion of the Respectability of this Residency, that the usual Custom be, on the present occasion, adhered to, of transmitting the Answers, from your Lordship and the Nawaub of the Carnatic through this Residency. –

On the 21st Brajy Row commenced his march, attended by from 3 to 5,000 of the Troops of Doulat Row Scindia and Purseram Bhow and on the 22. was about 9 Cose to the N. Ed of Poona, Agreeable Camp Force now is computed at from 15 to 12,000 men. –

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) J Shaftesbury

Poona

24th September 1796.

A Joint

Read the following letter

from the Military Auditor General. –

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council of

Fort Saint George

My Lord

I have the honor to forward to your Lordship at the Request of the Military Paymaster of Fort Saint George the enclosed Letter to Government in consequence of the Communication which he received from my Office of your Lordship's decision on his reference under date 21st Ultimo

From the Military Auditor General enclosing a Letter to Government from Mr. Paymaster Cochrane.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Wm Sydenham

Mily Audr Genl

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

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord

From Mr. Cochrane requesting to be relieved from the Refund ordered on final audit of his Accounts.—

I have been honored with the Receipt of a Letter from the Auditor General dated the 4th Instant, enclosing extract

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extract of Mr Secretary Jackson's letter to him of the 28th ultimo.

It is with infinite concern that I perceive your Lordship in Council should judge me culpable in continuing the usual charge of Lumpers, Tolies &c after having received the intimation from the late Auditor General of the 11th August 1794 – I certainly must not have explained myself so clearly as I might have done, otherwise so severe a censure could not have been passed upon my Conduct, and I trust when it is taken into reconsideration it will not appear so culpable as to induce your Lordship to confirm the order for my refunding the amount disbursed

As your Lordships in Council has decided that no separate charge ought to have been made for officers Quarters it would be disrespectful in me to urge any further arguments in support of it – all therefore that I can with propriety say is, that without any other motive

than

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than that of forwarding the public service
I have / without knowing that I did so / P
misconceived the order of Government respecting
the Barrack Department

I am not however without hope
that under the circumstance of the late P
Military Auditor General having passed
this very charge up to a particular period
/ since if it were admitted at all, it could
not of itself I presume be positively
Wrong / and under the consideration also
of the firm belief with which my mind
was impressed that the auditor had, or
would make it a subject of reference to
higher Authority, your Lordship in P
Council will be pleased to relieve me
from the Refund.-

I can solemnly assure you
there was no wilful misconstruction of
your orders, no desire in me to oppose
myself to an established Regulation
and far indeed from my intention or
disposition to risk a censure for P
inattention to my public duty — my

Conduct

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Conduct in the Pay Department has marked itself with much Caution - and I can venture to say without hazarding a disproval of my assertion that there are few instances to be brought against me, where objections on my part have not been made to every Bill unsupported by its Voucher or unauthorized by the Regulations of the service. -

For those Reasons therefore I trust with Confidence that your Lordship will afford me the relief I have thus presumed to Solicit. -

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/Signed/ Basil Cochrane

Mr. Pay. Fort St. George

Fort St. George
10th October 1796.

As the Board continue of opinion that it was Mr. Cochrane's duty to have stopped the charges /Vide diary/ to Consult. the 4th October 1796 /when he was apprized by the Military Auditor General

Minute thereon. -

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General that they could not be admitted in his accounts after a certain period, it is wholly impossible to afford him the relief he which he has solicited. —

There might have been a reason for dispensing with the refusal, if Mr. Cochrane could have pleaded ignorance of the impropriety of the charges — but he was early warned of the consequence that would result from a continuance of them — He persisted notwithstanding and the consequence is now before him — Resolved accordingly that the whole sum be immediately refunded. —

Read the following letters

From the Collector at Masulipatam

To the Right Honble Lord Mobart

Governor &c &c &c in Council

Fort St. George

From the Collector at Masulipatam the Resident at Hydrabad wishes him to return note of the amount of the Peishcush ordered to be paid a considerable sum to answer the Demands for Colonel Roberts Detachment States the objections made by the Nizams Ministers to the Coins offered them.

My Lord,

I beg leave to enclose for your Lordships consideration copy of a private letter I have this day received from the Resident at Hydrabad, and at the same time

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time to request the favor of such instructions as may be necessary, on the subject to which the letter refers.—

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that two Shroffs from the Court of Hyderabad arrived at this place four days ago and take this occasion to report, by the enclosed paper, upon the difficulty I have experienced in paying into the hands of the Nizam's agents the arrear of Peshcush due to his Highness—your Lordship will observe that nearly one half of the Coin in Pagodas has been rejected in the Shroffage of one day, and the Rupees of the Coinage of Surat, Vijayapatam, and old Rupees have been entirely rejected

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) John Wrangham

Coll.

Masulipatam
1st October 1796.

Maj

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Fort St. George 11th October 1796

My Dear Strangham

I hope this will reach you before you have parted with all the cash on account Paishcush to Gholamie Saib as I expected an assignment upon it for the arrears due to the Detachment, being three months Subsidy or about 1,60,000 Rupees which by the time they get into the Company's Country will be near 1,90,000, I would not however have you mention the first mentioned Sum, for the reason hereafter given, but to manage to do it in some other fashion: lest it should prove tedious or difficult to get the money out of Gholamee hands again after he had received and dispatched it

Hydrabad
27th. September 1796

I am &c &c
(Signed) Wm Kirkpatrick

a true copy
(Signed) C. Wynch
Mj. a/s. Coll.

Ans

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Fort St. George 11th October 1796

An Account of Cash paid to Goolamy Sack, on account of His Highness the Nizam's Peshcush and the Amount Rejected by him from each bag. —

		Containing	Paid	Rejected
Bag No 1	Mogdas	1000 " "	500 " "	500 " "
do do 2	do	1000 " "	472 " "	528 " "
do do 3	do	1000 " "	528 " "	472 " "
do do 4	do	1000 " "	580 " "	420 " "
do do 5	do	1000 " "	554 " "	446 " "
do do 6	do	1000 " "	547 " "	453 " "
do do 7	do	1000 " "	460 " "	540 " "
do do 8	do	1000 " "	630 " "	370 " "
do do 9	do	1000 " "	566 " "	434 " "
do do 10	do	1000 " "	507 " "	493 " "
do do 11	do	1000 " "	610 " "	390 " "
do do 12	do	1000 " "	560 " "	440 " "
do do 13	do	1000 " "	550 " "	450 " "
do do 14	do	1000 " "	570 " "	430 " "
do do 15	do	1000 " "	562 " "	438 " "
do do 16	do	1000 " "	568 " "	432 " "
do do 17	do	1000 " "	676 " "	324 " "
do do 18	do	1000 " "	580 " "	420 " "
do do 19	do	1000 " "	600 " "	400 " "
do do 20	do	1000 " "	520 " "	480 " "
do do 21	do	1000 " "	660 " "	340 " "
do do 22	do	1000 " "	542 " "	458 " "
do do 23	do	1000 " "	680 " "	320 " "
do do 24	do	1000 " "	660 " "	340 " "
do do 25	do	1000 " "	484 " "	516 " "
do do 26	do	1000 " "	718 " "	282 " "
		26000 " "	14384 " "	11616 " "

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Paid in Rupees 96,000.–

Totally rejected .....

Surat Rupees ..... 28516½.

old ... d. 47,458

Masulipatam 1st October 1796

E.E.

/Signed/ John Wrangham
Coll.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord

From Mr. Collector Wrangham receives a public application from Major Kirkpatrick to retain one Lack of Rupees on account of Pay due to the Detachment further difficulties made by the Sheroffs.–

I lead the honor to address your Lordship on the 1st Instant and to enclose copy of a private letter of Communication & from Major Kirkpatrick to me – I beg leave now to forward a public address from that Gentleman, and to request the favor of your Lordship's instructions on the subject of it – I take this occasion to enclose an account which shews the amount of Cash paid to and rejected by on the third days Sheroffing his Highness the Nizam's agent. –

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ John Wrangham

Polaliporam
3d October 1796.

Hon

4505.

Fort St. George 11th October 96

John Wrangham Esqr.

Collector at

Masulipatam

Sir,

The Ellore Detachment having received its dismission from the Nizam, and there being three Months arrears of Subsidy due to the Company on account of it, of which his Highness declares himself unable to discharge any part, except by assignment on the Peishcush, I am to desire that you will be pleased, should this reach you in time, for the purpose, to withhold from the amount in course of payment to Ghoolamy Sahib, the sum of one lack of Rupees, for the Ballence of Subsidy which will be due at the period of the Detachments entering the Company's Territories, I purpose contenting myself with an order on the second Kist of F. 1205 which becomes payable at Masulipatam on the 31st of October next. - I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) W.m Kirkpatrick

Hydrabad
29th September 1796.

(a true Copy)
Signed J. Wrangham Collr.

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Fort St. George 11th October 1796

An Account of Cash paid to Goolamy Saib, on Account of Star Pagodas by the Nizam's Peshcush, and the Amount rejected by him from each Bag.—

		Containing	Paid		Rejected		
Bag No. 27	Star Pagodas	1000	815	"	"	185	"
Do. do. 28	do.	1000	800	"	"	200	"
do. do. 29	do.	1000	646	"	"	354	"
do. do. 30	do.	1000	770	"	"	230	"
do. do. 31	do.	1000	750	"	"	250	"
do. do. 32	do.	1000	835	"	"	161	"
do. do. 33	do.	1000	675	"	"	325	"
do. do. 34	do.	1000	590	"	"	410	"
do. do. 35	do.	1000	690	"	"	310	"
do. do. 36	do.	1000	524	"	"	476	"
do. do. 37	do.	1000	700	"	"	300	"
do. do. 38	do.	1000	584	"	"	416	"
do. do. 39	do.	1000	795	"	"	205	"
do. do. 40	do.	1000	750	"	"	250	"
do. do. 41	do.	1000	575	"	"	425	"
do. do. 42	do.	1000	625	"	"	375	"
do. do. 43	do.	1000	650	"	"	350	"
do. do. 44	do.	1000	500	"	"	500	"
do. do. 45	do.	1000	475	"	"	525	"
do. do. 46	do.	1000	570	"	"	430	"
do. do. 47	do.	1000	281	"	"	719	"
do. do. 48	do.	1000	660	"	"	340	"
do. do. 49	do.	1000	580	"	"	420	"
do. do. 50	do.	1000	620	"	"	380	"
do. do. 51	do.	1000	690	"	"	310	"
do. do. 52	do.	1000	800	"	"	200	"
do. do. 53	do.	1000	780	"	"	220	"
do. do. 54	do.	1000	795	"	"	205	"
do. do. 55	do.	1000	790	"	"	210	"
do. do. 56	do.	1000	875	"	"	125	"
do. do. 57	do.	1000	760	"	"	240	"
do. do. 58	do.	1000	710	"	"	290	"
do. do. 59	do.	1000	685	"	"	315	"
do. do. 60	do.	1000	750	"	"	250	"
do. do. 61	do.	1000	570	"	"	430	"
do. do. 62	do.	1000	700	"	"	300	"
do. do. 63	do.	1000	720	"	"	280	"
do. do. 64	do.	1000	760	"	"	240	"
do. do. 65	do.	1000	745	"	"	255	"
do. do. 66	do.	1000	710	"	"	290	"
		40000	27,300	"	"	12,700	"

Paid in Rupees 27,330.—

(signed) John Warrington Esqr.

Paid

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Read the following letter from

Major Kirkpatrick –

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

I have the honor to inform
your Lordship that the Detachment under
the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Roberts
made a Short March this Morning on its
return to the Company's territories – I have
instructed the Colonel to wait the further
orders of Government at Mungeul. –

Not having been able (owing
as would appear, to the present low state of
his Highness's treasury) to obtain payment
from the Durbar of any part of the annual
of Subsidy, amounting to three
months, I have requested of Col. Wrangham
to keep back a lack of Rupees of the
sum payable to Ghulam Sahib on
account of Pulicherry, this with fifteen
thousand that I hope to procure to day

for

From Major Kirkpatrick
the Detachment
commences its march
towards the Company's
territories – Steps
taken to procure
a supply of Cash for
the immediate wants
of the Troops. –

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For Bills on Bengal, and from Nine to ten Thousand Remaining in Mr. Wrenghams hands beyond the Amount say Lacs draft to For seven and a half Lacks, will be only about Sixty Thousand Rupees short of P the sum that will be due to the Company account Subsidy, by the time the P Detachment reaches the Borders P and for this balance, I expect an P assignment on the 2d Kist Poishcush of 1205 A. Fusli which falls to be P discharged on the 31st of October next. -

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Hydrabad
29th September 1796.

Signed/ Wm Kirkpatrick

Resolved that Mr. Wrenghem be directed to retain agreeable to P major Kirkpatrick's request, one P Lack of Rupees from the amount P of Peishcush due to the Nejeem, and

Minute thereon.

now

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now in course of payment

Resolved also that he be
instructed to report to the Resident at P
Hydrabad the difficulties that occur P
in consequence of the rejection by P
the Nizam's Agents of so large a proportion
of the money tendered to them and the
impracticability of an adjustment P
whilst the Agents object to receive P
payment in the only Coins which the
Company have been enabled to provide P
for the discharge of the Peishcush.—

The Commander in P
Chief laid before the Board, a letter and
Report which he has received from
Captain Mackenzie of the Engineers P
respecting the Fortifications of Innacondah
which place, in the present situation of P
affairs he cannot but consider of great P
importance to the Security of our valuable
possessions in the northern Circars. He General
therefore submits it as his opinion that the
necessary improvements and repairs P
suggested by Captain Mackenzie should be

adopted

The Commander in Chief proposes that orders be given for the Execution of some Repairs to the Works at Innacondah.—

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adopted — and recommends that the papers be sent to the Military Board, with directions to give orders for the immediate Execution of the measures proposed by the Engineer

approved — and ordered accordingly. —

approved. —

" Hotson

" Thos Clarke.

" Eon Saunders

" W Fallofield

Thos Wilson

" Cox "