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Diary

23d

Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 116-117-118-119 —

To the Secretary at Bengal —

To Mr Secretary Barlow advising of the Boards intention to send the Men of the 25th Dragoons to Bengal, and requesting in the event of the arrival there, of the Thomas Transport that the Detachment of the 25th Dragoons on board that Ship, may be sent to Fort St. George —

To the Military Auditor General —

To Major General Sydenham — desiring him to state his Opinion on the propriety of relieving Capt. Lieut. Burke from the stoppages demanded of him on account of contingent Charges appearing on his Authority on the Disbursements of Mr Samuel Young late Paymaster of Cuddalore &c —

To Ditto

To Ditto — authorizing an additional Issue of Cash on account of his Majesty's 19th Regt of Foot provided it be not attended with eventual Inconvenience to the Paymaster on Ceylon —

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr Roebuck — informing him that the Board cannot authorize any further

advance

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23d advance of Cash to the 25th Dragoons and that Ensign Mitchell cannot be allowed Passage Money unless his Sick Certificate be drawn out agreeably to the Forms prescribed by the Regulations of the Service =

25th Received the following Letters =

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From the Chief Engineer inclosing Capt.n Lieut.t Moods report of the State of the Granary lately built under his Superintendance at Arcot =

In Obedience to Your Lordships Commands under date the 2nd. instant I have the Honor to transmit to your Lordship a Copy of Captain Lieutenant Moods report on the State of the new Granary at Arcot =

It appears to me that the fissures in the Arch of the new Granary is occasioned by the Settling of the Building, in consequence of the late violent rains, and owing to the falseness of the Ground, and although the original plan has been deviated from by reducing the Walls Six Inches, yet as the Building was afterwards strengthened by

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24th by the addition of Buttresses, I hope it will still be found efficient, for the purposes it was intended for —

I have the honor to be very respectfully.

&c. &c.

(Signed) W. Gent Lieut. Col.
and Chief Engineer

Fort St. George
24th Novr. 1796.

Colonel Gent
Chief Engineer

Sir.

I have been favored with your Letter of the 7th Instant, enclosing the Copy of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson, addressed to you by order of the right Honble the President in Council, on the Subject of the New Granary at this Station, by which I am concerned to find, that a very erroneous report has obtained, respecting the real state of that Building, tending exceedingly to my prejudice, as it implies either great neglect of duty or an undue connivance on my part, at improper work; — neither of which I trust, will on an impartial —

survey

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24th survey appear to have been the Case. The Arch of the Roof has not by any means opened so as to admit the water, nor at all in the manner represented by the author of the report, who, I have every reason to believe never examined the Building. It is true indeed, that there are some very small fissures near the vertex of the Arch within, and there are several Cracks in the outer coat of Plaster, which occasioned a dampness in some parts of the Roof more hurtful in appearance than in reality, but this is now effectually remedied. None of these Cracks appeared, at least not in any perceptable degree, till after the incessant heavy falls of rain in the months of June, July and August last, upwards of ten Months after the Building was reported finished, when it certainly was in sound and perfect condition, and wholly free from flaws or Cracks of any kind. I can only attribute these Cracks which have recently happened, to the sinking of the Building, owing to the extreme badness of the Ground whereon it stands - which is of a very rotten

Spungy

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21st spungy quality, and is very sensibly effected by every heavy fall of Rain. – Indeed throughout the whole Fort the soil is nearly of the same kind, and in the rainy season, water may always be found at a very small depth from the surface. – Of this Circumstance however I was not sufficiently aware at the commencement of the work as the foundation of the Granary was laid in dry weather and after a very mild Monsoon. – I have only further to add, that the Materials of this Building are of the best quality to be procured, and the workmanship as good as is usually to be met with – and that although I may have taken a more active part in directing the works carrying on here, with a view to expedite them, than was absolutely incumbent on me, yet I trust his Lordship will not on that account hold me culpable, or conclude that I have in any respect connived at improper practices –

/Signed/ T. Wood
Capt.n Engineer

Arnee
15th November 1796

A true Copy
/Signed/ W. G.
Regist

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24th

Right Honble

The Governor in Council

My Lord

From the Lieutenant Colonel at Trichinopoly with Statement of Expences incurred in occasional Repairs - the Sepoy Barracks mutiny under the orders of His Highness the Nabob still in a very unfinished State -

I beg leave to lay before Your Honble Estimate No. 1. for a place I took on soon to make secure, on the spur of the occasion, for the reception of the (late) Rajah of Ramnad, whom you were pleased to order him on confinement. I drew on the Paymaster for the Sum, and it has been objected to by the Auditor General for want of sufficient sanction. - I hope your Lordship will approve of what was done, and be pleased to give your Orders accordingly ...

Also the Estimate No. 2 for securing the Pillars and Cross Walls of the Stables at the Cavalry Cantonment, built in Brick and clay. - I took on me to order it to be done, as the Rains had began to affect them, and at the recommendation of the Senior Engineer, Lieut. Colonel Frazer - The Stables were thus built and with thatched Roofs, by directions and by Estimate received from Madras; But as there is reason to believe this method will not

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24th not answer, as the Rains drive against the Pillars, and the very moisture of the Air in the Monsoon season, penetrates the mud; and part of three of the Stables have actually come down in consequence — The Thatch, too requires frequent repair, and it appears to me œconomical. Without the Assistance given, as per Estimate, the mischief might have extended farther, and therefore I hope it will meet your Lordship's Approbation —

The Estimate marked No. 3d is for a Shed or Store Room, for the purpose of holding Planks, Sleepers and Yokes, which are mostly exposed to the Weather, with very great detriment to the Articles — I beg leave to observe that there is great want of Room at this Station for the valuable Stores kept here, and that I believe the Shed or Room have proposed to your Lordship to be extremely necessary — But it waits your Orders —

I beg leave to report to your Lordship, that the Sepoy Barrack which His Highness the Nabob undertook to build in this Fort is still unfinished — There is still wanting

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24th wanting about one third of the Flooring — 3 Serjeants Quarters — 1 Cook-Room — 1 Store Room 1 Necessary — Doors to the Barrack — and Window shutters to the top of the arches — In the present state there is no security against the Weather — But it must be observed that Doors and Shutters were not included in the Estimate sent from Madras. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Trichinopoly

21st November 1796.

(Signed) J. Floyd M. G.

Sent the following Letters

To Major Kirkpatrick

Resident at

Hydrabad

To the Resident at Hydrabad — pointing out the Impropriety of the Nizam making his application for the release of Mootoo-Cheen Jung thro' the Channel of His Highness the Nabob; mode to be adopted for the future Check of Contingent Charges made on the accounts of Colonel Roberts's Detachment. —

Sir

His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic having addressed a letter to the Right Honorable the President in Council (of which a copy is enclosed) accompanied by one to his Lordship from his Highness the Nizam

it

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24th it has been judged expedient to postpone the consideration of the subject referred to by the Nabob, until it should come regularly before Government through the channel of the Companys Resident at Hydrabad —

His Lordship concludes that the Nizams Ministers were not aware of the informality of making any request to this Government through the Medium of the Nabob — you will therefore be pleased to represent to the Nizam, that the President in Council must be always disposed to meet his Highness's wishes, when it can be done consistently with his public duty — and that he will reply to his Highness's letter, so soon as the subject to or which it relates is brought properly before him — should circumstances render any deviation in this communication expedient, you will of course use your own discretion —

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th Ultimo, and to acquaint you that the opinion of the Military Auditor General having been taken

upon

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24th upon the suggestions contained therein, relative to contingent charges — his Lordship entirely approves your recommendations and has directed Lieutenant Colonel Roberts to be guided by them — a Copy of the Military Auditor General's letter on the subject is enclosed for your information —

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

To Alexander Macleod Esqr
President at
Tanjore.

Sir.

To the President at Tanjore his Explanations of the Rajahs complaints contained in his Letter of the 16th Ult. satisfactory — replies still required to the Matters of Charge laid against him in his Lordships Letter of the 24th June and 9th. September —

We have received your letter of dated the 11th instant, and consider the explanations you have offered on the different points contained in the Rajahs letter to our President dated the 16th Ultimo, as perfectly satisfactory — and that his Excellency has no fair ground of complaint whatever, either with regard to the Security taken from him, or to the mode and Manner in which the Country was restored to his authority —

We

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We must again remind you that it is your indispensable duty to reply to without loss of time to the letters written to you under date the 24th. of June and the 9th. Septemr. enclosing Copies of representations from the Rajah for your observations upon them, as well as to our letter under date the 23d. August on the subject of information required by the Supreme Government —

We are
&c &c
(Signed) Hobart
&c Council

Fort St. George
23d. Novr. 1796.

To Edward Saunders Esqr.
President &c Members of the Board
of Revenue

Gentlemen

To the Board of Revenue
the Surplus Revenue of
the Ramnad District
to be carried to the Credit
Head of "Deposit of
Ramnad Surplus"

The Honorable Court of Directors having expressed their opinion, that on the deposition of the late Rajah of Ramnad, and the appointment of a Successor, the Company's exclusive right so to do, without any interference

on

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24th on the part of the Nabob, was fully established by the Treaty of 1792, and consequently that there was no occasion to enter into any formal agreement with his Highness, either for the relief of the Carnatic Government — or for increasing the Tribute, the latter of which has been declared by this Court, to be equally repugnant to the letter and Spirit of the aforesaid Treaty — We have resolved until their further pleasure be known, that the Surplus Revenue of the Carnatic Revenue shall be carried to the Head of "Deposit of Carnatic Surplus" — You will therefore give orders accordingly

We are

&c. &c.

Fort St George
24th Novemr 1796.

(Signed) Holland

&c. Council

25th

Received the undermentioned Letters noted in the M.B. Nos 120 - 121 - 122 - 123 - 124 - 125 -

From Military Auditor General -

From Major General Sydenham - enclosing an appeal from Lieut. Ford. Arrears due to him on account of House Rent, which being more than three Months overdue cannot be passed without the Sanction of Government —

From

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From Ditto. 25th From Do. Submitting the demand of Lieut.t Colonel Robertson Deputy Adjutant General to the Kings Troops for the Half Batta of Lieut.t Colonel, in lieu of the fixed Staff allowance attached to that Appointment by the orders of Government — his observations respecting the Balances of Cash paid by the several Clothing Contractors — and the account overdrawn for a gratuity by Lieut.t Colonel Campbell of the 74th Regiment —

From the Commandant in the Guntoor Circar

From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton advising of his having given orders for passing sundry Stores belonging to the Nizam, on Major Kirkpatricks Passport, presented by one of His Highness's Servants —

From Ditto. in the ceded Districts

From Lieut.t Colonel Read — enclosing Captain Lennon of Engineers Report on the Quarter built by Lieut.t Marriott at Nundial —

From Lieut.t Preston

From Lieut.t Preston — offering for Sale to the Company a Quarter built by him at Amboor —

From the Acting Principal Agents for Cavalry Supplies —

From Mr Sharden — desiring to know the Stations at which the annual Stores of Grain is to be laid up, and the Number of Horses to

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25th to be provided for with each Regiment —

Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 126 - 127 - 128 - 129 - 130 —

To the officer Commanding the Nizam's Detachments

To Lieut.t Colonel Roberts - acquainting him with the Forms to be observed in regard to the admission of contingent Charges in the Accounts of his Detachment —

To the Military Board —

To the Military Board - directing them to supply 520 Fanbooks complete on the Indent of Brigadier General Dunlop, placing the value to the Debit account of the Regiment —

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham - 160 Copies of the Tables of Pay and Allowances to be printed for Distribution amongst the different Paymasters - authorizing them to draw of Lord Clives Donation, on the Military Books and approving his Suggestions relative to Contingent Charges on account of Lieut.t Colonel Roberts's Detachment —

To the Adjutant General

To the Adjutant General - acquainting him in reply to Mr. Dan.l Dougalls Claim, that the Adjustment of Rank amongst the Cadets appointed

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25th appointed to their Military Establishment rests exclusively with the Court of Directors —

To the Secretary at Bengal —

To Mr. Secretary Barlow — enclosing Copy of Intelligence procured from the Mysore Country —

26th Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos 131-132-133-134-135-136 —

From the Commandant at Chandernaghurry

From Captain Mealy — advising of a part of the ordnance and Military Stores having been brought in from Sultaun Pettah — and that the Nabob has not yet sent orders for delivering over to him the Killedar's House, or tiled Shed —

From Ditto.

From Ditto — advising of his having received charge of the tiled shed which he has appropriated as a Barrack for the Sepoys of the Garrison —

From the Contractor for Clothing the Army

From Mr. Sutherland — requesting that no time may be lost in landing from the Company's Ship's now in the Roads the Cloth required to enable him to complete the Indents from the several Corps —

From the Officer Comm.g the Nizams Detachment

From Lieut.t Colonel Roberts — enclosing

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26th enclosing Copies of his Correspondence with Major Kirkpatrick relative to the Number of Officers who will be obliged to quit this Detachment on account of Major Mackay's Court Martial and the Discount allowed on issuing Sicca Rupees on Payment to this Detachment —

From the Commandant in the Guntoor Circar

From Lieut.t Colonel Leighton — enclosing Intelligence received from Gooty respecting the Distribution of Tippoo's Troops —

From the Sub Secy at Bengal —

From Mr. Sub Secretary Thornhill — enclosing an Embarkation return of Troops sent on the Peggy to Columbo and Certificates of the period up to which they have received their Pay and Allowances —

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in A. B. Nos 134-138-139-140-141-142 —

To the Presidents at Poona and Hyderabad —

To Sir Charles Warre Malet and Major Kirkpatrick forwarding Intelligence received from the Mysore Country —

To the Clerk of the Treasury and Military Auditor Gen.l —

To the Clerk of the Treasury and Military Auditor General respecting an advance of 1500 Pagodas to be made to Major General Doyle —

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To the Commander of the Ships — 26th — To Captain Strover — directing him to take charge of a Letter addressed to the Senior Officer of his Majesty's Ships at Trincomale —

To the Military Auditor General — To Major General Sydenham — with Documents respecting the pay drawn on account by the Troops embarked at Calcutta, on board the Piggy for Colombo —

To the Officer Commg at Ceylon — To Major General Stewart — approving the order issued by him directing Captain Graham to join his Corps —

To the Commander of the Bear — To Captain Patton — entrusting to his Care Letters addressed to Rear Admiral Rainier and Major General Stewart —

Received the following Letters —

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

From the Military Board recommendation signifying the Quantity of Bags Provisions arrack and Twist that should be laid in Store in the different Garrisons in the Carnatic, Southern, and Western Districts —

My Lord

Having given our fullest attention to the subject of Provisions for certain Forts in the Carnatic and Ceded Districts, referred to us for consideration in the letter from Government under date

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26th. date the 11th. Ultimo, in connection with a Report to our Board from Major Read on the same subject in regard to the Forts in the Baramahl. We now do ourselves the honor to report to your Lordship in Council our Opinion thereon as follows —

That as the Articles of Salt Stores proposed to be supplied are in general of a perishable Nature and many of them procurable to a sufficient extent at a short notice, We accordingly recommend that only the quantities stated in the accompanying Lists No. 1 and 2, be provided at each of the Garrisons specified therein, and not to be issued, but in a case of emergency.

It being found on enquiry that the Public Store at Madras cannot at present spare any Salt Provisions for the out Garrisons, and that the expence of supplying them with this Article, even in a limited degree, would be very great. - This consideration, added to the recollection that no such provision was made during either the last, or former War, from which it appeared no serious inconvenience was experienced, induce us not to think it necessary under all circumstances, to recommend at this time the sending Salt Provisions to the out Garrisons, especially

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26th especially as a considerable quantity of Curry Stuffs are now proposed to be taken in, and because it will hardly ever happen that any Garrison will be prevented from collecting some live Cattle for its consumption, however sudden the irruption of the Enemy may be into the Country —

The quantity of Arrack in the Statement No 1. is calculated for the present Garrisons of the several several Forts, which will probably be considerably reduced on terms of War, and it therefore thought an ample supply —

With respect to the quantity of Grain proposed for the Forts in the Ceded Districts, We perfectly concur in the Opinions expressed on that Subject by Major Read, and accordingly recommend them for adoption as follows —

Ryzeotah — That as a Detail equal to three Companies including Artillery Lascars, and Artificers, will be probably considered an adequate Garrison for Ryacottah, and eighty two (82) Garce of Paddy is a Years Stock for this number, it does not appear necessary to add to it, especially as there are eighty six (86) Garce now in Store —

Verabudradroog — Half a Company may be thought sufficient for the defence of Verabudradroog after the intended repairs are made, on which account the present Store of Grain is more than sufficient, but in case it should be considered expedient at any time to place a Company in that Fort, Seven (7) Garce more of Paddy will be necessary to complete a Years Stock, and which, in the event of Chinnarayadroog being evacuated can be taken from thence — the remaining five (5) Garce

at

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26th at the latter place being sent to Ryacotah –

Athoor – As Athoor is situated on a River, and less than four (4) Companies will perhaps not be deemed an adequate Garrison, it will be proper for this number, that are Hundred (100) Garce additional, instead of Sixty four (64) should be placed there as soon as Grain are ready for its reception –

Penagra – On this Place being evacuated, the thirty two (32) Garce, can be removed either to Darumpury, or distributed as follows – Nine (9) Garce for Tadeut. Nine (9) for Coteraguer – and fourteen (14) to Kistenaghurry, or Ryacotah –

We recommend that it be left to Major Read to carry the foregoing disposition of Grain into effect when he may find it convenient; and as he has suggested the propriety of laying up in Store at the principal Forts in the Baramahl a quantity of Raggy, as being a Grain easily obtained – less liable to Injury than any other from long keeping, and by no means disagreable to Native Troops. We are induced to propose to Government that he should be directed to lay in a Years Stock in the Forts of Ryacotah, Sankleydroog, and Kistenaghurry, calculated for their present Garrisons, exclusive of the established quantity of Paddy –

We have the honor to be
&c &c

Fort St. George
26th November 1796.

(Signed) Alured Clarke
" William Sydenham
" B.T. Close
"
" George Hall.

A Statement

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26.

A Statement of the Quantity of Arrack recommended to be laid up, for Issue of the Europeans attached to each of the undermentioned Garrisons

	No. of Europeans	Arrack Gallons	Qr.	For what Period Months
At Vellore	392	1788	20	3
" Ambour	6	27	15	3
" Arnee	11	50	7½	3
" Chingleput	218	331	21¾	1
" Tiagar	8	36	20	3
" Kistnagherry	45	410	25	6
" Sanckerry Droog	47	428	35	6
" Ryacottah	6	54	30	6
" Ahtoor	6	54	30	6
" Veerabuddradroog	2	18	10	6
" Tanjore	741	2263	35	2
" Tritchinopoly	1172	3564	33¾	2
" Madura	5	45	25	6
" Dindigul	21	191	25	6
" Palamcottah	4	36	20	6

(signed) Fred: Pierce
Secretary Military Board

A. Statement.

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A Statement of the Quantity of Curry Stuffs recommended undermentioned Garrisons for 3 Months Consumption —

No. of Men.

At Vellore	
At Amboor	1625
At Arnee	594
At Chinglepet	1773
At Sagar	365
At Chitnagherry	323
At Sankerrydroog	1093
At Ryacottah	938
At Ahtoor	632
At Veerabuddradroog	960
At Tanjore	112
At Trichinopoly	1719
At Madura	2110.
At Dindigul	813
At Palamcotah	1065
	1271

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...to be laid up for the use of the Native Troops attached to each of the

Ghee			Tamarind			Chillies			Garlick			Turmarick			Tobacco		
Candy	Md.	lb	Candy	Md.	lb	Candy	Md.	lb	Candy	Md.	lb	Candy	Md.	lb	Candy	Md.	lb
30	9	13 1/16	30	9	13 1/16	5	1	14 10/16	2	10	19 3/4	2	10	19 3/4	20	6	8 3/4
12	14	1 14/16	12	14	1 14/16	2	2	8 5/8	1	1	4 5/16	1	1	4 5/16	8	9	9 5/8
37	18	9 3/8	37	18	9 3/8	6	6	9 14/16	3	3	4 15/16	3	3	4 15/16	25	5	14 1/2
7	16	3 1/8	7	16	3 1/8	1	6	1/2	"	13	1/4	"	13	1/4	5	4	2 1/16
6	18	4	6	18	4	1	3	3/4	"	11	12 3/4	"	11	12 3/4	4	12	2 1/2
23	3	6	23	3	6	3	17	5 1/8	1	18	15 1/8	1	18	15 1/8	15	8	20 1/2
20	1	5 5/16	20	1	5 5/16	3	6	21 3/4	1	13	11	1	13	11	13	7	12
13	10	8 3/16	13	10	8 3/16	2	5	1 5/16	1	2	13 1/8	1	2	13 1/8	9	"	5 5/16
20	10	15 5/8	20	10	15 5/8	3	8	10 15/16	1	14	5 1/2	1	14	5 1/2	13	13	18 3/4
2	3	15 3/4	2	3	15 3/4	"	7	6 3/4	"	3	15 7/8	"	3	15 7/8	1	9	2 1/8
36	15	6 3/4	36	15	6 3/4	6	2	13 10/16	3	1	6 13/16	3	1	6 13/16	24	10	4 11/16
45	2	13	45	2	13	7	10	10 1/2	3	15	5 1/4	3	15	5 1/4	30	1	17
17	3	11 3/4	17	3	11 3/4	2	17	6 1/8	1	8	15 9/16	1	8	15 9/16	11	8	24 1/2
22	6	24 5/8	22	6	24 5/8	3	14	12 3/8	1	17	6 1/4	1	17	6 1/4	14	17	24 3/4
27	3	5 5/8	27	3	5 5/8	4	10	13 7/16	2	5	6 3/4	2	5	6 3/4	18	2	3 3/4

(Signed) Fred: Pierce
Secretary Military Board

To

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26th

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord

From the Military Board recommending some additional Improvement to the Works at Ryacottah —

Upon mature consideration of a general Report on the state of the Post of Ryacottah, in the several distinct branches of its Fortifications — Public Buildings — Ordnance — Military Stores &c. transmitted by Major Read to our Board — We deem it proper to submit for approval, to your Lordship in Council, the following Estimates of Expence, amounting to Pagodas 606 — — the incurring of which, appears to be necessary at that Station, in addition to those detailed in our Letter of the 11th Instant relative to Captain Lennon's Report of the 24th Ultimo —

Estimate for Materials for Quarters, or in place thereof, Tents upon the Hill for one Field Officer — two Captains — four Subalterns — one Adjutant, Paymaster, and Surgeon . . .	Pd. 550 — —
Estimate for materials for an Hospital upon the Hill	40 — —

Purchase

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26th Purchase of Serjeants Quarters or
rather reimbursement for Repairs ..... 16. — — —

The latter charge arises from the —
peculiar situation of two Serjeants, who appear by
Major Read's Statement, not to have been provided
with any Quarters since being stationed at Ryacotah,
and consequently to have been compelled to build
each an House, a reimbursement of the expence
attending which, as above stated, We would recommend
to the particular attention of Government —

A supply of Ordnance and
Military Stores, surplus to the stated proportion
of each hitherto allotted to Ryacotah, as per Estimate

Entered in MB
between Nos 1142 & 1143
A

A, being represented by Major Read as highly
necessary to the defence of the Fort, We would
offer as our Opinion that it should be forwarded
thither as early as convenient —

It appearing also from —
Major Read's Letter that he has made an
advance of One Thousand f 1000 / Pagodas to
Captain Lennon, to enable him to commence
on the execution of the Works judged most
immediately necessary, We trust this having

done

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26th done so will meet the approbation of Govt. and induce the issuing such directions as the circumstance may require —

We have the honor to be

&c &c

Fort St. George
26th. November 1796

(signed) Alured Clarke
" Wm. Sydenham
" B. Close
" George Hall

To Mr. William Collins Jackson

Military Secretary

Sir

From the Garrison Storekeeper respecting the deficiency in Provisions sent to the Eastward enumerating which a Complaint has been made to Admiral Rainier

I have had the honor to receive your letter transmitting an Extract from Rear Admiral Rainier relative to a deficiency of Provisions shipped from Bengal

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26th hence to the Eastward in October 1795. I on this subject I have communicated with my predecessor in office Mr. Greenhill who I supplied them and made every other enquiry within my reach, but until a Return of the expenditure is received from the Admiral I find it impossible for me to account for the deficiency in the article of Beef which might have been expended beyond the limited allowance as it appears that the quantity thought necessary for the expedition was shipped on board the Arniston

For every information I can obtain on this subject I beg to refer you to the accompanying Statement by which you will perceive that a very great quantity of both Biscuit and Arrack indented for was ordered to be shipped - and this was owing to the Ship Arniston being so much loaded with other Stores that she could not receive it

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Port St. George
25th November 1796

(Signed) Jas Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper

Statement

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26th

Statement of Provisions sent for the Expedition to the Eastward on board the Ship Arniston for 171 Europeans for 6 Months Vizt.

		As pr Indent		Shipped in part		Balance	
		lb	Cz. Md. lb	lb	Cz. Md. lb	lb	Cz. Md. lb
1795 October	Biscuit ..... @ 1 lb each Man pr day	30,780.	61. 11 5	10,440.	20. 17. 15.	20,340.	40. 13. 15.
	Salt Provisions @ Ditto	30,780	" " "	30,780	" " "	"	" " "
		Galls		Galls		Galls	
	Arrack	1521	" " "	603	" " "	918	" " "

Errors Excepted

Pr

(Signed) J. Brodie

Garrison Stockeeper

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26th

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

&c &c &c

My Lord

From the Commandant at Chandernagherry communicating Intelligence respecting the troubles existing in the Pergunnah District.

I have just received some further accounts of the disturbances existing in the Pergunnah districts, while I have the honor to enclose for your Lordship's information. The principal instigator of them, your Lordship will see has taken refuge in one of the Villages belonging to the Cutwa Jaghierdar, and I learn from what I believe to be good authority that there are many of Tippoo's Subjects in the Neighbouring Pollams here who constantly find among them a ready asylum whenever they chuse to quit his Country.

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

My Lord

Your Lordships Obedient and faithfull Servant &c

Chundernaghurry
24th November 1796.

(Signed) R. Mealy

Intelligence

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26th Intelligence is just receiving the disturbances in the Pollam of Pungamoor, collected at Pongamoor and brought by Casawiah and Seriwasha Bramenny Hircarrahs to Chundernaghur the 24th November 1796 -

Sunkara Roylo the head Polygar, and his Uncle Moonudy Roylo it appears have been at variance for two or three Years past - which induced the latter sometime ago to send to Tippoo privately inviting him to come and take the Fort and Country - accordingly Tippoo finding a convenient opportunity, about last August sent a detachment and seized on the plan - Sunkara Roylo immediately fled, and with the assistance of his friends particularly the Polygar of Goonducotamund Beriah Gowdem who joined him with the 2000 Men, contrived to raise altogether a body of 6000 Men - He is now cantoned with this number of People at a small Village surrounded with mud Walls called Punnaalapullay situated 2 miles North of Gunnicondah and 20 miles West of Pungamoor but within 10 miles

of

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26th of Beseah Gowdeens Pollam, of Goondacul. — This Detachment at present blockades the Fort of Peenganoor by guarding all the avenues, and preventing any provisions entering the Fort. — About 20 days ago Arnachellah, Tippoo's Amuldar at Balabaram, attempted by his Masters orders to send some Provisions into the Fort; the whole was intercepted by Beseah Gowdeen, consisting of 200 bags of Rice, 20 bags of Horse Gram, 10 Bullock load of Oil, with a number of other necessary artikes who carried them to his Pollam: Tippoo's Garrison now in Peenganoor is 400 Carnatic Peons under the command of a Man named Cossy Mahomed who is the Killedar, It is said they have only 15 days provisions remaining. — The Revenue of the Peenganoor districts is still collected by Sunkarah Royloo, as well as he can, but with much trouble. — A Report prevails that Arnachellah is coming from Balabaram in great force to relieve the Garrison. — Moornedy Royloo the Uncle having repented of the part he has acted, has made up his quarrel with his Nephew Sunkara Royloo, and they are now friends, and have sent a

joint

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26th Joint Vackeel to make their peace with Tippoo who writes them from Seringapatam, that Tippoo's Minister had refused to treat with, or give them an audience, alledging that this was not a proper time to trouble his Master, who was engaged in matters of great consequence, having on the eve of dispatching two of his Sirdars called Naicka Singiah, and Govendarauw Golaw & Ally Sahib, as Embassadors to the Mahrattas offering Peace.—

The above Hircarrahs likewise learnt while at Pungenoor, that Tippoo has a Camp of 6000 Foot 1000 Horse with 10 Guns on the North of Seringapatam, on the Madras Road, but not known the exact distination of this Detachment. Tippoo himself is reported to be at Seringapatam. The Mahratta Army still remains on the banks of the Toombudra under Phurseram Bhow, and Tippoo's detachment of about 10,000 Men encamped on the opposite Bank at or near Worryhum. The River still very full and rapid.—

Moorarry Rayloo having arrived

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26th of September was with a part of his family taken refuge in some of our Neighbouring Villages - he was a few days since at a Village in the Mogrual Manis country, and is now actually in a Village under the Jaghierdar of Chittoor --

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Sir,

From the Adjutant General - respecting the number of Officers who will be obliged to quit the Nizam's Detachment to attend at the Court Martial on Major Mackay ordered to assemble at the Presidency

Lieutenant Colonel Roberts having preferred Charges against Major Robert Mackay of the 1st Battalion 11th Regiment, of so serious a Nature as to make it necessary that they should be investigated by a General Court Martial, The Commander in Chief has accordingly directed that Officer to be placed on Arrest - and as his trial cannot conveniently take place with the Nizam's Detachment, or at any Station to the Northward from the small number of Officers of Rank doing duty in that Quarter. - the General Court Martial will be ordered to assemble at the Mount as the nearest Station where the above requirement will not be felt, and as this

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26th This will make it necessary for Major Mackay the Major of Brigade of the Detachment, the Adjutant of the 1st Battalion 11th Regiment, and a certain number of the Native Officers and Men of the Corps to repair to the Presidency. The Commander in Chief has judged it proper that I should communicate the circumstance to you in the Idea that Government may wish to give notice thereof to the Resident at Hydrabad, that if necessary he may be able to account to the Nizam's Court for the above Officers and Men being withdrawn from the Detachment —

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

Fort St George
November 26th 1796.

24th

Received the undermentioned Letters contained in M.B. Nos 1143-1144-1145-1146-1147-1148-1149 —

From Military Auditor General.

From Major General Sydenham — submitting a Detail of objectionable Charges which have been retrenched in the accounts of the Honble Basil Cochrane Military Paymaster of Fort St George &c —

From

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From Military Board 2d.

From the Military Board — recommending a further advance of 1000 Pagodas to Lieut.t Colonel Pasmott — and an advance of 3000 Pagodas to their Secretary on account of Lascars Clothing for the year 1795 —

From the Military Auditor General

From Major General Sydenham — inclosing his Audit on the Subsistence paid to the Regiment Dr. Mennon from the 14th October 1795 to the 24th October 1796 —

From Lieutenant D. Haviland of the Engineers —

From Lieut.t Dr Haviland — requesting to be relieved from a Refund demanded of him equal to 229 Pagodas drawn on account of full Batta and Horse allowance —

From the Agents of the Ship Yarmouth

From Messrs Lawton & Co — requesting Payment of one Months Freight due to the Yarmouth Transport. —

From the Command.t at Pondicherry

From Major General Braithwaite — submitting Mr Sarls appeal from the Proceedings and Decree of the Superior Council with respect to his Marriage with Mademoiselle and sundry Papers connected with the Subject —

From Ditto at Trichinopoly

From Major General Floyd — requesting that the precarious State of the Commandants and Officers

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27th Officer's Quarters at Putoor may be taken into early consideration — Interceding in behalf of Captain Paterson and Major Sage of the 19th Dragoon's with respect to the Sums they have been respectively called upon to refund — enclosing an address to Government on the subject from the former Officer —

28th Received the following Letter's

William Collins Jackson Esqr

Military Secretary

Sir.

From the Attorney's to the Executor of Major Jourdan's Estate — setting forth Claim's to Compensation on account of the Demolition of Hog Hill —

Messrs Porcher Redhead & Co. having Substituted us to act as Attornies for Major Edward Jourdan, the Executor to the late Mr Francis Jourdan's Estate. We request you will bring under the Consideration of Government, a Claim to Compensation for the Demolition of Houses on Hog Hill, not included in the Settlement of the 1st January 95, on account of the want of the Vouchers required amounting with Interest to the 31st December 1794 as pr account to Pagodas 4086 .. 15 .. 10 —

On

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28th On this Claim we beg to remark that with the Exception of the Compensation for Pags. 481. 32. 79. the right to which has been Contested by Arnooja Moodely, no other Claimants have appeared to Contest the right which has been Claimed by the Executor to the Sums for Compensation[illegible] in our Account, and as We are willing to give our Indemnity, We trust these Circumstances will induce Government to order Payment of their Amount to be made to us.

We have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

Fort St George
28th November 1796.

(Signed) Hindersley Watts &c.

Subs. Attys to Majr. E. Jourdan, Executor
To F. Jourdan Esqr.

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Dr. The Honorable Company Dr. to the Estate of the late Mr. Francis Jourdan Cr.

1794		Pagd.	fs.	C.
December 31st	For the following Compensations to the Inhabitants of Hog Hill not included in the Settlement of the 1st Jany 95 for the want of the Vouchers Required . . .			
	No. 44 To Annoga Moodely	481	32	79
	No. 118 To Chillapen	632	"	37
	No. 151. To Connasa Culaty	191	6	63
	No. 155 To Chinnatamby Moodely	145	21	59
	To the same for Grounds	622	21	60
	No. 191 To Gopaul Kistna Naigue . . .	196	2	77
	To the same for Grounds	275	31	27
	No. 210 To Kistnapillay	301	11	26
	No. 281 To Mootiah Moodely	945	23	42
	No. 662 To Yagapillay	294	30	20
	Pagodas . .	4086	15	10

1794		Pagd.	fs.	C.
Decemb. 31st	Balance due on this day by the Honorable Company	4086	15	10
	Pagodas . .	4086	15	10

E. E.

(Signed) Jn. Kindersley Watts & Co.

Subst. Attys. to Major E. Jourdan

Executor to F. Jourdan Esqr.

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council
of Fort St George

My Lord

Auditor Generals Report on the Military Paymasters Generals Estimate of Cash required for the Month of December -

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of December 1796. I have the honor to report that the sum of Two Lacks, Seventy nine thousand one hundred and Twenty two Pagodas, Thirty Fanams and forty nine Cash (Pagodas 279.122.30.49) is required for the payment of such Military Charges as become due on the first of the ensuing Month -

	£ s d
From the General Treasury -	265,307. 15. 59
By Bills on the Military Paymr. Genl.	13,815. 14. 70
Pagodas ..	279.122.30.49.

As I apprehend that the amount contained in Estimate of the Deputy Paymaster General of the Kings Troops on account of the 19th Regiment of Foot, 25th and 27th Dragoons, must have been included by mistake, the Sum of Eleven thousand Six hundred and Sixty one Pagodas

has

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28th has been accordingly deducted from the Total of that Estimate, the Military Paymaster General having been directed to issue to Lieut.t Colonel Binnsfack, the necessary Advances of Cash for the Payment of those Corps, agreeably to the instructions conveyed in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 19th instant, which accompanied the additional Estimate from the Viceroy's Pay Office —

The Estimate from the Presidency Cash on hand, the former Pagodas Five thousand and Sangeir Pay Offices each state a Balance of (5000) the latter Pagodas Five hundred (500) — which it became necessary to deduct from their respective Totals —

The increase in the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the ensuing Month, arises from the necessary payments of Half Yearly Contingencies to the Viceroy's Troops, estimated at Ten thousand Pagodas (Pag.s 10,000) and drawn annually in the Estimate for June and December, and also from the Bills drawn by the Military Paymasters at

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28th at Trincomale and Columbo amounting to Twenty two thousand Pagodas (Pagodas 22,000) which is included in the Sum herein reported upon, in order that the Draft may be duly honored —

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

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) W. Sydenhame
Mily. Audr. General

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council
of Fort St. George

My Lord

Auditor General's Report on the Cash Estimate of the Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for December

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

Expected Disbursements at Madras	Pagd.	1184 . 6 . —
Vellore	"	22 . — . —
Tanjore	"	200 . — . —
Palamcotah	"	62 . — . —
Baramahl	"	130 . — . —
Masulipatam	"	220 . — . —
Chicacole	"	12,985 . — . —
Itchapoor District	"	10 . — . —
Lieut. Colonel Roberts's Detachment	"	877 . 39 . —
	Pagodas	15,691 . 3 . —

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From the Total amount of expected Disbursements as above stated, the Acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks deducts the following Sums, as not issuable from the General Treasury at the Presidency, but payable from the Subordinate Treasuries, for which Bills will be drawn upon him, and transferred thro' the General Treasury –

Baramahl	Pagd. 130.–
Masulipatam	" 220.–
Chicacole	" 12,985.–
Itchapoor District	" 10.–
Lieut. Colonel Roberts's Detachmt.	" 877.39.–
	Pagodas 14,222.39.–

Consequently the Amount issuable at the Presidency as pr. Estimate of the Acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for December 1796, is one Thousand four hundred and Sixty Eight Pagodas and six fanams – (Pagodas 1468.6.–

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

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

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Audr. General

The

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council
of Fort St. George

My Lord

Auditor Generals Report on the Cash Estimate of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for December.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jacksons Letter of the 22d instant with the Estimate of the expected Disbursements in the Department of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for the month of December 1796, and to report thereon as follows.-

Expected Disbursements at Madras	Pags.	150. 41. 40
Chingleput	"	193 " — " —
Vellore	"	703 " — " —
Tanjore	"	12 " 27 " —
Madura and Dendigul	"	22 " — " —
Palamcotah	"	27/23 " 22 " 40
Baramahl	"	121 " — " —
Masulipatam	"	187 " — " —
Bungole	"	83 " 21 " —
Trincomale	"	1399 " 35 " —
Negore	"	700 " — " —
Pagodas		6296 " 21 " —

From the Total amount of expected Disbursements

as

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28th as above stated, the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions deducts the following Sums as not issuable from the Treasury at the Presidency but payable from the Subordinate Treasuries, for which Bills will be drawn upon him and transferred through the General Treasury —

Madras	Pagodas 150 .. 41 .. 40
Chingleput	" 193 .. — .. —
Tanjore	" 12 .. 27 .. —
Baramahl	" 121 .. — .. —
Masulipatam	" 187 .. — .. —
Ongole	" 83 .. 21 .. —
Trincomale	" 1399 .. 35 .. —
	Pagodas .. 2147 .. 40 .. 40

Consequently the amount issuable at the Presidency, on account of Disbursements in December 1796, as per Estimate of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, is Four thousand, one hundred and forty Eight pagodas, Twenty two fanams and forty Cash (Pagodas 4148 .. 22 .. 40) —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Audr. Genl.

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
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The 28th
The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council
Fort St George

My Lord

I have been honored with Your Lordships Commands communicated in Mr Secretary Jackson's letter of the 22d Instant, desiring me to state my opinion whether the remarks offered by Captain Lieutenant Burke, upon Retrenchments on Extra Charges incurred by them for Doolies and Bearers supplied by the Paymaster at Cuddalore, (as entered in the Disbursements of that Garrison for December 1792.) on account of a Detachment of Artillery during the march to join the Bengal Detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell, were of such a nature, as to warrant Government in relieving them from the demands made upon them, amounting to Pagodas Eighty four. In reply to which I beg leave to report to your Lordship, that on reference to the records of my Office, I found the above Retrenchment originated on the strength of the Detachment not having been specified, which objection does not appear to have been communicated by the Paymaster

From the Military Auditor General - opinion on Capt. Lieut. Burkes appeal from the sum stood standing against him in Mr Symonds accounts - Lieut. Colo. Campbell 74 Regiment maintains his claim to Revenue Money in Cash from the date of his Lieut. Colo. Commission -

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28th Paymaster to Captain Burke, to have enabled him to remove it, as he has now done in his address to Mr. Secretary Jackson of the 19th Instant, in which he states, that the Detachment consisted of Half a Company of European Artillery and Half a Company of Gun Lascars, which circumstance together with the particular account given by him of the extreme badness of the weather, the original letter of the Adjutant General of the Army in consequence, dated the 5th November 1792, with a certified copy of his letter of the same date to Captain Thomas Knox commanding at Ongole, - the Certificate of the Assistant Surgeon who examined the state of the Sick, and who therein gave his opinion, that the additional number of 6 Doolies with Mastries and Bearers complete were absolutely necessary, and lastly the satisfactory testimony of Captain Burke's conduct during the March as expressed in the concluding paragraph of Lieut. Colonel Cockerills letter to him of the 26th November 1792 altogether warrant, in my humble opinion the removal of the Retrenchment in question —

I have the honor to enclose copy of

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28th of a letter from Lieut. Colonel Campbell of His Majesty's 74th Regiment to the Paymaster General on the subject of the Revenue money which he drew in that rank from the 4th December 1795 to 30th April 1796, and which he was to have refunded, for the reasons communicated from the Government of Bengal — on a reference to the copy of His Majesty's Promotions furnished to my Office, I find, that the date of his Lieutenant Colonels Commission is as stated the 4th December 1795, and it appears from the report of the Military Auditor General at Bengal, that two Lieutenant Colonels are considered as entitled to share in the Revenue, when two are actually serving with the Regiment in India —

I have the honor to remain with great respect —

My Lord

&c &c

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Mily Audr. Genl.

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

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B. Roebuck Esqr.

Paymaster General

&c. &c. &c.

Sir.

I am favored with your Letter accompanying an order Signed by Mr. Ince conveying the directions of Government, for me to refund the difference between Majors and Lieut. Colonels revenue Money from the 4th of Decr. 1795 to the 30th April 1796, and Likewise for the Month of May 1796. I presume the order for this refund was issued prior to its being known that my appointment as Lieut. Colonel to the 74th Regt. is dated on the 4th of December 1795. from which period I am of course entitled to the revenue money of that Rank - I trust this reference to the date of my Commission will be a Sufficient explanation -

Fort St. George
25th Novr. 1796.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) A. Campbell
Lt. Col. 74th Regt.

A true Copy
(Signed) Pat. Bruce
Asst. M. A. Gl.

A true Copy
(Signed) B. Roebuck
M. P. Gl.

Despatched

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in Mr B. Nos. 150-151-152-153 —

To the Officer Commanding the Cavalry Cantonment near Arcot

To Lieut.t Colonel Younge permitting him to visit the Presidency —

To Commandant at Cuddalore —

To Lieut.t Colonel Dupont - transmitting an Invoice of Military Stores sent for the use of his Garrison —

To the Secretary at Bengal -

To Mr. Secretary Barlow - forwarding Intelligence received from the Bayou Country —

To the Residents at Poona and Hyderabad -

To Sir Charles Warre Malet and Major Kirkpatrick - to the same port above noted —

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

From Military Auditor General -

From Major General Clydenham - proposing that in future the Cutwalls table of the daily prices of provisions in Colonel Roberts's Camp be requested by the Paymaster and transmitted with the Countersignature of the Commanding Officer, as a Voucher, to the Office of Audit —

From Ensign Statham of the St. Helena Establ.t

From Ensign Statham - requesting Permission to proceed to Bengal, and an advance of three Months Pay and Allowances —

From the Barrack Master at the Presidency

From Lieut.t J. Maclean - requesting permission to retain the House lately hired for the Stores of the 27.th Dragoons for the accommodation of those of the 25.th Dragoons and the Quarter Masters attached to that Corps —

From

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From the Agent of the 29th Ships Town —

From Messrs. Chase Sandland & Chase requesting that the Amount due for One Months Freight of the Town Transport may be paid on Bills on England at 8/6 p. Pagoda —

From Ditto of the Ships Ewer —

From Mr. B. Babcock — inclosing a Bill for one Months freight of the Ewer Transport

From Military Paymaster General.

From the Military Paymaster General — inclosing a representation from Mr. Paymaster Buchan of his want of Cash for Payment of the Troops at Malacca — and of the Difficulty of procuring a Conveyance to Madras for his Accounts —

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At a Consultation

Present.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor & President

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esqr.

and

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation

Tuesday

29th November 1796 – Read and approved –

Read the following Letter from

the Military Board –

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

&c. &c. &c.

From the Military Board
respecting the irregularity
in the Clothing Indents of
the 1st Battalions of Artillery
which is imputed to Major
General Gillespie's Inattention
to the General Orders on
this Subject. Copy of a
Letter from General Gillespie
enclosed – Opinion on
Mr. Brings proposal
of giving Security for the
Provision of the Clothing
which cannot at present
be made up for want
of Cloth –

My Lord

We do ourselves the honor to
forward herewith to Your Lordship in Council,
Proceedings, and Papers relating thereto, of a
Committee of this Board, appointed, on receipt
of

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Letter of the 4th. ultimo, for the purpose of obtaining the necessary information towards enabling Me to comply with the Instructions therein signified, on the Subject of two Letters, and Correspondence connected therewith, to Mr. Secretary Jackson from Mr. Doing, a Contractor for Army Clothing, by proceeding to an investigation of the causes, to which may be attributed, a non compliance with the Government Order of the 6th. July 1795 as it relates to the Clothing of the 1st. Battalion of Artillery — and have to report to Your Lordship thereon, that, the Board observing that that Order considers the Quarter Master of an European Corps as the Officer to be in charge of its Clothing, and consequently requires that he shall grant a receipt for it in the first instance; and it appearing by the Proceedings of the Committee that Captain Lieutenant Burke Quarter Master of the 1st. Battalion of Artillery, had not been put in charge of the Clothing of that Corps — The Board must be of opinion that a deviation from the Government Order before mentioned

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mentioned; was a necessary consequence of such a circumstance —

With respect to Mr. Dring's — proposition of giving satisfactory Security to complete the Clothing of his Contract that remains to be made up for want of Cloth, We would recommend that it be acceded to on the part of Government — as also, that the quantity made up; and not delivered, for Troops on Foreign Service which has already passed examination, should remain in the Contractor's hands until it can be forwarded to the different Corps for which it is intended — whereby the Sheetoning Committee will be enabled to close their Proceedings, and the Contractor his accounts —

We would further recommend to Your Lordship in Council, that Captain Clarke may be directed to complete the Indent of the 1st. Battalion of Artillery for the Year 1796, by filling up the respective Columns, agreeably to the proposal of the Committee —

Major General Gells having addressed the Board under date the 11th. Instant

through

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Through the Secretary, since the Meeting at which the Opinion stated to Your Lordship was formed — We do Ourselves the honor to forward herewith Copy thereof —

We have the Honor to be
&c: &c:
(Signed) Alured Clarke
"
" Wm Sydenham
" Jno Richardson
" Bt Close
" Wm Gent
" George Hall

Fort St. George
29th November 1796.

Captain Pierce
Secretary to the Military Board
Sir

On the cursory reading that was given to the Proceedings of the Committee on the subject of the 1st Battalion Cloathing there appeared to me, to be certain extraneous matter admitted on the face of them, and in the appendix, in the existence of the correspondence between

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between Colonel Braithwaite, and Captain Clarke, with the opposite strictures of Quarter Master Burke; which if allowed to remain there, and particularly the former, that has in part, been already before a General Court Martial; it is impossible for me to say to what purpose they may hereafter be contended to. — I must therefore request you will solicit the Board, that I may be furnished with a copy of their Proceedings: that in the event of the objectionable parts — not being expunged, I may fill up certain chasms, in that correspondence, for the better illustration of the subject, — It appears to me a matter to be regretted, that it did not occur to the Committee, to call upon the Adjutant of the 1st Battalion, the Quarter Master Serjeant, and my Writers, for their Evidence, which would have been material to me, as well as that of Captains Clarke and Burke, and that my late Letters to the Board, particularly the one, accompanied by the Cloathing Rolls, did not form a part of the Proceedings, as by — throwing it into the Appendix, it might not

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not occur to Government, in reading them, to oppose it to the liberal assertions of the Quarter Master. The opinion I apprehend to be implied, in Major General Clarkes Minute, drawn up on the instant, and which I perceived Major General Sydenham, and Lieutenant Colonel Richardson, ready to acquiesce in, I conceive to be; that Government Orders of the 6th of July 1795. has not been duly attended to, by the Quarter Master, because I had not formally given over charge of the Stores to him, on his return from Ceylon; It would seem, that I had forbidden his taking charge of the Stores, which I utterly disclaim, I wished him on the contrary to have done so, and to have been present, as it was his duty to have been at every Receipt and Issue; but as I knew my own Records were the only Books kept in the Corps, I directed the Cloathing in allusion, to be issued by him, by the Cloathing Rolls of Companies, given in, and signed, by Officers Commanding respectively; and this was accordingly done, and took

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up several days; the Quarter + Journal being
present, as I mentioned in a former letter, obliging
the Men that could not write, to hold the Pen, +
while the mark, as may be perceived in the Rolls,
was put after their Names. — How a person after
this, and after having undertook for the individual
Cloathing in question, can come before a Committee
of the Military Board, and say; that he had not
a sufficient knowledge of them, to enable him to
sign the Contractors Certificate, must require +
more than the address of one person, to reconcile;
and I trust this circumstance will not be overlooked
by this Board, or Government —

The circumstance of the Quarter
Master saying, at one time he would sign the
Rolls, and after going into his House, where +
Captain Clarke was at Dinner with him +
declaring he would not sign them, has not been
noticed —

My keeping records of the +
Cloathing is not a new thing — I have done so +
almost ever since I commanded this Corps, and
it was necessity, not choice, that obliged me, to

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take this trouble; for it is in proof, before the Court Martial, not a Captain of the Corps kept any, and Government have copies of the Quarter Master's Books, such as they are, in their possession; — and this has been the means of saving several hundred Suits of Cloathing that do not appear to have been brought to account in the other Corps —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Thomas Geils

St. Thomas's Mount
11th November 1796.

A True Copy
(Signed) Fred: Pierce
Secretary Military Board

Read the following letter from Major General Geils —

The Right Honble Lord Hobart
President Governor in Council
&c. &c. &c.

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From Major General Geils relative to the Imputation laid against him by the Military Board of a deviation from the orders of Government with regard to the Clothing of the 1st Battalion of Artillery

My Lord,

My mind has been a good deal agitated, on one account or other, since the time of giving in the Proceedings of Major General Sydenham's

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Sydenhams Committee, from the Military Board on the Subject of Cloathing of the 1st. Battalion of Artillery, which prevented me having the honor of leading your Lordships attention, to the following Evidence, as highly necessary to a due and candid — investigation of the Subject —

The Quarter master Sergeant of the Battalion, states as follows — On the 3d. day of June 1796.- I waited on Colonel Geils for instructions concerning the Battalion Cloathing to be issued that day. — Colonel Geils sent me to — Lieut. and Quarter Master Burke, to acquaint him that the above Cloathing was to be issued, and requested his attendance, Lieut. Burke ordered me to go back to Colonel Geils and inform him, that he was then for guard, but to ask Colonel Geils if he would permit him to quit his Guard and attend at the serving of the Cloathing — The answer that Colonel Geils gave me, was, "by all "means" and the same I delivered to Mr. Burke. — I went immediately to the Store room in order to get the Cloathing arranged for serving out. — on my Arrival there, I found Captain Treadway

Clas Geils

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Clarke's Company waiting to receive their Clothing, and Lieut.s Fawkes Blair and Grant on Horseback, some distance from the Store room door,- I waited for Lieut.t and Quarter master Burke, till between 9 and 10 O'Clock before he came - on his coming into the Store room, I reported to him, the Clothing was intending to serve out, on which he went out of the Store room to where Sergeants Fawkes and Lamb were with the Clothing Book and Indents of Companies and examined both, and gave order to begin Serving -

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[Signed] Robert Mitchell
Dr Master Serjt 1st Batt.n Artillery

Sergeant Fawkes states as follows -

"Mount 2nd June 1796. [Copy] - "R. O. The Clothing
"to be served out to the European Companies this
"morning, and Hats as soon afterwards as they
"are finished. The Companies to be marched in
"soon as soon to the Regimental Store room, by the
"orderly Officer for this purpose, beginning with the
"senior Company" -

Memorandum relative to Clothing issued to the
1st Battalion of Artillery for the year 1796. Mount 3 June 1796

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On the 3d. day of June 1796. - Myself and Serjt. Lamb were ordered to go to the Battalion Stow room, along with the Quarter master Serjt. (Robert Mitchell) with the Cloathing Book, Indents, Rolls &c. to assist the Quarter master (Lieut. Burke) in the distribution of the above mentioned Cloathing with all the words that might appear necessary - The Quart. mast. Sergeant, myself and Serjt. Lamb attended agreeably to our Orders - The Quart. mast. Serjt. myself and Serjt. Lamb waited a considerable time the coming of Quarter Master Burke who was on orders the day before (the 2nd.) to mount, as Officer of the main Guard that morning. - when he had so done he attended at the Stow room - during the time we had to stay before his arrival the Dr. master Sergeant prepared the Cloathing of the different Ranks ready for issue, so soon as the Quarter master might arrive to give instructions for the general issue thereof - When he, Lieut. and Quarter Master Burke came to the stow room, the Quartermaster Serjt. told him that every thing was in readiness for beginning, with his orders, He came to the Table where myself and

Sergeant

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Sergeant Lamb was, saw the Rolls of Companies, the Battalion Book of Records, Orders &c. &c. — laying entirely open for his perusal, and examined them a small time. — When he ordered Qr. Mr. Sergt. Mitchell to commence the issue — saying at the same time, those Persons who were not able to write their Names, or the initials of their names, — the European Writers present would assist them with Pen and Ink and guide it for them, to make a mark, which was actually done by every one present: and for those men that were absent, he, the Quarter Master would not allow the Day Sergeants of Companies to sign for, or take away, unless the Person to whom it actually belonged were present themselves — And until the arrival of Lieut. and Quarter master Burke, not one single particle of Clothing was issued by the Quarter Master Sergeant, or any Entries made by myself or Sergeant Lamb, in the Battalion Clothing Books or Rolls of Companies —

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Signed Wm. Fenwicks Sergt

Sergeant

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Serjeant Lamb States as follows.

On the 3rd day of June 1796. I was ordered by Colonel Gells to attend at the Regimental Store room to assist in serving out the first Battalion Cloathing to the Men for the year 1796. — Quarter Master Serjt. Robert Mitchell, Serjeant Fawkes and myself attended there 'till near 10 O. Clock, when Lieut. and Quarter Master Burke came to the Store room, and to the best of my recollection Serjt. Mitchell reported to Mr. Burke that every thing was ready for delivery; previous to which he, Lieut. Burke examined the Batt.n Cloathing Book and Indents of Companies signed by the Officers of Companies commanding respectively — to him he ordered us to commence serving out. but to be very particular to make each man as he received his Coat to write the initial Letters of his name opposite to that on the Rolls and Cloathing Book, and those that could not write, to touch the Pen and make a mark. But not a single Coat was issued to any Man by the Quartermaster Serjeant 'till Lieutenant and Quarter Master Burke gave orders, and was present himself. —

Signed Robert Lamb Serjt
Serjeant.

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Serjeant Godfrey states as follows.

The day before His Majesty's birth day 1796. I attended at the Regimental Store room, with the 3d. Company 1st. Battalion of Artillery, then Commanded by Lieut. Sinclair; agreeably to a Regimental Order issued the day before (2nd. June) where I waited until the 2nd. Company was served - then the issue was made to the 3d. Company; The Quarter Master present all the time, and directed the Men who could not write to touch the pen and make their mark opposite their respective names.

(Signed) Geo: Godfrey Pay Serjeant
3d. Company

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I could, My Lord, produce as many Evidences as there are Men in the Battalion; were it necessary to the same point, but fearful of trespassing further on your Lordship's time; I will only produce one Man more namely the Pay Serjeant of Captain Clarke's Company &c. X

(3rd. June 1796. I attended at the Regimental Stores of the 1st. Battalion of Artillery with the 2d. Company, then Commanded by Captn. Tredway Clarke, and the First Compy. that was served.

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served with Cloathing, and waited there till Lieut. and Quarter Master Burke came to the Store, some time about 10 O'Clock, when Mr. Burke came to the Store - He asked me for the abstract for the Cloathing of the Company which I told him I had got now, but if it was required, I would go and make out one immediately, and at the same time he told me to get it signed by the Commanding Officer of the Company before the Cloathing should be served out. I accordingly went to my house, and made out the abstract and brought it to Captain Trideway Clarke to get it signed, he - Captain Trideway Clarke asked me at the same - time, what I wanted with the abstract, as there was an abstract in the Cloathing Roll, I told - him that Mr. Burke required a Seperate abstract to agree with the Cloathing Roll before he would give the Cloathing for the Company, signed by the Commanding Officer of the Company; for which reason he Captain Trideway Clarke signed the - abstract accordingly - I returned immediately to the Store and delivered the abstract to Quarter Master Burke, which he, at the same time compared it with the abstract of the Cloathing Roll, which was

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all night, and the Cloathing was issued accordingly
- When the Cloathing was all served out to the
Company, excepting John Gordon Mattoss who
was at that time in the Hospital, I went immedi-
-ately to Captain Trideway Clarke, and reported to him
that the Company were all served their Cloathing,
except the above mentioned Mattoss; and he Capt.
Trideway Clarke told me at the same time to come
down to his House tomorrow morning, he would
give me a Book to rule out an Inspection for the
Men to sign their names, as a Receipt for their
Cloathing; which I accordingly went down to -
Captain Trideway Clarke's House according to his
Order next morning, and he gave me a Book
to rule out in his House; - after I had ruled the
Cloathing Book out, he told me that he would
send for the Company in a day or two - but the
Company was never called for -

Cantonments Mount
23d. November 1796 - }

Signed / E. Samson
Actg Pay Serjt. 2d. Company

X To which I entreat your Lordship's particular
attention; and that your Lordship would be
pleased to allow the Secretary to Compare the
foregoing

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Foregoing Statements with the Proceedings and particularly the Evidence of Major Clarke and Captain Lieut.t Burke, before the Committee, and report thereon to your Lordship in Council —

I have the honor to be with respect —

S.t Thomas's Mount
23 November 1796. —

&c. &c.
/Signed/ Thomas Gells

Resolved, in consequence of the report of the Military Board, that the following Letter be written

To Major General Clarke
President &c. Members of the Military Board

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board communicating the Sentiments of Govt upon the foregoing Subject —

We have received your Letters of dated the 15th. Instant —

Having maturely considered the Proceedings of the Committee of your Board — regarding the Clothing of the 1st. Battalion of Artillery, we are decidedly of opinion that the reason offered by Captain Burke in his letter to Lieutenant and Adjutant Sinclair under date the 2d. July 1796, against affixing his Signature to —

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to the Certificate sent to him by Major General Gall, neither merited the imputation of a neglect of duty nor manifested a disposition to obstruct the ordinary duties of the Battalion. The orders of Government of the 6th. of July 1795. expressly declared that the charge of the European Clothing was vested in the Quarter Master, who was to pass a receipt for it in the first instance - If the charge was withheld from him in direct opposition to those orders, he was correctly within the limit of his duty in refusing his Signature to the receipt - and we cannot avoid the expression of our Surprise, that the Commandant of the 1st. Battalion of Artillery, with the orders of Government before him, should have hesitated in making over the Quarter Masters Department, upon Captain Burkes first application on the 20th. of April 1796. - It was not enough, that the Quarter Master Indented for the Clothing, and was actually present at its issue - It ought to have been delivered over to him immediately on its arrival at the Mount - instead of which it was never in his custody, and he thereupon properly

judged

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judged that when no trust was reposed, no responsibility could attach — Upon the whole we fully concur with you, that the deviation from the Government order on the part of the Commandant of the first Battalion of Artillery, was a necessary consequence of the subsequent non compliance with that order on the part of the Quarter Master

It is with great reluctance that we feel the necessity of commenting with severity upon the Conduct of an Officer, whose Rank and long Service gave us reason to hope, that in him at last we should have found one scrupulously exact in his attention to the orders of Government — The Quarter Master, as it hath been seen, rested his Justification for a non compliance on the previous deviation by the Commanding Officer — If the one case had not obtained, the other would never have had existence, — nor would the occasion have offered to us of employing any part of our time in enquiring into the cause why our orders had not been attended to —

We observe, that Major General Gels in his letter to your Secretary under date the

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11th Instant, disclaims any Idea of his having ordered the Quarter Master to take charge of the Stores - but on the contrary that he wished him to do so - We confess ourselves at a loss to comprehend what is thus meant - Since we have before us the Quarter Masters letter to the Commandant of the 1st Battalion dated the 20th April 1796. in which "he thinks it his duty to request that he (the Commandant) will be good enough to order the Quarter "Master Sergeant, or whatever other person is in "charge of the Clothing, and Regimental Stores, to "make over that Department to him" - and that we do not find in the reply that was given to his letter, that any order had been issued to the Quarter Master Sergeant or other person in charge of the Clothing, as specifically applied for by the Quarter Master. We find however, an observation which stands unrefuted in the letter from Captain Burke to the Agitant of the 1st Battalion dated the 9th of July, as follows "I made application "by letter on the 20th of April last to the Commanding "Officer, requesting he would be pleased to order "the Clothing and Regimental Stores to be delivered

"over

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"over to me — the receipt of this letter was acknowledged
"through you, but my request was not complied with" —

We have acquainted Major General
Gale that it is our positive Order that the Quarter
Master of the 1st Battalion of Artillery be forth-
-with put in charge (if it be not already done) of
his Department, in conformity with the orders
of Government published under date the 6th of July
1795 — and that from hence forward the Clothing
belonging to that Corps, be under his immediate
charge —

In order to prevent any further
impediment, the Committee of Forekoning may
be permitted on the present occasion to admit the
Receipt of the Commandant of the 1st Battalion
of Artillery, without the Signature of the —
Quarter Master —

We desire you will send instruc-
-tions to Major Clarke to complete the Indent of
the 1st Battalion of Artillery for the Year —
1796. by filling up the respective Columns — —
agreeably to the proposal of the Committee —

We approve Mr. Dring's proposition

of

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giving sufficient Security (which you will accordingly take from him) to Completion the Clothing of his Contract. The Public Stores can now furnish the quantity of Cloth required —

The Clothing made up, and not delivered to Troops on Foreign Service, may remain in the Contractors Hands, until it can be forwarded to the different Corps for which it is intended —

We entirely approve the Suggestions contained in Captain Lennons Letter to your Board of the 24th ultimo, relative to Bycullah, and authorize the execution of the different Works in such Succession progression as you may see it expedient to direct. — the whole expence not to exceed the Sum stated Viz. ten thousand five hundred and seven Pagodas forty one Fanams and fifteen Cash /10507.41.15.1 —

We also approve the proposed augmentation of Artificers to the establishment paid for the Engineers Department in the Bid Districts Viz.

2 Maistry Stone Cutters
1 Do Bricklayer
2 Do Carpenters — but no additional

Expence

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Expence beyond the net Pay is to be incurred, except on Occasions of their Serving on the Public Service from one Station to another —

I have &c &c

/Signed/ H Abbott

&c Council

To Major General Gails

Commanding the Artillery

at the Mount

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 23d instant, and to transmit for your information, extract of a Letter to the Military Board conveying the Sentiments of Government on the Subject of the late proceedings of a Committee of the Military Board, of which Major General Sydenham was President —

The President in Council — positively directs (and he does it in this way rather than by a General Order) that the Quarter Master

To Major General Gails conveying the Boards disapprobation of his Conduct and desiring that the Clothing of the 1st Battalion of Artillery be in future placed under the immediate charge of the Quarter Master of the Battalion

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Master of the 1st. Battalion of Artillery, to for the
=with post in Charge (if it be not already done) of
his department, in conformity with the Orders of
Government published under date the 6th. of July
1795. and that from hence forward the Clothing
belonging to that Corps, be under his immediate
Charge —

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I have the honor to be
Sir. &c.
(Signed) W.C. Jackson Majr

Read the following letter from Major
General Doyle —

Right Honble. Lord Hobart

My Lord, Sir. &c. &c.

From Major General Doyle. claiming Staff allowance from the Period of his quitting England to the date of his arrival at Madras. —

I beg leave to state to your Lordship the particular circumstance I am under, with very hope of your Lordships assistance should the peculiar Situation I am in appear to deserve attention —

I was ordered to embark for India in the Month of April last, at which time

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time I was on the Staff of England and was inform-
ed I should be struck off the day I sailed, which
was on the 12th of April, being from that day
considered as belonging to the army in India, how-
ever I now understand I can not receive any pay
or allowances from this Government for any
period prior to my arrival at Madras; I conceive
there is some mistake in this regulation, or
that it can not apply to me, for I will not suppose
it is intended that I should remain Seven Months
without any sort of pay or Allowances as General
Officer, part of which time I was employed on actual
Service at the Cape of Good Hope, I therefore solicit your
Lordships interference should the circumstance appear
to your Lordship as deserving further consideration -

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

Madras
25th November 1796.

(Signed) Wellesley Pole Doyle
Major General

My aid de Camp, who came with me
and my Brigade Major now on his passage, are
also without Staff pay since the 12th April -

Ordered that the Circumstances brought

Order thereon

Jordan

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Forward by Major General Doyle to be noticed in the next Despatches to the Court of Directors —

Read the following letter from Messrs Tulloh Jervis and Brodie —

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

My Lord.

From Messrs Tulloh Jervis and Brodie requesting that Bonds transferable to England for the amount due to themselves and Constituents on the registred Tanjore debt may be tendered on the terms offered by the Court of Directors —

Being authorized by Mr. Inness Sibbald a Creditor on the debt of his Highness the Rajah of Tanjore to accede to the proposals of the Honble the Court of Directors for transmitting that debt to the Honble Company — we have to request your Lordship will be pleased to direct that the transfer of the principal and interest due on the Rajahs bonds be made and Government bonds payable to them in England granted agreable to the terms of these proposals — We further request that Government Bonds on the same terms be issued to us in liquidation of the principal and interest on that debt standing in our name —

We have the honor to be

H: H:

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(Signed) Tulloh Jervis & Brodie

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Ordered that the Accountant General
be directed to make out Bonds in the usual manner,
in favor of Mr. James Sibbald, and Messrs Tulloh &
Jervis and Boddi, for the Sums respectively due
to them on the Sayers Debt &

Read the following Letters &

Lieutenant Colonel Close
Acjutant General to
the Army

Sir.

Memits thereon

From Colonel Trent requesting Permission to proceed to England on Furlough &

After near thirty years absence from
my Native Country, I wish to avail myself of the
Offer held out in General Orders - and am desirous
of returning to England on the latter Ships of 1797 -
having never once been off the Coast but on Service
during so long a period, will I hope preclude a possi-
bility of refusal - and I request the favor of you to
forward this my application to the Commander
in Chief &

I have the honor to be

S. S.

[Signed] Thomas Trent.

Col. 10th N. I.

Madras
22. November 1796.

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To The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor &c in Council

From Colonel Dugald Campbell requesting permission to proceed to England on Furlough

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My Lord

Very Urgent Concerns that nquire my Presence in Brittain oblige me to Solicit your Lordships permission to proceed thither on Furlough by one of the first opportunities that offer

I intreat your Lordship will do me the Honor to make Such mention of me to the Honble the Court of Directors as my Services for thirty Years may appear to merit

I have the Honor to be with great Respect

Your Lordship's

Most Obdt. Humble Servant.

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/Signed/ Dugd. Campbell

Colonl Comdt. of Cavalry

To

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To The Right Honble Lord Hobart

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

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My Lord.

From Lieut. Colonel Wright - requesting Permission to proceed to England on three Years Furlough -

Having served in India as a Commissioned Officer since the beginning of the year 1771 - without ever having been absent from my Corps - or Station - and now finding my constitution much impaired I am desirous of availing myself of the indulgence of the Honble Court of Directors - and in consequence of Government Order under date the 16th Instant - have to beg your Lordship will be pleased to grant me three years Furlough to Europe -

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Geo: Wright Lieut Col.

1st Division 2d Regt. Eu. Infantry

Pondicherry

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Ordered to lie on the Table -

The Letter foregoing Letter ordered to lie on the Table -

The

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Lieut. James Campbell appointed to the Command of Chintapilly vice Powis permitted to resign —

The President recommends that Lieutenant James Campbell of the Second Battalion Eleventh Regiment of Native Infantry be appointed to the Command of Chintapilly in the room of Captain Powis, who has applied for permission to resign —

Approved and ordered Accordingly —

" Hobart

" Alfred Clarke

" Eon Saunders

" E H Fullofield

Examined

Thomas Wissett

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Diary

Dispatched the undermentioned

Letters entered in Mr B. Nos 160 - 161 - 162 - 163 - 164

165 - 166 - 167 - 168 - 169 - 170 - 171 - 172

To the acting Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

To Mr Karden - with Copy of the auditors Report on his Estimate in the Department of Commissary of Grain and Provisions and acquainting him that the Sums therein recommended will be issued from the Treasury. -

To the acting Principal agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks

To Do - acquainting him that prior to any advance of Cash being made to him on his December Estimate in the Bullock Department the Board require an Explanation of the Excess of so large a Sum being indented for on account of the Charcole Payments

To the acting Principal agents for Cavalry supplies

To Do acquainting him that he is to consider the present Cavalry Stations and the Number of Horses attached to each Regiment as a sufficient Guide to act upon in the Provisions of Grain for the ensuing year.

To the Clerk of the Treasury

To the Clerk of the Treasury authorizing Issues of Cash to Messrs Roebuck and

30 and Marden on account of their Disburse=
ments for the ensuing month.

To the officer Commanding the Detachment serving with his Highness the Nizam

To Lieutenant Colonel Roberts -
conveying the Board's Instructions &
relative to the Chuttah to be established on
the Cutwall's daily Statement of the
Prices of Provisions. -

To the Resident at Hyderabad

To Major Kirkpatrick Transmitting
Copy of the abovementioned Letter to Lieutenant
Colonel Roberts

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr. Secretary Barlow - requesting
to be made acquainted with the Decision of
the Supreme Government upon an appeal
made by Lieutenant Colonel Campbell of
the 74 Regiment respecting Gratuity due
to him. -

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham -
communicating the Decision of Government
on Lieutenant Hall, of Artillery's claims on
Colonel Fenton's Bill for arrear of Rations &
Rent on Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Robertson's
Claim to Lieutenant Colonels full Batta

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30th as Deputy adjutant General to the Kings Troops
on the Company's Demand of Interest from
the late Clothing Contractors - and Mr Brodies
Claim to remission of the Charge made against
him on account of the half Mounting of the
1st and 2d Native Battalions - Their reference
to the Supreme Government of Lieutenant
Colonel Campbells Appeal above noted - their
Decision on the Sums late reported by Mr
Paymaster Cochrane - their resolution to
Dispense with the reports demanded from
Captain Lieutenant Burke their adoption of
his Suggestions for Checking the Cutcheries
daily Statement of the Prices of Provisions
on Lieutenant Colonel Roberts's Camp - their
Determination to accept of the arrear of Pay
and allowances due to Lieutenant Colonel
Gowdie on an Affidavit against the accounts
for which he is accountable as Security
for Mr Samuel Gowing - authorized the
payment of House Rent at the usual
Rate to the officers stationed at Pattoor and
requiring his opinion on the appeal made

on

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30th on the part of Major Sage and Captain
Patterson of the 19th Dragoons requesting
the Reports demanded from them
respectively.

To the Accountant Genl

To Mr Mody - desiring that
Bonds transferable to England as
usual may be made out on account
of the Proportion of the Tanjore Debt
standing in the Name of Mr James
Tibbald and Miss M. Tullah Innes and
Brodie. —

To the Military Board

To the Military Board —
advising of the Determination of
Government to reimburse Major
General Floyd the Expences incurred
in repairing the Stabling of the 19th
Dragoons directing the building of
Sheds for the Horses at Trichenopoly and
requiring their opinion upon Lieutenant
Orrotts offer of disposing of a House
at Amboor. and upon a Letter from
Major Read recommending the
Purchase

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30th Purchase by the Company of the Quarter
built by Lieutenant Marriott at Ramnad

To Lieutenant Colonel Anderson
To Lieutenant Colonel Anderson
desiring him to reply to Complaints preferred
thro' the Board of Revenue of Irregularities
committed by a Detachment of Troops
marching under his Command from the
Northern Circars to the Presidency.

To the Attorney General
To Mr Benjamin Sullivan
requesting his Opinion on an application
from Messrs Hindersley Wallis & Co. for Hog Hill
Certificates payable on account of the Estate
of the late Mr Jourdain - also on Sundry
Papers received from Major General
Braithwaite on the subject of the
Proceedings of the Superior Court at
Pondicherry on occasion of the Marriage
of Mr Saiel and Miss Perrin. —

To the Resident at Hyderabad
To Major Kirkpatrick - desiring
him, on occasion of the Court Martial
ordered to sit on charges exhibited against
Major

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30th Major Mackay to explain to His Highness the Nizam the cause which will occasion so many Officers to be absent from the " Detachment.

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

Received Letter from the Nabob entered in C.C. No. 169 advising of his having ordered the Delivery of the Kelledars House at Chandernagherry for the accommodation of Captain Mealys Family. —

Decr 2nd

Substance of Letters to the Nabob

Sent two Letters to the Nabob as entered in C.C. Nos 170 and 171 acknowledging Receipt of his Subsidy for the month of November — and recommending punctuality in his " Payments on account of Lady Campbell's " annuity. —

3d

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12 —

From the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

From Mr. Skarden — recommending that the Grain required for a Store for the " Garrisons in the Guntoor Circar be " furnished by Mr. Ram the Collector in " preference to its being sent by water Carriage from Masulipatam

From

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From the Resident at Tanjore 3. From Mr Macleod - requesting to be furnished with a Copy of the Abstract of the Receipts and Disbursements in the Tanjore Country which accompanies the Letter from the Resident to the Governor in Council under date the 1st June 1790

From the officer commanding the Detachment serving with his Highness the Nizam From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts - enclosing Copies of Correspondence (of no particular Moment) with the Resident at the Nizam's Court

From Dittos From Do - with Correspondence with Major Kirkpatrick respecting the Number of Officers and Men that will be obliged to leave the Detachment as Evidences on Captain Farmers Court Martial -

From the Military auditor General From the Military auditor General - desiring the orders of Government relative to a refund demanded from Lieutenant Colonel Campbell 74th Regiment of the difference between Captain

and

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3d and Major's House Rent from the 1st August 1794 to 1st September 1795 which he had drawn in the latter Rank in consequence of a Brevet Promotion —

From Do —

From Do requiring the Board's orders on Sundry objectionable charges & rejected on audit of the accounts of Mr William Hawkins, Paymaster of Trichinopoly &c —

From Do —

From Do on the Subject of Lieutenant Montgomerys Charges for subsisting the Supernumerary Horses placed under his Care. —

From Ditto

From Do enclosing his audits in the accounts of Colonel Beresford the Deputy Kings Paymaster General from 25th September to 24th October 1796 and on the Ceylon Paymaster's accounts for the same Period. —

From the Military Board

From the military Board — recommending that 100 new Doolies be immediately made up — that 500 Pagodas be advanced to Captain Johnston of Engineers

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3. Engineers on account of repairs carrying on at Innacondah under his Superintendence, and that a Bill for Work performed by the Gun Carriage Contractors be discharged

From the Resident at Nagore

From Mr. Torriano - recommending that Mr. Goddard, a French Surgeon, be appointed to attend the Sick at Karrical.

From the Commandant at Amboor

From Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson - enclosing a paper of Intelligence respecting the disturbances created by the Western Poligars. -

From Messrs Pelling DeFries & Co

4th. From Messrs Pelling and DeFries and Co. - requesting that Bonds, transferable to England, may be made out in lieu of the Certificate on the registered Tanjore Debt in their Possession. -

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 13-14-15 -

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr. Secretary Barlow - enclosing Copy of Intelligence procured from the Mysore Country. -

To the Residents at Poona & Hydrabad

To Sir Charles Warre Malet and Major Kirkpatrick to the purport of above

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4th above noticed

To the accountant General

To Mr. R. Woolf - desiring that the necessary Bonds transferable to England may be made out for the proportion " of the Tanjore Debt standing in the name of Messrs Pelling De Fries & Co. or their Constituents.

Received the following Letters

To the Right Hon'ble Lord Hobart

President and Governor &ca &ca in Council

From Lieutenant Colonel Prescott representing the Injustice that has been done to the Company in regard to the Buildings erected by the " Contractors at arnee under the Superintendence of Captain Lieutenant Wood.

My Lord

In obedience to your orders I proceeded to, and reached this place the 23d ultimo.

I have to Report to your " Lordship that the Fort of arnee speaking " generally is extremely out of repair; of presuming a minute detail unnecessary, when the whole may be justly reported extremely ill conditioned and going to

ruin,

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4th ruin, I have put the whole under one ↵
general head to your Lordship. — I have herewith
the honor to transmit to your Lordship, ↵
Separate Reports upon the buildings ↵
finished by the late Contractors under the
superintendence of Captain Lieutenant
Wood at this place. —

Your Lordship having been ↵
pleased to require my opinion how far the
Company have been justly dealt by in these
buildings, I have to report that in my ↵
opinion the Company have not been justly
by, and that this my Report to your Lordship
is founded on the following several instances,
which I conceive it my Duty to bring concisely
to your view and observation. —

In the execution of the Granary,
by a Diminution in the substance of the ↵
Piers or upright Walls of <u>six Inches</u> in
their Thickness, and three inches of their
height. —

-/- inserted in with Nos 16 & 19.

In

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4th

In the execution of the Field officers quarters by a diminution of Four Feet, from the length of the Hall.

In the execution of the Two range of Officers quarters, by a diminution of Six inches in the height of their upright Walls or Piers.

These are the Essential points to be accounted for to your Lordship by Captain Lieutenant Wood. I conceive it equally my Duty, to observe to your Lordship that great care and pains have been bestowed in the finish of the Officers quarters by Captain Lieutenant Wood and that several ornaments and improvements have been added, that conduce to their appearance, that there is also to the Gun Shed a very material improvement and addition. I have carefully observed upon the different buildings on hand and with truth can assure your Lordship

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4th of the unremitting attentions of
Captain Lieutenant Wood in their
progress, and of his having omitted
nothing but on the contrary taken every
possible precaution in the foundations
now laying in very unfavorable
ground for their Security; I have
carefully inspected the part of the
private Barracks most advanced
I find an additional Substance of
three inches given to their Piers,
together with ornamental Pilasters,
equidistant six feet which Strengthen
them, I have notwithstanding found
upon a careful examination, that in a
small degree they have yielded to the
pressure of the arch, and Apprehend its
failure in parts similar to those that
have already happened to the buildings
reported. —

In the process of my Duty,
Captain Lieutenant Wood has manifested
the

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4th The greatest readiness whenever I have found it requisite to call upon him for any explanation, and equally candid and ingenuous upon points unfavorable to himself, and I trust that to your Lordship the appearance is unnecessary that I have said thus much from the purest motives. —

Arnee, Dec.r 3.d
1796

I have the honor to be, with respect
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Wm. Prescott
Lt. Col.e and Major of Engrs.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council
Fort St George

My Lord,

From the Residency at Tanjore - with a Petition addressed to the Rajah from sundry Dutch Merchants requesting money due to them by the late Nabob of Arcot

Herewith I have the honor to inclose by desire of the Rajah a Copy of a Petition to his Excellency regarding the

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4th The Complaint of certain Gurgerat &
merchants Inhabitants of Tanjore &
I have the Honor to be
&c &c
/ Signed / Alexr Macleod
Resident

Tanjore
26th November 1797

The Petition of the Gurgerat Merchants &
Patta Mulgar - Dyers - and Rama Swamy
Sibbe, and many others

Sheweth

That they have given cloaths and
Jewels to Rahamat Khan. - as long as
Rahamat Khan lived, there was a Constant
dealing - When he died, our accounts were
made up by Subraya Moodely a dubash:
The balance he wrote likewise, - Concerning
our money, which was due to us. The Dubash,
Lieutenant Baillie, and Alup Khan, &
Rahamat Khans Brother, joined together
and told us that we should get our money
per this

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If we within 15 Days – Being content with
those Promises we waited a whole year
They told us that some quantity of Cloth
was still in their house.

This Cloth and the Balance in
money they promised to give us – This
being the case we went one month
go to their house and sat down. – They
persuaded us to go away promising to
pay us our money. – Ten days ago
we all being joined went to their
house and fasted there two days – after
that Shenkel Row sent for us to come
to Shiverows house – We all went
thither – There we found Lieutenant
Butler, and Rahamat Khans
brother Aleph Khan – Subraya
Moodeli – Hupsun Naig – Nana
who told us that in three days our
money should be paid and therefore
desired us to go home – We went home –

after

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4th after that we waited 8 days — But they performed nothing — Therefore we went again to the house, were sitting there and fasting

The Second day we adjourned Aleph Khan, But he disregarding our oath, went into the house, — We remained in the house eating and Drinking — We all were sitting without —

Captain Innes's Sepoys came and told us not to sit upon the Royal — We therefore went and sit down in the Street —

Afterwards Aleph Khan came in the night — and finding that we had covered ourselves with a black Cambelli, Coarse cloth, pulled the cloth from us and went into his house. In the night we were sitting in the mire. —

Having put on the four Corners, a guard, by Rahamat Khans Brother, remained in the house. —

Wednesday

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4th

Wednesday about 8 oClock in
the morning Hufsun Baik went to
Captain Innis and called him. We
all were sitting in the Shed

Captain Innis came on
horseback having a Rattan in
his hand in order to beat us - We
asked him why he did beat us.
But he disregarding our words rode
up and beat Khan Nabe Taker three
times - all his Sepoys came to beat
us and pushed us away with their
firelocks. They took our Turbands
and put them in the guard - one
Guard of Sepoys took Khan Nabe
Taker and confined him in the
main Guard - We all are Bramins
- we have been fasting three days -
They put a Bramin in the guard
where he could not do usual baths
and eat, We all were without the
Guard fasting. -

Maha

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4th Maha Rajah is Kind and our Preserver we are merchants — and have lived here for many generations — we have to procure our livelyhood & carried on a Trade with Rahamat Khan — But such a dishonor now has been done to us — we have no other support but your Excellency, & Maha Rajah. —

We beg that our money may be given to us — our honor, your Excellency Maha Rajah, will, we hope, maintain.

Those that have subscribed the Paper are, 41 Persons. —

(A true Copy)

(Signed) Alexr. Macleod

Rest.

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council

The humble Petition of Thomas Hughes

Humbly Sheweth

Serjeant

from Serjeant Hughes overseer of Works setting forth his Length of Service to the Company and praying to be pensioned on his full pay

That your Petitioner has been in the Honble Companys Service thirty eight years having enlisted in the year 1758 That your Petitioner was promoted to the Rank of Serjeant in the year 1761 — and at the same time appointed an overseer of Works in the Engineers Department In which Station he continued to act under many different Offices all of whose good Opinion he was so fortunate as to gain till the 12th of March 1795 when your Lordship was pleased to order him to be taken from his Military Duties and Placed under the late Mr Topping Surveyor General till further orders. —

As

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4th As your Petitioner has been a
Wounded at the Seige of Wandewash in 1759
and at the Seige of Madura in 1764 and is
being more Infirm from advanced Age — He is
no longer capable of fulfilling the Duties of
his Station as an overseer of Works, He therefore
hopes your Lordship will take into your
humane Consideration the circumstances
he has stated and Pension him on the same
Pay and allowances as an overseer of
Works which he has received these thirty
five years and which enable him to pass
in Comfort and ease the short remainder
of a Life which he has Devoted while His
Strength would permit to the Service of His
Masters. —

To support this Petition he
sends accompanying — Two Characters from
Colonel Gent and Lieutenant Colonel
Prescott under both of which he had the
Honor to serve. He could send many
other Testimonies from Officers of Rank
but

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4th but does not conceive it necessary — as the Evidence of the above Officers is he hopes sufficient. —

In full Confidence that your Lordship will view this Petition in a favorable light your Petitioner

Will ever Pray

Serjeant Hughes

It is with great pleasure that I comply with your wishes for a character and certificate of your Services as Over-seer under me, for near Seven years that I was in charge as Engineer of Masulipatam and the Northern & Circars. I ever found you a very diligent, capable Servant of the Company, in your Station and employ, perfectly obedient, honest and Sober, and your conduct in every respect justifyd the Estimation in which you was held by all your Superiors. In best wishes for your prosperity Serjeant Hughes

I am &c &c

(Signed) Wm Prescott

Lt Coll Engineer

Serjeant

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4th Serjeant Hughes

I readily comply with your
request for a Character and Certificate of
your good Conduct and Services during
the period you was employed under
me at Masulipatam as I have ever
found you a Sober, Diligent and capable
Servant of the Company an overseer of
the Works. —

(Signd) W.m Gent Chief Engineer

Fort St George
Nov.r 28.th 1796.

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor in Council
Fort William Bengal

My Lord

I now major General Braithwaite forwarding various papers tending to shew the sentiments entertained by the Inhabitants in General of Pondicherry relative to the French Tribunals there as at present established with his opinion on the Subject. —

I have now the honor to lay
before your Lordship what I think I may
fairly term a general declaration of the
sentiments of the Inhabitants of this place,
both European and native, in regard to the
abolition of the French Tribunals existing here.

That your Lordship may see on
what grounds I consider the Papers I now send
as

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4th as impressive of the general wish that these Tribunals should be abolished, it may be necessary, to inform your Lordship of the following particulars.—

S

oon after my return to this place, about six weeks ago, most persons who visited me took occasion to ask me, if I brought with me an order for the abolition of those Tribunals and when I answered that I had not, seemed disappointed, and those who were in habits some what confidential with me seemed surprised, being convinced in their own minds they said, that I should state to your Lordship the dissatisfaction which proceedings gave rise to. I told such, that I had had the honor to communicate with your Lordship on the subject, that I had reason to think your Lordship's idea was, that those Tribunals

5181 Fort St George " December 1796

4th Tribunals had been re-established
in acquiescence to the General wish
of the Inhabitants here, and been
told in answer, that their wishes
had either been ill expressed, or misunder-
stood, upon which I observed, that
however that might be, it appeared
to me that as the Tribunals had
been re-established in consequence
of an address from the Inhabitants of
Pondicherry, it might be necessary now
for the Inhabitants to signify their
wish by an address if they desired them
to be abolished, and that it was a
difficult affair, and required much
consideration; for some days I heard no
more than the general report that the
subject was much agitated amongst
them. a few days after this however
I received the address No 1, which being
signed only by five persons I did not
notice, soon after this I was given to
understand

5782 Fort St George 11 December 5th 1796

4th understand that a more general
representation would be made
if I would authorise a general
meeting, I said I would consider the
matter, and take such measures
as appeared to me proper in a few
days. I did not like to authorise, or
even countenance a general meeting
of the European Inhabitants here
on any pretext whatsoever, Knowing
that as the majority here are great
Orators and great Democrats such a
meeting would lead to tedious &
discussions and absurd proposals.
after some consideration I requested the
attendance of twelve of the most
respectable Inhabitants, and these
twelve I unanimously found pretty
equally divided in regard to political
opinion, and were therefore likely
to give one an opinion as little biased
as could possibly be obtained. - when

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4th They met at my house I told them, that they all knew as well as myself the general clamor against the existing Tribunals that I did not wish to trouble your Lordship from common report, or the declared opinion of a few Individuals, that I had therefore requested their attendance to desire that each of them would consult with his neighbours and friends, and that they should then fix a day for the twelve to assemble at the house of Mr. DeSaroche the most ancient Inhabitant here, and favor me in writing with their opinion, whether it would be for the welfare and happiness of the settlement that the existing Tribunals should be abolished, and also requested them to favor me with their ideas as to the measures to be adopted in the event of the abolition of the Tribunals, that the measures to be

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4th be pursued in such an event must of course rest solely with the Government of Madras, but that I had no doubt that Government would receive, and that I therefore wished to forward the ideas of the people here, and that I thought & this the most efficacious way of attaining the general opinion, as they might all take leisure to consult their neighbours and friends, and that the convening a larger assembly might lead to endless discussions and many ill wills. In this idea they all acquiesced and seemed totally pleased with the step I had taken, and assured me of their sincere desire to remedy the evils under which this unfortunate settlement at present suffered. This meeting was on the

5185 Fort St George 4th December 1796.

4th a Friday, and after some deliberation among themselves they agreed to meet at Mr De Larches on the Tuesday following and took their leave, and on three days after Monsr Girard forwarded me with the Letter No2. The two Gentlemen did meet on the Tuesday following at Mr. De Larché's and drew up the address No3, but it was not till some days after that it was delivered to me, as under = when they assembled twice & again materially to consider what they had written, and finding & nothing to alter in the address & it was delivered to me, as I have send it to your Lordship. It occurred to me, that though in a profession of this declaration of the general wish of the European & Inhabitants, it was my duty also to know the sentiments of the

Native

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4th Native Inhabitants, as it does not
possible that the Europeans, who
are said to be indebted to the natives,
might have an interest in
wishing the Tribunals to be
suppressed, while the natives
on the other hand might generally
wish them to remain, I took
measures therefore to know
the Sentiments of the natives
also, and found that they
concurred with the European
Gentlemen in desiring the
Tribunals to be suppressed as
your Lordship will see under
one of the enclosed Packets.

I also thought it necessary
to call for the Opinion of the
Procureur du Roi, and to that end
delivered to him the two addresses

and

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4th and Monsr Girard's letter, and desired him to consider them and deliver to me his opinion, which I have also the honor to enclose.

The Packets therefore which accompany this Letter are as follow

No 1 - The first address sent to me " signed by five European " " Inhabitants - with my remarks on it

No 2 The letter of Monsr Girard President of the Council - with my remarks on it

No 3 The second address signed by the " twelve principal European Inhabitants with my remarks on it

No 4 The Opinion of the Procureur du Roi on the three forementioned French papers.

No 5 The measures I took to obtain the sentiments of the Natives, and their consequent declaration by their representatives. -

Thus prepared, I hope your Lordship will give

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4th give me credit for not troubling you with general reports, or repeated declarations, and I shall be happy if your Lordship is pleased to think, that my conduct on the occasion has been prudent and proper

Your Lordships zeal and activity in the discharge of all your public duties assures me, that I shall not incur your Lordships disapprobation for the trouble this my address will occasion to you, as the subject is of serious importance.

Pondichery was ceded & peopled with Europeans when we took it, that population has been constantly increasing by Emigrants from the French Islands and all other French Establishments, and it will probably in a very short time increase much more, as Sam

told

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4th told that since the departure of the
Commissaries an Edict has been
published at Mauritius giving free
leave to such Inhabitants as chose to quit
the Island, to have it, in consequence of which
it is thought many families will flock
to this place early in the next year, under all
these circumstances I cannot but think
that a well regulated and strong Government
for Pondicherry is not only necessary for its
Inhabitants, but for the ease and
tranquillity of your Lordships Government;
some System that will effectually settle and
control the wild passions and speculations
to which the French have been so long a
prey, and perhaps will every ten Years
new would form a System of that
could gain the lead, nothing but a
positive unmixed English
Government can produce the desired
effect. —

I hope

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4th I hope I need not add that I have been actuated solely by the hope of procuring in this place tranquillity and contented subordination, and not by any wish of augmenting here any consequence or authority, if there are any persons who can suppose me to have been guided by any selfish motive, your Lordship & Knowing the appearances I have received from Europe that lead me to expect that my services will almost immediately be called for in a very distant quarter, will I trust think differently.

I have the honor to
with great respect
&c, &c
(Signed) John Braithwaite

Pondicherry
29th November 1796

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Mobart

Governor — President

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esquire

and

Ernst William Tallofield Esq.rs

Minutes of last Consultation read

Tuesday 6th Dumber 1796 — and approved. —

Read the following letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal. —

To W. C. Jackson Esq.

Secretary at

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Bengal urgent, citing that none of the Company's Troops destined for Bengal may be detained at Madras

The weakness of the Company's European Regiments under this Establishment and the expected Reinforcement from the Cape, of regular Troops for Madras, which it is hoped will be adequate to the exigencies of the

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the Public Service at that Presidency are considerations which induce the Governor General in Council, to request his Lordship in Council not to detain any of the Recruits for Bengal which may arrive at Fort St. George in the expected fleet, but send them round to this Presidency by the first convenient opportunity.—

Fort William the November 1796

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

Minute thereon

The whole of the Recruits for Bengal were re-embarked for that Presidency on the Ships that lately sailed from hence.—

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,

From the Military Auditor General desires to know whether the Chief Engineer is considered entitled to full batta and to the Table Allowance granted by the Court of Directors in the Year 1796.—

Not having considered myself authorised to admit the Chief Engineer's Claim to full Batta after the Publication of the new Arrangement for the Army unless sanctioned by your Lordship, I beg leave to state on this subject, that the Allowance

in

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in question has been constantly granted to the Chief Engineer, ever since the establishment of the Office of Military Auditor General in April 1792, and possibly long before that period, and as far as I can learn, it originated in the consideration, that he had occasionally to inspect in person the Works and Repairs that might be carried on at the several Stations in the Neighbourhood of Madras, and consequently put to an additional expence on that Account.—

As the Allowance of Full Batta to certain Officers on the Staff has not been affected by the New Regulations, it is probable, the Claim of the Chief Engineer may appear to merit your Lordship's favorable consideration especially as the G. O. of the 25th October 1795, grants Full Batta to the Officers of that Corps in general who may be employed at more than one Station.—

Although it may be presumed that the additional Allowance of 51 Pagodas p.r Month, which has been continued by Government to the Field Officers and Captains of the Corps of Engineers, was not Meant to be extended to the Chief Engineer who has a specific extra Allowance fixed by the Honorable Court of Directors in lieu of all Contingencies, yet as this point does not seem to be perfectly understood

I request

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I request your Lordship will be pleased to honor me with your Instructions thereon.—

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
2d December 1796

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

(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mily. Aud. Genl.

Minute thereon

The Board are of opinion for the reasons assigned by the Military Auditor General, that the Chief Engineer is entitled to full Batta—Resolved therefore that the charge be sanctioned.—

D.

With respect to the additional Sum of 51 fifty one Pagodas pr Month, it cannot be extended to the Chief Engineer—because the Allowance fixed for him by the Court of Directors in their letter of the 8th of January last, was explicitly stated to be "in Lieu of Commission on Public Works—and of all contingencies whatever".—

Read the following letter from Major General Braithwaite.—

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

From Major General Braithwaite requesting that the Rajah of Tanjore may be brought to an immediate adjustment of the Pecuniary Claims he has upon his Excellency

My Lord,

The claim I have on the Rajah of Tanjore is of such superior importance to my own welfare, and that of my Family, that your Lordship cannot but suppose that it presses much on my mind.

Unwilling

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Unwilling to intrude upon your Lordships time, so fully occupied by a constant attention to the publick interest, I have forborn to press you on a subject that may in a great measure be now & considered as only involving the interest of an Individual.

But as the time probably approaches & which may remove me, or your Lordship from the Coast which may equally prove causes of great & delay and detriment to this Claim, I hope your Lordship will pardon me if I take the liberty to remind you of the Orders which the Honorable Court of Directors & have been pleased to send out in regard to it, and if I request a continuance of that warm support which you have hitherto given to me in other cases, in causing these Orders to be carried into execution, either by directing the Rajah to pay the debt, or by putting it upon a footing with the other of Tanjore claims.

The Honorable the Court of Directors & after the fullest information and investigation & have unequivocally decided that I advanced this Money for the publick Service. I can add, that & I did it under the greatest risk, and that probably if I had not advanced it the Fort of Tanjore could not

not have been placed in that respectable state of defence which enabled General Coote to plan his operations, & and make his movements unbiased by any anxiety for its safety, as I officially informed him that I had taken such measures as enabled me to say that I would & answer with my Head for the defence of it for six Months, having caused it to be completely victualled for that period. —

Under this circumstance of having & supplied this Money for the public Service which the Honorable the Court of Directors have been pleased so publickly to avow, I flatter myself that, with & your Lordship's support, there can remain no difficulty, and that if this is an improper time to demand & payment of the Rajah, I may by transferring the Bond of the late Rajah to the Company, be entitled to & receive security for the debt from the Company & payable in Europe in common with the other Tanjore Cantons. —

I have the honor to be with great respect

Pondicherry
November 30th 1796 —

& &c. &c.

[Signed] John Braithwaite

Minute thereon —

Resolved that a letter be written to the Rajah of Tanjore, stating the nature of the Debt & due to Major General Braithwaite — advising him of the expectation of the Company that he will put

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it in a train of immediate liquidation — and calling upon him to fulfil that expectation — (vide C.C. 8th —)

Read the following letter from the Military Board. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

The accompanying twenty Bills of

From the Military Board — recommending the Payment of Bills for Work done by the Contractor for Buildings and Repairs. —

received from the Contractor for Buildings and Repairs, amounting to Pagodas 2215. 30. 5. — for Civil and Military Works executed by them being certified by the Chief Engineer to be correct, We beg leave to recommend to your Lordship in Council, that they may be accordingly passed for payment. —

We have the honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George
11th November 1796.

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

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Military Board recommending the Payment of Eight other Bills for Works done by the Contractor for Buildings and Repairs.

We do ourselves the honor of forwarding the accompanying eight (8) Bills, amounting to Pagodas 5,295: 32: 8, received from the Contractor for Buildings and Repairs, for Military Works executed by them, which being certified by the Chief Engineer to be correct, We recommend to Your Lordship in Council that they may be passed for payment.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George
19th November 1797

Alured Clarke
Wm Sydenham
Jno Richardson
B. Close
Wm Gent
George Hall

Minutes on the two foregoing letters

Ordered that the Bills of the late Contractor for Buildings and Repairs be paid by a Bill on Bengal at the exchange of 355 Arcot Rupees for 100 Star Pagodas

Read

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Read the following Letter from the
Resident at Hydrabad —

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council
Fort St. George

My Lords,

From the Resident at Hydrabad with Remarks on the Accountant General's Statement of Arrears of Peishcush due to His Highness the Nizam on the 31st Oct.

I have had the honor to receive
Mr Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 15th Instant
accompanied by Copy of Mr Accountant Generals Wolfs
Letter and Statement of the 14th of the same Month —

Mr Wolf has misunderstood my
Letter of the 10th of October to your Lordship in Council;
having supposed me to have added two Sums together,
and to have made out a total (of 65,142:30:68 Pagodas
or 2,28000 Rupees) which it will be found, on referring to
that Letter, I neither intended nor stated — The
total I gave was, one Lack and twenty eight Thousand
Rupees; and not, two Lacks and twenty eight Thousand
Rupees; the reason of which was, that in my loose
Sketch of the Account, I left the Lack of Rupees
stopped (or proposed to be stopped) by Mr Wangham
out of the question; and this is what I meant by
the word exclusive —

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The difference, however, between me and the Accountant General and which Amounts to 13,147 Rupees does not arise from this circumstance; but principally from its having escaped him, that the Nizam, after granting an Assignment on the * Paishcush for the Arrears of Subsidy to the end of * September,* could not be debited for the 13,900 Rupees * which I had advanced to Lieutenant Colonel Roberts * for the immediate accommodation of the Troops; the re-imbursement of this sum having been virtually * provided for (as I observed in my Address of the 15. Ultimo to your Lordship in Council) in the Assignment in question.—

* Viz. for 161,140 Rupees for for July, August, and September.—

This will appear more clearly from the following Statement.—

4 Months arrears of Subsidy to the 31st. October 1796	2,14,853
Deduct Assignment for 3 Month Subsidy, or	1,61,140
Balance	53,713

The Accountant General, in supposing it should be 66,860 Rupees evidently includes the * Advance of 13,900 Rupees made by me; which however, your Lordship will perceive is not to be carried to the debit of the Nizam, but to that of the Detachment.—

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The rest of the difference between the A
Accountant General and me arises merely from my A
having in my letter of the 16th October, used round numbers
instead of the exact Sums; as the word about (by which
I qualified them) would indicate.—

I trust this explanation will prove A
satisfactory to Mr. Woolf as well as to your Lordship
in Council; and I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Yr. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Kirkpatrick

Hyderabad
26th. November 1796

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing
letter be sent to the Accountant General, with
Minute thereon.— directions to report upon it.—

Read the following letter from the A
Resident at Hyderabad

W.C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Government.

Fort St. George

Sir,

I enclosed I have the honor to transmit
you for the Notice of the Right Honorable the Governor
in Council, Copy of a letter I have this day addressed
to Lieutenant Colonel Roberts, and am
Sir &c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Kirkpatrick

From the Resident at Hyderabad finds it necessary to request of Colonel Roberts that the Officers ordered from the Detachment as witnesses on Captain Farmers Court Martial may be detained till further orders.—

Hyderabad
28th November 1796

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel George Roberts

Commanding the

Ellore Detachment

Sir,

Understanding that the presence of several Officers of the Detachment under your Command is likely to be soon required at Fort St. George in consequence of certain Courts Martial about to be held there, and the unsettled state of Affairs in this Quarter not at present admitting of the departure of any Officers but at the hazard of serious inconvenience to the public Service without first being relieved by others, I find it necessary to request, that you will represent the same without delay to the Commander in Chief, & detaining the Officers in question until you receive further Orders from him on the subject.—

I have the honor to be,

Hyderabad
28th November 1796

(Signed) Wm. Kirkpatrick

A true Copy

(Signed) J. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Agreed

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Minute thereon. — Agreed to inform Major Kirkpatrick that the Board entirely approve the Notification made by him to Lieutenant Colonel Roberts relative to the Officers under orders to proceed to the Presidency; and that until they are relieved, they are to continue with the exception of those actually under Arrest/ to do duty with the Detachment. —

Read the following letter from the Agent for Spirituous Liquors. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lords,

From the agent for Spirituous Liquors enclosing his account Current for 1795/6 and proposing remittance therewith. —

I have the honor to lay before your Lordships an Abstract Account Current of the Arrack Agency for the Year 1795/96 Drawn up upon the same Scale as that of the preceding Year

Should your Lordships approve of my writing off to the Head of Expedition to the Mauritius, Star Pagodas 22,695. 27. 42 as stated in my Letter of the 26th February 1796 the Profit of

resulting

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resulting from the Arrack Agency for the year 1795/96 will Amount to Star Pagodas 6095.5.70

That your Lordship may view the Subject comprehensively, I here take the liberty of submitting to you the following Statement of Purchases, Charges, Sales and Profits for two Years of 1792/93 and 1793/94 both which years I laid a Profit to the Commanding Officers and also a similar Statement of the Year 1795/96 with the causes affecting the same.—

Purchases

The Medium rate of the purchases for the Year 1792/93 and 1793/94 is per Gallon Fanams ... Fanams Cash 12. 16 ½

The Medium rate of the Year 1795/96 is Fanams ... 12. 16.

The difference in favor of the Year 1795/96 Amount to Cash ... 5

Charges

The Medium rate of the Charges for the Years 1792/93 and 1793/94 Amount to Star Pagodas ... 23891. 18. 65.

The Amount of the Year 1795/96 is ... 22502. 33. 8.

The difference in favor of the Year 1795/96 is Star Pagodas ... 1388. 21. 57.

Sales

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Sales

	Gallons Drams
The Medium Sales to the Europeans and Natives for the Year 1792/93 and 1793/94 Amount to Gallons	121041. 0½
The Amount of the Year 1795/96 is	95,372. 4.
The difference in favor of the Years 1792/93 and 1793/94 Amount to Gallons	25,668. 36½

Profits

	Star Pags. Fanm Cs.
The Medium Profit for the Year 1792/93 and 1793/94 Amount to Star Pagodas	7611. 3. 26
The Amount of the Year 1795/96 is	6,103. 30. 50.
The difference in favor of the Years 1792/93 and 1793/94 Amount to Star Pagodas	1507. 8. 56

This falling off of the Profit originates from the Sales of Liquor being less in the Year 1795 as above stated, from the Number of Troops sent to foreign Stations. —

I have the honor to be
My Lord,
Your Lordship's Most Obedient
very humble Servant.
(Signed) Basil Cochrane
Agent for Spirituous
Liquors. —

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3rd December 1796

D.P.S

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Dr. ..... Account Curren

						on.g.r D. Star Pag.s f. C.	
1795							
May	1st	To Stock at Madras &c. Stores at f. 15 ₹ Gall.				1,75,916 D8	57,367.28.40
1796							
April	30th	To Purchases					
		1795					
		October ... At Madras ...	88,383.35.	24,394	7.48		
		December .. At Madras	4,242.17.	1,168.	5.33		
x 1796		* March .. At Negapatam ..	4056 11.	1121.	44.		
		April .. At Madras ..	36,371.16	8638.	9.43		
		The Medium Rate at which Stands at Jan.y 12. 16 ₹ Gallon	1,33,053.39.	35,322.	30.44.	1,33,053.39	35,322.30.44
		Charges Merchandize		12,572.	8.75.		
		Commission		1,766.	25.49		
		Leakage		6,776.	8.50.		
		Warehouses		950.	" "		
		Profit & Loss lost by the flood at Walajahbad		314..	11.60		
		Floating Stock lost by the Cargo of Ship Henry from Calcutta		123..	14.14.		
							22,502 33. 8
		To Commandants at the Out Garrisons and Cantonments for Amount profit gained ..		6,103..	30.50.		
		Total	2,03,970..	27. 1,21,297..	14.62.		

Fort St. 30th

(Signed) Basil

Agent for

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Abt. of Arrack for the Year 1795/96 ..... Cr.

M.G.o D. Stn. Pay.f. C.

1796
April 30th By Amount Sales—
To Europeans ---- 76,221. 8. 37,282. 5. -
To Natives ------ 19,151. 36 12,489. 33. -
95,372. 4. 49,771. 38. - 95,372. 4. 49,771. 38. -

By Commissary General of Grain and Provisions
Amount delivered him 35,678. 37. 13,313. 21. 6
Amount Recvd of him 1453 13. 564. 26. 76
Balance debitted him 34,225. 24. 12,748. 30 10 34,225. 24. 12,748. 30. 10

By Sweet Toddy ..... 234. 26. 12.

By Profit & Loss lost by flood on the 29 November 1795 at Walajahbad ... 154. 22. 50. 18. 20

By Batta difference in Exchange between the 36 Jan.y the Rate the Liquor is at added up at and 46 Janam the Rate the Amount Sales are at brought to Amount 46. 23. 70

By Stock on Hand at Jan.y 15 per Gallon 1,79218. 17. 58,444. 22. 30.

Total --- 3,08,970. 27. 1,21,297. 14. 62.

George
April 1796
Cochrane
Spirituous Liquors

Ordered

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Minute thereon.— Ordered that the Military Auditor General be deputed to proceed to the Audit of the Agents Accounts for 1795/6, requiring the production of Vouchers for all the charges.—

Read the following Letter from Messrs. Kendersley Watts and Company.—

William Collin Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary.—

Sir,

From the Substituted Attornies to the Executor to the late Mr. Francis Jourdan — requesting an adjustment of their Claims on account of Ground let to the Company for distribution amongst the Hog Hill Inhabitants.—

Messrs. Porcher Redhead & Co. having & substituted us to Act as Attornies for Major Edward & Jourdan, the Executor to the late Mr. Francis Jourdan's Estate, We request you will bring under the Consideration of Government the following unsettled Claims.—

For 21 3/4 Lots of ground in Conde Tope sold to the Company for Distribution to the Inhabitants of Hog Hill, Amounting with Interest to the 31st. December 96 — 5229. 26. 7/4

An Acknowledgement from the & Committee of Board of & Works to Peddoo Naig, &

dated

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dated 22d February 77 with Interest @
8 ℔ C/o to the 31st December 94 ... 2622.. 27.. 38.

It will be found that the 24 3/4 Lots
of Ground which Constitutes the first Claim, appear
on the Registry of Grounds purchased by Government
for Distribution to the Inhabitants of Hog Hill, &
under the Name and as the Property of the late &
W. F. Jourdan: and that such Claims have &
been Settled by Government by their Bonds bearing
8 ℔ C/o Interest We beg leave therefore to request
for the Estate a similar Mode of Payment which
has obtained in the like Instances. The second
Claim will be found equally genuine.—

We have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servants
(Signed) Hendersley Watts & Co.
Subs.t Attr.s to Major E. Jourdan,
Executor to F. Jourdan Esq.r

Fort St. George
28th November 1796.

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Dr. The Honorable Company Dr. to the Estate of the late Mr. Francis Jourdan Cr.

1794			
December 31st.	For 24 3/4 Lots of Ground in Cande Tope @ 100 Pagt. the Lot	2475.. ..	
	Interest from the 1st. February 81 to the 31st. December 94 @ 8 ff %	2754.26.74	5229.26
	For an Acknowledgement from the Committee of Works to Peddoo Naick	1080.. ..	
	Interest from the 22d. February 1777 to the 31st. December 94 @ 8 ff %	1542.27.38	2622. 27.38.
	Pagodas..		7852 12.32.

1794		
December 31st.	Balance due on this day by the Honorable Company	7852. 12.32.
	Pagodas..	7852.. 12.32.

E. E.

J. Kindersley Watts & Co.

Subst. Attl. to Major E. Jourdan,
Executor to F. Jourdan Esqr.

Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered that a Company's 8 per Cent Bond be granted to Messrs. Kindersley Watts and Co. Company, substituted Attornies for Major Edward Jourdan, the Executor to the estate of the late Francis Jourdan Esqr. for the Sum of two thousand four hundred and seventy five /2475/ Pagodas, on Account of ground purchased from the said Francis Jourdan in the Year 1781 by the then Government, with Interest at the rate of 8 per cent per Annum, from the date of Mr. Hugh Maxwell's Report to the Committee of Works (Viz.t 20th of June 1783) to the present day & making together the sum of five thousand one hundred and forty Pagodas twenty eight Fanams — and thirty three Cash (5140. 28. 33).—

Similar claims on Account of acknoledg- ments from the Committee of Works having been adjusted in the public Department — Ordered that the subject now brought forward by Messrs. Kindersley Watts and Company be referred to that department, with the original acknowledgment from the Committee of Works, for the principal Sum of one thousand and eighty /1080/ Pagodas — and that an Offer of Adjustment be made upon the same terms as have been granted to others — Viz.t the payment of Principal

only

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only by Bond, with a reference to the Honorable Court of Directors respecting Interest.—

Death of Lt. John Burton of the 2d Infantry

The Secretary reports to the Board the death of Lieutenant John Burton of the 2nd Battalion 4th Regiment Native Infantry at Cuddalore on the 1st instant.

" Roberts

" Thos Hollandsh

" Edw Saunders

" Ebenezer Field

Examined

Shawsett

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Diary

To the Resident at Hydrabad 7th

Sent letter to the Resident at Hydrabad entered in M.B. P. 31. acquainting him that according to his suggestion the Board have resolved that the Officers belonging to the Detachment who have been ordered to the Presidency as evidences on a Court Martial shall remain with the Detachment till they are relieved.-

Received the following letter from Rear Admiral Rainier.-

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

My Lord,

From Rear Admiral Rainier, sends Lieut. Dobbie to China to Collect Provisions &c. for the Troops at the Moluccas-requests his bills on government may be duly honored

Having sent His Majesty's Armed Tender the Amboyna commanded by Lieut. William Hugh Dobbie to Macoa to apply to the President of the Select Committee of the

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To
The Honorable Company's Supracargoes for
Assistance in affording a supply of Money,
Provisions, and Naval Stores, for the expedition
under my orders agreeable to my dispatches
to your Lordship in Council by His Majesty's
Ship Orpheus, Captain Newcome, who left
this Port to make the best of his way to the
Coast the 13th instant, I have to request
your Lordship will please honour with
acceptance such bills as shall be drawn
on your Lordship by Lieutenant Dobbie, or
his Substitute for the value of the Kings
Ships and Garrisons of Amboyna and Banda,
transmitting therewith proper Vouchers for
the Amount of the particulars Supplies
received, certified by the President and Select
Committee of the Honorable Company's
Supracargoes.-

Fort Victoria,
Amboyna
May 5th 1796.

I have the honor to Remain
&c. &c.
(Signd) Peter Rainier

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Received also a letter from Mr. Shardon entered in M. B. N. 32 requesting

From the Acting Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies

that a Perwannah may be procured from the Nabob for passing the Grain required for Major Dallas's Temporary Corps of Cavalry

Sent letter to the Nabob entered in C.C. N. 172 requesting he will furnish the necessary Perwannah for passing the

Substance of letter to the Nabob.—

Grain for Major Dallas's temporary Corps of Cavalry.—

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Dispatched the undermentioned letters entered in M. B. Nos. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40 41 42 43.—

To the Commandant at Tutacorin.—

To Captain Davison permitting him to visit the Presidency.—

To the Acting Commissary Genl. of Grain & Provisions

To Mr. Shardon—acquainting him with the resolutions passed by Government on the Military Board's suggestions relative to the Quantity of Bagar articles of Provision to be laid in Store in the several Garrisons in the Centre & Western Divisions.—

To

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To the Collector in the Guntoor Circar.

To Mr. Ram directing him to comply with the Indents of Captain Darley for the Paddy and Dry Grain required to Store the different Garrisons on the Guntoor Circar.

To the Military Auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham informing him that under the Circumstances stated by Lieutenant Montgomery the Board authorize Payment of his Bills for feeding &c. the Supernumerary Horses under his Charge.

To Serjeant Thos. Hughes Overseer of Works.

To Serjeant Hughes pensioning him for life on the full pay of Overseer of Works requiring however that he continue his Services to the Company while his Health permits.

To the Military Auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham & Lieutenant Colonel Campbells Claim on Account of House Rent rejected the Chief Engineer considered entitled to full Batta but not to the additional Allowance granted to officer of that Corps by the Court of Directors

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in the year 97 — Captain Lieutenant Gibbons and Colonel Sale's Claims to exemption of the Refund standing against them rejected — the Amount due from the latter to be deducted from the arrear of Gratuity &c. due to him — the Batta and Horse allowance to Ensign Debaveland prior to the 25th October 1795 to be regulated by the Certificates of Major General Floyd — the Expence of the Paymaster's Department as Chandanagherry limited to 6 Pagodas ℔ Month the Accounts of the Agent for Spirituous Liquors for 1795/96 to be audited — Sundry Accounts transmitted by Major General Stuart to be passed if found correct the Officer Commanding at Manar to be allowed Table Money at the Rate of 10 Shillings ℔ Diem from the Day on which that Place was first occupied by the British Troops —

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board — the additional Estimates of Repairs required to Ryacottah approved — as also the advance made by Major — Read to Captain Lennon of Engineers 100 Pag.s advanced to Lieutenant Colonel Prescott agreeably

to

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8, to their recommendation — the consideration of their Secretary's Indent for 3000 Pagodas deferred orders given for Carrying into execution their — suggestion respecting provisions to be stored in the Centrum Southern and Western Divisions — Bills for Repairs made by Major General Floyd to the Stabling of the 19th Dragoons passed for Payments. —

To the Officer Commanding the Baramahal and Salem Countries

To Major Read — advising of Authority given for the Execution of Repairs &c. to the — Works of Ryacottah and Sanctioning his advance to Captain Lennon on this Account —

To Captain Peachard of the Regiment De Meuron —

To Captain Peachard requesting — certain points of Information relative to his Claim to Indemnification for Money said to have been deposited by him on the Dutch — Company's Treasury at the Time of the Capture of Columbo by the British Forces. —

To Accountant — General

To Mr. Robert Wooly desiring his Opinion upon a Letter and Statement of Account Received from the Resident at Hydrabad —

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To the late Chief at Jaggernachpooram —

To Mr. Casleon Colbracht acquainting him that as he thought proper to decline acceptance of the subsistence fixed for him originally the Board can only Grant it — him from the Date of his letter on the — Subject the 19th November —

Read the following letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal —

To W. C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir,

From Bengal relative to a difference of — Construction which has been placed at the two Presidencies on the orders of the Court of Directors authorizing the Brevet promotion of Subalterns who have been 15 years in the Company's Service —

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit to you the Enclosed Copy of a Minute from the Commander in Chief and to request you will, with the sanction of the Right Honorable the President in Council report on the subject of it to enable the Board to come to a Resolution on the point in — Question —

I am &c

(Signed) J. Thornhill Sub Sec.

Fort William the 25th November 1796

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Copy of a Minute from the Commander in Chief

Notwithstanding the Precau-
tions that were taken to secure an Uniformity
at the Three Presidencies, in carrying into effect
the late arrangements for the Company's Army,
I have been informed that there has been a
difference, in regard to the Extent of the
Promotion, of Captains by Brevet - The Court of
Directors consented to grant this Indulgence,
to every Lieutenant, who had been Fifteen Years
in the Companys Service, and which according
to my conception, putting the widest Construction
upon the Article, Comprehended Cadets, who
arrived in India, in 1781 or were appointed
in the Country, in any part of that year -
The Madras Government by giving a still Wider
construction to the Word Service, have admitted
to the Benefit of that Article, all the Cadets
who were appointed in England in the year
1781; altho they did not arrive in India,
till the year 1782 By this Means, Cadets
at Madras of the same Season, and who came
out

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out on the same Ships with Cadets for Bengal, are Captains by Brevet, whilst the latter remain Lieutenants — This substantial advantage which the Officers of one Presidency have gained over those of the other, not by the regular rise in the Service, but by Indulgence cannot but be regarded with uneasings by the Bengal Officers even when seperate, and must be so mortifying to them should they meet on Duty with the Madras Officers, that in justice to the Officers of this Establishment some measures should be taken to relieve them There are two obvious Modes of granting this Relief — One by directing the Madras Government to recall the Brevet Commissions granted to the Officers in the above predicament; the other by advancing the Officers on this Establishment to the same Rank. Conceiving that the Madras Government were satisfied, that they were — acting up to the Intentions of the Court of Directors and averse to having resort to so — unpleasant

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unpleasant a Measure, as recalling Commissions I am disposed to adopt the favourable Side of the question, and trust, that I shall stand justified from the necessity of the case, in recommending, that the Officers Comprehended in the Court of Directors' List of Cadets, of the Season which we call 1782 but which the Madras Government have considered as the List of 1781, be promoted to the Rank of Captain by Brevet -

To render the relief complete, the Brevet Commissions should bear the same date, as the other Brevet Commissions - Viz - and the Officers should be entitled to the Allowance of Batta, from that period --

But before the Board come to a fixed Resolution, on the Subject of this Insinuation I beg leave to recommend that application be made to the Secretary at Madras for official Information, on the point in question -

(Signed) Robert Abercromby

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Thornhill Secretary

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Substance of a letter to the Rajah of Tanjore

Sent letter to the Rajah of Tanjore entered in C C. No. 173 urging him to an immediate Adjustment of Major Genral Braithwaites Claim conformably with the wishes of the Honorable Court of Directers.

Sent the following letter.

To. Alexander. Macleod Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to transmit to you a letter for the Rajah of Tanjore which you are to deliver; a Copy is enclosed for your information, and his Lordship desires you will not fail to urge his Excellency in respectful but explicit terms, to an immidiate compliance with the Company's Wishes relative to the

To the Resident at Tanjore inclosing the above mentioned letter for the Rajah and desiring him to pay the Subject upon His Excellency in the most pointed terms.

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The Claim of Major General Braithwaite

Fort St. George
7th December 1796

Sam H. a W. n

/ Sigd / W.C. Jackson Sy

To Alexander Macleod Esq.r

President

at

Tanjore

Sir,

To the President at Tanjore further Information required as to the Circumstances attending the Petition of the Gazzerat Merchants.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated the 26.th & 28.th Ultimo, and to acquaint you that it is impossible for his Lordship to give an Opinion upon the Petition of the Gazzerat Merchants residing at Tanjore unless the merits of the case were before him and that he knew the Motive which induced his Excellency to desire that a Copy of the Petition might be forwarded to Government Further information on the Subject

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8th on the subject is therefore necessary.—

I enclose a Copy of the Account applied for in your letter of the 28th.—

I am &c. &c.

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(signed) W. C. Jackson Majr

To Colonel William Gent
Chief Engineer

Sir,

To the Chief Engineer.
information required respecting the Deviation made in the Works at Arnee from the Original Plans.—

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to transmit to you a Copy of a letter with its Enclosures from Lieutenant Colonel Prescott, reporting upon the Works executed by the late Contractors at Arnee, under the Superintendence of Captain Lieutenant Wood and to acquaint you that as there appears in many instances to have been deviations from the Original plans and Sections, his Lordship desires you will state for his information whether alter

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8th, any of the deviations Noticed by Lieutenant Colonel Prescott, (that to the Breadth of the Walls of the Granary excepted) were reported to you by Captain Lieutenant Wood and upon what Documents you Certified on the face of the Contractors Bills that the Works were executed admitting that the Bills have been paid according to Measurement.

Fort St. George
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I am
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson Jun.

9th, Received the undermentioned letters entered in M. B. No. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48.

From the Acting Principal Agent Cavalry Supplies

From Mr. Skardon recommending that Lieutenant Charles Dallas be allowed to charge Eight Pagodas ⅌ Month for Servants in the Department of Gram Agent while Major Dallas's Corps shall remain at Arcot.

From

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From the Sub Secretary at Bombay enclosing Heads of European Intelligence already received.—

From the Sub Secretary at Bombay—

From Lieutenant Colonel Fraser acknowledging Receipt of the Board's Instructions respecting the Care of the Sick and stating that the Health in general of the European Troops is of late much improved—

From the Commandant at Trincomalee

From Captain Moffman requesting that an order may be sent to him to be received on board one of the Company's Ships expected at Columbo as a Passenger for England.—

From Captain A. Moffman of the 78th Regiment.—

From Captain Davison requesting permission to charge for a Pucktally from the Date of his taking Command of Putacoyn as well as for a Puckally appointed to attend a Detachment sent into that Place sick from Columbo.—

From Commandant at Putacoyn

Dispatches

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Dispatches the undermentioned

Letters Entered in M. B. Nos 49. 50.—

To the Military Board.—

To the Military Board desiring them to suggest Regulations adapted to the New formation of the Army, for the Establishments of Artificers, Pioneers, Doolies, and Camp Equipage.—

To the Military Auditor Genral.—

To the Military Auditor General authorizing the Establishment of One Conscopoly and an Apistant to each Battalion of Native Infantry on the same pay which they drew on the old System.—

From Lieutenant Colo. Anderson.—

Recieved the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B Nos 51 52 53 54 55 56.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Anderson refutation of Complaints made of the Irregularities and outrages committed by a Detachment marching under his Command from the Circars to the Presidency.—

From

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From the Military Paymaster Gunner -

From Mr. Roebuck the attorneys of Colonel Brodie and Major Barbutt request — that the Amount of Gratuity due to their Constituents may be paid in Bills on England at 8/6 the Pagoda -

From the Command=ant at Chintapilly

From Captain Powis requesting to be reimbursed the Amount expended in — building a Quarter and out Offices at Chintapilly which he values at 300 Pagodas -

From Mr. Roebuck Mr. Corbett the acting Paymaster at Masulipatam — requesting permission to provide Sundry Articles of Office Furniture. -

From Military & Paymaster General -

From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell - that by the late violent Rains repairing the part of the N. E. Bastion of the inner Fort has been washed down and urgently — recommending that it be immediately rebuilt

From the Command=ant at Cuddalore -

From Captain Berkeley advising of his having placed the Nabob's Cutwall in Confinement on Suspicion of his being — privy

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privy to a Robbery committed in the Native Paymaster of the Battalion, of upwards of 100 Pagodas entended for the payment of the Garrison.

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Substance of a letter to the Rajahs of Calastry Vencataghorry and Bomrauze.

Dispatched letters to the Rajahs of Calastry Vencataghorry and Bomrauze entered in C.C. No. 174 desiring them to use their Exertions towards apprehending some Europeans who have deserted from the Mounts.

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Received the following letters.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

at Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Bombay Suggesting the Expediency of causing the Troops belonging to their Presidency who are Serving on Ceylon to be paid by the Paymaster of the Madras Troops.

As by our late advices from the Government General, We have reason to believe that the detachment of the Troops from this Presidency, now serving in Ceylon, will soon be (if it has not already been) reduced to one

Battalion;

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11/4 Battalion; which may not require the expensive Staff of a Paymaster or Commissary of Provisions, We have the honor in this view to transmit for your consideration the suggestions that have been submitted to us, on this subject in the 5th 6th and 7th Paragraphs of a report from our Military Auditor General, requesting to know whether your Lordship in Council will be pleased to direct the issues of Pay and Allowances to be made by your Paymaster, in the manner therein pointed out, upon which he shall immediately recal the remaining Staff-Officers in question.—

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Bombay Castle the 29th of November 1796

(signed) Jon.n Duncan
A. Whitehill
J. Spencer

Extract

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Extract of a letter from the Military Auditor General dated the 25th November 1796 –

5. On the present Occasion it behoves me to lay before you such information as I possess regarding the mode of paying and Provisioning a Detachment of the Madras Troops which served on the Malabar Coast with the Bombay Army in the late War with Tippoo Sultaun – It consisted of a Battalion of Native Infantry with two Field Pieces, and a proportionate number of artillery and Lascar – They received their Pay and all such allowances as were issued in Cash from the Bombay Paymaster, at the Madras Rates; and they were served Provisions by the Bombay Commissary in the same ratio as the Bombay Troops –

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6 All Payments of Cash to that Detachment

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Detachment were made upon abstracts which were delivered to the Bombay Govt. (in duplicate as I am informed) one Sett to be transmitted here as his Voucher for the actual Disbursement by him — and the other to be forwarded to Madras, for the purpose of being audited agreeably to the Regulations of that Presidency to the debit of which was brought on the Books of this Settlement, the Amount of all such payments by this means the Expenditure by the — Detachment was regularly conducted without either requiring a separate Staff Establish= =ment or affecting unfavourably any of the — established Rules of Control —

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7 " There was no particular Staff of any kind as far as I recollect attached to that Detachment — except the established staff of the Battalion of Native Infantry —

A true Extract
(Signd) John Morris Secy

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

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My Lord,

From the Military Board stating the security from Mr. Dring for the performance of the remainder of his Contract cannot recommend the Purchase of Houses offered for Sale at Chinsurah and Amboor- propose the appointment of a Conductor of Stores at Vizagapatam and an Increase in the Pay of the Writer employed by the Committee of Stores at that place - also the making up a Stock of Dungaree Sand Bags for the Garrison of Fort St. George -

We have been honored by the receipt of your Lordships' Commands under date the 29th and 30th Ultimo -

The Communications desired by the Letter of the 29th have been made to the several Persons to whom they related; and we have the honor to report the receipt from Mr. Dring of a Bond, executed by himself and Mr. Lushington jointly and severally for 5000 Pagodas the total Value of the Clothing yet to be provided, in security for a due performance by him of the remainder of his Contract

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With respect to the letter from Major Read and Lieutenant Preston, on the subject of purchasing Quarters at Ramnad and Amboor, transmitted to Us with the letter from Government of the 30th Ultimo, We think it proper to observe to your Lordship that having already given an opinion against the purchase of private Quarters belonging to Individuals at different Stations in the Baramahl, We cannot but conceive that the reasons which then induced that Opinion, are in every respect applicable to the present proposals, and therefore recommended that they be declined.-

The impracticability of procuring a Master, in every way competent to the duty required of such Person in the Store Department at Vizagapatam, for an Allowance of 5 Pag.s Monthly as authorized by us to be drawn by the Storekeeper at that Station in consequence of his being left destitute of assistance on

publication

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Publication of the General Order of the 23d May last, having been stated to our Board by the Committee of Stores at Vizagapatam, as well as the necessity for the appointment of a Conductor of Stores to that Place, + together with a request that the allowance for a Writer may be encreased to Ten Pags. (that Sum having been from necessity + constantly paid) and admitted from the period at which it was struck off, until a Conductor of Stores shall be appointed - We are accordingly induced to recommend to your Lordship, a compliance with the Committees request, as likewise the Appointment as early as convenient, of a conductor of Stores to Vizagapatam, one being allowed by the - Regulations -

We think it necessary to represent to your Lordship in Council, the deficiency of the stated proportion of Gunny, and Dungaree, and Bags, allotted to the + Arsenal

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Arsenal of Fort St. George amounting to
20,700 Bags, and to recommend that —
authority be granted for supplying the same
those used lately on the Sea line in Fort St. George
which occasioned such deficiency, having —
been found totally unserviceable on survey
by a Committee of our Board

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

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(Signed) Alured Clarke
W. Sydenham
Jas Richardson
B. Close
A. Gent
George Hall

Received also the undermentioned
Letters Entered in M. B. Nos 57_58_59_60_61_62

From

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From Military Auditor General —

From Major General Sydenham reporting his Opinion on the Claim of Major Sage and Captain Patterson to reconsideration of the subject of the refund demanded from them —

From the late Chief at Juggernackeporam —

From Mr. Colbracht - accepting the Subsistence offered him by Government —

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal —

From Mr. Sub Secretary Thornhill - requesting that a Statement may be furnished shewing the Difference of Expence in the Military Disbursements of this Presidency for the Current Official Year in consequence of the New Formation of the Army —

From the Executor to the Estate of the late Major Butler —

From Mr. Thomas Chase Claiming arrears due to his Testator, of difference of Batta, in consequence of the Promotion he would have received by the New Regulations —

From the Commandant at Chingleput —

From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell enclosing an Account of Disbursements made in

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12 in providing Clothing for the Malay Chief and his attendants prisoners of War at that Place -

From the Command: ant at Pondicherry -

From Major General Braithwaite recommending the Repairs of two Wooden Bridges - and Noticing a trifling Error in a Point of Law, referred to in his letter of the 29th Ultimo -

13 Sent by Express the following letter to the Secretary at Bengal -

To J. H. Barlow Esqr

Secretary to the Supreme Government

at Fort William

To the Secretary at Bengal forwarding Dispatches for that Presidency - received over land also Copies of letters already sent by the Court of Directors by Sea - & Conveyance to Madras respecting the Treaty concluded by Lord Hobart with the Rajah of Tanjore &c. -

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to transmit to you the accompanying packet from the Secretary at the India House to your address received here early this Morning by express from Bombay also a packet from the Secret Committee to the Supreme Government both of which came under an unsealed cover and Copy of a letter -

from

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from the Secret Committee to this Government and of one from Mr. Secretary Ramsay to the Public Secretary at Madras, covering Copy of paragraphs which form a part of a General letter to this Government - as also Copy of letter to the Nabob of Arcot and Rajah of Tanjore -

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I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signd) W. C. Jackson Jr.

Dispatched the undermentioned letters entered in M.B. Nos. 63, 64, 65,

To the Residents at Poona & Hydrabad

To Sir Charles Warre Malet and Major Kirkpatrick forwarding Intelligence received from the Mysore Country -

To the Secretary at Bengal -

To Mr. Secretary Barlow to the purport above noted. -

To the Collector in the Guntoor Circar -

To Mr. Ram enclosing Copy of Lieutenant Colonel Anderson's letter on the Subject of the Complaints preferred against him by certain Inhabitants of the Guntoor

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13 Circar in order that he may submit to
Government any observations that may occur
on perusal thereof —

14 " Recieved letter from the Nabob
Substance of a letter from the Nabob — entered in C.C. N°75 advising of his having
completed the Payment of his Subsidy for
the Current Month and the Instalment on
Account of General Smiths Arrears —

Recieved also the undermentioned
letters entered in M.B. N°. 66. 67. 68 69. 70.

From the Military Auditor General — From Major General Sydenham
forwarding in order to their being transmitted
to the Supreme Government Statements of
Disbursements to the Kings Troops serving
under this Presidency of Subsistence from 25th
December to 24th June 1794 and Company's —
Allowances from 1st January to 30th June 1794 —

From Ditto From Ditto submitting for the Decision
of Government a Charge made on the Trichinopoly
Accounts on Abstracts signed by Lieutenant Col.
Smith Commanding the 2d Battalion of Artillery.

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of Pocket Money for non commissioned officers of that Corps.-

From the Military Paymaster at Fort St. George

From the Honorable Basil Cochrane requesting permission to select from the Records of Government sundry Documents relative to the accounts of his Office the originals of which have been mislaid by his Predecessors-

From the Commandant at Vachinore-

From Captain Sentleger advising of the falling in of the roof of the House in which the Grain of the 3.d Regiment was lodged, and the Damage sustained in consequence of the incessant heavy rains which occasioned it requests permission to hire a House to Store what has been saved at the Monthly Rent of twelve Pagodas.-

From the Committee of Works at Masulipatam.-

From the Committee of Works at Masulipatam interceding in behalf of Lieutenant Hall in regard to the refund demanded of him, of the Monthly Allowance

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of 20 Pagodas which he has drawn as Clerk of the Committee since the Departure of Mr. Churchill.-

Received also the following letter-

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

My Lords,

From the Attorney General - detailing very fully his sentiments as to the Defects complained of in the Constitution of the Tribunals at Pondicherry, and proposing an Expedient for their Removal, by the Appointment of a Commission of Revision -

In obedience to your Lordships commands I have perused the several papers from Pondicherry referred to your consideration by General Braithwaite under the denomination of appeals; but having frequently had occasion to mention it as my opinion that no appeal lay from the Superior Council of that place and your Lordship having been lately informed by Mr. Caillaud that during the french administration on pouvoit appeller des jugemens de France, du conseil privé + du Roi, pour les faire casser lorsqu'ils avoient été

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et rendre contre les ordonnances ou par
prevarication" — I conceive it proper before
I offer any thing on the subject of these —
complaints to state the reasons which —
induced me to think and which induce me
still to think that on appeal was not
allowed —

The Edict of 1784, which may be
regarded as the Charter of Pondicherry, gave
to the Administration of the French —
Government, and to the Judges of the —
Superior Council, separate and distinct —
jurisdictions to the former was attributed
the Cognizance of suits concerning the
grants of Land, the distribution of water
the imposition of taxes and other Matters
interesting to the estate; from their —
decisions therefore, as interesting to the —
State, an appeal was expressly given to the
King in his privy Council, to the latter

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14. was referred the cognizance of all causes civil and criminal between the — Inhabitants and Residents of Pondicherry and in these they had authority to judge in dernier ressort a term which in its nature excludes all idea of appeal —

Perceiving that in the one case an appeal was expressly allowed and judging from the plain import of the Words that it was denied in the other, I might informing my Opinion have stopped here, but before I came to any conclusion I thought it necessary to look into the civil law, which with little variation was adopted as the law of France, and into such French authors as I could procure, with a view to inform myself whether in practice an appeal was allowed in any case from a Court judging in the last resort —

However ridiculous it may seem to put the Superior Council of Pondicherry on a

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a level with the Protorean Prospects of the Romans, the law I found regarded their decisions with the same degree of respect though appeals were frequent in ancient Rome, none were allowed to be brought from the Sentence of the Praetorian Prospect "quia scilicit appellatio iniquitatis sententiæ querelam continet" and nothing unfair or dishonorable was to be imputed to him who had authority to judge vice sacrâ Principis - neither was any appeal allowed by the law of France against the arrêt or Decree of a Court judging en dernier resort, and for the same reason - for they also judged vice Sacrâ Principis the 11th law regarding this question is quoted by Ferriere) the Author mentioned by Mr. Caillard) as being also the law of France treating of Sovereign Judges, or those who judged in dernier — resort, he says their power is much — greater

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greater than that of other Judges and he gives at the same time the reason and the law "Ille enim vice sacrâ Principis judicant, quâ propter ab eorum judiciis appellare non licit, illaque rescindi non possunt, nisi extraordinaries remedis: Here then my Lord we find a remedy, though not an appeal- but it was an extraordinary remedy and as such regarded in an unfavorable point of view it was not a remedy obtainable in any of the ordinary Jurisdictions of the Kingdom, but by immediate supplication to the Throne; and there it seems to have been granted with jealousy and caution, and not until it went through the previous examination chancellor. The Petition prayed a rescision of the arrêt, and was called a requete civile, or it prayed that the whole of the proceedings may be quashed and then it was termed a Requête ci cassation in the former

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former an Order was issued to the Court which pronounced the arrêt to put the Petitioner if the charges were substantiated in the State he was in before it passed; in the latter question seems to have been determined in the Council privé on dies Parties, in a report of a Committee of that Council, or of the Procureur General, and sometimes the Arrêt of the privy Council to quash the proceedings was in Cases of evident partiality and injustice followed up by another arrêt permitting the Petitioner a prendre le Juge a partie, to make the Judge a party to the Suit, and load him with all the costs and damages his Oppression has occasioned.—

This remedy by Requête seems to have differed widely from an appeal — and appeal lay from an inferior to a higher Court the requête from the highest Court to the favor and protection of the Crown the

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one appears to have been a remedy of right,
the other a remedy of grace the appeal drew
to the Superior Court beside the causes of
appeal, the merits of the original Suit - the
Requête paid no attention to the merits of the
Suit, but confined itself to the ouvertures or
causes of Complaint and in an appeal the
Arrêt or Judgment may be altered or amended,
but in the Requête no modification could
take place; the whole was either affirmed
or rescinded as it stood -

a Remedy so derogatory to the +
jurisdiction of the highest Courts in the +
Kingdom and so inconsistent with the authority
of judging in dernair report, though a +
necessary power in the hands of the King
to which injustice on occasion may require
was according to Tenure considered as orders,
and was consequently discouraged, and embarrassed
with many conditions. It was thought improper

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to suffer Individuals to impeach to
Judgments of Sovereign Courts without the
Kings permission and probably lest the King
should be surprized into a permission the
remedy was obtainable only in virtue of
letters issuing out of Chancery when again
these letters could not be procured but on
the Consultation or opinion of two ancient
advocates / founded on a Report of facts by
another advocate / that the case required
the intervention of the Royal authority; —
and beside this it was required that the
Petitioner should lodge an Amende or fine
/ between four and five hundred livres
forfitable if he failed in establishing his
Assertions. —

As to the particular Cases in which
this extraordinary remedy was recurred to
Mr. Cailland reduces them two — when
the arrêts were contrary to the Ordonnance
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and when the Judges were guilty of prevari=
=cation that is of undue influence or corruption
prevarication certainly cannot, when fully =
proved, be too severely punished; but as
nothing in Europe is more difficult of proof,
and how where every thing of that Kind is
carried on through the Medium of Dubashes
it may be, and generally is, altogether impossible
In respect to the ordinances it seems clear
from the Preamble to the Edict of 1784 that
it was not the Kings entention they should
be as strictly observed in Pondicherry as in
Franc it results that in the times of greatest
national prosperity the State of property
in India required only a Court of merchants
such as had been originally established in
1701 - and a more regular and formal Court
having been instituted in 1776 it abolishes
that Court, and brings the Superior Council
back to its first constitution, From a Court
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formed on such a plan, a strict observance of
the ordennances could never have been
expected, and in fact the particular regulations
they were directed to observe by the 7.th Act of
the Code, could in their nature have no other
tendency than to obviate the necessity of
strictly adhering to the General ordennances
of the Kingdom. indeed so little was it in
the Kings contemplation to keep them closely
to the ordennances in Civil matters that in
his Regulations of February 1777 he approves
of their known departure from them, and
authorizes a continuance in their own simple
and Summery forms If their there are
but these two Cases in which this extraordi=
=nary remedy is allowed, and the one is so
difficult of proof, and the other so easy of
justification there could Imagine be but
few instances where it was recurred to
during the French administration. When
circumstances required it, the Application

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as I have observed was immediately to the Throne and if in the present situation of Pondicherry the Ordinances of France are to be strictly observed it can be now obtained only by Petition to his Majesty; as the Actual Sovereign. But as the Superior Council owes its re-establishment to this Government I should conceive from the reason and the necessity of the thing that a temporary power must rest in your Lordship in Council to controul its proceedings so as to prevent its departure from its ancient Regulations, to keep it from arrogating to itself any authority it did not possess under the French Government, and to which the exercise even of its legitimate powers when inconsistent with the present condition of the Inhabitants. This Superintending, and Controuling power has been already felt by the Superior Council and your Lordship in quashing the two proceedings

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proceedings against Mr. Walker late an Assistant on the 52.nd Regiment, shewed them pretty clearly that you would not hesitate to annul their Arrêts whenever circumstances may render it necessary or proper; There is however a difficulty as to the most advisable mode of proceeding when a Requête civile or a Requête in cassation shall be presented On the Capture of Pondicherry the Superior Council was permitted to resume its functions and to administer justice in the matters within their Competency according to the laws which prevailed in that Settlement before the deposition of the late King - These laws were not so much the Ordonnances of France as the particular Regulations for the French Establishments in India and the ancient customs of the Place; which though not in perfect conformity with the ordonnances the King approved and -

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confirmed to enable your Lordship to decide upon these Requêtes and to determine whether the Arrêté should be rescinded or the proceedings quashed, will require a knowledge of these Regulations and Customs. with these — I am altogether unacquainted, and I fear there is no person at Madras to whom, with any prospect of Success, your Lordship may occasionally apply for information were the Superior Council restricted to the ordonnances with the aid of Denat and Ferriere which I have, and the Civil Code or ordonnance of 1667 which I suppose may be procured, it may be possible to determine whether the — decisions of that Court are or are not — conformable to law But even there Mr. Cailland thinks we should be greatly deficient, for in his letter to General Braithwaite of 30th May in his earnestness to have the Superior Council suppressed, he puts this — Dilemma to the Government of Madras "On

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"cassez les arrets du Conseil de Pondicherry rendus
"contre les ordonnances, et Cour quisont ou
"evidemment injustes, or supprimez le Conseil
"or vous ne pouvez casser des arrêts rendus
"contre les Ordonnances et dites loix que
"vous reconnoissez pas; parceque vous signez
"s'ils ont été rendus contre les ordonnances
"ou s'ils sont injustes - supprimez donc
"le Conseil qui les rend." To obviate this difficulty to relieve your Lordship from the anxiety you must feel from the doubt of proper information; and to free myself from a task to which I acknowledge myself unequal; I shall beg leave to suggest a Reformation of the Superior Council and Submit to your consideration the propriety of Constituting a Commission of Revision to judge of the Complaints already made and which may be hereafter made. and I shall also beg leave to suggest the propriety of

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vesting in the Commandant, and any other proper person the Judicial powers which were heretofore attributed to the administration of the French Government, subject however to the orders and controul of your Lordship in Council. Mr Caillaud, in a paper delivered to General Brathwaite in the formation of the Superior Council, states it was illegally composed in this that the two administrators who were necessarily Members in the time of the French, were not, and could not be replaced by this Government. But certainly the Court was not on this Account illegally composed The law of Nations and the law of England both required that the Inhabitants of Pondicherry should - until the King's pleasure could be known be Governed by their own laws; but it was not at all necessary that these laws should be administered by

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French Judges; and in Fact the old Council
or such members of it as General Floyd
thought proper to recommend were permitted
to resume there functions for this reason
only that Government could not find British
Subjects sufficiently acquainted with the
laws of France when Sir Charles Oakeley
desired to know how the Law of England
stood with regard to conquered Countries, I
had the honor to inform him in my letter
of 28th September 1793 that the laws of
England could not extend to conquered Countries
until the King appointed proper officers to
execute them, and that though his Majesty
had by Conquest, a right to impose what
laws he pleased on the Inhabitants, yet
that until he determined what these laws
should be, the laws of the Country remained
in force and in regard to the mode of
administring the laws of France observed

"that

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"British Subjects sufficiently acquainted
"either with the Laws of France, or with the
"mode of proceeding in French Courts of
"Justice, to enable them to discharge the
"functions of Majistracy Submitted to him
"the propriety either of continuing in their
"several Charges such of the French
"Magistrates as had been legally appointed
"to them; or of appointing in their stead
"such other of the French Inhabitants as he
"might deem properly qualified for Judicial
offices - now though it is clear to me
that in the original formation of the
Superior Council under this Government
there was no illegality - an Idea that
certainly did not occur to Mr Caillard
when he was called into that Council in
1793, nor when upon his and Mr Gerards
representation it was referred in 1794 - yet

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as the Inhabitant who was one of the
administrators was by the Edict of 1784
President of the Court, and by his attendance
served to keep it in some degree of order and
as without the supervision of some
person on whom Government may have
a greater hold than it possibly can on
any of the french Inhabitants, no hope
can be entertained of ever making it a
respectable Court, I would suggest it to
your Lordship to appoint one of the
Company's Civil Servants President, and
to leave to the Senior Counsellor the appoint
=lation of Dean which was that he formerly
had. The person to be selected for the Office
of President should I conceive be master
of the French language and if possible
accustomed to the decision of causes in this
Country; with these qualifications, and a
common degree of assiduity he would soon
became a valuable addition to the Court,

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and probably restore it to its former
respectability In regard to the other
Members of the Court the Present President
may on account of his advanced age be
allowed to retire on his Salary, and two
of the former members recalled to the Court
these with Mess.rs Bastro and St. Paul
and the English President would make
the proper number of which it ought to
consist the Two Members I would propose
to recall are M.r Colin and M.r Raynaud
and I do it on the favorable mention M.r
Caillaud made of them in a letter to me of
the 29.th June 1794 I would further propose
that M.r Colin be appointed Dean of the
Superior Council from the high character
M.r Caillaud gives of him for he says "Je
'puis affirmer, et tous les honnêtes gens de la'
'Colonie / que met point l'esprit brouillon ne
'reformateur / affirement avec moi que M.r
Collin

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Collin est un homme remplie de probité qui a
dis Maures de mes et honnêtes, et qui est
d'une conduite irreprochable." Such my Lord
is the reformation I venture to propose in the
Superior Council, and a Court so formed with
the Commandant at its head whenever he
may think it necessary to attend would I believe
be exactly similar to that which subsisted
during the French administration and in the
present situation of Pondichery ought to be
satisfactory to the Inhabitants But should
any of the Suitors complain of injustice in
their decisions, or of their being contrary to the
local Regulations / for the general Ordinances
of the Kingdom I look upon to be wholly out
of the question, except only where those Regulations
are silent / I would suggest the propriety of
authorizing the Commandant or the Commanding
Officer for the time being, the English President
and the Dean of the Superior Council, and one
notable to be chosen by the Commandant

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in all four persons to set as Commissions of
Revision, with power to hear and determine
such requêts civiles, or requêtes en cessations as
may be brought before them; and with
power to permit any Judge of the Superior
Council, who may be accused of prevarication,
to be pris a partie provided that no such
requête be received until the Party complaining
lodge with the Commandant the Amende
required by the ordennances - for I apprehend
that all Requêtes of this Kind from Pondichery
to the Privy Council were subject to that
amende, and exclusive of this consideration
it seems to be a good check to delegation - a Commission
of revision on the Spot, where the Regulations
and Customs are best known, where information
can be earliest procured, and where the parties
can themselves attend without trouble and
without expence must I think be both
more convenient and more agreable to the

Inhabitants

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14 Inhabitants than having their Requests
decided here: and it will have this further
advantage that assisted with the opinion
and advice of the Procureur General the
Decrees of the Commissioners will be drawn up
with more attention to ancient forms and
with more technical precision --

I have next to offer to your Lordships
consideration whether it would not be convenient
to vest in the commandant and the English
President the jurisdiction heretofore lodged in
the administration of Government from which
an appeal lay to the King in his privy Council
and from which an appeal may now during
this provisional arrangement lie to your
Lordship in Council I have noticed in the
beginning of this letter I believe all the objects
of their judicial Authority except one - namely
that of deciding all Causes arising between
the French Inhabitants and European -

Foreigners

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14 Foreigners or the Descendants of European — a
Foreigners and all suits arising between such
Foreigners themselves. This jurisdiction is detailed
in the Letter Patent of February 1796 and it
Authorizes the appointment of a Register should
your Lordship think proper to revive the
Office the person nominated to it may officiate
as Register to the Commission of Revisor, but
as two of the Commissioners are proposed to be
British Subjects, he should be able to act as
Interpreter and he therefore well versed in the
English and French Languages; for without an
Interpreter capable of explaining the French
Law terms, which are difficult for foreigners to
comprehend it would in many Cases be — a
impossible for them to discern the exact point
that called for their decision —

I have nothing more to observe on
the Subject of reformation — in what I have
suggested, my object has been to ease —

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Government of a heavy load of extra business
which from its novelty and intricacy would
necessarily engross a large portion of their
time; to place more power and consequence
in the hands of the Commandant than he
at present possesses; to free myself from the
responsibility of faithfully expounding foreign
laws which I have never made my study;
to restore respectability to the Superior Council,
and finally to secure to the Inhabitants
of Pondichery the protection promised at the
Surrender of that Settlement should it meet
with your Lordships approbation I trust it
will be found to vest in the Commandant
and President sufficient authority to purge
the Superior Council of all the abuses which
may have crept into it to restrain it —
within the bounds marked out by the
Edict and to banish from it those attorneys
who contrary to the Regulations have forced
themselves

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themselves in, and set the Inhabitants at

variance—

I had written thus far when I

received from Mr Adderley General Brathwaite's

Dispatch to your Lordship of the 29th Ultimo

I perfectly coincid with him in Opinion that

the Superintendance of the Police should

be given to the Town Major; and should be

happy could I concur with him in the other

measure he seems to think advisable but

I do not conceive it would be proper to suppress

a Court which has through the Medium of the

Court of Directors, been reported to the Kings

Ministers, and has for ought we know to the

contrary, been approved of— Neither do I think

it would be proper to leave Pondicherry as it

was left after its surrender in 1778 without

any System of Law whatsoever, the Inhabi-

-tants more then as in 1793 taken into the

Kings

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Kings protection, and had a just claim to have this protection secured either by a continuance of their own laws, or by an extention of ours to that Settlement they were left without either: their own Tribunals were not — & permitted to resume their functions and this Government had no authority to extend the jurisdiction of the Civil or Criminal Courts of Madras to conquered districts. In this precise situation General Brathwaite tells your Lordship in his letter of 8th of June it was his intention to place the Inhabitants of Pondichery by the 6th April of the last — Capitulation and were they in this Situation it is certain your Lordship would not be troubled with appeals, because there would be no Court of Justice to Complain of. But it seems to have been the object of that Article to Subject them to the laws of England: the Inhabitants (it says) remaining

14 "remaining in Pondichery provided they
"demean themselves with due obedience to our
"Government and laws, should be treated and
"considered as Inhabitants under the
"protection of the British Government" and
the General in his letter of 29th November
strongly urges the necessity of an unmixed
English Government to controul their wild
passions and Speculations and again in his
remarks on the plans proposed at the Second
Meeting of the European Inhabitants he
observes that "no French Tribunal whatsoever
"will have the desired effect because the mode
"and matter of french jurisprudence and
"authorities will continue to be a Source of
"discontent and discussion among them; —
"whereas no such discussion can arise if
"French Government and french Authorities
"are left out of the question, and they are
replaced

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14th "replaced in the situation in which they were
"placed by the terms on which they surrendered
"namely subject to the British laws and
"Government by which every contestation,
"whether between European and European,
"European and Native or Native and Native
"must be decided so long as Pondicherry
"remains in our possession" This would not
be putting them in the precise situation
in which they were after the Surrender in
1778 but I quote the passage with a view
of supporting on Principles of Law the
conduct of Government in permitting the former
tribunals to resume their functions The 6th
Article of the Capitulation of 1793 required
of the Inhabitants of Pondicherry that
they should demean themselves with due
obedience to our laws but to enforce this
obedience our laws must be extended to Pondicherry

Now

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now the laws of England cannot possibly
be extended to any place which has not
been previously erected into a Country either
by the Kings Charter, or by act of Parliament
nor until a Scriff, or some such executive
Officer has been appointed by or under the
same authority to execute the Kings writts
the provision therefore in this Article for
obedience to our laws operated nothing more
than to prepare the Inhabitants for the
reception of our laws in the event of the
Kings erecting Pondicherry into a Country, or
of adding it to the jurisdiction of the Courts
established here The law in this respect was
settled nearly 200 years ago in the Kings
Bench in Ireland in the case of Tenistry
reported by Sir John Davis Twelve Counties
had been erected in that Kingdom in the
reign of King John but the other provinces
and territories, being then Inhabited by

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14 the Intermixed Irish were (it says) "without
"the limits of all their Ground for the Space
"of 300 years after making the first 12 Countries
"Wherefore it was impossible that the Common
"Law of England could be executed in those
"Countries or Territories; for the Law cannot be
"put in execution where Brevia Domini Regis
"non currit, and the Kings Writ cannot Run,
"but were there is a Country and a Sheriff or
"other Ministers of the Law to Serve and return
"the Kings Writts" Though it is thus impossible
immediately to Govern the French of Pondicherry
by the Common Law of England, yet the Common
Law of England declares the System by which
they are to be Governed Lord Coke in the great
case of Calvin gives it as the decision of all the
judges of England in the reign of James the
1.st that "If a King comes to a Christian Kingdom
by conquest, seeing he hath with it mere
potestatem he may at his pleasure alter and

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14th "change the laws of that Kingdom, but untill he "doth make an alteration of those laws the — "ancient laws of the Kingdom remain". The same decision was given in the reign of George the 1st on an appeal from the Colonies to the King in Council, where it was held "that when the King "of England conquers a Country he may impose "upon the people what laws he pleases, but "untill such laws are given, the laws and — "Customs of the conquered Country shall hold plac" and in the present reign Lord Mansfield in the case of Hall and Campbell delivered it as the — unanimous opinion of the Court of Kings Bench "that the laws of a conquered Country continue in "force untill they are altered by the Conqueror" — Hence my Lord it appears that the Conduct of Government in permitting the French — Tribunals to resume their functions was in perfect conformity to the laws of England, as without these tribunals the laws which prevailed in Pondichery before its surrender could not be — executed; and not as erroneously supposed, in consequence of any address from the Inhabitants

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and hence it also appears that untill the
King thinks proper to alter the laws of
Pondichery the Common law of England
requires them to be enforced whether they
are approved or disliked by the Inhabitants
to whose inclination on that head, or on the
mode or manner of administering them no
attention in any mind ought to be paid —
what Government considered as the laws
to be observed in Pondichery was signified
to the Superior Council by Lenoir Floya
on their Re-establishment they were such
as were in force there previous to the —
deposition of Louis the 16th and it was —
intended to give force to such of those only
as had been registered in that Court by the
Kings order and such others as these Regulations
laws bore an evident reference to, or expressly
ordered to be obeyed Confining the Superior
Council to the strict administration of these
laws, and the local Regulations of the —

administrators,

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administrators, and obliging the Inhabitants to observe and obey them will soon shew the turbulent people of that Settlement the folly of their discussions whether Royal or Republican law ought to be in force."

Discussions that seem to have taken their rise from the Idea, unfortunately entertained that French laws were revived with more benevolence than propriety and that they were so revived at the prayer of the Inhabitants; for on this ground it was presumable that at the like prayer they would be altered or abolished, and that the Benevolence of the Madras Government, if they thought them more agreeable to the general wish of the Settlement, may be induced to give them the laws of the Republic. Having endeavoured to shew that restoring the People of Pondicherry to their ancient laws and Tribunals was doing what

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could not with propriety be avoided, it is unnecessary to trouble your Lordship with any observation on the four French plans that have been laid before you, as the observation of General Brathwaite on the two last "that they originate in the wish of Individuals to obtain "power and consequence" may perhaps with equal justice be applicable to all.

Trusting that the Commission of Revision for the purpose of determining on the Spot all Requêts Civiles and Requêtes en Cassation will meet your Lordships approbation I beg leave to defer offering any Opinion on those transmitted by General Brathwaite until I am honored with your further Command.

Fort St. George
11th December 1796.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Benj.n Sullivan

To

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To William Collins Jackson Esqr

Secretary to the Government

Fort St. George

Sir.

From the Persian Translator at Bengal with original and Translate of letter from the Governor General to the Nabobs on occasion of the Capture of the Dutch Fleet—

I have the honor to transmit a letter from the Honorable the Governor General to the Nawaub Amdut-ul Amrah Communicating the late Success of his Britannic Majesty's Arms under Admiral Elphenstone against the Dutch Squadron in Saldana bay—; A Persian Copy Accompanies for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council—

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Fort William
29th November 1796

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) N. B. Edmanstone
P. S.

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Translation of a letter

From Sir John Shore Bart. Governor General of Bengal

To His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &c &c &c

Dated 29th November 1796.

The Sincerity of your Friendship for the Company must render every circum-stances of prosperity and success which attends their affairs a Source of Satisfaction to your Highness.

I am therefore induced to communi-cate to your Highness the Intelligence which has been lately received, of the Capture of a dutch Fleet, consisting of nine Ships of War by the English Squadron at the Cape of Good Hope.

This Occurrence, no less fortunate than unexpected may be regarded as the effect of the favorable Interposition of providence,

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and the good Wishes of our Friends, for our Success;- and as I consider your Highness a sincere Well Wisher, I inform you of it, persuaded that you will participate in the general joy which it has occasioned.-

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Bombay requesting to be regularly furnished with Accounts of the Disbursements made by the Madras Government on account of the Troops belonging to their Establishment doing duty on Ceylon.-

We have the honor to enclose the Copy of the 9th and following Paragraphs of a Report from our Military Auditor General, setting forth in such strong terms, the expediency of his being, as regularly as your Affairs Permit them, furnished with the particulars of all Expenditures made from the Madras Establishment, on account of that part of the

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Bombay Troops serving at Ceylon, Or, as may hereafter be eventually on duty within the Limits of your Presidency; that We have no doubt your Lordship will be pleased to issue orders to the proper Departments under your Government to enable your Secretary punctually to furnish ours with the Information thus so much Required; as will be more fully evinced, on reference to the Accompanying Copy of Lieutenant Colonel Kerr's Remarks on the lately received Account Current between the two Presidencies, Respecting the Item in which that Regard the Travancores Stores, We shall hereafter have occasion to transmit the Information We have written for, from the Owners of that Vessel. -

Bombay Castle
2d December 1796

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Jonn Duncan
H. White Hill
John Spencer

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Extract of a letter from the Military Auditor Genl.

Dated the 8th November 1796

Para 9 From the abovementioned Claim having been presented for conveying the Sick of the Bombay Detachment to the Columbo General Hospital, I conclude there may be a considerable Disbursement by the Surgeon in Charge of that Hospital, which do not appear in the Bombay Paymasters Accounts; but — though discharged by the Madras Paymaster must ultimately be debited to this Presidency; I would therefore beg to suggest, that the — Madras Government may be requested to direct that an Account with Vouchers of what that expence has been, since the 19th of March, the period of the General Hospital of the Bombay Detachment being discontinued up to the latest date it can be brought to, may be furnished to

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to you for the information of this Office. —

10 You will no doubt hold it necessary that the Government here should be kept duly apprized of all sums expended on Account the Troops of this Presidency; whether the Disburse= =ment be made under their own direction and Regulations, or in situations where the Expenditure may be by the Officer, and under the rules of any of the other Presidencies, yet the Amount carried at last to the debit of Bombay on their General Books; and you may therefore perhaps concur in thinking it expedient to extend the principle of the above recommendation, respecting the General Hospital Disbursements to all the Departments of Expenditure with the Madras Troops on Ceylon, who may have made occasional Supplies to the Bombay Detachment and that they may be directed to transmit through the Channel of their own Government to your Secretary, with all convenient speed, full —

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Statements of whatever issues may have been made, specifying to whom, and by whose authority, with attested Copies of the Receipts that may have been passed. For though the Accounts of Receipts and Issues by the Bombay Offices of Expenditure with the Detachment, shew the discription of Articles and the quantity they acknowledge to have received, yet the accuracy of those Accounts can only be ascertained by Comparing them with such Statements as I have now proposed should be applied for; and should you be pleased to adopt this recommendation it would be proper that the rate at which Bombay is to be charged for the articles supplied be annexed, which, most probably, cannot be done, but by the Offices at Madras; because if the Commissariate Department with the Madras Troops is on the same footing as it is with ours the Gentlemen in Charge can only give the quantities.

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11 These suggestions, I beg to observe have not arisen from any thing wrong or irregular perceived, or suspected in the Army Accounts from Columbo; nor have they the most distant allusion to any persons whatever; but they originate solely from a conviction, by the experience of former times, of the necessity of such precaution for promoting prompt and compleat Audit of the Military Expenditure and for rendering more correct than they have hitherto been the annual Books and Statements of this Settlement, required by the Honorable the Court of Directors - There has a Case occurred just now, so much to the point that it seems proper to make it the subject of the concluding Paragraph of this letter, the more fully to evince to you the propriety of the recommendation I have taken the liberty to offer. -

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I recently received a letter from the Accountant General Mr. Fawcett dated the 21st of last Month, Accompanied by an Account current which he tells me has been lately transmitted from Madras between the two Presidencies for the year 1793/4 - This — Account which makes a balance against Bombay on the Close of the Madras Books for that year of Pagodas 87,109.15.77 is — principally composed of Military Charges incurred in the late War by Stores, Cattle and Provisions having been delivered by the Commissaries and others with the Madras Army to the same Officers of the Bombay Army. The want of Accordance between that Account and the field Accounts of this Presidency which (if both were correct) ought to have — continued the same Items is very great indeed and comprehends a large Expenditure of — public money not at all satisfactorily vouched

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as you will perceive by the Accompanying Copy of a Paper of remarks made in this Office for the information of the Accountant General in answer to his abovementioned Letter of the 21st Ultimo — The lapse of time and consequent casualties preclude the possibility of reconciling all the differences or tracing with certainty to whom any apparent error is fairly to be ascribed; but if intimations affecting the Army Accounts of the two Presidencies were to be invariably made as soon after they occur as may be practicable (through the Channel of the Government Secretaries who would deliver them to the proper Officers) instead of their being left till the balancing the general books of the Settlement, which, from various causes, may after be long protracted, much embarrassment would be avoided and the room for whatever can be considered objectionable

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in the Accounts greatly obbriated.—

True Extract

(Signed) John Morris Secy

Remarks on the Account Current between the Madras and Bombay Presidencies transmitted to the Military Auditor Generals Office, by the Accountant General on the 21st of Octr. 96

The price of each Pack or Carriage Bullock purchased for the use of the Bombay Army, During the late War with Tippoo Sultaun is on an Average Rupees 32.2.80 of the Number of those Bullocks at Seringapatam in March 1792 - 916 with Saddles Complete were delivered over by the Commissary of Provisions with the Bombay Troops, as appears by his Accounts Vouched by a receipt, to Mr. Wells Agent, for the Grand Army.

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14 Army, for which Bombay Presidency should have Credit as follows—

916 Carriage Bullocks @ 32.2.80. ea - 29953 " 80
916 Saddles Complete for Do. 9.1.05. " 8.484.1. 80.

Rupees - 38,437. 2.60.

Fort St. George Presidency. Credits Bombay only 160 Bullocks sold at Outcry in June 1792 Pagodas . . . . . 212 " "

Bullocks delivered to Lieut. Lindsay Agent with the Hydrabad Detachment, out of those supplied from Bombay . . . 280.400

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Making at the Exchange of 350 Rupees ₱100 Pagodas (the rate of Exchange at which other Items in the account are calculated) Rupees 1725.1.33, so that the Sum short credited by the Madras Presidency is Rupees 36,712.127. on Account the Bullocks received from the Bombay Army.—

Under the 7th of July 1791. Mr. Hoar Paymaster to the Grand Army Commanded by Lord Cornwallis, passed a Receipt to J. Uhthoff

Paymaster

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14. Paymaster to the Bombay Detachment acting with the Mharattas for Rupees 16257. 1. 82. which is not noticed in the Fort St. George Account Current with this Presidency. Mr. Uhthoff States in his Cash Account of July 1791 an Advance to a Contractor for 300 Bullocks on Account Madras Presidency. — 8720 . .

The Sum credited in the Account Current from Fort St. George Presidency on Account of this Advance is Pags 10412. 33. 25, which at the Exchange of 350 Rs. 7/100 Pags as is equal to Rupees 3649. 3. 10

Making a Deficiency of Credit in the Madras Account Current) according to Mr. Uhthoffs statement of — — 5070. 0 90

Abstract of the foregoing Differences

For Bullocks Delivered to the Grand Army by Mr. Pemberton. — Rupees — 36712. 1 27.

Cash delivered to the Pay of the Grand Army by Mr. Uhthoff — — — } 16257. 1. 82

Advance to the Bullock Contractor by Do 5070. 0 90

Total 58039 3 99

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In the Account Current of the Fort St. George Presidency Pages 1 and 9. they Debit Bombay Presidency for Guns, Shot, Powder &c. supplied the Country Ship Travancore belonging to this Port, in December 1793 Pag.s 679. 41, Fanams and 40 Cash. The Owners of the Ship returned the Guns, Shot, Ladle and worms Amounting to Pagodas 554. 13, Fanams and 20 Cash, into the Arsenal at Bombay on the 8 of July 1795 and took a Receipt from the Commissary of Stores, for the same, upon which they made out a Bill against the Honorable Company for the Cost of the said Stores and were accordingly paid for them, by the Paymaster of Extraordinaries as appears by his Vouchers on the 4th of August following.-

If the Ship Owners paid at Fort St. George for the Stores received from the Storekeeper there, for the use of their vessel, Bombay Presidency should not have been

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Debited by the Fort St. George Presidency for those Stores and in that case, it was according to the usage at that Presidency that they (the owners) should be paid for such of the articles as they delivered into the arsenal here but should it prove on further enquiry, that they did not pray for them at Madras, it will be necessary to Demand from the owners the Amount at which the Stores are rated in the Fort St. George Account Current. — By a reference to Messrs. Rivett Wilkinson & Co who were the owners, and appear by the Accounts to have received the Cash for the Stores delivered into the arsenal at Bombay, it may be ascertained whether they paid for them at Fort St. George or not, as they will no Doubt be in possession of a Receipt if they did. —

(Signd) James Kerr
Dpty Aud Genl.

(True Copy)
(Signd) John Morris Jur

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William Collins Jackson Esqr

Military Secretary

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 7th Instant you will be pleased to inform the Right Honorable the President in Council that the letter from the Resident at Hydrabad of the 26th November does not appear to cause any Alteration in the Balance of the Pushcush Account I had the honor to send you on the 14th Ultimo; but it would be proper to insert at the foot of the Statement that the Sum of Rupees 53713 remained due at that Period from His Highness the Nizam for Subsidy to the Troops.

From the Accountant General - States that the Balance appearing due to the Nizam on the Account furnished by him is perfectly correct. —

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

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) Robert Woolf
Acc. Genl.

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Substance of a letter from the Rajah of Travancore

Received letter from the Rajah of Travancore as (entered in CC. No. 176.) advising of the Tittles of Dignity which have been conferred upon him by their Highnesses the Nizam and Nabab of the Carnatic.-

Received also the undermentioned letters Entered in M.B. No. 71. 72.-

From the Honorable Basil Cochrane

From the Military Paymaster at Fort St. George

requesting Instructions as to the Head to which he is to carry disbursements made for the provision of Dooleys and Bearers for the — Tanjore Family

From Mr. Roebuck Receives from

From the Military Paymaster General

Colonel Gowdie the Value of Pags. 639. 21.17. on Account of the Sum, for which he is held Accountable to the Company, as Security for Mr. Samuel Young late Paymaster of Cangole &c.

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Sent the following letter to Bengal

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To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

Fort William

Honorable Sir,

To Bengal relative to the Constitution attached by this Government to the orders of the Court of Directors for the Brevet promotion of all Subalterns who have been 15 years in the Company's service.-

Our Secretary has laid before us Mr. Sub Secretary Thornhill's letter to him of the 25th. Ultimo, enclosing Copy of the Commander in Chief's Minute relative to the late promotion on the Coast, of Captains by Brevet.-

It did not occur to us that, the observation introduced by Sir Robert Abercrombie in his Minute of the 1st of June, had in view to exclude any of the Cadets for Fort St. George of the season of 1781, from the Brevet Rank of Captain- The observation we allude to is as follows "The Court of Directors having been "pleased to order that the Brevet rank of

Captain,

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"Captain, be granted at present to every Lieut.
"who has been fifteen years in their Service,
"I have to recommend, that it includes such
"Officers as have been appointed to the Service,
"on or before the Season of 1781, as I cannot suppose
"it was the intention of the Court that a few who
"were appointed the same Season should be
"deprived of the effects of their Bounty by being
"a short time later than the letter of their order
"admits."

Although it now appears that Sir Robert Abercromby meant to include such Officers only as had arrived in Bengal in the year 1781 yet we considered the words "appointed to the Service on or before the season of 1781", as having immediate reference to all the Cadets of that Season appointed for Fort St. George; because the Honorable Court of Directors had expressly enjoyed this Government, on no account whatsoever to change the order of rank of the Cadets after it had been fixed by them - and because, any

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partial promotion of the Cadets of the Season of 1781, must, according to our conception, have been a departure from this regulation.—

The construction given by us to the word "Service" is in all respects applicable to the practice on the Coast; and we should have conceived ourselves justified in acting as we did, even if the instructions of the Court of Directors - prohibiting any alteration in the order of rank of Cadets appointed by them, had not been before us, for in the Lists received from the India House, the Years from which the Cadets are to take rank, are always specified; purposely as a guide; and it very frequently happens that the names of many of the Gentlemen so appointed to the Service, appear in order and stand upon the general List of the Army two or more years before their arrival - but this Circumstance has never operated to their disadvantage

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disadvantage in any subsequent promotion —
the period of appointment, and not of actual
Service, being the prescribed rule for future
advancement under this Presidency —

For these reasons we trust you will
not deem it expedient to direct, that any of the
Brevet Commissions granted to the Officers of
this Establishment, be now recalled, and the more
so, as you will observe we were governed in our —
conduct, not only by the established practice on
the Coast — but by particular orders from the
Court of Directors —

We have the honor to be with respect

&c. &c.

(Signed) Hobart &c. Council

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Dispatched the undermentioned letters
entered in MB No. 73. 74. 75. —

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr. Secretary Barlow — forwarding
Statement of Disbursements, to the Kings Troops
serving under this Presidency on Account of —
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and Company's allowance from the 1st January
to the 30th June 1794.—

To Ditto—

To Ditto transmitting Intelligence
received from the Mysore Country.—

To the Resident at Poona
and Hyderabad.—

To Sir Charles Warre Malet 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

Saturday
17th Dec.r 1796

Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Tallofield } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation
(6th December) Read and Approved.—

Read the following letter from
Mr. Secretary Ramsay dated the 26th of August
with Copy of paragraphs of a General letter
to this Government (recived Viâ Bombay)

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Josias Webbe Esq.re

Secretary to the Right Honorable

the President in Council at

Fort St. George

Sir,

I am ordered by the Court of Directors

of the East India Company to transmit

you for the information and guidance of the

Right Honorable the President in Council the

Accompanying Copy of paragraphs which form

a part of a General letter that has been trans-

-mitted by a Sea conveyance, as also Copy of

Letters to the Nabob of Arcot and Rajah of Tanjore

the originals of which are forwarded as above —

I have to request you will forward

the accompianying Packet to Bengal with all

possible expedition, and am —

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

East India House

London the 26th August 1796

(Signd) W. Ramsay Jun.r

From the Secretary to the Honorable Court of Directors (received overland) enclosing Copies of a letter from the Honorable Court to the Madras Government (the originals of which have been sent by a Sea Conveyance) Communi-cating amongst other Matters their approval of the Measures adopted by Lord Hobart for obtaining a Modification of the Treaty with the Nabob of 1792 and the New Treaty concluded with the Rajah of Tanjore -

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Our last Despatch to your Presidency in the Political Department was Dated the 6th April 1796 and we shall now reply to your several letters in that Department of the 2nd and 24th Oct. and 28th November 1795 - received since the Date of that Despatch -

Answer to the Letter in the Political Department Dated 2nd October 1795.

Para 1 Mentions the Date of the last Dispatch ..... Needs no reply

(2 @ 12) Claim of the Dutch to the exclusive Monopoly of the Trade of the Tinnevelly and Madura Districts ..... After a perusal of the Papers upon the Subject of this discussion, we are perfectly satisfied with, you that the grounds on which the Dutch Supported their right to the exclusive monopoly of the Trade of the Tinnevelly and Madura Districts, cannot be maintained upon the principles that have been advanced. Under this

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this Assertion, there is no probabi-
lity that this exclusive Monopoly
will be confirmed to the Dutch
at the conclusion of a General
Peace in Europe—

13 at 18 Nabobs Claims on the succession of the New Rajah of Calastry

The General Subject of the Nabobs right to demand payment of a Nuzzer on the succession of any Tributary Rajah or Polegar, has been already discussed in our Political Dispatch of the 6th April last; and for the reasons that have been assigned we approve of the proposition that a Sum not exceeding one Lack of Rupees should be paid by the Rajah of Calastry to the Nabob, as a Nuzzer upon his investiture.

It is to be wished, however, that the proposal of the Government General, limiting the Nuzzer to be paid in future to fifty Gold Mohurs for every Lack

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of Rupees to the Extent of the Jumma, could be adopted as a fixed principle, otherwise, as suggested by Lord Hobart, the right may be exercised in a manner incompatible with the regular discharge of the Tribute payable to the Company and we therefore recommend the mode suggested by the Governor General and Council to your adoption.

19 Claim of the late Captain Leveritt on the Nabob of Arcot for Arrears of Pay

We have already observed in the 65th Paragraph of our Letter in this Department of the 25th June 1793, that this, as well as similar Claims, must wait some future Arrangement for their liquidation.

20 Transmitting a Register of Tanjore Bonds granted in Conformity with the Court Orders of the 19th September 1792

Needs no Reply

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21. 22. Mention the raising of three Corps of Reserve Troops for the Safety and protection of the Northern Circars.

Transferred to the Military Department.

23 Atrocious Conduct of one of the Manapara Poligars.

We are greatly concerned at the atrocious Conduct of Lukka Naig, one of the Manapara Poligars We trust that his cruelty has met with the punishment it deserves We have perused the Papers to which you have referred us relative to the gallant behavior of Lieutenant Oliphant, and the small party under his Command, in securing the Person of the Poligar, and resisting the attempts of his Adherents to get possession of the Choultry where he was confined. We very much approve of your having Acknowledged the Gallantry of this Officer by appointing him Quarter Master to the 5th Brigade.

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(24) Purchase of a small Vessel as a Tender to the Squadron

We approve of the purchase, which, at the Request of Commodore Rainier, you made of a Vessel to be employed as a Tender to the Squadron

23-26. Detachment serving with the Nizam

We likewise approve of your having, at the requisition of the Nizam, returned the Detachment formerly serving with him to Hydrabad.—

27. 28 Incursions into the Mysla Country Districts by some of the late Renters.

Will be replied to in the Revenue Department.—

Answer to the letter in the Political Department Dated 7th Feb. 1795

Para 1 Mentions the Date of the last Dispatch.

Needs no reply

2 @ 13 Nabobs of Arcot and the Rajah of Tanjore

We were greatly concerned at the Intelligence that the Nabob of Arcot and the Rajah of Tanjore had deviated from their engagements with

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with the Company by granting Assignments —
upon the Districts that were actually mortgaged
to the Company as a Security for the payment
of their annual Subsidy for the protection afforded
them — It appears by the Papers which Accompanied
your Dispatch of the 25th February last, that the
Rajah has Acknowledged this infraction of the
Treaty under his own hand — But you have not
furnished us with any proof of such infraction
on the part of the Nabob, though after the positive
manner in which you have communicated the
information, we have no reason to doubt of the
fact — It does not appear however even if the
most undeniable proofs have been laid before us,
that we should be strictly justified, under the 8th
Article of the Treaty of 1792 in Assuming the —
Collection of the Revenues of the Districts mentioned
in the Schedule N2 annexed to the Treaty —
From the baneful consequences, however, which
are likely to follow to the Countries upon which
these Assignments have been issued, and which
must tend greatly to weaken if not to —
annihilate

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annihilate the Company's Security, we sincerely lament that the Nabob could not be prevailed upon to adopt the modification of the Treaty proposed by you upon this occasion, founded upon principles of sound Policy, Humanity and justice - We are so thoroughly convinced of the necessity of this Arrangement that we authorize you to renew the proposition in our Name, and you will render a most acceptable Service to the Company should you by address conciliation and persuation be successful in procuring His Highness's Consent thereto - and as at the conclusion of the Treaty of 1792 the late Nabob agreed with Lord Cornwallies that his Debt to the Company at that time should be examined into by proper Persons appointed for that purpose and that he would abide by His Lordships ultimate Award or the Award of the Governor General and Council, we are willing to consent, if His Highness's acquiescence in the proposed Arrangement cannot be

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be otherwise obtained, to exonerate him from the whole of that demand, provided he will — surrender to the Company's management, the Districts named in the Schedule before mentioned —

With respect to the Rajah of Tanjore, we are happy to find by your late Advices, that his Excellency has acceded to the proposed modifications of the Treaty concluded with him in 1792, whereby we trust that the predicted effects of the ruinous measures that have been lately adopted in the Tanjore Country will be obviated.

We are much surprized that any objection should have been started on the part of the Nabob to the validity of his Debt to the Company under the denomination of the New Cavalry Loan, or Debt due by the Nabob to the Officers of that Corps, Amounting by an Account you have transmitted to us, to the principal Sum of Pagodas (720,598) Seven Lacks Twenty Thousand five hundred and ninety Eight

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eight On referring to former proceedings on this Subject we find that in 1780. the late Nabob represented the hardship of the case of his Cavalry Officers to the Madras Government requesting Company's Bonds might be granted them and promising an Assignment of Country till the whole should be discharged The whole Amount due on this Account was not at the time ascertained; but as the Nabob signed his Bonds to the Amount before mentioned which are deposited in your Treasury and which must be considered as a most substantial evidence of the validity of the Debt it is most unreasonable to expect that the Company should bear the burthen of a Debt contracted by His Highness and liquidated by the Company purely for his accommodation It would be extremely desireable therefore, and an Act of Justice on his part, if His Highness could be prevailed upon to discharge this Debt out

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out of the Funds which there is every reason
to suppose he became possessed of upon the
Death of his Father, or to make some Arrange-
=ment for its gradual liquidation —

The next point for our consideration
is the present state of the Carnatic and the
Tanjore Country, occasioned by enormous Loans
for Finances or Assignments upon the ex-
Revenue; and the mode to be adopted for —
putting an end to a practice which our
prohibitory and repeated Orders have hitherto
not been able to effect: That they who have
amassed Wealth in our Service, or under our
protection should, to encrease that wealth, —
become parties in measures which are not
only contrary to our express directions, but
which have a natural tendency to reduce
whole provinces to misery and wretchedness,
and finally to sacrifice the dearest Interests of
those auspices their Fortunes have been acquired,
is matters of most serious concern — But as

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the evil is great the remedy must be strong, we therefore authorize you to follow the line prescribed in Lord Hobarts Minute of the 24th November 1795 and direct that in every case, were according to your belief (which you shall ratify upon Oath) any Servant of the Company, or Person living under the Company's protection, shall in defiance of our orders, be in future concerned, directly or indirectly, in any Loan, or other Money transaction with any of the Native Powers (unless with the Knowledge and express permission of Government) or shall <u>interest of Securities or Assignments already issued for past Loans</u>, be engaged directly or indirectly, in the receipt or collection of any part of the Revenues of the Carnatic or Tanjore in consequence of Money already lent to the Nabob and the Rajah, in defiance of our repeated orders and Regulations; such Servant of the Company, or person living under the Company's protection, shall be called before the Council Board, and examined upon Oath touching such support

Loan

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Loan or Money transaction; and in the event
of such Servant of the Company, or other person
living under the Company's protection, being
found guilty of a breach of our orders and —
Regulations in this respect, or refusing to —
Answer to such questions as may be put to
him, or not answering satisfactorily so as to
exculpate himself from all concern directly
or indirectly, in such Loan or Money transaction,
or not producing his Books if called upon so to
do for the purpose of their being inspected by
a Committee, who shall be sworn not to
divulge the contents thereof except such parts
as shall be evidence of such nefarious —
transactions, he shall be sent to Europe by
the first opportunity.-

The same method of proceeding
must be observed with respect to such of His
Majesty's Officers as shall be suspected of —
having been concerned, directly or indirectly
in Similar transactions reporting the circumst
thereof.

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thereof to the Commander in Chief of His Majestys Forces in India, who will receive Instructions from His Majestys Ministers upon the Subject.—

We are aware that endeavours may be used to defeat the purpose of these directions, but as we are sensible of the absolute necessity of them we exort, you to proceed with firmness in the execution of them, relying upon our Approbation and support

We observe that the Nabob has declared his determination not to acquiesce in the Arrangement proposed in our Political Dispatch of the 10th June 1793 for removing the evils occasioned by the present divided System of Government in the Poligar Countries.— But as we are convinced of the Necessity of that Arrangement, you will follow the directions upon that Subject, contained in our beforementioned Dispatch and in our letter of the 6th April 1796.

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We have upon this occasion written letters to the Nabob of Arcot and Rajah of Tanjore, Copies whereof are enclosed - you will cause these letters to be presented in the usual manner -

Before we conclude this Subject it is necessary to express our approbation of the Appointment of Mr. Macleod to be Resident at Tanjore, as advised in the 5th Paragraph of your Subsequent Dispatch of the 28th November last to which Dispatch, all the material points contained therein having been already discussed. we need not give any particular reply. —

East India House
London 26th August 1796.

(A true Copy)
(Signed) W. Ramsay Secy

Copy of letter to the Nabob of Arcot: the Original of which has been sent by the Marthas

To the Nabob of Arcot

We have received your Highness's letter

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Letter, dated Chepauk House the 22nd October 1795, containing the melancholy tidings of the Death of your Venerable Father, the Nabob Wallajah Bahaudir, and that in consequence your Highness has succeeded to the Government of the Carnatic. We sincerely condole with your Highness on the loss you have sustained; at the same time We offer your Highness our unfeigned Congratulations upon your Accession to the Musnud, in Virtue of the Treaty of 1792, and assure you of our unalterable friendship and regard.

It was with great Concern We received the Intelligence that your Highness had made some objection to the modification of the Treaty of 1792, proposed by Lord Hobart, upon your Highness's Accession.

That your Highness had the option to accede to, or reject the proposal made to you by Lord Hobart for a modification of the Treaty of 1792, we readily admit; but

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permit us to observe, that the leading features of that Treaty, are protection on the one side, and Security for the payment of a fixed Subsidy on the other- the Company, by fulfilling this important condition of the Treaty on their part and in constantly maintaining a large Army, the Expenses of which have considerably encreased Since the Treaty was concluded, are peculiarly interested in whatever concerns your Highness's prosperity, or the prosperity of your Country; and Cannot possibly view with indifference, any measures which have a tendency to depreciate the Revenues which have been Specifically assigned as a Security for the Subsidy, to the extent of their being rendered inadequate to the Security for which they have been pledged. It must be obvious to your Highness, that we allude to the practice of negociating usurious Loans for Turcaws on the Revenues, and which, if extended to the Districts named

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in the Schedule annexed to the Treaty must be considered, by every impartial Judge, as a deviation from the Treaty, and of a tendency to lessen, if not to annihilate, the Nature of the Company's Security, In this observation it is far from our intention to produce any unpleasant sensation in the Breast of your Highness at the Same time, permit us to observe, that if the proposed modification of the Treaty of 1792 could be so arranged, as to be made unobjectionable to your Highness, every possible cause of difference between your Highness and the Company in future, would be avoided We have therefore desired Lord Hobart, to enter upon another negociation with your Highness for this purpose; and We in the most earnest manner intreat your Highness to lend a favorable Ear to the Proposition, so evidently calculated for the ease and advantage of both parties. For the

adoption

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adoption of the arrangement, your Highness will afford an early and unequivocal — manifestation of your regard for the Company and the British Nation should you unfortunately not be induced to accede thereto, We shall not cease to lament that your Decision should be marked by a disinclination to attend to the first representation which your Friends the Company have had occasion to make to your Highness - Nor permit Us to observe, is it our wish alone that your Highness should adopt the proposed Arrangement, but We have — reason to know it is also most ardently — desired by the confidential Ministers of our illustrious Sovereign -

Copy of letter to the Rajah of Tanjore; the Original of which has been sent by the Martha

We have received your Excellency's Letter of the 7th October 1795 and understand it

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Contents: We have persuaded that the
payments to be made to the Company by
your Excellency under the Treaty concluded
by Sir Charles Oakeley will be ultimately
settled by Lord Hobart upon the principles
of equity and Good Faith. We had great
satisfaction in hearing from his Lordship —
that your Excellency has acceded to the proposal
for a modification of the Treaty of 1792 the
leading features of which are protection on the
One Side, and Security for the payment of a
fixed Subsidy on the other. The Company by
fulfilling this important condition of the
Treaty on their part and in constantly
maintaining a large Army, the expences of
which have considerably encreased since the
Treaty was concluded, are peculiarly interested
in whatever concerns your Excellency's prosperity,
or the prosperity of your Country, and cannot
possibly view with indifference, any measures

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which have a tendency to depreciate the
Revenues which have been Specifically
Assigned as a Security for the Subsidy, to the
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the Security for which they have been pledged -
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We allude to the practice of negociating
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Revenues, and which if extended to the Districts
named in the Schedule annexed to the Treaty
must be considered by every impartial Judge
as a deviation from the Treaty, and of a tendency
to lessen, if not to annihilate the value of the
Company's Security By your Excellency's having
Assented to the proposed modification of the
Treaty and concluded an Agreement in
Consequence, We trust that every possible cause
of difference between your Excellency and the
Company, will, in future, be avoided In the
Adoption of this Arrangement your Excellency
has manifested a very commendable degree

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of confidence in your Friends the Company,
whose Interest and prosperity must ever be
inseparable from your own.--

East India House
26th August 1796

True Copies
(Signed) W. Ramsay Jr

The President delivers in the
following Minute--

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Presidents Minute in Council 17th December 1796

Presidents Minute calling the Attention of the Board to the Embarrassment under which the Government labours in consequence of the Receipt of the foregoing Letter on adverting to the Instructions in the same Letter transmitted from the Supreme Board proposing in Consequence that a Letter be written.--

The Court of Directors having ordered
their Secretary to transmit certain paragraphs
of a General Letter for the information and
guidance of the Right Honorable the
President in Council, and those paragraphs
containing the approbation of the Honorable
Court of the Agreement entered into with the
Rajah of Tanjore for the modification of the
Treaty of 1792, in which Agreement it was
expressly stipulated that it should be subject
to

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to the approbation of the Directors of the East India Company, the President would have no hesitation in proposing to the Board that the Resident at Tanjore should make a communication to the Rajah upon the Subject with a view to the resumption of the Districts named in the — Schedule of the above Mentioned Treaty - but under the consideration of all the circumstances of the Case, and the orders of the Supreme — Government, he conceives that it would be disrespectfull to their authority to take any Measure without previous communication — with them he therefore proposes that a Letter should be written to the Governor General in Council requesting to be favored with his instructions for our proceeding —

(Signed) Hobart

The Board Concur in Opinion with the President - Ordered in consequence that the

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The following letter be Written to Bengal.—

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

at Fort William

Honorable Sir,

To Bengal pointing out the above circumstance and soliciting their further orders on the Subject.—

The Honorable Court of Directors having ordered their Secretary to transmit to us certain paragraphs of a General letter, for the information and guidance of this Government; and these paragraphs (a Copy of which was forwarded by our Secretary to Mr Barlow by Express on the 11th Instant) containing the approbation of the Honorable Court of the Agreement entered into with the Rajah of Tanjore for the modification of the Treaty of 1792 in which Agreement it was expressly stipulated that it should be subject to the Approbation of the Directors of

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the East India Company, we should have no
hesitation in sending instructions to the Resident
at Tanjore to make a communication to the
Rajah upon the subject, with a view to the
resumption of the Districts named in the Schedule
of the abovementioned Treaty — but under the
consideration of all the circumstances of the case
and the orders of the Supreme Government,
we should conceive it disrespectful to your —
Authority to take any Measure without —
previous Communication with you — We —
therefore request to be favored with your —
Instructions for our further proceeding in this
business —

We have the honor to be

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with respect

&c. &c.

(Signed) Hobart & Council

The President proposes that the
Company's

The orders of the Court of
Directors on the letter
before noted relative to
the Measures to be
adopted to check —
loose transactions with
the Nabob and Rajah
of Tanjore to be publish-
ed in the News Papers

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Company's orders just now read on the Subject of Loans to the Country Powers with the — orders formerly received on the same point, be published in the News-papers for the — purpose of Giving due Notice to any persons whom they may affect.—

Ordered Accordingly.—

The Commander in Chief acquaints the Board that it appears from the returns that 17 of the foreign recruits entertained in the two Battalions of Artillery, have deserted since the first of last Month and as none of them have been discovered at or about the Presidency it is not improbable but they may have taken the route of Cuddapah in hope of procuring Service in Mons.r Raymonds Corps. In this case it may be attended with good effect if Government give Notice of the above Desters to Bum Range, and the Rajahs of Calastry and Venkatgherry, desiring to use their

The Commander in Chief reports to the Board the frequent Desertions of Foreigners late entertained in the Artillery Corps.—

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than endeavours for apprehending them. —

Order of the Board on the Occasion. —

Ordered that Letters be immediately Written to the Rajahs of Calastry and Venkatagherry and to Bommaraze directing them to use their best endeavours to apprehend the Deserters. —

The Commander in Chief also reports that the Old Establishments of Artificers and Pioneers for Native Battalions still continue although a Native Battalion is materially augmented in Strength by the New regulations The inconvenience arising from this circumstance has been repeatedly mentioned to Head Quarters Government therefore to attend to this Subject, and refer it to the Military Board were good enough to Suitable Establishments for the Several Corps of the Army whether of artificers, Pioneers, Doolies, or Camp Equipage might be submitted by the Board to Government and when Approved issued in General orders. —

Order to be sent to the Military Board for fixing Establishments of Artificers Pioneers Doolies and Camp Equipage for the different Corps of the Army under the New formation. —

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On the old Establishment one Conicopoly and an Assistant were allowed for each Native Battalion and although more are allowed by the New Regulations these Men have necessarily been retained with each Native Battalion; being returned as Supernumerary to the Establishment - The employment of these Men therefore for the present at least should be authorized by an order of Government, otherwise the Auditor General may object to their receiving any Pay

One Conicoply and an Assistant to be Allowed to each Native Battalion on the new Arrangements -

Resolved that the Military Board be directed to consider and report upon the Subject Submitted by the Commander in Chief - and that the Military Auditor General be instructed to allow Pay to be drawn for the present for one Conicoply an Assistant to each Native Battalion -

Commander in Chiefs observation respecting the Arrangements requisite for effecting the removal of the Foreign Troops as ordered from England -

The Commander in Chief acquaints the Board that he has received a letter from the

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The Commander in Chief in India communicating the Sentiments of himself and the Governor General in Council respecting the Measures necessary for effecting the relief of such of the Kings Regiments serving under the several Presidencies, as His Majesty has thought fit to order home, and for making a proper distribution of those that are to be employed in India - and being of Opinion that the best mode of submitting the Matter to the consideration of Government is by laying a Copy of that Letter before the Board, he now does so, with a view to obtaining their sanction for doing what may be necessary on his part, and to the issuing such order and directions from time to time as Government may think requisite for carrying the proposed plan of Relief and distribution into execution --

Mayor

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Major General Clarke

Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

Letter from the Com=
=mander in Chief in
India to Major General
Clarke relative to the
Measures requisite in
order to effect the re=
=moval &c. of the
King's Troops as ordered
from England -

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letters of the 14th and 17th instant
The One of the 16th alluded to in the latter, has not
yet been received, but as I am of opinion,
that no Time should be lost in making
Arrangements for removing His Majesty's Troops
in India, I shall not wait its arrival: It
was my intention to have communicated my
Sentiments upon this Subject at a more early
period, but the daily expectation of the arrival
of the first and Second Fleet and the uncertain=
=ty at this Season, of their destination induced me
to defer it, from an apprehension, that it might
tend, more to embarrass, than to promote the
object in view. -

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I am now to inform you, that it is with the Approbation of the Governor General in Council that the following Arrangement is determined on, and that in submitting the necessary propositions to Government for carrying them into effect you are authorized to say that they have met his sanction and approval A Copy of this letter will be forwarded to the Commanding Officer at Bombay, with directions to Conform to it with the approbation of the Board as farar relates to the Troops under that Government and I am happy to observe, as the execution of the arrangements will principally rest with you, that your Sentiments so nearly coincide with what has now been resolved upon.-

Cavalry

Two Regiments in Bengal

Two in the Carnatic -

The

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The 19th Light Dragoons to remain in the Carnatic. Either the 25th or 27th Light Dragoons to be sent to Bengal immediately, and on the Arrival of the expected Regiment, either Regiment, or the one remaining at Madras (whether the 25th or 27th) to be also sent hither. It is left optional with you in Concert with Government to decide on the Regiments to be on this Establishment, conformably to the above arrangement, and in the event of a War in the Carnatic one of the Regi=ments of Dragoons destined for Bengal may also be detained.

Infantry

2 Regiments in Bengal
5 In the Carnatic and Ceylon
2 at Bombay and in Malabar

The Royal Artillery, and Engineers, to be sent to the Cape by the first convenient

Opportunity

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Opportunity, unless it is judged advisable
to retain them for the present from a probability
of an immediate War in the Carnatic -

The 19th Regiment being ordered to
Columbo, the part of it now at Bombay to
be sent thither immediately -

On the arrival of a Regiment from
the Cape the 36th to be sent to Cochin (either
by Sea from the Carnatic or from Tutacorin,
or by Land through Travancore as may be
found most advisable by Government) to
receive the Drafts from the 77th Regiment;
and to remain in Garrison there. The Officers,
Non Commissioned Officers &c. of the 77th
Regiment when the Corps is drafted to be
sent to England by the returning Bombay
Ships or by such Ships as may be ordered for
them, if the Bombay Ships cannot accomodate
them -

On the arrival of a Second Regiment
from

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From the Cape the 71st to be sent thither, and on the Arrival of a Third Regiment, either that, or one of those before arrived, to be sent to Bengal and the 76th Regiment then to proceed to the Carnatic, when it will be drafted into the 52d. and from whence the Officers will be sent home—

On the arrival at Bombay, of any part of one of the Regiments from the Cape Amounting to 400 Men the 75th or 76th Regiment to be sent to the Cape by the first convenient Opportunity. The remainder of that Regiment to be sent to Bombay if it arrives at Madras, and whenever it can be spared. If all the Three Regiments from the Cape arrive at Madras one of the Three or a detachment equal to 400 Men to be sent to Bombay to relieve the 75th Regiment If a Detachment is sent, the remainder of the Regiment to follow

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follow when the 76th arrives at Madras - The Arrangement for the relief of the 75th must depend however on circumstances at the moment for it will be unnecessary, to detach thither unless they can be sent to the Cape immediately when relieved -

When the Establishment in India is complete, by the arrival of the fourth Regiment another of them to be sent to Bengal unless there is a War in the Carnatic in which case it will remain there until the Peace -

The Detachment of the 33d Regiment now at Bombay to remain there until the destination of that Regiment is determined on -

It is left Optional with you in Concert with Government to decide on the Regiments to be on this Establishment, conformably to the above Arrangements -

You

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You will be pleased to correspond with the Commanding Officer at Bombay on all points relating to the Arrangements, and if you deem any alteration necessary for the good of the Service, you will adopt it, if immediately required, or point it out to the Governor General and to myself, if the Sanction of the Supreme Government can be obtained in sufficient Time.—

Head Quarters
Calcutta Novr.
30th 1796—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signd) Robt. Abercromby

Minute thereon

The Board desire that the Commander in Chief will take such Steps as may appear to him necessary for carrying into execution the Kings orders.

Lieutenant Colonel Prescott having informed the President that at Arnee there are two field Officers Quarters four Separate Pairs of Officers Quarters a Barrack for a Native Battalion - and a Barrack for Two

Companies

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Companies of Artillery ordered to be built under the late Contract, but not yet in hand. His Lordship proposes that the Military Board be instructed to give immediate directions that no repairs not yet begun upon be executed by the late Contractors, all the orders should have been given to them for Completing particular Works, previous to the expiration of the contract.-

Minute of the Board determining that no further Buildings or repairs of Arms shall be executed by the Contractor

His Lordship observes that he is — induced to this Measure, from his perfect Conviction, that works under the present System will be — executed better and upon cheaper terms for the Company than those undertaken by the late — Contractors.-

Approved and ordered Accordingly

The Commander in Chief recommends that the following be published in General orders.

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G. O. By Government.

The following Movements to take place for the purpose of relieving the Detachments of Royal Artillery stationed South of the Coleroon

From the Mound to Chittagong 1 Subaltern 1 Sergeant 1 Corporal 2 Gunners and 14 Matrosses Effective Artillery and 1 Sergeant 2 Gunners and

General orders published with a view to relieve the Detachment of the Royal Artillery on a Detachment and recalls the whole to March to the Presidency —

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and 6 Matrosses Invalids -

From the Mount to Sankley Droog

1 Subaltern 1 Serjeant 1 Corporal, 2 Gunners and

14 Matrosses Effective Artillery, and 2 Gunners

and 6 Matrosses Invalids.

From the Mount to Attore 1 Serjeant

2 Gunners and 6 Matrosses Invalids

From the Mount to the Neighbourhood

of Thirtnaghurry to be distributed to different

Forts in the Ceded Districts According to an

Arrangement that will be transmitted to Major

Read 1 Serjeant 1 Corporal 3 Gunners and 10

Matrosses Invalid Artillery and 34 Gun Lascars

Invalids -

From the Mount to Trichinopoly

1 Captain and 20 Matrosses -

From Pondicherry to Trichinopoly

1 Lieutenant 1 Serjeant 2 Corporals, 4 Gunners and

16 Matrosses 2nd Battalion of Artillery -

The above Details are to proceed

to their respective destinations as soon as they

Can

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can be equipped for the March

The Details from the Mount for

Attore and Sankley Droog will march together

as far as the former Stations -

When the whole of the Parties

ordered to the Ceded Districts arrive at or near their

distinations Major Read will assemble the

Details of Effective Artillery now stationed at

Chittragherry and Sankley Droog and direct them

to march under the Senior Officer to Trichinopoly

Orders for drawing off a part

of the Effective Gun Lascars in the Ceded

Districts will be issued hereafter. -

Major

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Major General Floyd will Order the Royal Artillery South of the Coleroon to march to the Presidency so soon as the Details destined for Trichinopoly arrive in Numbers sufficient to admit of the Relief taking place without Material Inconvenience.—

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

Approved and Ordered Accordingly.—

" Hobart

" Alfred Clarke

" Con. Saunders

" E H Fallofield

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Exd

Tho. Wissett

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Diary

Dispatches the undermentioned

letters entered in Mil. B. Nos 76-77 -

To Major General Sydenham -

To the military auditor General

authorizing an advance to Captain Johnston of Pagodas 500 on account of the works carrying on under his superintendence at Bancoondah - and an issue of Pay on account of the troops lately arrived at the Presidency under the command of Lieutenant Colonel anderson -

To the military Board -

To the military Board

desiring that no works at arnee or at any Station on the Coast which may not yet have been begun upon, may be executed by the Contractors - the works ordered at arnee which remain unexecuted to be performed according to the new System

Received the undermentioned

letters entered in mil. B. Nos 78-79 80-81-82

83-84-85-86-87-88-89 -:

From the Military Board -

recommending

From Dito

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17th recommending an Establishment of artificers, and an allowance on account of Stationary and Candles, for the Garrison of Ganjam.—

From the Commander of the Ocean

From Captain Patton — enclosing a Bill for wine supplied the Sick of the 19th Regiment of Foot on their Voyage from England exclusive of the quantity sent on board for their use

From Captain Dyvejan

From Captain Dyvejan — advising of his arrival at Columbo — requests to be allowed fifty guineas rate for the accommodation and Passage of Mrs Hodson and Kay of the St Helena Establishment

From Baraawaa Prophatoo —

From Baraawaa Prophatoo — requesting that the Subsistence to the Dutch Officers Prisoners of War may be paid to them regularly

From Lieut. Sterling Hamilton.

From Lieutenant Sterling Hamilton — requesting to be furnished with

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17th with an order to the Commander of one of the Companys ships at Columbo to be received on board as passenger for England

From Commandant at Tachenore

From Captain Sentleger — requests instructions respecting the Gram, damaged by the late inundation, and the Boards sanction for renting the House at 12 Pagodas ℔ month

From Commandant at Chandernaghorry

From Captain Mealy — requesting the Board's sanction for employing a few Hercarrahs to procure Intelligence — and advising of the Nabob's having removed the whole of the ordnance and Stores from Hussein Pillah into the Fort of Chandernaghorry —

From Commandant at Trichinopoly

From Major General Floyd — recommending that a platform be built for drying Powder and the Nabob's order obtained for allotting a proper spot of Ground for the purpose

From

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From Captain A.M. Strange 17th

From Captain Strange — requesting that the Paymaster of Fort St George may be authorized to pay his half Batta for the month of June, since the Board have rejected his Claim to draw full Batta for that month as being appointed to a Corps on Ceylon

From the Military Auditor Genl

From Major General Sydenham requesting the Boards orders relative to some small sums overdrawn by the Cavalry Detail doing duty over the Governor. —

From Military Paymaster General

From Mr Roebuck — enclosing an application from the Paymaster at Malacca for a supply of Cash

From the Commandant at Tanjore

From the Honble Major Monson — enclosing an application from the Town Adjutant to be allowed to draw 6 Pagodas P. Month

Town

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y.r Bouse Rent in consequence of his Office having fallen power. –

18.th Sent the following Letter to the Military auditor General

To Major General Sydenham
Military auditor General

Sir I am directed by the right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 12.th instant, and to acquaint you that, on a reconsideration of all the circumstances relating to the arrangements standing against Major Sage, & Captains Pattinson & Brodie, his Lordship has been pleased to dispense with the rejection in the case of the former – and to remit the case of the former – and to remit is to the 17 of July 1795. in the case of the latter. I inclose by order Copy of a Letter

To the Military auditor General – Case of Major Sage and Captain Pattinson reconsidered – and favorably attended to – arrears of gratuity due to Lieutenant Colonel Brodie and Major Barbut to be paid in Bills on Bengal – a further Statement required by the Supreme Government, shewing the Extra Expence that will attend the introduction of the new arrangements 100 Pardies to be made up by the Military & Paymaster. –

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18th Letter with its enclosure from the
Military Paymaster General, and
am directed to desire you will
acquaint that Officer, for the
information of Messrs Tullock,
Jervis, and Brodie that the Gratuity
due to Lieutenant Colonel Brodie
and Major Barbutt, the former
being in Europe, and the latter
on the Eve of leaving India, will
be paid by Bills on Bengal at
the exchange of 355 Sa. Rs. per 100 Pags.

I am also directed to enclose
Copy of a letter with its enclosure
from the late Secretary to the
Supreme Government, and
to desire that the Statement
referred to in the letter from the
Military auditor General in
Bengal may be prepared for the
information of the Honble Court of
Directors. —

&c.

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18th

The President in Council having received a Recommendation from the Military Board on the subject of Doolies, his Lordship has acquiesced therein, and desires in consequence that you will give Directions to the Military Paymaster at Fort St George, to make up one hundred, the cost whereof is not to exceed 649 Pagodas ten Fanams and sixty each. — These Doolies when finished, are to be submitted to the inspection of the Military Board.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) W C Jackson
Sec.y

Fort St George
12th December 1796

Recieved the undermentioned
19th Letters entered in Mis.B. Nos 90-91—

From Mr. William Dring
From the late Contractor for army Clothing — requesting that the Appraisers may
Committee

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19th Committee may be authorized to frank his Charge for the Package and Carriage of the Clothing at the established rate of 4½ P. Cent on its Cost.

From Lieutenant Colgrave of the Engineers

From Lieutenant Colgrave - requesting permission to proceed to Bombay on four months leave of absence. -

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mil: Nos 92-93-94-95-96-

To Military Board

To the Military Board directing that orders may be issued in compliance with Mr Dunig's Request.

To the Executor to the Estate of the late major Butler

To Mr Chase - acquainting him that his claim to arrears of Batta on account of his Testator is inadmissible. -

To

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To the Civil Paymaster General

14th

To the Civil Paymaster General - desiring that Mr. Goddard may draw 10 Pagodas Pr. month from the Nagore pay office on account of his medical attendance on the French Sick at Karical

To the acting Principal agent for Cavalry Supplies

To Mr. Kardon - authorizing the Gram agent with Major Dallas's Corps to draw eight Pagodas Pr. month for Servants.

To the Commanding Officer on board the Swallow

To the Commanding Officer on board the Swallow Packet - directing him instantly to weigh anchor, and proceed with Dispatches to Trincomale

Received the following Letters

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor In Council

From the Attorney General - opinion on Messrs Kendersley Watts & Co's Claim on account Mr. Jourdan to Certain Hog Hill Certificates

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's letter

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Fort St George, December 1796

My Lr. Letter of 30th ultimo covering Copy of a Letter from Messrs Kindersley Watts and Company, and desiring my Opinion, whether Government can with Safety pass the property in question into other hands &
without any vouchers tending to
establish the right in the estate
of the late Mr Sourdon. I have
therefore the honor to submit it
to you as my Opinion that to
pass property, before the production
of the necessary Deeds to establish
a right to claim it, cannot in
any case be done with perfect
Safety. Messrs Kindersley Watts &
Co. offer to indemnify Government,
I suppose by Giving their bond
for that purpose, and was there
a certainty of that Bond's containing
under its pressure Time until the
vouchers may be produced to
determine

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19th determine the right there would be little risk in paying the Compensation to them. But Houses of Trade here are not so permanent as they are in Europe, and as the Partnerships may be dissolved, and the members dispensed when your Lordship may, on the appearance of other Climants with proper Vouchers, have occasion to call for the sum paid into their hands, I should conceive it would be adviseable, for greater safety to retain possession of the money until the vouchers are produced

I have the honor to be
&ca &ca

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18th December 1796

(Signed) Benj.n Sullivan

The

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19th

The Right Honble Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

My Lord

from the Commandant on Chundernaghorry, with Intelligence respecting plundering Poligars from the mysore Country who take refuge in the western Pollams –

I have the honor to send your Lordship the names of Eight more of Tippoo's Polygars who have lately taken refuge in the several neighbouring Pollams as specified in the enclosed Paper; – to which I have subjoined the report of a Hircarrah come in this morning from Tippoo's Country where he had been as far as Balabarane but heard no news of consequence. –

I have the honor to remain

Chundernaghorry
16th December 1796

My Lord

Your Lordships most obedient
and faithfull Servant
(Signed) P. Mealy

At

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19th At Pullore

Mallapah Naig — Polygar of Cocandel

Tippah Naig do of Moodyamadogoo

Ragonadah Naig do of Gullooppallam,

Virah Godan } Belonging to Pungonoor, these people are encamped
Thuddah Godan } in a Tope three miles from Pullore

At Bungaroo Pollam

Timmah Naig Polygar of Goomoopollam. —

At Cullore

Paidoo Naig Polygar of Datoorapollam

At Aracondah a Village in the Chittoor district.

Vallapooram Chocapah Naig a principal Polygar.

Intelligence brought to Chandernaghurry by H
Sinawasha Brannin —

Hircarrah, the 16th December 1796.

" The Party sent by arrachillah
" from Punganoor against Boyaconda the
" Hill Fort in Sunkara Raylos's possession
" were — three Sepoy Coys with considerable
" loss — A much stronger Detachment is —
" now gone to Succour it."

Medical

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From the Medical Board – Death of Mr Hawkes Mr Colhoun proposed to Do Duty at Jaffnapatam and Mr Stephenson at Rajamundry – Mr Tallofield arrives with Assistant Surgeons Indentures

Medical Board
19th December 1796

We are sorry to acquaint the Commander in Chief that Mr Henry Hawkes, Assistant Surgeon to the Garrison of Jaffnapatam, died at Nagapatam on the 28th ultimo of an abscess on his Liver

We recommend that Mr. William Colhoun, Assistant Surgeon, be appointed to Jaffnapatam in the room of Mr. Hawkes, and directed to proceed thither as soon as the Sea Sick Majestys 52nd Regiment under his charge can dispense with his attendance. –

approved

Understanding from the acting Head Surgeon in the Ceded Districts that Medical Assistance is required at Rajamundry, we recommend that Mr. John Stephenson, Assistant Surgeon, be appointed to that Station

approved

We have the honor to report the arrival of Mr. William Tallofield with the appointment of Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment from the Honble Court of Directors, and recommend that he be admitted accordingly.

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

Received also the undermentioned Letters entered in Mil. B. Nos 97 - 98.

From the Deputy Kings Paymaster General

From Lieutenant Colonel Beresford enclosing his accounts of Subsistance to His Majestys Troops serving under this Presidency from the 25th October to the 24 December 1796. –

From military Paymaster at Fort St George

From the Honble Basil Cochrane – enclosing an Indent of Furniture required for his office.

AS

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor - Present

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esquire

and

Ernst William Tallofield Esquire

Tuesday 20th December 1796.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

The Commander in Chief states to the Board, that Lieutenant Colonel Wahab Commanding the 2d Division 2nd European Regiment at Masulipatam, has reported that, the contracted time of service of about one hundred of his men will expire

Expedient resolved on in order to ensure the Reenlistment of the men of the 2d Division of the 2d European Regiment whose time of service is about to expire —

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expire in the course of five or six
months, and that the whole of them
may be retained in the Corps, by
giving them an advance of a few
Pagodas each, to be deducted from the
Bounty money of each man
when he renews his time.

As the Company's European
Corps on the Coast are subject to a
much greater detriment both in their strength
and discipline, from the number
of men, whose contracted time of
service is expiring about the middle
of the year, avail themselves of
such occasion to quit their Corps &
to visit the Presidency, where they
are accustomed to loiter away much
of their time before they can be prevailed
on to reinlist, the Commander in Chief
is induced to recommend, that Lieutenant
Colonel Wahab may be permitted to
use the Expedient he has suggested for
keeping his Division complete; and

That

Authority given to Lieutenant Colonel Wahab to make the Advances stated for the above Purpose.

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that for such purpose he may be
allowed to draw four or five hundred
Pagodas on account from the Paymaster
of his station, for which he will be
accountable as the man to whom
he makes any advance of Cash in
renew their time.

approved and ordered
accordingly.

The Circumstance of Captain
Kingston at Trincomale having been
placed in arrest by Lieutenant Colonel
Fraser Commanding there having been
communicated to Government, the
Commander in Chief conceives it may
be necessary now to acquaint the Board
that Captain Kingston has been lately relieved
from arrest by Major General Stuart, and in
consequence of the affair having been amicably
accommodated.—

The following papers respecting the
Conduct of Tooba Goor, and the measures taken
by Government, with a view to the security of
his

The Commander in Chief reports that the Quarrel between Lieutenant Colonel Fraser and Captain Kingston, having been amicably adjusted the Officer has been released from his arrest

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his Person, are now entered. —

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council

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My Lord,

Sundry Correspondence relative to the turbulent and predatory conduct of the rebel Poligar Tomba Gour and the measures taken by Government with a view to the seizure of his person ordered to be entered on Record. —

I yesterday received intimation of the motions of Tomba Gour having again made his appearance in the districts under my charge. —

He came in to the Cummawady Pollam on the 28th and went to the village Jyempollam where he remained one day — on the 30th he went to Coorumbapatty one of the 22 Villages assumed by the Vurrupatchy Poligar this village is near Ellungapoory on the Nanghivy pollam one of the Nabobs Tributaries on one or the other of which as he finds it convenient he resides.

It is said his avowed intention is to plunder in Tippoo Sultans country, and that he is to be furnished by the Vurrupatchy Poligar with a force of two hundred Oxen — He brought from the Bradurd country two hundred Colleries —

Ido