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An argument given by Rajah Sree Maharaz, Amir Sunioh Gee to Rajah Lahch to the Company's agent Alexander Macleod Esq.r Bahader Resident at Tanjour, that is to say— I received the letter which you sent me last night together with the accounts of the three Soubahs of Mayaveram, Manargoody, and Trivady, and understand the contents. In it you have desired that I should give as Security for the Ch: 1,63,695: 3 3/4 2 advanced according to the accounts you sent by the Collectors for Warrick and Murrummut, I shall now explain the particulars of those puttacks, which I have pledged as for that money

I Sheally Puttuck with the Sea port of Tremulevash		9,000
The assigned puttucks of Mayaveram, Viz.t		
Puttuck Comul	20,000	
Do Curvindnatpoor	13,000	
Do Yeadacoody	18,000	
Do Ameenatpoor	21,000	72,000
Total Chuckrs		1,63,000

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of this sum I will pay by the
means of Sree Dhur Matya and Ram
Dutt Turwady Loucars 23,695 Chuckrums
in ready money in one Month, of the
Remaining Balance I will pay from
the assigned two fifths from the Kar Crop,
amounting to 56,000 Chuckrums, From
the Commencement of the Collection
untill the whole shall be received. I
will pay day by day to the Residents
people whatever may be collected. I will
not supply the expence of the Sibbandy
almaghan, or davastan &c: for those
expences I will provide from other
talooks. on the 30th December I will
complete the payment of the two fifths
from the Car crop. For the three fifths
to be paid out of the Shumba and
pesharcum crops amounting to 84,000
Chuckrums, I will pay what may be
daily collected to the Residents people,
and Complete the payment of the whole

by

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by the 31st March, according to the manner above written I will prove the accounts of those pettachs 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 spot that they are answerable for the abovementioned Sum of 6 Suchreums 1,63,695 " 33/4 " 2 " —

I have thus given this agreement ack above written the 31st August 1796. —

a true translation

/Signed/ D Webbe
M.S.

Resolved that the following Letter be written to the Resident at Tanjore. —

To Alexander Macleod Esq.r
Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

To the Resident at Tanjore — Reminding him of the charges preferred against him by the Rajah which are still unreplied to and desiring an Explanation of the cause of his delaying the Restoration of the Naical Magnanums to the Rajah's authority

On the 23rd of August we wrote you requiring explanations on certain points to which

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which had been called for by the Supreme Government, and on the 24th of June, and again on the 9th of September, our Secretary transmitted copies of letters from the Rajah of Tanjore to which you were desired to reply - but we have received no answer from you - and the consequence has been, that his Excellency's Representations have been forwarded to England and to Bengal, without any of those observations, which, in Justice to yourself, ought to have accompanied them.

We now transmit copy of another letter from his Excellency, and must positively direct that you lose no time in furnishing such remarks as you may have to offer upon it - but also direct that you pay immediate attention to the orders conveyed to you in the letters before-mentioned.

We cannot with-hold the expression of our Surprize that the four Mayhaus have not been delivered over to the Rajah's authority, agreeably to the orders of the

Company,

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Company, and of our instructions to you &
under date the 24th March 1796 - for admitting
even that the Balance, as stated by the &
Resident at Nagore, had not been discharged
by his Excellency, it must long sence, as &
we suppose, have been paid out of the
produce of the Lands and we can therefore
in no respect account for their having
been with-held from the Rajah to the
present period - It is incumbent upon &
you to explain the cause in the most
satisfactory manner, and we expect it &
from you without any delay.

We are &c: &c:

/Signed/ Hobart
&c Council

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1st November 1796

Read the following letter
from the Military Auditor General

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

&c: &c: &c:

From the military auditor General - reporting an appeal made to Government by the Paymaster in the Nelapore district on a retrenchment made in his accounts of a charge for office rent.

My Lord,

In consequence of a retrenchment made by my predecessor in office from the disbursements

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disbursements of Mr. Thomas Cooper Pay=
=master in the Ittchapoor district who
has requested a reference to Government,
I have the honor to state the following
particulars for your Lordship's information
on the subject.

In Mr. Cooper's disbursements for
February 1793, the Month after he took
charge of the appointment of Paymaster,
was introduced an Item of 10 Pagodas for
Office Rent, which being unauthorized, and
a new charge in the Paymaster's accounts
of that station was upon audit Retrenched

The Paymaster in his answer to
the Retrenchment for that month stated
"that his Predecessor possessed a Civil
"Quarter in the fort of Ganjam for an
"office, which he Mr. Cooper was obliged
"to relinquish on his taking charge of the
"employ, it being wanted for one of the
"Assistants, consequently he, Mr. Cooper,
"was under the necessity of taking a house
"for that purpose, but if this charge was
"to be continued Mr. Cooper in that

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"case hoped a proper House would be allotted
"him as Paymaster, his own proper Dwelling
"being too small to admit of one."

The late Military Auditor General,
upon the Readdit of Mr. Cooper's accounts,
did not consider himself warranted, upon
this explanation to pass the charge, especi=
=ally as the Paymaster drew a Monthly
allowance of Ten Pagodas for House Rent,
and that it has not been customary for
Paymasters at out stations to be allowed
to charge for office Rent, with the exception
of Mr. Wynch who is authorized by your
Honble Board to make a charge of 5 Pagodas
p.r Month for office Rent at the station
where he may happen to reside; for
these reasons the Retrenchment has been
uniformly continued from the first intro=
=duction of the Charge - In reply to the A=
Readdit under date the 28.th September 1796
the Paymaster states as follows."

"Mr. Cooper the Paymaster begs
"leave to ask the Auditor General where he
"is to transact the public duties of his Department

if

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"if an Office is not allowed, or Office Rent to "
"procure one, should he think this an unrea=
=sonable charge and finds himself incompitent
"to decide on it, Mr. Cooper the Paymaster
"requests he will in that case [illegible] copy of these
Remarks before the Right Honble the "
"President in Council who he trusts will
"on the justness of the charge and either "
"allow its continuance or allot him a
"public office".

Having thus detailed the circum=
=stances of the case, I wait your Lordship's "
decision whether Mr. Cooper, shall be consi=
=dered as entitled to Office Rent as Paymaster
of the Itchapour District, or whether he
shall be ordered to refund the sum, which
he has included in his disbursements
this account from the period when he
first took charge of his Office.

I have the honor to be
Wa: Wa
Signed J. Wm Sydenham
Mily Audr General

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
26th October 1796

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Minute thereon

The Charge for Office Rent introduced in the Accounts of the Paymaster at Ganjam, being improper - Resolved that the Amount Retrenched, be immediately refunded

Read the following Letter from

Messrs. Chase, Sewell and Chase

William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 26th Instant, we take leave to acquaint you, that in the event of the loss, or dismissal from the service, of the Ship Jane, chartered by us to the Honorable Company, we hereby engage, for ourselves, Executors, Administrators or Assignes, to refund whatever amount, may appear to be over-paid, from the period of the such loss or dismissal from the service, giving to this address, all the force of our

From the Agents for the Ship Jane - offering to repay the Amount of the Ship's claim for freight, should it hereafter appear that it is not due.

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a bond of indemnity. —

Madras
31st October 1796

We have the honor to be
&c: &c:
(Signed) Chase, Sewell & Chase

Order thereon

Ordered that the Amount of Freight due to the Owners of the Jane Transport be paid by a Bill on Bengal

Read the following letter from the Jaghiredar of Arnee (Entered also in C.C: No. 159.) —

Translation of a letter from the Jaguerdar of Arnee to the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor &c: &c: &c:
dated

From the Jaghiredar of Arnee — requesting that a spot of Ground within the walls of the Fort may be allotted, for the purpose of erecting a house for the accommodation of himself and Family

In my jahgeer there is a village called Vunaypoor, consisting of about three hundred Cunies of Weavers of Ryots: for a considerable time past valuable cloths of different descriptions have been woven there, three months ago a Polygar with two hundred or two hundred and fifty people fell upon this Village in the night and plundered it entirely: upon this occasion the whole of the Merchants came to me to represent their losses; — and I in consequence stationed twenty or five and twenty peons for the protection

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of the village – eight days ago 200 or 250 people again came down with lighted torches to plunder the Village – my plons endeavoured to prevent them, but were beaten and severely wounded by the polygars, who then entered and carried off all the property – as the polygars have made two descents upon this Village and have plundered all the property, the Merchants are unwilling to reside there; and request that they may be permitted to build themselves habitations on some spot to be pointed out about an hours journey from the fort. To this I have answered that I will would fix upon a spot – I am ignorant what polygar it is who has come down and plundered, but I shall make enquiry. my suspicions are not yet fixed; when they are I shall make a further representation; and have in the mean time written the above for your information

I am in the plain two hours journey distant from the fort; and know not but those polygars may come to the place of my residence – as I have no people, myself and my family are in much apprehension. If therefore I may be allowed the house which I formerly

had

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has within the fort, or if any other place should be pointed out for me within the walls, I will build a House and deposite my effects in it, occasi= =onally sending for those articles which I may want to the place of my Residence on the outside of the fort. It will be cause of very great satisfaction if your Lordship will so far favor your Servant as to send orders to the Engineer for allotting a place, in order that I may live in Security

A true translation
(Signed) J. Webbe M.S.

Minute thereon

Resolved that the Chief Engineer be directed to give orders that a spot of Ground within the walls of Arnee be assigned to the Jaghiredar for the purposes mentioned in his Letter

Death of Captain James Tyrrell of the Infantry

The Secretary Reports to the Board the death of Captain James Tyrrell of the 2d Battalion 8th Regiment Native Infantry at Barampore on the 21st Ultimo

" Hobart
" Alured Clarke
" Co. Saunders
" C. Brownrigg

Co. " Gillespie
Sutherland

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Diary

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in MB. Nos 10-11-12-13-14-15.

From Colonel Gent — enclosing Captain Lieutenant Wood's reply to the Complaints preferred by the Jaghiredar of Arnee of his having destroyed some of the Houses within the Fort for the accommodation of the new Barracks &c &c

the Chief Engineer

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts — representing that the Commissary of Stores with the Detachment cannot afford to make up the Tents required at the Companys — regulated Prices — and recommending in consequence that the Deficiencies be immediately supplied from Masulipatam

the Officer Commanding Nizam's Detachment.

From Major Kirkpatrick — with Copies of Letters from Lieutenant Colonel Roberts respecting the Tents required for the Detachment and the Check ordered to be observed in regard to Contingent Charges in general.

the Resident Hydrabad.

From Major General Sydenham — submitting the Circumstances attending a refund demanded from the Officers stationed at Pondamallee of the difference between 5 Pagodas established by Government and 8 Pags ⅌ month drawn by them on account of House Rent — also

a Military for General.

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2nd also respecting a Claim advanced by Major Child for a Continuation of the allowance of full Batta while — detained at the Presidency by Sickness subsequently to the Dissolution of the Court Martial on which he was ordered to Madras.

From Messrs Sautour & Co — making

From the agents of the Ship Yarmouth. themselves answerable for any Sum the Company may be in advance on account of the Freights of the Ship Yarmouth, in consequence of her Loss at Sea or her having been dismissed the Service by admiral Rainier.

From Mr Place — declaring that if

From the Collector in the Jaghire. any bad grain has been received at Arnee the fault rests with the Storekeeper there, as he had authority to reject any that he might think unfit for Store.

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Sent Letter to the Nabob entered in

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob. C.C. No 160 enclosing Copy of Colonel Baird's Reply to the Charges preferred against him and expressing the Board's Conviction that he will see they were altogether — unfounded.

" Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24.-

To

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To Mr. Goldingham — desiring him —

To Mr. John Goldingham Astronomer General. immediately to send to Government all the publick Papers in charge of the late Mr. Topping particularly the Surveys and Levels taken by that Gentleman and Captain Lieut. Caldwell of Engineers on the Masulipatam Circar.

To Mr. John Rowley — acquainting

To the Postmaster General him that Government authorize Lieutenant Shaw the Postmaster at Masulipatam to charge Pags. 2 1/2 60. monthly on account of expences incurred in making up the Hyderabad Tappal.

To the Military Board — requiring

To the Military Board their opinion upon a Letter from the Commandant at Amboor relative to buildings and repairs required for the accom= =modation of troops and Stores in that Garrison. —

To Captain Healy acquainting —

To the Commandant of Chandernaghery him that the Nabob has promised to send orders for the removal of the ordnance from Hufseir Pettah into the Fort for the appropriation of the Killedar's House as a Quarter for himself and the Shed on the lower fort as a Barrack for the Sepoys — the Stores to remain under Charge of the Nabob's Daroga, but at all times subject to his (the Commandant's) Inspection.

To

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To Mr. Skardon — directing him

To the Principal agent for Cavalry Supplies.

to take such Measures as may appear to him most advisable for supplying the Grain required for the Horses of Major Dallas's temporary Corps of Cavalry.

To Mrs Lee — acquainting her that as

To Mrs Lee.

soon as the Ship arrives on which she intends taking her Passage to England, an advance of Cash will be made to her, equal to six Months of her present Subsistence.

To Captain Johnston — approving

To the Engineer at Masulipatam

the Measures taken by him under the Sanction of Colonel Bildiffe for securing the new Works at Masulipatam from the Danger that was to be apprehended in consequence of the Rains

To Major General Sydenham —

To Military and Genl

acquainting him that the charge retrenched in the accounts of the Paymaster at Ganjam on account of Office Rent is to be immediately refunded

To Mr. Secretary Barlow — requesting

To the Secretary at Bengal.

that the unappropriated Tonnage of the Companys Ships — ordered to touch here on their way home, may be filled up with Rice on account of Government.

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Received the undermentioned Letters

Entered

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Entered in M.B. Nos 25-26-27-28-29.

From Mr B. Roebuck — engaging to

From the Attorney to the owners of the Ship Ewer. —

return any Sum the Company may be in advance on account of the Ship Ewer in consequence of her Loss at Sea or her having been dismissed by Admiral Rainier

From Colonel Brigade Campbell —

From the Commandant of Native Cavalry.

requesting that the Commandant and Brigade Major of Cavalry may be permitted to draw the same allowance on account of House Rent, from the Date of the new Regulations, as is drawn by the Colonel Commandant and Brigade Major of Artillery.

From Mr Shardon Stating that

From the acting — Commissary General of Grain and Provision

Mr Wynch in receiving any Paddy of indifferent Quality has deviated from his Instructions, which were not to lay up any Grain that could be deemed unfit for Store. —

From Mr G Parry requesting —

From the Civil Paymaster General.

Information regarding the Specific Allowances to be drawn from his office by Mr O Donoghoe Assistant Surgeon at — Muddepollam and Ingeram.

From the late Brigade Adjutants

From the late Brigade Adjutants and Quarter Masters — —

and Quarter Masters — requesting that Authority may be transmitted to the Auditor General to pass their Bills, for their former allowances, till the Date of the appointments

of

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4 of Adjutants and Quarter Masters of Regiments.

Sent the following Letter to the Chief Engineer.

To Colonel Gent
Chief Engineer.

Sir,

It having been reported to the Right Honorable the President in Council that the new Granaries at Arnee are already in want of repair, the architect work of four Godowns having opened in Chinks, and admitted the Rain, I am directed by his Lordship to express his astonishment, that work so imperfectly executed by the Contractors under the Superintendance of Captain Wood, should have been reported by that Officer to have been well performed. — The President in Council has already been under the necessity of suspending an Officer of Engineers from the Service for similar neglect of his Duty — and he is concerned to observe that reports — which have reached him of a clandestine connection between the Contractors and some of the Engineers appointed to Superintend their works obtain confirmation from

the

To Colonel Gent — requiring an Explanation of the Cause of the very bad Condition of the Granary lately built at Arnee and pointing out certain Circumstances which throw a very unbecoming reflection on the Conduct of the Engineers appointed to Superintend the work executed by the Contractors.

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4 the manner in which several of them appear to have been executed —

You will therefore call upon Captain Wood to furnish the most particular explanations, which his — Lordship desires may be accompanied with such opinions as you may have to offer thereon. —

I enclose copy of a letter to his — — Lordship from the Jaghiredar of Arnee, and am directed to desire you will give immediate orders that a Spot of Ground within the Walls of the Fort of Arnee be assigned to the Jaghiredar for the purposes mentioned in his letter. —

I am &c &c

(Signed) W C Jackson Secy

Fort St George
2 November 1796.

Received the following Letters.

William Collins Jackson Esq.
Secretary to the Military and Political Department

From the Military Auditor General requesting Permission to encrease his Establishment of writers. Cause of such request.

Sir,

Finding that it is expected of the Military Auditor General to bring up the accounts of Pay and Allowances to His Majesty's Troops (a business formerly in the hands of

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of the Military Paymaster General) in order to be transmitted by this Government to Bengal, and having observed that these accounts have not been carried to a later period than December 1793, apparently from a want of additional writers for that purpose; I have with a view to prevent any delay that might hereafter be imputed to me, taken upon myself to employ the persons who were before under the Paymaster General from the commencement of last month, to bring up the long arrears of those accounts; and request you will be pleased to obtain the Sanction of the Right Honorable the President in Council for the payment of the enclosed Abstract, being the exact sum drawn by the Military Paymaster General and faithfully disbursed for the purpose above mentioned— I beg leave to enclose for the Information of Government, an Extract of a Letter from Sir John Murray Military Auditor General of Bengal on this subject under date the 13th ultimo which renders every exertion on my part necessary, as I find that it will take at least two Months with the utmost diligence of the people employed, to complete every six months accounts.

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The business of my Office has been so much increased by the accounts of the Paymasters of Ceylon — of Malacca and of the Nizam's Detachment &c. that I shall have the greatest difficulty in keeping it up regularly with the present establishment of writers, but I am determined not to incur any additional expence to the Company, and trust that the united diligence of myself and the Gentlemen under me, will render any further application on this score unnecessary. —

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Aud Genl

Military auditor
General's Office
Fort St George
3 November 1796

Extract of a Letter from Colonel Sir John Murray Bart.
Military Auditor General at Calcutta dated 13 October 1796. —

In the first and second paragraph of the last mentioned letter, you will observe that I was solicitous to have a Continuation of the accounts of payments and Disbursements to his Majesty's Regiments serving under the Madras Government, with as little delay as possible, to be included in the General Statements to be prepared for the Court of Directors. These accounts

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4th accounts have been furnished by Colonel Malcolm to 31st December 1793; and I beg that you will be — pleased to favor me with a Continuation of them to the latest period possible, in order to enable the Compiler of the General Statement to include them in the accounts to be transmitted home in the approaching Season; and I will thank you to send them round, as fast as they can be completed, for every Six months Subsequent to the 31st December 1793, without waiting for preparing the whole —

A true Extract

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily. Asst. Genl.

William Collins Jackson Esqr —
Military Secretary to Government

From the Resident at Hydrabad — finds it necessary to order the Officers in the Company's Districts to make a minute Inspection of the Quantity of Stores belonging to the Nizam which are transported under his General Pass.

Sir,

Fort St George

I have the honor to inclose for the notice of Government Copy of a Letter which I wrote on the 25th Instant to the Commanding Officer at Guntoor, and to be. —

&c &c

Hydrabad
30th October 1796.

(Signed) W. Kirkpatrick

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Leighton

Commanding at Guntoor

Sir,

Understanding from Mr. Secretary Jackson that you have been furnished with a Copy of my Letter of the 11th August to the Right Honorable the President in Council and having just received a message from this Durbar informing me that the Dispatch of the Stores therein mentioned from Vairipilly is — delayed till you hear from me, on the subject, and requesting of me to write you accordingly, I am to beg that you will be pleased to permit the Articles — enumerated in that Letter to pass your Posts without interruption; with the exception only of the Ten — Pieces of Cannon, stated to be at Coringa, and for which I have made a separate application to the Collector at Masulipatam

As it is very possible that Mons.r Raymonds Agents may attempt on this occasion to

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to forward Stores clandestinely purchased, and over and above those specified in my Letter of the 11th. august to the Government of Fort St George, it may be necessary to be some what particular in the examination of those that pass — You will of course see the expediency, no less than myself, of any thing of this sort being done in as moderate and conciliating a manner as possible.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) W. Kirkpatrick

Hyderabad
25th October 1796

N.B.

The last Paragraph of the above was omitted in the Copy delivered to the Durbar.

P.S

Although you have never acknowledged your receipt of my letter of the 22 September, I have the pleasure to learn from Major Halcott that it reached you safely. -

True Copy

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

To

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To William Collins Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir,

We beg you will acquaint the Right Honorable the Presidents in Council, that the Ship Mary commanded by Captain Turnbull arrived at Calcutta from Prince of Wales's Island on the 19th Ultimo. and we also request you will lay the accompanying Affidavit before his Lordship in Council, by which he will perceive that Captain Turnbull has in every respect fulfilled the agreement entered into with Government.

We enclose a bill for the freight of the Mary, which we shall be glad to receive by an order on the Bengal Government.

We have the Honor to be
&c &c

Signed Thos Parry & Co^s
William

From the owners of the Ship Mary enclosing an Affidavit shewing that the Contract entered into with Government has been fully accomplished on their parts; and enclosing a Bill for the Freight due.

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William Turnbull commander of the Ship Mary maketh oath and Saith that the said Ship Mary was engaged for the month of august last by the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor at Fort Saint George for the purpose of carrying public dispatches from Madras to Prince of Wales's Island and this Deponent saith that in consequence of his said Ships being so taken up he this Deponent made the best of his way to the said Port where he arrived on the Eighth day of September last and was ready to sail from the said Port in the Space of Eight days after such his arrival there when this Deponent received intimation from the Superintendant of that Island that he the said Superintendant had important dispatches for Sir John Shore and the Bengal Government and requested this Deponent to delay his departure until the morning following which this Deponent complied with and on receiving such dispatches he this Deponent Sailed immediately from the said Island and made the best of his way to this Port where he arrived this Day and has delivered the said

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Dispatches to the said Supreme Government and this Deponent lastly saith that he has in every respect fulfilled the agreement entered into between this Deponent and the Right Honorable Lord Hobart —

(Signed) W. Turnbull

Sworn at Calcutta
this 19th day of October 1796
Before me
(Signed) Wm Dunkin

Contract entered into with the owners of the Ship Mary for her Affreighment from Madras to Prince of Wales's Island and from thence to Calcutta —

The Mary will sail with Government Dispatches tomorrow morning for Prince of Wales's Island in consideration of 1000 S.r Pag.s P.r Month being paid to George Garrow he engaging that the Mary leaves Prince of Wales's Island for Bengal direct in Eight — days after her arrival (or should she remain a few days longer at the Island that Government are not to be charged with the time above eight days — spent at the Island) Government covering the War Risk — until her arrival in Bengal to the amount of Six thousand S.r Pagodas the Ship not to take any freight whatever at Prince of Wales's Island. or it is to be — understood that should the voyage to Prince of Wales's

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Island and from thence to Bengal, exceed one Month that the said George Garrow shall not receive more than prorata as mentioned above.

(Signed) Hobart

August 22. 1796.

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Despatched and Received the undermentioned Letters entered in MB Nos 30-31-32-33-34.

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr. Secretary Barlow — communicating Intelligence received from the Mysore Country.

To the Residents at Poona and Hydrabad.

To Sir Charles Warre Malet — and Major Kirkpatrick to the purport above noted.

To Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham — referring an Application from Major General Geils for additional Puckallies for the 1st Battalion of Artillery.

To the Board of Revenue desiring them to furnish Information required by the Bombay Government regarding the Conduct and Characters of Tombe Gownda, and Samoondra Gownda.

To the Board of Revenue

From Commandant in the Guntoor Circar

From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton — advising of his having received some extra official Instructions from

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5th from Major Kennaway respecting some Stores belonging to the Nizam in the Neighbourhood of Nanjilly.

6th Sent the following Letters.

To Major General Stuart

Commanding the Forces on the Island of Ceylon at Columbo

Sir,

To Major General Stuart — relative to the removal of the Bombay Artillery to Calicut — their being relieved by a detachment sent from Bengal for that purpose

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to transmit to you Extract of a letter from the Supreme Government to the Governor in Council at Bombay, and to desire you will be pleased to give orders for the embarkation of the Bombay artillery on the Ship which conveys the Bengal artillery to Columbo, directing her Commander to land the former at Calicut.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Fort St George
5 November 1796.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

To Major Treadway Clarke

of the artillery

To Major Clarke of Artillery — in reply to his Claim to the Off reckonings that would have fallen to Major General — Gells, but for his temporary Suspension from the Command of the 1st Battalion of Artillery.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter

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To Military auditor General

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To the Board of Revenue desiring them to furnish Information required by the Bombay Government regarding the Conduct and Characters of Tombe Gownda, and Samoondra Gownda.

To the Board of Revenue

From Commandant in the Guntoor Circar

From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton — advising of his having received some extra official Instructions from

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5th from Major Kennaway respecting some Stores belonging to the Nizam in the Neighbourhood of Nursilly.

6th Sent the following Letters.

To Major General Stuart

Commanding the Forces on the Island of Ceylon at Columbo

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to transmit to you Extract of a letter from the Supreme Government to the Governor in Council at Bombay, and to desire you will be pleased to give orders for the embarkation of the Bombay artillery on the Ship which conveys the Bengal artillery to Columbo, directing her Commander to land the former at Calicut.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Fort St George
5th November 1796.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

To Major General Stuart — relative to the removal of the Bombay artillery to Calicut — their being relieved by the detachment sent from Bengal for that purpose

To Major Treadway Clarke

of the artillery

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter

To Major Clarke of Artillery — in reply to his Claim to the Off reckonings that would have fallen to Major General — Gells, but for his temporary Suspension from the Command of the 1st Battalion of Artillery.

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16 Letter dated the 26th ultimo, and to acquaint you that neither the custom of the Service, nor the Presidents you have quoted, can warrant the admission of your claim to off reckonings, in prejudice to Major General Geils, under the circumstances that attended the suspension of his authority..

The President in Council does not think you are entitled to any additional allowance on account of the command of the Regiment having devolved upon you for the period in question..

Fort St George
5th November 1796

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

7th

Received the following Letters.

To William Collins Jackson Esq
Secretary Military Department..

From the adjutants General relative to repairs required to the Saddles of the 3. Regiments of Native Cavalry, previous to their being delivered over for the use of Major Dallas's Corps.

Sir,

The Saddles in use with the different Regiments of Cavalry being considered by a late Order of Government as the Company's property, and that Order having directed Lieutenant Colonel Orr to assemble a Committee

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7 Committee of Officers to survey and report on the Saddles and Horse Accoutrements that were in use with the late 3.d Regiment — the Commander in Chief on receipt of the report, directed the whole of the Saddles &.c found serviceable or repairable to be sent to Arcot with the exception of a few required for the present 3 Regiment in order to their being distributed there on Indent to the Temporary Corps of Cavalry under Major Dallas, and to the 1.st 2.d and 4.th Regiments in the Numbers they require to Complete. but as the Saddles might possibly suffer on the Road from Chemundulum to Arcot, the — General directed their being examined again on their — Arrival at the latter Station. Copies of the Proceedings of both these Committees of examination are now forwarded by desire of the General, who could wish them to be laid before Government with his recommendation that the 36 Saddles fit for immediate Service — the 137 Serviceable with trifling repairs, and 89 of those in want of material repair, with the 223 Bridles Complete and 39 of those in want of repair, be delivered to Major Dallas for the Temporary Cavalry Corps, and that he be directed to

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transmit to the Military Board a detailed Estimate of the Expense required to put the whole in a perfect serviceable State, to the end that he may be authorized to make the necessary repairs without delay.

Inclosed also is a Copy of the Proceedings of a Committee of Officers who examined the above Saddles on the 2nd of August last; and although they appear to be in a less serviceable State at present, than reported to be in at that period, it may be observed that nothing has been charged for keeping them in repair since the 1st of the above month, and that in the Interval, they were used by the late 3. Regiment on its march from Pachinore to Chemundalum and were afterwards moved from the latter Station to Arcot in very bad weather.

Adjutant Genrals Office
7th November 1796

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) By Close
Adjt Genl of the Army

Proceedings

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7th Proceedings of a Committee held by order of Colonel — Dugald Campbell, to inspect and report on the State of the Saddles and Horse accoutrements in use in the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry, Tachinose August 2nd 1796.

Captain Rumley, President

Lieut. Geckie } Members } Cornet Foulis.
Cornet Mason }

The Committee after carefully examining the Saddles and Horse Accoutrements, is of opinion they are in good repair and perfectly fit for Service Fifty new Saddles are reported to be on the road from — Tanjore, which will amply replace any Saddles that may be injured on the March.

(Signed) C. Rumley
Capt. & President

480 Saddles present including the 50 Coming from Tanjore }

(Signed) C. Rumley

N.B. The Fifty new Saddles arrived and were issued to the Regt. before their March.

(Signed) A. Sentleger
Proceedings

A true Copy
(Signed) B. Close
A.G.

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Proceedings of a Committee of Officers assembled in the 3d Regiment Native Cavalry by Order of Lieutenant Colonel John Orr. For the purpose of surveying and Reporting to the Commander in Chief, the Present State of the Saddles and Horse Accoutrements that were in use with the late 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry, Particularizing the number of Sets that are in a perfectly Serviceable — condition. — Chinnundalum 8th October 1796. —

Captain Rumley. President

Captain Hudleston, Lieutenant Kippen } Members { Captain Geckie, Cornet Daniell

The Committee having assembled at the President's Tent Agreeable to Orders, adjourned from thence to the lines — and the following Report is the result of a minute inspection of all the Horse Accoutrements.

In perfectly Serviceable Condition and Present with the Regiment	304	Saddles &c
Serviceable but in want of slight repairs	46	Ditto
Unserviceable and not Compleat	48	Ditto
On Detachment with the Honorable Captain Sentleger and perfectly Serviceable	82	Ditto
	480	

(Signed) C. Rumley
Captain & President
A Scales

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Articles wanting to Compleat the Repairable Saddles.

	Bridons Mouthpieces	D.o Head Stalls	D.o Reins	Bitt Head Stalls	D.o Reins	Curbs	Rose bands	Pairs of Horse Irons	Carabine Buckles	D.o Straps	Baggage Mat. Straps
Total ——	12	5	7	5	5	6	17	3	17	29	6½

(Signed) C. Rumley
Capt.n & President

a true Copy
(Signed) By Close Ag.t

Proceedings of a Committee held by order of Lieutenant Colonel Younge Commanding the Cavalry Cantonment near Arcot, to examine into the State of a Quantity of Saddlery lately belonging to the 3.d Regiment of Native Cavalry. Cantonment near Arcot 2.nd November 1796.

Major John Torrin. President.

Members.

Captain James Dunn Quar.r M.r 1.st Reg.t Lieut.t George
Neale 2.d M.r 4.th Reg.t
Cornet John Colebrooke 2.d M.r 2.d Reg.t

The Committee having minutely inspected the Saddlery above mentioned, find that they answer the following description.

Saddles fit for immediate Service —— 36.

Saddles

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"7" Saddles. Serviceable with trifling repairs ——— 137

Ditto. in want of Material repair ——— 104

Ditto. Totally unserviceable ——— 71

Total 348

Bridles. Complete and perfectly Serviceable — 223

D° D° in want of repair ——— 112

D° incomplete from wanting Bridons — 9

D° unserviceable the Bitts worn out — 4

Total 348

N.B. The Holster Pipes belonging to all the Saddles excepting those fit for immediate Service are totally unserviceable — The Saddles reported totally unserviceable are Condemned as Such from either the tree being broke, or from them being in want of a Complete new Covering.

The Committee conceive it necessary to mention that the Saddles &c evidently appear to have received much damage by recent bad weather.

(Signed) John Torin
Major — Pensions

a true Copy
(Signed) By Close A.G.

William

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William Collins Jackson Esq.
Military Secretary &c

Sir,

I beg you will have the Goodness to inform the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that upon application to the Import Warehousekeeper for the delivery of Cloth agreeable to my Indent. it appears that there is a present deficiency in the Stores of Several of the Sorts indented for; particularly of Ordinary Yellow and ordinary Red. which are most immediately necessary - And that, as much of the Cloathing now in forwardness remains unfinished only for the want of Cuffs and facings. I propose to Compleat these with fine Yellow, instead of the Ordinary, not now to be had, and have accordingly enclosed an indent to be laid before the Honorable Board for Six Bales of fine Yellow intended for the above purpose.

From the Contractor for army Cloathing - respecting the want of ordinary red and ordinary yellow Cloth to complete the Cloathing agreeably to the Indents delivered.

The want of Ordinary Red of which

I

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7th I have received only Forty two Bales, will retard the preparation of the remaining Cloathing until the outward bound Ships arrive; unless the Honorable Board will be pleased to order a supply from some other quarter.

Madras
7th November 1796

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

(Signed) J. Sutherland
Contractor for Army Cloathing

James Brodie Esqr
Import Warehouse Keeper

Sir,

Be pleased to order the delivery of Six Bales of Fine Yellow Cloth towards the Cloathing of the Honorable Company's Troops.

Madras
7th November 1796.

I am
&c. &c.

(Signed) J. Sutherland
Contractor for Army Cloathing

Despatched

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Despatched the undermentioned

Letters entered in MB. Nos 35-36-37-38.-

To Captain Mackinzie. - directing

To Captain Mackenzie of Engineers

him to return to his Duty with the Detachment serving

with the Nizam.

To Mr. Robert Woolf - desiring

To the accountant General

that "Bengal Presidency" may be credited and —"

Expedition against the Dutch Settlements in India"

debited for the Amount Value of Rice shipped at

Calcutta for Columbo on board the Peggy.

To Mr. Secretary Barlow —"

To the Secretary at Bengal.

communicating Intelligence received from the "

Mysore Country.

To Sir Charles Warre Malet -

To the Residents at Poona and Hydrabad.

and Major Kirkpatrick to the purport above noted.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esqr

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr

Tuesday

8 November 1796

Minutes of last Consultation read

and approved. —

Read

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Read the following Letter from

Bengal

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

My Lord

We have had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 9th Instant, with the Papers and Proceedings on the Subject of our proposed adjustment of the Claims of the Creditors of His Highness the Nabob, on the Consolidation of 1777. on the Company.

From Bengal approve the proposition of the Nabob's Creditors regarding the Discount and Exchange to be allowed on the 6% Certificates issued to them the Liquidation of the whole Debt within four Years to be guaranteed to them.

2 We acquiesce in the proposition of the Creditors, that Two P Cent. and Four Hundred Current Rupees per Hundred Pagodas, shall be considered as the fixed Rates of Discount, and Exchange, at which all Issues of Certificates are to be made to the Creditors, until the final Liquidation of the whole of the Debt: and we authorize you to make to them the Declaration recommended

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recommended in your Letter, Viz.t "That the whole
"Debt shall be liquidated within four years by
"progressive Issues, and that the annual Interest
"arising on the uncertificated part of the Debt, instead
"of being added to the Principal, shall be discharged
"annually in Cash, or by Six p.r Cent Certificates on
"similar Terms".

We have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.t Servants

Fort William
the 24th October 1796

(Signed) J. Shore
Robt Abercromby
P. Speke

Ordered that copy of the foregoing
letter be sent to the Register of the Nabobs Debts for
the information of the Creditors.

Orders of the fore-going Letter.

Ordered also that a copy be sent
to the Accountant General, with directions to deliver to
each Creditor an Obligation declaring the amount
of his property lodged with the Company, agreeably
to the form submitted by the Creditors in the extract
from their proceedings dated the 4th Instant.

Read

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Read the following letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal.

To William Collins Jackson Esq.
Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the orders of the Governor General in Council to acknowledge the receipt of a letter of the 14th ultimo from the Right Honorable the Governor in Council of Fort St. George respecting the nomination of Colonel Campbell, as Commandant of the Cavalry, to a seat at the Military Board under your Presidency, and to acquaint you for his Lordship's Information that this Government adverting to the former decision on this subject, and to the late confirmation of it by the Honble Court of Directors, does not consider itself at liberty to give any further opinion upon the present recommendation.

From Bengal declines any alteration in their former opinion respecting the Appointment of the Commandant of Cavalry on the Coast to sit at the Military Board.

Fort William
the 10th October 1796.

I am &c &c
Signed J. Thornhill Secy

Resolved

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Resolution thereon

Resolved that an application be made to the Honorable Court of Directors for their permission to nominate Colonel Campbell, as Commandant of the Cavalry, to a Seat at the Military Board.

Read the following letter from the Military auditor General.

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

My Lord,

In reply to Your Lordship's Commands conveyed in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 25th ultimo respecting the claim of Mr. Assistant Surgeon O'Donoghoe, desiring that I would give the matter that full consideration which might enable me to point out the best means of obviating this difficulty in future, I have the honor to offer my opinion, that Mr. O'Donoghoe is clearly entitled to a proportion of the 85 Pagodas P. month, granted to Surgeons of Native Corps according to the number

From Military auditor General — submitting the Draft of General Order regulating the sums to be drawn by Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons doing duty with Native Corps in proportion to the Number of Men actually under their charge — fixing also the Mode of drawing Batta for occasional Detail Duties. —

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number of Officers and Men of the 1st Battalion of the 8th Regiment of Native Infantry to which he was — "
attached by order of Major Maclean during the period
stated in his letter to Mr George Anderson Surgeon
of that Regiment, and that Mr Anderson should be
accordingly required to pay him that proportion
without further delay: and in order to provide a
remedy for future inconveniencies of the same kind,
as well as to ensure to the Sick proper attendance,
and the Surgeon and Assistant Surgeon an adequate
compensation, I take the liberty of submitting to — "
Your Lordship's consideration the enclosed draft
of a General Order (No 5) which by making the — "
allowances to the Surgeon for Medicines and — "
Servants depend on the number of Officers and — "
Men with which they are doing duty, will continue
to them 86 Pagodas instead of 85 for each Regiment,
when complete, at the rate of 4 Pagodas per month
for every hundred men, while at the same time
it will prevent the Company from being put to
any unnecessary Expence - This principle of
proportioning allowances to numbers, will
probably

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probably appear to be the best calculated for the public Service, and I am hopeful will obtain Your Lordship's approbation. I have exempted the Island of Ceylon from the proposed arrangement, in consequence of the one formed by Major General Stuart, but as it seems only to have been meant as a temporary expedient and not as a general Regulation; an option might if your Lordship pleased be given to the General to adopt that which I have proposed or not as he may think proper.

Finding that considerable Charges are made for Batta to small Escorts in the Monthly abstracts of Native Corps, and that the Vouchers are not sufficiently definite in general to enable me to pass the account without further explanations. I beg leave to submit to Your Lordship the Draft of a General Order (No 2) applicable to this subject, which I humbly conceive will tend to promote the convenience of Individual drawing Batta and establish regularity in accounts.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) W. Sydenham
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Military Auditor
Genls Office
Fort St George
8 November 1796.

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The allowances granted by the General order of the 17th august last, to Surgeons of Regiments of Native Infantry upon the New Establishment for Medicines and Servants, having been found liable to exception from the present dispersed State of those Corps, and the " probability that a compleat Regiment will seldom be at the same station; the Right Honorable the President in Council with a view to remedy past and to prevent future inconveniencies on this subject, is pleased to direct, that the allowance to Surgeons of Native Regiments specified in the order beforementioned, be considered payable by the Paymasters of Stations to the Surgeons or Assistant " Surgeons according as they may be in charge, in proportion to the numbers present, at the Averaged rate of Four Pagodas for every hundred men, including the European Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers the Bills for which are to be Countersigned by the Officer " Commanding the Regiment, Battalion or Detachment, who is to Certify, that the numbers therein expressed, " Correspond to the Effective Strength present on the returns.

Surgeons.

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Surgeons having already drawn the above allowances of 85 Pagodas per Month, are hereby required to pay such proportion of it to the Assistants — Surgeons stationed with a Battalion or part of a Battalion of the Regiment, detached, as will be equivalent to the numbers with which they have been doing duty — excepting on the Island of Ceylon where an arrangement has been made by Major General Stuart on the subject which has met the approbation of Government.

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Sec.y Genl

The General Orders of the 21st November 1792 respecting Batta for occasional detail duties not having been found adequate in all cases to the end proposed, The Right Honorable the President in Council is pleased to direct, that the Monthly Pay Abstracts of all Corps European and Native, shall continue to be made out, so as to exhibit the Pay and fixed allowances to all Ranks, and also all extra allowances and charges, that may be due in the course of the

month

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And in order to give the Regulation full effect, it is further directed that when small Escorts of Native Troops are sent from one place to another on the Public Service, as before mentioned, the Commanding Officer, or Public Staff Officer of the Station to which they are sent, is to furnish the Native Commissioned (1) or Non-Commissioned Officer of the Party with a Note to be shewn on their Return, marking the day of their Arrival at & of quitting that particular Station, which will ascertain that no more Batta is claimed by such Parties than is proportioned to Time and Distance.

The Officer Commanding Battalions or Detachments from which such small guard or escorts are ordered shall also express on the face of the Bills for Batta presented to the Paymaster, the authority and date of the order or orders upon which the charge was made and it is likewise to be understood that vouchers of the same description will be required for all charges, however trifling,

that

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that are not strictly defined, or provided for, by the Regulations of the Service.-

Signed W. Sydenham
Mily Sud Genl

Resolved that the Drafts of the General orders submitted by the Military Auditor General be published.

Rec'd Packet G.O. approved and to be published.

Read the following letter from Mr George Parry, administrator to the estate of the late Mr White.

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

My Lord,

From the Administrator to the Estate of the late Mr E. M. White stating that he cannot, under the present circumstances of the Estate, discharge the Company's Demand upon it.

I yesterday received Mr Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 29th ultimo, acquainting me that on bringing up the accounts of the late Mr Evan Marsh White, in his Capacity of acting Paymaster of Ongole to the 31st August, there appears a Balance due to the Company of Pagodas 2,523.17.39. and calling upon me, as Administrator to the Estate to pay the abovementioned Sum into the hands of the Military Paymaster

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month preceding, but for all such extra charges separate Bills and Vouchers must be transmitted, under the following Regulations.-

That when it may be necessary to detach a Commissioned European officer, or parties under the Command of a Commissioned European officer, for the purpose of taking charge of Stores, to receive Recruits, with sick, or recovered men, or upon any Service or duty, involving a charge of difference between Half and Full Batta, such Service or duty shall on every " occasion when the time and distance will admit, be reported to Government, or the Commander in Chief, for sanction, but in Cases where the urgency of the Service will not admit of such delay, the report " shall be made previous to the Charge for Batta " being drawn, and the Signature of the Secretary to Government or the Adjutant General, shall be the only authority upon which the Bill will be passed by the Military Auditor General.-

And as Considerable expences are " incurred Monthly for Full Batta on accounts of

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small guards and escorts of European and Native Troops employed on various services, not sufficiently detailed in the abstracts of the Corps in which the charge appears his Lordship is further pleased to direct that in future all officers in Command of Cantonments, Garrisons, and Military Posts, do — keep a Register detailing the Number and description of Europeans and Natives detached Monthly, from every Corps under their orders, which Register is to specify the Service on which they were employed — the day they were detached and the period of their return to quarters, a Certified Copy of this Register to be transmitted on the beginning of every Month, Comprehending all charges of this Nature for the Month preceding, to the Military Auditor General, to enable him to ascertain and pass such charges in the accounts Disbursements of the several Paymasters.

The same Register to be kept and forwarded by the Town Major of Fort St George for escorts from the Presidency —

And

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Paymaster General

The Nature of Mr White's Outstandings concerns renders it impossible for me, at present, to say whether the Estate may ultimately prove solvent; and, until this point be ascertained I could not, I conceive, be warranted in making any partial Payment.

I shall use every Exertion in bringing the Accounts of the Estate to a Close, and shall, of course, adhere to the Line of my Duty, prescribed by Law, in regard to the adjustment of all Demands that may be made upon it.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) George Parry
Admr: to the Estate of
E. M. White dec.d

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1st November 1796.

Minutes thereon.

as the Sums required from Mr Parry, as Administrator, is the property of the Company, which had been actually advanced to Mr White but a short time before his death, for a special public purpose, and should have been, and perhaps was, in the public Cash Chest at his decease, it ought not to have been considered, for it was a reproach to his memory) as forming

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forming any part of "his outstanding concerns"; nor could the discharge of it, under the circumstances — connected with the case, bear the construction of a — "partial payment".

The Board would feel great — reluctance in being compelled, to entertain an opinion that the late Mr White could have been guilty of a misapplication of the public Money entrusted to his charge — but this must inevitably be the consequence of closing the Company's demands, with this "Out — standing concerns". If there were no misappropriation, the money ought to be forthcoming; — it cannot be converted to the use of others, without a manifest injury to the Public Interests — for it might be — contested, with at least as much propriety, that the Grain and Stores under the charge of the Paymaster, were as liable to answer all demands upon the — estate, as the Money belonging to the Company, in the charge of that Officer, at the time of his death.

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The Board having reason to believe

believe that Mr White has left property sufficient to answer the Company's demand upon it. Resolved that a prosecution be commenced against his estate in the Company's name, if the amount be not immediately discharged.

The Board think it necessary to observe, that, as Mr White was only appointed to act as Paymaster, until the general arrangement for the Pay Department should take Effect, no Security was required from him.

Read the following letters from the Resident at Tanjore.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord,

From the Resident at Tanjore stating that the Revenues of the Country are under the sole Management of Chinnia Moodely's agents.

An Occurrence took place here lately, which altho it can be productive of no Consequence to the Honorable Company, I deem it not improper to mention.

Old Bava the Cubar was given to — understand that the Agents of the Puttucdars, the

Puttucdars

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Puttucdars themselves, and those who had usually —
communicated with His Cutcherry in the Palace on —
Public Business, were no longer to attend him, but
to transmit all the Revenue business thro an agent
of Chinnia Mordelier's to whom also the Coovent —
Collections were to be paid and not sent to the Rajahs
Treasury at all — This amounted to an absolute —
dismission of Bava who accordingly refrained from
going to the Palace He remained absent two Days,
when the Rajah's Relations remonstrated strongly with
his Excellency on the Folly and disgrace of the Step
he had authorized against Bava and represented
that it Surrendered even the appearance and Shadow
of Power that amounted not only to an actual Extension
of the Enormous uncontroled Influence of Chinniah
but even to an open avowal of it — In Consequence
of these Remonstrances, added to those of the Rajahs
Wives, His Excellency sent a Message requesting —
Bava to resume his Functions of Carbar Bava
refused — the Rajah sent a Second Message to the
same purport and met with a Second refusal —

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He sent a third time saying that He desired to speak with Bava in the Palace — Bava accordingly went and the Rajah by assurances of kindness and by attributing his Dismission to the impulse of an unguarded moment and improper Solicitation persuaded him to resume his Office of Carbar — Bava therefore now conducts that Office as before; that is to say He has all the labour of Collecting the Revenue under the Control of Shiverow and Chinnia Moodeliar whose agents possess the whole Country.—

I had been informed that three principal men from Chinnia were coming up to superintend the Tanjore Affairs; their names, are, — Veneatachillum Pilly, Sheenevass Iyah, and — Shadaseva Reddy; — — The first arrived here lately, and, as I am informed was in conference at the Palace on the Evening of the 29th Instant — Report says he preferred a claim on the part of His — " — Constituent for Sr Ps 70,000 expended for the purpose of getting the late Treaty annulled.—

His Excellency has at length paid up

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up the whole of what was due to Sherfojee and the Widows - also 34.141 Chuckrums in part of the advance by the Collectors for which his Excellency became — answerable by his agreement of the 31st August last.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Resd

Tanjore
31st October 1796.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council
Fort St George

My Lord,

Last night I had an Interview with his Excellency at the Palace at which Shiverow was present.

From Mr Macleod. Shiverow resolves to set out for Madras on the 3d Instant — the Rajah places one of the Company's Principal Workmen on the ordnance Departmens under Confinement —

To my great surprize the Rajah — informed me that he had given Shiverow permission to set out for Madras tomorrow Evening for the purpose of visiting his Brother the Vacqueel, as he styled him, who was extremely ill. I reminded the Rajah and Shiverow of your Lordships Letter in which you had restricted him from proceeding further North than

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Giddalore without your Expres approbation, and strongly recommended his remaining on this side of the Coleroon at least till he might receive your Lordships —— Permission to proceed farther to this Recommendation neither his Excellency nor Shiverow paid any attention, and They informed me the Journey was fixed for Tomorrow.

The Suddenness of the above Resolution is ascribed by Shiverow to the unexpected receipt of the news of his Brothers Illness --

I shall be better prepared tomorrow to offer my Opinion on the Subject but I incline to suspect the Journey to Madras has been resolved on in —— Consequence of Communications made by Chinniahs Man Vencatachillum Pilly whom I mentioned in my last address.

Shiverow must have received from him or others some strong assurances of being well received at the Presidency, or he would never have disclosed his —— Determination to proceed thither without any sort of reference, or question about the propriety of the Step unauthorized

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unauthorized by the sanction of your Lordship.

It is my duty to give early notice of an impediment thrown in the way of the Ordnance — " Department in this Garison by the seizure and confinement in the Palace of the Head native workman at the Stores.

In Consequence of an application from the Inspector of Stores here. I have twice made — " ineffectual application to the Palace for the Mans — " release.

I must suppose that he will be released before any Communication on the Subject can arrive from Madras it would seem however, expedient, that such notice should be taken of this as would — " Secure Those in the employ of the Honorable Company from any similar Molestation.

Tanjore
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I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
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Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from Mr Macleod.

The President acquaints the Board that in consequence of a report from Dr Conolly stating that the Rajah's Vackeel at Madras was on the point of death, and had expressed an earnest desire to see Sheverow, his Brother — his Lordship had directed his Private Secretary on Saturday last, to notify by letter to Mr Macleod, that there was no objection to Sheverow's visiting Madras for the purpose of seeing his Brother — But as that communication was not made until the 5th instant, and as the interview between the Rajah and the Resident took place on the 3d. the President proposes that Mr Macleod be directed to convey to his Excellency the Board's sense of the Grossimpropriety of Sheverow's Conduct in setting out for the Presidency in opposition to the express orders of this Government

approved and ordered accordingly.

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Resolved also, that Mr. Macleod be directed to state to his Excellency the — — expectation of the Board that the native Servants belonging to the Company now in Confinement at the Palace, be immediately released. If there be any complaint against him, the Rajah should prefer it when an enquiry will be made — but it cannot be admitted that he has any — — pretensions to seize the Persons of those belonging to the Company.

Death of Brevet Captain Peter Fraser

The Secretary reports to the Board the death of Brevet Captain and Adjutant Peter Fraser of the 2d Battalion 8th Regiment

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Regiment native Infantry at Chicacole on the 31st Ultimo

" Hobart

" Edw Saunders

" Ch Fallofield

Exd.

Fullerton

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Diary

Recieves the undermentioned letter entered in Mlls. No 39-

From the Kings Deputy Paymaster General - forwarding account subsistence to the Regiment De Meuron from 14 October 1795 to 14th October 1796 also subsistence to His Majestys Troops under this Presidency from 25th August 1796 to the 24th October following.

From the King's dep.t Paymr General

9th Recieved the following Letters

To W.m C. Jackson Esq.re

Secretary at Fort St George

Sir,

The Military Auditor Generals having submitted his report of the Amount applicable to the Affairs of his Majesty's Regiments in India in lieu of Commission on the Revenues for the Month of May last, I am directed to transmit for your information an Extract from that part of it which relates to the Share of Major Campbell of the 74th Regiment. and under the supposition stated by the Auditor General, to communicate the -

From Subsecretary at Bengal - respecting the amount of gratuity appearing to be over-drawn by Major - Campbell of the 74th Regiment-

recommendation

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recommendation of this Government that that
Officer be called upon to refund the
difference between the Share of Lieutenant Colonel
and that to which alone he is considered
entitled as Major of that Regiment. —

Fort William
the 17th October 1796

I am
Sir &c &c
(Signed) J. Thornhill
Sub Secry.

Extract of a Letter from the Military Auditor
General. Dated the 13th October 1796.

Lieutenant Colonel Shawe late
of his Majesty's 76th and now of the 74th Regt.
has already drawn the Lieutenant Colonels
Share of Revenue Money for the 76th
Regiment, agreeably to the said Resolutions
of the Board, dated the 14th December 1795
up to the 30th of April last, which share
he would have been entitled to draw as —
Lieutenant Colonel of the 74th if his —
promotion to the Regiment had been —
known, when the last dividend was made,
as Lieutenant Colonel of the 74th Regiment
doing duty in Bengal, a share of that
rank

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Rank, is still due to him for May 1796, at this Presidency at the same time I think it my duty to inform you, that I understand the share of Lieutenant Colonel of the 74th Regiment has been drawn at Fort St. George, up to the 4th December 1795. by Lieutenant Colonel Sterling and it is very probable, that Major Campbell draw the Lieutenant Colonels share after — that period, not knowing of Lieutenant Colonel Shaw's appointment to that Corps, and that Major Wallis, as Senior Captain drew the Major's Share.

5 When the Regulations for payment of a fixed Sum in lieu of Commission on the revenues were framed, Shares were only provided for one Colonel, One Lieutenant Colonel, and one Major of each King's — Regiment in India; but as it was Ordered by Minutes of Council dated 27th June 1788. that all officers in His Majesty's Regiments shall be put on the same footing in point of Pay and Stated allowances as officers of the same Ranks in the Company's Service, and as his Majesty has thought fit to appoint two Lieutenant Colonels and two majors to each

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Regiment, I humbly presume that the Company must pay the Shares of such of these officers as are in India - Upon this principle, and that every King's officer in India, is entitled to the Share of Revenue Money, of his Rank, the Shares drawn by Lieutenant Colonels Sterling and Shawe, were clearly due to them, but I apprehend that Major Campbell ought to refund the difference between the Lieut Colonel and Major's Share, if he drew the former, and Major Walles is entitled to retain the Share of Major which he is supposed to have drawn as Senior Captain, because he was promoted to the Rank of Major before the 4th December 1795

A true Extract

(Signed) J. Thornhill Sub Secty

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

From the Secretary to the Government at Fort William enclosing sundry papers respecting Artillery and Lascars embarked on the Peggy for Columbo.

Sir,

I am directed to request you will acquaint the Right Honorable the Governor in

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in Council that the Company of Artillery and the two Companies of Lascars, which he was advised by the Governor General in Council in his Letter of the 17 Ultimo, would be sent from hence to Columbo, have been this day embarked on the Peggy Captain Bacon.

2 Enclosed you will receive the following Papers, Copies of which have been forwarded by the Peggy to Major General Stuart, or the Officer Commanding the Forces at Columbo

Copy of Instructions to Captain Bacon—

Copy of a Letter from the Marine Board enclosing one to Mr. Fairlie containing the terms on which the Ship has been taken up

Copy of the List of Provisions laid in for the Subsistence of the Troops on the Passage—

Copy of the Invoice and Bill of Lading of 5000 Bags of Rice, shipped on the Peggy, in part of the Supply of 16,910 Bags intended for Columbo and Point de Galle

3 The Commanding Officer at Columbo has been requested to ascertain from Captain Clarke what Articles may remain unexpended

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unexpended on the disemberkation of the Bengal Artillery, as such surplus may be appropriated to the Subsistence of the Detachment of the Bombay Artillery, or any European or Native Troops that may be ordered up the Malabar Coast from Columbo. Any Surplus Provisions or Stores that may not be necessary for that purpose, may be delivered either at Columbo or Bombay, as Circumstances may require —

Fort William
the 20th October 1796

I have the honor to be
Sir, &c &c
(Signed) G. H. Barlow
Secry to the Govt

To Captain Edward Bacon
Commanding the
Peggy

Sir,

Having received on Board the Detachment of Bengal Artillery and Lascars, which Left Fort William yesterday to embark on the Peggy, you will proceed under the charge of the Pilot appointed to carry out the Ship under your Command, until his charge is given up, and thereafter

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thereafter you are directed to make the best of your Way to Columbo, exercising your own discretion in the Course you will steer, as will with a view to effect a Speedy Passage, as to avoid the Risk of falling in with any Enemy's Ships, that may be cruizing in the Bay or off Ceylon

2 On your arrival at Columbo after landing the Troops and the 5,050 Bags of Rice destined for that Place, you will obey such Orders as you may receive from the Commanding Officer of the Troops at Columbo, relative to the Embarkation of any Troops or Stores from thence, which he may have to send either to the Coast of Malabar or Bombay.

3 After executing the Orders you may receive from the Commanding Officer at Columbo, you are to proceed to Bombay, which is the Place of your ultimate Destination, & there under the Orders of the Governor in Council you are to discharge whatever Cargo you may have on Board for that Presidency, conformable to the terms of the agreement with Mr William Fairlie for the Freight of the Ship Peggy, a Copy of which is inclosed for your information and Guidance on all

Points

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points which are not provided for by these instructions.

4 You are enjoined to be particularly attentive to the accommodation of the Troops, and indulgent to the prejudices of the Natives, referring on all occasions to the opinions, and attending to the recommendation of their Officers whenever complaints of any kind are made respecting their accommodations and endeavouring to promote by all means in your power, a good understanding between the Troops and the Crew, but in case of any differences or disputes arising, in which the Troops may appear to be the aggressors, you are to leave the inquiry into their Misconduct as well as their punishment to their own officers, who will investigate their Conduct by the Rules established for that purpose—

Council Chamber
26th October 1795

I am, &c
(Signed) G. H. Barlow
Secry to the Govt

A true Copy
Signed G. H. Barlow
Secry to the Govt

To the Honble Sir John Shore Bart
Governor General in Council

Honble Sir,

Para 1 In consequence of your orders of

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Of the 19th and 21st Instant, we have the honor to inform you, that we have Freighted the Ship Peggy, to transport the Company of Artillery, with the two Companies of Lascars, their followers, Stores, Provisions, and Water and 5000 Bags of Rice for Columbo, with 50,000 Gallons of Rum, for Bombay, stipulating, that the Ship shall be at the sole disposal of Government during her present Affreightment, to receive on board whatever other Troops, or Articles, either from hence, or from Columbo, to the Malabar Coast, or to Bombay, which her Tonnage will allow.

2 For your further information we beg leave to enclose a Copy of the letter we have addressed to Mr Fairlie Owner of the said Ship, expressing the Terms on which we agree to engage her.—

3 We shall send on board of this Ship for Bombay the 5000 Pouches prepared by the Military Board for the use of the Troops on that Establishment, for which you have desired to be informed, in Mr Sub Secretary Thornhill's letter, if Freight had been provided—.

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The Peggy is 1079 Tons, and freighted at Sicca Rupees Fifty five thousand, for the above Service; for which Sum we request an order upon the Treasury in favor of the Marine Paymaster to enable him to discharge the same—

We are with respect
Honble Sir, &c &c
John Brestow
John Haldane
John Bebb

Signed

Fort William
the 26th September 1795.

A true Copy
Signed G. H. Barlow
Secry to the Govt.

To Mr William Fairlie

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter addressed to me, dated 23d Instant, and to inform you, that the Board agree in behalf of the Honble Company to freight the Ship Peggy for a Voyage to transport Troops and Cargo of whatever kind to Columbo, and from thence to proceed with Troops and Cargo of whatever

kind

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Hind if required, to any Port of the Malabar Coast and Bombay, upon the following Conditions Viz.t

1 That the whole Tonnage of the Ship Peggy, be at the disposal of the Governor General in Council, you engaging that she shall carry Tons One Thousand and Seventy nine at least. The Tonnage of the Several Articles Composing the Cargo to be computed according to the Rules established in the Garrison Store Keepers Office—

2. That twenty days from the 27th Instant, on which day it is declared the Ship will be ready to receive Cargo, be allowed for the loading of the Cargo: in case the lading shall be prevented by default of the Ship, the Days on which such Default may happen, are not to be reckoned as part of the Twenty Days.

3 That you engage, winds and Weather permitting, and the Ship being loaded, that she shall proceed direct to Columbo. That Columbo, the Malabar Coast and Bombay excepted, she shall not touch at

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at any other Ports or Places during her present affreightment unless ordered by the Governor General in Council, or Company's Servants or Agents, or Compelled to do so, by Stress of Weather, or by an Enemy; under a Penalty of Sicca Rupees Six hundred and Sixty Six every day that she may remain in Port, or for every day that by a deviation from her proper tract she may appear to have lost — until she regains her Tract also during such deviation or Stay in Port the Company shall be exempted from the War Risk

4th That thirty days be allowed for the landing and receiving of Troops and Cargo at Columbo, on the Malabar Coast, and at Bombay, the Commander of the Ship is to send notification of his Arrival at Columbo, or at other Ports and Places above recited, to the person

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person authorized to receive the Troops and
Cargo, Winds and Weather permitting —
immediately after he may cast Anchor;
and in default of his sending such —
notification the time to be allowed for
the delivery is to be proportionably prolonged
without any charge for Demurrage —

5 That you engage to deliver
the Cargo in like condition as received and
agree to be responsible to the Company
for any damage which may happen
to the Cargo at the Invoice cost; and an
Advance thereon of one Hundred p.t cent.
together with a return of the proportion
of Freight, provided the Amount shall
not exceed one fourth of the Ships Earnings
and it shall appear the Damage —
happened after, and not before, the
Shipping of the Goods

6 That the judgement of the
Company's Marine Officers shall be
conclusive

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9th conclusive in all matters respecting the Draft of Water at which the Ship may sail, and her competency to the Voyage, and if declared by them incapable of carrying the whole of the Tonnage for which she is engaged. Viz. Tons One thousand and Seventy nine a proportionable deduction shall be made from the Freight -

2d You the Sum of Sicca Rupees Fifty five thousand, for the Voyage. Payment to become due on the Board's receiving the Report of the Landing being completed and Troops imbarked -

8th That Demurrage shall be allowed to you at the Rate of Sicca Rupees two Hundred and Twenty per Day, if the Landing be delayed longer than twenty days, the twenty days to be computed from the 27th Instant, provided the delay shall proceed

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9th proceed from the Cargo or Troops not being sent on board by the Company's Officers

9th That Demurrage shall be allowed to you at the rate of Sicca Rupees two hundred and twenty P Day, if the delivery and reshipping of Cargo and Troops be delayed longer than Thirty Days at Columbo, on the Malabar Coast or at Bombay, provided due Notification be made, as explained in the fourth Condition.

10 That the Company engage to take the clear risk of the Ship for the Voyage specified, and also for her return to Calcutta provided the Ship return direct, without deviation or delay, other than such stoppage as may be unavoidably necessary to obtain Water for the Ships use, which shall be computed at the Sum of Sicca Rupees Ninety five

thousand

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Thousand, as the Value of the Ship: if the Commander shall make any Deviation or delay in the Voyage, contrary to the orders of the Governor General in Council, or the Conditions of this Agreement the Company shall in such cases be relieved from the war risk, during the whole of the remainder of the Voyage —

Fort William
the 26th September 1796

I am,
Sir &c &c
(Signed) G. Taswell
Secry Marine Board

A true Copy
(Signed) G. Taswell
Secry Marine Board

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

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List of the Articles of Provisions &c for the use and Subsistance of the Detachment of European and Native Artillery proceding to Ceylon on the Peggy.

October 12th 1795

Rice	112	Bags	Contg 225 Mds	
Dholl	28	Do	Do 56.10	Do
Ghee	9	Dubbers	Do 18.30	Do
Onions	18	Bags	Do 18.30	Do
Tummerick	3	Do	Do 4.27.8	Do
Salt	9	Do	Do 18.30	Do
Chillies	9	Do	Do 4.27.8	Do

Moormans Provisions The Calculation for each man daily is Rice 12 Chittacks Dholl 3 Chit. Ghee 1 Do. Onions 1 Chit Salt 1 Chit and of Tummericks — and Chillies ½ of a Chittack each

Sugar	9	Do	Do 18.30	Do
Gram	10	Do	Do 18.30	Do
Tamarinds	9	Do	Do 18.30	Do
Churah	37	Do	Do 37.20	Do

Hindoos Provisions. The Calculation for each man daily is Sugar 1 Chittack. Dot Gram 2 Chittacks Tamarinds 1 Chit Churah 12 Chit but the quantity of these Articles provided will also admit of the Moorman being served with them occasionally for Tiffins at the rate of 1 Chittack of the Sugar. Gram and Tamarinds and 2 Chit of the Churah for each man's Tiffin

Biscuit	83	Do	Do 55	Do
Peas	9	Do	Do 13.35	Do
Salt Beef	24	Barrs	" "	"
Rum	2	Hogsh	" 317	Gallns
Salt Pork	7	Barrs	" "	"

European's Provisions. The Calculation for each man daily is Biscuit ½ lber. Beef 2 lbs or Pork 1 lb ½ Pound. because on the days on which Pork is served an allowance of 2 Chit of Peas for each man should be added to make Peas Soup — NB The usual allowance of Irish Beef is 1 lb but as none of it was in store or procurable in the Settlement and as the Bengal cured Beef shrinks in the Boiling, it will be proper to allow 2 lb for each man Rum should be served as on full Batta —

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Firewood	5 Bhurs 6o	822 Mds.	For Europeans and Natives at the rate of 2 Seers each man pr day
Water Casks	58 ..	Do 12387 Gallns	For Europeans and Natives at the rate of 1 Gallon pr man pr Diem including Cooking
Cabooses	3 ..	..	Two for the Natives. One for the Europeans
Copper Boilers	3 ..	..	Do . Do . Do . Do
Ladles			
Scales & Weights	1 Set 1st	pr Set	For Weighing the Salt Provisions
Measure	.. 1	pr Set	For measuring the Provisions of Natives.
Earthen Dishes	.. 123	..	For the Europeans
Seattle Casks	.. 2	..	One for the Europeans One for the Natives
Copper Pumps	.. 2	..	Do . Do . Do . Do
Horse Buckets	.. 2	..	Do . Do . Do . Do
Funnels	.. 2	..	Do . Do . Do . Do
Pale Buckets	.. 6	..	2 for Do . 4 for Do
Half Gall. Measure	.. 1	..	For measuring out the Rum
Dram Cup	.. 1	..	
Lanthorns	.. 8	..	For Lights between Decks
Candles	..	pr Annum	
Canvas	..	7 Bolts	For Wind Sails

Signed) G. A. Robeson
Garrison Storekeeper

A true Copy

Signed) G. A. Barlow
Secry to the Govr

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor in Council &c &c &c

From the Military Board Transmitting Bills from the Contractor for Tents recommend that they be passed for payment

My Lord.

Accompanying we do ourselves the honor to forward two Bills amounting in aggregate to Pagodas 7,652. 33. 28. from Mr Contractor Bowie for the undermentioned number of Tents delivered by his Agents into the Arsenal of Fort St George the whole of which having on inspection by a Committee of the Military Board been found in every respect conformable to the established Pattern of each description We beg leave to recommend to your Lordship in Council that the Bills be accordingly passed for Payment

Field Officers Tents . . 3
Officers . . Do - - - 137
Privates Tents - - 85

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Fort St. George.
7th November 1796.

We have the honor to be,
My Lord. &c. &c.
Alured Clarke
Thomas Giels
W. Sydenham
Jno Richardson
By Close
W. Gent
Jorge Hall

Signed

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

From Do enclosing bills from the agent to the Contractors for Gun Carriages and recommending that they be passed—

My Lord.

We have the honor to enclose a Bill from the agent to the Contractors for Gun Carriages &c amounting to Pagodas 1596. 6. 40 for Articles of Military Store delivered by him into the Arsenal of Fort St. George the whole of which having on inspection by a Committee of the Board. been found in every respect equal to the Public Service. we beg leave to recommend to your Lordship in Council. that it may accordingly

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accordingly be passed for Payment

We have the honor to be,

My Lord &c &c

Allured Clarke

Thomas Giles

W. Sydenham

Jn° Richardson

By Close

W. Gent

George Hull

[I signed]

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W. C. Jackson Esqre

Military Secretary &c &c &c

Sir,

From Captain Ulick Burke - requesting that he may be allowed to explain some disbursements made by Mr Young to a Detachment of Artillery under his command - and which charges he is now ordered to refund.

A General Order, published a few days ago includes my Name for a Retrenchment & outstanding against me in the Accounts & disbursements of Mr Samuel Young, formerly Pay Master at Cangole amounting to eighty four Pagodas - Permit me Sir, to state to you for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council, that the common forms of Office, have never been observed towards me, with respect to this Retrenchment, so as to enable me to state my reasons, and produce

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We have the honor to be,
My Lord, &c &c
Alured Clarke
Thomas Giels
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Jno Richardson
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W. Gent
George Hale

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Governor in Council &c &c &c

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George Hall

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my authorities for the disbursements made by Mr. Young to a Detachment of Artillery under my Command, and which, had such an opportunity been afforded me, I pledge myself to do, in the fullest, and most satisfactory manner - I therefore trust I shall stand excused for requesting that Government will be pleased to direct the representatives of Mr. Young to furnish me with the particulars of this retrenchment, in order that I may have it in my power to satisfy the Right Honble the Governor with respect to the disbursements made on account of the Detachment of Artillery - ordered by Government to join the Troops under Lt Colonel Cockerell, accompanied by the authority I was vested with on that occasion - Being at present wholly unacquainted with the specific nature of the retrenchment in question, I beg leave with all deference to conclude, by observing that had the Agents or Representatives of Mr Young given me the information, and pursued the mode prescribed

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prescribes in such cases by the Regulations of the service I would by a due and timely attention to them, save Government the trouble, and myself the very unpleasant circumstance of being thus noticed in General Orders. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir, &c &c
(Signed) Ulick Burke
Capt Lieut Artly

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council
Fort St George

From the Resident at Tanjore Shewerow sets out from Tanjore for Madras.—

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform you that Shewerow left Tanjore for Madras this day His Excellency requested that I would apply to the Commanding Officer of the Garrison for a guard of Company's Troops to attend the Sirkeel on his Journey; with this request I did not, for reasons which will be obvious to your Lordship, think proper to comply

I have the honor to be,
My Lord, &c &c
(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Resd.

Tanjore
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Dispatched the undermentioned —

Letters entered in Mis. Nos 40. 41. 42. 43. 44 —

To the acting Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

To Mr John Humphrey Marsden acquainting him that 5050 bags of Bengal Rice intended for Columbo and Point de Galle have been shipped on the Peggy at Calcutta.

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham — referring for his examination, sundry — accounts received from the King's Deputy Paymaster General as noted in a former part of this Diary.

To Do Do

To Do Do Do transmitting Copy of a letter from Major General Stuart and Copies of accounts delivered to him by Major Bowser being for supplies for the use of the Army assembled for the — attack of Columbo to examine and report thereon —

To the Military Board —

To the Military Board transmitting copy of a letter from the Adjutant General with copies of proceeding referred to therein — to deliver to Major Dallas the saddles &c of the 3d Regiment and to call upon him to state the expence necessary to render them

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them serviceable -

To Messrs Daly and Cockburn

To the attornies of Mr Samuel Young -

Transmitting copy of letter from Captain Burke on the subject of a retrenchment outstanding against him to furnish that Gentleman with the particulars of the retrenchment.

Received the undermentioned -

Letters entered in Mis Nos 45 46.

From Mr John Hutchinson

From Resident at Anjango

transmitting intelligence of the Enemy's Cruizers being on the Malabar Coast

From Major General Stuart

From Major General Stuart.

advising that he has appointed Lieutenant Hayter to command at Manar reasons for so doing.

10th Sent the following letters

To Alexander Macleod Esqre

Resident at

Tanjore

To the Resident at Tanjore - communicates to the Rajah the displeasure of Government at Shivarow's leaving Tanjore in opposition to their orders - the Native servant belonging to the Company confined in the palace to be immediately released

Sir.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated the 31st Ultimo and 4th Instant, and to acquaint you that in consequence

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consequence of a Report from Doctor Connolly stating that the Rajah's Vackeel at the Presidency was on the point of death, and had expressed an earnest desire to see Sheverow his Brother — his Lordship directed his private Secretary to notify to you by letter on Saturday last that there was no objection to Sheverow's re visiting Madras for that purpose — But as that communication was not made — until the 5th Instant and as your interview with the Rajah took Place on the 3d — his Lordship desires you would convey to the Rajah his Sense of the gross & improprietty of Sheverow's conduct in setting out for the Presidency in opposition to the express orders of this Government.

You will also state to his Excellency the expectation of his Lordship that the Native Servant belonging to the Company now in confinement at the Palace

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Palace be immediately released — If there be any complaints against him, the Rajah should prefer it when an enquiry will be made — but it cannot be admitted that he has any pretentions to seize the persons of those belonging to the Garrison —

I am,
Sir, &c &c
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secry

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9th November 1796.

To Mr Robert Woolf
Accountant General

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to transmit to you copy of a Letter from the Supreme Government acquiescing in the proposition of the Creditors of His Highness the Nabob that two p.Cent, and four hundred Current Rupees p.100 Pagodas shall be the fixed rates of discount and exchange at which all future issues of Certificates are to be made, until the final liquidation of

To the Accountant General forwarding copy of a letter from the Supreme Government on the subject of the Creditors of His Highness the Nabob — instructions on the subject

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liquidation of the whole debt and authorizing this Government to declare to the Creditors that "the whole Debt shall be liquidated "within four Years by progressive issues: "and that the annual Interest arising "on the uncertificated part of the debt "instead of being added to the Principal, "shall be discharged annually in cash, or "by Six p Cent Certificates on similar "terms."

Each Creditor to receive from your Office an obligation as soon as it can be prepared declaring the amount of his property lodged with the Company in the following form Viz.

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I Robert Woolf Accountant General do hereby certify by order of the Right Honble the President in Council that, A.B. has credit in the Honble Company's Books for the Sum of Pagodas being the amount due to him on the

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the thirty first day of August one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, by the Honorable Company, as a Creditor of his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, in the consolidated debt of 1777, under the arrangement made by the Company and the said Creditors communicated by the Honorable Court of Directors in their letter under date the 20th of January 1796.

(Here enter the terms of Liquidation of the Sum mentioned in the obligation)

By Order of the Right Honble the President in Council

(Signed) Robert Wolfe
Accountant General

Each Creditor is to give a receipt on the back of this obligation for each respective Sum of Certificates in the following form Viz.

Rupees in part of the within obligation Pagodas the first instalment in the Six p Cent Certificates due

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(Here enter the terms of Liquidation of the Sum mentioned in the obligation)

By Order of the Right Honble the President in Council

(Signed) Robert Hiccock
Accountant General

Each Creditor is to give a receipt on the back of this obligation for each respective Issue of Certificates in the following form Viz.

Received in part of the within obligation Pagodas the first instalment in the Six p Cent. Certificates due

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due the 31st day of August 1796. together with
the discount thereon, at two p.cent. —

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I am,
Sir, &c &c
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secry

To Thomas Cockburn Esqre
Registar of the Nabobs Debts

To the Registar of the Nabobs Debts —

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to transmit to you for the information of the Creditors of his Highness the Nabob in the Consolidation of 1777. Copy of a Letter from the Supreme Government, approving the proposition of the Credetors relative to the fixed rates of discount and exchange at which all future issues of certificates are to be made / Vizt two p.cent and four hundred Current Rupees p one hundred Pagodas / until the final liquidation of the whole Debt, and — authorizing his Lordship to declare to the

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the Creditors that "the whole debt shall be "liquidated within four years by progressive "issues, and that the annual Interest arising "on the uncertificated part of the debt — "instead of being added to the Principal "shall be discharged annually in Cash "or by Six P Cent Certificates on similar "terms"

The Accountant General has been directed to deliver to each Creditor an obligation declaring the Amount of his property lodged with the Company, agreeably to the form submitted by the Creditors in the — extract from their proceedings dated the 4th Ultimo.

I am,
Sir &c &c
(Signed) W. C. Jackson

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To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the

To the Military — Auditor General — the charges made by Mr Cochrane of extra house rent to the officers at Ponamalee to be repended — the latter drawn

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drawn by Lieut Coll Child admitted up to the 31st ultimo not to be considered as a precedent to report opinion on letter from the Resident at Hyderabad —

the President in Council to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter dated the 2d instant,
and to acquaint you, that, as the regulations
of the Service did not authorize the payment
of extra House Rent to the officers stationed
at Pondamallee, his Lordship cannot —
admit the charge under the representation
of the Paymaster, that, "upon every —
"Principle of equity Troops stationed at
"Pondamallee ought to have the same —
"allowance of House Rent as Troops stationed
"at the Mount" because, it is the duty of
a Paymaster to obey the orders he —
receives — and because no Latitude is
left with him upon any principle —
whatsoever, of exercising his own —
Judgment in altering allowances —
fixed in their Amount by the Authority
of Government. The Sum retrenched —
must therefore be refunded —

With respect to the Batta
drawn by Lieut Colonel Child, his Lordship
consents

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consents under all the circumstances of the case to admit the charge up to the 31st ultimo but no longer and it is to be understood that this indulgence is not to be brought forward as a precedent in future, since the rules of the Service prescribe that no Officer absent from his Station, except he be on duty, shall draw full Batta.

I am further directed to desire you will be pleased to report your opinion upon the accompanying Copy of a letter from the Resident at Hyderabad.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
Signed W. C. Jackson
Secy

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To Mr George Parry
Administrator to the Estate of the late Mr
E. M White —

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt

To the administrator to the Estate of the late Jno H White threatning to institute a Suit against him in the Mayors Court unless the Balance deficient in the late Mr Whites publick Cash be immediately discharged —

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ceipt of your letter dated the 1st Instant, and to acquaint you, that, as the sum required from you, as administrator, is the property of the Company, which had been actually advanced to Mr. White but a short time before he died for a Special public purpose, and should have been and perhaps was, in the public Cash Chest at his decease, it ought not to have been considered for it was a reproach to his Memory, as forming any part of his outstanding concerns — nor could the discharge of it under the circumstances connected with the case, bear the construction of a partial payment."

The President in Council would feel great reluctance in being compelled by your conduct to entertain an opinion that the late Mr. White could have been guilty of a misapplication of the public Money entrusted to his charge, but this must inevitably be the consequence of leaving the Company's demand, with his

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his "outstanding concerns" If there were no mis appropriation - the money ought to be forthcoming - it cannot be converted to the use of others, without a manifest injury to the Public Interests for it might be contested with at least as much propriety that the Grain and Stores under the charge of the Paymaster, were as liable to answer all demands upon the Estate, as the Money belonging to the Company in the charge of that Officer at the time of his death.

The President in Council having reason to believe that you have property in you hands belonging to the estate, sufficient to answer the Company's demand upon it will direct a prosecution to be commenced against you in the Company's Name if the amount be not immediately discharged -

I am,
Sir, &c
Signed W. C. Jackson
Secy

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Received and Sent the undermentioned letters entered in MB Nos 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52 53. 54 —

From the King's Deputy Paymaster General

From the King's Deputy Paymaster General enclosing accounts of his Majesty's Troops on Ceylon from 25th August to 24th October with Vouchers.

From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr Benjamin Roebuck requesting instructions relative to applications made for 8 ℘ Cent bonds for Gratuity.

From Commandant at Chingleput

From Major Campbell requests permission to cloath some malay presoners

From the Commander of the Ship Alfred

From Captain Farquharson advising of his Ship's arrival.

From Commandant at Pulicat

From Captain Godfrey requesting that an allowance may be made him to defray sundry necessary charges incurred on account of public Service.

To Resident at Hydrabad

To Major Kirkpatrick forwarding copy of letter in English and Persian from Tippoo Sultaun to the Governor General

To Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham referring for examination accounts from the King's Deputy Paymaster General as above noted

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To Military Board

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To the Military Board approving of their giving Orders for providing Articles at Masulipatam opinion respecting repairs at Sagar deferred - Sents to be supplied from the Stores at Masulipatam for the Detachment of Artillery at Hyderabad -

Received the following Letters

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From the Resident at Tanjore assigning reasons why the Karical Maganums has not hitherto been delivered to his Excellency entire correspondence with the Tonjorians on the Subject. —

My Lord,

I have been honored with your Lordship's letter of the 1st Instant relative to answers required to certain Letters of the Rajah of Tanjore and requiring an immediate explanation why the Karical Maganums have not hitherto been delivered to his Excellency —

Thinking it expedient to give the above explanation by return of Post - I confine myself at present to that Subject

With respect to the delay one that point the enclosed Correspondence will shew that it has arisen from the Rajah not having paid nor indeed has he offered to pay

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Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From the Resident at Tanjore assigning reasons why the Karical Magazeums has not hitherto been delivered to his Excellency-enclosing correspondence with Mr Soriano on the subject. -

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Thinking it expedient to give the above explanation by return of Post - I confine myself at present to that Subject

With respect to the delay on that point the enclosed Correspondence will shew that it has arisen from the Rajah not having paid nor indeed has he offered to pay the

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the Balance due from the Karical Inhabitants

On the 28th August last I again addressed Mr Torriano (Copy enclosed No 1) and received the answer (No 2) which I communicated to his Excellency.

I understood by your Lordship's letter of 25th March last that the Maganums were to be delivered over, on my certifying to Mr Torriano the receipt of the Balances due from the Inhabitants; and I naturally concluded from his letter, No 2, that He had made application to Government for the additional Instructions which seem to have been thought necessary previous to a delivery of the Maganums.

I must beg leave to remark on the little consideration with which his Excellency heaps accusations upon me - He knows that no part of the Maganums could be restored to him without his previous payment of the arrears due from the Inhabitants. He know that he had not paid any part of those arrears and in direct opposition to this Conviction says that I "in defiance of your own Orders have "not restored the Maganums to his Possession."

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Alex Macleod Resr.

Tanjore
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To

William H. Torriano Esqr.

Resident — Nagore

Sir

Having been directed by Government to receive from the Rajah of Tanjore and remit to you the amount of Arrears due from the Inhabitants renting the 4 Karrical Maganums up to the 31st December last, and also the Amount of what may have fallen due since that period. I beg leave to request you will furnish me with an Account of the latter, that the objects of the Government Order may be fulfilled. —

I shall use every possible argument with the Rajah to induce him to continue the Leases to the Inhabitants as recommended by the Governor in Council.

Tanjore 31st March 1796

Signed Alex. Macleod
Resr

To Alexander Macleod Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore

Sir.

I have had the honor to receive your favor of the 31st ultimo and in consequence of which I transmit here-in, a Statement of the Arrears due

to

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11th to the 30th this Month from the Inhabitants, renters of the four Maganums of Karical

The Inhabitants having cut their Sumba and Peshanum Crop, are very desirous that no alteration may take place until that period, to which I hope you can consent.

Nagore 4th April 1796.

I have the honor to be, &c &c
(Signed) W. H. Sorriano Resd.

Statement of Arrears due from the Inhabitants of the four Maganums of Karical to the Honble Company to the 31st May 1796.

		Pagodas fs. 6	Pagodas fs. 6
January Kist	" " "	1620 " "	" "
February Do	" " "	2570 " "	" "
March Do	" " "	3304 " "	
April Do	" " "	3671 " "	11165 " "
Varacum or Money lent to carry on the Cultivation for Fusly 1205	" " "	1329 " "	
From the Inhabitants of Trivellagoody			
Arrears of Kists for Fusly 1204	49¼ " "		
Do Do Fusly 1205	35 " "		
Varacum for Fusly 1204	41⅛ " "		
Extra Varacum for Fusly 1205	60 " "	185⅜	1514⅜

Porto Novo Pagodas 12679⅜ " "

Exchange @ 21 pct. is Star Pagodas 10473.36.40

(Signed) W. H. Sorriano
Resident

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To His Excellency the Rajah of
Tanjore

May it please your excellency

At our last Interview I had
the honor of inplaining to you the particulars
relative to the Delivery of the Karical
Magazums to your Authority vizt that
they were to be given over upon your
paying the arrear due from the Inhabitants
to Government. I informid you, at the same
time, that according to a Statement furnished
by Mr Torriano, the Gentleman who has
the Management of the Magazums,
those arrears had amounted on the 31st
December last to Star Pagodas 5,432. 0. 20
but that as more had probably fallen
due since, I would apply to that Gentleman
for further information; I did so, and
have recived his Statement of Arrears; Copy
of which I have now the honor to inclose

The Inhabitants will no
doubt be much pleasid to find your
Excellency has consented to let them present
Leases

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Leases remain in force till July next the regular term of their Expiration

Your Excellency at the same time desired that the Inhabitants might give you acknowledgements under their Hands to pay the arrears according to the or Statement furnished by Mr Torriano — I have accordingly written to that Gentleman on the Subject.

Tanjore 6th April 1796

What need I say more

To W. H. Torriano Esqre
Resident
Nagore

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 4th Instant enclosing Statement of Arrears due from the Inhabitants of the 4th Karacal Maganums to the Honorable Company.

As it is of the greatest or Importance that I should be perfectly clear in communicating to his Excellency the

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11th the Rajah the Exact Sum to be paid by
him I request to be informed whether —
your last Statements includes every demand
which the Company — have on the —
Inhabitants, or whether the 5,132. 6. 20 due
up to the 31st December last, is to be paid
by him exclusive of the 10,478 " 36. 40 the
Amount of your Statement now Remov'd.

I should suppose that the latter
sum was the whole amount to be Recovd —
from the Rajah but for fear of a mistake
I request your information on this Point.

At a Conference I had with the
Rajah he gave me his assurance that the
Present leases should be continued to the
Inhabitants according to their request till
the regular time at which they would
have expired under the Company — in
July next. His Excellency at the same time
expressed a wish that the Inhabitants —
might furnish him, when the Magazines
were to be delivered over, with an Account
(acknowd

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acknowledging under their hands the amount of Arrears as stated by you.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

(signed) A. Macleod

Sanjore
6th April 1796

To Alexander Macleod Esqr.

Resident at Sanjore

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 6th Instant

All the demands I have are the Inhabitants of the 4 Maganums is Star Pagodas 10478..36..40 to the 30th of this Month this includes what was due from them on the 31st December I shall go on Collecting the Rents from them and for what I may reciive I shall account to the Rajah, on Making over the Maganums and shall produce the acknowledgments of the Inhabitants for whatever Sums may be paid me by

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11th by his excellency on their behalf

I am

Sir &c &

(Signed) W. H. Torriano

Rest.

Nagore
9th April 1796.

W. H. Toriano Esqre
President Nagore

Sir.

The Rajah of Tanjore having expressed a desire that the orders of Government for delivering the 4 Maganums to him might be carried into immediate effect. I have to request you will be pleased to inform me whether any and what part of the Balance due from the Renters of those Maganums as mentioned in your letter to me on the subject be still outstanding.

Allow me to request your reply to this as soon as may be practicable

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &

(Signed) Alex. Macleod
Rest

Tanjore
28th August 96.

A true Copy
(signed) Alex Macleod
Rest

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To Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Resident at Tanjore

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 28th Ultimo informing me of the Rajahs desire that the four Maganums might be delivered over to him, and desiring to know the Balance now due from the Inhabitants.

I conceive it necessary that fresh orders should be sent me from Government on this Subject so much time having elapsed. the Balance now due from the Inhabitants is Portonovo Pagodas 7,375 15/16 for which Vouchers can be produced

Nagore
2d September 1796.

Iam,
Sir, &c &
(signed) Wm H. Torriano
Rest

A true Copy
(signed) Alex Macleod
Rest

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

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From the Resident at Tanjore notifying the release of the head Company's artificer by the Rajah —

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform you that his Excellency has Released the Head workman of the Company's Store in this Garrison whose Confinement I had stated in my address of the 4th Instant

I have the honor to be
My Lord &c &c
(Signed) Alex Macleod
Resr

Tanjore
8th November 1796

W. C. Jackson Esqre
Secretary to the Military Department

From Acting Commissary of Grain and Provision stating quantity of Paddy in Store at Masulipatam — also Statement of Paddy required for the Garrison for 6 Months — Extract of letter from Captain Godfrey respecting Paddy at Pulicat enclosed.

Sir.

Be pleased to inform his Lordship that on the first of this Month there remained 179 Garce of Paddy in Store at Masulipatam.

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I inclose herewith a Statement shewing the quantity of Paddy required in the Guntoor Circar for Six Months calculated on the present Monthly expenditure, by which it appears that if supplied from Masulipatam there will remain in Store upwards of 85 Garce

I also inclose herewith Extract of a Letter from Captain Godfrey forwarded to me by Town Major Allan, the Paddy stated to be at Pulicatte I conceive must belong to the Captors as no report has ever been made to me of it—

Madras
Commissary General's
Office 10th November
1796.

I am
Sir, &c &c
(Signed) J. H. Skardon
Actg Comy Genl G.O.P.

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Paddy required in the Guntoor Circar for Six Months

	Garee	Mer	Sers
At Temericotah	13	50	"
At Innacondah	42	120	"
At Guntoor	24	75	"
At Bellumcondah	8	70	"
At Chentapelly	6	"	"
Garee	93	315	"

At Ongole about 23 Garee of Paddy will remain after Storing Innacondah with Six Months Rice as lately Ordered —

(Signed) J.H.S.
Actg C.G. G&P.

Remains at the Garrison of

	Garee	
Masulipatam	179½	
Deduct the Supply required for the Guntoor Circar	93	315
There will remain at Masulipatam	G 85	285 "

(Signed) J.H. Skardon
Actg Comy Genl G & P.

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Extract of a letter from Captain Godfrey at Pulicat

It is my wish to be directed how to act with some Paddy is in the Garrison of Pulicat it was formerly the Dutch custom to lay in Annually a certain quantity for the use of their Sipoys artificers &c / in January 1795 / there usual Stock was laid in and the Monthly issue made till July 1795 when we took possession of the Place since when it has lain in a Godown and from the immence quantities of Bandicoats, Rats and Musquse which infest the Godowns will soon be litterly destroyed; if it should meet his Lordship's approbation I could dispose of it here and from the opinion of some people who have Surveyed it — it might Probably Produce 70 or 80 Twenty or Eighty Star Pagodas to be disposed of as he may direct

A true Copy
(Signed) J. H. Hardon

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To
The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From Military Auditor General - reporting opinion on Majr Genl. Gile's recommendation for additional Puckalies for the 1st Battalion of Artillery -

My Lord,

In reply to your Lordship's -
Commands signified in Mr Secretary Jackson's
Letter of the 5th Instant, that I should
report my opinion upon the Recommendation
of Major General Giles relative to additional
Puckallies for the use of the 1st Battalion of
Artillery, I beg leave to say, that as the
2 Puckallies originally granted to Companies
of Artillery consisting of 74 Men do not
appear sufficient for supplying the
increased number of each Company at
the Mount with the Water, there cannot
I apprehend be any reasonable or
objection to the suggestion of Major
General Giles, that when the Strength
of a Company of Artillery present at the
Mount, or any other Station, shall be
equal to or exceed 100 Non Commissioned rank

and

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and file, three Puckallies should be allowed in Garrison or Cantonment, to commence from the date of the order; but as the allowance of a Puckally to each Field Officer in a similar situation would be a new charge, and in all probability produce extensive claims of the same kind, I beg leave to submit this point to your Lordship's Judgement.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Audr Genl.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
9th November 1796.

W. C. Jackson Esqre

Military Secretary
Fort St. George

From the Resident at Hydrabad will avail himself of the first favorable occasion of representing to the Nizam's ministers the inconveniences complained of by Lieut Col. Roberts.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 26th Ultimo inclosing copy of one from Lieut Colonel Roberts to the Commander in Chief respecting the inconveniences which attend the desultory

manner

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manner in which the Detachment under
his Command is employed by this State. —

Though, perhaps Lieut Colonel
Roberts has a little over-rated the evil, yet
I am, and always had been sensible of
its existing to a much greater degree
than were to be wished. Circumstances. —
however, have never hitherto admitted
of my attempting, with the least
prospect of success, to prevail on his
Highness's Ministers to give the necessary
consideration to the matter: but the
Right Honble the President in Council
may depend on my keeping his
recommendation in mind, and on my
availing myself of the first favorable
occasion that may offer for attaining
the object of it.

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
Signed Willm Kirkpatrick

Hydrabad
6th November 1795

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c

From acting Collector at Dindigul advising of the disturbances made by Tomba Gour recommendations — incloses correspondence with Colonel Cuppage

My Lord,

I had the honor of addressing your Lordship on the 5th Instant relative to the intended incursion of Tomba Gour to the borders of the Sultaun's country —

I have since received confirmation of every particular therein mentioned with additional news of his having plundered several Villages in the Daraporam — district — and of his wanton cruelty to many of the Ryots

Having thus done — he made his retreat to Coimbatore in the Pylney district — this place is about fifteen miles English from Yeraottah and twenty four from his lurking place near Codrungamally which is on the boundaries of Verupatchee and Mambarra Poligars, and of the Sultaun's

his friend the Verupatchee + Poligar is recruiting for him — the Tahsildar of

Yerreyodoo

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Yerreyodoo urged two men who were setting out to join him at his lurking place and sent them to me - from them I learned intimations of the people who had offered them service and on what account - their wages were to be one Pagoda & ½ Month —

At Palachee on the boundary of the Pylney district Lippoo has I understand a body troops waiting for him; the Poor however has made his retreat and the Pylney district is under alarm from the fear of retaliation —

These circumstances I conceive it absolutely necessary to take the most active measures against the offender - and in the belief that the necessity of the Service would - under existing general orders justify in a departure from etiquette so soon as related to reference only - I addressed Col Cuppage on the Subject Copy of which № 1. № 2 his answer, and № 3 my reply I transmit for the information of your Lordship.

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Tomba Gouri's force daily increases the intelligence differs as to specific Numbers but I think from every information he may have three hundred fighting men—

He has sent his wife and family in the Chinna Murdoos Country at the Village of Trecatoor in the Shevagungee Talook of this I have advised Mr. Collector Powney that he may seize them, in the event of not taking him, they may be kept as hostages for his good behaviour.

I trust your Lordship will not disapprove the measures I have taken to keep peace and good order in the districts under my charge, but so long as the System of Poligar Government which divides authority with the Sirkar exists, the remedy for the disease never can be effectual—

I have the honor to be,

Dindigul
8th November 1796.

(Signed) D. B. Hurdis
acting Collr

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Colonel Cuppage

&c &c &c

Dindigul

Sir,

Not being acquainted with the orders enjoining the countermand of the 24 Detachment ordered against Tondiar I beg to know if on my requisition you would think yourself justified in ordering out three companies to be divided into two parties to pursue and apprehend this notorious offender.

I have certain intelligence of his having moved towards Tippoo's Frontier with a very considerable force and of his having plundered several Villages

This Sir being the reason of my present question and the most profound secrecy and most vigorous exertion being necessary to attain the object I trust I shall meet from you the assistance

I so

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11th so positively necessary.

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
(Signed) T B Hurdis
in charge of Dindegul
& Revenue

Dindigul
8th November

true copy
(Signed) T B H a.d.c.

To T B Hurdis Esqre
Collector of Dindigul

Sir,

As the orders came direct from Government to Major General Floyd countermanding the Detachment against Tomboo Gowindoo after their being in orders to march I do not think myself authorized to send any force from this Garrison in pursuit of Tomboo Gowindoo altho' I know him to be a most notorious offender, and have this day nearly the same accounts which you mention of his having plundered several Villages in Tippoos Country from the Tamedar of Pylney.

If you will be so good as to write me

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me a public requisition for Troops to go in quest of Tombo Gowndoo, I will forward it to — Major General Floyd Commanding the Southern Division of the army for his approbation and which will only occasion the delay of two Days —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) J. Cuppage
Adt Genl

Dindigul
8th November 1796

(True Copy)
(Signed) W. Bird a.d.c

Colonel John Cuppage
&c &c &c
Dindigul

Sir

In a delay of two Days the Gour and his rabble may destroy many Villages and the party Tippoo has at Palachee on the Pyiny border may proceed to retaliate as you do not think yourself authorized to accede to my requisition in directing a party in pursuit of Tomba Gour I beg you

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you will forward my letter to General Floyd - and I shall make that and your's to me in answer a reference to Government.

In the mean time as we do not know to how great a length matters may go either on the side of Tippoo or from the Gour - I beg the favor of you directly to order a complete Company with an Affair to proceed to Pylny for the protection of the Country which from being near the scene of Tomba Gours action may at all times be ready to attack or repel as necessity may justify -

Dindigul
8th November 1796

I have the honor to be,
Sir. &c &c
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
in charge of Dindigul
& Revenue

true Copy
T. B. H. al

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor and President in Council

My Lord,

I have this day received Mr Secretary Jacksons

From the administrator to the Estate of E. M. White deceased - explaining circumstances relative to his administration and his Inability at present to discharge the Company's Demand on the Estate.

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Jackson's Letter of the 9th Instant, written in a style of Reprehension, which would have given me the greatest uneasiness, were I not confident of making it appear to your Lordship that a very different meaning has been attached to my Letter, from what it was meant to convey, and that the information given to your Lordship to induce a belief of my having Property in my hands belonging to the Estate of the late Mr. White, sufficient to answer the Company's Demand upon it, is altogether groundless.

Be assured, My Lord, it never entered my mind that a private Creditor could have the smallest claim to the Company's Money found in their own Cash Chest, to the Company's Grain, or to their Stores — on Mr White's Death the whole of his property, publick and private, was secured and Sealed up by Colonel Lighton, the Commanding Officer at Guntoor, and the Amount found in the Cash Chest agt Mr. Ps 32-33-60 was delivered

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delivered to Captain Darley, as stated in his Account transmitted to your Lordship in Mr Paymaster Roebuck's Letter of the 28th ultimo the Grain and the Stores are likewise under charge of Captain Darley

And here, my Lord, permit me to explain my meaning by the words "Partial payment" That an Administrator is bound by certain Rules can admit of no question, and in my apprehension of his Duty he is bound not to discharge Debts of equal degree, to one Creditor, to the Exclusion of another, and that such payment, if made, would be partial, and at his own Risk - I cannot say to what "Circumstances connected with the Case" Mr Secretary Jackson can allude, to render such Payment other than Partial: if I am wrong in my Construction, Your Lordship will be pleased to determine: but I may rely on your Forgiveness for acting, as I thought, an indispensable Duty required -

With

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With regard to the reflection which your Lordship considers it would cast upon the Memory of my deceased Friend, should it appear that any misapplication had been made of the Money entrusted to his charge, I am well perswaded no imputation can fall, to affect the Integrity of his Character; at the same time it must be confessed that he appears to have entrusted the Management of his affairs publick and private, too much to a Native, by Name Rogawiah; and the Accounts kept by this person are involved in so much Mystery, that I cannot to my satisfactorily ascertain the Cause of the Deficiency in the Publick Cash Chest.

Soon after Mr Whites Death I learnt that he had several Creditors, but that he was supposed to have effects more than equal, when realized, to answer every Demand: and my only view in administering was, from regard to the Memory of my deceased Friend, to prevent the Possibility of

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of his affairs falling into the hands of a Native Creditor who might not perhaps feel the same motive to do Justice: it would indeed be difficult to assign any other than the reason I have given, for encountering the great trouble incident to such an administration, since far from seeking, by it, any Priority of Payment to myself I was indebted to the late Mr White Pagodas 197. 19. 14. this Sum therefore I am possessed of, + belonging to the Estate, and no more. — The Household Furniture and other + Effects belonging to Mr White at Guntoor, have been sold by publick Outcry, but I am not yet informed of the Sum + collected on this Account —

At the time I applied for Letters of Administration, I did not know that the Company had any Demand upon the Estate — I understood that the Principal Creditor was Ravenoothoola

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Venkatasoylee, an Inhabitant of Madras, and
my application to the Mayer's Court
had his Concurrence and, although I should
not be deterred from executing the charge
I have taken upon myself by any —
degree of Labor it might occasion, —
especially as I have hopes that the Estate
will be fully answerable to the —
Demands upon it, yet I shall be ready
to relenquish it, incase your Lordship
should wish the Company, as Creditors
to administer in this Name —

I hope I have said sufficient
to efface every unfavorable impression
against me from the mind of your
Lordship, and that I shall have the
satisfaction of knowing it.

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

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(Signed) George Parry
adm.r to the Estate of
C M White deceased

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W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary &c &c &c

Sir,

From Colonel Baird assigning his reasons for having fired a Royal Salute on the restoration of the Rajahs country - had no intention of opposing the orders of Government.

I was only yesterday favored with your letter of the 14th Ultimo informing me of the Right Honble the Presidents in Councils disapprobation of the order issued by me at Tanjore for firing a Royal Salute on the restoration of the country to the Rajah of Tanjore

I request you will be pleased to express to His Lordship in Council my regret that he should have formed an opinion of my attempting to oppose myself to the orders of Government on such an occasion when in reality I conceived I was paying equally proper respect to Government by whose orders the restoration was made as to his Excellency especially as at his request a Royal Salute had been fired on a similar occasion formerly,

and

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and as it had been usuall ever since the
arrival of the Resident at Tanjore to fire
Salutes and grant small Guards at the
request of the Rajah's people without
any remark or objections being offered,
I therefore did not then conceive it ne-
cessary that it should go through
the Resident nor possible it could in any
way be construed into the slightest
disrespect to Government so contrary to
my intention on this and on all occasions.

You conclude by saying that as
I have been recalled from Tanjore His
Lordship in Council refrains from
further animadversion on my Conduct
I must beg leave to state that I was
not recalled which would have perhaps
implied a censure, but ordered to March
with the 71st Regiment to which I belong,
and have the honor of Commanding —
and the Reason I have since learnt was
to have us at hand to Embark for the

Cape

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Cape or if necessary to form part of an Army in the Field — Let me add that being unconscious of deserving the animadversions of the Right Honble the President in Council I am truly sorry that any part of my conduct should have been misconstrued into the slightest intention of disrespect or opposition to Government.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
(Signed) D. Baird Colt.

Madras
9th November 1796.

13th Sent the following Letter

To Alexander Macleod Esqre
Resident at Tanjore

To the Resident at Tanjore satisfied with his reasons for not giving up the magazines to the Rajah — Copy of instructions sent to Mr Torriano & enclosed.

Sir,

We have received your letter dated the 7th Instant and under the circumstances stated in Mr Torriano's letter to you of the 2d of September last conceive you were justified in not surrendering the Magazines to the authority of the Rajah of Tanjore, altho we are of opinion that you should

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13th should have reported to us the reasons urged by the Resident at Nagore against their immediate delivery -

We enclose for your information and guidance Copy of our instructions of this date to Mr Torriano.

We are

Sir &c &c

(Signed) Hobart

& Council

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14th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in MB Nos. 55, 56, 57, 58.

To the Secretary at Fort William

To G. H. Barlow with Copy of a letter from Major Doveton containing Mysore Intelligence.

To the Resident at Hyderabad -

To Major Kirkpatrick with Copy of Letter from Major Doveton containing Mysore Intelligence -

To the Secretary at Fort William -

To G. H. Barlow Esqr. notifying the arrival of the Alfred and Bacan with Troops on board -

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To Major Doveton with letter for Tippoo Sultaun.

To Commandant at Royacotah

Receives the undermentioned — letters entered in Mils Nos 59. 60. 61. 62, 63. 64 —

From the Board of Revenue —

From the Board of Revenue with Extracts respecting Tombah Govinden a Plundering Poligar concerning whose character and conduct information has been required by the Bombay Government

From Lieut Colonel Roberts with Copies of letters and correspondence with the Resident at the Nizams Court

From the Board of Revenue —

From the Board of Revenue with Copy of Letter from Mr. Ram relative to complaints preferred against Lieut Colonel Anderson from several Villages in the Guntoor Circar of depredations committed by the Troops under his Command on their March to the Southward

From the Commandant of Trincomalé

From Lieut Colonel Fraser opinion on the best mode of supplying Sheep for the Europeans on the Island of Ceylon —

(From

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From Major Dallas commanding the Corps of Supernumerary Cavalry—

From Major Dallas requesting that Artificers may be attached to the corps under his command.

From Captain Robert Strange

From Captain Robert Strange requesting that arrears of full batta may be paid to him

15th Dispatched the undermentioned letters entered in M.B. Nos 65, 66, 67—

To Lieut Colonel Prescott of Engineers

To Lieut Colonel Prescott to proceed and examine the buildings and fortifications at Arnee and Wallajabad and report thereon.

To Military Auditor General

To Major General Lyndham with abstracts of pay and allowances due to the 2d Battalion of the 7th Regiment N.I. of corrects to be passed for payment

To the Clerk of the Treasury —

To the Clerk of the Treasury with orders relative to the Mode of discharging the Dividend due to the Nabob's Creditors—

To Mr W. H. Torriano

Resident at Nagore

To the Resident at Nagore to report what impediments are in the way to prevent the delivery of the Maganums to the Rajah of Tanjore — instructions thereon.

Sir

The Resident at Tanjore having forwarded to Government a copy of your letter to him of the 2d of September last, (wherein

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wherein you say that "you conceive it necessary
"that fresh orders should be sent to you from Govern-
"ment on the Subject of the restoration of the four —
"Maganiums to the Rajah's Authority, so much time
"having elapsed" I am directed by the Right Honble
the President in Council to desire you will state
your Reason for not having solicited further orders,
if they were deemed necessary by you — you
will report at the same time whether any, and if any
what engagements were entered into by you with
the Inhabitants at the Commencement of the present
Fusly Year for the Rent of the Maganums, and what
Impediments are now in the way to prevent their
delivery to his Excellency —

If the Arrears now due from the Inhabitants
have accrued since the 12th of July last, they ought to
be accounted for to his Excellency, and if they fell
due prior thereto, there can be no plea against
their immediate discharge in either Case; therefore
the line of your duty is plain; and the President in
Council expects there will be no further delay
either in the recovery of the arrears if they are
due to the Company, or the immediate delivery
of the Maganums if they are not.

I am
Sir &c
(Signed) W. Jackson
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At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor-President

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esqre

&

Ernst William Tallofield Esqre

Tuesday 15th November 1796

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

Read the following letter from

Major Kirkpatrick

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St George

From the Resident at Hydrabad transmitting copy of letter sent to the Resident at Poonah — containing important intelligence.

My Lord,

I have the pleasure to transmit for the information of your Lordship in Council, copy of a Letter which I have written under this date to the Assistant to the Resident at Poonah —

Having

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Having reason to believe that it would be very agreeable to the Nizam for the Company's Government to testify in some public manner its satisfaction at the joyful event announced in the Inclosure and thinking also that such a demonstration of the Interest we take in the welfare of this State might at this particular juncture be productive of other advantages, I beg leave to submit to your Lordship in Council the expediency of directing a Royal Salute to be fired on this occasion from the Walls of Fort St. George

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Hydrabad
3d November 1796

(Signed) Wm Kirkpatrick

Minute thereon

The President acquaints the Board that as the inclosure referred to in Major Kirkpatrick's letter was not forwarded, his Lordship wrote the following letter to the Resident on the 9th instant —

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To Major Kirkpatrick

Sir,

To Major Kirkpatrick acquainting him that the copy of the letter alluded to in his has not been transmitted —

I have this moment had the honor of receiving your Letter of the 3d Instant by express, which I am — concerned to acquaint you did not contain the copy of your letter of the same date to the Resident at Poonah; and altho' I collect from your official communication coupled with your private letter, that the liberation of Azim ul Omrah, — together with some concessions to the Nizam, has been effected by the address of that Minister, in the imperfect state of my information I do not conceive myself warranted to order a Royal Salute to be fired

I have replied to your letter instantly upon its receipt and by express, with a view to your transmitting the missing inclosure as soon as possible.

It may perhaps be proper for

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for you to convey to the Nizam in terms suitable to the occasion / the satisfaction I feel upon an event of so much importance to the welfare of his Highness's Dominions --

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

Fort St George
9th November 1796.
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Read the following letter from the Accountant General
William Collins Jackson Esqre
Military Secretary

From the Accountt Genl enclosing forms of — certificates for the Nabobs Creditors — requests — instructions respecting the Channel thro which those already issued are to be transferred to — England —

Sir.

Accompanying I send you a form for drawing out the certificates for the Nabobs Creditors for the sum due to them by the Honble Company in consequence of the late arrangement which you will please to lay before the Right Honble President in Council for his approbation —

I have further to request instructions

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instructions from his Lordship regarding the transfer to England of the Certificates + already issued it has been usual to + receive the Government Bonds at my Office, and to grant a Certificate to be sent to Bengal, for which Bills were to be drawn by that Government — but in the late orders received from thence, it is so expressed, that these Certificates will be receivable either at Madras or — + Bengal — I therefore request to be honored with his Lordship's directions if I am to draw out Bills on the Honble Court of Directors for such Certificates as may be tendered for the purpose at my Office —

In the Copy of the Letter from the Bengal Government lately received from you for my guidance, it is expressed that "A Statement of the "Paper debt, and the Sums which Government "may be occasionally able to appropriate "towards the discharge of it be regularly "published in the Gazette" — On this also I have to request you will procure me his

Lordship's

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Lordship's instructions whether or no I am to publish the Amount of this Government debt, with the list of Bonds issued or discharged in each Month, as formerly practised for the promissary Notes.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
(Signed) Robert Woolley
Accountt Genl.

Fort St. George
Accountant General's
Office 11th November 1796.

Minute thereon

The Board approve the form of the obligations submitted by the Accountant General.

With respect to the transfer to England of the Certificates already issued the usual mode is to be continued Viz. the Certificates to be remitted at the Accountant General's Office, and others granted, which upon being forwarded to Bengal. Bills for the Amount will be drawn by the Supreme Government on the Court of Directors—

Resolved that the Accountant General be directed to publish in the Madras Paper in conformity with the orders

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Orders of the Supreme Government. a — Monthly Statement of the Paper Debt of this Presidency - and the Sums which Government may be occasionally able to appropriate towards the discharge of it.

Read the following letter from Colonel Cuppage —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

Fort St George

From Colonel Cuppage requesting to be permitted to return to Europe on furlough —

My Lord,

Having served the Honorable East India Company upwards of 20 Years on the Coast of Coromandel and having never been absent from my duty except about Six Months at Bengal in the Years 1794 & 95 where I went for the benefit of my health — I request the indulgence of Government to be permitted to return to Europe on Furlough for three years by the

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the Ships of next Season.-

I have the Honor to be,

My Lord &c &c

(Signed) J. Cuppage

Col. 3d Regt N.I.

Dindigul
7th November 1796.

Resolution thereon

Resolved that Colonel Cuppage be permitted to proceed to England on a Furlough agreeably to his request—

Lieut. Colonel Archibald Brown appointed to the Command of the Garrison of Dindigul

The President recommends that Lieut. Colonel Archibald Brown be appointed to the Command of the Fort and Garrison of Dindigul.

Approved and ordered Accordingly—

The Commander in Chief recommends to the favorable consideration of the Board the situation of Ijaun Khan formerly a Jemadar in Captain Wheler's Battalion.

The Commander in Chief reports to the Board that Ijaun Khan formerly a Jemadar in Captain Wheler's Battalion of Light Infantry was discharged the Service when the Battalion was ordered to be reduced in the Year 1784 with all the other Native Commissioned non Commissioned Officers and Privates that belonged to it, as it was afterwards however considered a severe hardship on the

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the Commissioned Officers of this Corps more
particularly as many of them had raised
men to get promotion, most of them
have been since admitted into the Service
with their ranks – Issan Khan has been
prevented by a long and serious Illness
which for a time deprived him of his
reason from making any application
He is now in a very debilitated
state – and in the greatest misery from
want of Subsistance – as this man
has an Excellent Character from
Captain Wheeler who Commanded
the Corps, from the late Captain
D. Fraser who served with it, and
from Lieutenant Butler now Fort
Adjutant of Tanjore, formerly Adjutant
of the Corps – who also states the
peculiar hardship of Issan Khan's
case, from his having raised men
and ever beheaded with – He is
conceived an object of attention, and
is recommended by the Commandor
in Chief to be Pensioned as a Jemadar
The severe Illness he has undergone –
having

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having rendered him unfit for the
Effective List—

Jemadar Ysan Khan pensioned upon full pay for Life—

Ordered, at the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief, that Ysan Khan be pensioned on Jemadar's Pay for Life—

Read the following Letter from the Accountant General—

To
William Collins Jackson Esqre
Military Secretary

From the Accountants General with statement of Peishcush due to the Nizam—remarks thereon.

Sir,

Agreeable to your Letter of the 29th October last, I have the honor to send you, to be laid before the Right Honble President in Council, a Statement shewing the Peishcush due to the Nizam on the 31st October 1796—

The Sum of 1,61,140 Rupees which I have inserted in the Statement being the Amount of an assignment on the Peishcush may require some further explanation from the Resident at Hyderabad— In his Letter of the 10th October he observes, there was one Lack of Rupees, and one Lack and twenty eight Thousand Rupees making together

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together the sum of Pagodas 65,142.30.68
to be set off against the Pushcush - In
the next Letter of the 15th October, he
observes, "Having received an assignment
"for 1,61,140 Rupees there will remain due
"by His Highness for Subsidy only
"Rupees 53,713" - whereas by deducting
1,61,140 Rupees from 2,28,000 Rupees there
will remain 66860 Rupees -

The Collector at Masulipatam
has not been explicit in mentioning the
Sum of 1,03,280. 5. 1. sent to Mungala -
without specifying for what purpose it
was sent. I conclude it was for the troops,
and I have written to him for
explanation -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Robert Hook
Account General

Fort St. George
Accountant Generals
Office 14th November 1796.

Dr

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Effective List—

Jemadar Ghan Khan pensioned upon full pay for Life—

Ordered at the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief that Ghan Khan be pensioned on Jemadar's Pay for Life.

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Accountant General

Fort St George
Accountants Generals
Office 14th November 1796

Dr

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Dr His Highness the Nizam on Account of Pieshcush for the Arrears Cr

1796 October 2	To Cash paid at Masulipatam to the Nizam's Agent Madras Pag.s 77,284 at 10 ℘ Cent is Current Pagodas 85,012 " 14 " 32 @ 350 Rupees				
	℘ % Pagodas	297,543	6	4	
	To Do Do	123,330	"	"	420,873 6 4
	To the Amount of an assignment on the Pieshcush for Arrears of Subsidy due to the Troops as ℘ the Resident's Letter of the 15th October 1796				161,140 1 3
					582,013 7 7
	To Balance due to the Nizam on the 31st October 1796 subject to the explanations required in my Letter of 14th November				527,852 2 "
	Rupees				1,109,865 9 7

1796	By Balance due to the Nizam on 31st March 1796 as ℘ Account Current dated the 24th June 1796	759,865	9	7
October 31	By the Second Instalment for Six Months Pieshcush of the Phazley Year 1205	350,000	"	"
	Rupees	1,109,865	9	7

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Errors Excepted

(Signed) Robert Woolf
Account.t Gen.l

(Signed) Cecil Smith
Dep.y Account.t

Ordered

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Minute thereon

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Ordered that a Copy of the Accountant Generals letter with its enclosure be forwarded to the Resident at Hydrabad, and to Mr Collector Wrangham — and that the latter be directed to acquaint the Board with the means he may possess to Answer the Nizam's demand upon the Company for such balance as may be due to his Highness up to the 31st Ultimo.

President's Recommendation respecting the Mode of discharging the Dividend falling due to the Nabob's Creditors.

The President Recommends that orders be sent to the Clerk of the Treasury to issue so much Cash as may be sufficient to pay such of the Creditors of the Nabob whose share for the present Dividend / whether for themselves or others / does not Amount to one hundred Pagodas, and that all other Shares exceeding the above Sum be discharged at the option of the Creditors

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Creditors upon the Registers Order on the
Accountant General either in Bills on Bengal
at 365 AR ₹ 100 Pags.
Bills on England at 8/6 ₹ Pagoda
or Bonds with Interest at 12 ₹ C.t ₹ Annum.
order thereon.

Approved and Ordered Accordingly.

Hobart

" Chief Clerk &c.
" Con.t Saunders
" C Wallace field

Ex.d
Fullerton

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Diary

Revived the following Letters —

Observations of Government
20th November 1796 —

Medical Board
14th November 1796

From the Medical Board recommendation respecting Mr. George Baillie's Allowances &c as Garrison Surgeon of Fort St. George — & propose an additional Sum on account of Buzaar Medicines, for the Surgeon at Point de Gale — Death of Mr. Dicks — recommend that Mr. Stuart do Duty with the 36 Battalion and Mr. Calhoun at Nagore and Negapatam — Mr. Surgeon Watson solicits an Extension of his Leave of Absence —

We have received a Letter from Mr. George Baillie, Surgeon to the Garrison of Fort Saint George, on the subject of his Allowances; Copy of which we have the honor to lay before the Commander in Chief. —

The duties annexed to Mr. Baillie's Station, as enumerated in his Letter, are certainly much more considerable than at any other Garrison & under this Establishment, and we are of Opinion that

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Thirty five Pagodas ℳ
Month will be a moderate
allowance for the Medical
expenditure. —

We recommend that
the European Invalids
and Pensioners of the
Garrison be placed under
Mr. Baillie, Agreeably
to the 6th. Article of the

Approved

Approved. — Medical Regulations &
published in the General
Orders of the 4th December
1793. but that whenever
they may require Hospital
treatment he be directed
to send them into the
Presidency General &
Hospital and defray
all the expenses. —

For the Corps of
Native Invalids we
recommend

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Recommend that an
Allowance of Twenty
five Pagodas ℔ Month
be granted them.—

Approved

We beg leave to
forward to the H
Commander in Chief
an Extract of a letter H
from Mr. Mac Mahon,
Surgeon doing duty with
the Detachment of the
1st Regement of European
Infantry at Point de Galle

As we know his
Sick have been numerous
and their cases particularly
Malignant, we are H
convinced, from the H
small number of Effectives,
his Allowances were not
adequate to the Expences
he

Inadmissible

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be incurred we therefore do recommend his claim to favorable Consideration —

We are sorry to acquaint Government that Mr. John Duke, Assistant Surgeon, Died at Sea on his passage to Malacca in the Month of August last.

Approved

Mr. Stuart Assistant Surgeon represents that he has accompanied the Malay Battalion from Madras to the place intended for their Embarkation and finding his Health very much impaired and inadequate to the fatigue of Travelling, requests he may be permitted to Join the 36 Battalion of N. Native

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Native Infantry at the Tanjore to which he stands appointed.—

We Recommend that Mr. William Colhoun, the Assistant Surgeon, be ordered to do the duty of Negapatam and Nagore until further Orders.—

Approved

We have received a letter from Mr. Watson, Head Surgeon, accompanied by a certificate, stating that he is unable from ill health to proceed to this Station.—

Mr. Watson, Agreeably to the former Resolution cannot draw the Pay and allowances of a Head Surgeon, until his Arrival at Masulipatam.—

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General
Colley A. Lucas
Chief Surgeon.—

To

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To D.r James Anderson

Physician General &c. Member of the

Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to acquaint you, that
I have taken charge of my Appointment of
Surgeon to Fort St. George, But as it does
not appear that the late Medical Regulations
has specified the Allowances to be drawn
for that Station, may I therefore request
you will be pleased to recommend to
Government such an Allowance, as you
may deem adequate to the duties of it.
Upon enquiry I find them to be much
greater than in any of the other Garrisons -
Independent of the very numerous
Staff, there are about 150 European Invalids;
and

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and also a Corps of nearly 600 Native Invalids and Pensioners I have also to attend all Garison Punishments, Pensioning and Invaliding Committees, as well as the examineing of Recruits Several of the other Garison Surgeons are allowed 25 Pagodas per Month for Medical expenditure, but from there being a much greater number here than in any other Station, I hope Some additional Allowance will be recommended as also the usual Allowance of 25 Pagodas for the Corps of Native Invalids and Pensioners, and that the European Invalids may be placed on the Same footing as in other Garrisons.-

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Geo: Baillie
Surgeon

Fort St. George
11th November 1796.-

A true Copy
(Signed) V. Conolly
Secy M.B.

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from Mr. Bernard MacMahon Surgeon

Dated 26th. October 1796.–

I am sorry the number of bad cases in Hospital, chiefly large foul Ulcers & arising from the slightest accident and & suddenly degenerating into a State of Mortification requiring the greatest care and attention, & obliges me to represent to you the expense in the provision of every essential requisite, necessary to Check their progress to putrefaction thereby preventing amputation and ultimately & saving the Lives of many, I was unavoidably obliged to incur an extra Expence of Thirty five Pagodas, in addition to the Sum & prescribed by the Medical Board for the purchase of Country Medecines during the Months that supplies could not be forwarded from Madras–

This sum I have paid since the first of June last to the present time, which is &

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well known to the Commanding Officer, and if
required will be Certified by him I hope the
Medical Board will not think the charge
unreasonable, when they are made acquainted
with the Enormous price of every thing necessary
for an Hospital at Galle. I have all along
paid between Six and Seven Pagodas ₱ dozen
for Wine; the consumption of which Article
was absolutely necessary; Provisions of all
kinds Servants Wages, Clothing, Cattle, &c. &c.
being extremely dear, and having but few
Effective present comparatively with the
Surgeon of 73d I was not of course so well
enabled to defray the Expences of an Hospital,
and his Charges were admitted - May I therefore
beg the favor of you to Recommend to
Government that I be reimbursed." -

A True Extract
(Signed) T. Conolly
Surg Mt. Bd

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
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Governor in Council
&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Major General Brathwaite reporting on the Merits of Comarasamy's Petition Opinion of Mr. Cailland on the Subject and Mr. Barbier's Justification of his Conduct submitted to the Consideration of Government.—

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Lordships commands conveyed to me in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 29th Ultimo, in which was enclosed the Petition of Comara Sawmy an Inhabitant of Pondicherry—

In obedience to your Lordship's commands I used my endeavours to obtain such information as might enable me to make a summary report to your Lordship, and with that view sent the Petition to the Procureur du Roi desiring his Opinion, and I also sent the Petition to Mons.r Barbier the party accused who in Return sent me a Number of papers headed, Pieces Justificative I must confess that after the perusal of these Pieces I feel myself at

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at a loss to give an opinion how far the conduct of Mons.r Barto has, or has not been unbecoming his situation, because, to say the truth the established method of pondering Justice here, is such as, I beliive is practised no where else, Every Cause is taken up by one or other of the Members of the Council who is in that cause & stiled Judge Raporteur he takes it home, and at his leizure brings to the Council his report, or in fact, decision on the case, as I do not know of any instance of any Arrêt or Decree of the Council that has been passed in contradiction to the report of the Judge Raporteur, which seems to me to be a rejection of all open & deliberation, But as I have had the honor to deliver to your Lordship - my opinion of the Tribunals here in my Letter of the 8.e June and as I shall very shortly have occasion to trouble your Lordship with the Sentiments of the most respectable Inhabitants of

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Pondicherry, who I believe think both the Tribunals here as at present established illegal, because defective in the quantity, and quality of their Members, and therefore nullities in the future prospect, and at present subversive of the humane intentions of the Government of Madras in establishing them, I shall say nothing further on the Subject of the Proceedings either in this Letter.—

Not being able as I have observed to form such an opinion on the Petitioner's case as will enable me to draw a conclusion and to make a summary Report, I think it my duty to transmit to your Lordship the Opinion of the Procurier du Roi, and the Papers sent to me by Mons.r Barbo, that your Lordship may determine how far it may be proper for him to continue his functions in this case after having been so challenged by the Petitioner, which it seems the Council have decreed

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decreed he shall do, without admitting the Challenge of the Petitioner; or calling upon him to verify his assertions by evidence, as recommended by the Procureur du Roi.—

Your Lordship will however see that the Petitioner has prematurely solicites your Lordship to reverse the final decree of the Council in his Cause, as Mr. Barbo the Judge Rapporteur has not yet made his report, nor have the Council passed any decree on the Original cause; and I can add, that the Petitioner has deceived your Lordship in another point for Lieutenant Colonel Waight assures me that he never made any application to him whatsoever. It is true that he did make application to me when at Madras, and was informed by me that I could not pay any attention to him & until his case was regularly forwarded to

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me by Lieutenant Colonel Waight, to whom he declared to me that he had reserved it. He knew also that I was on the Point of setting out for Pondicherry, and I think if he had not been conscious that I should detect him in a falsehood he would have returned hither also, instead of remaining at Madras to trouble & your Lordship in the first instance with the particular Statement of his case, as set forth in his Petition. —

I have the honor to be,
with great Respect,
&c. &c.
(Signed) John Brathwaite

Pondicherry
November 13th 1796

To
Major General Brathwaite
Commanding at
Pondicherry

Sir,

I have examined with attention the Petition of the so called Comarasawmy & addressed

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addressed to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

The Malabar demands that the Decree passed by the Council be annulled and that the Judgement given by the Choultry Tribunal which decided in his favor may be confirmed

I have the Honor to observe to you that there has been no definitive Judgement passed on the principal Matter of this Affair concerning which an Appeal has been made to Council - that Mr. Barto the Reporter (Rapporteur) has it still in hand and that the said Comarasawmy cannot demand a Decree to be Revoked which has never been given unless he means the P provisional one of 29th July 1795 which P referred this Affair to the Decision of Arbitrators or that of 30th September 1795 by which he was defeated in the Plans of accusation which he had formed against

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Mr. Bastie The Reporter on that Affair on either supposition he cannot claim the confirmation of the Sentence of the Tribunal because its decrees are alone incident to the Sentials of the Affair. —

He further states that upon his Challange of 22nd. September and Mr. Bastie's reply thereto I had inferred that the latter ought not sit to determine upon his Cause. This is not the Case — Upon perusal of the two Statements I only came to the Resolution that the said Comorasawmy "be compelled to furnish Proofs by Witnesses or other testimony of what he has advanced in support of the Challenge made by him the depositions of such Witnesses were required to be laid before me so that the Court might be enabled to determine

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determine as they saw Cause. —

These Witnesses were carried before the Chief of the Police and a Proces Verbal of their Depositions were delivered by him to the Court. The Council however paying no Regard to them because these depositions ought to have been Received by their Register and not by the Police Made no communi=cation of them to me but passed over to the decision upon the Challenge. —

Such is the real Situation of their Affair as to what regards the principal object which Comorasawmy treats of in his Petition to Lord Hobart I can not take upon me to make any Observation because having no knowledge of the several Papers Regarding the Suit I can form no opinion upon it —

Pondicherry
4th. November 1796

(Signed) Caillaud

A True Translation
(Signed) Wm. Mainwaring Jr. Tr.

To

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To Major General Braithwaite

Commanding

Pondicherry

Sir,

The Complaint which has been made to Lord Hobart by Comorasawmy Moodiliar and which you have been pleased to communicate to me urges me to lay before you the several papers — necessary to my justification which will convince you Sir of the integrity and delicacy with which I have been actuated in the exercise of those duties that were confided to me by the Honorable Council of Fort St. George as they will at the same time expose the odious calumny which Comorasawmy has made himself culpable of. —

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To.

The paper Marked A is the

Account by virtue of which Comorasawmy

obtained of the Civil Tribunal a Decree by

which Coupia poulley was Sentenced to

pay him the sum of 69 Pagodas 9 fanams-

The paper B is the Account

produced by Coupia poulley to prove that

the Said Sum of 69 Pagodas 9 fanams was

an unwarrantable Repetition of a like Claim

It was in Virtue of this Instrue-

-ment that Coupia poulley lodged an Appeal

against the Decree passed by the Civil &

tribunal and with a view that both &

parties should be dealt justly by the

Court did at my Request refer the same

to the decision of Arbitrators.—

It is possible General that &

Comorasawmy may have cause to lament

this decision but on whatever occasion &

judges

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judges take measures for the procuring of information prior to their pronouncing definitive judgement no suspicion can attach.—

The paper marked C is the complaint drawn up by Comorasawmy against me and presented by him to Council it contains the several expositions agreeing with those presented by him to his Excellency Lord Hobart

At the foot of this Petition it is ordered, that it be laid before M. Barthe in the Chamber of the Superior Council at Pondicherry September 23d 1795 signed Gerard after this order follows that of, be it imparted to the Attorney General in the Superior Council's Chamber at Pondicherry the 26 September 1795 signed Gerard.—

The decision of the Attorney General is agreeable to and conceived in the terms of the Act passed in the Year 1667 the Challenges made

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made by the Judges are never communicated to the King's Council nor indeed ought they to be because these kind of Affairs do not regard the Publick Ministry consequently we were unable and did not conceive ourselves as Authorized to decide upon the Challenge made by Councillor Bartoq at Pondicherry the 26th September 1795 signed Caillaud —

Then follows considering the present Petition of the so called Comarasawmy bearing date the 23d instant tending to Criminate Mr. Bartho in his Official Capacity as Judge in this cause with & Cauſe à pauſſy and as Reporter there on taking into consideration Mr. Bartos Answer dated the 26 Current — and every thing maturely considered resolve that Comorasamy be called upon to furnish proof either by Witness or other testimony of what he has advanced in Support of the Accusation made by him

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the depositions of such Witnesses are required to be laid before us so that the Court determine as they may see cause & the 30th September 1795 Signed Caillaud

The Paper Marked D is my Answer to the Charges brought forward against me by Comarasamy—

Those Marked E F G H are Sundry Letters which passed on the Subject & whose perusal is necessary.—

The paper I is the Decree of the Court which declares the accusation & of Comarasamy to be non pertinens & Condemns him in a fine as enacted by the laws—prohibits Veellay from interfering in any lawsuits whatever in future and & calls him to the Bar that he may undergo a Reprimand. The Paper K is a resolution that was passed by the Court ordering me to

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to continue as Judge and Reporter (Raporteur) on the cause between Comarasawmy and 8 Caupeapoully.—

This last will prove to you General that after Comarasamy had been fined & because his means of Accusation were not deemed opposite or admissible— I, of my own Accord, demanded the Court to be exempted from determening upon his cause delicacy instigating a desire on my part not to sit as Judge upon a Man to whom I was & Suspicious.—

This then General is the Narrative of an Affair which has given rise to a Complaint that has been preferred by & Comarasamy to his Excellency Lord Hobart and the Official Documents Verifying the Circumstances will clearly demonstrate that Comarasamy has fallen far short of the truth

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in the Petition he has made and that I have in no wise swerved from the Duties and the integrity imposed on me as a Magistrate with which Authority I was invested by the Honorable Council of Fort St. George. —

Placing an entire confidence in your Equity I have to request Sir that you will be pleased to send and forward this Memoir to His Excellency Lord Hobart unless you deem it expedient to make such Remarks upon the Subject as your Ideas of Justice may dictate to you. —

I am with profound Respect,
&c. &c.
(Signed) A. Barbo

Pondicherry
11th November 1796. —

A true Translation
(Signed) Wm. Mainwaring Jr. Transl.r
Accomd

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Substance of a letter from the Nabob. —

Received Letter from the Nabob entered in C. C. N.o 164) advising of his having completed the Payment of his Kist for the Current Month and the Instalment on Account of General Smith's Arrears. —

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Sent the following Letters. *

To M.r George Parry

Administrator to the Estate of the late M.r E. M. White

Sir,

To the Administrator to M.r E. M. White's Estate the Explanation afforded by him of the Cause of his not immediately discharging the Amount of the Company's Demand on the Estate considered satisfactory —

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated the 11.th Instant, and to acquaint you that the explanation you have given is — satisfactory to his Lordship — He expects, however that you will use your best exertions in the Recovery of the Money due to the Company, and that the payment of it will be made, so soon as you are possessed of the means. —

I am &c: &c:

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(Signed) W.m C: Jackson
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I am &c. &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson

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To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General. -

Sir,

I am directed by the Right H

To the Military Auditor & General - resolution respecting additional Puckallies allowed to the Artillery Corps - his Conduct in regard to retrenchments made from the Accounts of the Paymaster on Ceylon approved - Allowances to be drawn by the Fort & Adjutant at Jaffnapatam and Manaar 8% Bonds to be issued for the Field Officers Gratuity - Report required respecting the Gratuity over drawn by Lieutenant Colonel Campbell of the 74. Regiment -

Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters dated the 9th and 15th Instant, and to acquaint you that, his & Lordship has resolved that when the Strength of a Company of Artillery present at the & Mount, or any other Station, shall be equal to, or exceed 100 Non Commissioned Captains & File, three Puckallies shall be allowed in Garison or Cantonment to commence from the date of this letter. -

The Allowance of a Puckally to each Field Officer as Recommended by Major General Giles is inadmissible. -

In Reply to your Letter of the 15th Instant I am directed to inform you that & the

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the President in Council considers the explanation you have offered on the subject of retrenchments made in your Office from the Paymaster's Accounts on the Island of Ceylon, as perfectly satisfactory— His Lordship has ordered that a Copy of your letter should be forwarded to Major General Stuart, that he may see the grounds upon which the Retrenchments were made.—

The First Adjutants at Jaffnapatam and Manar can only draw in future the usual Allowances granted to Officers holding such Posts, of which Major General Stuart has been advised.—

The Military Paymaster General having reported that several Officers had applied for Bonds for their Gratuity bearing 8 P. Cent Interest from the 1st September last, the President in Council has acquiesced therein, and desires you will be pleased to notify the same to Mr. Roebuck.—

I am directed to enclose copy of a letter with its enclosure from the Sub Secretary

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at Bengal; and to desire you will state if whether Lieutenant Colonel Campbell of his Majesty's 74th Regiment has drawn any and what Gratuity over and above the sum to which he was entitled as Major of the Regement, that he may be called upon to refund the difference. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) W.C. Jackson Secy

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Recived the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. N. 68. 69.

From the Commandant in the Guntoor Circar

From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton forwarding a Memorial from one of the Moorish Priests praying that the Mosque for some time past occupied by the publick Stores, may be restored to him for religious purposes. —

From the Commander of the Alfred —

From the Commander of the Alfred. —

desiring to know what Allowance will be made him on account of the Officers ordered to embark on his Ship for Columbo. —

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Dispatched the undermentioned

Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75.

76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. –

To Mr. M.c Dowal – desiring him

To the Paymaster at Columbo

one Pagoda ℔ day for each Officer, embarked on

his Ship, during the Voyage. –

To Captain Farquharson – advising

To the Commander of the Alfred. –

him of the Orders given to the Paymaster at

Columbo

To Ditto desiring him to take charge

To Ditto

of a Letter for Major General Stuart. –

To Mr. Skardon – desiring that a

To the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. –

Six Months Stock of Grain for the Garrisons in the Guntoor

Circar may be supplied from the Stores at

Masulipatam, and that he will send a trusty person

to Pulicat to dispose of the Grain there to the

best advantage. –

To Captain Godfrey desiring him to

To the Commandant at Pulicat. –

deliver over the Grain to Mr. Skardon's Servant,

and

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and Authorizing him to draw 5 Pagodas ℳ

Month on Account a Linguist.—

To Captain R. Strange acquainting

To Captain Robert Strange

him that he can only be allowed to draw

full Batta from the Day on which he

joined his Corps.—

To W.m B. Bransfill desiring that

To the Collector in the 3.d Division of the Masulipatam District.—

he will be prepared to discharge a Bill

drawn on him by Government for Pagodas

7,612.. 33.. 28 in favor of M.r Bowie—

To M.r Wrangham desiring him

To the Collector at Masulipatam—

to state the Sum he can conveniently appropriate

towards the Liquidation of the Balance of

Purchash that will be due to the Nizam on

the 31.st Instant.—

To Major Kirkpatrick enclosing Copy

To the President at Hydrabad.—

of the Accountant General's Statement of

the balance that will be due to the Nizam

and advising of the Instructions given

to M.r Wrangham.—

To

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16: To Colonel Cuppage granting him

To Colonel Cuppage

permission to proceed to Europe on Furlough

for three years.—

To Mr. Hutchenson — informing him

To the Resident at Anjengo

that the Intelligence communicated by him

of the Appearance of the Enemy on the Malabar

Coast has been forwarded to the Senior Officer

of his Majesty's Ships at Ceylon.—

To Mr. Llewellyn granting him

To the Conductor of Stores at Ganjam

permission to proceed to Bengal on four

Months leave of Absence.—

To the Commanders of Company's

To the Commanders of the Ships General Goddard Essex Lord Camden William Pitt Lord Macartney Manship and Asia.—

Ships in the Road desiring that the Troops

on board their respective Ships may be

immediately disembarked.—

17 Sent the following Letter to the

Accountant General.—

To

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To Mr. Robert Woolf

Accountant General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated the 11th Instant, & and to acquaint you that his Lordship approves the Terms of the Obligation which you have submitted.—

With respect to the Transfer to England of the Certificates already issued, the usual mode is to be continued—Viz.t the Certificates to be Received at your Office, & and others granted, which upon being forwarded to Bengal, Bills for the Amount will be drawn by the Supreme Government on the Court of Directors.—

You are to publish in the Madras papers, in conformity with the orders of Government

To the Accountant General the form of Certificates proposed to be given to the Nabobs Creditors approved—Orders relative to the Channel thro' which the Transfer to England, of Certificates already issued to be made—a Monthly Statement to be published of the Company's Paper Debt.—

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17: Government, a Monthly Statement of the Paper debt of this Presidency, and the Sums which Government may be occasionally able to & appropriate towards the discharge of it.—

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) W.C. Jackson Secy

Fort St. George
15th November 1796

Recd the undermentioned Letters & entered in M. B. Nos. 83.. 84.. 85.. 86

18: From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts— enclosing Copies of Correspondence with Major Kirkpatrick respecting the Loss sustained & by his Detachment by the Exchange fixed & on the Coins in which they occasionally receive their Pay.—

From the Officer Commanding the Nizam's Detachment.

From Major General Sydenham—requesting Permission to raise a Head of "Lord Clives Donation" in the Military Books of this Presidency.—

From the Military Auditor General—

From Captain Forbes stating that the Man named Ramah who has lately & preferred a Complaint against him, is a Man of infamous

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infamous Character, and that his Conduct has fully justified the punishment inflicted upon him —

From Commander of the Ocean. — To Captain Patton - requesting to know how he is to be reimbursed the Expence of subsisting the Officers ordered to embark on his Ship for Columbo

19: Dispatches the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos 87. 88. 89. 90

To the Paymaster at Columbo To M.r M.c Donall - desiring that an allowance may be paid to Captain Patton for the Subsistence of the Officers embarked on his Ship, equal to one Pagoda ₱ day each, for the time they are on board. —

To the Commander of the Ocean. - To Captain Patton acquainting him of the Instructions sent to M.r M.c Donall

To the Military Board - enclosing

To the Military Board Invoices of Military Stores embarked on 4 different Ships of the present Season - and 4 desiring that the Certificates required by the Court

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Court of Directors may be sent to Government, in time to be forwarded by the first Dispatch.—

To Military Auditor General.—

To Major General Sydenham enclosing an Indent of Cash required by the Deputy H. King's Paymaster General; and desiring that if correct, it may be passed for Payment.—

Received the undermentioned Letter entered in M: B: N.ᵒ 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96.—

From Military Paymaster General

From M.ʳ Roebuck enclosing his General Estimate of Cash required for the ensuing Month.—

From the Commander of the Brig Sea Horse

From Captain Thomas enclosing Colonel Fraser's Receipt for 180 Hogsheads of Salt Provisions conveyed by him on the Company's Account from Bombay to Trincomalé

From the Commandant at Trincomale.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Fraser acknowledging his Receipt of the Salt & Provisions above mentioned.—

From Ditto

From Ditto has duly received the whole of the Gun Carriages and Military Stores Shipped on the Canton and Boddom Indiaman from

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From Military Auditor General.—

11/19. From Colonel Sydenham referring the Circumstances connected with a retrenchment made on the Account of the Paymaster at Masulipatam of Charges on Account of batta to Men of Infantry Corps employed in Artillery Practice, and Batta drawn by Lieutenant Hall on Account of his Employment in training & the Men.—

From Ditto

From Ditto enclosing his Audits on & the Accounts of the Deputy King's Paymaster General from 25th August to 24th September 1796 and on the Accounts of the Acting King's Paymaster on Ceylon for the same periods.—

11/20 Received the following Letters.—

W. C. Jackson Esqre.

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I have received from Messrs. Daly and Cockburne, a Copy of the retrenchments outstanding against me in the & Accounts

From Captain Ulick Burke stating the Grounds on which he claims a Remission of the Refund demanded of him

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Accounts disbursements of M.r Young, formerly Paymaster at Angole. — /Being as follows/

"Extract from Remarks of the Military & Auditor General, on the Accounts of M.r Samuel "Young formerly Paymaster at Angole, for "Charges made by Lieutenant Burke."

" December 1792, Charged for 1 Mastry and 30 Bearers for 6 Doolies for the use of a Detach= =ment under Lieutenant Burke, as per Indent Pagodas 63. — — —

The Strength of the Detachment not being specified the Amount is therefore Retrenched — — —

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grounded on the Circumstance of the Strength of the Detachment not being specified—

Permit me Sir! to state to you for the information of The Right Honorable the President in Council, what the Strength of the Detachment was, the Nature of the Service, which rendered the Supply of the above Doolies indispensably necessary, and ultimately the Authority by which they were furnished.—

In the Month of October 1792, a Detachment, consisting of half a Company of Artillery, and one Company of Lascars, was ordered by Government to join the Troops under Lieutenant Colonel Cockrell, then on their Route to Bengal; I shall not intrude on your time, by entering into particulars, respecting the Nature of the Service on which the aforementioned Detachment was sent, the circumstance of

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of your being at that time Secretary, render
such detail unnecessary on my part; I trust
however, you will have the goodness, in
laying this matter before the Right Honble
Governor to give such information as pointing
it, as your knowledge of the Subject enables
you to do. -

I set out from the Mount on the 4th
15th of October 1792 in Command of the
abovementioned Detachment, having a
March of 300 Miles before me, and being
Ordered to join the Troops under Lieutenant
Colonel Cockerell, with as little delay as
possible - When the season of the year I set
out in the length of the March I had to perform,
and the badness of the Roads, are considered,
I am induced to hope, that from these
Circumstances alone, I should stand acquitted
of having put the Company to any expence,
not warranted, by the exigency of the Public Service.

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However, I beg leave to offer the Authorities by
which the Doolies were supplied — On my
Arrival at Nellore on the 31st of October 1792
I addressed the Subjoined Letter, to the
Adjutant General. — Vizt.

Lieutenant Colonel Close
Adjutant General of the Army
Camp at Nellore October 31st 1792.

Sir.

I have the honor to inform
you, that the Detachment of Artillery
under my Command, Arrived here this day.
The Weather has been in general favorable
since I set out, but the roads extremely bad,
and so wet and deep that the Men were
obliged to march barefooted, from the effects
of which, most of them have sore feets, and
several so bad as to be unable to March. —
— I have but three Doolies of the Detachment,
having

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having been equipped at Madras agreeable to the Regulations, without adverting to the length of the March, or the favorableness of the Season — I am Obliged on coming to my Ground, to send the Doolies back, for Men left on the last — The Commander in Chief, having expressed a wish, that my junction with Colonel Cockrell, might be effected as soon as possible, I hope he will consider, how much, these circumstances must impede my progress, and I beg you will acquaint him, that Lieutenant Dighton informs me, the Road from hence to Ongole, is still worse, than that I came over; in this Predicament, I beg leave to state the necessity of having six or Seven Doolies sent to meet me, by the Paymaster at Ongole; and as my Marches from hence must be very short, an Order sent to him to that effect, would be time enough to afford relief to the Detach-ment — I shall halt here tomorrow, and if

proceed

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Inclosed the next.—

Camp at Nellore
31st. October 1792.

I have the honor to be &c:
&: &:
(Signed) A Burke
Lieut Comm.g the Detachment
of Artillery.

To the above Letter I received the following
Answer, from the Adjutant General.—

To Lieutenant Burke

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the Receipt of your Letter of the 31st Ultimo
and to acquaint you that in consequence of
the circumstances you have stated, Colonel
Braithwaite has directed Captain Knox
Commanding at Angole, to have your supplied
with the Doolies or other Articles of equipment,
that you may require, to prevent the
Marches of your Detachment being retarded"—

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5th November 1792.

I am &c: &c:
(Signed) B: Close
Adjt Genl to the Army

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The following is the Letter written by the Adjutant General to Captain Knox commanding at Angole, on the Subject of supplying my Detachment with Doolies, or such other Articles of equipment as I might want, to prevent the March of my Detachment being retarded.-

To Captain Knox,
Commanding at
Angole

Sir,

"I have the honor to inform you,
"that Lieutenant Burke has Marched from
"the Mount, in Command of a Detachment of
"Artillery in order to join Lieutenant Colonel
"Cockells' Detachment, and will probably
"reach Angole by the time this comes to
"hand.- As his equipment has suffered in
"some degree, from the badness of the Weather,
"and the roads, and as it is necessary that he

should

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should overtake the Detachment without delay;
Colonel Brathwaite is desirous that on his
Arrival at, or near Angole, he should be assisted
with Doolies, or any other Article that may
be requisite, to prevent his March being
retarded. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) B.J. Close
Adjt. Genl. of the Army

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5th November 1792.

On my Arrival at Angole, I directed Mr Short
the Assistant Surgeon of the Detachment
to Report the Number of Cases, that absolutely
required to be conveyed in Doolies, to enable
me to proceed on my route — I received the
following written Report from Doctor Short.

Lieutenant Burke,
Commanding a Detachment of Artillery

Sir,

I think it proper to inform you, I have
carefully examined the situation of the sick
and

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and find it indispensably necessary that an Indent should be Made for 6 Doolies to be furnished complete with Bearers and Mastiers, in addition to the three Madras Doolies." —

Campat Ongole (Signed) Jos: Street
Assistant Surgeon

In conformity to the above Report, and in consequence of the Authority of Head Quarters, the abovementioned 6 Doolies were indented for and furnished by Mr. Young. — I beg leave sir! in addition to what I have now offered in explanation of the Retrenchment against me, to submit to your perusal two Letters, from Colonel Cockerell to me, on the Subject of my Detachment, which I hope, will be a further means, of removing the Idea of my having made an unauthorized Charge — The Articles were furnished by Mr. Young agreeably to the Indent, the Cash was disbursed by them, & (sanctioned by the Authorities already cited)

and

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and the Doolies were under the immediate charge of Mr. Street the Surgeon — I send herewith & under a seperate Cover, the Original Letters & from the Adjutant General and the Report of the Assistant Surgeon that if necessary & reference may be had to them.— I beg, Sir, you will lay my Case before his Lordship, and trust he will take it into consideration—

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Ulick Burke

Capt. Lieut Artillery.

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Commands conveyed in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of

From the Military Auditor General — stating his opinion on the charges proposed to be placed on the Contingent Charges of Colonel Roberts's Detachment. —

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No. 20.

of the 9th Instant desiring me to report my Opinion upon the Letters enclosed from the Resident at Hydrabad on the subject of Contingent Charges that may be incurred in the Detachment serving with His Highness the Nizam;- In consequence of which I beg leave to observe, that as it appears from Major Kirkpatrick's Letter, as well as that from the Commanding Officer of the Detachment, that the rates of the Articles to be purchased in that Country are arbitrary and liable to constant fluctuation, the alteration in the Certificate to accompany all Contingent Charges which has been suggested by the Resident seems to be the best that can be devised under the circumstances of the case; and I would therefore recommend its being adopted, as well as the additional Check proposed at the same time Viz.t That the previous

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previous to the payment of Contingent Charges exceeding in Amount the sum of 100 Pagodas, a copy thereof detailing the prices of the several Articles, be transmitted to the Resident for his Inspection and approved—

It appears also a very proper measure for the reasons assigned in Major Kirkpatrick's letter, that in cases admitting of delay, the Commanding Officer should be instructed to communicate with the Resident respecting all Material Contingent Charges, previous to their being authorised.—

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mily. Audr. General

Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St. George
17th. November 1796

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

My Lord,

Herewith I have the honor to

From the Military & auditor General inclosing Tables of fixed Pay and allowances to all the Ranks in the Army, compiled from the latest orders and Regulations.—

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To lay before your Lordship in Council a Section Containing Tables of the fixed Pay and Allowances to all Ranks in the Army including His Majesty's Troops serving on this Establishment, Compiled from the existing Regulations of the Service, and the late Orders received from the Honorable the Court of Directors on the Subject; connecting therewith the Subsequent explanations of Government which have been published & regarding it to the present date. —

These Tables, I have every reason to believe are Correct, and as it will greatly tend to facilitate the duties of the Pay Offices, and particularly Convenient to Corps and Individuals if they are speedily circulated, I request your Lordship's permission to have One Hundred and fifty (150) Copies printed for that purpose upon the best terms I can make for the Company. —

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

(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mg Aud. Genl. Medical

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
19th November 1796. —

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From the Medical Board proposing Stations for Mesp.rs Mackintosh, Gordon, Steward, Inverarity and Connell and that Mr. Connell take Charge of the Sick of the Pioneers doing duty in the neighbourhood of Ryacottah.—

Medical Board

21st. November 1796

Mesp.rs William Mackintosh John Gordon, Simon Steward, Alexander Inverarity, and Arthur Connell having Arrived With the appointments of Assistant Surgeons under this Establishment from the Honorable the Court of Directors we recommend that they be admitted Accordingly.—

We Recommend that these Gentlemen be stationed as follows William Mackintosh 5th. Regiment of Native Infantry John Gordon 1st. Battalion of Artillery Simon Steward 11th Regiment of Native Infantry serving with the Nizam. Alexander Inverarity 10th. Regiment of Native Infantry

Approved

Arthur

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Arthur Connell Presidency
General Hospital.—

Understanding, thro
the Head-Surgeon at Vellore,
that the Corps of Pioneers
employed in the Vicinity
of Ryacottah are in much
want of Medical Assistance,
upwards of 500 of them
labouring under intermittent
Fevers, we recommend that
Mr. Carnie Assistant Surgeon
at Ryacottah, be directed to
take Charge of them while
they remain in that
Neighbourhood.—

Approved

/Signed/ Jas. Anderson,
Physician General
Colley L Lucas
Chief Surgeon.—

Sir,

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Sir,

From Major Bowser complaining of the Injustice done him in regard to the Mode ordered to be observed in adjusting his Accounts of purchases of Supplies &c. for the use of the Army serving on Ceylon. —

In consequence of General Stuart's letter to Government, which has caused me no little uneasiness I must request you will & communicate to His Lordship, the following particulars respecting, my exertions, on the Island of Ceylon, in order, to promote the Publick Service - but should you think there is no necessity in presenting this letter, in that case, I will be guided by you. —

The Command of Manar, devolved upon me the latter end of October 1795 and had previous thereto represented to General Stuart the necessity of taking possession of the Fort, and Island of Calpentine, Distant from Manar, about Seventy English Miles - General Stuart acquiesced in my undertaking the Exploit, but cautioned me in the most pointed manner & before I quitted Manar, to be well informed of the

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the Strength of the Place, and the Garisons
composing it - all of which I had previously
done, having had Hircarahs as far as Mejenbo
and Columbo - I instantly prepared open
boats for the conveyance of the Right Wing
of the Battalion, with Stores provisions and
other necessary Articles, together with a
Number of small Boats for the purpose of
carrying the Troops over the Bar, near to
Calpentine - every Information I had
received, respecting the Place, was perfectly
correct I returned with the Party to Manar,
after leaving a Garison in the Fort -

The whole expence for the Expedition,
in conveying the Troops to, and from Calpentine
as also procuring Intelligence, from Columbo,
and Wynbo Amounted to, Three Hundred Pagodas

Having secured the Fort of Calpentine
and which I considered, a great Object, on
Account of covering our supplys, for the
intended

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intended Seige of Columbo, I then judged it expedient to offer my Service to General Stuart, to furnish, Draught Slaughter and Carriage Cattle, Sheep, Grain, Arrack Boats, and in short, every thing, I could devise for the good of the Publick Service My Offers were accepted of by General Stuart - but not receiving any Money from Trincomale, or any other quarter to assist me in procuring those Supplies, and having a few thousand Pagodas by me / my own property / together with, between Two and three Thousand of Pagodas of the Prize Agents / which Sums, I now stand indebted to them / I immediately commenced making the necessary advance to each Department, and succeed so extremely well - that on the Arrival of General Stuart and Army, at Wyambo, he was provided, with every particular Article - neither

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neither did there an Accident or Obstacle happen,
of the most trivial Nature / with the exception
of the loss of the Cattle, which I could neither be
Answerable or Accountable for / The article most
immediately wanted, even boats of a particular
construction, to land the Troops of which I had
in abundance, and Slaughter Cattle which were
ready, at Wyumbo, Two Days after the Arival
of General Stuart. -

General Stuart previous to my leaving
Manar sent me an order, upon Mr. Powney, at
Ramnad for 10,000 P. N. P. but that sum not
Arriving before I imbarked for Chelair, Five
thousand Pagodas, only was afterwards Recived
on my Account, on which Sum, I now stand
Accountable for. so that it is pretty evedent, had
I not advanced at the commencement my own
private Fortune, the Supplies must have
inevitably failed, and the whole blame would
have fallen upon my shoulders. —

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On my Arival at Columbo I was &
desirous to Arrange, or put in train my &
Accounts, in consequence of such large advance
made by me - but not having my Head Servant with
me, I omitted in the first Account given in, to &
Charge for 1250, Carriage Cattle, and in giving in
the Second Account I did not fully explain,
the ommission and neglect but the present
State, my mind was then in, ought to plead
Strongly in my favor. -

I could not procure the necessary &
Receipts and Vouchers, until the Arrival of my
Head Servant who was then Sick at Ramezeram
who did not reach Columbo until very lately,
so that I was necessitate in giving in my first
Account - to Receive 3,384 Pagodas, for Slaughter
Cattle, Actually delivered at Columbo, and
all my other demands, stand now as they &
Originally did. -

I inclose you a Copy of Lieutenant
Strachans Receipt for Slaughter Carriage &
Cattle

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Cattle, and Sheep he only gave a Reciept for Sheep; collected at Bicfoe - but I found it necessary, to Collect Cattle, and Sheep in other Districts, and even from the Tinnevelly Province - As Lieutenant Strachan, had Charge, of a part of my supplys, that is from the Manar Deistrict he can easily state the Situation the Roads was in at that particular period, and if there was any thing, very remarkable, at such a loss - however it would be very hard upon me after having volunteered in the business, and also advancing my own Fortune, I should be made responsible, for the Cattle, and Sheep, to Arrive safe, at Wynnbo in an Enemy's Country, and in the height of the Monsoon - I was likewise necessitated to have Servants, at a very exorbitant price indeed those were none of the best, and consequently meeting with many Imposition.-

Ch Cohen

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When you came to consider that I had the whole of the Supplys to collect, the Prize & Agents, and my own Duty to attend to, as an Officer, I doubt not, but His Lordship & will attend most liberally, to my Accounts and make every allowance, for the emergency of the service, and the particular predicament I was placed in - I will readily answer any Question, or remarks - that General Stuart may have made, and beg leave to add, that besides, my first advance made at Manar for the Supplys, I have been obliged to draw large Sums from the Carnatick to settle many balances - I set it a Duty incumbent on me, to forward to you, these different heads; for explanation to my Charges. -

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Tho.s Bowser

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N.B. each Slaughter Cattle, I charged - 1 ½ Pagoda
Ten Sheep ——— 1 M.r Pagoda

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Aripo January 1796

Received from Sababudy, & Dubash to Captain Bowser, the undermentioned Cattle for the use of the Army, Serving on the Island of Ceylon under the Command of Major General Stuart. Viz.t —

Carriage Cattle	400	
Slaughter Do. full grown	1128	
Do. Runts, or half grown	309	
Do. Yearlings	412	1849
Sheep and Goats	1061	

(Signed) Alex.r Strachan
Lieut
Commanding the Escort

A true Copy
(Signed) L. Bowser

Sent the following Letters

To the President
&.c Commissioners on the
Coast of Malabar
at
Calicut

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right H.ble

To the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast enclosing Papers relative to the Conduct and Character of Tombo & Groomdeen. —

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Fort St. George. November 1796

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Honorable the President in Council to transmit to you the accompanying Copy of a letter from the Government of Bombay, and to acquaint you, that in consequence of the request therein contained, this Lordship gave orders to the Board of Revenue to furnish the information applied for respecting Tomba Govender, which I have now the honor to enclose.—

The President in Council directs me to add that the uniform behaviour which has marked the conduct of Tomba Govender since the conclusion of the Treaty of Seringapatam, renders him wholly unworthy of the Company's favor—and that it has been long the determination of this Government to seize his person, whenever a favorable opportunity should offer.—

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson

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To

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To the Honorable Jonathan Duncan Esq

Governor in Council,

at Bombay

Honorable Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your letter dated the 11th Ultimo, and in consequence of the request therein contained have transmitted to your Commissioners on the Coast of Malabar all that appears upon our Revenue Records respecting Tomba Govinden — a Copy of our Dispatches to those Gentlemen is enclosed for your information —

To Bombay with Copy of the foregoing Dispatch to the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast. —

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

Fort St. George
19th November 1796

(signed) Hobart
&c: Council

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M.S. No. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103 104. 105. —

From

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From Mr. Skarton Mr. Wynch contradicts in

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

his former report on the state of the new Granary at Arnee, declaring it to be dry and fit for the immediate reception of any Quantity of Grain.

From Mr. Roebuck - enclosing an

From Military Paymaster General

application from the Paymaster of His Majesty's 27th Dragoons for a further Advance of 1000 Pags.

From Lieutenant Colonel Close &

From the Assistant General -

advising of the Arrival of Captain Thomas Stevenson and setting forth the Claim of Mr. McDougall to rank above the Cadets of the same year's nomination with himself in consequence of his having had a Commission in the King's Service -

From Mr. Casimir Delbracht - &

From the late Chief of Jaggernaickporam

representing his distressed Situation and requesting that he may be allowed to draw his Subsistence as late Chief at Jaggernaick-poram (viz. Pagodas 40 P Month) from the 1st August 1795 -

From

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From Lieutenant Colonel Gowdie -

From Lieutenant Colonel Gowdie one of the Securities for Mr. Samuel Young -

enclosing Mr. Paymaster Hughes's Receipt for 2000 Pagodas in part of the Sum for which he is held accountable -

From Captain J. Taylor - requesting

From the Barrack Master in the Northern Division

Permission to proceed to the Presidency on Leave for one Month. -

From Major Doveton - acknowledging

From the Commandant at Ryacottah. -

Receipt of the Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 12th Instant. -

From Major General Braithwaite -

From the Commandant at Pondicherry -

enclosing a Variety of Papers respecting the Proceedings of the Court of Judicature at that place relative to the Marriage of a Mademoiselle Turin, the illegitimate daughter of Madame Agathe Furnay, with Mons.r Saul - and communicating the circumstances of the Case, as far as they have come to his Knowledge. -

From Mr. Skardon enclosing Estimate of

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provision

Cash required in his different Departments for the

the

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the Month of December. –

22nd. Dispatched Letters to Mr. Secretary Barlow, Sir Charles Warre Malet and Major Kirkpatrick (as entered in M: B: No. 106.. 107) enclosing Copies of Intelligence received from the Mysore Country. –

To the Secretary at Bengal – and to the Residents at Poona and Hydrabad. –

Published in the Madras Gazette & the following Advertizement. –

Government Advertisement

Fort St. George
20th. November 1796.

Advertizement – notifying the resolution of the Court of Directors to discharge in England, the principal and Interest due on Bonds granted to the Tanjore Creditors. –

The Right Honorable the President in Council is pleased to give notice that the Honorable Court of Directors have resolved to discharge, in England, the Bonds granted by this ~~Government~~ to

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No 22.

to the Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore, in liquidation of the Debts of the said Rajah, together with the Interest thereon; pursuant to the option stated in such Bonds. –

By Order of the Right Honorable the President in Council. –

(Signed) W.C. Jackson Secy

Sent Letter to the Nabob entered in

Substance of a letter to the Nabob

C.C. No. 165 Communicating the late Orders received from the Court of Directors relative to the Arrears of Salary due to Sir Paul Jodrell, and informing him that the Board hope to have it in their Power to advise the Court of Directors by the next Dispatch of his Highness having fully complied with their Wishes. –

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. –

To Captain Taylor permitting him to visit the Presidency. –

To the Barrack Master in the Northern Division. –

To

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the Month of December. –

22. Dispatched Letters to M. Secretary

To the Secretary at Bengal – and to the Residents at Poona and Hydrabad. –

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To the Barrack Master in the Northern Division. –

to reset the Presidency. –

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To Mr. Surgeon George Anderson. —

To Mr. G. Anderson directing him to

Account with Mr. O Donoghue for the proportion

of 85 Pagodas P Month granted to Surgeons

of Native Corps for the time he was serving

with the 1st Battalion of the 8th Regiment, #

Agreeably to the rule laid down in the G. O.

of the 8th Instant. —

To the Military Auditor General

To the Military Auditor General — enclosing for Examination the Military

Paymaster Generals Estimate of Cash for the

ensuing Month. —

To Ditto — To Ditto respecting the #

Estimates of the Commissary #

General of Grain and Provisions #

and Principal Agent for Draught

and Carriage. Bullocks for the

ensuing Month. —

To

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To the Secretary at Bengal

To M.r Secretary Barlow

forwarding Copies of Letters from

Major Doveton, Captain &

Macleod and Captain Mealy

containing the latest Intelligence

from the Mysore Country.—

To Sir Charles Warre &

To the Resident at Hydrabad and Poona

Malet and Major Kirkpatrick

to the purport above noted.—

Recvd the undermentioned

Letters entered in M.B. N.os 114. 115

From M.r Roebuck enclosing

From the Military Paymr General

an Application from the Commanding

Officer of His Majesty's 19.th Regiment

for an Advance of 1500 Pagodas

on

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No 22

on occasion of the Regiments
embarking for Columbo

From Ditto enclosing

From Ditto an Application, from Ensign
Mitchell, of the 36 Regement,
for the Passage Money of his
Rank, accompanied by a
Sick Certificate. —

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Tuesday no 22. November 1796. —

Edward Saunders Esqr.

and

Ernst William Falloofield Esqr.

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,

As the difficulty and Expence of

which is likely to attend the despatching the Kings

Regiments and sending home the Officers of

this

From Bengal & Co's Suggestions respecting the Conveyance to England of the Officers of the 75th Regt

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this Season, in consequence of the non arrival of the Expected Ships and Troops at an early period, would in Some degree be diminished by ordering the Officers of the 73d. Regiment now serving in Ceylon to proceed to Europe on the four Indiamen which we have determined to despatch to Columbo to carry home the captured Property, and the Investment of the present Season; we recommend that the necessary Orders be given for this arrangement provided that it shall be in your power to supply the place of that Corps when drafted before the period of the departure of the Ships. —

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

Fort William
the 17th November 1796

/signed/ J. Shore
Robt. Abercromby
Peter Speke

Saturday 18th Nov.

The Board have anticipated the Orders contained in the foregoing letter —

Read the following letter from the Military Board. —

To

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Fort St. George 22d. November 1796

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

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Fort St. George 2d November 1796

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South East Do Do	1440:	9:	50
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Total	6788:	36:	15.

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Magazine	441:	25:	71
Granary	523:	11	15
Store House for Wet and dry Stores	1131:	35:	58
Military Store Room, Repairs	82:	21:	40
Guard Room	333:	7:	54
Artillery Barrack	191:	25:	20
Century Boxes	42:	28:	10.
Total	3142:	28:	52
Repairs of Tanks	576:	18:	38.
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1 Draughtsman
1 Head Conicopoly
2 Under Ditto
2 Peons
2 Bricklayer Maistries
1 Carpenter — Ditto
1 Smith — Ditto.

And which was judged sufficient whilst the Works were carried on by Contract but as a new mode is now to be adopted, We are of opinion that the following augmentation of Artificers as solicited by Captain Lennon, is absolutely necessary — Viz.t

2 Maistry Stone Cutters
1 — Do. — Bricklayer
2 — Do. — Carpenters

And We trust that the small additional expence to be incurred thereby will not be deemed objectionable, when it is recollected that no Maistry Stone Cutters were before allowed — an Artificer, whose aid in the proposed Works is indispensibly requisite; — and that the duties of the Senior Engineer in the Baramahl occasion

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his being so employed at different Stations
in that District, as to make it necessary
that he should have under him Persons of
every description in whom he can confide.—

We would recommend however, that
Pay of any class of Artificers may be incurred—
except on occasions of their moving on the
Public Service from one Station to another, when
Batta for the established number of days' March
should be allowed—And that periodical Musters,
as of the Troops, may be taken of that description
of Public Servants, as well in the Baramahl,
as at all other Stations, in like manner with
the Chief Engineers' Department at the Presidency.

The Board do not think it expedient
to Recommend to Your Lordship, the adoption
of that part of Captain Lennon's Letter which
applies for Tent Allowance for himself, and
Engineers in the Baramahl as partial &
Allowance of such a nature tend only &

to

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to create confusion —

We have the Honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George
4th November 1796.

[Signed] „ Alured Clarke
„ Thomas Geils
„ W. Sydenham
„ Jno Richardson
„ B.y Close
„ Wm Gent
„ George Hall

To Lieutenant General Clarke
President & Members of the Military Board
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Having arrived here on the 8th Instant I immediately proceeded, agreeably to the orders of Government, to examine, in concert with Major Read, the state of the Works of this & place, and form particular plans of such & alterations as should appear necessary & according to the general plan proposed by & Major Read; in every part of which, as far as respects the reform of the Fortifications &

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and the buildings necessary for the Garison, & I feel myself bound to say, that in my judgement nothing better could be devised.— The accompanying plans therefore differ in no other respect, from those proposed by Major Read, than in the particular form derived from a Minute & consideration of the Ground on which they stand.— For the more ready explanation of these several plans, I send the general plan of the Fort No. 1. with references for the situation of each particular plan, which I hope will prove satisfactory, and convey to your Board the necessary information.—

The natural strength of this Rock is such, that it requires but little alteration, or Repair to render it perfectly impregnable; at the same time that its facility of ascent, and other natural conveniences, give it & advantages seldom to be met with, still & Forts, and which will merit the attention of Government to put it into the best state of Repair throughout— I perfectly coincide with Major Read in the Idea of fortifying the & works

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Works as much as possible, thereby gaining
strength without sacrificing room, and
reducing the Garison necessary for its defence
to the least number. On this account, we have
agreed in opinion of the inutility of all the
works whether old or new, outside the point

E in N°. 1. which I have fixed on as the best
situation for a new Gateway, and which therefore,
should it meet the concurrence of your Board, is
to be considered in future, as the entrance of the
Fort. This Gateway with the adjoining works
proposed for its defence, and some repairs
wanting to the East line continued from hence
to the point **H** in N°. 1. is all that is necessary
on this side. To the S.W. Angle a reform is
necessary of the old Works there, as there is a
possibility of breaching the present outward
Wall there of which an Enemy might avail
himself. A slight extention of the Work on
the summit is likewise advisable to bring
Guns on depressing Carriages as near the brow
of the rock as possible. For the two most
immediately necessary of these works, viz.t the

Gate

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Gateway with works adjoining, and the S.W. Angle, I have provided in the plans and Estimates herewith forwarded. The Repair of the East face, and the summit, I shall attend to with the first moment of leisure, and shall now proceed to explain the accompanying Plans and Estimates

The Plan No. 2. is the enlarged Plan of the situation of the proposed Gateway, exhibiting the form of the advanced work extending over the Rocks O.P.Q.R: which it was considered more advisable to occupy than to destroy, thereby gaining a greater front for Musketry, which otherwise there is not sufficient space for, to resist a resolute column, which can approach in safety as far as A in No. 1. The old Gate at D No. 1. is to be torn down in order to render the ascent to the new Gateway gradual, and will then leave the height of the front part of the Advanced work on the Rock R, upwards of 40 feet. The form of the S.E. Battery to the left of the Gateway at F No. 1. is given to throw the fire of the two Guns therein, along the side of the Wall C wherein Enemy might readily approach, and even find admittance under

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under the Rock R without much difficulty, if the old Wall between that and the new proposed battery was breached. The height given to this Work 20 feet, is considered more advantageous, than if it were greater; as in that case it would be liable to be breached by the Enemy's fire, while at present it is sufficiently high to plank the side of the Hill without being exposed N3. Shews the Sections of the Ground on which these Works are to be erected, & the letters corresponding with those in N°2 and 4 exhibits the Elevations and Sections of the Works particularly.—

In the same manner N°5 is the enlarged plan of the Ground which the proposed Work at the S. W. Angle is intended to occupy, at S. in the general plan N°6: shews the different Sections thro' this Ground as it now is, and N°7 exhibits the Plan, Sections and Elevation, of the new proposed work founded thereon; the form of which is designed as nearly as could possibly be, to answer the defence of the only part by which an Enemy might approach

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at Win No1 as well as to bear upon the opposite Hill;
and at the same time with the strictest views to
economy in rendering the Rock as serviceable as
possible, and to take up as much space in the
work as could consistently be done. —

In the mode of executing these Works,
I propose following the model exhibited in the best
of Tippoo's buildings, at Kistnagherry, at Bangalore,
and at almost every place that he considered of
importance; nor am I ashamed to borrow in this
respect from the Enemy we have chiefly to
apprehend, since it is, in my opinion, much
more disgraceful to us to reflect that we have
no such works of our own to boast of. Considering,
therefore, that in a Fort of such real importance
as this, the more durable the Materials, and
the more perfect the Manner of executing any
building proposed, the more consistent with
the consequence of the place, and the more
economical in the end; both my plans and
Estimates are conformable thereto. I suppose
the whole front of every work to be faced with
the best hammered Masonary of Stones in
size

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sizes from 1½ square at the ends, to 1 foot, as they happen to run, and from 3 to four feet long; to be set lengthways in the Wall, in good Chunam, and in regular courses; the wall to be backed with rough Masonry of such Stones as happen to be quarried, bedded in Chunam, to the proper thickness according to the profile & necessary. The foundations in all cases to be laid in rough Masonry in Chunam. From this we may hope for a permanent Building, and such as may not in ages require repair; and in this light the present proposed mode is absolutely the cheapest, and which I beg leave to recommend in preference to any other - It may be proper here to remark & that the difference of saving between this mode of building, and the meanest that it could be done in, would not amount to more than 650 Pagodas for both these Works; when neither appearance, nor security, could be established thereby, and when the necessity of future Repairs would induce a subsequent & expence to ten times the Amount of the original saving. -

The Tanks, or Reservoirs, for water, being absolutely essential to the existence

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of a Garison and Requiring immediate attention,
having all been in a ruinous state; both Major
Read, and myself, thought it best to begin upon
them without delay, least the Water of the S
approaching Monsoon should be lost, or prevent
the prosecution of the Work for a considerable S
time. Trusting, on this account, to your future
approbation, and depending on the necessity of
the Measure for its justification, the repairs
are now carrying on as expeditiously as our
resources will allow. The great Tank G No 1.
was found nearly dry from two causes; the S
Water-courses which conducted the Water along
the faces of the Rocks above had failed, and the
retaining Wall at the South end, had fallen to
decay - a part of this Repair was begun by S
Major Reads order before my Arrival, the S
Expence whereof is included in my Estimate,
and the Work now continued - Conceiving it
a good opportunity of clearing it of mud which
had deposited to a considerable depth, I have S
cleared out the whole of it, adding upwards of
7 feet

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7 feet deep to its former capacity. The Tank I has lately been repaired, but in such a manner as to defeat the object. The Brick work being very bad, not inserted into the rock on which it stood, and altogether deficient in solidity. I am now therefore building a New Wall, and by throwing it something farther back as in No 9 Fig: 5th and founding it on the best part of the Rock, a Considerable addition is made to its contents, with very Little to the expence of following the Old plan. The upper and lower, Tank at K No 1. requiring to rebuild the Walls from the foundation, as from the roots of Trees having insinuated themselves into the old Walls they were perfectly gone to decay; these repairs are also going on by Major Reads order The upper Tank of all at L, being precisely in the same state, and requiring also to be entirely rebuilt is now carrying on in the same manner. a Plan of these Tanks No 9. is forwarded herewith, and the Estimates calculated accordingly. —

By the proposed reform of this Fort, the existing Magazines at B. B are entirely excluded, it thereby becomes immediately necessary to

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to provide one within the Fort. For this Sig.r Eng.r in Plan N.o 8. is designed, and the proposed situation pointed out by W. N.o 1. It is calculated to contain from 900 to 1000 Barrels, the quantity considered necessary to be stored here. Three Expence Magazines are also necessary to answer the different Batteries, two of these are provided for in the Works adjoining the new Gateway, and at the S.W. Angle. The Third to answer the summit, as soon as I have leisure to lay down the work there, I shall take care to form an Plan and Estimate for. The Estimate for the proposed Magazine accompanies the present Dispatch.—

Concerning Granaries, and Store Houses the present buildings for these purposes are very inadequate to the quantity of provisions, and Stores ordered to be laid up here.— The only Granary now in the Fort N.o 1. contains no more than 36 Gares; the complement of this to 92 Gare the quantity dictated by Major Read, or 56 Gare the accompanying plan of a Granary Fig: 2. N.o 8 is calculated to contain. With regard to this particular plan,

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plan, the great difficulty of providing seasoned
Timber renders the entire use of Brick requisite
in the roof; and in the dimensions of the Walls,
it is to be considered that they have not only
the weight of the arch to sustain, but the pressure
of the Grain to counteract. The present Thickness
therefore will be found only what is necessary to
ensure safety and permanency to the building under
the above considerations. The Plan for a Store House
for wet and dry Stores, at Fig: 3d: Plan 8 is formed
upon a different principle, from an idea that
however necessary those Articles may be, they
are of inferior consideration to that of Grain, &
and that from the nature of their stowage, about
half of room must necessarily be sacrificed in
a building of the same nature as that proposed
for Grain, which may be perfectly filled so as to
occupy the whole solid contents of the Building,
and on that account, the difference of Expence
would more than counterbalance the difference
of security; for the building here proposed, and
executed according to my intention will not &
require any more repair in 20 Years, than &
having the Tyles once shifted. The Verandah

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round it, the small, is conceived proper to guard the
Doors and Windows from the effects of blowing &
rain, and at all times to favor the issue of the
different Articles in bad weather. - The present
Military Store Room is thought of sufficient &
capacity, but is already, tho' very lately erected,
in want of further Repair, from being built of
brick in mud, and terraced over Joists of Young
Cocoanut Trees - a mode of building that should
be absolutely reputed, as involving an indefinite
expence under a mask of economy - This Storehouse
requires to be New roofed, arches over the Doors
and Windows, and a floor of Masonary - besides
shelves, a Wooden Floor, and a rack for 100 Stand
of Arms. - These Repairs are included in the &
accompanying Estimates -

The total want of accommodations of
every sort either for Officers, or Men, renders some
attention to this subject necessary. - There is &
not even a Guard Room at present for the Troops
on duty, the Store Room being now devoted to
that purpose, and the Stores on the Hill &
consequently very inaccurately lodged. - To provide &
for

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for these deficiencies I propose to build one
Guard Room at the new Gateway of 28 feet by 16,
and another at S.W. Angle of 20 by 16, — A Barrack
of Brick in Chunam with a substantial &
Palmira roof double tyled, for the European
Artillery, whom Major Read recommends
keeping constantly on the Hill, of 28 by 16 and
also a permanent Shed of the same Materials
as the Barrack, of 100 feet long, of which a
Plan and Section Fig 4 Plan 8 is herewith sent.
This Shed will be always extremely useful; part
of it may be employed for the accommodation of
the Guard upon the Hill, and the rest applied to
the reception of Gun Carriages, Tumbrils, and to
shelter them from the effects of the weather; &
and in time of War, when it may be necessary for
the Garrison to occupy the Hill, it is easily &
converted into a Barrack for the Sepoys. &
In this Shed, may be stored Materials, to erect
temporary Quarters for Officers when occasion &
requires it; which as it can only happen in time
of actual danger, I don't conceive it worth further

expence

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expence to provide for. Materials also for a temporary
Hospital may in like manner be laid up here. Besides
these Centry Boxes are conceived necessary at the different
posts, on account of the heat being so strongly &
reverberated from the Rocks in the Day, and the
cold of the Nights. For all those circumstances
Estimates are herewith forwarded.

Now, with regard to the prices set forth
in the different Estimates; in order to explain the
grounds upon which they are formed, and to shew that
every thing has been considered with a view to the
strictest economy, I herewith transmit Estimates
of all the different Kinds of Workmanship, constructed
upon the best information I could obtain of the
prices of labor and Materials, and calculated
with the most minute attention to the resources
of this place in both. I have a sanguine hope that
the mode in which I propose to execute the
accompanying plans, will meet the approbation
of your Board. They are all formed upon a
supposition of the Work being executed in the best
manner, and of the most durable materials, which

I confess

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I confess is the only work on which I should ever wish to be engaged; as being that only from which the Company can derive any lasting advantage, or the Person employed, any Credit from the construction.—

From a confidence in the justness of the prices set forth in these Estimates, and the necessity of the Works proposed; I have by the desire of Major Read, laid in a considerable quantity of Materials, and collected Artificers from the Coast, and other distant places, in order to lose no time in the execution of these Works, as soon as the approbation of your Board, and the sanction of Government, shall authorize the commencement of the different objects proposed

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
&c. &c.
/Signed/ W. Caulfield Lennon
Captain Engineers

Rykottah
October 24th - 1796

A True Copy
/Signed/ Fred: Pierce
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Major

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Major General Clarke

President and Member of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acquaint you,
that on my Arrival in the Baramahal some days
ago, I found every thing respecting the Engineers
Department in great confusion.—no returns, or
reports, having been made since the death of
Captain Cudmore. The establishment of Artificers
necessary in these Districts having been entirely
at the time the works were carried on by the
Contractor, are since included in the Paymaster's
Abstract, which is attended with the inconve-
nience of rendering indents necessary for their
Service when wanted, and placing them at
all times, except when actually employed, out
of the authority of the Engineer—besides from
the Number of places at which it may be
necessary to carry on works, and the distance

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of those Places from each other, I conceive the number of Artificers at present allowed insufficient.—

Therefore as it is essential to the regularity of duty, and the good of the service that the whole establishment should be under one head, and also, in order to enable one to execute all works ordered in the Barramahal and Salem Districts, in the most expeditious, and effectual manner, I herewith enclose a List of the Establishment which I conceive necessary thereto; likewise a List of what is at present allowed, but some of them included in the Paymasters Abstract, to shew that the addition is too trifling, I hope, to be objected to; which I request you will approve of, and will obtain the sanction of Government for the same.—

The Office Tents hitherto allowed, being carried in the old way, I apprehend it can

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can be of no disadvantage to the service that instead thereof, I may be permitted to draw additional Tent allowance according to the new arrangement on that account, being provided with Camels, at a considerable expence for the purpose of moving from place to place with greatest dispatch. For the same reason it may be proper for Captain Blair, and Lieutenant Fothergham, to draw Tent allowance, instead of having Carriage found by the Company as at present.—

By this means every excuse on the score of delay in moving from one place to another will be avoided, and order and regularity & established in the Department of Engineer in & these Districts.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) W.m Caulfield Lennon
Capt.n Engineers.—

Ryccotta
October 8th 1796

True Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secretary Military Board

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Proposed Establishment

1 Draftsman
1 Writer or Head Conicopoly
2 Assistant Conicopolies
2 Peons
3 Puckallies
2 Maistry Stone Cutters
3 Do Bricklayers
3 Do Carpenters
2 Do Smiths

1 Tindal 12 Lascars Captain Lennon
4 Lascars for measuring Captain Blair
3 Do Do Lieut Fotheringham

Addition of the proposed Establishment
2 Maistry Stone Cutters.
1 Do Bricklayer.
1 Do Carpenter.

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Old Establishment allowed

1 Draftsman
1 Writer or head Conicoply
2 Assistants — do.
2 Peons —
3 Puckallies
2 Maistry Bricklayers
2 — do. Carpenters
2 — do. Smiths
} Included in the Paymaster's Abstract

1 Tindal 12 Lascars
4 Lascars Captain Blair
3 Lieutenant Tothersingham

(Signed) Wm. Caulfield Linnon
Captn. Engineers —

8th 1796

True Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy Military Board —

Resolved

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Resolution upon the foregoing letter from the Military Board.—

Resolved, that the recommendations of the Military Board, respecting Ryacottah be carried into immediate execution.—

Read the following letter from the Resident at Tanjore.—

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council,

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have now the honor to forward my reply to his Excellency's letter the 4th Translation of which was sent me in your Lordships letter of the 1st Instant.—

From the Resident at Tanjore, various matters of complaint alledged against him in the Rajah's letter of the 16th October.—

With regard to what his Excellency asserts, so much at length respecting the 4 Securities for repayment to the Company of advances for Repairs and Cultivation I simply executed the Government Orders by informing him that when that security was given the Lands would be restored.— The Terms were concluded and the Agreement executed 4 precisely in the Manner proposed by the 4 Rajah

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Rajah and Ala Bawa. Invented every thing he wished, such as the Article respecting Proof by the Inhabitants &c. The only point I had in View was to be strictly careful that the Amount Revenue would completely secure the Company from Loss — The payment of the Sebendy &c. of the Putteecums from other districts, which the Rajah unjustly complains of as a hardship arose from it himself; for, on examining the proposed Agreement, and putting several Questions to the Rajah and Ala Bawa, I found the Sums invented were the Gross Revenue and consequently, that a Deduction of the Charges Collection, would Reduce them to an Amount insufficient to be accepted as a Security — Upon this I proposed that some addition should be made from the Amount of other Putteecums of Mayaveram, or in any other mode most agreeable to the Rajah; it was upon the above proposition that Ala Bawa and his

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Excellency declared that the Expences should be defrayed from seperate Funds. The Rajah calls the Transaction a Mortgage of the Pullucums; lest this should convey an idea that the Company are the governing Power in them (as the present Mortgagees are in the rest of the Tanjore Country) it is necessary for me to state the Truth which is that there is one Man only employed and he receives and sends to me such Sums as the Rajahs Managers choose to pay him — as to his Excellency's assertion that I demanded Soucar Security for 20,000 Pagodas I must contradict it I proposed the 10,000 St. Pas. only which he Agreed to, payable in one Month. —

The Rajahs assertions relative to the want of Cultivation, and the mode of making out the Bonds or Chits for the advances, are fully confuted by the Rajah himself and Old Bava his Carbar; for after a full examination of the Accounts and in the Presence of such Inhabitants as his Excellency chose to call, Mr. Grant Mr. Balmain and myself being then at the Durbar for the very purpose of

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of authenticating what the Rajah required, a
formal and solemn Declaration was made by H
his Excellency and Ala Bava of their being H
perfectly satisfied with every part of their H H
Accounts and proceedings relative to them.
This was not a general but particular and detailed
Declaration after every point had undergone a
strict scrutiny by Bava - all the Inhabitants
(Puttaudars) were present in the Palace and H
ready to appear at a Moments warning the H
Examination of Accounts was deliberately made,
several Weeks elapsed from the restoration of
the Soubahs during this Term Messrs. Grant,
Balmain and I were repeatedly with the H
Rajah and Bava for the express purpose of a
Settlement of the Accounts - every thing that
passed was fully canvassed both in the Maratta
and Malabar Languages; Mr. Grant speaking
the latter, perfectly. It was repeatedly urged
that any objections they might have should be
brought forward, in short, the Declaration of
his Excellency and his Carbar were made in the
fullest and most formal Manner after a full

and

and deliberate investigation of each particular.

With regard to the Restoration and his Excellency's observations and assertions thereon, I beg leave to refer your Lordship to my address of the 13th September last - how the whole of the Taiwady Soubah could have been given over in a Moment without manifest Injury to the Company's Interest and the utter Derilicton of my Duty as a Company's Servant I cannot Conceive - exclusive of which the Fact is that what I did was with his Excellency's express Consent -

In consequence also of my Declaration that the Country was restored and the Rajah's Authority in full force all the Pullcedars went to the Palace and presented their Nuzzers on the 2d September and these made part of the great Number of People which his Excellency says "had assembled at the Sudder - It seems rather inconsistent that He should (as He asserts) assign a different Cause for the Meeting when he actually did fire the Salute of 140 Guns which indicated the Restoration of his Country - The

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only Message I sent to him was that I would immediately furnish him with the letter to Mssrs. Grant and Balmain, which I did as stated in my letter of the 13th September — I knew not why his Excellency should use the Term Summon: his People took charge of the Country without any Summon being given or required. —

With respect to the latter part of the Rajahs letter accusing me of Disobeying your Lordships Orders by withholding from him the Karical Maganams, my Reply is contained in my Address on that Subject of the 7th Instant. —

It is my Duty to inform your Lordship that the Rajah has lately alienated part of his Revenue by giving to the younger Widow of the late Rajah in addition to what She before held the Customs of the Port of Adriapatam 4000 Chuckrums annual Value — This is one of the Grants in Contradiction to the advice of the Honorable Court of Directors in their Letter to the Rajah written on the Occasion of reducing his Subsidy from 6 Lacs to 3½ Lacs of Pagodas

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

(Signed) Alexr. Macleod Resr.

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Minutes on the foregoing letter from the Resident at Tanjore —

Resolved that Mr. Macleod be informed that the Board consider the explanations he has offered on the different points contained in the Rajahs Letter to the President dated the 16th Ult.o as perfectly satisfactory — and that his Excellency has no fair ground of complaint whatsoever, either with regard to the Security taken from them — or to the mode and Manner in which the Country was restored to his Authority. —

Resolved that Mr. Macleod be again Reminded, that, it is his indispensable duty to reply without loss of time to the letter written to him under date the 26th of June and the 9th of September, enclosing Copies of Representations from the Rajah for his Observations upon them as well as to the Letter Dated the 23d of August on the Subject of information Required by the Supreme Government. —

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer —

Major

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Major General Clarke

Commander in Chief

on the Coast

Sir

I have the honor to represent to you that there is Seven Vacancies for Practitioner Engineers in my Corps, and as Mr. Gregory & Bradley a Cadet of this Season appears to me from his Education, qualified to fill one of the Vacancies, I request that you will be pleased to recommend them for that purpose as we are much in want of Officers.—

As a further Recommendation in favor of Mr. Bradley I beg leave to mention that he has been taught Mathematics and Fortification under Mr. Landman Professor of those Branches at Woolwich.—

I have the honorable

&c. &c.

Signed Wm. Kent Lieut Col—

& Chief Engineer

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Resolved

From the Chief Engineer
proposing that Ensign Bradley
be attached to the Corps of
Engineers.—

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Ensign Gregory Bradley & removed to the Corps of Engineers

Resolved, at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, that Ensign & Gregory Bradley be removed to the Corps of Engineers.—

Read the following letter from His Highness the Nabob (entered also in C.C. No. 166)

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

Dated 22nd November 1796

Received do — do —

From the Nabob forwarding Letters addressed to him by His Highness the Nizam and Meer Aulum Bahadur in which his Influence is & solicited to procure the Enlargement of Mortoo Shum Jung, now in Confinement by the Sentence of a Criminal Court.—

I have lately received Letters from the Nawab Nizam ul dowlah Bahader and Meer & Aulum, accompanying a Letter addressed to your Lordship respecting the liberation of Mohtashim Jung, the Son of the late Fazil Beg Khan — Copies of these Letters, with that to your & Lordship, are sent here with — Fazil Beg Khan was in habits of friendship with the Company, and the cause of the Imprisonment of his & Son is Known to your Lordship.—

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In consideration of the recommendation
of so great a Prince, who is also in alliance with &
the Company, I hope your Lordship will be &
pleased to set the Khanadon at liberty: your
Lordship's Answer to the Letter sent to your=
self, you will be pleased to transmit to me,
informing me of the Contents, that I may write &
accordingly in reply to the Nawab Nizam ud Dowlah

What need I write more

Enclosures.-

Translation Copy of a Letter
From the Nabob Nizam ud Dowlah Bahauder

Mahtesshim Jung Bahadar, a person
born and educate under the favorable auspices &
of this Sirkar, having from youth and Inexperience
abandoned its patronage, became in consequence
involved in misfortune.-

I have been lately informed that
he proceeded to Madras, where, in consequence
of some misdemeanour of which he had been &
guilty, he was put into Confinement by the
English:-

Now as the Claims of this man's &
Father

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Father on this Sirkar, and on the Company, are established; you will promote your own advance=ment and conciliate our favour, by accomplishing the Release of this prisoner from the English, and by sending him hether.—

What more need be written.—

Translation Copy of a Letter

From Meer Aalum

Mohteshim Jung Bahadur having, by reason of Inexperience, been guilty of the same Crime at Madras, was imprisoned there by the Honorable English Company.—

An Enayet Namah has been & addressed to you on this Subject from Court, and I am to request the favor that you will use every Exertion to procure the Enlargement of the prisoner agreeably to the Contents of the Enayet Namah.—

May the days of your favor and & Friendship be prolonged.—

True Translations

(signed) A Falconer

Pr. Tr. to Government.—

Resolved

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Minutes thereon -

Resolved that the consideration of the foregoing subject be postponed until it shall come regularly before Government through the Channel of the Company's Resident at Hydrabad -

Resolved that a copy of the Nabob's letter be sent to Major Kirkpatrick - and that he be informed that the Board conclude that the Nizam's Ministers were not aware of the informality of making any Request to this Government through the Medium of the Nabob - that he be desired to represent to the Nizam that the President in Council must be always disposed to meet his wishes, when it can be done consistently with his Public duty - and that his Lordship will reply to his Highness's letter, so soon as the subject to which it relates is brought properly before him. +

Resolved, in case circumstances should render any deviation in the above communication expedient, that Major Kirkpatrick be desired to use his own discretion respecting it. +

The President lays before the Board the following letter to his Lordship from Shewerow, the Tanjore

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Tanjore Sirkeel, with one from the Rajah &
(Vide C. C. Nos. 167 and 168)

Translation of a letter from Shevarow, Serkhale of Tanjore To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor &c. &c. &c. dated 21st November 1796

Letter from Shevarow Serkeel &c. the Rajah of Tanjore - praying that Government will not insist on his quitting Madras at so early a period as that at present fixed for his Departure

Having set out from Tanjore on the 5th Instant I arrived here on the night of the 18th Instant Having been overtaken on the road by the Monsoon I have suffered much distress from the Wet. owing to the illness under which I have laboured for two years, and the inclement fatigue, which I sustained from the weather during my Journey, I was prevented from waiting on your Excellency on my first arrival Therefore sent Seevan Row on the Morning of the 19th Instant with my respects to acquaint your Excellency with the situation of my health, and to represent my intention of waiting on your Excellency, as soon as I should be a little restored. - Seevan Row accordingly made this representation to your Excellency through the means of the interpreter Appoo Moodely,

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who being asked on his return by Jeevan Row
for your Excellency's Answer replied that you
had not favored me with any Inexpectation
of your Excellency's Answer at leisure Jeevan Row
waited four hours; but as your Excellency did
not favor me, he took leave of the durbash &
and came away— Having sent Jeevan Row
into your Excellency's presence, I remained in
expectation of the answer with which you &
might favor me, but before the Return of
Jeevan Row an hircarah from your Excellency
Arrived and delivered the following Message—
that your Lordship was acquainted with my
Arrival; that your Lordship was therefore &
pleased to order that I should remain here
four Days, that I should then without but &
that I must not prolong my stay beyond that
number of days— The hircarah then went
away— Upon hearing this report I was &
struck with a concern, which I am unable
to describe— As I had been a long time unwell,
and as Madras is the place of my birth, represented
my situation to my master and asked his &
permission

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permission to go thither with a view to the restoration of my health. — In consequence of this my master addressed a letter to your Excellency on the 4th. June last. Your Excellency having taken it into consideration was not pleased to send a favorable answer in compassion to the situation of a sick man; I therefore continued to suffer under the progress of my illness at Tanjour. —

Upon the present occasion, my brother Triumbuck Sumbagee, who has been afflicted with illness for four Months & having in vain attended to the prescriptions of the faculty untill his disorder began to wear a serious appearance felt very strong desire to see me. This desire he made known to your Excellency; and your Lordship being satisfied of the severity of his illness was pleased to grant me permission to come hither, and farther to favor me so far as to write a letter to the President that there might be no impedement to my departure. This I considered a particular mark of your favor; and I arrived in Madras with the expectation of seeing my brother & the

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the Vakeel Triumbuck Sumbagee, of seeing his disorder removed by the Assistance of his Physicians, of remaining myself a few days in Madras for the benefit of Medical advice, and of then returning to Tanjore – Under these circumstances, before I had visited your Excellency you have without compassion sent me the cruel Answer directing that I should not remain here four days, but that I should not prolong my stay beyond that Period. To this what Reply can I make? – I shall state to your Excellency that my eldest brother is yet labouring under a very severe illness, and that it is doubtfull whether he will recover or die. – With this doubt upon the minds of all, how can I so far disregard the bonds of paternal affection or if common humanity as to abandon my eldest brother in this extremity? I too have myself lingered under illness for two Years, during which my disorder has two or three times almost prevailed my Physicians have from time to time advised me to return to my native climate and to remain there some time for the removal of my disorder. I have at

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now in consequence of your Lordships permission
arrived here: after having suffered so much distress, after having at length reached the place of my desire, it is impossible for me with any regard to my existence to comply with your Excellency's directions to return in four days without any stay or any benefit from the climate I entreat therefore that your Excellency will recall the cruelty of your Orders, and that you will shew me favor. As soon as my brother may recover, and myself may have benefited by Medical Assistance I will immediately depart.—

Whatever may be the period of my stay at this place, I shall endeavour that your Excellency's favor towards me may daily encrease; but my conduct shall never be such as to estrange your Kindness for me: I therefore entreat in the most earnest manner that you will be pleased to shew me favor and compassion. As your Excellency is well informed of all things, it is unnecessary for me to detain you with expressions of Civility.—

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When my master gave me permission
to come hither, he charged me with a letter for
your Excellency - which I now forward to your
presence. Be pleased to take into consideration. -

A true Translation

/Signed/ J. Webbe Mr. Jrs

Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore
To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c. &c. &c. dated 6th November 1796

From the Rajah of Tanjore - requesting that his Vakeel Shawrow may be treated with Civility during his stay at Madras. -

My Vakeel Triumbuck Dumbagee
who is attendant upon your Lordship at
Madras, has been seized with an illness of
a very serious nature. Upon hearing this news
my servitude Shawrow, who is a Younger brother
of my Vakeel Triumbuck Dumbagee, expressed
his desire of attending his elder brother, &
and asked my permission to depart. I have
in consequence given him leave and sent him
& after his arrival at Madras Shawrow &
will wait upon your Excellency; and remain &

there

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there until his brother may recover — Shevarow himself too is unwell; and for this reason I addressed a letter to your Excellency on the 18th June. He may now consult the faculty and re-establish his health. Before his departure he will wait upon your Excellency for leave: and I request in the most particular manner that your Excellency will do me the favor of receiving his visit, and give him permission to return when he may wait upon your Excellency for that purpose. I entreat that you will grant me the favor which I have now solicited. — Believe me always your sincere friend. To a friend why should I write more?

A true Translation

Signed J. Webbe Mr. Tr.

The President proposes that the following Communication be made to Shevarow. —

That

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[illegible] part of a Verbal answer [illegible] made to Shevarow on [illegible] foregoing subject.—

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That the insult offered by him to the orders of this Government in the Month of December 1795, and for which he merited the most exemplary punishment, connected with the very ill opinion entertained of his Character, would have prevented the President from allowing him on any Account to visit Madras, hat it not been for the representation made to her Lordship, that his (Shevarow's) Brother was actually on the point of Death, and desirous of seeing him previous to his dissolution

That his Lordship now observes that an attempt is made for Shevarow's Continuance at the Presidency, which he positively will not permit and therefore signifies his orders that Shevarow shall depart on Monday next to any part of the Coast, should his Health render it necessary but not to reside nearer to Madras than Pondicherry.—

Approved and ordered Accordingly

The Board now proceed to pass the necessary orders and Resolutions on the letter from the

Orders and resolutions passed on the letter from the Honorable Court of Directors in the Political Department dated 6th April 1796

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the Honorable Court of Directors dated the 6th of April, and received on the 11th Instant by the Company's Ship Alfred.—

General Letter Political Department 6th April 1796

Para 1st Date of last advices &c.—

2 No reply

3 @ 7 Ramnad—the Rajah's Deposition approved, Observations upon the Agreement with the Nabob relative to that Country.—

Requires no remark.

Lord Hobart is concerned to observe that any part of the Agreement between the late Nabob and himself respecting the Ramnad Country should have met with the disapprobation of the Court of Directors; but he trusts that a reference to the records of this Government, as they stood, at the time of entering into that Agreement, will furnish sufficient ground for his justification.—

The Governor General in Council had repeatedly stated his sentiments with regard to the Rights of Sovereignty reserved to the Nabob, under the Treaty of 1792, and as our President's conduct was referable to, and controlable by the

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by the Supreme Government, it was his
duty to govern it in conformity with their
opinion. Under that impression he considered
the acquiescence of the Nabob indispensably
necessary to the Arrangement. —
The Conduct of the late polygar
would justly have warranted an absolute
forfeiture of his Country; and, in ^
establishing a successor to him it appeared
to Lord Hobart that this Government had a
right to dictate the terms, and that ^
diminution of his income under such ^
circumstances, might be insisted upon ^
without stretching upon that Article of
the treaty which precludes it, except by virtue
of any lawfull existing engagements. —

In the pursuit of such an
important object, as the Relief of the ^
unfortunate Inhabitants of the Vamma
Country by the introduction of the Company's
Government, connected with the advancement
of their own Commercial interests, a pecuniary
inducement held out to the Nabob did not
appear of much moment; more especially,
when it was evident that his consent was
otherwise unattainable, and when he was only
to have received the Surplus Revenue, after the
Company's Heists should be discharged, the ^
Military

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Military expence of the district defrayed, and
an ample income secured for the Polygar &
Sumpoo, who was not, as heretofore, to be
liable to the vexations, and expensive demands
of the Natives for Polygar Peons, and other Charges —

Under a full consideration of the
Ramnad Agreement and the orders from home
which give no direction respecting the appropriation
of the Ramnad surplus Revenue The President proposes
that it should be carried to the head of "Deposit of
Ramnad surplus" —

The 11th Article of the Agreement which
provides "that no grant of Land shall be made to any
"Foreign Nation, without the Consent of his Highness
"the Nabob" certainly was invented at the particular
desire of the Nabob, but Lord Hobart was not aware
that his Highness was thereby attempting to insinuate
any right. He rather thought that the introduction
of the Clause, at the particular desire of the Nabob,
was an indirect admission on his part, that
without it the Company would be at liberty to make
a grant of that nature, and as both parties could
not possess the right of alienating land, Lord Hobart
rather think that his Highness precluded himself
from bringing forward any ancient pretensions he might have
assumed to the exercise of such a power than that he created any
new pretensions by the Measure in question. —

Resolved, that the surplus Revenue of
the Ramnad District be carried to the Head of "Deposit of
Ramnad surplus" until the pleasure of the Court of
Directors be known. —

There no Guns or Military Stores were
found on board the Cartel the Board did not deem the
subject of sufficient importance to make any
particular Report of it to the Honorable Court. —

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I Recive have not been
given to either any
Guns or Military
Stores were actually
received on board
the Cartel. —

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9. Palamcotah Cinnamon.—

Requires no Remark.—

10 & 11 Private Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore Principal and Interest due to them to be paid in England. of which public notification is to be made.—

Ordered that communication be made in the News-papers of the Honorable the Court's intention to discharge the Bonds, granted by this Government on Account of the Tanjore Debt, with the Interest arising thereon, in England.—

12. No Reply
13. Arrears due by the Nabob to Sir Paul Joddrall—and the Application to be made to his Highness on the Subject.—

Ordered that a Letter be written to his Highness the Nabob, urging the immediate liquidation of the Arrears due to Sir Paul Joddrall.—

14. No Reply
15 Nabobs Pension to Lady Campbell

Ordered that a communication of the Contents of this Paragraph be made to his Highness the Nabob.—

16. No Reply
17. Political State of affairs in India The earliest communication of Tippoo's Motions at all times to be made to the Supreme Government
18 Succession to the Rajahship of Calastry

The orders contained in this paragraph have been invariably attended to.

The President in Council has so fully conveyed his sentiments on former occasions relative to the Nuzzer paid the Nabob by the Rajah of Calastry, that he has upon the present occasion to express the cordial satisfaction he has received from the communication of the Court's Orders—and to declare his opinion, that a Lack of Rupees considerably exceeds the Amount in their contemplation, which they have described under the words "by the payment of a very trifling Nuzzer."—

19 Maps and Plans sent from India submitted to Major Rennels.—
20. Substitute to Pinnaces of War—the subject to be taken up hereafter

No Remark

21 No Reply
22 The Court fully sensible of the Merits and Services of Admiral Rainier
23 Reimbursement to Bencoolen approved

Ditto

24 No Reply
25. The order for supplying Major Dowlen with Shot Shells and Shells to be presented to Tippoo's proper approved

No observation

26 & 30 no Reply.—

Ditto

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31. Measures taken for the good Order and Obedience of the Polygars approved. — } Requires no remark

32 Remission of the balance due from two of the Southern Polygars approved. — } Ditto — Ditto

33. Tanjore Private Debts — "

34. Recent Treaty between the Courts of Poona and Hydrabad — No discussion on the subject at present

" Hobart

" Alured Clarke

" Edw Saunders

" E Fallofield

Fullerton Ed.