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Diary

The Board having taken into Consideration the six following Letters from the Military Board.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord,

We have the honor to enclose herewith four bills received by us from the late Contractors for Buildings and Repairs amounting to Pag.s 1,113. 26. 67. which are conformable to the Estimates sent them and certified by the Chief Engineer. We therefore beg leave to recommend that they may be passed for payment.

From the Military Board recommending Payment of sundry Bills for Works performed by the late Contractors for Buildings and Repairs

We have also the honor to submit two other bills amounting to Pagodas 1,067. 28. 28. They are stated by the Chief Engineer to be correct and that the work was undertaken by the immediate authority of your Lordship in Council which We recommend also may be passed, should it meet with your

approbation

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12 approbation

Fort St George
26th August 1796

We have the Honor to be
&c &c

Signed Alured Clarke

W. Sydenham
Jn. Richardson
By Close
W. Gent
George Hall

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord,

From the Military Board recommending Payment of all Bills for work executed by the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs.

We have the honor to forward to your Lordship in Council Eleven Bills from the late Contractors for Buildings and Repairs amounting to Pagodas 2470: 4: 78 which having been regularly certified by the Chief Engineer and found to correspond with the Contract rates We beg

leave

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" 12 leave to recommend may be passed for Payment.—

Fort St George
9" September 1796

We have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) Alured Clarke
" W. Sydenham
Jn. Richardson
By Close
W. Gens
George Hall

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

We have the honor herewith to forward

From the Military Board recommending Payment of the Contractor's Bill for work executed in the Baramahal.

to Your Lordship in Council Six bills laid before us by the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs " amounting to Pagodas 3,183: 9: 17 for work done by them in the Baramahal Country which being certified by the superintending Engineers on the Spot, and reported by the Chief Engineer to have been bona fide executed we beg to recommend

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12 recommend may be passed for payment.

Fort St George
30th September 1796

We have the honor to be
Sir Sir
(Signed) Alured Clarke
Thomas Geils
W. Sydenham
Jn. Richardson
By Close
W. Gent
George Hall

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord,

From the Military Board recommending the Payment of two Bills for work executed by the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs.

The Contractors for Buildings and Repairs having transmitted to us two bills amounting to Pagodas 1,606. 34. 41/2 which being duly certified by the Chief Engineer and found to correspond with the Contract rates, we beg leave to recommend to Your Honorable Board for payment.

Fort St George
30th September 1796.

We have the honorables
Sir Sir
(Signed) Alured Clarke
Thomas Geils
W. Sydenham
Jn. Richardson
By Close
W. Gent
George Hall

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From the Military Board recommending Payment of three more Bills for works executed by the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs

We have the honor to transmit herewith to your Lordship in Council three bills laid before us by the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs amounting to Pagodas 2,353..11..26 which being regularly certified by the Chief Engineer, and found to correspond with the Contract rates — we beg leave to recommend may be passed for payment.

We have the Honor to be
&c &c

Fort St George
7th October 1796

(Signed) Alured Clarke
Thomas Geils
W. Sydenham
Jn. Richardson
By Close
W. Gent
George Hall

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord,

From the Military Board — recommending Payment of three Bills for work executed by the Gun Carriage — & Contractor —

We have the honor herewith to — enclose to your Lordship in Council three bills — amounting to Pags. 1,887. 5: 30 laid before us by the Agent to the Gun Carriage Contractors, for articles delivered into the Arsenal, which having undergone the necessary examination by a Committee appointed for the purpose, and reported to be in every respect fit for the Public Service, We beg leave to recommend may be passed for payment.

Fort St George
7th October 1796

We have the Honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) Alured Clarke
Thomas Teils
W. Sydenham
Jn. Richardson
By Close
W. Gens
George Hall

Resolved

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Resolutions on the Six foregoing Letters from the Military Board.

Resolved that the Amount of the Contractors Bills reported upon in the six preceding Letters, be paid by Bills on Bengal.

Received the following Letters

William Collins Jackson Esq.
Military Secretary

Sir,

From Colonel Roberts receives Instructions from Major Kirkpatrick not to prosecute his March towards the Company's Frontiers.

I have the honor to enclose you for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council Copies of Letters of Correspondence between the Resident at his Highness the Nizam's Court and myself.

Camp Rampilly 6th October 1796.

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

Lieutenant Colonel Roberts
Commanding the Ellore Detachment

Sir.

At the particular desire of his Highness the Nizam I am to request that you will be pleased to halt with the Detachment under your Command wherever this

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12" this may overtake you till you hear further from me.

Hyderabad
5th October 1796

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
(Signed) Will.m Kirkpatrick

Major Kirkpatrick
Resident at his Highness the Nizam's Court

Sir,

I was this Morning favored with your Letter of the 5th Instant and shall agreeable to your directions halt with the Detachment under my Command till I hear further from you.

Camp Rampilly
6th October 1796

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

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

From the Military Board recommending the Repairs of some ordnance at Vellore.

My Lord,

In conformity to your Lordship's instructions under date the 30th August. We gave directions for a Survey to be made on the Field Train at Vellore, by the Proceedings of which, it appears there were

wanting

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wanting for fourteen Ammunition Tumbrils, twenty eight new wheels; and a few other articles requisite to put the Tumbrils into a serviceable state. We have therefore the honor to submit to Your Lordship an Estimate of expense to be incurred thereby amounting to Pag.s 310:8:40 which appearing to us to be reasonable We beg leave to recommend to your Honorable Board that the repairs be authorized as early as possible.

Fort St George
10 October 1796

We have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) Alured Clarke
Thomas Geils
W. Sydenham
Jn. Richardson
By. Close
W. Gent
George Hall

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Price of the Materials and also the Extra Artificers — requisite to Repair the Ammunition Tumbrils Surveyed by a Committee of Stores in the Fort of Vellore — 1 — 17th September 1796. —

Charcoal	Buskels	364	"	728 "
Paddy Husk	Do	364	"	182 "
Fire Wood	Billets	50	"	5 "
Boattie	No	12,600	"	15740
				252240

Artificers

Carpenters	1,624 @ 1/4 Cas		"	6496 "
Smiths	532 @ 4 D		"	2128 "
Hammer Men	532 @ 3 D		"	1596 "
Bellows Boys	364 @ 1 D		"	364 "
Sawers	112 @ 4 D		"	448 "
Coaly Men	252 @ 2 D		"	504 "
Painters	105 @ 4 D		"	420 "
				28472 "

Total Pagodas 310 2 40

NB. The above Estimate is for 14 Ammunition Tumbrils wanting Heavy Repairs

(Signed) G. Saxon Major Actg Store

John Wynch Storekr

John Frees Inspector of Stores

A true Copy
(Signed) T. Wallace
Dety Secy Mil Bd

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of

My Lord

Fort St George

I have the honor to transmit herewith in the usual manner the Official Letters of an dit, concerning the accounts of Lieutenant Colonel Marcus Beresford, as Pay master to the King's Troops, from the 25th May to the 24th July, as well as the audit on Captain Boroughs Accounts as Paymaster to the King's Troops serving on the Island of Ceylon for the same period.

From the Military auditor General forwarding his audit on Sundry accounts of the Deputy King's Paymaster General.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Aud.r Gen.l

Military auditor Generals Office
Fort St George
11th October 1796

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council of

My Lord,

Fort St George
&c &c

I have taken the liberty to trouble your Lordship, with the following short Statement of

From Lieutenant John Butler - claims the Brevet Rank of - Captain; dating his Period of Service - from his Appointment wherein the Rank of Sergeant to the Adjutancy of a Light Infantry Corps in 1780.

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of my Claim to Brevet Rank of Captain, agreeably to the late orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors.

That I was appointed by Government Adjutant to the Light Infantry Corps, in the Month of November 1780, and that I have ever since been an Officer in the Honorable Company's Service upon the Establishment.

Trusting therefore, that I have been omitted in the late General Orders from inadvertance, upon calling these circumstances to your Lordships attention, I have no doubt but justice will be done me. In confidence of which.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c

(Signed) J Butler
Lieut & Fort Adjutant
of Tanjore

Tanjore
7th August 1796

G.O.

Head Quarters Choultry Plain 5 Dec 1796

Sergeant Major Butler of the 17th Battalion is appointed to act as adjutant to a Corps of Light Infantry, under the Command of Lieutenant Burn,

with

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12 with the same pay and allowance, as an Adjutant of a Sepoy Battalion.

Fort S.t George 15 October 1796

G.O. By Government

Mr. John Butler, Fort adjutant of Tanjore, having been selected at the Commencement of the late war to be adjutant to a Battalion of native Light Infantry then formed, and having since that Period done duty as an Ensign at the Seige of Negapatam — The Honorable the President in Council is pleased to appoint him an Ensign of Infantry from this date, until the pleasure of the Court of Directors is known —

" Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. N.os 56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64.

To Mr. Skardon — desiring that

To acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. —

Carriage for the paddy for there at Arnee may be sent to the different Villages as pointed out by — Mr. Collector Place — authorizing him to make up 3534 Bullock Bags at the Rate of 33 Pagodas P.r hundred Bags —

To

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To the Garrison Storekeeper

To Mr Brodie - desiring him to — receive from Mr Cochrane agent Victualler to His — Majestys Fleet 150 Hhds of Salt Provisions and ship the same on the Canton Indiaman for the Supply of the Garrison at Trincomalee

To Mr Dela Faye

To Mr Dela Faye - directing him to proceed forthwith to Pondicherry and not to return to Madras without special Permission

To the Military Board

To the Military Board - desiring to have their opinion whether it would not be sufficient to lay up a three Months Stock of such Articles of Provisions as are of a perishable nature, on the different Frontier Garrisons. - also to State the Quantity of Gunpowder that will be required from Bengal, before the Month of June.

To Ditto - Ditto

To Ditto - desiring them to give orders for the execution of sundry Repairs to the Fortifications of Innacondah.

To the Collector in the 4th Division of the Masulipatam District.

To Mr Wrangham - informing him that he is to receive prompt Payment for all the Horses sold by him on the Company's account. -

To Ditto Ditto

To Ditto - desiring him to return one Lack of Rupees for the use of Colonel Roberts's

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12 Roberts's Detachment agreeably to Major Kirkpatrick's requisition — the Difficulties made by the Nizam's Shroff to be stated to Major Kirkpatrick —

To Lieutenant Shaw — desiring him
To the Deputy Post Master at Masulipatam — to state upon Honor the additional Expence incurred on account of Wax Cloth &c. in making up the Letter Packets for Hydrabad —

To Colonel William Sydenham —
To Military auditor General — desiring his opinion upon sundry Points relative to Staff allowances &c. referred to Government by the Paymaster at Columbo — Lieutenant Bosc to draw — Captain's Batta while in charge of the Malay Corps —

" Received the Undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 65-66-67-68-69 —

From Mr Lionel Place —
From the Collector of the Company's Jaghire — stating that the Cause of Delay in the delivery of the Paddy at Patramalore originated with Mr Sharon —

From Captain Orrok — requesting
From Captain Orrok Permission to proceed to Europe on Furlough for — three Years —

From Captain Davison — "
From Commandant at Tuticorin — enclosing an Estimate of further Repairs required to his Quarter —

From Captain Ogg — enclosing
From Brigade Major in the Northern Division — Copies

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12 Copies of Correspondence between Messrs Alexander and Britain of Masulipatam and Monsieur Raymond respecting some Guns at Masulipatam which the latter Gentleman wishes to have conveyed to Hydrabad.

From the Military Paymaster General.

From Mr Roebuck enclosing an additional Estimate of Cash required for the current Month.

Substance of a letter to the Nabob.

Sent Letter to the Nabob entered in C C No 152 acknowledging Receipt of his Rist for the Month of September and the 1000 Pagodas paid on account of Arrears of Salary to the late General Joseph Smith.

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Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M B Nos 70-71-72-73-74-75.

To Commandant at Trincomalé.

To Lieutenant Colonel Fraser desiring him to report his Opinion as to the best Mode of procuring an adequate Supply of Sheeps for the European Troops serving on Ceylon.

To the Secretary at Bengal.

To Mr Secretary Barlow enclosing Intelligence from the Mysore Country.

To

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To Sir Charles Warre Malet and

To the Residents at Poonah and Hydrabad

Major Kirkpatrick) communicating Intelligence)

received from the Mysore Country

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Received Letter from the Nabob

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob —

entered in C.C. No. 153 advising of his having paid his

Kist due for this Month —

Received the undermentioned —

Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 73 - 74 - 75 -

From Military Paymaster General.

From the Military Paymaster General —

enclosing Mr. Paymaster Corbett's Explanation respecting

his additional Estimate of Cash for September —

From Ditto

From Ditto — submitting a

Demand made on his Office for Arrears of Batta due

to Major G. Hart

From Major General Floyd —

From Commandant at Trichinopoly.

advising of his having made some small Repairs to the

Gun Shed to prevent the roof from falling in.

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Despatched and received the —

undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 76 - 77 -

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To the Honorable Basil Cochrane —

To Military Paymaster at Fort St George.

acquainting him that the Board cannot dispense

with the refund demanded from him, and requiring

him in consequence to pay the Amount into the

Hands of the Military Paymaster General —

To

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To Military Auditor Genl

To Colonel Sydenham — enclosing Copy of the Letter abovementioned.

To Ditto. Ditto

To Ditto — advising him of the allowance to be drawn by the two Boys received from the Charitable Foundation at Tuchinopoly and bound Apprentices to the Commissary General of Stores.

To the Commander of the Ship Canton.

To Captain Vyvian — enclosing a List of Charter party Passengers ordered on board his Ships for England — and a Return of Stores to be conveyed on his Ships to Trincomalé.

To Ditto Boddam

To Captain Palmer — to the — purport above noted.

To the Commandant at Trincomale &c.

To Lieutenant Colonel Fraser — enclosing Returns of Gun Carriages and Stores — shipped on the Canton and Boddam Indiamen — for Trincomale.

To the Commandant of the Northern Division of the army.

To Colonel Bidcliffe — desiring him to order the Detachment of Artillery lately sent to Trincomalé to join Colonel Roberts — without Loss of Time.

From

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From Military auditor General

From Colonel Sydenham enclosing Indents of Furniture required for the use of his Office.

From Commandant at Wallajabad.

From Colonel Baird advising of his arrival at Walajabad with the Regiment under his Command.

Received the following Letters.

To William Collins Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Commandant in the Guntoor Circar — Stops some Stores — proceeding on to Hydrabad in consequence of their not being accompanied by a Passport from Major Kirkpatrick.

I beg leave to inform you for the Right Honorable the Governor's information that Monsieur Lempereur has received a Letter from the Officer Commanding in the Cumbum Country, that fifty Bullocks with drivers has been — dispatched for the Stores now at Nairpilly, belonging to the Nizam, and begs they may be dispatched thro the Adoor pass, into the Canoul Country I have given directions agreeable to your Letter of the 30th September that no Military Stores, whatever should be permitted to pass thro this district for —

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for the Nizams dominions without the person — sent, produces a Letter or passport from the — Resident at Hyderabad —

Guntoor
13th October 1796

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Thos Leighton —

N.B. Mousieur Lamperiere is agent and in charge of the Bullocks at Rampilly for the Corps

William Collins Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts — receives — 4 Instructions to march back to Sangwaram —

I have the honor to enclose you for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council Copies of Letters of Correspondence between the Resident at his Highness the — Nizam's Court and myself. Sangwarum the place to which I am directed to march is about 15 Miles East of Hyderabad. —

Camp Rampilly
9th October 1796.

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

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel George Roberts.

Commanding the Ellore Detachment

Sir,

Having received an application from his Highness the Nizam for the return of the Detachment under your Command, I am to desire that you will be pleased to march it back to the vicinity of Sangwaram, encamping till further orders in the most convenient situation you may find on the road from that place to Kyatnuggur, but not for the present approaching the latter nearer than may be necessary

Having written to the Collector of Masulipatam to dispatch to Murgaul with all possible expedition a Lack of Rupees for the use of the Detachment, you will be pleased to send the necessary Party to that place to take charge of this Supply from such Escort as may be sent with it by Mr Wraingham. I have notified the recall of the Detachment to Major General Bidcliffe, and requested of him to order all the Commissioned Officers and Party of Matrosses lately appointed to the Detachment to proceed hither with as little

delay

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delay as possible.

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

Major Kirkpatrick
Resident at his Highness the Nizam's
Court

Hydrabad
7th October 1796

Sir,

I was favored with your letter of the
7th Instant last Night and shall march to-
morrow morning with the Detachment under
my Command for Sangwaram where I expect to
arrive on the 11th.

I shall detach from hence one
European Officer and two Companies of Sepoys to
Mungaul for the purpose of escorting the Treasure
coming from Manulipatam.

Camp Rampilly
9th October 1796

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) George Roberts

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c &c &c in Council

Fort St George

My Lord,

From the Collector at Masulipatam with Copies of Correspondence with Major Kirkpatrick respecting a Lack of Rupees sent for the use of Colonel Roberts's Detachment. -

I have the honor to transmit for your Lordships information Copy of a letter I have received this day from the Resident at the Court of Hydrabad, together with Copy of a reply I have made to the Resident. -

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) John Wrangham
Coll.r

Masulipatam
11th October 1796.

John Wrangham Esq.r
Collector of Masulipatam

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge my receipt of your letter of the 5th Instant

I am sorry to learn that the conduct of the Surroups sent from hence has so soon and so abundantly verified my apprehensions

I

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of the trouble you were likely to receive from th

I have no doubt however, that with a little patie

and good humour, you will not be long in bri

them to hear reason — I have made the necessa

representation on the subject to the Durbar, and

aid of an amicable adjustment of the matter, h

agreed on behalf of the Company, to the rejected

being taken in part liquidation of the arrears

Subsidy due by the Nizam on account of the E

Detachment, a concession to which I suppose

can be no objection on your side.

I have the honor to inform

you, that his Highness the Nizam, has change

mind with respect to the dismission of the

Ellore Detachment which is in consequence

return to the neighbourhood of this City immed

I am therefore to request of you to dispatch for

use, under a proper Escort, and as expeditious

as possible, the whole of the retained Lack of

Rupees (instead of 30,000 as desired in my let

of the 11th Instant) taking it if you please, fro

the money rejected by Gholaum Saib for this is

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15 only fund from which I see any prospect of its
necessities being quickly supplied, and these are
20 pressing that they cannot be provided for too soon.
I have desired Colonel Roberts to detach a Party
from the place where my orders of recall shall
reach him, to Mungaul for the purpose of taking
charge from yours of the Cash to be sent to him —

Hyderabad
7th October 1796

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

A true Copy
(Signed) C. Wynox
Hd Asst Coll.

To
Major William Kirkpatrick
Resident at the Court of
Hyderabad

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 4th and 7th Instant
and in reply I beg leave to inform you that —
I have this day dispatched to Monagalah —
under an Escort of regular troops Cash equal
in

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of the trouble you were likely to receive from them. I have no doubt however, that with a little patience and good humour, you will not be long in bringing them to hear reason — I have made the necessary representation on the subject to the Durbar, and in aid of an amicable adjustment of the matter, have agreed on behalf of the Company, to the rejected coin being taken in part liquidation of the arrears of Subsidy due by the Nizam on account of the Ellore Detachment, a concession to which I suppose there can be no objection on your side.

I have the honor to inform you, that his Highness the Nizam, has changed his mind with respect to the dismission of the Ellore Detachment which is in consequence to return to the neighbourhood of this City immediately. I am therefore to request of you to dispatch for its use, under a proper Escort, and as expeditiously as possible, the whole of the retained Lack of Rupees (instead of 30,000 as desired in my letter of the 11.th Instant) taking it if you please, from the money rejected by Gholaum Saib for this is the only

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15 only fund from which I see any prospect of it's
necessities being quickly supplied, and these are
20 pressing that they cannot be provided for too soon.
I have desired Colonel Roberts to detach a Party
from the place where my orders of recall shall
reach him, to Mungaul for the purpose of taking
charge from yours of the Cash to be sent to him —

Hyderabad
7th October 1796

I have the honorable
&c &c

(Signed) W. Kirkpatrick

A true Copy
(Signed) C. Wynox
Hs Majs Collr

To Major William Kirkpatrick
Resident at the Court of

Sir, Hyderabad

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letters of the 4th and 7th Instant
and in reply I beg leave to inform you that —
I have this day dispatched to Monagalah —
under an Escort of regular troops Cash agreed
in

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in amount to one Lack of Rupees. The enclosed Memorandum shews the different Coinages of the money that has been sent.

Masulipatam Cutcherry 11 October 1796

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

(Signed) John Wrangham
Collector

A true Copy
Signed C. Wynox
Hd Asst Collr

Memorandum

Surat Rupees	28,516
Vizagapatam old Rupees	47,458
Rupees	75,974
Pagodas 6,500 equal to Rs. at (at the rate of 382 6/12 Fo Pag)	24,855-6-3
Rupees	100,829-6-3

Note — The Surplus Rupees 829-6-3 are sent to make good any deficiency that may arise from the difference of Exchange

&c &c &c

(Signed) John Wrangham
Collector

A true Copy
(Signed) C. Wynox Hd Asst Collr

William

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William Collins Jackson Esq^r

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — enclosing the Proceedings of a Committee — appointed to inspect damaged Provisions at Tuncomale and Ostenburgh — proposes that a Supply of Rice and Salt be thrown into Chinglepat —

I have the honor to enclose — a herewith for the information of Government Copies of Proceedings of two Committees ordered by — Lieutenant Colonel Fraser at Tuncomale which came to me enclosed in a Letter from Captain Ringston Copy of which accompanies this

The Committee of which the Military Auditor General was President, in the Report on my Return of Provisions in the — principal Forts recommend that an additional quantity of Rice and Salt be Stored at Chinglepat

Fifty Garce of Rice appears to me a sufficient Stock to answer every — purpose, and I beg to recommend That Bengal Rice be laid up in preference to any other — It having been found by experience that the Rice of this Country does not Keep good half the time the Rice of Bengal does Eight Garce of

Salt

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15 Said Sum of opinion is as much as can possibly be wanted at Chinglepet. I therefore recommend that the Store be increased to that quantity and beg to be favored with the Order of Government hereon as soon as convenient.

Madras
Commiss Genl
Office 11th October 1796

I am &c &c
(Signed) J H Skardon
Actg Comy Genl G&P

J. H. Skardon Esqr
Commissary General of Grains and Provisions.

Sir,

I have the honor herewith to transmit Duplicates of my accounts for the month of August 1796 and likewise the Proceedings of two Committees ordered by Lieutenant Colonel Fraser on the 4th and 22d Ultimo for the inspection of Articles in the Commissary of Provisions — et Department which I did not receive before the 28 Instant.

29th September 1796
Trankamale

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Strickland Kingston
Comy of Provisions

N.B. Two Casks of Salt Provisions more than are included were condemned.
Actes Coby
(Signed) J H Skardon
Actg Comy Genl G&P.

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Fort Ostenburgh Aug.t 4.th 1796

Proceedings of a Committee, for the Inspection of some rice in Store at Ostenburgh, held by Order of Lieutenant Colonel Fraser Commanding Trincomalle and Ostenburgh.

Captain John Mc Innis — 11.th His Majestys 72.d Regiment President Lieutenant Charles Scott His Majestys 72.d Regiment } Members Lieutenant Peacock 23.d B.n

Mr. Paul Seclum Assistant — Victualler attending —

The Committee examined the rice on Top of the Hill found it fit for immediate use, but that it will not keep.

Mr. Seclum reports that there are Six hundred and fifty (650) Bags of it in the Store — Below the Hill the Committee have — 4 Condemned Thirteen Bags of rice, and Four Bags of Doll being totally unfit to be issued, and have accordingly — Ordered it to be destroyed in their presence —

The

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The Cause of the above Grain being rendered totally unfit for use, is its having been lodged in a Damp Godown -

(Signed) John Mc Innis
Capt. 72 Regt & Paid
Chas Scott
Lieut. 72 Regt
W. Peacock
Lt. 23 Do
Members

The above Six hundred and fifty Bags of Rice to be the first Grain issued to the Troops and Followers in Garrison -

(Signed) H. Fraser
Dy Col Comy

a true Copy
(Signed) H. Fraser

a true Copy
(Signed) J H. Skardon
acty Comy Genl G & P

Proceedings

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Fort St George 4 October 1796

Proceedings of a Committee for the Inspection of some Salt Provisions and Paddy, reported unfit for use, held by Order of Lieutenant Colonel Fraser, Commanding Trincomale Aug^t 22 1796 -

Captain Emerson 72 Reg^t President

Lieutenant Sutherland 72^d Regiment
Lieutenant Lindsay ---- 1 N. Reg^t } Members

Mr Paul Seduna, Assistant Victualler attending -

The Committee proceeded to examine Twelve Casks of Salt Provisions; which were found totally useless, and as such, were thrown into the Sea, in their presence. They next proceeded to Godown N^o 46 where they were shown an heap of Paddy totally damaged, and said to be Five Garce in quantity, this they likewise had thrown into the Sea in

their

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15 their presence Mr Seckuna, Assistant Victualler acquaints the Committee that there totally — damaged Five Garces of Paddy in the Refuse of the Paddy formerly in the Godown No 46 — Reported unserviceable in the Proceedings of a Committee, that assembled March the 29th last. for the Inspection of damaged — Grain. —

(Signed) C. W. Emerson
Capt 37th Regt

a true Copy
(Signed) H. Fraser
Lt Colo 73d Regt

a true Copy
(Signed) J. H. Skardon
acting Comy Genl G.O.P.

16 Substance of a Letter from the Nabob. —

Received a Letter from the Nabob entered in C.C. No 154 enclosing Copy of a Compliant made by his Manager in the Arcot

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16th Abrct Province of the oppressions suffered by the Ryots from a Detachment under Command of Colonel Baird marching from Tanjore to Walajabad

17th Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M B Nos 85 86 87 88 A & 88 B.

From Colonel Sydenham — submitting an application from the Judge advocate General for the Half Batta of a Lieutenant Colonel in addition to his present Salary

From Military Auditor General.

From Mr. Roebuck — representing that Mr. Paymaster Hughes will require a larger Sum of Money for his Disbursements in the present Month than can be furnished by the Collector at Dindigul.

From Military Pay. General.

From the Brigade Major in the Northern Division a person arrives at Masulipatam, to take charge of the Nizam's Stores, with a regular Pass from Major Kirkpatrick.

From Brigade Major Ogg.

From Captain Webber — complaining of the very disrespectful Conduct he has experienced from Mr. Cooper the late Storekeeper on a point of public Duty.

From Commandant at Ganjam.

From

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From Commandant in the Guntoor Circars

From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton — puts a stop to the Storing of Innacondah — detains some stores belonging to the Nizam on account of their not being accompanied by the Resident's passport

" Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 89 90 91

To the Officers Commanding the Detachment on Board the Canton and Boddam —

To the Commanding Officers of Detachments of Troops embarked on the Canton and Boddam Indiamen — enclosing Instructions for their Guidance in regard to the Troops placed under their respective Commands —

To the Commanders of the Ships Canton and Boddam —

To Captains Vivian and Palmer — enclosing Copies of the Instructions given to the Commanding Officers of Detachments embarked on their respective Ships, and desiring them to receive on board, some Officers of the St Helena Establishment —

To the Military Auditor General —

To Colonel Sydenham — referring to his Examination an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month — also a Bill for Arrears of Batta due to Lieutenant Colonel Hart —

S. H.

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At a Consultation

Present

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esquire

and

Ernst Willcarn Tallofield Esquire

Tuesday
18 October 1796

The Right Honorable Lord
Hobart absent - indisposed.

Minutes of last Consultation
read and approved.

Read the following letter from
Bengal.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council
at

Fort St George

My Lord

From Bengal. inclosing Copy of the Nabob's Letter to the Governor General on the Subject of his Peruvannahs to the Polygars relative to the Assignment of the Peishcush for the Phuzely Year 1205.

We have had the honor to receive your Lordship's Letter of the 19th ultimo. and agreeably to your Request, transmit to you a Copy of the Original Letter from the Nabob of Arcot to the Governor General respecting the Polygar Peruvannahs received with your Deputy Secretary's Letter of the 14th June last together with the Translate of His Highness's Letter

made

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made by our Persian Translator. –

Fort William
the 26th September 1796

We have the honor to be
&c &c

Signed I Shore
Robt Abercromby
P Speke
Wm Cowper

From the Nabob of Arcot

Received 30 June 1796

On the Subject of the Peishaush of the Carnatic Poligars under my authority it is written in the 5th Article of the Treaty of 1792 as follows.

"Should it on future enquiry appear that the said Polligars ought by virtue of any existing lawful Engagements to pay a larger sum, it shall be demanded of them. any additional that shall thus be made to the sums mentioned in the said Schedule shall be deducted from the sum of nine lacks in like manner with the sum of —"

Pags. Fs. C
"2,64,704 - 20 . 26 and a similar deduction shall in consequence be made in the Kistbundy herein after mentioned".

In conformity with the above article and also with the terms of Marquis Cornwallis's

letter

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letter, under date 29th August 1792. in which, he
mentions that, he has written to the Madras —
Government to let the Perwannahs to the —"
Polligars, pass as they then stood. I have drawn
up Perwannahs of Assignment, addressed to the —
Polligars and enclose a Copy for your information —
Last year the Government of Madras returned my
Perwannahs on the plea that the words rent —"
(Tjaura) and in part (Minjoomla) should
not be inserted — I therefore beg leave to represent
to you, that both for the sake of my hereditary rights
and in conformity to the Treaty the insertion of
those words, is necessary; and you, Sir, always
have in view the support of my rights — I hope
therefore from your kindness that orders may be
issued to the Madras Governments, directing —"
them, to forward to the Polligars the Perwannahs
of Assignment under my Seal addressed to them,
with the words in part without demur — The
first time that the Madras Government objected
to the Perwannahs under my Father's Seal containing
the same words, Information was immediately —"
given to Marquis Cornwallis who did away, this
plea by the Sentence of his letter above quoted,

and

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and I now confidently trust in your goodness that the Madras Government will be left without an excuse for not forwarding the Perwannahs.

The Madras Government shew every enmity in every equitable transaction, great or small, the Origin of all this displeasure, is, that I refused to comply with their proposal— The Almighty in his goodness, has given you a — disposition to Justice and Equity — and to God and to you Sir, not at the hands of your Servants, of unjust oppressors, and inexperienced men, do I look for Justice.—

In the Nabob's own Hand writing

I hope you will have the Goodness to favor me with a speedy answer

Enclosure in the foregoing

Copy of a Perwannah Dated 15th Ramzaun 1210 Hegery or 25 March 1796

The Sunn of

drawn by

you in part of rent and Peishcush for the present — year 1205 Fusly, having been assigned this the medium of the English Company in part payment of the said Company's Kist, for the expences of the Sircars Troops, being the sunn of 9 lacks of Star Pagodas — It is — required, you pay the said sunn to the Governor

and

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and Council of Madrass without fail, taking a-
receipt for the same, for which, you will hereafter
receive credit in your accounts— a Similar—
Asignment will be annually renewed— You are
required, according to long established Custom,
to keep your Vakeels in attendance at the Sircar's
Cutcherry, and to employ trust-worthy persons, so
that, under the Controll of the Serkar's aumils, the
property and Subjects of the Serkar may be duly
protected— you are further required to preserve
peace and order, within your district, and when
necessary, according to custom, to detach your peons,
for the protection of the Taalooks of the Serkar, when
called upon for that purpose, and conformably to
established prescription, to be Zealous in the
Serkar's Service, and not to grant to any one, a
Span of Ground nor execute a Voucher, to any
one, for any thing whatsoever, for such Voucher
will not be conformed..

(A true Translation)
(Signed) N. B Edmonstone
Sec.y

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

The

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Letter in consequence written -

The following letter to the Nabob drafted by the Right Honorable the President being - now read and approved - Ordered that it be translated and despatched:

To His Highness the Nabob Omdut ul Omrah - Walajah &c &c &c &c &c

May it please your Highness

Having observed the following - Paragraph in the extract of your letter to the Governor General dated the 31st July last:

"By virtue of Moochelcas and Vouchers under their hands the Polygars owe me large sums of Money and it was in reference to this, Lord Cornwallis 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 Rights from them according to their Vouchers - By this account an additional sum of Two or three Lacs of Pagodas would be collected, and I will appropriate it to the payment of the Cavalry Loan! - I am hereby requested your Highness would be pleased to furnish me with the said Moochelcas and Vouchers, with a view to the full consideration

To the Nabob requesting he will lay before the Board Copies of the Moochelcahs &c which he has stated to have been granted to him by the Poligars acknowledging themselves indebted to His Highness for large arrears of Tribute.

of

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of your proposition

Your Highness must excuse my expressing the concern I feel at your inexorable perseverance in withholding even the smallest assistance to the existing pecuniary difficulties of this Government tho' the liquidation of an acknowledged Debt was the only manner in which you was called upon to contribute.

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

Fort St George
18 October 1796

Read the following letter from Bengal.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council
at
Fort St George

My Lord,

From Bengal requests that the Plans and Statements called for in their letter of the 31 March 1794 may be transmitted to them as early as possible.

Being solicitous to receive the Plans, Statements, and Estimate, with the general Map of the Carnatic, desired in our letter of the 31 March 1794; we request that you will be pleased to give directions for their being completed and transmitted to us, with all convenient Expedition.

We have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J Shore
Robt Abercromby
P Speke
Wm Cowper

Fort William
the 26th September 1796.

Received

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Minute thereon
Vide letter from
Military Board
14th June 1796.

Resolved that the Military Board
be again called upon to furnish the materials required
by the Supreme Government

Read the following letters from
Lieutenant Montgomery late Agent for the purchase of
Horses.

William Collins Jackson Esq.
Military Secretary

Sir,

From Lieutenant
Montgomery requests
the Bombay Government
may be instructed
to discharge a Bill
he has drawn upon
them on account of
his Employ to 41,000
Rupees.

A letter which I received by yesterday's
Tappall from Messrs. Revett Wilkinson & Co. informs me
that a bill I drew the 5th September in their favour
for Rupees 41,000 on the Honorable Governor in Council
of Bombay had not been honored.

I beg you will acquaint his
Lordship that this sum was advanced by shroffs on
the credit of Revett Wilkinson & Co to people employed
by me in the Guzzerat. was disbursed long ago on
the Public account. and is carried to the credit of
the Company.

I therefore hope as no other mode offers
of paying this debt. that his Lordship will write
the Government of Bombay that my bill may be
discharged.—

I have the honor to be
Sir &c
(Signed) H. C. Montgomery agent
for horses
Right

Madras
12th October 1796

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Right Honorable Lord Hobart

My Lord,

From Lieutenant Montgomery represents the Distress he experiences from the Non Payment of his Bills on the Bombay Government.

The enclosed Extracts of Mr Torin's letters, who is the active partner in the house of Messrs Revitt Wilkinson & Co in addition to my letter of yesterday to Mr Jackson will I trust induce your Lordship to authorise the payment of the debt in question, which has undoubtedly been delayed by my want of foresight in not bringing the subject before your Lordship at a proper season.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) H C. Montgomery

Gardens
13th October 1796

Extract of a letter from Mr Richard Torin
dated Bombay 24th September 1796

My Dear Sir,

"I yesterday received your letter of the
"5th ultimo with enclosures — the letter for the Governor
"I immediately sent to him accompanied by the bill
"the fate of which I anticipated unless Lord Hobart
"had privately advised our Government of it's being
"drawn first, was evident that otherwise it could
"not be accepted the answer I received was in —

the

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"The following words "W. Montgomery not being
"authorised to draw upon this Government, I cannot
"accept his bill."

(Signed) John Morris Secy

"In consequence of this I immediately
"sent a Notary Public who personaly presented it to
"him and noted it for non acceptance on the 8th of
"next month, the day it would have fallen due
"it will be publicly protested, unless in the interim
"you are perceptable of your mistake and send
"round other bills for the supply which this one
"will fail to afford."

A true Extract

(Signed) H. C. Montgomery

Extract of a letter from Mr Richard Torin, who
conducts the business of the house of Messrs Revell
Wilkinson & Co and is one of the Partners. dated
Bombay 4th August 1796.

To Lieutenant H. C. Montgomery

My Dear Sir,

"By advices from the Northward
"I have received an account of the money paid by
"Nagar Curson for your purchases, and which
"involves you in our debt about forty thousand
rupees

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"rupees. as I have experienced much inconvenience
"for ready cash of late as indeed every one else has,
"on account of the Marrattoe disturbances, and
"business being stagnated in Poona; I have applied
"to Government for the above mentioned amount, as
"per enclosed copy of my letter, but must await next
"Council day for an answer"

A true Extract
(Signed) H C. Montgomery

To the Honorable Jonathan Duncan
President & Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

By advices received last night from the Northward we find that our Agents at Combay and Surat have advanced to Lieutenant Montgomery's there forty thousand Rupees above the funds lodged in our hands by that Gentleman, and as at this season of the year it is exceedingly inconvenient our laying out of our money to so large an amount, and M^r M. being returned to Madras, six weeks more must expire ere bills can be sent round hence we have to request you will order us payment of cash to the above amount or as near it as you may find convenient for which if it be the pleasure of the Honorable Board we will grant bills on Lieutenant

Montgomery

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Bombay
2 August 1796.

Montgomery

We are with respect
Yr & Yr
(Signed) Revett Wilkinson &c.

True Copy
Rich Jorin

Extract of a Letter from Wm Richard Jorin on the Post of Revett Wilkinson &c.

Lieutenant Montgomery

My Dear Sir

I have not been able to succeed with the Government in procuring a sum of money on account of my advances for you I therefore request you will not delay a moment in having me reimbursed as I am really in great distress for the ready.

A true Extract
(Signed) H. C. Montgomery

Minute on the two foregoing Letters from Lieutenant Montgomery.

Resolved that a Bill on Bengal be granted in favor of Lieutenant Montgomery for the sum of forty one thousand Arcot Rupees (41,000) being the amount balance due by him to his Attornies at Bombay for advances made by them on account of the Agency — and that the same be carried to the Head of Charges Military.

Read

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Read the following letter from the Secretary at Bengal.

To William Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary at
Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th. Ultimo, and to inform you that the Governor General in Council, from a consideration of the suggested removal of some of the supernumerary Cavalry Serjeants to Bengal thinks it expedient to recommend to his Lordship in Council that four of the most deserving men amongst those supernumeraries be transferred to this Establishment.

From Bengal — with that four Serjeants — supernumerary on the Coast Establishment of Native Cavalry may be sent round to Bengal.

I am &c &c
(Signed) J Thornhill
Sub Secy

Fort William
the 23d September 1796.

Ordered that four of the most deserving of the Supernumerary Cavalry Serjeants be sent to Bengal by the first Sea Conveyances.

order thereon.

Read the following letter from the Register of the Nabob's Debts.

To

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To William Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary to the Military and Political
Department

Sir,

I send you a Statement marked A
shewing the amount Principal, and a Statement No 2
the arrears of Interest due to the Creditors on the New
Consolidated Debt of 1777. Transferred to the Company
on the 31st August 1796; also a Statement B shewing
the Interest due by the Company to the Creditors to
the same date made up Conformably to the Orders of
the Honorable Court of Directors of the 20th January
last, and agreeing in the aggregate amount with
the Statement No 1 laid before Government in my
Letter under date 2nd August last. Likewise
send you an Abstract C, shewing the Total
Amount due to Each Creditor on the Three Accounts
for which an obligation is to be granted to Each by
the Company amounting in all to the Sum of Star Pagodas
26,67,381-35-54. The Numbers in Red Ink
shew how the Bonds and Certificates stand on the
General Register ascertained by Lottery; and
agreeably thereto the Accountant General should
be directed to place the 6 Cents Notes to be —

From the Register of the Nabob's Debts — enclosing the Statements requisite for the accountants — Guidance in making out the Certificates to the Consolidated Creditors — conformably to the new arrangements.

Signed

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Issued in part payment on this Register Viz.t —
25 ℔ Cent of the above amount to which he will
add the Discount of 2 ℔ Cent

Fort St George
17th October 1796.

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

(Signed) Thos. Cockburn
Register

Resolved that the following Letter
be written to the Accountant General.

To Robert Woolf Esq.r
Accountant General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable
the President in Council to transmit to you the
accompanying copy of a letter from the Register of
the Nabobs Debts, with the three Statements and
abstract to which it refers; and to desire you
will immediately make out Certificates bearing
an interest of six ℔ Cent ℔ annum for 25 ℔ Cent of
the amount due by the Honorable Company to the
Creditors according to the abstract C— adding
thereto a Discount of 2 ℔ Cent. The Certificates are
to bear date the 31st of August 1796, and to be
declared

To the Accountant General with the Statements received from the Register of the Nabobs Debts and Instructions for drawing out the Certificates for the first 25 ℔ Cent — to pay all to the Creditors

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declared transferable to Bengal at the exchange of 400 Current Rupees for 100 Star Pagodas; and — " " receivable either at Madras or Bengal (at the exchange of the time being) for the Transfer of the Indian Debt to England.

You will number the Certificates according to the numbers marked in Red Ink in the Abstract C— and the Creditors are to be — " classed agreeably thereto, in the General Register that will be kept in your Office.

You will receive orders hereafter — " with respect to the remainder of the Sum (Viz 75 ₹ Cent) due by the Company to the Creditors.

As soon as the Certificates are ready for delivery, You will notify the same by Advertisement in the public Papers.

I am also directed to enclose for your information and guidance Copies of all the papers that have passed on the foregoing Subject—

Fort St George
18 October 1796

I am &c &c

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

Read

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Read the following letters from the Resident at Hyderabad.-

Right Honorable Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

My Lord,

From Major Kirkpatrick- the Durbar orders the Detachment to halt its recall expected.-

I have the honor to inform you that Azimul Omrah has, as I thought I then very likely to do, disapproved of the dismission of the Detachment the consequence of which is that I am requested by the Nizam, on a frivolous pretext to send orders to Colonel Roberts to halt: and though it must go much against the grain with Tritiany ul Dowlah to acquiesce in it's recall, yet I think he will hardly venture to resist it strenuously against the opinion of Azimul Omra whose letter to Meer Allum on the subject I have seen.

This Durbar has it in contemplation to send Four of Raymond's Corps under the command of Bussiste towards the Ganjecottah and Adoni Quarter, avowedly I may almost say, for the purpose of supporting Alif Khan the Kernoul Chief, though I trust it will think better of the matter.

Colonel Roberts will have got about 40 Miles by the time he receives my Letter desiring him to halt.-

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) Wm. Kirkpatrick

Hyderabad
5th October 1796

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor and President in Council

My Lord, Fort St George

From Major Kirkpatrick the Nizam resolves on the recall of the Detachment, orders issued in consequence.

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship in Council, that the Nizam having made application to me for the recall of the Ellore Detachment, I have thought it necessary to comply with his Highness's request, and accordingly have written to Lieutenant Colonel Roberts, desiring him to return and encamp for the present (agreeably to the wish of this Durbar) in the neighbourhood of Sangevanem which is about eighteen miles East from this City.

Hyderabad
8 October 1796

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

Read the following Letter from
Major General Stuart

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President and Council

From Major General Stuart inclosing Copies of his Correspondence with the Government of Bombay in consequence of his appointment to the Commander in Chief of the Troops and to a Seat in the Council of that Presidency.

My Lord, Fort St George

I have the honor to enclose Copies of a Despatch I this day received from the Government of Bombay, by the Swift Cruizer, and my answer, for your

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your Lordship's information — I have also transmitted Copies of those papers to the Commander in Chief in India — whose orders I consider necessary for my — guidance —

I have stated so fully to Mr Duncan, my reasons for not complying with his wish, in — " embarking for that Presidency, in the letter of which a Copy is enclosed, that nothing remains for me but to request your Lordship's orders —

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

(Signed) J Stuart

Head Quarters
Columbo
2 October 1796

Major General James Stuart
at Columbo

Sir,

We lose no time in transmitting to you the enclosed attested Copy of the 2d Paragraph of a letter received this morning from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated the 6th May 1796, — " announcing your appointment as Commander in Chief of the Company's Forces, and one of the — Members of Council, at this Presidency on which we beg leave to offer you our congratulations: — and we have directed the Swift Cruiser to proceed from

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from Cochin, whither she was despatched with
Military Stores, to Columbo, to accommodate you
with a passage to this Presidency; unless, in view
to the threatened invasion of the Province of
Malabar, you should think fit to stop at Calicut
and take upon you the command of His Majesty's
and the Company's Troops therein Stationed, until
the present alarm shall have subsided, or the
effects of it have been ascertained and that you
may have every information to assist your Judgement
and Determination on a point of so much
importance, we have directed the Commissioners
(in whom is at present vested the Civil Admini-
stration of the Province of Malabar) to give you
access to their Records which contain our orders,
to them, and the Commanding Officer of the Troops,
also the whole information we are possessed of.
from all which it will appear that we have
reason to apprehend a combined attack on
that most important part of the Possessions
under this Presidency by the French and Tippoo
Sultaun.

We have written to the Commissioners
at Calicut, and also to Major General Bowles

to

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to advise them of your appointment, which is also ordered to be notified in General Orders to the Army; and we are persuaded, that should you think fit to land on the Coast, you will find all the Civil and Military Officers in authority there, ready to afford you every further information and assistance in their power; to which we have only for the present to add, that it will prove a great satisfaction to us to be informed as speedily as possible of your Intentions.—

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

(Signed) Jon.n Duncan
W. Whitehill
Jn.o Spencer

Bombay Castle
6th September 1796

A true Copy
(Signed) R. Turing
Act.g Secretary

Extract from the Honorable Company's Commands, in their Military Department; dated the 6th of May 1796.—

Para. 2nd We have appointed Major General James Stuart, Commander in Chief of the Company's forces, and one of the Members of Council, at your Presidency.—

True Extract
(Signed) R. Torin
Sub Secy

A true Copy
(Signed) R. Turing
Act.g Secretary

Major

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acty Secretary

A true Copy
(Signed) R. Torin
Sub Secy
Major

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Major General James Stuart
at Columbo

Sir,

As we find the date of your appointment to the rank of Colonel in His Majesty's Service, is junior to that of Major General Bowles's in the Service of the Honorable Company, and that therefore, according to the mode adopted at this Presidency of granting the rank of Major General, in conformity to the precedents established by the Supreme Government, there is senior to you in the Army upon this Establishment, we have transmitted Orders to him, as Senior Officer in the province of Malabar, where he now serves, to resign the Command, and repair to the Presidency upon your arrival in that Province, should you deem it expedient to land there previously to your coming to this place.

We enclose a Copy of our Letter to Major General Bowles of this date for your information, and are

Bombay Castle
6th September 1796

Sir
Your
(Signed) Jonr Duncan
W Whitehill
John Spencer

A true Copy
(Signed) R Turing
acty Secy

To Major General Bowles.
Commanding Officer in the Province of
Malabar.

Sir,

As the Honorable the Court of Directors have thought proper to appoint Major General Stuart, of His Majesty's Service, the Commander in

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in Chief of their forces on this Establishment, and as your rank in the Army is Senior to that of General Stuart, we are under the necessity of requiring, that on General Stuart's arrival in the Province of Malabar, you immediately resign to him the Command of the forces in that Province, and embrace the first opportunity of repairing to the Presidency, where you will receive our further Orders.

On General Stuart's receiving the Command, you will publish your resignation, and his appointment in General Orders, if such notification shall not have been previously made at the Presidency.

Bombay Castle
6th September 1796

We are
&c &c
Jonathan Duncan
&c Council

(True Copy)
(Signed) R. Torin
Subsecy

(Signed) R. Turing
acting Secy.

To

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To the Honorable Jonathan Duncan
President in Council
Bombay

Honorable Sir,

I yesterday had the honor to receive by the Swift Cruiser your Letters of the 6th of September with their enclosures, accompanied by a Despatch from the Commissioners in the Province of Malabar of the 20th of that month, covering a Copy of your Letter to them of the 9th enclosing extracts of Intelligence transmitted to your Government by the Resident at Hydrabad on the 28th and 29th of august last.

That the Government of Bombay should consider the notification of my appointment sufficient authority for vesting me with command is to me extremely flattering, and I beg, Sir, that you will accept my thanks for the attention that has been shewn me. But situated as I now am acting under the orders of another Presidency, and charged with a very important trust, it is not possible for me to quit my

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present Station until I am relieved, or till I receive with my Commission to command at Bombay. the orders of the Commander in Chief in India, to proceed to that Presidency.

A strict attention to the Rules of Service in this particular is the more indispensible at present, when the accounts from Europe give us reason to expect a strong Force of the Enemy soon in these Seas — Ceylon, in the event of their arrival, seems to me the most probable object of their attack, as notwithstanding the minute detail — given by the Resident at Hydrabad. of the Intentions of Tippoo Sultaun, I cannot conceive the French or Dutch would commence by turning their forces to — recover for him the Provinces he has lost, while they might so much more easily employ their arms in an attempt to regain

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possessions of greater importance of their own
Interests in India. They may have held out
to Tippoo the promise of assistance as an
inducement to commence Hostility but I do
not consider the performance of that promise
as an event sufficiently probable to warrant
my quitting at this moment the command
with which I am charged.

I have received intimation
that His Majesty has been pleased to confer
on me the Rank of Lieutenant General at Bombay
and shall with great pleasure proceed to that
Presidency (unless Circumstances should render
my presence necessary in the Malabar Provinces)
so soon as I receive the Powers which are
necessary to enable me to do so. I shall this
day transmit to the Commander in Chief in
India, and to the Madras Government copies
of the Letters I have had the honor to receive
from you, that no delay may arise in
adopting the arrangements which my

destination

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destination will require from them.

The Swift Cruizer is despatched with this Letter to Calicut, and I have charged Captain Billamore with a letter to the " Commissioners in the Malabar Provinces, that they may forward it by her, or by such other mode as they may judge most convenient.

If the Services of this Vessel are not elsewhere required, I should wish her to be ordered again to Columbo, that I may avail myself of the first moment, when I can with propriety proceed to the Station under your Government where my Services may be most necessary. -

Head Quarters
Columbo 3 September 1796

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

a true Copy
(Signed) R. Turing
Acty Secretary

Cornet Lewis appointed Adjutant to the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry - vice Gubbins who resigned.

The Commander in Chief - " recommends that Cornet William Lewis be - " appointed -

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appointed Adjutant to the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry — vice Geekie resigned —

Approved and ordered accordingly. —

" Hobart

" Henry Close

" Edw Saunders

E Hallopeau

Ex. Fullerton

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Diary

11th 19. Despatched the undermentioned letters entered in MS Nos 92-93-94-95-96-97.

To Major Doveton

To Major Doveton enclosing a letter from the Governor General addressed to Tippoo Sultaun

To Lt. Coll. Roberts

To Lieutenant Colonel Roberts enclosing Extract of a letter from the Military Board and authorizing him to supply the Camp Equipage required for his Detachment at the Company's Pieces

To the Commandant at Pondicherry

To Major General Brathwaite desiring him to forward to Government Copies of Sundry Law Papers required by the Attorney General

To the Military Board

To the Military Board directing the Execution of Repairs required to the Field Train at Vellore and desiring to be furnished as early as possible with the Returns of Troops, Stores, and Provisions, and General Map of the Forts and Posts in the Carnatick called for in the letter from the

Supreme

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19 Supreme Government under date 31st March 1794.

To Military Auditor General

To Colonel Sydenham acquainting him that Captain Pioüe the Secretary to the Military Board is to retain his Brigade Majority and to draw the allowances annexed until further Orders.

To Ditto Ditto

To Ditto acquainting him that the Orders of the Court of Directors preclude the Board from granting to Subalterns of Engineers the proportionate additions of allowance to that granted to Field Officers and Captains in the year 1785.

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Received the undermentioned Letters

Entered in MB Nos 98-99-100-101-102-103-104 105.

From Commandant at Pondicherry

From Major General Braithwaite recommending that the Subsistence to the Veteran Soldiers and Widows of Military Men be regularly paid.

From Dittoat Samulcotah

From Major McLean referring to

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20 For Decision a point in dispute between Surgeons George Anderson and Mr. D. Donoghoe, relative to the person entitled to draw the Emoluments arising from the Medical Stoppages of the 1st Battalion 8th Regiment Native Infantry.

From Major Oram - recommending

From Ditto at Sankeydroog. that Mr. Peyton be permitted to draw the usual allowance for attendance on the Sick of the 22d Battalion Native Infantry, exclusive of his Pay as Assistant Surgeon to the Garrison of Sankeydroog.

From the Deputy Kings Adjutant

From the Deputy Kings Adjut. General General requesting that orders may be issued for paying three King's Officers who have arrived here from England, before the Corps to which they are attached, from the Date of their arrival.

From Lieutenant Colonel Orr. Forwarding

From the Commandant 3d Regt. Native Cavalry a request from three Officers who have lately joined his Corps from Tachinore to be provided with quarters at the Companys Expence, or — allowed

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20 allowed an adequate Sum for building 1 Bungalow.

From Mr. John Hunter attorney to Dr. Roxburgh

From Mr. John Hunter enclosing Dr. Roxburghs accounts for seven months in order to their being audited.

From the Paymaster at Ganjam & Aska

From Mr. Cooper respecting a complaint preferred against him of having unnecessarily delayed the payment of arrears due to Captain Webber.

From the Military Paymaster General.

From the Military Paymaster General enclosing a Statement of the expences of the Army for the month of November.

21st Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in MB Nos. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111.

To Lieutenant John Butler

To Lieutenant John Butler acquainting him that his Claim to the Brevet Rank of Captain will be recommended to the favorable Consideration of the Court of Directors.

To the adjutant General of the army

To Lieutenant Colonel Close — desiring that four of the most deserving —

Supernumerary

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21st Supernumerary Serjeants of Cavalry be sent to Calcutta by the first opportunity -

To Mr. Skardon - desiring that 50 Garce of Rice and eight Garce of Salt be stored at Chengleput -

To the acting Commissary General of Grain & Provisions -

To Colonel Sydenham - transmitting for his Examination and Report the Military Paymaster General's Statement of the Expences of the Madras Army for November -

To the Military Auditor General

To Mr. Secretary Barlow - forwarding Intelligence from the Mysore Country -

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Sir C. W. Malet and Major Kirkpatrick to the purport abovementioned -

To the Residents at Poona & Hyderabad

Received the following Letters

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

From the Military Board recommend that the Commandant at Tiagar be placed in charge of the Military Stores at that Station -

My Lord,

It appearing from a late Inspection, by Captain Haddow, of the Military Stores at Tyagar,

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Tyagar, and a comparison of the quantities actually found, with those borne upon the Returns thereof, that a considerable deficiency of several Articles exists, amounting in value to Pagodas 295.40.60. and which, it would seem, has arisen rather from a neglect on the part of the Store Serjeant in not having written those Articles off the Books at the time they were issued by him, during a period of several years, than from any embezzlement, or improper use, of them — and this Board being fully aware that Mr. Hawkins the Storekeeper, who likewise holds the same situation at Trichinopoly and Tanjore, has it not in his power to pay the necessary attention to his charge at Tyagar, we accordingly beg leave to recommend to your Lordship in Council, that the Military Stores at that Station may by an order of Government, be placed under the charge of the Commanding Officer —

We have the honor to be,
Right Honble
Your Lordships
Most obedient
Humble Servants
Signed Alured Clarke
Thomas Geils
W Sydenham

To

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21st October 1796.

Jn Richardson
Jno Close
W. Gent
George Hall

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord,

From the Military Board recommend that an immediate advance of 1000 Pags. be made to Lieutenant Colonel Prescott on account of Repairs carrying on under his superintendence.

In consequence of an application to the Military Board, from Major Prescott of Engineers, for a further advance of one Thousand/1000/ Pagodas on account of Repairs carrying on by that Officer at various Military Stations - we beg leave to recommend to your Lordship in Council, that his request may be complied with - and further that, in consideration of the Majors representation of his being already that Sum in advance to persons employed under him, as well as the absolute necessity of such immediate supply towards compleating the works now in hand, we request the issue may be made as early as circumstances will permit.

We have the Honor to be,

&c &c

Fort St. George
21 October 1796

(Signed) Alured Clarke
" Thomas Geils
" W. Sydenham
" Jn. Richardson

B.F. Close
W. Gent
George Hall

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From the Military Board orders issued for executing the Repairs at Innaicondah enclosing Returns of Stores in the General Depôt shewing the Articles wanting to Complete the states — Proportion — state the quantity of Gun Powder that will be required from Bengal prior to the 1st June next.

We are honored with your — Lordships letters of the 11th Instant — the one — accompanied by a letter and Report from — Captain Mackenzie to the Commander in Chief on the state of the Fortifications of Innaicondah — the other by two Statements of Curry Stuff — Arrack &c from the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, and copy of letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal to Mr. Secretary Jackson, under date the 12th Ultimo —

On the subject of the former, we have the Honor to report to your Lordship in Council, that in conformity to your Lordships instructions the necessary orders have been furnished for an immediate commencement of the proposed Improvements, and repairs, to be executed at Innaicondah;

And in reply to that part of the latter

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21st Letter. which has reference to the Sub Secretary's letter, we do ourselves the Honor to transmit — for your Lordships information the accompanying account of principal articles in the Arsenal of Fort St. George, shewing the stated proportion — present remains - and wanting to compleat - as — also, to be forwarded to Bengal. an Indent on the Arsenal at Fort William for Military Stores required for the Public Service of the Coast - wherein is specified. the quantity of Gunpowder required prior to the Month of June next. to be 1,092 Barrels of ℳ 60 each -

We have the Honor to be,

Sir &c

Fort St. George
21st October 1796

Signd Alured Clarke
" Thomas Geils
" W. Sydenham
" Jn. Richardson
" B.Z. Close
" W. Gent
" George Hall

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W. C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir.

From the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - Major Read requests that the storing the Garrisons in the Barramahal be deferred till he has completed a Tour of observation which may render some important alteration advisable -

On receipt of your letter of the 4th Instant with the remarks of a Committee of the Military Board on my return of Provisions in the principal Forts, with the order of the Right Honorable the President in Council thereon, I immediately issued the necessary orders to my Deputies for completing the Store of Provisions in their several Forts to the quantity recommended by the Military Board and ordered by Government; you will receive herewith, for the information of His Lordship in Council, Copy of a letter and enclosure received in consequence from Captain Corner acting Commissary of Grain and Provisions in the Barramahal on which I request to be favored with the sentiments of Government -

I am,

&c. &c.

Madras
Commissary Generals
Office 20 October 1796.

(Signed) J. K. Kardon
acty Comy Genl Grain &c.

John

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2d

John Humphry Skardon Esq.r

Acting Commissary General of Grain and
Provisions. Fort St. George

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th October 1796. directing an increase of Grain and Salt to be thrown into Several Garrisons of the Barramahal and Salem Districts.

With the view to carry your Orders into execution with the least possible delay, I immediately forwarded Copy of your letter to Major Read, under cover of one from myself, Copy of which with Major Read's reply, I have now the honor to forward.

In submitting Major Read's letter to your consideration. I hope you will approve of the resolution I have taken, of Suspending the execution of your Orders in regard to Salt. untill

until I receive your Sentiments upon it. I consider with deference and respect the orders I receive from you, as the orders of Government, to be carried as far as may be in my power, immediately into execution, but as Major Read in his double — Capacity, is the spring of all measures to be adopted in these Districts, and as he is now engaged in drawing up a Report upon the different — Garrisons in them, the Plans he may have to propose may occasion some variation in any arrangement in Contemplation at Madras. I trust therefore I shall stand acquitted for having acceded to his recommendation, "that "no alteration be made till his Report is before Government"

Major Read in his Observations on Ahloor appears to have resolved on the first strength of that, and every other Garrison in these Districts in the event of War - On such Principle he considers 100 Garce of Paddy necessary for Ahtoor and is of opinion that 64 instead of 36

Garce

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11th Gane should be the increase of Store now to be laid in he expresses a wish also that I should proceed to Athlone to inspect and report to him the state of the Granaries - As I consider Major Read in all his views and objects evidently directed to the Good of the Service. I feel no hesitation in complying with his wishes, and am to inform you that I have already made such an arrangement in my Office, as will enable me to carry them into execution, waiting only for your Sentiments on his letter and reply to mine -

I have the Honor to be.

&c &c

Kilmagerry
18th October 1796

Signed C. Corner
Act. J. Com. J. Gran. & Prov.

A true Copy

Signed J. K. Skardon
act. J. Com. J. G. G. & P.

Major

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Major A. Read

Collector

Ceded Districts

Sir.

I have the honor to inclose you Copy of letter from Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions Ordering an encrease of Store to be laid in with the least possible delay at Several Stations in the Barramahl and Salem Districts, directing me to call upon you for the purpose of throwing in the supplies of Grain as Specified in his letter -

I beg the favor of you to advise me of any measure you may propose for carrying such Orders into execution that I may be prepared with any arrangement that may be necessary for the reception of Grain.

I have the honor to forward a Return of the Grain and Provision — a

Department

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2d Department in this District to the 30th September 1796.

I have the honor to be
Sir Your

Kistnagherry
30th September 1796.

/Signed C. Corner
Actg Comy of Grain
and Provisions

a true Copy
/Signed C. Corner

a true Copy
/Signed J. K. Skardon

To Captain Chas Corner
Acting Commissary
Ceded District

Sir,

I have received your letter covering
copy of one from the acting Commissary General
of Grain and Provisions - Ordering additional -
quantities of provisions to be laid up at certain
places in these districts. and shall here offer my
sentiments on the measure -

The Engineers being employed in
strengthening

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21st strengthening the fortification of Rykota, the Garrison of that place during a war, may of consequence be reduced, to three companies a years stock for that garrison, including artillery lascars, and artificers is 82 Gare, and there being 86 Gare in Store, there are 4 more than required, unless it be intended to lay up more than a years stock Hintended to exceed that, by 19 Gare, as directed it cannot be done, till granaries are built upon the hill or two that are there be repaired, for at present there is only room for 36 Gare, and nothing below can be considered secure, in time of hostility

Chinneroydroog is scarce tenable, and I doubt much that when reported upon the government will deem it expedient to keep a garrison there - there is already a stock in it sufficient for 14 months The only place in it for a granary is at present necessarily occupied as a store Room, and there is no room there - for

Salt

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21st Salt. or wet stores. you may judge, whether it be
adviseable or not, under these circumstances to lay
up any more grain at Chinnydroog.

Half a Company will probably
be thought sufficient for the defence of Veerabudra-
=droog after the intended repairs are made, on
which account the present store of grain is more
than sufficient for a twelve month. If a whole
company be deemed necessary, I guess, instead of
3 3/4 the quantity ordered, will be required to
complete the grain there to a year's stock and in
that case, should Chinnydroog be evacuated, I guess
can be taken from there to Verabadr, and the —
remaining 5 to Rytcota. For these reasons I —
recommend that no alteration be made, till I
report on these places, which will be done very
shortly, and government's determination respecting
them be known.

Aptoor being a fort on a plain,

I judge that less than 4 companies is not a
sufficient garrison for it. and by my calculations

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100 Garce are necessary for that number, and the Lascars &c attached there being only 36 Garce — there at present, 64 are wanting instead of 36, as ordered, but the granaries are greatly in want of repair which is the reason that so small a — quantity was laid up there last year. As unfortunate=ly every thing necessary to the security of these districts has been delayed till now much fear it will be 5 or 6 weeks before I can get with the engineers so far in our circuit, as Aktoor, and therefore wish, that you could find it convenient to go there, in order to inspect the granaries, and ascertain if any temporary repairs would answer, your predecessor recommended the taking off the arches, and supplying their place by terraces, but perhaps a pent roof, thatched, or tiled, over the arches, would answer, protempore, you might at the — same time see if any public buildings there might be converted into granaries, and whether or not the grain could not be preserved there, under ground whenever I am favored with your report,

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To report, that there is room for storing the desired quantity people shall be employed to busy it up I wish it were submitted to your principal whither 36 or 64 Gauze shall be laid up there, and that the propriety of laying up wet Stores were also taken into consideration -

The 32 Gauze at Penagra will serve when that place is evacuated, either for storing — Darampoory - should that post be garrisoned, or it may be distributed as follows. 9 Gauze for Tadeul 9 for Caloragur, and 14 to Hingeery or Rytcotah, as may here after be determined.

I am

&c. &c.

Rytcota
16th October 1796.

(Signed) A. Read
Super. Coll.r Ceded Districts

a true Copy

(Signed) C. Corner

A true Copy

(Signed) J. H. Skardon

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

V. V. V.

My Lord,

From the Military Board opinion on Captain Mealy's application for Artificers Lascars and a Key and Store Serjeant for the Garrison of Chandernaghurry

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's letter of the 4th. Instant and, on the subject of Captain Mealy's application for an establishment of Lascars and artificers, as well as a Key and Store Serjeant, to be allotted to the Fort of Chandernaghurry, referred therein for the opinion of the Military Board, to report that, during the time of Captain Macsey's Command at that Post - a period of about five years, no — charge was ever made for any Lascars or artificers the Guns and Stores having been either in charge of Persons belonging to His Highness the Nabob, or so inconsiderable as not to authorize any — charge or Establishment on that account - and that at all events, it appears that Captain — Mealy's report from personal observation of

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21st the state of the Garrison, is necessary towards ascertaining whether any charge not allowed during Captain Macsey's Command, ought now to be admitted.

We have further the Honor to report that, for the aforementioned period, neither a Key nor Store Serjeant, was allowed to Chandernagherry - and that as during some part of that time, the Country was involved in a state of warfare, it is to be presumed that the same allowances in that Department will be suited to Captain Mealy - at least, until Ordnance and Stores shall be placed in that Fort sufficient to warrant the appointment of a Store and Key Serjeant, and an establishment of Lascars and Artificers agreeably to his application

We have the Honor to be
Sir &c.

Fort St. George
21st October 1796.

Signed Alured Clarke
Thomas Geils
W. Sydenham
Jn. Richardson
B.J. Close
W. Gent
George Hall

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c

Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

From Mr Prichard claiming the Company's Guarantee for a Sum of Money belonging to him which was lodged in the Dutch Treasury at Columbo at the time of its Capture of that Place

I beg leave to address you on a subject of the greatest importance to me and my family, and upon which depends, the Recovery or Loss of all what I possess.—

The unexpected event of the war between England and Holland precluded the possibility of my recovering a Sum of, twelve thousand Rixdollars, which had been deposited in the Dutch Company's Treasury at Ceylon; for which Sum I have the most unexceptionable Deeds.— The Island being Conquered by the British arms, offers an other obstacle to my recovering my Property.—

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In this Situation, I have no other channel of application, than addressing myself directly to you and to request that you will be pleased to take my situation into consideration, and to grant that I may be admitted to be covered by the Guarantee of £ 50,000. stipulated by the 6th Article of the Capitulation of Columbo.

I have the Honor to be with Respect=

&c &c

Pondamallee
19th October 1796

[Signed] Piachaud
Capt.n of the Swiz Regt
De Meuron

Sent to the Clerk of the Treasury

the following order of Council=

Extract

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Military Department 21st October 1796.

To the Clerk of the Treasury ordering an advance of Cash to Lieut Montgomery on account of his purchases of Horses.

"Ordered that a Bill on Bengal
"be granted in favor of Lieutenant Montgomery
"Agent for the purchase of Horses for the Sum of
"Forty one thousand Arcot Rupees /41,000/ on
"account of the Agency, and that the amount be
"carried to the Head of Charges Military."

A true Extract

/Signed/ W. C. Jackson Sec.y

To I. Webbe Esq.r
Clerk of the Treasury.

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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 Falloofield Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation read

Friday
21st October 1796 and approved—

Read the following letter from—

Bengal.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council at

Fort St. George

From Bengal-respecting Major Kirkpatrick's late letter which has given offence to the Government of Fort St. George.

My Lord,

We have had the honor to receive your letter of the 17th. June last.

& we were equally convinced—

with your Lordship in Council, that the

expression

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expression in the Letter from the Resident at Hydrabad had been dictated by any intentional Disrespect to your Government, We should have deemed it our Duty to have superadded our censure to that expressed by you -

The Resident has disavowed any Intention of Disrespect, and we the more readily admit his explanation, of the objectionable expression, as it places his Conduct in a point of view Conformable to its general Tenor -

We have the Honor to be
&c &c

Fort William
the 3d October 1796

signed J. Shore
" Robt Abercromby
" P. Speke
" Wm Cowper

Read the following letter from Poona -

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Resident at Poona with various Intelligence respecting the state of affairs there particularly respecting an honorary present made on the part of Tippoo to Chinna Appa on occasion of his accession to his Peishwaship.

I have the honor to present your Lordship my best acknowledgements for the interesting Intelligence from the Mysore Country, accompanying the letters from Mr. Secretary Jackson to Sir Charles Malet, under Dates 17th. 19th. and 20th ultimo.

On the 3d. Instant a letter and Khillat of acknowledgement from Tippoo Sultaun were presented to the Peshwa Chinna Jnhadoo Row, through the mediation of Balloo Jantia, Dowlut Row Sindia's Prime minister. There was not any Person of Consequence, on the Part of Tippoo, present at the Durbar on this occasion. The Bramin Party have repeatedly assured me, that the Letter and Khillat were brought by a Vakeel; while the Sindian Party have reported to me, that they were brought by common Hirkarras.

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There appears some mystery in this affair, and even some suspicion of the authenticity of Tippoo's acknowlegement. I trust some Light may be cast on this subject by Mahomed Hussein Khoorayshee, Tippoo's Vakeel with your Lordship: a Communication of the objects of whose mission, and of the Disposition of his Master towards the Company, the Marattas, and Nizam ally Khan, would be highly acceptable and useful to this Residency-

Since writing the above I have been honored with Mr. Secretary Jacksons letter to Sir Charles Malet of the 14th: ultimo, enclosing Copies and Translations of Letters from Chinna Mhadoo Row and Pursaram Bhow, with your Lordships answers, on the subject of the accession of Chinna Mhadoo Row to the Peshwaship, and beg leave to present your Lordship my acknowledgements for this anticipation of the suggestion contained in my address of the 24 ultimo, in Promotion of the Respectability of this Residency-

Nulkunt Row Purbhoo, of the Huzrat Troops, one of the principal adherents of-

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of Baajy Row and Nanna Furnavees in this Quarter, absconded the night of the 6th Instant. and is supposed to have joined Nanna, who, by the last accounts, was still at Mhar. but expected shortly to move towards Pannella Baba Furkia is still under a strong Guard. Hostilities may, I think, be shortly expected between the ruling power here and the Party of Baajy Row and Nana Furnavese though very little Progress appears yet to be made herein the requisite Arrangements for an army equal to oppose the reputed Force of Nana Furnavese.

No Period is yet fixed for Azim il Omrahs Departure. His Force now here is computed at 20,000 men.

I have the Honor to be very respectfully Sir &c

Poona
8th October 1796

(signed) J. Uhthoff
Assistant

The Commander in Chief —

delivers in the following Minute.

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In Council 21st October 1796

Commander in Chiefs Minute proposing an arrangement for forming into a Separate Corps the Supernumerary Men and Horses in the different Regiments of Native Cavalry

The Commander in Chief having recommended to the Board, that three Troops of Native Cavalry to compose a Temporary Corps, should be formed from the Supernumer=rary Serjeants, Native Officers, Men and Horses on the Returns of the different Regiments has now the Honor of submitting Draft of an Order for carrying the measure into execution

The advantages to be derived from embodying these Details, and placing them under a select Officer, instead of permitting them to remain on the Returns of the different Regiments, which are not only on a strong Establishment, but include a large proportion of new Horses that must be diligently trained before they can be fit for Field service, are too obvious to escape the notice of the Board, and in regard to expence the only disbursement that becomes necessary from the Proposed measure, is the allowance of Staff Pay to an Adjutant and Gram Agent, a Serjeant = Major and Quarter Master Serjeant, a Native Adjutant

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Adjutant. Head Farrier. and Trumpet Major.
The Horse accoutrements required. for the
Corps can be furnished complete from those
formerly in use with the late 3d Regiment.

The strength of each Troop. the
Board will perceive. is somewhat greater than
the Establishment fixed for the Troops of the
Native Regiments.— This difference is proposed
with the view that the whole of the Supernu-
=merary Privates may be conveniently —
embodied. except the few with each Corps —
that may be required to supply the vacancies
of Men. who may be Invalided or Pensioned
by the General Committee now sitting —
As all the persons to be employed in the —
manner proposed are now receiving pay. the
Complement of Commissioned and non —
Commissioned being made more ample, will
not occasion any encrease of expense. and all
vacancies happening amongst them will be
supplied by the Supernumeraries remaining
with Corps.

The Commander in Chief
recommends

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Signed Alured Clarke

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G. O. By Government

General Order forming the temporary Corps of Cavalry to be commanded by Major Dallas.

The General Orders of Government dated 12th July last. having

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having directed the addition of one —
Jemidar. One Havildar and one Naigue,
to the Establishment of each Troop of
Native Cavalry as fixed by the —
Honorable Court of Directors, and in
consequence decreased the detail of
Privates in each Troop from 70 to
67, so as that the number of Horses
for each Regiment should be the same
as required by the Establishment — —
contained in the new Regulations,
the Right Honorable the President
in Council is accordingly pleased to
resolve that sixty seven be the complement
of Privates for each Troop, and that
a temporary Corps of Cavalry consisting
of Three Troops of the following. —
Strength be formed forthwith from the
Supernumerary Serjeants, Native —
Officers, men, and Horses, on the —
Returns

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returns of the different Regiments.

	Serjeants	Subidars	Jemadars	Havildars	Naigues	Farriers	Trumpeters	Black Doots	Privates	Horses
The Three Troops to consist each of	1	1	3	5	5	1	1	"	70	87
Total strength of Three Troops	3	3	9	15	15	3	3	1	210	262

Staff non Effective
a Serjeant Major
Quarter Master Serjeant
Native Adjutant
Trumpet Major
and
Head Farrier

	Serjeants	Subidars	Jemadars	Havildars	Naigues	Farriers	Trumpeters	Black Doots	Privates	Horses
To the foundation of the Three Troops the 1st Regiment gives	—	"	"	1	4	4	1	"	"	60	81
2d Do.	—	Do.	—	"	"	4	4	5	"	"	"	10	14
3d Do.	—	Do.	—	Do.	—	3	2	1	2	1	1	3	70	75
4th Do.	—	Do.	—	Do.		"	1	3	5	5	1	"	"	70	92
Total						3	3	9	15	15	3	3	1	210	262

To

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To Command the Temporary Corps
of Native Cavalry Brevet Major Thomas
Dallas.

Adjutant and Gram Agent to
Do. Lieutenant Charles Dallas.

The Horses of the Temporary
Corps of Cavalry to be such, from the
Supernumeraries, as from strength, Age
and Condition may be fittest for immediate
Service.

In separating the Super-
-numerary Privates from the different
Regiments, attention to be paid that the
Men who are connected by relationship,
or have served for any length of time in
the same Corps, may be kept together as
much as circumstances will conveniently
permit. All Vacancies either in Men or
Horses in the established Regiments of
Cavalry to be filled up from the temporary
Corps.

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Corps - reports of such vacancies to be made for the purpose monthly to the Adjutant General -

Brevet Major Dallas is permitted to select from the Supernumerary Commissioned, and non Commissioned, the Officers he may prefer, taking however the proportion from each Regiment detailed above ——

As vacancies happen in the Native Commissioned Ranks of the Temporary Corps of Cavalry they are to be filled up by the Supernumerary Officers with the different Regiments till the whole are provided for -

The Details for the formation of the Temporary Corps of Cavalry to be assembled forthwith at Arcot -

Those from the 3d Regiment will be sent by Lieutenant Colonel Orr to Arcot in

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in charge of an European Officer.—

When the Temporary Corps of Cavalry are assembled at Arcot. the number of Saddles and setts of Horse Accoutrements required to complete them to be Indented for by Major Dallas on the Arsenal of Fort St. George.

By Order &c. &c.

Signed W. C. Jackson Sct.

The Board entirely approve the Commander in Chief's recommendation — Resolved in consequence that the General order submitted by him, be immediately published,

The Commander in Chief —

Brevet promotions ordered to be made in the Company's Army.

acquaints the Board that he has received a letter from the Commander in Chief in India, with a list of Company's Officers promoted by his Majesty to Brevet Rank in his army in India — and that it is his

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(the General's) intention, (having thus notified the Circumstance to the Right Honorable the President in Council,) to publish the list, in Conformity with the orders he has received -

" Robt Kyd

" Alured Clarke.

" Coote Saunders

" E. Tallotsen

Ex" J. Fullerton

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Diary

Received the undermentioned letters

Entered in M.B. Nos. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118.

From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Roebuck M. Surgeon

Thackery claims Arrears of Pay due to him from the 1st January 1795.

From the Commandant at Guntoor.

From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton

communicating intelligence received from the Canoud Country and enclosing an application from Captain Davis to be relieved in the Command of Chintapilly.

From Mr. Assistant Surgeon Buirette

From Mr Buirette requesting that orders may be issued for paying him his Pension at Nagore.

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

From the Paymaster at Tinnevelly.

From Mr. Skardon enclosing his Estimate Disbursements for the Month of Novr.

From Mr. Marten complaining of Major Smarts Conduct, in having punished the Carpenter

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22d Carpenter Maistry, and a Lascar belonging to the Garrison, both under the exclusive — direction of the Paymaster.—

From the Command-ant at Palamcotah — From Major Smart stating the cause of his having punished the Company's Bricklayer Maistry.—

From acting — Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — From Mr. Sharden recommending that a permanent Granary be built at Guntoor.— Captain Darley acknowledges receipt of — Instructions from Government to stop the — storing of Grain at Innacondah.—

23d Despatched the undermentioned letters entered in M. B. Nos. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123 124. 125. 126. 127.—

To Captain Alexr Arnott.— To Captain William Arnott — permitting him to proceed to Europe on — Furlough for three years.—

To Military Auditor General.— To Colonel Lydenham — acquainting him that the Claim of the Judge Advocate General to the half Batta of a Lieutenant Colonel, in addition to his present allowance,

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is inadmissible.—

To the Resident at Tanjore—

To Mr. Macleod desiring him to forward 10,000 Pagodas to Mr. Paymaster Hughes.—

To the Paymaster at Madras—

To Mr. Hughes advising him of the orders sent to Mr. Macleod.—

To the Commandant at Tutacorin—

To Captain Davison authorizing him to disburse 100 Pagodas on the Repairs of this Quarter.—

To the Commandant at Wallajabad

To Colonel Baird desiring him to reply to Complaints preferred by the Nabob of Irregularities committed by the Troops under his Command on their March from Tanjore to Wallajabad.—

To the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions—

To Mr. Stardin informing him that it was not the Board's Intention to Countermand the storing the Provisions at Innacondah tho they do not approve of Tennicotah as a Port for a Depôt and that they do not concur in the propriety of erecting Store houses at Guntoor.—

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To the Military & Auditor General — To Colonel Sydenham directing payment of allowances to three Kings Officers who arrived at Madras before the Corps to which they belong —

To Ditto To Ditto referring for examination the Estimate of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions and Principal Agent for Draft and Carriage Bullocks for the ensuing Month. —

24 Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in Mr. B. Nos. 128. 129 130. 131. 132 133. —

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly — From Major General Floyd advising of Major Monson having assumed the Command of Tanjore on the Departure of Lieutenant Colonel Campbell with the 2d Battalion 2d Regiment for Arnee —

From Ditto at Tanjore — From the Honorable Major Monson advising of his having assumed the Command of Tanjore agreeably to his Appointment by Government. —

From

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From Colonel Dupont enclosing
an Indent of Rope required to new rig
the Flag Staff.—

From Colonel Dupont enclosing an Indent of Rope required to new rig the Flag Staff.—

From Comarasamy Complaining
of the Illegality of some Proceedings had
against him in the Court at Pondichony,
in which the Character of Mr. Bartro is
criminated.—

Petition from Comarasamy.—

From Colonel Gent reporting on—
Captain Nathaniel Forbes's Claim to a part
of the Stabling on the Island which it is
found Nessary to remove: and estimating
the Value of the Buildings at 200 Pagodas—

From the Chief Engineer—

Received also the following letter
from Major General Stuart—

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Major General Stuart with a letter from the Prize Agents, to be eventually forwarded to the Supreme Government—

The enclosed address from the Prize
Agents

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Agents to the Supreme Government, has been delivered to me by those Gentlemen, with a request that I would transmit it to your Lordship, in order that it may be forwarded to Bengal provided no answer has been received from the Supreme Government on the subject of their former addresses respecting the Property captured here and at Point de Galle, and by them purchased in at the late Sales, for the Company.

I have the honor to be

My Lord,

Your Lordships most obedient

humble Servant.

(Signed) J. Stuart

Head Quarters
Columbo 18th Oct. 1796

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At a Consultation

President

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esqr

Ernst William Falloofild Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

Read the following letters from

the Resident Hydrabad

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Resident at Hydrabad states the sum that will be required to discharge the balance of the Instalment of Peishcush to the Nizam due on the 31 October

I have just received a letter from the Secretary of the Supreme Government advising me that in consequence of the failure of their endeavours to procure a remittance to Masulipatam

for

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for the payment of the Instalment of
Paitheish which becomes due on the 31st Inst
they had been induced to suggest to your
Lordship in Council the expediency of adopting
measures at Madras for the punctual discharge
of that Instalment.

It is proper I should inform your
Lordship on this occasion that the State of his
Highness the Nyam's Account with the
Company precludes the necessity of your providing
for the payment of the whole of the Instalment
in question, or 3,50,000 Rupees; since exclusive
of the Lack of Rupees which I have requested
of Mr. Wrangham to retain from the Money
now paying to his Highness's Agent at
Masulipatam, for the use of the Detachment,
there will be about 1,10,000 Rupees balance
of subsidy due on the 31st Instant to which
is to be added the sum of 13,900 Rupees which
I lately raised on Account of the Troops for Bills
on Bengal; making together the Sum of
about 1,23,000 Rupees which may be set off

against

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against this Highness's approaching Claim on the Company - As the Detachment will however, notwithstanding the supplies here mentioned, be very low in Cash at the end of the month, and as under the arrangement here suggested, I should have no right to apply to this Durbar for another advance to it before the beginning of December, your Lordship in Council will probably not think it advisable to take Credit immediately for the whole of the aggregate Amount above Stated.

If your Lordship in Council approved, the Resident at Poonah and myself might together be able perhaps, to negotiate Bills on Madras to the amount of fifty or sixty Thousand Rupees to be paid at Hydrabad though I fear the exchange would be four or five per Cent if not more, against the Company

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

Hyderabad
10th October 1796

P.S.

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P.S. I possibly might be able by the beginning of next month, to raise 50,000 Rupees here for Bills on Calcutta or Moorshidabad, but this would be the utmost.

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

My Lord,

From the Resident at Hydrabad the Nizam gives an assignment upon the Paishcush equal to three Months Subsidy for the Detachment.

I have the honour to inform you that having Yesterday received from the Durbar an Assignment for 1,61,140 3/4 Rupees (or 3 Months Subsidy account of the Ellore 4 Detachment) on the arrears of Paishcush, there will be due to the Company by his Highness the Nizam on the 31st Instant no more than 5,37,135 3/4 or the amount Subsidy for the Current month.

As the abovementioned Assignment Mr. Wrathgham informs me that he has according to my desire sent to [illegible] by anticipation a Lack of Rupees for the immediate use of the

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the Detachment for that there will remain in his hands of the Amount of the Assignment a balance of 6,140 1/4 Rupees, the whole of which may, if your Lordship in Council should think proper be applied towards the discharge of the 2d Instl of the Paisheesh for the Fusly year 1203, payable the 31st Instant, for though the Lack of Rupees forwarded by Mr. Wroughame will by no means be sufficient to discharge the arrears that will be due to the Troops by the time it is received, yet as the subsidy for October will be then arriving by the Rizaud, I shall have some ground for praying for an Advance to the Troops whenever the state of the Detachment that shall make such a Step necessary.

The reimbursement of the Thirteen Thousand nine hundred Rupees which I procured for the use of the Detachment previous to its late march from

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from hence being provided for in the assign-
-ment sent to me yesterday, will of course
be to be accounted for by your Lordship in
Council with the Supreme Government,
having been raised by Bills, at Par, on the
Collector of Moorshedabad.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
Sigd Wm. Kirkpatrick

Hyderabad
15th October 1796

Wm. Jackson Esqr
Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

From the Resident
at Hydrabad raising a
Supply of Cash for the
Detachment on Bills
upon the Collector at
Moorshedabad.—

Sir,

I have the honour to acquaint
you of my having drawn the 4th Instant a
Bill on the Collector of Moorshedabad in favour
of Hajee Mahommed Ali the Son of Hajee
Zemaun Khundani, of Hydrabad (at 25 Days
sight) for the sum of Moorshedabad Sicca
Rupees Thirteen Thousand, nine hundred,
for value received here at Par, being an
advance to the Detachment of the Company's
Troops

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Troops serving in the Nizam's Country.

The Commanding Officer of the Detachment's Triplicate receipt for the above sum I have the honor to enclose, and to be

Sir &c. &c.

Hyderabad 18th October 1796

Signd Wm Kirkpatrick

Minute on the three foregoing letters from the Resident at Hydrabad

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing Letters be sent to the Accountant General with directions to lay before the Board a Statement Shewing the precise sum that will be due to the Nizam on Account of Pershouch on the 31st of this Month.

Read the following Letter from Bengal.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council at Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Bengal — Approbation of some measures adopted for the Relief of Ram Row's Family.

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 2d April last, — — — communicating to us the measures adopted for

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for the relief of the Family of the late Rama Row; and Lukhmun Row.—

2. Our Secretary has likewise laid before us, your Secretary's letter to him of the 10th August with the enclosures on the same subject.—

3 From the circumstances stated in the Petitions presented to your Right Honble President, the case undoubtedly called for your interposition.—

4 We must acknowledge however, that we do not feel the force of the reasons assigned by him for having delayed the Relief for four Months after the Circumstances came to his Knowledge; or for his having then granted it, in a manner inconsistent with that consideration with which the Rabob ought to be treated on all occasions; without having previously represented the circumstances to him, and ascertained that the Release of the family could not be otherwise effected.—

5 The family no doubt entertained apprehensions

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apprehensions for the safety of the Nephews, Tremul Row, and Amund Row; but it does not appear to us that there was any ground for your President to suppose that the Nabob would have proceeded to extremities with them had he been apprized of his Lordship's intention to interfere in their favor His Highness could not have been insensible of the consequences of such a conduct, or of the measures which it would have justified.

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signd) J. Shore
" C. Speke
Wm. Cowper

Fort William
the 3d. October 1796

President's Observations
on the foregoing letter

The President informs the Board that he shall take an early opportunity of recording his sentiments upon the foregoing letter.

Read the following letter from Bengal.

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

From Bengal the Nabob to be urged to make Specifick Arrangement for discharging the Amount Advanced by the Company to the New Cavalry Loan + Creditors but not to be called upon for the immediate discharge

My Lord,

Part 1 We have had the honor to receive your Lordships' letter of the 23d August, on the Subject of the New Cavalry debt. —

2 With respect to your pecuniary embarassments, we trust that they will have been entirely removed by the Measures which we have adopted with regard to the payment to be made to the Nabob's Creditors, and the Permission which we have granted to you to draw upon us for such sums as may be adequate to your various exigencies. —

We enclose you an Extract from a letter from the Nabob, the reply to which was forwarded to you in our letter of the 5th Ultimo, and considering the circumstances which attended the Contracting of this Debt the solemn Assurances of the Nabob, (the truth

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truth of which we are inclined to admit)
that his Father left no Treasure, and that
he has not at present any means of discharging
the debt, and that the circumstances which
induced you to press the payment of it no
longer exist in the same degree of urgency,
we desire that the Nabob may not be called
upon for the immediate discharge of it.

4 We think it proper however
that some specific agreement should be
concluded with the Nabob respecting this
Claim, both for the purpose of ensuring the
liquidation of it, and to preclude the recurrence
of any differences on the subject between
your Government and his Highness. We
accordingly request that you will signify
our expectations on this head to the Nabob,
and Commence a Negociation with him for
this purpose.

We have the honorable
&c. &c.

Fort William
the 3d Octr. 1796

(Signd) J. Shore
Robt. Abercromby
P. Speke
Wm. Cowper

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Extract from a letter from the Nabob of Arcot Recieved the 18th August 1796.—

"I have before addressed you on the Subject of the Cavalry Loan which it is not just now in my power to discharge; many have reported that I found a large sum of Money in my Fathers' Treasury, I solemnly assure you, and request you will believe it on my Honor, that there was no Money in my Fathers' Treasury, that none came into my hand and that the report is totally without foundation of this you will be convinced hereafter: had I the means in my hands I should endeavour to pay off the Cavalry loan upon the same principle, that in Compliance with your request, I have sought to gratify you by the Cession of the Fort of Chundergerry, but not having the means it is impossible for me at this time to discharge it, and I engage

my

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my promise to you that after the discharge of the New Consolidated debt, now in the course of payment, I will substitute the Cavalry loan in its room and give orders for the liquidation of it in the same manner with the Consolidated debt, you can ascertain from the public Records how averse my Father was to the payment of the Cavalry loan (which was contracted without his permission) and that he would by no means consent to pay it but urged by the excess of my friendship and my solicitude to gratify you having agreed to the payment of it in the manner abovementioned, I am Confident that you will be satisfied of the falsity of the Report of my having found any Money in my Father's Treasury but still if you should desire it I am ready to make Oath of it's falsity.

A True Extract

(Signed) G. H. Barlow
Sect to the Government

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To be lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following letter from
Captain Lyons.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
President in Council

My Lord,

From Captain Lyons requests a reference that his Claim may be made to the Court of Directors

I have been honoured with Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 12th of Sept.r in reply to my Application under date the 19th of July, and avail myself thankfully of the reference offered me by the Right Honble President to the decision of the Honorable Court of Directors on my Claim for publick Servants.

My Letter of the 14th of June 94 does explicitly say, that "I advance no Claim for publick Servants" but the same letter also Advances my requisition for the small Sum of Publick Money which I declared myself to have lost, by being unable to recover the outstanding balance and which the Order of the Commander in Chief

exonerating

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exonerating me from all responsibility of
Office ought undoubtedly to have Averted, that
Claim of indemnification having denied - it
will be at least very rigid justice to insist
on the relinquishment of the other. —

The deplorable State of health
under which I at present labour prevents
me from urging those Arguments which
I might adduce to manifest the reasonable-
=ness of my requisition, for Demand, it in fact
can hardly be called, I cannot make a
Demand, Entered on the Office without
any Stipulation Engaged in it at a —
Serious and important Juncture, when others
would not undertake the Task, I trusted
to receive a Subsequent reward Commen-
=surate to my exertions, and the effects of
those exertions, I therefore in the first —
instance did away my own Right by not
making a Bargain, and have now only
to rely on the Equity and liberality of the

Honble

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Honorable Court of Direction, to which I with certain Confidential appeal.-

It is a Circumstance highly gratifying to me that I have an Opportunity of referring your Lordship for the nature and extent of my Services to the Officer under whose immediate direction and Controul Lacted Genl Harris filled an important and Confidential Situation in the Southern Army, and he is soon to take on him the highest Military trust. On the Generals Testimony I can venture to rest my hopes of reasonable indulgence

I respectfully entreat My Lord that a Copy of this Letter, and of the letter alluded to in Mr. Secretary Jacksons Letter of the 12th of September may be transmitted to the Honorable Court of Direction.

I have the honor to be with the utmost Respect &c. &c.

(Signd) Mich.l Symes

Minute thereon

Ordered that the subject of the foregoing

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Foregoing Letter be brought to the Notice of the Honorable Court of Directors in the next dispatch—

Read the following report from the Medical Board.—

Observations of Govt. Medical Board
26th Octr. 1796. 24th October 1796.—

From the Medical Board Suggestions relative to the Treatment of the Sick at Trincomale and the allowances to be drawn by the Surgeon attached to the Malay Corps proposing that Mr. Oldham be placed in the temporary Charge of the Sick of the 52d Regiment at Negapatam.—

We have received from the Head-Surgeon at Ceylon the proceedings of a Committee of Surgeons lately held at Trincomalle by order of the Commanding Officer to investi=gate the causes of the Disease which has been so fatal to the European Troops on duty in that Garrison, a Copy of which we have the honor to lay before the Commander in Chief.—

It appears to us that the Committee have pointed out the most likely means of preventing the progress of the Complaint—all the Men should be immediately furnished with

Lieutenant Colonel Fraser's attention will be called to this Subject, with a view to his taking such Measures as may seem most likely for preventing the progress of the Disease prevailing Amongst the European Soldiers in Garrison at Trincomale.—

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with Colts, for we know by
experience that the most
pernicious consequences arise
from sleeping upon damp
Ground - We have already
urged the necessity of an
improvement in their Diet
and as in all cases of debility
it is of the utmost consequence
that the mind should be
kept at ease it will be
advisable to hold out hopes
of a speedy removal from a
Situation against which
they may be prejudiced from
the number of Casualties
that have occurred.

Mr. William Stuart,
Assistant Surgeon, doing duty
with the Malay Battalion
has applied to know what
allowance he is to draw -

Approved

We

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We recommend that he be
granted in proportion the
same allowances drawn
for a Regiment of Native
Infantry

The acting Adjutant
General to the Kings Troops
having represented that a
number of Sick of the
52d Regiment have been
left at Negapatam without
Medical Assistance and
Recommend that Dr. Wellesley
Colhoun Assistant Surgeon
be directed to take charge
of them as he is unable during
the present Season to proceed
to his Station at Rajamundry

Approved

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

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Copy Letter, addressed to the President of the Board of Surgeons - Tuncomallee September 12th 1796. Town Majors Office.

To Alexander Campbell Esqr

Surgeon His Majestys 77 Regiment

President &c.

Sir.

Lieutenant Colonel Fraser has directs me to inform you that he wishes the Opinion of the Board of Surgeons of which you are President on the Causes of the late increase of sickness in the Garrison particularly among the European Soldiers by which many Deaths have happened within these last few days - The Lieutenant Colonel also desires the Opinion of the Board with respect to the most probable means of checking the Sickness which is now so prevalent either by encamping the Troops, issuing Cots

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or change of Air &c. in short the Lieutenant Colonel wishes the Board to take into most serious Consideration the steps which it judges ought to be taken and which will most likely to restore health to the Troops and prevent as much as possible disease in future.

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

(Signed) W. Whittle
Town Major

Copy- Proceedings of the Board of Surgeons
To Lieutenant Colonel Fraser
Commanding Trincomallee & Ostenburgh.

Sir,

We the undersigned Surgeons having assembled agreeably to your Instructions have taken into Consideration the Causes to which the late increase of sickness in the Garrison of Trincomallee, but particularly in His Majesty 72d Regiment is to be imputed.

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In investigating this subject we find that the most common and dangerous Complaint is a Swelling of a Dropsical nature attended with a loss of power in the Limbs and other Symptoms of extreme weakness in the System in the treatment of which experience has mitigated of Medicine the most probable cause of this disease appear to us to consist in the first place in some noxious Quality in the Climate - We cannot pretend to specify with precision the nature of this particular noxious quality, but we conceive the dampness of the situation occasioned from the nature of the adjacent Country to be intimately connected in the production of the disease and this opinion we the more readily adopt as it seems peculiar to the place - we cannot otherwise account for the late increase of Mortality than from the great quantity of Rain that has fallen for some weeks past - Secondly

Bad

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Bad accommodation in Barracks subject the Troops in a higher degree to the influence of the causes mentioned – Lastly we can with confidence that bad Provisions has had a very great effect in injuring the health of the Men and disposing to this particular Complaint –

From attention to the above — causes we are decidedly of opinion that the only effectual means of checking the progress of the Disease is a Removal of the Troops to a more healthy Climate and this we — advise to be as speedily done as the exigencies of the Service will admit on this measure we have much dependance as obviating the principal causes to which we impute the Sickness – Until the removal can be affected we could recommend the strictest attention to be paid to the Troops in — regard to accommodation, Provisions and the abuse of Spirituous Liquor (as a — principal article of Accommodation we —

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think it proper Copies should be issued to all the Troops An encampment can only be advisable on the certainty of Dry Weather - but we can have no dependance on this owing to the General discased state of the Troops which nothing but a Complete change of Climate will restore to health -

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

Trincomalee
September 12th 1796

(Signed) Alex.r Campbell Surgeon
72d Regiment.
W. Norman Surg.n to the Det.t
Colin Rogers a/s.t Surgeon
Detachment Coast Artillery

A True Copy
(Signed) V: Conolly Lieut.t Mj.r Bde.

Read the following Letters from
Major General Stuart -

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

From Major General Stuart respecting Orders he has found it necessary to issue respecting the Pay &c. of the Medical Servants on the Island deviating from the G.O. published by Government

Sir,

The great degree of Inconvenience attending the Medical Gentlemen doing duty with

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with Corps there, from standing appointed to
other situations, when the Officer Commanding
the Corps with which they are now Serving
Conceived their pay should be drawn, has —
induced me to issue an order regarding them
which I have the Honor to enclose. —

The Surgeons appointed by the
arrangement to the 1st, 7th and 9th Native —
Regiments are from circumstances of Ill
health and Service, disposed to Stations so
remote from the detachments of those —
Regiments Serving on this Island that the
Assistants in charge of the Medical duties
with these Detachments must either make
large advances to which their Junior and
incompetent, under the new System for
the sick must suffer from a want of —
medicine and allowance — I have in —
consequence taken upon me to order a —
deviation from the established Rule, directing
the Paymaster to advance to these Gentlemen
a Sum which bears a fair proportion for the

members

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number of men in the Detachments, to that allowed the Surgeon for the Corps, and to take the regular mode for causing this advance to be deducted from the allowances drawn by the Surgeon on this Head.

I trust you will approve what I have in this Instance directed, and laid before Government that the Auditor General may receive the necessary directions and transmit them to the Pay Office - to prevent the necessity for future Correspondence and explanation, which so frequently occur from the impossibility of applying the fixed Regulations of the Service in the Carnatic, to the contingencies of foreign Service, when local circumstances render deviations necessary, which none but those on the Spot can Judge of with propriety

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

(Signed) J. Stuart

Columbo
7th October 1796

Extract

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Extract from G. O. By Major General Stuart
Dated Columbo 5th October 1796.

"In consequence of the General
"Order by Government under date the 8th
"September 1796 directing Messrs. Mc Mahon
"Norman and Rogers of the Medical
"Establishment" to remain in their present
"situations till further Orders" those Gentlemen
"are to be included in the Abstracts for Pay
"and Allowances of the Corps with which
"they are respectively Stationed."

"It having been Represented
"to Major General Stuart through the
"Head Surgeon on Ceylon, that the new
"Regulation Striking off the allowances
"formerly paid to Assistant Surgeons of
"Native Corps for Medicines & 30 of 95 Pags.
"per Month, and Establishing in lieu
"thereof an Allowance of 85 Pagodas per
"Month to the Surgeons of Native Regiments

who

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"who are from that Sum to defray the
"Medical charges of all Detachments from the
Regiment, is particularly distressing to the
"Assistant Surgeons doing duty with Corps
"on this Island, the Surgeons of which are
"dispersed in various remote parts of India".
In order to obviate this Inconvenience as far
as possible, in pursuance of the Spirit of the
Regulations of the Service, and in attention to
the General Orders of the 6th September last
by Government General Stuart directs that
the Assistant Surgeons of Native Battalions
Serving on Ceylon and being parts of
Regiments whose Surgeons are absent, do
draw on their own Bills from the Paymaster
the Sum of 25 Star Pagodas Monthly which
is conceived to be fully adequate to defray
their expences for Medicines &c. and that the
Paymaster General to be issued as Cash in
Paymaster to furnish the Bills to the
his Payments to the Surgeon on the abstracts
in which they are included.

A true Copy of the Extract
(Signed) P. A. Agnew
Dy. Gen. on Ceylon

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Major General Stuart disputing sundry extra Charges depending on Arrangements which he found indispensible, and which are objected to in Audit until sanctioned by Government.

Mr. Paymaster MacDowall has represented to me in a letter copy of which is herewith inclosed, the necessity of my explaining to Government the Nature of some Charges in his Accounts which I had authorized, but to which objections had been made by the Auditor General.

From a perusal of the extracts of Retrenchments by the Auditor General from Accounts as far back as the Months of October and November last, it appears to me that the objections in that Audit, to most of the charges, must arise from some official mistakes in the necessary Documents not being regularly lodged in that Office, which I hope requires only to be rectified to prevent the necessity of

further

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farther explanation or Correspondence, after such a lapse of time, on this subject.

It has been my constant practice regularly to report all temporary or fixed appointments which I have deemed it necessary to make on the Service with which I have lately been intrusted, either directly to Government, or to the Commander in Chief, for their approval, excepting a very few instances of lesser importance, for which I conceived my Signature a sufficient Voucher to the Paymaster for the disburse=ments of the extra expences incurred by them, When no Objections were made to the Appointments, thus reported, I naturally concluded that they were sanctioned and authorized their continuance.

The appointments of Lieutenant Bulteel of his Majesty's 71st Regiment to be Fort Adjutant of Jaffnapatam, and of Lieutenant Campbell of the 73d. to be Fort Adjutant of Manar on the Allowances usually

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usually enjoyed in Similar Situations were reported the first in my letter of the 7th and the other in my letter of the 22d Oct.r 1796 to Major General Braithwaite, who was then at the head of the Army—to both which appointments objections are made in the Audit.

When the Companies of His Majesty's 71st Regiment were ordered to the Coast and the Flank Corps formed for the Expedition against Trincomale was broke up Mr. Secretary Jackson in his letter of the 8th of October 1795 signified to me the order of Government that the Honorable Lieutenant Turnour should be appointed Fort Adjutant of Jaffnapatam on the same Allowances which he had received as adjutant to the Flank Corps; on this authority I presume Lieutenant Turnour was justifiable in drawing the allowanes as Fort Adjutant which I find objected to in the audit in question.

I had received positive injunctions

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in several letters from Government to use every exertion in my power to repair the damages which the Fortifications and public Buildings in & Tanconnale had received during the Seige, and to put that Fort and Colombugh in as respectable a state of defence as Circumstances would admit of; in doing which providing for the preservation of the Amunition and Stores became immediately and indispensably necessary, I had likewise been repeatedly urged by Major General & Brathwaite to give the Camp Equipage which had suffered essentially, from the careless & manner in which it had been put on board Ship, every repair possible, and not to depend upon Madras for the means.

I in consequence, gave the necessary directions to the Principal Engineer and & Commissary of Stores - and after comparing, with the most scrupulous attention at the time the Bills of those Officers were presented for my Signature the Charges they had made, with the work executed I made no difficulty in giving my Signature for the payment of their Charges, which appeared, by their moderation, fully to compensate for any deviation there might be

found

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found in the Accounts from the existing Regulations of the Service; and adherence to which in most instances of Contingent charges on this Island is absolutely impossible And as the Paymaster had been instructed by Government to discharge all Bills for Contingent Charges, Countersigned by me, I did not expect there would have been any after Objections made to them being passed, more particularly so, as the Paymaster had, at the time, requested to be favored with his Remarks thereon, for his future guidance.

Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 18th last October signified to me the orders of Government that the Barrack Master on the Island should be directed to make up the Numbers of Colts deemed necessary for the European Troops - Captain Borough having represented to me the necessity of his having a Serjeant allowed to assist in superintending his Workmen, and taking care of the Stores of his Department, I did not think it an unreasonable deviation from the Rules of the Service to appoint one Barrack Master Serjeant at different Stations for this purpose -

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I certainly did mean to save Government additional expence by appointing Lieutenant Whittle, who acted as Major of Brigade to his Majesty's Troops Town Major of Trincomale and while he held the first appointment I did not sanction his drawing the Pay of Town Major; but the increase of Business which fell to his share in embarking the Prisoners of War at different times, and in taking care of those who remained, keeping the different Registers and other Returns and Accounts incident to this Office, made me think him intitled to an allowance for an Office, Clerks, and the employ incurred of Servants, and induced me to sanction, by my Signature, his Charge of 40 Pagodas, which is certainly much under the expence that would have been incurred by Government had the appointment been held by any other Officer

The charge of 30 Pagodas p.r Month to a person acting as Police Master and Interpreter to the Commanding Officer at Jaffnapatam I did authorize, as I found it was impossible

for

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for the Commanding Officer to carry on the Business and to manage the Correspondence which became necessary with the Dutch Inhabitants without the assistance of such a Person.

Some Medical Charges of Mr. Boswell the Surgeon for attendance on people found sick in the General Hospital on our taking possession of Jaffnapatam, I did sanction for a short time, but afterwards ordered to be discontinued - as it had been intimated to all the Dutch Soldiers that if they were not sent Prisoners of War to Madras they could not expect to receive any means of subsistence from the English Government.

The apprehension I feel of being called upon at some more distant period, and when the assistance of Documents &c. which I now possess may be discharged or lost, for an explanation of Contingent Disbursements which I have authorized during the late Siege, has occasioned my trespassing so long on your Lordships time on this occasion. I shall however now conclude by entreating that an

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Audit on those Disbursements for which
I may in any wise be held responsible may
take place before my removal from my
present Command.

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

Head Quarters
Columbo
12th October 1796

(signd) J. Stuart

To
Major General James Stuart
Commanding on Ceylon

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose
Extracts of Retrenchments by the Auditor General
from my Accounts of Field Disbursements
in the Months of October and November 1795,
and have to request that you will explain
to Government the nature of those Charges
which you have sanctioned and ordered me
to pay during this Service, that Authority
may be given to the Auditor General to pass
such as are countersigned by you.

Local

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Local causes render it impossible to comply with many regulations framed for a Garrison in the Carnatick and can have no other rule for my conduct but the sanction of the Commanding Officer whose Orders in my instructions from Government I am directed to obey, and it will clearly appear to you that if some charges are higher than fixed by the regulations others are in a much greater degree reduced — I particularly allude to the Charges in the Engineer and Commissary of Stores — Department —

The purchase of Stores by the Commissary retrenched from my October Accounts was Reported by me to the Auditor General on the 28th October last and his remarks requested thereon, but no Answer was received nor to a Reference, made on the 9th November relative the Charges made by the Principal Engineer that the remarks upon the first Abstract might be my Guidance in future —

you must be aware of the impossibility of Captain Norris detailing in a

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a Voucher for my Assie, the repairs required for a Garrison in such a situation as Trincomalee was, when the Troops were ordered into quarters and I can have no doubt that your explanation of the subject will be perfectly satisfactory to Government and a reference to the abstract will shew that all the Coolies employed were paid much below the Madras rates for Cooley Service.—

Why Captain Scott was ordered in your letter of the 12th September 1795—to repair and replace all Articles Necessary for the defence of Trincomalee and Batticaloa with all possible expedition, instead of encamping upon Madras, will also remain with you to explain, not only with regard to the articles furnished for that, but almost every month since—the rates of the Supplies furnished by my order on the indents of Captain Scott were certainly more Moderate than could be expected in a foreign country where

these

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Articles had paid a heavy duty on importation, and at this Moment if a repair was ordered him, when all duties have been suspended for some Months, cloth for the Tents could not be purchased at near so low a rate - all that indented for at Trincomalee being full length pieces instead of the 54 or 17 Cubit pieces referred to by the Auditor General -

The necessity of these explanations taking place while you act on the Madras Establishment is obvious and I hope will plead my excuse for troubling you at present, and requesting that it may be made as soon as possible, as my Accounts must otherwise run into endless confusion -

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) John. H. Doualo
Paymaster

A true Copy
(Signed) R. Turing
Actg Secy

Columbo
6th October 1796

Read the following letters from the Military Auditor General -

To

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General referring Colonel Bonneaux's Claim to Table Allowance and Arrears of Subsistence.

At the request of Lieutenant Colonel P. Bonneaux, I do myself the honor to forward to your Lordship the Accompanying Letter addressed to Government and transmitted thro the Military Paymaster at Columbo, respecting a Charge of Three Pagodas, Five Fanams and Twenty Cash per day drawn under the denomination of "Table Allowance" which has been retrenched; and a claim of arrears of pay from June 1793 to January 1796 as Lieutenant Colonel of the late 4th. Battalion European Infantry.

Previous to the termination of the late war in the Mysore Country, the Marquis Cornwallis was pleased to grant in public Order, an Allowance of Three Pagodas, Five fanams and twenty Cash per day

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day to Officers Commanding Brigades under the term of "Brigadier Allowance" which was likewise granted by Government to Officers similarly situated during the Siege of Pondicherry and Accordingly passed in the Accounts, however as no order to this Effect has been issued in regard to the Officers Stationed on Ceylon, I have not considered myself Authorized to Admit the charge unless Sanctioned by your Lordship in

In regard to Lieutenant Colonel Bonneaux Claim to Arrears of Pay from June 1795 to January 1796. I beg leave to observe, that on reference to the Disbursement of the Acting Military Paymaster at Masulipatam, it appears that his Subsistence for June and July 1795 was included and drawn for in the abstract of the late 4th Battalion European Infantry to which he was attached when ordered on foreign Service, consequently his arrears of Pay are wrongly due from August 1795 to January 1796 for which period his subsistence has

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has not been drawn either at Trincomalee
or on Ceylon, as he has therefore suffered this
pay to run so long in Arrear, I have
considered it necessary to obtain your Lordships
permission previous to an Order being passed
for payment.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 12th October 1796.

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil. Aud. Genl.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President in Council

My Lord,

I have this day received a letter
from Mr. Mac Donald the Paymaster of the
Troops on this Island Announcing to me
that the Military Auditor General has
retrenched from his Accounts as unauthorized
an Allowance of £. 5. 20 P. L. C. per Day drawn by
me as Commanding the Native Brigade
serving on Ceylon for part of the Month
of July 1795 informing me at the same
time

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time that due regard will be paid on
Reandit to such further Reasons as shall
be offered in support of the charge This
Retrenchment I presume will be equally extend
to the same allowance drawn for the preceding
Month, This Allowance was during the
Mysore War granted by Lord Cornwallis to
Officers Commanding Brigades, being the
difference between the Allowances fixed by the
Printed Regulations to Lieutenant Colonel
and granted to Brigadiers - The Noble Marquis
being fully sensible of the additional expence
to which the Command of a Brigade subjected
an Officer, wished to provide for such Contingency
and the Rank of Brigadier being then and
now merely temporary deemed the Officer
of what Rank soever who should Command
a Brigade to be entitled to this Allowance

I drew this Allowance on leaving
Madras in Consequence of Information from
the Honorable Mr. Cochrane the Military
Paymaster, after reference to these orders should

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The Authority of the Marquis Cornwallis above quoted not be deemed sufficient to bar the Retrenchment I have to solicit that in Consideration of the Rank I hold and the Extraordinary expence incident to all situations of Command on this Island - your Lordship in Council will be pleased to order that effect warrant me in Retaining what I have either to drawn under the said and Authorize its regular payment in future.

I have further to request the indulgence of your Lordship to Authorize the Paymaster on this Island in proper vouchers to pay to me my arrear of pay as Lieutenant Colonel of the 4th European Regiment from June 1795 to January 1796 which from an Omission on the part of the Officer Commanding that Corps was not included in its abstracts, of this Omission I had for a Considerable time no Intimation on receiving it, in May last I addressed a letter on the Subject to your Secretary which address I now find was irregular and has not been honored with

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with an answer I trust your Lordship will not allow me to suffer from omission for which I can in no degree be held Responsible and Pardon the irregularity of my former address on that subject.

I have the honor to be with

Point De Galle
25th September 1796

the utmost Respect.

&c. &c.

(Signed) P. Bonnevaux
Lieut. Colo.

To
The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President and Governor in Council &c. &c.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 14th instant inclosing Copies of letters from Major General Stuart and Mr. Paymaster McDonall, and desiring my opinion upon the several points on which the latter applies for information.

With regard to the Table Allowance of a Brigadier drawn by Lieutenant Colonel Bonnevaux

From the Military Auditor General submitting his Opinion on various points referred by Major General Stuart and on the mode for regulating the Contingent Allowances in general on the Islands of Ceylon

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Fort St. George 23rd October 1796

Bonnevaux, I have already had the honor to report to your Lordship under date the 12th Instant - By the G.O. of 12th July last Officers holding the Appointments of Majors of Brigade of Infantry were to be continued until the Arrangement of the General Officers of the Staff should be finally determined but the Offices of Adjutant and Quartermaster to the Native Brigades was declared to be abolished; and an Officer under the designation of Adjutant and Quarter Master to be appointed to each Regiment of Native Infantry; As I am not authorized to consider the Troops on the Island of Ceylon to be an exception to the General Operation of the order before mentioned the continuance of the Office of Quarter Master to the Native detail upon that Island recommended in Major General Stuarts Letter, will depend entirely on your Lordships Judgement.

The information required by Mr. M.Donald on the subject of Tent allowance as applicable to the Troops on the Island of Ceylon

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Ceylon will also fall to be determined upon by your Lordship in Council; at the same time it is proper for me to observe, that it appears to have been the custom of the Service to grant Tent Allowance only to Full Batta in other situations have not been considered entitled to any Additional Allowance for Tents, it being supposed that when Tents are in Store they will be supplied at the Company's expence, when they are called upon to move from One Station to another.

As various contingent charges not expressly provided for by the Regulations of the Service, must frequently occur on the Islands of Ceylon, and as Major General Stuart has recommended that the Paymaster should be furnished with specific Instructions by which his Disbursements may be regulated; I beg leave to submit to your Lordship whether the mode suggested in my letter to Government under date the 28th September last

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last, explaining Contingent Charges in the Accounts of the Nizam's Detachment, may not be adopted with advantage and regularity to the public Service, for similar Charges on the Island of Ceylon.

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
17th October 1796

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mily Aud. Genl.

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General forwarding a request of Captain Brunton his Deputy, that the Rank of Major in the Army may be annexed to his Office on the same principle that Rank is conferred on the Deputy Adjutant and Quarter Master General

I have the honor to enclose a letter which I have received from the Deputy Military Auditor General, with a request that it might be laid before your Lordship in Council.

Although I have been but a short time in the Office of Military Auditor General, yet I am so fully impressed with a sense of Captain Brunton's Merits, not only from the recommendation of my predecessor, but from the

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the knowledge which he constantly displays of the duties of his department as well as the uniform readiness which he has shewn to assist me in my Labors that I trust I shall be forgiven for adding, that if the request contained in this letter shall appear to your Lordship reasonable and consistent, I shall feel particularly gratified in his success.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(signd) Wm. Sydenham
Mil. Aud. Genl.

Military Auditor
Genl's Office
Fort St. George
17th October 1796.

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

My Lord

Having twice had the honor of being recommended to Government by Colonel Malcolm the late Military Auditor General; for my exertions in the Office of Audit during a period of nearly five years I trust I shall not be thought too presuming in soliciting from

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From your Lordship, to have the Rank of
Major, in the Army Annexed to my Appoint-
=ment of Deputy Military Auditor General,
upon the principal on which it is granted
to the Deputy Adjutant General And
Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army
A favor which if your Lordship is pleased to
Confer Cannot possibly from Any Situation
operate to the prejudice of any of my Superior
Officers whilst at the same time it will
add a degree of respectability, to the situation
which I have now the honor to hold, that
will both mark the importance of the
Office of Audit, and be a testimony of your
Lordship's Approbation of my Conduct for
which I shall ever be grateful, and shall
do my utmost to deserve.

Should your Lordship deem it
necessary to refer this Application to the
Supreme Government, as Connected with former
references respecting the Office of Military
Auditor General I hope your Lordship will be
pleased to honor it with that support which

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The nature of the Case And the grounds
of my Solicitation may appear to Merit—
I have the honor to be with
the greatest Respect—
&c. &c.

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(Signed) J. Brunton
Dep.y M.r Gen.l

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General referring for the Decision of Government Sundry Contingent Charges in the Accounts of Mr Paymaster McDowall

Accompanying I beg leave to lay before your Lordship an abstract of the Contingent Bills (with the original Bills enclosed) of various discriptions, for charges incurred on the Island of Ceylon, and to request to be honored with your Instructions relative to the Admission or Rejection of them in the Audit of that Paymasters Accounts

I feel myself under the necessity of troubling your Lordship on this occasion, not having received any Orders which authorise the Appointment

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Appointment of Master Attendant at Point De Galle, or him furnished with a Copy of the particular articles of the Capitulation of Columbo upon which some of the enclosed Charges are founded and which appear at present to belong more properly to Civil than Military Disbursements.

With regard to charges in the Commissary of Stores Department for providing Gun Carriages and other Military Stores, I cannot only remark that the Regulations of the Service established by Government on the 8th December 1790 direct that when Materials or Military Stores are required in the Field, they shall be purchased by the Paymaster and by him delivered to the Commissary of Stores, reserving at the same time to a Committee of Inspection which were to inform themselves of the necessity of purchase, and likewise of the Quality Quantity and price of the different Articles, such was the practice in providing Military

Stores

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Stores that could not be obtained by the neighboring Depots during the last War under the Marquis Cornwallis and also in the present instance the Account of Gun Carriages &c. furnished by the Commissary of Stores on the Island of Ceylon is countersigned by Major General Stuart, whose authority I do not presume to question, and the prices appear moderate yet as all Indents for supplies of Military Stores at out Garrisons are examined and the Account passed by the Military Board who have constant access to the Returns to see that such Stores are regularly brought on the Books of the Storekeeper or Commissary in charge, I beg leave to suggest that all Bills of this nature in the Department of the Commissary of Stores on the Island of Ceylon, may be referred to that Board, to ascertain both that the Quantities have been properly accounted for and that the rates are just and reasonable

Charges

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Charges of a similar nature for Materials and Extra Artificers in the Engineer Department on the Island being also included in the Accounts of the Paymaster, of which the Chief Engineer and Military Board are the most competent Judges, and to whom regular reports of the Work on which those Materials and Artificers were employed, as well as Returns of the Quantity remaining in Store may have been made; I further beg leave to recommend that the same reference may be had on those Charges as on the Charges of the Commissary of Stores on the Island of Ceylon.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect &c.

(signed) W. Sydenham
M.A.G.

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
20th October 1796

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

My Lord,

I have the honor to State to

From the Military Auditor General referring Charges on the Accounts of the Paymaster of Company's Allowances to the Kings Troops for Ballances advanced Monies drawn by Capt. Peterson and Major Robertson —

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To your Lordship the following circumstances relative to Retrenchments made by the late Military Auditor General from the Disbursements of Mr. Benyamin Roebuck Paymaster of Company's Allowances to the Kings Troops &c. &c. &c. concerned having requested thro' the proper Channel a reference to Government.—

Captain Patterson of the 19th L.t Dragoons having drawn half batta as Major since March 1795, rendered a Retrenchment from the Monthly Abstracts of that Corps unavoidable, as no order or Regulation of the Service warranted his receiving Batta in advanced Rank unless he was Senior Officer present with the Regiment in India and vested with the Command thereof; the Batta of his Regimental Rank was therefore only allowed on Audit;— Your Lordship will perceive in the enclosed reply to those Retrenchments (No 1) accompanied with a Copy of Captain Patterson's Letter to Mr. Paymaster Roebuck

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No 2 That the principle upon which that Officer grounds his Claim to Superiorballa, during the time that Major Child was also present with the Regiment, is, his representing one of the Majors absent in Europe and being permitted to receive Gratuity as such. This however being a partial Allowance granted under a special order has never been considered as precedent, whereby other allowances incident to that Rank could have been claimed, and consequently the Charge made by Captains Sage and Patterson has been uniformly withheld from its first appearance for the reasons already assigned. Captain Patterson in like manner during the absence of Mr Child, who was ordered to the Presidency as a Member of the General Court Martial for the trial of Colonel Gils, drew Majors Full Batta from having succeeded to the temporary Command of the Cavalry Cantonment, which virtually involves that of the Regiment where no other Corps is stationed; while Major

Child

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Child in virtue of the General order of the 5th June
1795 respecting Officers detached from their Stations
to sit as Members on General Courts Martial, —
continued to receive the full batta of Lieutenant
Colonel, which he had before drawn as being in
the Command of the Regiment, agreeably to
Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 19th June 1794
On the same principle Captain Patterson founds
his Claim to the full batta of Major during
his temporary Command; — If however the
letter of the G. O. above quoted is to be strictly
adhered to it would appear that Captain Patterson
could only claim the full batta of his proper rank
but as he Conceives that the rule by which —
Major Child drew the full batta of a Lieutenant
Colonel, is equally applicable to his Case, while
that Officer was detached on Duty, and himself
in the temporary Command of the Regiment —
and Cantonment I beg leave to submit to your
Lordships decision whether under these Circumstances
Captain Patterson was entitled to the full Batta
of a Major during his temporary Command. —

When

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when it appears that Batta in Advanced Rank was likewise received by Major Child for the same period upon the ground of being in Command of the Regiment at the time he was ordered on Duty to the Presidency; I have further to request your Lordships Determination how far Captain Patterson's Claim to half Batta as Major, is substantiated by being permitted to receive the Gratuity of the absent Officer of that Rank.

Major Robertson Deputy Adjutant General of the Kings Troops having since his Appointment to that Station drawn Monthly half Batta, as Captain in the 71st Regiment, independent of the Full Batta of Major as annexed to his Office the former Charge was of course Retrenched, as the Regulations of the Service prohibit the admission of Batta to any Officer in a double Capacity, the late Military Auditor General mentioned this Circumstance in a Postscript of a Letter addressed to your Lordship, under date the 1st August 1796, but as it has not yet been decided on,

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on a second application has been made to Mr. Paymaster Roebuck the 19th Ultimo, a Copy of which (No. 3) I have the honor to enclose that your Lordship may be in possession of all that he has urged in support of his Claim. Altho' it must be understood that the order of Government for Consolidating the allowances of the Adjutant and Quartermaster General and their Deputies, can only have effect from the Commencement of the New Military Arrangements on the first of June last and I apprehend that the Deputy Adjutant General of the Kings is to be considered in respect to the Staff Pay &c. on the same footing as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Company's Troops, yet I have judged it necessary to solicit your Lordships instructions on this point also, as Major Robertson has Connected it with his Claim to half Batta upon which he has desired a reference.

I have the honor to be
&c &c.
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil. Aud. Genl.

Military Auditor
Genrals Office
Fort St. George
24th October 1796

Answer

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Answer

Answer to the Extracts from the Military Auditor Generals Retrenchments Made from the Pay.s of Companys Allowances to the Kings Troops Disbursements on Account of Captain Lieut.d Patterson of his Majestys 19.th Regiment Lt. Dragoons.

Retrenchments

In the Abstract Sheets Charged Majors Half Batta to Captain Lieut.t Patterson for March 1795. Pay.s 62 — " "
There appearing No Authority for Captain Lieut.t Patterson drawing Majors Half Batta the Half Batta of his Rank cannot by be admitted 24: 33: 48:
And the difference is Retrenched . . . . . 37. — 8 32
There is Charged Majors half Batta to Captain Lieut.t Patterson for April 1795 . . . . . P.60 — " "
The half Batta for his Rank is only Allowed for the above reason . . . . . 24 — " "
And the difference is Retrenched . . . . . 36 " "
There is Charged as above for May . . . . . P.62 " "
Admitted as Above 24: 33: 48
and the difference Retrenched 37 8 32
ditto for June . . . . . P.60 — " "
Admitted . . . . . 24 " "
And the difference Retrenched is . . . . . 36 " "
ditto . . . . . ditto for July . . . . . P.62 " "
Admitted . . . . . 24 — " "
The Retrenched is 37. 8 32
There is charged in the Abstract of Pay and Allowances to His Corps full Batta as Major to Captain Thos. Patterson as Commanding the Regiment and Cavalry Contonment . . . . . —

Answer

Answered by Major General Floyd 11.th January 1796. Marked A

Extract of Letter from the Military Paymaster General to Cornet Haspall Paymaster 19.th Regiment of Lt. Dragoons dated 22.d April 1795.

"In regard to Captain Patterson drawing Majors Half Batta you will be pleased to inform Major Child that he is entitled to it and you have done right by inserting it in your Abstract"

(Signed) B: Roebuck
Mil.y Pay.s Gen.l

To Colonel Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor General

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 17.th Instant I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to inform

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on Anchorosoly Cairn for the Months of December 1794 " "
Captain Patterson being in Command of the Regiment
his daily Batta as Major is Admitted . . . . . 62 " "
Major Child however being the Commanding Officer
of the Cantonment and having drawn full Batta
on that Account it is therefore inadmissible to } . . . 62 " "
Captain Paterson and the diff.ce is Retrenched .
To Ditto . . . Ditto . . Ditto for January 1796 . . . . 62 " "
There is Charged for difference between Major half and full
Batta for Captain Paterson from 17th July to 30th November
1795 . . . . . Pags 274 " "

No Authority being produced to entitle Captain Patterson
to draw the above difference between half and full Batta
it is therefore Retrenched . . . . . 274 " "

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you that the Marine is equal in all Situations where Batta
falls to be drawn the Captain in Command of a King's
Regiment is to draw the Batta of a Major, and the Major
Similarly situated the Batta of a Lieutenant Colonel.

I am further directed to inform you that
the same Principle is to Apply to the Company's European
Corps.

I am Sir
your most obedient Servant
(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

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19th June 1794

Extract of a letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson to
Colonel Henry Malcolm Military Auditor General
under date 8th October 1795

I am directed by the Right Honorable
the President in Council to Acknowledge the Receipt
of your letter dated the 22 Ultimo and to Acquaint you
that Lieutenant Colonel Sale as the Second in Command
at Trichinopoly has no Claim to the Allowance of
full Batta for his Station was properly Trichinopoly
and not Madura but in Consideration of his long and
faithful Services this Lordship has resolved to dispense
with the refund. Captain Burnes Claim to that Allowance
is admitted as well as that of the Officer Commanding the
Cavalry Cantonment near Trichinopoly.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

(Signed) Thomas Paterson
Captain Commanding 19th
Light Dragoons.

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Extracts from the Retrenchments of the Military Auditor General from the Month of May 1794 to April 1795 inclusive

19th Regiment (L:) D:

Retrenchments

In the Abstract of Pay and Allowances is charged Half Batta to Captain Sage for August Page — 62.

Captain Sage being only entitled to the Allowances of his Rank which is Admitted Pg. 24. 33. 48.
and the difference Retrenched 37 8 32

In the abstract there is charged Majors half Batta to Captain Lieut. Patterson for March P. 62
There appearing no Authority for Capt. Lieutenant Patterson drawing Majors half Batta the half Batta of his Rank cannot be Admitted P. 24. 33. 48 and the difference is Retrenched 37 8 32

Answered by Major General Floyd January 11th 1796

First Major Affleck being Absent, and the Second Major Present, the Eldest Captain Sage, drew half Batta as Major, because Allowed Gratuity as Major by Regulation of Government.

Answered as in Regarding Captain Sage, Patterson being the Senior Captain present in India.

(Signed) S. Floyd Colo

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Benjamin Roebuck Esqr
Military Paymaster General

Sir,

I had the honor to receive your Letter of the 7th Instant inclosing a Copy of Retrenchments Made by the late Auditor General for my Accounts.

I inclose you my Answer to the different Sums ordered by Colonel Malcolm to be retrenched and I have to request of you to lay it before Colonel Sydenham who I hope will be satisfied that I have not drawn a Fanam more than I was authorized by the orders of Government, should Colonel Sydenham not be of that Light, I beg it may be referred to the Governor in Council who on all Occasions an indulgent.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Tho.s Paterson
Captain Com.g H.M.
52d Regiment L. D.

Sirichunopoly
12th September 1796

Inclr Copy
Signed B. Roebuck
M.P.G.

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Benjamin Roebuck Esqr.

Paymaster General

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I did myself the pleasure of addressing you on the 12th July, in consequence of the Auditor General having objected to my half Batta being drawn for with the 4th Regiment and as I have not been favored with a reply; it is more than probable that it has not yet been taken into consideration from the hurry of business that must have occurred previous to the departure of Colonel Malcolm the late Auditor General—

In addition to what I have already said upon this Subject I beg leave to adduce one or two more Arguments in my favor, which I request you will take an early opportunity of submitting to the Auditor General for his further information— As I was Paymaster to the 71st Regiment until the end of February 1796 I naturally supposed from officiating in

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in that situation Although absent from
the Regiment that I had a right to the
Staff Batta of my Rank and under this
idea I allowed Lieutenant Hugh McKenzie
who acted for me a certain monthly Allowance
instead of permitting him to draw the Batta
of Captain to which he was entitled as acting
Paymaster as authorized by the Auditor Generals
letter under date the 9th August 1794 and as I was
only acting as deputy Adjutant General until
the 16th October 1795 I should fain hope from this
Circumstance that my claim to Staff Batta
will be allowed more particularly as the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council has been
pleased to consolidate the Allowances to the
Deputy Adjutant General under one head
which entirely removes the objection that
formerly occasioned this Refusal

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Jas Robertson
Actg Secy
(Signed) B: Roebuck
Dn P.G.

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19th September 1796

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The Board having maturely considered the letters now read from Major General Stuart, and from the Military Auditor General - Resolved that the following letter be written to the latter. -

Major General Willm Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

To Military Auditor General Communicating the Boards Determination upon the various points referred to their Consideration in the five foregoing letters. -

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated the 12th 17th 20th and 24th instant, and to acquaint you that the Sum drawn by Lieutenant Colonel Bonneaux, under the denomination of Table Allowance, being an unauthorized charge must be immediately refunded - In every case where it was formerly granted, the Sanction of Government was previously given to it. -

With respect to the arrears of Pay due to Lieutenant Colonel Bonneaux from August 1795 to January 1796 his Lordship desires

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desires you will send instructions to the Paymaster at Columbo to discharge them.

The Brigade Staff on the Island of Ceylon is for the present to continue.

I enclose by order copy of a letter from Major General Stuart under date the 12th instant, with its enclosure, and am directed to acquaint you that his Lordship in Council having every confidence in the discretion of that officer, has been pleased to resolve that in all cases where his signature may appear to contingent Charges they shall accordingly be passed — but when the General himself has left a Latitude for further examination, you are to be guided by the necessity that induced the charge, and the reasonableness of it. Of consequence the appointments made by him are to be admitted — as well as the expence of repairs to Fortifications and Buildings — to Camp Equipage, Gun Carriages and of making up Cotts for the Europeans. In order however to provide as much as possible against any charge of a contingent nature that might be liable to objection, the President

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President in Council has desired Major General Stuart to adopt the mode suggested in your Letter of the 23d. Ultimo - Viz.t "that all contingent "Charges, or such as are not fixed in their nature "and amount, but depend on particular and "occasional circumstances, shall be certified "upon honor by the Party making them, that "the Money has been actually and bona fide "disbursed for the purpose expressed and previous "to payment being made, that the Commanding "Officer shall certify on the Bill, that the charges "contained therein were indispensably necessary "for Carrying on the public Service, and according "to the Established rates of the Station." -

Major General Stuart has been further informed that no Tent Allowance can be granted to any one unless the Troops are actually in the Field and that when they are called into active Service the Officers will have permission to indent upon the Govt. Stores for Camp Equipage, and the Allowance will then Commence -

General Stuart will also be

directed

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directed to give orders that Copies of all Indents for supplies of Military Stores and for Material and Extra Artificers in the Engineer Department be regularly forwarded to the Military Board but for the reason before expressed his Lordship in Council is of opinion that the propriety or otherwise of admitting these Indents should be with the Commanding Officer, his situation on the Island of Ceylon being such as to render it impracticable in all Cases to adhere to the regulations established for the Coast.

The President in Council approves the order given by Major General Stuart to Mr. Commissary Atkinson to provide and keep in readiness One hundred Draught Bullocks for the public Service, as stated in his letter to Government under date the 25th Ultimo.

I am further directed to inclose Copy of a letter from Major General Stuart to the Commander in Chief dated the 17th instant with

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with a Copy of the General order Referred to
therein, and to acquaint you that the
Arrangement made with respect to the
Assistant Surgeons Serving on Ceylon has
been approved by his Lordship — As
Connected with this Subject I also enclose copy
of a letter with its' inclosures from Major
Maclean, and am desired to acquaint you
that it is the desire of the President in Council
that you would give the matter that full
consideration which might enable you to
forward to his Lordship the best means
of obviating the difficulty in future and at
the same time to decide upon the Claim
of Mr Assistant Surgeon O Donoghue

The President in Council is
very sensible of the Merits of the Deputy
Military Auditor General and would have
felt much pleasure in complying with
the request contained in his letter of the
17th Instant, if the orders of the Honorable
Court of Directors of the 17th February 1796
a Copy of which is enclosed had not in the
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most positive manner precluded this Government from conferring Rank, not warranted by the Regulations sent from hence— Captain Brunton's Application will however be recommended very particularly to the Honorable Court by the next dispatch.—

The Retrenchments of the late Military Auditor General from the Diminishment of Mr Benjamin Roebuck Paymaster of the Company's allowances to the Kings Troops, as Noticed in your letter of the 24th Ultimo are confirmed, in the case of Captain Patterson, as well as of Major Robertson, and the Amount retrenched, must therefore be immediately refunded.—

I am Sir

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25th October 1796

Your most obedient Servt
(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

Resolved

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Resolved that Major General Stuart be furnished with a Copy of such parts of the foregoing letter as have connection with the disbursements on the Island of Ceylon.

The Commander in Chief laid before the Board the following letter to him from the Offier Commanding the Detachment serving with his Highness the Nizam.

Major General Clarke

Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Sir,

As the return of the Detachment I have the honor to command, to the Company's Territories appears as yet to be very doubtfull, as far as any thing I know, I beg leave to represent to you in the unsettled state it has been in almost from its being first ordered into his Highness the Nizam's Country, which is now above six years, but particularly so for the latter part of that time. - From the period of

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts representing the Inexpediency of his Detachment being placed in Cantonment, both for the Benefit of Exercise and the Recreation of the Troops. -

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of its return in August 1795 to the present
time it can scarcely be said to have had
the least rest, on our arrival at Hydrabad
we were directed to be in readiness to march
at the shortest notice and proceeded soon —
after to the Westward against Ali Jah's —
Party, from whence we had no sooner —
returned to Hydrabad the 29th November than
I was informed we were likely to be ordered
soon to the Rachore Country, which took —
place early in February last, the reduction
of Rachore and settling the Country to the
Westward of it took up till July when we
returned to the Neighbourhood of Rachore
where I had every reason to suppose we —
should be cantoned for the rainy Season —
but in the same Month I received orders to
proceed to Hydrabad and for that purpose
had to cross the River Kistnah which at
that time was full from Bank to Bank
and took us seven days to cross raining the
whole time on our arrival at Hydrabad

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The 2d August when we expected to have remained for some time I was given to understand our stay was very uncertain and on the 27th of September received Orders to March to Mungaud on its route to the Honorable Company's Country but on the 6th Instant again received Orders to halt till I heard further from the Resident From the Detachments first entering the Nizam's Territories no place has ever been allotted for it as a Cantonment where the Officers might have the convenience of lodging any necessary Supplies or the Sepoys Wives & families, with any expectation of returning to them nor is any time of the year allotted for its being a few Months stationary in order to keep up the discipline of the Corps the consequence of which is that Notwithstanding the orders for the New Drill which Received in the latter end of 1794 no opportunity has offered for carrying it into effect no sooner is it communicated than

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an order arrives for the march of the Detachment. I therefore beg leave humbly to suggest to you Sir (in case of the Detachments being detained in his Highness's Service) the necessity of some place being fixed on for a Cantonment for the convenience of individuals as well as the discipline of the Corps or if that could not be effected the propriety of its being occasionally relieved by others.

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

Camp Rampilly
9th Oct. 1796

Minute thereon

Resolved that a Copy of the foregoing letter be sent to the Resident at Hydrabad, and that he be desired to adopt such measures upon it as may appear to him best calculated for obtaining the very reasonable object which it has in view.

The Commander in Chief recommends that the following Staff appointments be published in General Orders.

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Appointment of Adjutant and Quarter Masters to the different Regiments and Corps Artillery Cavalry Infantry & Engineers.

G. O. By Government, 25th October 1796

The following Staff appointments to take place.—

Lieutenant Thomas Marriott to be Adjt & Qr Master to the 1st N. Regt
Lieutenant J. Desborough D. D. D. " 2d D
Brevet Captain Charles Rand D. D. D. " 3d D
Brevet Captain Robert Munro D D D. " 4th D
Captain Lieutenant J. Oliphant D D D. " 5th D
Lieutenant John De Morgan D D D " 6th D
Brevet Captain R. M. Grant D D D " 7th D
Lieutenant Andrew M.c Donall D D D " 8th D
Brevet Captain Samuel Crane D D D " 9th D
Lieutenant John Munro D D D " 10th D
Brevet Captain Alex.r Orr D D D " 11th D
Lieutenant Benj.a Lydenham to be Adjt to the Corps of Engineers
Lieutenant Charles Armstrong D D to the 2d Regt Euro: Infantry
Captain Lieutenant Thomas Grant D D " 1st Batt.n 6 Regt
Captain Lieutenant John English D D " 1 D 2d D
Lieutenant Thomas Gurnell D D " 2d D 5th D
Lieutenant Joseph Stonard to act as Adjutant to the Second Division 2d Regiment European Infantry.—

Lieutenant William Preston Appointed Fort Adjutant and Port Master at Vizagapatam, and Lieutenant Patrick Grant Fort Adjutant and Portmaster at Vellore—

The Honorable Major Monson appointed to the Command of the Fort and Garrison of Jaygid—

Major Conran to Command at Vellum,—

By order &c.

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Adjutants of the Corps of Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers and European Infantry - Fort St. George October 1796.

Cavalry

	Rank and Names
* 1st Regiment	Brevet Captain Thomas Burrows
* 2d Ditto	Ditto Ditto Bernard Belmonte
3d Ditto	Cornet William Lewis
* 4th Ditto	Brevet Captain Patrick Walker

Artillery

* 1st Battalion	Captain Lieut. John Sinclair
* 2d Ditto	Lieutenant Richard Charleton

Engineers

Lieutenant Benjamin Sydenham

European Infantry

1st Regiment	Brevet Captain Andrew Boyd
2d Ditto	Lieutenant Charles Armstrong

N.B. The Adjutants having
* placed opposite to their Names
those Commissions for the Corps
they at present belong to and
therefore need not receive such ones.

Adjutants

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Adjutants and Quarter Masters of Native Regiments and Adjutants of Ry Battns.

Rank and Name

First Regiment of Native Infantry Lieut. Thomas Marriott

1st Battalion ..... Lieutenant Robert Brice - Adjutant

2d — Ditto ..... Brevet Captain James Logan — Ditto

Second Regiment ..... Lieutenant John Henry Desborough Adjt 2d Batt.n

1st Battalion ..... Captain Lieut.t John English - Adjutant

2d — Ditto ..... Brevet Capt.n Cook Heckman Henry Do

Third Regiment ..... Brevet Capt.n Charles Rains Adjt 3d Batt.n

1st Battalion ..... Lieutenant Patrick Joyes - Adjt.

2d — Ditto ..... Lieutenant John Duff Gordon - Ditto

Fourth Regiment ..... Brevet Capt.n Robert Munro Adjt 4th Batt.n

1st Battalion ..... Lieutenant Alexander Grant Adjt.

2d — Ditto ..... Lieutenant Alexander Marshall Ditto

Fifth Regiment ..... Capt.n Lieut.t Wm. Oliphant Adjt 5th Batt.n

1st Battalion ..... Brevet Capt.n Alex.r Maitland Adjt.

2d Battalion ..... Lieutenant Thomas Gurnell Ditto

Sixth

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Sixth Regiment . . . . . Lieut. John De Morgan Adj. 1/2 Mn.
1st Battalion . . . . . Lieut. James Wilson - Adjutant
2 Battalion . . . . . Lieut. George Mahab — Ditto

Seventh Regiment . . . . Brevet Capt.n Rob.t Moncton Grant
1st Battalion . . . . . .
2d — Ditto . . . . . Brevet Capt.n Charles Simpson Adj.t

Eighth Regiment . . . . Lieutenant Andrew MacDonall Adj.t 2 Mn.
1st Battalion . . . . . Brevet Capt.n James Read - Adj.t
2d Ditto . . . . . Brevet Capt.n Peter Fraser - Ditto

Ninth Regiment . . . . Brevet Captain Samuel Crane Adj.t 2 Mn.
1st Battalion . . . . . Capt.n Lieut. Thomas Greene - Adjutant
2d Ditto . . . . . Brevet Capt.n Wm. Berkeley - Ditto

Tenth Regiment . . . . Lieut. John Munro Adj.t and Qr. Mr.
1st Battalion . . . . . Lieut. Paul Bores — Adj.t
2d Ditto . . . . . Lieut. George Lauder — Ditto

Eleventh Regiment . . . . Brevet Capt.n Alex.r Orr Adj.t & Qr. Mr.
1st Battalion . . . . . Lieutenant Charles Farran Adj.t
2d — Ditto . . . . . Lieutenant Ja.s Reynald MacDonald Adj.t

Lieut.

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Lieutenant George Hepburn Quarter Master 3d Regiment Cavalry
Brevet Captain H. Hall Quarter Master 1st Regiment European Infantry
Lieutenant Joseph Walker Quarter Master 2d Regiment —D——D

Approved and ordered Accordingly

" Robt Clarke

" Hard Clarke

" Con Saunders

" G Wallscheid

Sd &c.
G Sullivan

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Diary

26th

Received the following letters

Right Honorable Lord Hobart

My Lord,

The Deputy Commissary of Stores at this Station appears to me to be a man of Merit, I understand he has often received promises from — principal Officers in the Corps He belongs to, the Artillery, that they would use their endeavours to bring him forward - meaning to procure him a Commission - He certainly now appears to be a laid by, and — forgotten Man - I therefore think it incumbent on me to request the favour of your attention to his case which shall be briefly stated.

From Major General Floyd setting forth the merits and services of Mr Francke - Deputy Commissary of Stores - and requesting the intercession of Government with the Court of Directors to obtain for him a Commission in the Artillery Corps.

He is a Saxon - his name Francke came Private into the Artillery in 1796 - served at the seige of Pondicherry in 1778 - Engaged about 30 Men among the Prisoners of War to enter the Artillery - He perfected them in their excercise - had no — recompence - and was not made Corporal 'till a good while after. — Served the whole of Hyder's War under Sir Eyre Coote, and General Stuart. Served with the Detachments against the Southern Polygars

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26th and at the attack of Callangoody, was in charge of two 3 Pounders with the advance, where the service was serious. Served the last War against Tippoo - was selected for the last siege of Pondicherry - and again for the intended expedition against the Mauritius. Served long as a Conductor of Stores - and now as Deputy Commissary of Stores at Trichinopoly during the whole of my — Command. In this Department he has my entire approbation - and from his knowledge of all that regards Artillery and their Stores, I consider him — amost usefull Man - For his good conduct formerly I appeal to Colonels Geils and Lyonham and all the experienced Artillery Officers.

His great Ambition and the — Reward he has always looked up is to be honored with a Commission in the Artillery - This can only be obtained by your Lordship's recommending him home to the Court of Directors - as I believe. But you are the best judge of this, and also of the fitness of the thing and I have a thousand apologys to make for the liberty I have now taken and beg your indulgence accordingly.

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

Trichinopoly
June 21st 1796

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William Collins Jackson Esquire

Secretary

Sir,

In pursuance of your letter to us under date the 8th July last requiring proof to be adduced of the Vessells that sailed from Nagore and that part of the Coromandel Coast during the time the Vessell belonging to Samu Crisna Sinoy (the Union) was on her passage to Trincomale and back again we applied to Samu Crisna Sinoy for the same and have in consequence received from him a Copy of a Certificate signed by Mr. Torriano the Resident and Mr. Weinos the Master Attendant at Nagore of 6 Vessells which left that Port, only, for Atcheen in the Month of October 1795.

From the Agents for the Snow Union - stating the numbers of Vessels that sailed from Nagore &c. for Atcheen while the Union was detained in the Company's Employ - Complain that certain Subjects of the Danish Government have been guilty of a Breach of the Laws of Neutrality in the purchase of the Union which was seized by the French in Atcheen Roads

Since troubling the Honorable Board on the aforegoing matter relative to the Union " Accounts have reached us of her having been captured as a Prize whilst lying in the Roads of Atcheen a Port considered by all Nations as neutral by a Fleet of French Ships under the Command of Admiral Sercey and disposed of and on the Spot without a condemnation to Captain Winther a Danish "

Subject

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26th Subject who despatched the said Vessell under charge of a Captain Kitson to the Port of Trangueber where she now lies. — Captain Lane who Commanded the Union during the time she lay in Ateheen Roads and when taken possession of by the French Ships has made an application to the Danish Government stating the Circumstances of her Seizure and calling upon them to take such measures to come at the legality of the Capture Seizure and detention of the said Snow and her Cargo as shall appear to them proper and just but as the Danish Government have not afforded any Satisfaction in the affair and decline any enquiry into the legality of the Capture we here take the liberty to state the Circumstances and to enclose the Papers relative to them for the Inspection of the Honorable Board in the hope should the Capture of the Vessell in question whilst lying at Anchor in Ateheen Roads as is Represented be considered by the Honorable Board in the unwarrantable light it appears to us on the Score of the Neutrality of that Port that they will be pleased to make such a — Representation to the Danish Government at Trangue- -bar as they shall think proper in support of the Requisition made by Captain Lane on the Part of the

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the 26th the Owner of the said Vessell.

We are
&c. &c.
(Signed) Colt. Baker Day & Co.

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A List Vessell which sailed from the Port of Nagore for Acheen
in the Month of October 1795.

Date of Departure	Vessels Names	Commanders Do.	Owners Do.	Date of Arrival at Acheen
October 9th	Snow Cudd Bux	Fakeer Mahomet	Peer Saib	18th November 1795
13th	Do. Cudd Bux	Shaik Saib	Mahomet Casim	13th Ditto Do.
16th	Do. Mahomet Bux	Mahomet Landoo	Noor Mahomed Mercy	26th Ditto Do.
18	Do. Mahomed Bux	Afoacawda Mercy	Malam Lundoo Mercoy	3
18	Do. Mahomed Merad	Cofs Naganah	Do. Do.	
19	Do. Poully Reamony	Shack Colley	Canjoo Tavary	

Nagore 24th Augt 1796

(Signed) John Hindes
Master Attendt

N.B. No Vessels sailed from Nagore for Acheen in Novr. 1795

(Signed) W. Harcourt Torriano
Resdt

To His Excellency Major General
Anker and the Members of His Majestys
Royal Government of Tranquebar:

Honorable Sirs & Sirs

I George Martin Lane, late
Commander of the Snow Union, Captured at her
Moorings in the Road of Acheen (a port conquered
by

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the 26 by all Nations as neutral) by Rear Admiral Percey and said to be sold or otherways made over to Captain Winther of the Ship Castle of Dantz=baurg, and by him sent unto this port under His Danish Majesty's Flag, and in the charge of Captain Whitson, and there being strong presumptive proofs of the illegality of the Capture of the said Snow most humbly pray your Honorable Gouernment will oblige the said Captain Whitson, his Agents or Owners / on behalf of the said Captain Winther / to produce before you his or their legal Authority for detaining the said Snow Union with her Cargo, as I am well informed She is illegally captured, and I firmly believe and am well assured from many corroborating circumstances that the said Snow Union or her Cargo never was or could be legally consumned Therefore humbly pray that your Honorable Gouernment will take such measures to come at the legality of the Capture, Seizure, and detention of the said Snow Union and her Cargo as shall seem proper and just, and that may effectually indemnify my Employers or Underwriters

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11th 26 Underwriters, for the very heavy Loss they have 11
already or may hereafter sustain by the Capture
of the said Snow Union and her Cargo then lying
in a neutral port and under the protection of a 11
neutral Prince, and at the same time, she having
no papers Vouchers, or any proof whatever on board
that could be considered as sufficient to condemn
her as a Prize to the Captors. And I further
beg leave to remark that the mode of purchase
is without a precedent and appear irregular in
itself there being no consideration money paid
for the said Snow or her Cargo as plainly appears
by Admiral Percy's certification produced by
the present Owners or their Agents for the purpose
of proving their Property in the said Snow and
Cargo.

Since writing to your Honorable
Government I have conversed with several 11
Gentlemen of known veracity and Judgement
in these matters, I have likewise had some 11
Communication with the Agents of my Employers
upon the subject of the Capture and Sale of the
Snow Union and her Cargo and they are all

of

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the 26 of the General Opinion that the said Snow or Cargo was not nor by any means could be lawfully condemned or Sold.

I further beg leave to inform your Honorable Government that I heard and do firmly believe that the King of Atcheen was in Treaty with Admiral Storey for the Restoration of the Snow Union and her Cargo to her Original Owners and she was to have been delivered over unto the King's Agents for the use of her Owners on the morning of the fourth of September last had not Captain Winther gone on board the Admirals Ship and by Purchase or some other means got possession of the said Snow and did on the evening of the same Day hoist his Danish Majesty's Flag upon her to the great detriment of her real Owners.

I therefore humbly pray that your Honorable Government will immediately order such an Examination to be made as will renders you fully Masters of the legality of the original Capture, Seizure Sale and present Detention by Captain Winther his Agents or

Owners

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26th Owners in this Port, and by what authority they hold the said Snow Union and her Cargo and offer the same for Sale.

Accompanying I beg leave to enclose an Inventory of the Cargo actually on board the Snow Union at the time She was captured in the roads of Acheen for your Perusal -

I am &a. &c

(Signed) George Martin Lane
Late Master or Commander
of the Snow Union

Tranquebar
15th October 1796

Translation

French Republick

We the undersigned Commissary of the Naval Forces in India under the orders of Contre-Admiral Sercey, certify to have ceded and sold to M. Albert Winther with her Appertenances in the State she is the Snow Union an English Prize taken by us the 16th Fructidor in the 4th Year of the Republick corresponding to the 1st of Sept. 1796, the said Snow being formerly commanded by M. Land, and putting the said M. Albert Winther in possession of the said Vessel having

brought

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the 26th bought the same of us and paid with ready Money.

On board of the Fort in the Roads of Acheen the 17th Fructidor in the 4th. year corresponding to the 3rd September 1796, old Stile.

(Signed) Bizo

Seen by me Contre Admiral Commander in Chief of the Forces of the Republick in India

(Signed) Sercey

(L S)

A true Copy, before me

(Signed) Hermanson Secry.

A true Translation before me

(Signed) Hermanson

Not: Pub: Reg.

By this Publick Instrument of Declaration and Protest, Be it Known and made manifest unto all People whom it doth shall or may concern, That on the tenth day of October in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Six personally appeared before me Peter Hermanson His Danish Majesty's appointed Counsellor of Chamber / Secretary to the Royal Government and Notary Publick, Dwelling and practicing in the Town of Frankebar on the Coast of

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The 26 of Coromandell George Martin Lane late Commander of the Snow Union Burthen Two hundred and Eleven Tons or thereabouts and Declared that on the Seventeenth day of May last past the declarant being then Master or Commanders of the said Snow or Vessell the Union then Readeing at anchor in Bombay Harbour did receive instructions from Samee Crisnee, Sinoy of Bombay Merchant and Sole Owners of the said Snow or Vessell the Union to proceed from the port of Bombay to Acheen Pulo Pinang Junkeeyloaw and other parts within the Honorable Company's limits the said Snow or Vessell the Union being laden with three hunored and one Bales of Cotton Sundry Bales of Guzeratt piece Goods twelve Chests of Opium and Sundry other Articles of Merchan= =dize as by Bills of Lading thereoff will more fully and at large appear that the declarant in pursuance of such Instructions and having on board the said Snow or Vessell the Union Two European Officers and thirty five native Lascars for the purpose of navigating the

said

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the
26 said Snow or Vessell the Union did proceed and
sail from the said Port of Bombay with the
said Snow or Vessell the Union and arrived
at Pulo Pinang on or about the fourteenth day
of June last where he delivered Two hundred
and sixty nine Bales of Cotton several Bales
of Piece Goods some Casombo flowers and Sundry
other Articles to one Idelyn Hirjee that on or about
the twenty fifth day of the said Month of June
the Declarant received on board the said Snow
or Vessell the Union on Sale and Commission
eight Bales of piece Goods and Three Chests of
Opium and having on the same day clear'd out
the said Snow or Vessell from Pulo Penang in further
pursuance of the said Instructions proceed and sail
from Pulo Pinang and arrived at Punk Ceylon
on or about the seventh day of July last and
landed from the said Snow or Vessell the Union
severall Bales of piece Goods and in return for the
same received on board fifty eight Bare oweight
hundred and fifty nine Slabs of tin that in
further pursuance of the said Instructions the
Declarant did on or about the Seventh day of
August

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the 26th August last sail with the said Snow or Vessell from Sunk Ceylon and arrived at Acheen on or abaut the fifteenth of August last and landed the remaining thirty two Bales of Cotton and some Coarses Guzeratt peice goods which were sold to Nogneea Pe Salle the King's Merchant at Acheen the returns to be Called for in one Month but received on board Seventey two Bares of Japan wood in part payment, that on the thirtyeth day of August having settled all the business concerning the said Snow or Vessell the Union at Acheen sent all the necessary Articles on board and prepared for sailing that on the first of September being ready to proceed on the Voyage a Squadron of Six Ships of War arrived and came to an Anchor in Acheen Road that about eight Oclock in the evening of the same day several Boats mann'd and armed from different Ships of the said Squadron boarded the said Snow or Vessell the Union then lying and being moor'd in the Road of Acheen and forcibly did Seize and Capture the said Snow or Vessell the Union and Plunder

and

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the 26 and despoil the said Snow or Vessell the Union's Cargo, the Captain, Officers and Manners wearing apparel not leaving the smallest Triffle that the Declarant hath heard and believes that the said Squadron of Ships of War were commanded by Admiral Percy that the Declarant hath also heard and believes that the said Snow or Vessell the Union was on or about the fourth day of the said Month of September sold transfered and conveyed over by the Commanding Officers of the said Squadron to Captain Winther of the Ships, Castle of Dansborg, a subject of his Danish Majesty and that on the said fourth day of September last the Danish flagg was flying on board the said Snow or Vessell the Union.

Wherefore I the said Notary at the request of the said George Martin Lane have protested and by these Presents do solemnly protest against the Captures of the said Snow or Vessell the Union and all others concerned in taking Capturing and seizing the said Snow or Vessell the Union and for all loses Costs charges, and

Damages

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26 Damages sustained or which hereafter may be sustained in consequence of the Seizure and Capture of the said Snow or Vessell the Union as before said.

Thus done and Protested in Fort Tranquebar the Day and Year first above written in the presence of Gulow Halse and Frederick Halkier. —

In Testimonium Veritatis

Witnesses
Gulow Halse
(Signed) Fred: Halkier

(LS) (Signed) Hermanson
Not: Pub: Regus: —

A true Copy of a Declaration and Protest made before me by George Martin Lane late Commander of the Snow Union.

In Testimonium Veritates

Witnesses
(Signed) Gu Halse
" F. Halkier

(Signed) Hermanson
Not: Pub: Regis

Translation of the afore letter

We have received your letters of the 15th and 17th instant, in reply to which serves: That Captain Winthers Agent at this Place Mr Pingel has remitted us a Document issued by Admiral Sercey,

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the
26 Sercey, as his Title Deed to the Snow Union and that we at his request as a Danish Subject and in consequence of the above mentioned Document have not found ourselves warranted to refuse him our Passport on the said Snow, the more as he at our request has obliged himself in time to procure the Sentence of Condemnation of the said Snow; further enquiry into the legality of this Proze we dont find it necessary for us to enter into, but if you should think yourself warranted to further pretensions on this subject, you must address yourself to the Court which is open for every body, there produce your Proofs and receive jeogement.

The Document issued by Admiral Sercey we enclose a Copy of, for your information.

In regard of your second demand respecting the discharge of the Crew on board the Snow Union we have ordered the judge M.r Borgen to take out of the said Snow those of the Crew that are not willing to go in her any longer, in consequence of an examination which the Judge in your Presence will undertake

on

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No 26 on board of the said Snow.

Fort Dourborg the 18th October 1796

(Signed) P Anker

" Lichtenstein

" Muhlworff

" Hermanson

A true Translation before me

(Signed) Hermanson
Not: Pub: Regnis

To Captn G. M. Lane
late Commander of the Snow Union

Recieved also the undermentioned letters entered in M B. Nos 133-134-135-136-137.

From Mrs Lee — From Mrs Lee requesting that an advance of Cash equal to three Months of her pension may be made her to provide Articles requisite for a Voyage to England.

From the Agents for the Ship Yarmouth — From Messrs Lautour and Co requesting that they may receive the amount of one Months Freight due to the Yarmouth in a Bill on Bengal.

From the Agents for the Ship Jane Transport — From Messrs Chase Sewell and Chase enclosing a Bill for one Months freight due to the Jane Transport.

From the Postmaster at Masulipatam — From Lieutenant Shawe stating the

Amount

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26th Amount of Extra Expences incurred on account of the Hyderabad Sappers.

From the Paymaster at Ganjam and Aska

From Mr Cooper complaining of Delay on the part of Captain Webber in answering the Audits standing against him.

Substance of a letter to the Nabob

Sent Letter to the Nabob entered in C. C. N.o 156 acknowledging Receipt of his List for the present Month.

24th Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in MB. N.os 138-139-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151.

To the Military Auditor General

To Colonel Tyrenham - desiring that instructions may be sent to the Paymaster at Nagore to discharge Mr Burettes monthly pension

To Mr Formerly Assistant Surgeon Burette

To Mr Burette advising him of the orders sent to the Paymaster at Nagore.

To Commanding Officer on Ceylon

To Major General Stuart - enclosing Extract of a letter to the Military Auditor General containing the Board's determination on the various points referred to them in his (General Stuarts) letters of the 25th Sept.r y.o and 12th Instant.

To the Officer Commanding the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry

To Lieutenant Colonel Orr - acquainting him that the Officers who have lately joined his Corps from Tachinore will be allowed free

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To
27 five Pagodas per Month on account of House
Rent provided the Tents now in their possession
be returned into Store on the 1st December next.

To the Agents for the Jane yarmouth & Euer Trans=ports

To Messrs Chase Sewell and Chase - Messrs
Lautour & Co - and Mr B Roebuck - acquainting them
that Government cannot make any farther advances of
Cash on account of their respective Ships unless they
bind themselves to return any Sum that may hereafter
fall to be returned to the Company in consequence
of the loss of their Ships or of their being dismissed
the Service by Admiral Rainier.

To the Chief Engineer

To Colonel Gent - informing him -
that Government will allow Captain Forbes 200
Pagodas in case all the private Stabling be immediately
pulled down and the materials removed.

To the Commanding Officer of the Northern Division of the Army.

To Colonel Bideliffe - acquainting him
that the Passport of Major Kirkpatrick is to be
considered a sufficient authority for allowing Guns
and Military Stores belonging to the Nizam to
pass through the Company's Districts

To the Resident at Hyderabad

To Major Kirkpatrick - desiring him
to exert his influence with the Durbar to obtain permission
for Colonel Roberts's Detachment remaining, for some
time in fixed Cantonments.

To the Commandant at Trincomale &c

To Lieutenant Colonel Fraser desiring
his attention to the suggestions of the Medical Board
for preventing the Progress of the disease so much
prevalent

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prevalent among the European Troops doing Duty at Trincomale and Ostenburgh and authorizing him to announce to the Troops the Board's Intention to relieve them so soon as it can be effected without prejudice to the Service.

To the Commandant at Palamcottah

To Major Smart - acquainting him that the Board cannot but disapprove his conduct in punishing the Bricklayer Maistry and Lascar publick Servants placed under the immediate authority of the Paymaster.

To the Paymaster at Palamcotah

To Mr Marten - enclosing Copy of the above mentioned letter to Major Smart.

To Lieut. Col. Wahab

To Lieutenant Colonel Wahab acquainting him that his application for a larger allowance than the Sum of fifty Pagodas for building a Bungalow cannot be complied with.

To the Military Paymaster General.

To Mr Roebuck - informing him that the Board cannot comply with Mr Thackeray's requestunlit it be ascertained whether any payment has been made by the Court of Directors, to Mr Thackeray or his Attornies in consequence of the application which appears to have been made to them to that effect.

To the Secretary at Bengal -

To Mr Secretary Barlow - enclosing Copy of a Despatch from Major General Stuart containing the Prize Agents Acceptance of the proposals conveyed in the letter from the Supreme Government under date the 12th September.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esqre

&

Ernst William Tallofield Esqre

Friday
28th October 1796

Minutes of last Consultation Read and Approved.

Read the following letter from Captain Mealy, Commanding at Chandernaghery.

William Collins Jackson Esqre

Military Secretary

Sir,

From Captain Mealy states that the Nabob has removed all the ordnance formerly in Chandernaghery to Hussain Pettah reports the state of the works and the nature of quarters for himself and the sepoys forming the Garrison.

I have delayed announcing to you my having received charge of the forts of Chander=naghery from the Nabob's Killedar untill, I was enabled by visiting every part of the very extensive works which compose them to make

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a full and particular report for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council. The bare, and empty state however, in which I found the place, leaves me very little to report upon.

The lower Fort is in very tolerable repair the Ramparts broad, clean and in good Order, but, is without a single Gun or Stores of any description whatever. On traversing the upper Forts, the Works of which, are in many places greatly out of Repair I discovered on one of them, an old Iron 12 Pounder mounted on a damaged Carriage with[s]t any ammunition; and on another part of the Fortification lay, a long Iron Malabar Gun apparently quite unserviceable. These are the whole Stores His Highness has left in the Forts, except, what may be contained in two small Stone Choultrys upon the Rock under lock and key and the charge of his own Sepoys which I was not permitted to examine The Killedar however told me their contents consisted of a small quantity of Powder and Musket Ammunition.

I likewise learnt from him that as soon as it was in Contemplation to send the Company's Troops to Garrison this place. The

Nabob

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Nabob gave orders for the immediate removal of all the Guns and Stores to a Village called Hussein Pettah within a Mile of this Fort; which he is busy fortifying with a Stone Wall and four Bastions; and where I went, and saw all his Artillery amounting to about 30 pieces of Ordnance of different Calibers, with a Quantity of Military Stores ranged in a regular Park.

I beg leave to represent the very uncomfortable situation of my Detachment as to Quarters here having been obliged for want of a better place on our arrival to put them into an old Bullock Shed that I found empty; but as the Monsoon approaches they will be miserably off, unless some repairs are made, absolutely necessary to keep out the inclemency of the Weather.

His Highness's Killedar having taken possession of the only habitable House in the Fort, I have no Quarter for myself but a wretched old Rymaal; either to fit up which, or build myself a Bungalow will be attended with some expense. I hope it will not be deemed an unreasonable indulgence to permit me to draw the Monthly House Rent allowed to a Captn at Madras or some other allowance proportionate

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to the expense I must necessarily sustain.

Having mentioned the Killedar's residing within the Fort, it may be proper to add that he retains about 150 dismounted Troopers, who mount Guard over and attend upon him; these men are very well dressed and accoutred; there are besides about 30 who are well mounted and appointed. The rest of His Highness's Troops are principally in Hussein Pettah, and altogether amount to about 600 Men including the Troopers

I have permitted hitherto at the express request of the Killedar, a party of the Nabob's Sepoys to remain upon the Hill Forts as a Guard over the Store Choultrys mentioned in the former part of my letter, which should Government disapprove of - I will immediately cause them to be removed; upon your doing me the honor to signify their wishes.

There is a range of Field Buildings in the Center of the lower Fort, in which are kept a few Horses belonging to the Nabob or some of his people - This place would be a most comfortable and durable Barrack for the whole two Companies without any expense or

trouble

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trouble, if I could obtain permission to appropriate it to their use - and the Horses might be removed to the Shed the Sepoys at present occupy - I shall not however presume to take such a step without the previous sanction of the Right Honorable the President in Council before whom I have to request you will be pleased to lay this letter.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) R. Mealy
Captain Commanding
Chundernaghery

Chundernaghery
22d October 1796.

The President proposes, in consequence of Captain Mealy's representation relative to the removal of the Guns and Stores from Chandernagherry, that the following letter be written to the Nabob.

The President proposes that in consequence of the receipt of the above the following letter be written

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

May it please your Highness,

Information which I have recently received compels me to address your Highness upon a subject of the most pressing nature to the interests of this Government, and which I am

To the Nabob pointing out the impropriety of removing the ordnance formerly in Chundernaghery to Hussein Pettah and the impolitick it is to erect any fortifications at the latter place

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am satisfied will plead my Excuse for the urgency with which I trouble you upon the present occasion

When I intimated to your Highness the necessity of Chandernagherry being occupied by the Company's Troops, I had been led to a representation of my sentiments from a Conviction of the advantages that would result from the measure.

The means which it was likely to afford of keeping in check the Polygars, and of enforcing a system of subordination and submission to the authority of Government were sufficiently obvious to suggest the beneficial consequences with which it would be attended, whilst the Military Preparations of Tippoo, and the vicinity of a Corps in the Khummum District under the Command of a Frenchman required that every precaution should be taken for the Security of the Carnatic.

Under this impression it gave me much satisfaction to find that the application which in my hands had completely failed, had been more fortunate in those of the Governor General and that you had enclosed to him an Order to the Killedar of Chandernagherry to deliver up the

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the Fort to the Company's Troops.

The delay which arose from the circuitous route by which this order was transmitted I should have thought of little importance had not the time been employed in a manner which I am concerned to observe is wholly inconsistent with your Highness's professions of attachment to the British Government as well as with a just sense of that Consideration which is due to the preservation of your own possessions.

What construction will Tippoo put upon your Conduct, when he is told, that on the instant of your being prevailed upon to admit a Garrison of Company's Troops into Chundernaghery, you completely dismantled it of all the Guns and Stores that had been placed there for it's Security?

The reference must be injurious to your Highness in every respect, and highly detrimental to the affairs of the Carnatic

In pursuing this transaction it is with much regret, I have discovered the sequel to be still more unsatisfactory having the most authentic information that your Highness has not

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not only withdrawn all the Guns and Stores from Chandernagherry, but that you have conveyed them to a place of no defence called Hussein Pettah within a Mile of it and that thirtypieces of Ordnance of different Calibres with a large Quantity of Shot Shells &c &c &c are regularly packed, and under a Guard of about four Hundred Sepoys.

Thus exposing those Guns and Stores, which an attention to your own and the Companys Interests ought to have induced you to leave within Chandernagherry to a sudden enterprize of the Enemy, thereby furnishing him at once with the means of entering the Carnatic by the most convenient Route, and with the most sanguine expectations of a successfull irruption into the heart of the Country.

Were I to state to your Highness the various ideas to which so strange and unaccountable a conduct has given birth I should be apprehensive of exciting dissatisfaction in your Highness's mind, a circumstance which I am sincerely anxious to avoid, but it is my indispensible Duty to urge the positive

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positive necessity of the immediate removal of your Guns and Stores to a place of Security.

I would suggest their being returned to Chandernagherry - first because it will be attended with the least trouble and expence. and secondly, because until Ordnance can be sent from Madras these are absolutely necessary to the defence of the Fort.

At all events however I must desire that your Highness if you will not remove them back to Chandernagherry would issue immediate orders for their being conveyed to Nellore.

With every respect and deference for your Highness, permit me explicitly to say that the subject is too Serious to admit of procrastination and I trust you will not oblige me to adopt any measure that you may disapprove, or which can in any degree be distressing to your feelings.

I am informed that your Highness is incurring considerable expence in erecting a Fortress at Hussein Pettah.

Your Highness must be aware that

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that the defence of the Carnatic is entrusted to the Company, and therefore that no Fortification can be built without the concurrence of their Government.

Two objections obviously present themselves to the measure in question, First, that it is improvident in point of Expence, and Secondly, that it is more calculated to shelter an Enemy than add to the Strength of the neighbouring Port of Chandernagherry.

Should the state of your Highness's Treasury enable you to lay out Money in Fortifications, the ruinous situation of Trichinopoly would on every Account lay claim to your earliest attention, and you will forgive my venturing to avail myself of this Opportunity of submitting the subject to your most particular Consideration

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

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Approved and Ordered accordingly
Read the following letter from
the Military Paymaster General. 11pm

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Wm. Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Military Paymr General stating the deficiency in the publick Cash chest of the late Mr. E. M. White Paymaster at Ongole &c.

I have the honor of enclosing you Copy of a letter and Statement transmitted to me by the Acting Paymaster at Ongole, which I request you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable the President in Council.

I am &c. &c.

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/Signed/ B. Roebuck
M.P.G.

Benjamin Roebuck Esqr.

Military Paymaster General.

Sir,

Having closed the public Cash Account of the late Acting Paymaster of Ongole (Mr. Evan Marsh White) to the 31st August inclusive. I now do myself the honor to lay the accompanying Statement of it before you,

and am

&c. &c.

Pay Office
Innaconidah
21st October 1796

A true Copy
/Signed/ B. Roebuck
M.P.G.

/Signed/ Jno. Darley
Actg Payr.

Dr.

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D.r Late M.r Evan. Marsh

1796 Sept.r 21	To Balance due to the Military Paymaster General from late Paymaster's Account Current	2,523.17.39
	By Cash to be Credited to the Military Paymaster General's Account by the late Commissary's Journal Parcel	500 " "
	Star Pagodas	3,023.17.39

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White in Account Current with the Military Paym.r Gen.l &c.

Sept.r 1st To Cash received as follows

Cash in the Cash Chest Pd 23.60 — 35 42.12.

Cash in the hands of Several Paymasters 463 41.06

Conicesplys ——— 506 . .

To Balances due from the Estate of late Mr E. March White ——— 2523 17 39

Star Pagodas 3023 1739

Innacondah
20th October 1796

E.E. Y.s (Signed) John Darley
Acting Paymast.

A True Copy
(Signed) R Roebuck M.P.G.

Ordered that Mr George Parry Administrator to the Estate of the late Mr White, be called upon to pay into the hands of the Military Paymaster General, the Sum due by the estate to the Honorable Company

Read the following letter from Captain Mealy —

Re

Order thereon

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Captain Mealy communicating particulars relative to the origin and progress of the Animosities subsisting between the Moogral Polygar and His Highness the Nabob —

I take the earliest opportunity of informing your of my arrival here yesterday, and that I have received charge of the Forts from the Nabob's Hillesar; the particulars of which I shall report thro the official channel as soon as ever I am enabled —

In the mean time I am anxious to communicate to your Lordship the result of my enquiries respecting the quarrel subsisting between the Nabob and the Magraal Polygar, to obtain which I directed my route hither thro the Magraal Pollam and to prevent any alarm I ordered the Detachment round by another, The Polygar himself met me on the entrance into his Pollam, and behaved with the utmost attention and civility, He detailed to me with the greatest readiness the history of his disputes which I wrote down as he delivered, and have the honor to enclose herewith.

Your Lordship on taking the trouble to peruse it will perhaps think a large part irrelevant to the main point concerning which, you wished

to

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to be informed, but as I have always understood the most likely chance to get at the truth in a black Mans Story is to let him tell it in his own way, I have not altered a word of his Narrative, but taken down the whole in his own words as nearly as they could be translated. —

Your Lordship having both relations before you may be enabled to form a true judgement of the merits or rather perhaps demerits of the parties, for I picked up from a conversation with some respectable men in appearance both here & and as I passed thro Chittoor that it was their opinion, blame was imputable to each Party. From these people, as immediately belonging to the Nabob, I could not look for much impartiality: notwithstanding, however they were candid enough to tell me the death of the young Nabob was certainly accidental and caused by his own rashness, in going out against a parcel of rabble which he had no business to do, and which his rank and station ought to have prevented his doing —

At the conference your Lordship honoured me with previous to my setting out —

your

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you expressed a wish the Magraal Mans Person might be secured if it could be effected in a manner compatible with good faith. It therefore occurred to me to sound him respecting his disposition to quit his fastness which I did by observing, that as he had told me the particulars of his Story so willingly - I supposed he would have no objection, if required, to attend your Lordship at Madras and repeat it - To this he said such an opportunity would afford him much satisfaction and upon receiving your Lordship's orders he would proceed to Madras with the utmost readiness, but he had two favors previously to ask the one was, a safe conduct thither and the other a promise not to be delivered into the Nabob's power.

Should your Lordship therefore find it necessary to order him to Madras and judge it proper to authorize me to grant him a suitable escort for his safety, and to assure him in your name that his other request will be granted, I have myself no doubt of his going quietly, but without these conditions, his dread of the Nabob appears so great I much fear he will not be prevailed upon to move.

As there is no Tappall from hence, I am obliged to send this by a Man to Vellore which is the nearest Post, and as he will be three days

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days going thither, it will account to your Lordship for the delay apparent from the date and delivery of this letter.

I will at present intrude no further on your Lordship than to venture to express my hope that I may have acted in this business to your Lordship's satisfaction my endeavors and wishes to do so have been uniform and zealous as I promise, they ever will be on every occasion your Lordship may honor me with your Commands—

With great respect I have the honor to subscribe myself

&c &c

(Signed) R Mealy

Chundernagherry
17th October 1796—

Narrative of Moodo Ramapah Naig Polygar of Magraal as delivered by himself to Captain Ridgeway Mealy at Magraal Pettah on the 14th October 1796

The Polygar of Puckaal in the neighbourhood of Chundernagherry, died about two years ago without issue, I claimed upon this event, in right of my Forefathers the investiture of this Pollam which claim the Nabob was pleased to allow of, on condition of my clearing

&c

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off an old balance due from the deceased Polygar amounting to 9000 Pagodas and also consenting to make a fresh Nuzzer of 2500 Pagodas, both which Sums I agreed to pay and actually did pay. The Pollam was in consequence given to me, and My Brother invested with the usual ceremony by the Nabob's Aumuldar Royaye.

After near 2 years quiet posession the Nabob Umdat ul Omrah made a demand of two Villages within the Pollam which being very averse to comply with, I made a proposal thro the present Killadar of Chunnemaghery to His Highness, to pay an encrease of Nuzzur, rather than give up the villages. I suspect however, the Killadar to have very much misrepresented my offer to His Highness as shortly after orders were sent to the late Nizam ul Deen at Arcot to send Troops and forcibly take the whole Pollam from my family who were dispossessed accordingly.

Upon a representation of this to Lordship to the Nabob Aboab Wahab Cawn he promised that at a convenient opportunity he would exert his influence to have the Pollam restored to me and these promises were often repeated

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repeated by his Son Yekthar Cawn lately deceased.

In consequence of this proceeding on the part of Omdat ul Omrah, I was induced to with-hold the Tribute for my Pollam of Magraal, which it had been the custom hitherto to settle annually and this escample was immediately followed by my friends and relations the several Polygars of Poolore Coolore Tumbah and Nareeub. Upon our falling into arrears another Son of Aboal Wahab Cawn's called Sarafarauzee Cawn came up with my Vackeel from Madras to Chittoor, and sent me a message requesting an interview at a village called Calavagor-tah about halfway between Chittoor and Magraal-tah Accordingly repaired thither and had a conference with him when he prefsed me very hard to clear off my arrears of Tribute. I pleaded my utter inability owing to the Nabob's depriving me of the Pollam of Puckaal to obtain which, I had borrowed and paid him so much money and that I was then without the means of satisfying him. Safarauzee Cawn then requested I would use my influence with my friends the four Polygars before mentioned to pay their arrears of Tribute

which

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which I promised to do and the four Polygars did in consequence go to him at Chittoor and paid off the whole of their Arrears. —

Shortly after this Sarafarauzee Cauvn came and paid me a visit at Magpial, and was received with the usual Compliments. Dinner was prepared for him, of which he eat, and upon taking his leave he told me he was going to Madras for the express purpose of getting my Pollam restored, and then asked me what present I would make him? I answered that I was very poor, but that if he succeeded in his application I would give him 500 Pagodas to which, he objected saying, he must first get 1000 Pag.s after some disputing I at length agreed to give him 1,000 Pagodas every Cash of which Sum I punctually paid him at Madras. Sarafarauzee ally Cauvn after this, frequently told my Vackeel that he was using his endeavours to obtain for me the restoration of Buckaal but that the Nabob was much displeased at the large arrears of Tribute, and Strongly advised by way of putting His Highness in a favorable disposition that I should clear off two or three thousands at least. This advice I followed and paid immediately 2000 Pagodas in part of my arrears; and for which Sum my Vackeel repeatedly demanded a receipt but

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but after many promises and evasions on the part of Sarafarauzee Caun, none has ever been granted me. My Vackeel too, who constantly attended the Durbar was through this means always prevented from a personal conference with the Nabob, notwithstanding his endeavors to obtain a word with His Highness — Sarafarauzee Caun however still continued to repeat his promises to obtain restitution of the Pollam but when pressed by my Vackeel as he constantly alleged various excuses till at length to my great surprise, and concern I found he had obtained from the Nabob, the Pollam for himself in the name of his Father Abdal Wahab Caun — I now applied to him and told him that as it was entirely in his power I hoped he would resign the Pollam to me, He replied that he could not do it, at that moment, without giving offence to the Nabob, but that at a future time when he could with propriety, he most certainly would restore the Pollam to me —

I waited however for this time in vain and on my Vakeel remonstrating with him upon his breach of faith, he grew Angry and threatened not only to keep that Pollam but

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but likewise to deprive me of Magraab, and concluded with a fresh demand of 2000 Pagodas more which I refused being unable to pay it. My Vackeel about this time finding himself treated with a marked coolness whenever he went to pay his respects declined attending any longer at the Durbar Sarafarauze Ally Cawn returned about the same time to Chittoor from whence he sent to me complaining of this conduct of my Vackeels - I answered his Complaints - by saying, of what use is it his visiting the Durbar; or our taking your advise. We have both for near two years trusted you - and have been constantly deceived - I am poor and cannot help myself and if you chuse to take Magraab from me it is certainly in your power; for I cannot prevent you -

Sarafarauze Ally Cawn had not remained many days at Chittoor, when he thought proper to flog and otherwise punish two or three of the principal Inhabitants, who, in consequence fled from thence with their families to a Village called Davalapatek belonging to the Bom Rauze Polygar from whence after a short time they used to come occasionally

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occasionally to meet their freinds at a small Village not far from Chittoor; but these meetings were always in the night, and as secretly as possible for fear of the Nabob — Sarafarauzee Allum Cawn — notwithstanding got intelligence of their proceedings and being resolved upon revenge; he hired a few people of the cast called Boyaars who live by Robbery and Murders, and gave them directions to repair to the Village where these meetings were held — with orders to cut off the heads of these Chittoor Men or otherwise make an end of them. It happened however that the very night these Boyaars went to execute their orders, the Chittoor Inhabitants before mentioned did not go, but some of the Nabob's own people by accident slept in the Village who being mistaken by the Boyaars for the people they had been sent to kill, they immediately fell upon and cut and wounded them very badly tho' not mortally — for they all were carried into Chittoor the next day; and so there, complained to the Young Nabob of the cruel treatment they had met with. Sarafarauzee Cawn who well knew the Orders he had given to the Boyaars, instantly guessed the

mistake

mistake that had happened. He had presence of mind sufficient to assure the people he would endeavour to apprehend the Thieves who had wounded them, for such he said he had no doubt they were.

The Chittoor Inhabitants presently gained intelligence of what was intended for them, and in consequence kept close with their families in the Village of Davalapettah their place of refuge, Thoghaveneer continued to engage a number of Pariah and other Cast people to go round to all the Villages belonging to the Nabob telling the Inhabitants of his behaviour and advising them not to cultivate their ground but to run away. Sarafarauzee Ally Cawn about this time took it into his head to impute all these irregularities to my influence, and conceived that I was the instigator of them, although I do can solemnly swear I never interfered in these matters, and was quite innocent of his suspicions He however thought proper to take a greater number of the Boyaar Cast people into his Service and stationed them in one of his Villages called

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called Voiltotah, borderig upon Magraab; from whence, they made frequent excursions into my Villages always wounding some of my People and committing depredations; the consequence was frequent complaints to me; upon which I was resolved these Thieves should not molest my Country any longer with impunity; and learning that they constantly assembled near the before named Village of Voiltotah, I detached a party of about 200 and odd of my people from my Pollam of Magraab to take them. — Upon the Party arriving abaut 7 O'Clock in the morning and attempting to enter the Village the Nabobs people fired upon them from a Mud Bastion killed one Man on the Spot and badly wounded three others. — My people now judging it not prudent to return the fire, took up those wounded men and attempted to come away — when about 150 or 200 of the Nabob's people followed them, to whom, my Polygars said, We did not come here to fight with you, but only to seize some Thieves by our Masters Orders — Why do you fire upon us. To all this however the Nabobs people paid not the least attention but still

pursued

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pursued and again fired, and knocked down about 16 of my People four or five of whom were killed and the rest wounded. The Polygars upon this returned the fire which became general and confused on both sides as the Parties got intermixed - at this moment about 10 or 12 of the Nabobs people fell and a rumour instantly flew around that the Nabobs Son Yekthar Ally Cawn was one of the killed - the Parties separated immediately, and my people on their return home, heard from numbers on the road, that the young Nabob was actually killed.

What I have now told is true in every particular relating to this unfortunate affair which all my people in the Pollam very well know gave me the greatest concern, when I was informed of it. His death must have been accidental for none of my people knew he was of the Party, who fought against them neither is it certain from which side during such a scene of confusion he received his death wound.

I know very well His Highness is

angry

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angry with me but I trust from this state of facts it will appear no blame can be laid to my charge for an unhappy accident which I could not neither foresee or prevent and which I have not ceased to lament. For upwards of 40 Years have I been a friend to the Company, and they have always shewn me favor and protection, and untill within these last two years His Highness the Nabob and I have always been the same good friends.—

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The President desires that a Copy of the paper transmitted by Captain Mealy may be sent to His

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His Lordship that he may deliver it to the Nabob on the first occasion that may offer for visiting his Highness

" Hobart

" Edw Saunders

" E.H. Fallofield

"

Sullivan

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Diary

Sent to the Clerk of the Treasury

To the Clerk of the Treasury

an order of Council entered in M.B. No 152 / for advancing 1000 Pagodas to Lieutenant Colonel Prescott on account of the different works a= carrying on under his Superintendence.—

Received the undermentioned letters entered in M. B. Nos. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158.

From the Deputy Kings Paymaster General

From Lieutenant Colonel Beresford enclosing his disbursement of subsistence &c. on account of the Regiments De Meuron from the period when that Corps was taken into the British Service up to the 14th October 1796.—

From Mr. Shardon - recommend= =ing in consequence of the present high price of Bengal Rice that the storing of Chinglepet be deferred till after the Monsoon.—

From the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

From Colonel Baird - replying fully to the Complaints preferred against him by the Nabob.—

From Commandant at Wallajanbas

From Colonel Lyenham - forward= =ing his audits on the Accounts of the Deputy Kings Paymaster General from the 25th July to the 24th August - and on the Accounts of the Pay= =master of the Kings Troops serving on Ceylon for the same period—

From the Military Auditor General

From

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From Ditto - referring Batta Bills presented by Lieutenant Colonel Bredford & which he cannot countersign for payment till authorized by Government on account of their being drawn more than three Months in arrear - the cause of the oversight submitted for the consideration of Government.

From Ditto

From Captain Johnston - reporting the execution of some trifling works at Masulipatam on the requisition of the Commanding Officer - and stating to Complete the Works begun by the late Mr. Topping.

From the Engineer at Masulipatam

Received the following Letters.

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council at Fort St. George

My Lord,

As acting attornies to Mr. Samuel Young, late Paymaster at Vryole, We enclose a Statement of Retrenchments made by the Military Auditor General on the final Audit of Mr. Young's Accounts, and We take the liberty of requesting that your Lordship will be pleased to issue such orders as your Lordship may judge proper for enabling us to obtain repayment of the several Sums mentioned in the Statement.

From the attornies of Mr. Samuel Young - requesting the Interference of Government in obtaining payment from the Individuals Concerned, of Retrenchments made in the Amounts of their Constituent in his Capacity of Paymaster at Vryole &c.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

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(Signed) Daly Hockburn

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Statement of Retrenchments made by the Military Auditor General on the final audit of the accounts of Mr. Samuel Young, late Paymaster at Ongole, from May 1792 to December 1792, for charges paid to the following Gentlemen.

Assistant Surgeon Kirkpatrick	145	"	"
Assistant Surgeon Norman	110	8	40
Lieutenant Edward Sober	102	"	"
Lieutenant John Darley	24	30	"
Lieutenant Henderson	170	9	50
Major Burr	24	16	64
Lieutenant William Beasley	42	21	"
Assistant Surgeon William Stewart	"	21	"
Captain Lieutenant McKenzie	"	26	64
Assistant Surgeon McMahon	10	"	"
Lieutenant Laurence	33	37	"
Assistant Surgeon Alexr McKenzie	3	"	"
Surgeon O'Donoghoe	25	26	"
Conductor McDonald	32	21	"
Lieutenant Burke	84	"	"
Ensign Bodley	2	33	40
Ensign John Welch	18	36	60
Lieutenant Peter Dallas	"	33	40
Lieutenant John Dighton	64	"	"
Commanding Officer at Cuntoor	64	"	"

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

My Lords,

Military auditor General's report on the Paymaster General's Estimate of Cash for the month of November

Having examined the Estimate for the Military Paymaster General for the Month of November 1796, I have the honor to Report,

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report, that the sum of two Lacks, sixty five thou-
=sand, three hundred and Eighty four Pagodas, 4
Twenty three fanams and thirty four Cash, / Pagodas
2,65,384. 23. 34/ is required for the payment of such
Military Charges as become due on the first of
the ensuing month.

	P	F	C
From the General Treasury	19,658.	5.	60
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General	73,776.	17.	54
Pagodas	2,65,384.	23.	34

As I observe, that the Amount stated
in the Estimate of the Deputy Paymaster
General, of the Kings Troops, on account of
the 19th Regiment of Foot, includes Subsistence
for a Detachment of that Corps said to have
arrived at Bombay, it occurs to me, that
no part of the above Regiment, except that
which has landed at this Presidency, should
have been estimated for, as it is presumed, that
the necessary advances of Cash will be issued
to them at Bombay, the sum of one thousand
five hundred Pagodas / Pagodas 1500/ has 4
therefore been deducted from the Amount 4
Required for the payment of that Corps.

The Estimates from the Pitchin-
=poly and Tanjore Pay Offices each state a
Ballance of Cash in Hands, the former

Pagodas

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Pagodas four thousand / Pagodas 4000 / and the latter Pagodas Five hundred / Pagodas 500 / which have accordingly been deducted from their respective Totals.—

In reply to Mr. Secretary Dickson's letter of the 17th. instant, accompanying an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Pay-master General for the present Month, together with a Bill of arrears of Batta &c. due to Lieutenant Colonel George Hart, presented by one of the Trustees for the Management of that Officer's affairs, I have the honor to report as follows.—

The additional Estimate amounting to Twenty three thousand, six hundred and ninety seven Pagodas, Twenty two fanams and Nine Cash / Pagodas 23,697.. 22.. 9 / includes a Ballance, stated to be due to Lieutenant Montgomery for attendance and feeding Horses under his Charge, for the months of August and September last, of Pagodas three thousand, three hundred and Twenty five, Six fanams and Seventy four Cash / Pagodas 3325.. 6.. 74 / as per Account Current herewith transmitted, on which I have to observe, that as I am unacquainted with the nature of the Charge entrusted

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entrusted to that Officer on this occasion, or of the instructions he may have received to warrant the account in Question, it being totally distinct from his Capacity of Agent for purchasing Horses, I cannot take upon me to say how far the sum is admissible in the first instance.—

The remaining part of the Military Paymaster General's additional Estimate, amounting to Twenty thousand, three hundred and Seventy two Pagodas, thirteen Fanams and fifteen Cash / Pagodas 20,372.13.15 / appears to be for the payment of Bills drawn by the Military Paymasters of Trincomalee and Columbo, which I presume may be advanced to the Military Paymaster General, in order that the Drafts may be duly honored.—

With respect to the Bill for the difference between Major and Lieutenant Colonel's pay, Batta and Revenue money, to Lieutenant Colonel George Hart, from the date of his Brevet promotion, amounting to Seven hundred and Seventy four Pagodas, five fanams and thirty four Cash / Pagodas 774.5.34 / I beg leave to Remark, that as the order of Government under date 24th May 1796,

authorize

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authorize the difference to be drawn on Batta only, Conceive the Claim to difference of pay and Revenue Money not admissible, the Amount that appears due as difference of Batta, is Pagodas three hundred and fifty seven / Pagodas 357 / 4. which may be passed accordingly

I have the honor to be

Sir Your

/ Signed / Wm. Sydenham

Mily. Aud.r Genl.

Military Auditor
General's office
Fort St. George
29.th October 1796.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council of Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 23rd instant with the Estimate of the Expected Disbursements in the Depart=ment of the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for the Month of November 1796 and to report thereon as follows.

Military Auditor General's Report on the Estimate of Cash required by the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for the Month of November

	₰	⅀	℔
At Madras		960	36
Chinglepuet		193	
Vellore		6,637	6
Trichinopoly and Tiagar		1,000	
Tanjore		12	30
Madura and Dindigul		22	
Palamcottah		23	22
Baramahal		12	
Masulipatam		99	
Ongole		129	
		Pagodas 9,207	5.40

I have

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From the total amount of expected Disbursements as above stated, the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions deduct the following Sums, as not issuable from the Treasury at the Presidency, but payable from the Subordinates Treasuries, for which Bills will be drawn upon him, and transferred through the General Treasury

	A.	F.	C.
Tanjore	12.	30.	—
Madura and Dindigal	22.	—	—
Palamcottah	23.	22.	40
Baramahal	12[illegible]	—	—
Masulipatam	99[illegible]	—	—
Ongole	129[illegible]	—	—
Pagodas	407.	10.	40

Consequently the amount issuable at the Presidency on account of Disbursements in November 1796, as per Estimate of the acting Commissary General of Grain & and Provisions, is Eight Thousand, Seven hundred and Ninety Nine Pagodas, & and thirty Seven fanams / Pagodas 8,799. 37. --/. —

The increase in this Estimate, in Comparison with the usual monthly demands arises on account of Salt, Firewood, and Gunny Bags purchased, or to be purchased,

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purchased, for the Garrison of Vellore, Amboor, and Arnee, and for Firewood at Trichinopoly for which of course he must have received directions from your Lordship in Council, to warrant the Demand. —

I have the honor to be
Sir: Sir:
/ Signed / Wm. Sydenham
Milty Aud.r Genl.

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

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

My Lord,

I have the honor to report as follows upon the General Estimate of the acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for the Month of November 1796, accompanying Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 23rd Instant

Military Auditor General's Report on the Estimate of Cash required by the acting Principal agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for the Month of November

	P.s	F	C
At Madras	2,346	6	—
Vellore	2,499	—	—
Palamcottah	638	24	—
Baramahl	130	—	—
Masulipatam	275	—	—
Chicacole	360	—	—
Ichapour District	11	—	—
Lieutenant Colonel Roberts's Detachment	877	39	—
Pagodas	7,137	24	—

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From the Total Amount of the expected disbursements as above stated the acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks deducts the following sums, as not issuable from the General Treasury, but payable from the Subordinate Treasuries for which bills will be drawn upon him, and transferred through the General Treasury

	Pgs	F	C
Baramahl	130		
Masulipatam	275		
Chicacole	360		
Ichapour District	11		
Lieutenant Colonel Robert's Detachment	877	39	
Pagodas	1653	39	

Consequently the amount issuable at the Presidency, on account of Disbursements in November 1796, as per Estimate of the acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks, is five thousand four hundred and eighty three Pagodas, and twenty seven Fanams. (Pgs 5483.27) — I have the honor to be

Sir Your

Most obedient

Humble Servant

Military Auditor

Generals Office

Fort St George 29th October 1796.

(Signed) Wm Sydenham

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To

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To W. C. Jackson Esqr.
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Secretary in the Military Department Council
Fort St. George

Sir,

I do myself the honor, through you, of laying the following Representations & respecting publick Buildings at Amboor, before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

From the Commandant at Amboor - reporting the Buildings and Repairs required to the Works of that Place - and soliciting some allowance on account of Repairs made by him to the Commandants Quarters. -

Having upon application to Captain Wood of Engineers, been informed, that the Estimates lately given in, by him to Government, agreeable to the new forms, for Buildings at this place, there are recommended only three double new officers Quarters, I beg leave to state, that this number will not be sufficient, for the five Companies now stationed here, their Complement of Officers Viz.t one Lieutenant Colonel two Captains and Eight Subalterns, making it necessary if all were present, that besides the three double Quarters recommended as above, there should be further built, new Quarters for two Captains and two Subalterns. -

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I beg leave further to represent to you that there are at present, no Barracks or Quarters whatever, for either Officers or Men in the Hill Fort, nor any Barracks in the Lower Fort, for the European Invalid artillery, who tho' not at present attached to the Garrison, yet must be necessary, and have usually been stationed here, to the number of, from Eight to Fifteen Non Commissioned and Privates, previous to and during the late Mysore War.—

The General and Battalion Store Rooms, in the Lower Fort, together with the Hospital, were inspected by Lieutenant Colgrave of Engineers in July last, and it was his opinion, that thorough Repairs should forthwith be given to the whole, or that new ones should be built in their Stead.—

Agreeable to the late Government Orders, conceiving it my duty to represent those Matters, in order the whole, if deemed expedient, might be included in the same Contract for Buildings, I have therefore the Honor to request that you will lay this Letter before His Lordship in Council.—

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I beg leave further to solicit &c
his Lordship's attention, to what on a &c
former occasion Viz.t in December last, I did
myself the Honor of representing, respecting
indemnification to myself, for the unavoidable
expences, which I incurred, without drawing
House Rent, in keeping the Commandant's
Quarters at this place, in repair, since &c
May 1792.—

All the Serjeants in the &c
Garrison, have also kept their Quarters
in repair at their own expence from
the above period.—

I have the Honor to subscribe myself
Wa: Wa:
(Signed) Alex.r Macpherson
Lt. Col. Comm.t Amboor.

Amboor
26.th October 1796.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor in Council &c: &c:

My Lords,

From major Clarke of artillery- setting forth his claim to participate in the Extra share of the Prechoning fund of 1795, granted to Commandants of Battalions, for the period he held the Command of the 1st Battalion of artillery, during Colonel Gaile's suspension.—

The Committee for the distribution of the Reckonings of 1795, being now employed on that business, I beg leave in consequence, to trouble your Lordship, with a Statement of my pretensions, to a &c

proportion

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29 proportion for that year, of the extra =
Shares, allotted to the Lieutenant Colonels,
Commanding Battalions, of Artillery;
having been in the executive Command of
the 1st. Battalion of Artillery, from the
20th. of June of that year, until the 31st.
of January 1796, the period of Suspension
of Colonel Gaile's authority

It may be necessary to pre=
=mise my claim, by observing, that it
forms a new case in the Artillery; as
since the Commencement of the rule of
distribution, of Reckonings, directed in
the orders of Government, of the 21st. of
July 1792, no interruption thereto, has
occurred in either of the Battalions of
Artillery - the Lieutenant Colonels, being
always present with them, till in the
instance before alluded to. —

My application being mostly
grounded upon, and illustrated by, the
following instances, I have to request,
that your Lordship will have the goodness,
to give them, your serious attention. —

First

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29 First.- By the Government order 11th of July 1792 the Cavalry Reckonings are given to the Commandants of Regiments respectively- but by the distribution made, by the several Committees on Reckonings, from the year 1791, laid before Government & confirmed- the Captain Lieutenants, in the temporary Command of Regiments, have been given for the period of their Commands, the full Share of Reckon=ings, of their respective Commandants-

Secondly- The two extra Shares, allotted to the Lieutenant Colonels, of Batta=lions of European Infantry, are by the same authority, given to whatever Officer of inferior rank, who may be present with, and in actual charge of each Battalion.-

The favorable attention of Government, thus described, to the junior Officers of Cavalry and European Infantry in Command of Corps, I hum=bly hope, I am safe in ascribing to Consi=deration, for the Responsibility, & Necessary

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necessary increase of trouble, and unavoidable expence, attached to the Charge.—

I trust therefore, my Lord, I shall not be deemed presumptuous, in conceiving it, also to have been the intention of the Board, to have extended the same liberal indulgence, to Offrs. of inferior Rank of artillery, in relative Situations.—

Should I, however, my Lord, be mistaken in the real designation of Government, as to the allotment of the extra Shares of Artillery Reckonings, I yet confidently anticipate, that consideration for the weighty charge, that inevitably devolved to me, occasioning me, beside, a certain monthly expence for Writers &c. without which the Several duties of the Battalion, could not have been carried on /a Disbursement from my pay, / not. so being on Batta / must sensibly felt. / will induce your Lordship, to grant me, an adequate Remuneration from the Treasury.—

I have the honor to be
&c: &c:
Signed/ J. Clarke
Capt.n Artillery

Mount
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To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor in Council &c: &c: &c:

My Lords,

We have the honor to report, that in Compliance with the Instructions signified in your Lordships letter of the 19th Instant, the necessary orders have been given for the Repairs being made to the Field Train at Vellore conformably to the approved Estimate, as likewise, that the requisite Communications on the subject of the general Map of the Carnatick &c: and documents connected therewith, have been made to heads of Departments respectively - so that we hope to have the honor, ere long, of forwarding to Government, the whole completed in the manner called for.

From the military Board - the general Map of the Carnatick &c: document required from Bengal in a state of forwardness - bills of the Contractors for Buildings recommended for payment - a reduction proposed on the Estimate of Repairs ordered at Trangar - Suggestion regarding the provision of Stores required at Masulipatam

Herewith we do ourselves the Honor to transmit two Bills from the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs, for Stables built at the Cavalry Cantonment near Arcot - one Amounting to Pagodas 5,096: 14: 14 the other to Pagodas 2298: 22: 18, both of which, being Certified to be Correct by the Chief Engineer, we beg leave to recommend to your Lordship in Council, that they may be accordingly passed for payment.

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The Chief Engineer having stated to us, as his opinion, in which we perfectly coincide, that, in consideration of the very small detail of troops which now compose the Garrison of Tyagar, it is not necessary at present to make the repairs at that Station to the extent of the Estimate submitted in February last to your Lordship in Council, amounting to Pagodas 1,450: 18: 54 and having, in place thereof, laid before our Board a very reduced Estimate for the purpose, so amounting to Pagodas 584 11 25 11 70 we accordingly forwarded it herewith, and recommend that this Board be authorized to direct the proposed Repairs, agreeably to the substituted Estimate, to be carried into execution under the Superintendence of Captain Lieutenant Wood of Engineers.—

The annual Indent on the Arsenal of Fort St. George for Military Stores from Masulipatam, being yet uncomplied with, and the Military Board having, in consequence of a very pressing Letter from the Storekeeper to the Committee of Stores there, representing the great deficiency of various Articles, referred to the Commissary General for his opinion as to the practicability of Complying therewith, consistent with the present state of Stores in the Arsenal, we have

Received

29 received from him, in part of his report thereon, the two accompanying Lists - N°1 includes such Articles Indented for from Masulipatam as can be supplied from the Arsenal, and which must consequently be forwarded thither when opportunity shall offer - N°2, are specified the Articles that cannot be furnished by the Arsenal, with their prices annexed - and the providing of which on the Spot may be advantageous to the Public service - We therefore submit the expediency of providing them at Masulipatam to the Consideration of your Lordship in Council, and recommend in the event of the measure being Sanctioned by Government, that this Board may be authorized to give the necessary orders for the purpose.

We have the honor to be
Hon.ble Hon.ble
/Signed/ Hurd Clarke
" Tho.s Geils
" Wm Sydenham
" J.n Richardson
" B.d Close
" Wm Gent
" George Hall

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To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council at Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Bombay - desiring information respecting the Conduct and Character of Toombaguenda and Samondra Gownda

Having at present under consideration the cases of Toomba Gownda, and Samondra Gownda, or whose name is also written "Samondra Wanray Gownden" charged with having in the years 1793. 4. and 5 Committed depredations and predatory Incursions from our Districts of Paulyghaut into Coimbetoor; we find that the first mentioned of these two persons is said to have possessed Pollums or Estates in Coimbetoor previous to the last War with Tippoo, for which he is stated to have paid, nearly a Lac of Rupees of annual Rental, and, that attaching themselves to the interest of the English, when Hostilities commenced with the Sultaun, they Continued during the course of them to render several useful services to the Army under General Medows / from whom Samondra appears to have obtained a Cowl / particularly in Reducing a Fort or Stronghold called Kangaicun and in Contributing once to the Relief of the Garrison of Coimbetoor: and as the they refer to, and quote the names of several Gentlemen on the Madras Establishment in proof of the accuracy of this Representation, We beg leave to enclose a copy of the Translation of the Letter from Toomba / now, as we learn in

Your

29 your Territory of Dindigul / on this subject, to our Commissioners at Calicut; and request that your Lordship will be pleased to cause such reference to be made to those of the Gentlemen therein named, as may be still in India, as well as to the Collector or Commanding Officer at Dindigul, as may serve, as far as possible, to ascertain, 1st whether the Services set forth by the said Gownda, were really rendered, as they have represented; and whether the one of them that the accompanying address purports to be from, is really in Dindigul, and if so, on what footing / whether merely as a Refugee or as a Landholder / he is now remaining there, and, if he be thus forthcoming, it may serve to promote the objects of the enquiry, which the Government General have desired to be made in view to it Political consequences, as well as the ends of justice in other respects, - if your Lordship will be pleased to direct the said Gownda to be called upon by the proper Officer, on the part of your Government in Dindigul and questioned on Oath, whether he really wrote or caused to be written the letter in question to the Commissioners at Calicut, requiring of him, at the same time, to relate under the same Sanction, all such particulars as may be within his own Knowledge, as to the several parts of the subject-matter thereof - particularly as to when, and why, he and Samondra Gownda, first left Coimbetoor and came

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into Malabar; whether into the Paulghaut or Cochin Districts, and as to what they have done and acted since that period, either, as to their alleged Inroads into Tippoo's Country, or concerning the protection they may have received within our Province of Malabar, from any of the Natives, or others, and particularly from the person therein named called Ayen Aya.—

We have the honor to be
Sir: Sir:
[Signed] Jon.n Duncan
" W. Whitehill
" John Spencer

Bombay Castle
the 14th October 1796.

P.S.

If the information that may be collected, in Conformity to our present Request, be addressed at once, to the Commissioners at Calicut; some time may thereby be saved with advantage to the Public service.— [Signed] J. Duncan
" W. Whitehill
" J. Spencer

Translation of a letter from Tamba Gowda, to the Commissioners.—

It is now a great while since, I took on myself as one of the company's people, before the company's Army came to Canor, that quarrelled with Tippoo and retired to Tschimpoly; and when General Medows came by the interest of Colonel Harris and other Gentlemen was presented to him, after which from the time that

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29 that the Army came to Caroor, I continued with it, &
and daily sent Spies into Tippoo's Army, and informed
General Medows of every thing that passed there; &
I also furnished the army with provisions and other
Necessaries, when the army came to Darapoor, I was
called and ordered to go, and take the Fort of Rangerem,
which I accordingly went, and took, and agreable to the
orders I received, I collected the Revenues of that District
and sent the Money to the Army; when Tippoo's
Army and the Company's were near each other,
We went together to the Eastward, I went so far
as Erod, where I had orders to preserve that District,
together with those of Rangerem, and Perintalar, which
I did and the General desired that my Younger &
Brother, with some of my people, might be sent
with him, and I sent them, in this time some of
Tippoo's having come to plunder the Districts
under my charge, I drove them away, and &
Chastised them, and kept the districts in &
peace, all which Mr. Marsh of Caroor and Mr.
Corbett and all the other Gentlemen are well
acquainted with this, after this when Tippoo's
Troops came and invested the Fort of Coimbatoor,
Mr. Corbett wrote to me to go to its assistance,
and I accordingly went with my people, and fell
upon the Batteries and took 2 Guns, which I
delivered over to Samandra Gowda, and drove
Tippoo's Troops as far as Killany and returned

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29 to Coimbatoor, where Mr. Corbett and Mr. Mclean had come, and who were so much pleased at the Service I had performed, that they made ect. present in the year 967 about the month of Meenom, when peace was made, I being obnoxious to Tippoo he sent Troops to Seize me, which obliged me to leave my Country, and Return into the Company's district of Malabar - after this I considered that I must inform the Company's Gentlemen / Government / of my being there, and I had sent people for that purpose, I saw the Dewan Ayan aya who assured me that he would settle every thing for us, and took some money, and a horse from us, and ordered us to remain at Kollengod, and we accordingly did so; but at this time an Officer and Sepoys came to my house, and carried off 3 horses with many Cattle and all they could get, on this I went to the Dewan Ayan aya, and said that in consequence of my depending on him this had happened, he said it was true, but that hence forward nothing of the kind would take place - however I was apprehensive that I should not be left in quiet, and therefore went to the Company's district of Dindigal, & Lamandra Gownda Remained in Malabar since then I have heard that Lamandra Gownda's Brother has been seized, and his property

29 property and carried to the Fort at Palghaut This
business you must enquire into, and Settle, now
Chatteyan Modeliar has betrayed me, and remains
with Aiyan aya, he is none of my people, now for
all the other Matters Concerning this business,
what Lamondra Gownda may say is the same as
if I said it, therefore you must enquire well into
it, and to myself and to Lamondra Gownda and
our families you must grant Cowl, and permit
us to remain in the Company's Territories
as we have no other Protectors. —

No date
Received the 27th of May 796.

a true Copy
(Signed) Chas. Elphinstone
Dep. Sec.

Dispatched the undermentioned letters
30 entered in Mr. B. Nos 162. 163. 164. 165. 166.
167. 168. 169. 170. —

To the Accountant General — enclosing Copies of three letters from the Resident at Hyderabad — and desiring him to state the exact sum that will be due to the Nizam on account of Peishcush at the end of the present Month. —

To the Accountant General

To Mr. Secretary Barlow — enclosing Mysore Intelligence. —

To the Secretary at Bengal

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To the Storekeeper at Vizagapatam — To Mr. George Wilson — enclosing an Invoice of Military Stores, shipped on the Castor, for the use of the Vizagapatam Factory

To Major General Braithwaite — acquainting him that the Board have no objection to his granting Mr. Griffiths permission to be absent from Pondicherry for 2 Months.

To Commandant at Pondicherry

To Ditto — desiring he will report upon the Merits of a Petition presented to Government by one Comaraswamy an Inhabitant of Pondicherry — and informing him that the subsistence to Prisoners of all Descriptions will be regularly paid in future.

To Ditto

To Messrs Colt Baker Day & Co. — acquainting them that Government cannot go further towards a Compliance with their Demand for Indemnification, on account of the Snow Union, than by paying the Value 1100 Pags of the Lib Boom and Foretop Gallant Yard lost on her Voyage to Trincomale — and the charge of Pagodas for Pilotage — and that they do not deem it expedient to make the Application they have suggested, to the Danish Government of Tranquebar.

To the Agents for the Snow Union

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To the Civil Paymaster General — desiring him to discharge Mr. O Donoghue's allowances as assistant Surgeon to the Factories of Ingeram and Maddepollam —

To the Civil Paymaster General

To Mr. Secretary Barlow — with an account of the principal articles in the Arsenal of Fort St George, shewing the stated proportion — present remains — and wanting to Complete — also an Indent of Stores on the Arsenal of Fort William specifying the Quantity of Gunpowder that will be required prior to the 1st. of June next. —

To Secretary at Bengal

To Mr. George Parry — requiring him to pay into the Hands of the Military Paymaster General the amount / Pagodas 2523. 7. 39 / deficient in the publick Cash of the late Paymaster of Angole &a. —

To the Executor to the Estate of late Mr. Evan Marsh white. —

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Recieved the undermentioned Letters entered in Mr. B. Nos. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. —

From Mr. Sharden — desiring to know how Major Dallas's temporary corps of Cavalry is to be provided with Gram. —

From the Acting Principal Agent of Cavalry Supplies

From Ditto — representing that part of the Paddy sent by Mr. Place for the Store at Arnee is Hard Paddy, instead of new Sambah as directed by Government — pointing out also the Scanty Stock of Gram in store in the Guntoor Circar —

From the acting Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

From

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From Lieutenant Colonel Close —

From the adjutant General

Colonel Baird requests permission to visit the Presidency

From Mr. Place — in refutation of

From the Collector in the Sapphire. —

the Charge laid against him occasioning unnecessary delay in Completing the Stock of Paddy ordered to be laid in at Arnee. —

From Mr. M. Martin — enclosing

From the Paymaster at Tinnivelly

a paper in proof of the Innocence of the Carpenter Maistry, lately punished by Majr Lenark. —

Dispatched letters to the Secretary at Bengal — and the Residents at Poonah and Hydrabad — sentering up Mr. B. No. 176. 177 enclosing copies of Intelligence received from the Mysore Country

Novr 1.

Received the following Letter

To Lieutenant General Clarke

Wa: Wa: Wa:

Commander in Chief

Sir,

From the Commandant of the 4. Battalion of artillery — requesting an additional Number of Puckallies required for the Corps on its enlarged Establishment

I have the honor to forward a letter, I received this Morning from Captain Lieutenant Burke of the 4. Battalion of artillery, on the subject of Puckallies furnished by him, for the use of the Battalion

as Captain Lieutenant Burke's State = ment appears to me to be perfectly correct and that he must be a loser as well as the men

suffer

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Sir

suffer by his furnishing water to the Companies
with only 2 Puchallies on their present Strength—
I beg leave to Solicit your peculiar attention to the
subject and presume to recommend it as a rule in
future, when a Company of Artillery, is or exceeds 100
Men, non Commissioned Rank and file that three
Puchallies be allowed as the Establishment to their
Garrison or Cantonment, and in order that no
part of the above allowance may be applied to
any other purpose, a further Establishment be
made of a Puchally to each of the Field Officers
doing duty with the Corps, that is to say, that
Captain Lieutenant Burke, be allowed to furnish
from this date, or that of Government Resolution
on the subject six additional Puchally's for the 4
Battalion of Artillery—making in all fourteen, for
the detail of that Corps now doing duty at the Mount

I am induced to be more urgent on
this subject, from it's being consistent with my
own knowledge, that the men are under the
Necessity of Contributing a part of their Monthly
Subsistence as Pay to Water Women, whom they
engage to supply them with this necessary
article—and for which the public allowance
as before stated appears to be altogether inade-
=quate.—

I have the honor to be
Sir: Sir:
Signed Tho. Geils
Major

Fr Thomas's Mount
4th November 1796.

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Major General Geils

&c &c

Sir,

I beg leave with due deference and respect to submit to your consideration, the following Statements respecting the Establishment of Puckallies attached to the 1st Battalion of Artillery

When the establishment of two Puckallies to a Company, was determined on, in the year 1786 the Strength of a Company was then as follows.—

	Lt Capts	Gs	D	T	Asst	Total
Strength of a Company as ordered by the Court of Directors in 1786.	4	4	8	1	1	56	74

The Strength of the four Companies now at the Mount are as follows.

	Lt Capts	Gs	D	T	Asst	Total
2d Company	7	8	12	2	1	95	125
3rd Company	6	7	11	2	1	98	125
4th Company	7	7	11	2	2	98	127
5th Company	7	8	15	3	1	94	128
Total 4 Companies	27	30	49	9	5	385	505

It appears the Strength of a Company is now near double, that, which was laid down, by the Regulation published by Sir A. Campbell in the year 1786, without any increase of the means, of supplying so considerable an Augmentation of Men, with water

These four Companies are nearly as strong as some of the European Regiments, that have upwards of twenty Puckallies in time of peace, and above thirty in the Field.

To this large Body of Men, and Officers attached. there only eight Puckallies, the Consequence of which, is, that they are so Constantly employd that Neither Men or Bullocks can stand it. of the latter

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4/ so many have been worn out this some time past, that I have been a considerable loser by furnishing the Puckallies - To set this matter in a clearer point of view, I beg leave to subjoin a brief Statement, of what I receive Monthly for watering the four Companies at the Mount - For eight Puckallies, I receive twenty four Pagodas, and a few fanams p Month, of the above sum, I pay to eight Drivers, at one and a half Pagoda each, twelve Pagodas, so that to furnish eight Bullocks, feed them, find 4 Lascles, and Puckally Bags, I have left twelve Pagodas, a sum, which I declare, is not sufficient to make good the Casualties of Cattle alone.

In addition to the foregoing Circumstances I beg further to state, that I have for a considerable time past, watered a Number of Invalids at this Station, without any additional means or allowance for it - at every Military Station in the Country, the Mount alone excepted, the main Guard is watered by a Puckally, allowed for that purpose, and not attached to any Corps - this duty has also fallen on the few people that I have, & without any allowance for it - as the particular Circumstances detailed in the foregoing Statement, come particularly within your observation, I am induced to hope you will take such steps, as to you may appear proper to obtain Relief -

I have the honor to be

Mount St.
November 1796.

Sir: Your
/ Signed / M. Burke
Dy Bs. T. Br. Artl.

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Bombay - requesting that the Detachment of artillery belonging to their Presidency, now doing duty on Ceylon, may, when relieved from Bengal, be ordered to Calicut.

We have the pleasure to forward the Copy of a letter from the Governor General in Council, advising of his intention to relieve the Bombay Artillery, now on duty at Columbo, to such part of the Malabar Coast, as their services may be most required at, in consequence of which, we request your Ldships in Council will be pleased to issue directions to the Officer in Command at Ceylon, for their being landed at Calicut.

We have the honor to be

Wa: Wa:

Bombay Castle
19th October 1796.

Signed / Jon.a Duncan

John Spencer

To the Honble Jonathan Duncan

Governor in Council

at Bombay.

Honble Sir,

Para 1. The Government of Fort St. George having transmitted to us a copy of their letter to you of the 26th Ult.o we have concurred in the expediency of their retaining, for the present, the

Grenadier

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1 Granadier Native Battalions belonging to your Establishment now serving in Ceylon

2 With respect to the Artillery Corps the Commander in Chief having recommended that it should be returned to you, as soon as it could be replaced from hence, we have determined to embark a Complete Company of Artillery, and two Companies of Lascars for Columbo, with all practicable Dispatch, and have desired the Madra Government to order the Officer Commanding the forces in Ceylon to send back the Corps belonging to your Establishment immediately on the arrival of the Company from Bengal, embarking them on the Ship which may convey the latter to Columbo

3 To provide for the landing of your Artillery Corps, or any other Troops with which there may be occasion to return with them, wherever their services may be required, we shall Stipulate with the Owner of the Ship that the Commanding Officer at Columbo, shall be at liberty to embark on her any Number of Troops that can be accommodated to be landed on any part of the Malabar Coast, or at Bombay

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1 4 On the same Ships we shall send the fifty thousand Gallons of Rum required for your Presidency

Fort William
22d September 1796.

We have the Honor to be
Wa: Wa:
(Signed) John Shore
Wa Council

True Copy
(Signed) A. Forbes
Sub Sec.y

" Dispatched the undermentioned letters entered in Mr: Bd's. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

To the Clerk of the Treasury — Treasury — authorizing advances of Cash to the Military Paymaster General, the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions and Agent for Draft and Carriage Bullocks for the Month of November and arrears due from the Department of the former for October.—

To the acting Commissary General of Grain & Provisions & Principal agent for Bullocks — To Mr. Shardon — advising him of the advances of Cash ordered, on Account of his different Departments,

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1 Departments, in Conformity with the 4.
Recommendation of the Military 4.
Auditor General. —

To Ditto — expressing the
Board's Surprize that any other Grain
should have been received from Mr.
Place than new Sumbah Paddy, and
desiring the Ram Paddy received by
Mr. Wynch at Arnee be immediately 4.
sold to the best advantage in the
Bazar —

To Ditto

To Mr. Place — directing
To Collector in the Jaghire — him not on any account to send
any other Grain for the Arnee 4.
Store than the Sumbah Paddy
of the last Crop. —

To Major General Lyndham —
referring for Examination the Accounts
To the Military Auditor General — between the Deputy King's Paymaster
General and the Swiss Regiment De
Meuron from the 14.th October 1795
to the 24.th October 1796. —

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To the Commandant at Wallajanbad

To Colonel Baird - permitting him to visit the Presidency

To Colonel Prendergast

To Colonel Prendergast - with Similar permission

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Lt. Wm. Secretary Barlow - with Copy of Mysore Intelligence.

To the Residents at Poonah and Hydrabad

To Lt. Col. C. W. Malet - and Major Kirkpatrick - with Similar Intelligence.

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Fort St George 4th November 1796.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esqr

and

Ernst William Falloofield Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved

Tuesday 1st November 1796.

Read the following translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore / entered also in C:C:158. /

Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor &c: &c: &c: dated 16th October 1796.

From the Rajah of Tanjore representing the injustice he has experienced from Mr Macleod in the adjustment of the accounts of Wazeeds and requesting that positive directions may be sent for restoring to him the Havelly Meykunnum

Your Excellency is doubtless well informed of Mr Macleods not having put me in possession of my Country

in

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In conformity with the orders transmitted by your Excellency in consequence of my address to you of the 29th August last, as well as of the 15th sustained for want of cultivation, I shall now address your Excellency in order to lay before you what has passed since that period — on the 29th August Mr. Macleod addressed a letter to me, in which he enclosed an account made out as if the sum of Pagodas 1,63,695: 33⅓ C. had been advanced in ready money to the inhabitants of Mayaveram Manargoody and Tiruvady for Warush and Muremmut, this letter and Account he sent to me at 10 P.M. on the 30th August. Having taken it into Consideration, I felt considerable surprize; and immediately returned an answer, that I had received the letter together with the account of the Warush and Muremmut for the three Soubahs

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at 10 P.M. and that I had understood
the Contents - that it was necessary for
us to meet and digest the matter
contained therein on the next day, and
that therefore it would be well if he
would come to the Dubar at 11 o Clock
on the following morning, accordingly
on the 31st August Mr. Macleod waited
at 11 o Clock in the Morning, after the
usual civilities had passed I informed
Mr. Macleod that I had taken into
consideration the letter and account,
which he had sent to me on the
preceding day, that he had sent me
an account of Pagodas 1,63,695. 33/4. 2.
for the three Soubahs, and I asked
"Has that money been advanced to the
"inhabitants for warrick and Marreca-
"-ment in ready cash." I have heard
"that for two months after the expira-
"tion of the year you kept the Country
in

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bore you no enmity, I was desirous of
your favor why do you take every
means of disgracing me, of prostracting
the restoration of my Country until
it cannot yield half it Revenue and of
causing a loss through want of cultivation?
Do me the favor of abandoning an useless
dispute, and put me in possession of my
Country. If you have advanced either Body
Money or grain on account of Warrick
or Merriment, I will pay the amount
to the Company. It is now twenty Six
days since you informed me by letter
of your having received the orders of the
Governor for the restoration of my Country.
two months are elapsed since the expira-
tion of the year, I hear that those of
the seceded inhabitants, who return, carry
on a small cultivation according to their
own pleasure." To this, which I pressed on
Mr. Macleod with much earnestness, as
he made no direct reply; but said —

For

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"For the money which has been advanced on account of Warwick and Murrumnaet you must Mortgage to me the talook of Shially and the Customs of Combaco= =nam. Besides this you must give the security of the Sowcars for the pay= =ment of twenty thousand Pagodas in one Month on account of those advances you must also collect and pay to me within the 31st December two fifths of the whole Revenue of Shially, the remain= =ing three fifths to be paid before the 30th March; and you must moreover give a written engagement not to apply any part of the Revenue of that dis= =trict to the support of its Pagodas or religious institutions, but to provide for their expences from other resources— If you will enter into such an agree= =ment, I will deliver the Country over to you, but otherwise I will not."

Being

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Being convinced that it was the Residents resolution to overwhelm me at all events, and that if I should address your Excellency upon every occasion of difference between myself and Mr. Macleod the writing of answers could become troublesome to you, and that therefore, if I should ever make you acquainted with these disputes, I had no certainty of the time when your Excellency would be so favorable to me as to write an Answer — I reflected that the corps would sustain loss by the useless protraction of time, and being moreover confident that, if I should give him a written assent to all his demands however unjust and should obtain possession of the Country and make preparations for its cultivation, and should after this make a representation to your Excellency you would in this affair at least be so far favorable to me as to do me justice — At length consented according to his wishes to Mortgage the Soubah of Shanby and

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and four pattacks of the Soubah of Mayaveram instead of the customs of Coonbaconum. unsatisfied with this Mr. Macleod insisted that I should pay ten thousand Pagodas in one month, and that I should give Soucar Security for this sum. To this degradation also I submitted, Having after this explained the condition according to what he had said respecting the collections and the expences of the talook. He desired me to write him a letter with an agreement, and then went away

In consequence of this I sent a letter and agreement according to the explanation of the Resident. Having taken them into consideration Mr. Macleod came to the durbar on the night of the first of September, Mr. Macleod then said that he approved the letter and agreement, which I had sent him, that he would on that

Day

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day restore to me the Tanjour Customs, and
the dowrnaad Wa: that he would furnish me
me at 11 oClock on the next day with
letters to the Collectors for the restoration
of the Countries of Mayaveram, Manar=
=goody, Shially Wa; into my hands that
he was yet to examine if the Accounts
of some of the puttachs of Trivady, and
that after such examination should be
made he would put me in possession
of that Soubah also, after this Mr. M.
Macleod took leave and went to his
Cutcherry - When formerly Mr. Macleod
took forcible possession of the three Soubahs
he in a few days afterwards sent Sepoys
to drive my Amildars out of the cut=
=cherries, and obtained possession by force
of the Tanjour Customs Nowmaad Wa
which are not included in any Soubah
These transactions I have already made
known to your Excellency in my letter
of the 25th March, for the Tanjore Customs

and

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and nonnaad alone he now sent summons
I gave directions for making it known
to my Servants and to the people and
Soucars of the City that your Excellency
had been favorable to me that you had
therefore sent orders for the restoration of
my Country, and that I intended to hold a
public Cutcherry on the occasion according
to custom, I had also ordered my Guns to
to be loaded and kept ready for a Salute —
be loaded and kept ready for a Salute —
accordingly all the people had assembled
and were ready at the dewbar, at eleven
o'clock I entered the Ludder and waited in
expectation of the Summons from the
Resident. the Resident having heard that
I had entered the Ludder and was waiting
for the summons thought the disgrace,
which I had already suffered insufficient,
considered how to degrade me publicly
before the assembly at the Ludder, and
sent after I had waited a considerable
time to say that he had heard of my
having prepared the Guns and other rejoic-
-ings for that day — that it must be
postponed

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postponed for that day, that he would on
the Morrow send me Seamuds Wax for
putting me in possession of the Country.—
and that I might then do what I pleased—
This message he sent by his dubash In
consequence of the Notification I had given
a great Number of people had assembled
at the Ladder, and I myself had entered the
Ladder and waited a long time in expectation
of the seamuds, the Resident however instead
me by neither bringing nor sending the
order for restoration, This was cause of much
sorrow to me, but I submitted to what
was passed, and Considering how I might
afterwards obviate it according to the
means in my power, I resigned as the
cause of the meeting the restoration of
the Tanjore Customs and the nowmaad
&c: which happened on the first day
and I received the Nuzzers, and distributed
betle to those who had assembled

On the 30th September 1796

Macleod gave me a letter to Mr Balmain
Collector

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Collector of the Manargoody Soubah directing
him to deliver over charge of the districts
Customs &c: to the Circars people - This
Sent by my Amildars to Manargoody -
having waited on Mr. Balmain my
people delivered to him the letter, which
had been written by the Resident, and
requested him to deliver the Soubah over
to their Charge. - Mr. Balmain having
replied "I will" "I will" - delayed for four
days, after, which on the 11th September
he delivered over the Ryots &c: of the
above Soubah to my people.

On the 6th September Mr. Macleod
gave me a letter to Mr. Grant Collector
of the Mayaveram & Sheally Soubahs -
directing him to deliver the Soubahs &c:
over to the charge of the Circars Amuldars
this Sent by my people to Mayaveram
having waited on Mr. Grant they delivered
the letter, which had been written by
the Resident, having Considered it he too
made difficulties until the 11th September
when he delivered over the districts except

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Four puttucks of Mayaveram and the Soubah of Shealley on the next day he made over the Mayaveram Customs. & on the 14th September he made over the Four puttucks of Mayaveram and the Soubah of Shealley. on the 15th September he also made over to my people the Shealley Customs.

The remainder of the Soubah under Mr. Macleod after the restoration of the Nãadzeãty on the first day was made over to me on the 7th September —

In this manner the three Collectors — having involved the Matter in disputes dragged on the restoration of my Country, by one thing at a time until the fifteenth day of the Month. a copy of the letter and agreement, which I sent to Mr. Macleod according to his desire on the 3rd August is enclosed in this letter, & and, if your Excellency will be pleased to refer to them, you will understand their Contents.

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I shall now endeavour to explain to your Excellency the injustice, which Mr. Macleod has done me, by the agreement, which he obtained from me on the 3d. August, although your Excellency may be occupied with matters of importance, yet as I have suffered under your Government, much disgrace and injury from this Resident, I request you will favor me by Considering my Representation, and I do entreat in the humblest manner that you will do me some justice.—

1.— While there were no orders either from your Excellency or from the Revenue Board for advancing from the Company Warwick to the Ryots, while I had made no Representations of inability to advance Warwick nor had requested that it should be advanced by the Company — I am ignorant upon what authority, the Resident and the other Collectors have made the advances.

2.d In defiance of your Excellency's orders for putting me in possession of my Country,

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the Resident delayed the restoration for one Month, and caused that great loss would arise in the Cultivation Yr: Your Excellency will know what injury should be made into his disobedience of your own orders, but as he has caused that much loss must be sustained in the Cultivation of my Country, I am confident that your Excellency will do me the justice of causing that deficiency to be made good to me, The account of the above = = mentioned loss of Cultivation is pre= = paring, and shall be forwarded to your Excellency as soon as it may be ready

3rd Conceiving that the Revenue of the Districts, which have been Mortgaged for the one Lack Sixty three thousand and odd Chuckrums advanced for Warruk and Maramamut, will be insufficient for this Year, I have taken a ready Money Loucan Security from one for ten = thousand Pagodas, and for the Remainder of the

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the money has received in Mortgage the Sirdars
of Sheally and the four pattucks of Mayaveram.
he has taken a written agreement for the
payment of two fifths within the 31st of
December and of the other three fifths of
this Money within the 30th March. If
he will obtain from the inhabitants &
acknowledgements that ready money and
grain were according to justice advan-
-ced to them for Varach and Manrammut,
I should collect the whole amount from
the Mortgage districts and pay it according
to my agreement. In the letter, with &
which your Excellency honored me on the
17th November 1795, you are pleased to &
charge me with anticipating the &
Revenue, with bringing ruin on my people
by that means, and with Mortgaging &
my Country in consequence, Mr Macleod
took possession of my Country on the
23d January last by force, up to that
period I ought to have collected two &
fifths of the Car Ruddup: of those

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two fifths I had collected some thing more than half on the 23d. January the remainder was a balance upon the inhabitants: the Accounts of it were delivered to the Company's Collectors: they made the collections in the Month of February & according to those Accounts: those Accounts may also have been sent to your Excellency. In the agreement which Mr. Macleod had taken from me he had demanded that two fifths shall be collected and paid to him within the 31st December Notwithstanding the opprobrium which was objected to me for anticipation of the Revenue, he in the agreement, which he himself has taken from me, imposed upon me the necessity of anticipating any Revenue, according to this agreement I am to pay the remaining three fifths within the 30th March. The Sumbaw and Peshamum crops have been collected by your own Collectors, according to the practice of the Carnatic the year closed on the 12th July, did you they collect the whole

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whole without a balance within that ye
period.ª your Excellency may happen to ye
have the Accounts, if you will refer to ye
them, they will be a testimony in favor
of my agreement, but seeing that the ye
year is closed and that the Revenue had
not been realized within it Mr. Macleod
in the agreement he had taken from me
demands the payment of the Revenue
of the Mortgaged districts three Months
before the expiration of the year, if I ye
should collect the Revenue in that
manner, is it possible that the inhabi-
-tants could remain? I have written the
above to shew your Excellency the ye
necessity, by which the Company's ye
Agent compels me to anticipate my
Revenue — your Excellency was also pleased
to upbraid me with the Mortgage of my
districts — upon this occasion the Company's
Servants have themselves taken them in
Mortgage from me, when a Maxim of equity
is elicited among men, is it to be binding —
upon Strangers only and not applicable

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to the inventor himself, the Company's Servants themselves do now teach me to mortgage my districts, which is cause of Surprize that I cannot sufficiently express.

Besides this it is written in the agreement, which the Company's Resident has taken from me that I am not to provide for the Sibbendy or religious institutions of the Mortgaged districts from the Revenues of those districts, but that I am to supply those expences from other parts of my Country. The Company have many provinces, but was it ever heard that the establishments of those provinces were not to be supplied from their Revenues but from distant & from districts? If the Sibbendy people of these villages are occasionally paid in money and Grain, they will remain to perform their service: if the Religious institutions of those districts are not supported from their own Revenues, how can they be supplied from distant places? This is Matter is not unknown to Mr. Macleod. the reason of his having inserted this Condition is this - the people of those districts

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districts will certainly provide for their &
religious establishments; nor will the
Sibbendy people remain starving without
receiving any thing from the Ryots, it is
therefore his intention to accuse me to
your Excellency that I have provided, not=
=withstanding this agreement, for the expences
of the Sibbendy and religious establishments,
It is Mr. Macleod's wish to injure me
by every means, and it is his resolution to
heap disgrace upon me, of this your
Excellency may be assured

Mr. Macleod has now given in
accounts of Warack and Murrummut &
amounting 1,63,000 Chuckrums, and I have
written to my aumildars in those districts
to inquire according to justice what what
quantity of Grain and what sum of
Ready Money has been advanced to the
inhabitants for Warack and Murrummut,
and to transmit the accounts to me, &
Some of these accounts have been received,
and the Remainder will soon arrive, as
Soon as the whole shall have been received,

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I shall compare them with the accounts of your Resident, and shall transmit to your Excellency a complete account the precise quantity of Grain and the exact sum, of money which have been advanced, together with the irrecoverable balances, for which Mr. Macleod has taken Warrack Receipts.

It is in your Excellency's power to enquire into the Warrack Receipts which have been thus fabricated and to do public justice, it is not in my power to descend upon this subject to your Excellency's.

I have however one request to make, which is this - In comparing the accounts of the Ryots with those of the Collectors, whatever may be found to have been advanced either in grain or ready Money for Warrack and Measurement - this I will pay without the smallest failure in eight equal Monthly instalments from the Month of December to the end of July into the Company's Treasury at Madras: I therefore entreat in the

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most earnest manner that you will send orders to the Resident for withdrawing the topesaldars, who are stationed in these dis=tricts, in order that there may be no in=tercourse between me and Wm. Macleod, In part of the 163,000 Chuckrums advanced for Warwick and Murrummet according to the Accounts made out by Wm. Macleod, I gave Loucar Security for ten thousand pagodas: for this sum I paid on the first of October 23,695 Chuckrums to Wm. Macleod and have taken his Receipt for it.

When formerly peace was con=cluded in Europe between the Kings of England and France, the French demanded that Tunnellar with four Maghans should be obtained from me, and Villenour Wm. talooks from the Nabob to be delivered to them, in consequence of this the King of England recommended that these districts should be given up, and the Government of that time having acquainted the Nabob and myself of his Majesty's wishes,

We

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we consented to deliver up the districts &c
that we might merit and obtain his &c
Royal favor, and the districts were accord=
=ingly made over to the French - since
the late Commencement of hostilities between
the English and French, the Company &c
have assumed all the districts belonging
to the French, of these the Nabobs dis=
=tricts only have been given up to his
Highness, as the Company's Agents &c
have not yet restored to me any four
Meghans. I request that your Excellency
will assist me by causing that I may
have Credit on Account of my Cash for
the Current year for whatever nett
Revenue may have been collected exclu=
=sive of Sibbendy and other expences &c
of Collection from those Meghans from
the time of their assumption by the
Company to this day

Much time has elapsed since
your Excellency received the orders of
the Court of Directors for the Restoration of

these

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these four Maghans; and it is upwards of
of six Months since your Excellency's in =
= structions were sent to Mr. Macleod for
this purpose: still however many difficulties
are excited to prevent my obtaining possession
of the Maghans - upon a former occasion
I wrote to make your Excellency informed
of the injustice and disgrace which had
been offered me by Mr. Macleod, and
though you might then have made
no enquiry, yet now that in defiance of
your own orders he has not restored the
Maghans to my possession, I conceive
that your Excellency may do me the
favor of making some investigation &
whenever I may obtain your Excellency's
favor, then I shall receive justice. I now
earnestly entreat that your Excellency
will do me the favor to send orders &
positively to put me in possession
of the Kariccal Maghans without a
farther procrastination.

I have done nothing by
which

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which I ought to have lost your Excellency's favor, the prevalence of my destiny and as my enemies Messrs. Macleod and Swartz have caused their representations to appear correct in your Excellency's sight, I now solicit that your Excellency with-out longer attending to the voice of the exciters of injustice will shew me favor and justice that I may cease to fear what can be done unto me. Believe me always your sincere friend. To a friend why should I write more? —

a true translation

/ Signed / J. Webbe M.D.

After Compliments

I received the letter which you sent me last night together with the accounts of the three Sonbahs of Mayaver-am, Manargoody, Manargoody and Nevady; and understand the contents — In it you have desired that I should give Security for the 1,63,695 Ch. 3 3/4 F. 2 C. Chuckrums

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Chuckrums advanced according to the
accounts you sent by the Collector for
Warick and Merrummuck. — I shall
now explain the particulars of those
puttucks which I have pledged for that
money

I Sheally puttuck with the
Sea port of Tremulwash — . . 9,000 — —
The assigned puttucks of
Mayaveram Viz.
Puttuck Comul . . . 2,000
Do Curvindaatpoor 13,000
Do Yeadacoody 18,000
Do Ameenahpoor . . . . 21,000 . . . 72,000 — —

Tot. Ch: . . 163,000 — —

of this sum I will pay by the means of
Sree Dher Matya and Ram Dutt
Turcundy Loucars 23,695 Chuckrums
in Ready Money in one Month, of
the remaining balance I will pay
from the assigned Villages two fifths
out of the Car crop amounting to
56,000 Chuckrums, from the Com-
mencement of the collection untill

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the whole shall be received, I will pay day by day to the Residents people as whatever may be collected, I will not supply the expence of the Sibbendy almaghan or Davastam &c. for these expences I will provide from other talooks, on the 30th December, I will complete the payment of the two fifths from the last crops, for the three fifths to be paid out of the Thumba and Peshanum crops &c amounting to P4,000 Chuckrums I will pay what may be daily collected to the Residents people, and complete the payment of the whole by the 30th March, according to the Manner above written I will prove the amount of those pattucks in a public manner to the Residents people, I will not expend a Single fanam without acquainting his people, the Collectors must prove upon the Pyots that they are answerable for the above mentioned sum of 6 Chuckrums 1,63,695 3¾ P what is there more to be written

Dispatched 31st August 1796

True translation

(Signed) J. Webbe
Mer. Tr.