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Diary

1. Received the following letter from the Subsecretary at Bombay.

Josiah Webbe Esquire
Secretary
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Subsecretary at Bombay communicating intelligence from Tringapatam conveyed to the Bombay Government by the Coorga Rajah

I am directed by the Honorable the Honorable the President in Council to enclose to you, for the information of the Madras Government, Copy of a letter to him from the Coorga Rajah and of the Enclosure therein alluded to.

I am &c.
(Signed) R. Torin Subsecy

Bombay Castle
20th December 1796

Translate of a letter from the Coorga Raja to the Honorable Governor dated the 15th of November and received the 17th December 1796. A.C.

Two letters from my friend in Malabar and Kanara I have received and was much delighted thereby, the particular contents I understood you have written that instructions have been sent to the Commissioners, that they should give me

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1st the same title which has hitherto been given me,
this gave me
which pleasure, however previous to your writing
the Commissioners had not been wanting in this
respect, but it was owing to a mistake of their
writers which must be well known to my Friend.
With regard to what you have written of Tippoo
Sultaun collecting his forces in the Mangalore
Country I esteem myself particularly obliged to
you, and shall be watchful of my Country you
also request that I will get two hundred stout
draught Bullocks and eight hundred pack
Bullocks from my Country for the Honorable
Company.

Honorable Sir, at the time the English
army under Sir Robert Abercromby came into the
Coorga Country every Bullock that could be
procured was given for the use of the Honorable
Company after which such people as made their
escape from imprisonment with Tippoo Sultaun
and came to the Coorga Country, I gave each of
them a pair of Bullocks to enable them to till
their Grounds, since which Tippoo Sultaun has
conducted matters so that for the space of
three years no person has been able to come

from

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1st. from his Country to mine, neither has any person had it in their Power to go from mine to his, for this reason in my Country there is at present a scarcity of Bullocks. How therefore can I from the circumstance of all Communications with Tippoo Sultaun's Country being prevented, furnish the number of Bullocks you required; The not complying with your request is the cause of much uneasiness to me, this Business I shall take into serious consideration and in the space of 20 days, on account of the Honorable Company, I shall exert my utmost endeavours and collect as many Bullocks as I can, and send to Calicut to acquaint Mr. Wilkinson and the Commissioners therewith, and whatever person is sent to receive the Bullocks, I shall take a receipt from him for them, I cannot write you all I have heard of Tippoo Sultaun's intentions, Tippoo wishes unjustly, and by representing falsehoods to excite a disturbance and has misrepresented matters respecting me in his letter to Bengal, Madras, and Bombay and has given particular instructions to his Aumildars and Killidars in any manner to quarrel with me, so that Tippoo Sultaun's

Aumildars

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1st Sumiloars are continually writing and making false Complaints to the Gentlemen at Cananore, Tellichery, and Calicut, of me and endeavouring to excite a misunderstanding; I refrain from repeatedly writing on this subject supposing you might imagine it was from enmity that I wrote. Tippoo Sultaun's deceits and frauds are well known to the English as are all his intentions. The particulars of what I have heard relative to Tippoo Sultaun agreeable to your request I have written on a separate Paper, and now enclose for your information. I have been desired not to send people to Seringapatam to obtain intelligence, but if it is your wish I will send some of my people there, and whatever they hear I will make you acquainted with. Those letters which are written in persian and Malabars I have no person who can read, I have therefore to request you will in future whenever you write allow your letters to be written in the Rhamaree language by which I shall be enabled to read and answer them myself. A true Translate

True Copy (Signed) R Torin Subscry (Signed) Samuel Wilson (P.S.)

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1st
Translate of a Paper written in the Rennerce language from the Coorga Rajah, and enclosed in a letter to the Honorable Governor, received at Bombay the 15th Dec. 1796

Six Months ago two French Sirdars dressed in the Turkish habit, arrived at Seringapatam, and had a meeting with Tippoo Sultaun, when they had a conversation with him to the following effect; that at present there was a War between the English and French, on account of which, in a short time the French would go to Bengal by sea, where they would land and attack the English; for this reason they desired him to have his Troops in readiness, and not to allow a single Particle of Grain to go to the Country in possession of the English, but send his People into it to plunder. Tippoo replied to those Frenchmen, that the English and French were both Europeans, and he was a Sirdar of Hindoostan, that although at present there was war between their two Nations, a peace would take place, when the English would be at enmity with him; during the period of his late Father's life, he marched with his Troops towards Arcot, and there met the French Troops but

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1st. but when a peace took place in Europe, between the two Nations, the French deserted his Father, and went away, at the period when he (Tippoo Sultaun) went towards Nugeer, the French Troops accompanied him, but immediately as they heard of a peace having taken place in Europe, they left him, at that time he had a large Army and great tract of Country, which was the cause of his safety But some time after, that the English in conjunction with the Peshwa and the Nizam came to Seringa= =patam destroyed his Country, and defeated his Troops, and carried away immense Sums of Money from him, besides taking half of his Country by which all his glory was ruined. And should he now enter into Terms of Friendship with the French. they would at the period of peace taking place, leave him again, when he could cope with the English, as from his present situation he was unable so to do, besides which he had no dependence on either the words or promises of the French. The French Sirdars then said that it was their Opinion the same would not happen again and that he might depend upon

1st upon it a peace would never take place until either the English nation or their own was destroyed and that whatever Sums of Money he had been forced to pay to the English, the Peshwa, and Nizam, the French Nation would reimburse him with. That the French nation would take all the Country from the English, Peshwa, and Nizam, and give him back such as he had been obliged to yield to them. Tippoo Sultaun then told the two French Sirdars, he would not credit what they had said and desired they would swear to it which they did in his presence, when Tippoo told them that one of them must remain with him, and the other return to France, and bring the French Forces to Coreal Bunder (or Mangalore) when he would give their nation a Country valued at 9 Lacks of Hoons, situated below the Ghauts in the Corcal district, that their Nation must strengthen and Onore Forts. To this the French Sirdars consented and one remained with Tippoo while the other after taking his leave left his Country promising that he would —

return

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1st return to it in five or Six Months with Troops ammunition Guns &c and desiring Tippoo Sultaun immediately on his receiving intelligence of the Arrival of the French forces, to send his to join them.

Honorable Sir.

The above intelligence is certain for which reason I write it to you there is at this time a French Swar at Seringapatam and Tippoo Sultaun is also assembling his force at Seringapatam and getting all his warlike Stores in readiness, and collecting Bullocks from the inhabitants of his Country for which reason Tippoo Sultaun will not allow a single person from his Country to come to mine, I have heard that Tippoo Sultaun has destroyed old fort at Seringapatam and it was his intention to have rebuilt the Wall with black Stone, but in order to have it ready soon he is building it of brick on the 9th of the Month Cartick or the 10th of November 8000 Looties belonging to Tippoos forces came near the Boundaries of my Country to

Beheadpoor

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1st Behadpoor, Peredpatam, Uricilgore and Billa where they remain and the Aumildar of those four places, day and night are endeavouring to obtain intelligence from my Country I do not know the cause of this force having come whatever intelligence I may hereafter hear shall undoubtedly write to you. There is two ungrateful People in the Malabar Country, who continually advise Tippoo of every thing. When I can obtain certain information respecting these two People, and learn their names, I will let you know them.

A true Translate

(Signed) Samuel Welson
(P.T)

True Copy
(Signed) R. Town, Subteery

The letters from the Resident at Tanjore of the 3d December with its enclosures have entered.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
&c &c &c
Fort St George

From the Resident at Tanjore enclosing a letter from one of the Widows of the late Rajah in which she sets forth the unkind and cruel Treatment she experiences from Amer Sing, and solicits the protection of Government

My Lord I have the honor to enclose a letter to your Lordship from the Elder Widow of the late

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1st late Rajah - I have made frequent Representations to his Excellency relative to the subject of it, and furnished him with an attested Copy of the Proceedings of the Company's Acault regarding Averkerry but without effect, and indeed without Reply.

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

Tanjore
3rd December 1796

Translation of a paper addressed to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Bahader by the Ramee the Rajes Bhaie Saheb the widow of the late Rajah Tulja Maharaz who is in heaven.

After my departure from Madras and my arrival at Tanjore I have by your favor remained under the shade of the Company at Trivady. Shashum Naik an inhabitant of Tanjore, having advanced money to my Servants and having added interest upon interest, possessed himself by force of the Village belonging to them. In consequence of the disputes which arose among them, the matter was carried before Mr. Macleod he committed it to the Company's Court of Justice

with

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1st with directions for it's being settled according to equity. The Commissioner of the Court having in consequence made full enquiry into the evidence and witnesses, awarded that the Village taken by the Chitty should be restored to the Villagers, and that the Villagers should pay to the Chitty according to justice the money which they had borrowed. This written award was granted to the Villagers who according to custom received damages from the Chitty When after this the Rajah recovered his Country he from his enmity to me, interested himself in favor of the Chitty, and sent for the abovementioned Villagers whom he cast into confinement — Having also ordered their families and Children to leave the Village he drove them out and put Seals upon their houses: under pretence of settling according to justice that which the Company had unjustly decided, he causes much distress: from these poor people he daily takes three fanams batta, Upon a Representation of this to Mr. Macleod, he sent the award which

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I had been given in the Company's Court to the Rajah and desired him to enquire whether the Commissioners had past a just or an unjust sentence. A whole Month has elapsed, but yet no answer has been received. Many are the awards which the Company's Commissioners have given similar to this: in this alone he persecutes me from his decided enmity against me strong in his power over the Country he commits this Cruelty on account of the distress he gave me. I formerly went to Madras: after my return from Madras he has shewn much of this inveteracy against me and my Servants. I have some horses, but am without any place to keep them. this I have frequently represented to the Rajah, but to this hour no place has been granted. If you will favor me with your advice in what manner I ought to conduct myself in this matter I will immediately conform to it. Besides you I have no resource. To one acquainted with all things why should much be written

A true translation
(Signed) I Webbe
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1st Received the undermentioned letters entered in MB. Nos 1 2 3 4 5.

From the Commandant at Madura representing the necessity of an immediate Repair of the Commandants and Paymasters Quarters.

From the Commandant at Madura

From Messrs Geoghagan and Murray enclosing sick Certificates which they have requested to be forwarded to the Head Quarters of that Corps, and representing as a hardship (under their present Confinement) that they should be returned "absent without leave."

From Captain Lieutenant Geoghagan and Lieutenant Murray of Artillery

From Brigade Major Strachan requesting to be allowed to draw the Pay of a Captain of Cavalry; and the arrears from the Date of the Formation of the Cavalry Brigade.

From the Brigade Major of Cavalry

From Lieutenant Nuthall claiming the same Tent allowance as was drawn by Lieut. C Dallas, while acting as Gram Agent to the Party stationed at Hyderabad.

From Lieutenant Nuthall of the Cavalry

From Lieutenant Colonel Beresford forwarding the accounts of the Deputy Paymaster serving on Ceylon, from the 25th October to the 24th December 1796.

From the Deputy Kings Paymaster General

Received the following letter from the Military Auditor General.

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1st

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council of

Fort St George

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship a Statement in continuation of Payments made to His Majesty's Forces serving under this Presidency, as follows. Subsistence from the 25th June to the 24th December 1794. —

Company's allowances from the 1st July to the 31st Dec. 1794

Your Lordship will observe that the enclosed Six Months accounts are much more concisely stated than those presented on the 14th instant, which alteration has proceeded from my having found that each half Yearly Statement according to the last mentioned Form would require at least two Months to complete, and being anxious to bring up the long arrears of those accounts to the latest period, I proposed to the Military Auditor General at Bengal

to

From the Military Auditor General with accounts of Payments made to the Kings Troops to the close of the Month of December 1794 — Remarks relative to a new Form he has adopted for the sake of Despatch.

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1st to adopt in future the Form nearly in which they now appear, and which in a letter he addressed to me under date the 26th of last Month, (Copy of which I have the honor to enclose) he says will sufficiently answer the purposes for which those Accounts are required, with the additions he has suggested and to which I have strictly conformed - I hope therefore my having effected such an alteration from a wish of expediting public Business will meet your Lordships approbation.

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

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Military Aud.r Genl

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
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Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I am honoured with your letter dated the 1st instant enclosing forms of Abstracts of Subsistence and Company's Allowances

or

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1st or Extraordinaries, to the King's Troops proposed to be adopted in future in preparing these accounts to be furnished from your Presidency, which I am of opinion will answer sufficiently well the purposes for which they are intended, especially if Copies of all the Military Accounts of the Disbursements of the several Paymasters at your Presidency, are regularly forwarded to Europe, by the Paymaster General, as is done from Bengal

I beg leave at the same time to observe, that Pay Office Charges and Payments to Officers of the General Staff - not being applicable to any particular Corps, it will be proper to furnish separate accounts of these expences as formerly; and it will be satisfactory to annex to the Abstracts of Company's allowances, remarks respecting the several Regiments expressing whether, during the whole or what part of the periods included in the Abstracts, they served in Cantonments or in the Field; and were in receipt of half or full Batta.

I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) John Murray
Mj. Genl. & Mr. Genl. &c.

A True Copy
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mj. Genl.

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Substance of letters from the Rajahs of Calastry and Vencatagherry Cavel Rauze and Bomrauze

1st Received letters from the Rajahs of Calastry and Vencatagherry and from Cavel Rauze and Bomrauze (as Entered in C. C. N.o 1. 2. 3. — congratulating on the new Years Day.

2d Dispatched the undermentioned letters entered in MB N.o 6.

To the Clerk of the Treasury

To the Clerk of the Treasury authorizing advances of Cash to the Military Paymaster General, Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, and Agent for Bullocks.

To the Acting Principal agent for Bullocks and Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To M.r Sharoon advising him of the issues of Cash ordered for his Employs for the Current Month.

3d Received the undermentioned letters entered in MB N.os 8-9-10-11-12-13.

From the Commandant in the Guntoor Circas

From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton, representing the distress experienced by the Troops at Chintapilly, owing to the Rajahs failure in the customary Bazar supplies of Provisions &.a

From the Chief Engineer

From Lieutenant Colonel Gent. — recommending that M.r Abraham be paid the estimated value of some Stables (his Private Property)

3d. Property) which have been destroyed for the accommo-
-dation of the Governor's Body Guard on the Island.

From Capt.n Vanicourt

From Captain Vanicourt - requesting payment of the arrears of his subsistence as a Prisoner of War which was discontinued in consequence of his taking Service with the Nizam.

From the Owners of the Ship Mary

From Messrs. Parry Garrow and Co.s - requesting information as to the Presidency from which they are to draw the Balance due to them from the Company on account of the Freight of their Ship.

From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Roebuck enclosing an additional estimate of Cash for the Payments from the Presidency Pay Office for the Current Month.

From Mr. Zachariah Polack

From Mr. Zachariah Polack - soliciting the farther interference of Government with his Highness the Nabob to obtain Payment of the arrears due to the Orphan Children of the late Captain Joshua Smith.

Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. No. 14-15-16.

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To the Military Auditor General referring Mr Cochrane's additional Estimate of Cash abovementioned

To the Military Auditor General

To Lieutenant G. Lang permitting him to visit the Presidency.

To the Commandant at Seggernaick peram

To the Military Auditor General referring to his examination the accounts of the Deputy Commissary Paymaster on Ceylon as noted in the former part of this Diary.

Substance of a letter to Tippoo Sultaun

Sent a letter to Tippoo Sultaun as entered in C.C. No. 4, representing the steps that have been taken for apprehending the Robbers Timma Jour &c. and acknowledging his attention to the representation of Sultaun Howlah and Imaun Howlah.

Received 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 on the subject of the difference of Pay claimed by the Detachment of Bengal Artillery serving on Ceylon.

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr Secretary Jackson's letter of the 29th Ultimo enclosing Copy of a letter from Mr Mc Dowall

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3d Dawall Paymaster at Columbo with three — to enclosures to which it refers respecting difference of Pay and allowances claimed by Major John Barton, and the Officers of the Bengal Artillery, in consequence of the new Tables of Pay &c lately received from Europe.

The Pay, Gratuity and Batta, of the several Ranks of Officers at Bengal and Madras bear a relative value at the exchange of Three hundred and twenty Sonat Rupees for One hundred Star Pagodas, the rate adopted by the Honorable Court of Directors in framing the new Tables of Pay &c, consequently no loss would have been sustained by the Bengal Officers serving on Ceylon, if their Abstracts had been converted into Madras Currency at that Exchange, and therefore the difference does not arise as stated by Major Barton in their having drawn Pay &c in Sonaut Rupees but in the exchange at which those Rupees have been entered in the Paymasters — to Disbursements as calculated in their Abstracts

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3d Viz.t at the rate of Three hundred and sixty four Rupees, Thirteen Annas and ten pice instead of three hundred and Twenty which would have made the Pay, Gratuity and Batta of the Bengal Officers exactly correspond with the same allowances drawn by those of the Madras Establishment; — However as Major Barton has addressed the Military Auditor General at Bengal on this subject the Payment of the arrears of Pay, Gratuity and Batta short drawn on account of the Exchange at which the Sonat Rupees has been converted into Star Pagodas, may, if your Lordships approves be withheld until an answer is received from Bengal which probably will authorize the Officers of that Establishment serving on Ceylon, to be paid at the exchange adopted by the Honorable Court of Directors, or in the same Currency in which the Madras Troops receive their Allowances

With regard to the additional Rupee per Day, drawn by the Subaltern Officers of the Bengal Army as noticed in M.r M.c Dowall's letter, I have only to observe, that this allowance appears to be warranted by the new Tables of pay for that Presidency although only granted to Captain Lieutenants and Brevet Captains on the Coast

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

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily. Auditor Genl.

Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St. George
3d January 1797.

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At a Consultation.

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Edward Saunders Esquire

&

Ernst William Tallofield Esquire

Major General Alured Clarke — in

Commander in Chief absent on a Tour to the Westward

Tuesday

3.d January 1797

Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved.

Read the following letter from the Military Board.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

From the Military Board inclosing the explanation offered by the Commissary General of Stores on the Remark made by the Court of Directors on the Indent for Muskets &.a for 1795 also Col.o Hall's Minute in refutation of the Remarks made by Col.o Reps (the Chief Engineer) on the want of efficient check and arrangement in the present System of the Commissary of Stores Department &.c

My Lord,

We have the honor to forward herewith to your Lordship in Council, Copy of the Commissary General's Report and Statement elucidatory thereof upon the 52.d and 53.d Paragraphs of the General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors, dated the 14.th of February 1796, furnished to us with Letter from

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from Mr. Secretary Jackson under date the 10th. of
August last.

We have likewise the honor to lay before
your Lordship in Council, Copy of the Commissary
General's Minute in reply to that of Lieutenant
Colonel Ross Chief Engineer, under date the 1st. of March
1793 noticed in the 65th. Paragraph of the General
letter from the Honorable Court of Directors, of the
17th February 1796 and transmitted therewith to our
Board by Mr. Secretary Jackson on the 10th of August
1796

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

Fort St. George
26th December 1796

(Signed) Alured Clarke
" Wm Systenham
" Jn Richardson
" Bj. Close
" Wm Gent
" George Hall

Report of the Commissary General of
Stores upon the 52d and 53d Paragraphs of the
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Fort St. George 3d January 1797

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Fort St. George
26th. December 1796

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" Jno. Richardson
" B.J. Close
" Wm. Gent
" George Hall

Report of the Commissary General of Stores upon the 52d. and 53d. Paragraphs of the General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors

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Directors, dated 19th February 1796 referred to his report in Meeting the 26th August.

The Honorable Court of Directors in their General letter to Government of the date abovementioned having observed that they find a difference in the Indent for Military Stores transmitted to England in the Year 1795, and the Representation of the Military Board of the low state of Musketry in the Arsenal in February, the same year, the Commissary General of Stores has the honor to submit to the Board, the following explanation on the subject, which he hopes will be Satisfactory.

The Honorable Court observe that by the Indent the following Articles appeared necessary to complete the Statement for Fort St. George

Muskets 20,778
Infantry Pouch Belts 8788

Whereas in the Representation from the Military Board are required only,

Muskets ------- 14,970
Infantry Pouch Belts 4,349.

The cause of the difference was owing

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to the Indent requiring the number to complete the stated proportion for Fort St. George as grand depôt and the Representation of the Military Board stated only the Complement required for the whole of the Troops serving under the Presidency of Fort St. George, which representation was intended to bring forward to the particular notice of the Honorable Court of Directors, the great want of Musketry on the Coast with a view to the Indent of the Year 1795 being complied with to the utmost extent possible.

The accompany Paper will shew the number of Articles above mentioned required by the Indent for the Troops upon the Coast agreeably to the Representation of the Military Board, which most probably will explain the cause of the difference to the satisfaction of the Board and of Government.

(Signed) George Hall

December 21st 1796

True Copy

(Signed) Fred: Pierce

Secretary Military Board

Account

Account of Muskets and Infantry Pouch Belts shewing proportion required to complete Remains in the Arsenal in October 1794 and February 1795, and number wanted to complete agreeably to the General Return and Representation of the Military Board transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors in the Year 1795

	Muskets with Sling Bayonets	Infantry Pouch Belts
Return of Ordnance drawn out in October 1794		
Proportion for Fort St. George	36,000	12,000
Remaining in the Arsenal October 1794	15,222	3,809
Wanted at that time to Complete	20,778	8191 ✻
Representation of the Military Board in February 1795		
Proportion of Fire Arms for the whole of the Infantry Serving under the Presidency of Fort St. George supposing the Corps to be complete.	30,192	8,640
Remaining in the Arsenal February 1795	15,222	1,261
Wanted at that time to Complete	14,970	7,379

Note ✻ The apparent error in the Belts for Infantry Pouches appears to be owing to an Error in transcribing the Return as the above Statement is taken from the Original Account of those Articles kept in the Arsenal.

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True Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secry Military Board

(Signed) George Hall
Asst. Comptr of Stores

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Minute of the Commissary General of Stores in reply to Colonel Ross's Minute dated the 1st of March 1793 referred to in the 65th Paragraph of the General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors dated 17th February 1796.

I regret that it has not been in my power before this time to reply to Colonel Ross's Minute of the 1st of March 1793 the business of the Store Department having so entirely engrossed my attention as not to leave sufficient leisure for the examination of the great variety of Papers and Proceedings necessary to prove that the Colonel has been in an error in what he has brought forward regarding the Military Store Department, and had I not been called upon by the Honorable Court of Directors, it was my intention to have entered on the subject as soon as the more urgent calls of the Public Service in my Department

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Department, especially during the
siege of Pondicherry and the
different Expeditions since fitted
out by Sea, would admit of my
going into it with that attention
which its importance demanded,
being sensible that Colonel Ross's
account could not fail to make
an impression to my prejudice
in the Eyes of the Honorable
Court of Directors, which it
became my indispensible duty
therefore to endeavour to remove

I shall now proceed
to answer the imputations
conveyed in Colonel Ross's
Minute against my conduct
in the Office of Commissary
General of Stores and while I
feel that my Integrity in this
Office cannot be justly impeached
by any person I hope to be able
to prove to the satisfaction
of the Board, and of Government,

that

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that any such imputation in the present case is altogether destitute of foundation.

As the Engineer Department has been regulated by Government to the satisfaction of the Honble Court of Directors, I shall only reply to such parts of Colonel Ross's Minute, as regards the Military Store Department, paragraph by paragraph, and in my Remarks and Explanation upon the subject shall endeavor to be as concise as the nature of it will admit.

Extracts from Colonel Ross's Minute

The Proceedings of the Board and the matter I shall hereafter bring forward will sufficiently evince, that if Check and Control is in any Department of the Service, more essentially requisite, it is in that of the Commissary General of Stores and this, I think I shall make appear by quoting the express words of Major Hall.

The Indents upon the Arsenal of Fort St George for whether from our Garrisons from Corps, or for the Magazine of an Army or Detachment of an Army in the Field are transmitted to the Military Board, and by the Board are referred to the Commissary General

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In his Minute upon Mr. Jackson's proposed Regulations (7.th March 1792) he says "as the Military Storekeeper "who is the Agent of Supply is not "either interested or employed in the "issue or expenditure of any part of "the Military Stores, that being the "province of the Commissary General "of Stores, under the sanction and "authority of the Military Board" and again in another part of the same Minute he says "In the Store "Department at the Presidency there "exists the most complete Check "and Control as all demands upon "the Arsenal are checked in first "instance by the Commissary General "of Stores, and finally by the "Military Board."

What can be gathered from these two passages, but that the Commissary General of Stores is the sole Check upon himself since he first asserts that the Military Storekeeper is in no degree responsible for either Issue or Expenditure and 2.ndly that such receives a final Check on the part of the Military Board, an ex post facto check upon such accounts Lists, or Statements as the Commissary General of Stores shall think proper with, who takes a Receipt for

General of Stores for examination and Report, if the Remarks of the Commissary General on such Indents be approved they are passed agreeably thereto, and if for the Service of an Aut Garrison or any Corps not Stationed at the Presidency, they are then transmitted by the Secretary to the Commissary General of Stores to be complied with, and the Articles are sent by that Officer to the Station from whence the Indent was transmitted (1) but Indents belonging to Corps &c. at the Presidency are returned by the Secretary to the Persons who Indented after which they are presented to the Commissary General of Stores at the Arsenal, to be complied

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proper to advance upon his own previous check, and is obviously on the part of the Military Board no check at all.

for them from the person to whom the Articles are delivered, an Indent not being considered of itself as a Voucher, but merely as an authority for delivering Articles in such proportion as may have been approved and passed by the Military Board, the Receipt alone constituting the only Voucher admitted.

From what has been stated I doubt not it will appear, that there is a sufficient Check upon the Issue of Stores from the Arsenal and altho Colonel Ross says it is an expost facto Check it is that which agreeably to the Rule of the Service, becomes so, from necessity, and whether applied before or after the act has been done, the person who performed it is equally responsible

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responsible and the Check rendered as effectual in my humble Opinion as any that can be devised.

When papers received at the Board have been referred to the proper Officer whose province it is to examine and Remark thereon and those papers being approved are passed by the Board, I cannot possibly imagine a more effecient Check on the Store Department than this mode establishes.

The same argument equally applies to Lists and Statements submitted to the Board by the Commissary General of Stores who is the proper Officer required by the Printed Regulations to lay those papers before it, whether in regard to Articles to be supplied to out

Garrisons

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Garrisons for their defence or for any particular Services in the Field

In regard to the Establishment of Artificers employed at the Arsenal I beg leave to observe, that a much larger one might be employed very advantageously for the Service, could proper Workmen be procured for the pay allowed them at Fort St. George, the Work performed by them as well as the materials used in conversion for making and fitting up Articles in the Arsenal, is regularly entered in the Books kept there, agreeably to the printed Regulations, which once in every Month are examined by the Military Board, and in what regards either Artificers or Materials, the Rule therein laid down, has never been deviated from in any one instance

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arrange them, to keep them
in good condition, and to
repair them when it becomes
necessary, for these purposes
to which the Storekeeper cannot
possibly be so competent, the
Commissary General of Stores
was placed in the Arsenal
it would therefore answer no
end whatever except to introduce
embarrassment and confusion
into the Store Department,
were any other person than
himself appointed to execute
that business in the arsenal
which is properly his province.

In reply to this observation I beg leave to observe, that those Charges are not made by the Commissary General nor does he receive any

Accompanying is a Copy of the Commissary Generals Monthly Charges (paper No 5) which are paid by the Military Storekeeper to the Commissary General upon his signature only without any Superintendance Check or Controul, whatever although

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Charges are of a Contingent Storekeeper on that or on any
nature. other account whatever, he only
signs to the number of Artificers
employed in the Arsenal, as
will appear by the Copy of a
Monthly Report of Artificers
employed in the Arsenal
marked C, which accompanies
this Minute, but so far from
receiving their pay, he does
not even know when or how
they are paid; that being the
business of the Military Storekeeper,
as to the contingent expences
they are wholly in the Office
of the Military Storekeeper
with which the Commissary
General cannot interfere, and
the only part of the Charges
in the paper No 5. that the
Commissary General signs for,
is a Bill for Cajangs for
Conciopilies

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Conciopliés amounting to 6 fanams and a Bill for fitting up Drums amounting to 164 fanams; the Storekeeper delivers in his Accounts upon Oath, as the most effectual Check and Controul that could possibly have been established in his extensive Department.

It is the business of the Military Storekeeper to furnish Coolies to carry Shot landed on the Sea Beach from Shipping to the Arsenal and Gunpowder manufactured at the Powder Mills to the Magazines; it never has been Customary for the Commissary General to sign Indents for Coolies so employed; when Mr. Norman gave an Indent for Coolies it was only intended for the Military Storekeeper as a Check upon his Conciopliés by

The Indent on the Military Storekeeper for Coolies for moving Shot and Shells (paper No 6) removing Gunpowder &c. signed by Mr. Norman the Conductor has not even the Countersignature of the Commissary General, which must be allowed to be highly informal: as the Verification of the Head of the Department is usual to all Indents throughout the Service, I cannot avoid observing here, that this appears to me independent of its informality, a very extraordinary charge, the large Establishment of Lascars daily appropriated to the distinct Service of the Arsenal considered, and the means open to the Commissary General of Stores of having more at his Command upon his applying for them.

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by which means the number employed was ascertained and fraud prevented.

The Storekeeper being at all events the responsible person in this Case, the Commissary General cannot in Justice be made answer=able for the want of regula=rity in an Office over which he has no Controul.

Colonel Ross urges against Coolies being employed to carry Shot, Shells, and Gunpowder, the large Establishment of Lascars appropriated to the distinct Service of the Arsenal and the means open to the Commissary General of Stores, of having more at his Command, on applying for them.

Lascars are seldom or ever employed to remove Shot

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the first instance, as before
observed, the Establishment
for the Arsenal is amply
sufficient for the Business
carried on there, but since
the breaking out of the War
with Tippoo Sultaun in the
Year 1790, has seldom been
more than half complete;
the Establishment is three
hundred men, but at this
time the number is not
more than One hundred
and thirty; people of this
description are necessarily
employed in the various
Business of the Ordnance
and Store Department which
is much more important
to the Service, than carrying
Shot and Shells, that Business
and the arranging and keeping

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are sworn to, and if making Oath to the Charges they contain be not a sufficient Check, it may be asked what other Check can be more efficient.

If a charge of this kind could have been substantiated, I freely confess that no Punishment would have been too Severe for the person who could have intentionally imposed on the Board by an Indent which was to have an operation to the prejudice of the Honorable Company, but from the manner indeed in which this extraordinary insinuation is conveyed, I am left at a loss to determine whether it is meant to bear most on the Commissary General of Stores or the President of the Military Board, Major General Musgrave at that time Commanding the Army in the Carnatick, if it is levelled against that respectable Officer it becomes

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But what will the astonishment of the Board be, after so heavy an accusation by Major Hall on the want of Publicity of proceeding, when I acquaint them, that in January last the Commissary General of Stores obtained the signature of the then President of the Military Board to a list of Military Stores recommended to be provided amounting to Pagodas 52,234 without the knowledge or consent of the Board.

This Indent to so heavy an amount does not appear upon the Proceedings of the Board, nor a letter relative to it, and I am founded in my assertion, that it not only was withheld from the Board, but was submitted to Government for a considerable time before the Members of the Board had discovered, and then from accidental information, that any such Indent existed.

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a matter of regret that he is
not present to reply, to so serious
an imputation, both as it affects
his own character as well as to
assist in furnishing the Honble
Court of Directors with the
information which they have
desired in elucidation of this
important subject, but if in
pursuing the object of his
Minute Colonel Ross found
the allusion to Major General
Musgrave altogether unavoidable
and that the observation is
directed against the Commissary
General of Stores alone, I am
so conscious of my own
innocence as to feel no degree
of uneasiness on the Occasion
In order to account for an Item
being presented to so considerable
an Amount, it is necessary
to observe, that towards the
conclusion of the Mysore War
the Arsenal was drained of
almost every species of Country
made

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made Stores, it therefore became
necessary, to Indent for a quantity
of Articles to complete the Ex-
proportion of Fort St. George as the
grand depôt, the Commissary
General of Stores accordingly
Indented in the usual
manner for the number and
Quantity required; Major
General Musgrave then
President, Countersigned the
Indent at a Meeting of the
Board, which consequently
became an act of the Board
of which he was the President
and that the Indent could
be countersigned at that
Board without the knowledge
or consent of the Members
composing it, or that it could
be withheld from the Board
if a motion had been made
by any Member for its being
brought before it, even after
it had been delivered to the
Storekeeper I conceive to
be

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be impossible nor does any thing appear on the proceedings of the Board to warrant such an Assertion.

The Indent having passed the Board, was delivered to the Storekeeper, as is the practice to this day, and was by him submitted to Government, to obtain the necessary advances of Cash for procuring the Articles, which were delivered at different periods as they were made up, purchased, or received from the Import Warehouse, in little less than Seven Months, from the date of the Indent as will hereafter appear.

An Indent for the Provision of Military Stores can only be considered as an Estimate for the information of Government, that a certain number of Articles are required for the Public Service

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Service as it does not involve any Expence till it has been approved by Government and advances of Cash made upon it to the Military Storekeeper it is therefore unnecessary to enter such an Indent on the Proceedings of the Board until the Articles provided in consequence have been delivered at the Arsenal and Reported to the Board, which it will be found was regularly done by the Commissary General of Stores who laid before it a List of the Articles provided at different periods upon the said Indent for January 1792.

Altho' Colonel Ross asserts that not a little relative to that Indent appears upon the Proceedings of the Military Board, yet it will be found that the Articles

delivered

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delivered upon it, were reported
in writing to the Board by
the Commissary General of
Stores, and to Government
by the Military Board,
after the Stores had been
surveyed by a Committee
of that Board as the
following Extracts from
the Proceedings will
shew.

Meeting of the Board
the 23d February 1792.
1st "The Commissary
"General of Stores submits
"to the Board a list
"entered in Miscellany Book
"No. 28, of Stores received
"from the Military Storekeeper
"last Month" (January) "and
"the Muster of the different
"Articles specified therein
"being examined and
"approved they are ordered
to

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"to be brought upon the Company's
"Books".

For Copy of the List of Articles
vide paper Marked No 3.—
Meeting of the Board 5th Apl 1792
2d List of Stores received from
the Military Storekeeper in
February entered in Miscellany
Book No 59 laid before the Board
by the Commissary General of Stores
which having been examined
by a Committee of the Board
were approved and ordered to be
brought to account upon the
Company's Books.

For Copy of the List of the Articles
vide paper marked No 2.
Meeting of the Board 23d April
1792.

3d List of Stores provided by
the Military Storekeeper in
March, entered in Miscellany
Book No 84 laid before the
Board by the Commissary General
of Stores, which having been
examined by a Committee
of the Board were approved,
and

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and ordered to be brought to
Account upon the Company's
Books.

For Copy of the List of Articles
Vide paper marked No 3.

Meeting of the Board the
26th May 1792.

4th List of Stores proveded
by the Military Storekeeper
in April, entered in Miscellany
Book No 119, laid before the
Board by the Commissary
General of Stores, which having
been examined by a Committee
of the Board were approved,
and ordered to be brought to
Account upon the Company's
Books

For Copy of the List
of Articles Vide paper Marked
No 4.

Meeting of the Board the
12th July 1792

5th List of Stores proveded
by the Military Storekeeper
in May entered in Miscellany
Book No 120 laid before
the Board by the
Commissary

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Commissary General of Stores, —
which having been examined
by a Committee of the Board
were approved and ordered to
be brought to account upon the
Company's Books.

For Copy of the List of Articles
vide paper marked No. 5.

The foregoing State-
-ment shews that five Lists of
Stores regularly reported on,
and examined by a Committee
of the Military Board, were
supplied upon the Indent &
delivered to the Military &
Storekeeper in January 1792
and those Lists express that
the Articles were in part of a
supply ordered in January
preceding, from which it may
be inferred, that Colonel Ross
who was not at the Board —
until the List No. 5 was reported
upon, must have been —
misinformed when he says

that

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that not a little relative
to that Indent appears upon
the Proceedings as the Stores
supplied certainly related
to the Indent in question
therefore, as the Rule
regarding the Indents, the
examination and the Report
upon the Articles received
was duly observed, no
irregularity or neglect, in
that respect, can in justice
be imputed to the Commissary
General of Stores.

The amount of the
five Lists of Stores delivered
at the Arsenal upon the
Indent of January 1792
in Abstract Marked D
is now laid before the
Board, by which it will
appear that the greatest
part of the expence
incurred in consequence
was for Tents and Gun
powder

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powder, and of the amount of Pagodas 24,474..25..3.. for Stores 8802..32..3.. for Articles drawn from the Honorable Company's Import Ware house which leaves a Balance of Pagodas 15,671..35.. being the Amount of the Articles of Military Stores purchased by the Military Storekeeper.

To Account for the difference of Amount between the Articles supplied and those Indented for, it is proper to observe that several of the Articles inserted in the Indent could not be procured in the Settlement which occasioned a difference less in the Sum of Articles supplied than indented for, of Pagodas 17,733..20..47..

From January until July following, the period when the Cast of the Articles

were

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After this enumeration of circumstances relative to the Store Department, I cannot but believe notwithstanding the very great reform and retrenchment of expence effected therein, by the present Governor and the late wholesome regulation, adopted by this Board, of examine the gross of the Stores, delivered, by a Committee, instead of the Board inspecting only a Muster of each Article, as formerly practised, that the Board will concur in opinion with me that from what I have assured there is still a great call for attention to the conduct of that Department.

were delivered no other Indent upon the Military Store= =keeper was brought forward by the Commissary General of Stores.

It is only necessary for me to observe on this head, that a Committee deputed by the Military Board for the purpose of Examining Military Stores have it in their option to examine the Articles in such manner as may be deemed most expedient, to ascertain their quality and number and it cannot be doubted but Colonel Ross himself (who when at the Board was generally the President of such Committees on Examining the Stores delivered by the Military Storekeeper at the Arsenal, took the best means of executing the duty committed to

Him

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him and his Colleagues
on those Occassions.

In regard to the
great reform and Retrench=
=ment of expence effected
in the Store Department as
mentioned by Colonel
Ross; it cannot be doubted
but there was a very
considerable reform in that
Department established
by the System adopted, and
ordered by the Late Governor
and no person can be more
sensible of this Truth than
the present Commissary General
of Stores, as the Emolument
arising from the manufature
of Gunpowder granted by
Government to his predecessor
in Office, the late Lieut:
Colonel Moorhouse was
thereby done away, and
exclusive of his Salary of
Pagodas 100 per Mensem
he has never directly or
indirectly received any

Emolument

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Commissary General of Stores
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means in what regards the
Office of Commissary General
of Stores the Commissary
General now declares that
he is not apprehensive of
either official interference
or any enquiry, that can be
instituted regarding his
Conduct in that Capacity
and he doubts not if
such were to be instituted
instead of cause for Reproach
it would be found that
he has been employed in
the duties of a Laborious
Office for near Seven Years
on a Salary altogether
inadequate to the trouble
and responsibility attached
to it without having once
incurred either the Censure
of Government or the
Military Board, in what
esteem

~~I have touched upon points that stand in need of official interference and I doubt not but the Board will put the detail of the Store Department altogether upon that footing, which cannot be most congenial with the very commendable public feelings and principles of duty which could alone have induced the Commissary General of Stores to step a side from the duties of his own Office to correct the exercise of those of another~~

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esteem his Services may now
be held by those who are alone
competent and have a Right
to judge of them, he cannot
pretend to say, he is however
induced to believe that such
as they are they will not —— to
discredit him.

I hope the Board
will excuse me for taking up
so much of their time in replying
to Colonel Ross's Remarks upon
the Store Department in order
to make myself clearly ——
Understood upon such a subject
a considerable detail was ——
unavoidable, but I shall now
leave what has been said, in
answer to those Remarks to
the judgment and decision
of the Board, and of ——
Government trusting that
I shall be fully acquitted
of the imputations conveyed
in Colonel Ross's Minute
and that the Honorable Court
of Directors will in consequence
be satisfied, whatever may
be my ability that a want
of zeal and integrity cannot
be

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be fairly imputed to me in the
execution of the duty of
Commissary General of Stores.

(Signed) George Hall

True Copy

(Signed) Fred: Pierce
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An account of work performed by the Artificers in the Arsenal of Fort St George in One Year from 1st January to 31st December 1792

		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Made														
Blocks Mealing		3	"	"	"	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	7
Boards Rolling		2	"	"	"	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	7
Beds for Howitzer	4½ Inch	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1
Boxes Brass for Tumbril		"	"	"	"	"	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	4
Black of Cocoanut Shells	℔	"	"	"	"	"	93	31	31	32	32	31	31	281
Bench wooden for Armourer		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	2
Carriages Depressing	6 Pdr.	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1
" Garrison	9 "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	1
Case for Monthly Returns		"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1
Canisters Tin with Bottom	12 Pdr.	"	"	100	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	4	100
" " "	5/8 Inch	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	200
Clouts Copper		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	4	"	4	4
Hooks Sap with Slaues	———	22	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	21	"	"	"	43
" and Thimbles for Drag Rope Setts		"	13	"	4	12	6	23	33	52	35	9	"	187
" Sap Loose		"	"	"	"	"	12	1	6	"	13	4	"	36
" Wadd		"	"	"	"	"	15	5	"	"	3	"	"	23
Ladle with Washhooks	20 Pdr.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	6
" " "	18 "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	22	"	22
" " "	14 "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1
" " "	6 "	"	"	"	"	"	30	"	"	"	"	"	15	45

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	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Balls Lead for Wall piece	"	"	20,340	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	20,340
Main Springs	"	12	"	156	44	"	92	4	31	"	"	"	339
Hammer "	105	123	94	126	225	156	88	80	101	51	208	58	1395
Shear "	"	85	"	"	30	"	"	72	8	72	25	"	292
Bayonet "	"	60	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	161	"	"	221
Jaws	101	163	250	146	171	193	112	61	166	131	77	122	1,694
Jaw Pins	127	88	148	176	174	200	112	61	139	128	103	126	1574
Light	"	246	200	"	"	342	50	60	50	32	"	"	1080
Side Pins	130	330	250	120	70	140	8	332	194	394	128	90	2,186
Small Pins	145	560	392	340	294	540	110	404	432	126	"	210	3553
Cock Pins	150	210	446	40	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	846
Swivels	"	"	142	"	"	"	"	183	"	245	177	175	922
Rings for Trooper Carbine	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	24	"	24
Hammers for the Filers	7	4	"	"	15	"	"	"	"	"	"	10	36
Bench Nails	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	208	208
Tools for the Filers and Smiths	"	"	"	5	"	"	"	"	4	50	"	19	78
Chizles for Smith	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	4	"	2	"	"	6
Handle for Vice	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	1
Tools to straighten a Gun Barrel	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	1
Turn Keys for the Filers use	"	"	"	"	"	80	"	"	"	"	10	"	10
Repaired													
Carriages 32 Pr	"	"	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3
" 24 "	"	"	"	3	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	4
" 18 "	"	"	"	4	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	6

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" 12	"	"	4	2	2	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	6
Tumbril Galloper 3	"	"	4	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2
Muskets &c		311	314	523	693	532	404	401	304	282	318	345	293	4740	
Painted															
Carriages 42	Pdr	"	"	"	3	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	4
" 32	"	"	"	9	4	15	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	29
" 24	"	"	"	29	3	20	22	2	"	"	"	"	"	1	77
" 18	"	"	"	15	7	1	22	"	19	"	"	"	"	"	64
" 12	"	9		68	30	2	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	111
" 9	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1
" 6	"	"		30	1	"	"	"	1	"	"	4	"	"	44
" 3	"	"		2	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3
" for Howitzer 8	Inch	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3
" " " 5½	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3
" " " 4½	"	1	"	5	"	"	6	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	12
Beds for Mortars 13	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	"	"	"	"	"	"	6
" " 10	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	13	1	3	"	"	"	"	17
" " 8	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	10	"	1	"	"	"	"	11
Tumbrils Ammunition		30	31	8	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	72
Carts Platforms		9	"	"	"	"	3	"	"	"	20	"	"	"	32
Chests Laboratory		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	9	"	"	"	9
Boxes Tin Tubes of Sorts		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	18	"	"	18
Yokes Common		56	43	"	15	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	20	136
" Quadruple		110	9	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	119
Shot Grape Tin cases	18 Pdr	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	77	77
" " " "	12 "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	126	126
" " " "	6 "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	81	81
" " " Quilted	12 "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	151	151
" " " "	6 "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	55	55

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Ordnance Stores Landed 1797

Painted		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Gin	Setts	3	"	"	6	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	10
Curtain for Range		"	"	"	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2
Staves for Sap Hooks		22	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	21	"	"	43
" Sponges		"	107	92	65	24	4	"	196	"	76	49	184	797
" Ladle		"	11	2	"	"	30	"	39	"	10	"	191	283
Pompions of Sorts		"	5	"	"	"	"	"	59	"	"	"	68	132
Handspikes "		"	391	172	"	"	"	"	"	"	18	"	160	741
Caps Sponge "		"	138	92	16	"	"	"	38	"	"	"	"	284
Pins for Guns "		"	230	32	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	262
Lintstocks		"	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	4
Coated with Linseed Oil														
Carriages with Limber	18 Pdr.	"	"	"	"	"	"	21	"	"	"	"	"	21
Tarred or Lackered with Varnish														
Bees for Mortar	13 Inch	"	"	2	"	"	"	"	4	"	"	"	"	6
" "	10 "	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3
Carriages with Gun	42 Pdr.	"	1	2	"	"	"	"	4	"	"	"	"	7
" "	32 "	"	5	10	2	"	"	"	11	8	"	"	"	36
" "	24 "	"	4	10	1	"	"	"	8	3	"	"	"	26
" "	18 "	"	1	6	4	"	"	"	2	10	"	"	"	26
" "	12 "	"	"	5	1	"	"	"	"	7	"	"	"	13
Traces Chain of Sorts		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	10	"	"	10

Ordnance Stores Received

Shot Iron Round	3 Pdr.	1	"	"	500	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	500
Carts Transporting		3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3
" Attack		"	"	"	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5
" Platforms		29	"	"	22	"	"	"	"	"	"	20	"	"	"	71
Naves		"	"	"	15	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	15
Wheels for Truck Carriages		92	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	92
Yokes Quadruple		53	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	53
Hooped with Copper																
Heads Rammer	20 Pr.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	65	65
" "	18 "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	150	150
" "	12 "	"	"	"	"	"	"	99	172	"	"	"	"	"	271
" "	12 "	"	"	"	"	"	20	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	20
" Ladle	12 "	"	"	"	"	"	40	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	40
	6 "	"	"	"	"	"	40	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	40
Cleaned by Chickleaders Muskets &c		838	3989	3570	3646	3982	3656	3529	3785	3661	1797	4073	4095	40,621	

June 5th 1795

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Fort George 3 & 5 January 1797

An Account of Arms that have been repaired by the Artificers in the Arsenal at Fort St. George in 3 years

Fort St. George 31st January 1791

		Arms Repaired Monthly Account					Annual Account				
		Muskets	Fuzees	Carbines	Pistols	Swords	Muskets	Fuzees	Carbines	Pistols	Swords
1790	March	506	29	"	40	13					
	April	498	65	10	27	5					
	May	401	28	6	"	2					
	June	411	28	"	"	"					
	July	372	28	40	"	"					
	August	411	21	"	17	"					
	September	343	20	22	"	2					
	October	401	35	"	"	3					
	November	435	"	25	"	"					
	December	383	12	"	23	"					
1791	January	301	10	4	"	"					
	February	408	20	9	"	"	4875	296	116	107	25
	March	485	10	"	25	12					
	April	500	11	10	16	"					
	May	680	68	20	28	"					
	June	686	28	14	"	"					
	July	501	25	"	47	"					
	August	505	10	12	40	2					
	September	521	25	13	1	30					

	October	450	6	4	"	"						
	November	558	7	"	"	"						
	December	309	26	"	30	4						
1792	January	298	"	11	"	2						
	February	258	30	22	"	4	5331	248	106	167	54	
	March	478	21	24	"	"						
	April	597	13	"	80	3						
	May	503	20	19	"	10						
	June	387	3	4	8	2						
	July	362	18	6	14	1						
	August	275	14	12	"	3						
	September	204	50	8	20	"						
	October	284	16	10	8	"						
	November	302	21	8	10	4						
	December	290	3	"	"	"						
1793	January	190	3	3	"	"						
	February	180	12	"	"	"						
							4052	194	94	140	23	
							14478	738	316	435	106	

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	July	372	28	40	"	"					
	August	411	21	"	17	"					
	September	343	20	22	"	2					
	October	401	35	"	"	3					
	November	435	"	25	"	"					
	December	383	12	"	23	"					
1791	January	301	10	4	"	"					
	February	408	20	9	"	"	4875	296	116	107	25
	March	485	10	"	25	12					
	April	500	11	10	16	"					
	May	680	68	20	28	"					
	June	606	28	14	"	"					
	July	501	25	"	47	"					
	August	505	10	12	40	2					
	September	521	25	13	1	30					

	October	450	8	4	"	"						
	November	558	7	"	"	"						
	December	309	26	"	30	4						
1792	January	298	"	11	"	2						
	February	258	30	22	"	4	5331	248	106	187	54	
	March	478	21	24	"	"						
	April	597	13	"	80	3						
	May	503	20	19	"	10						
	June	387	3	4	8	2						
	July	362	18	6	14	1						
	August	275	14	12	"	3						
	September	204	50	8	20	"						
	October	284	16	10	8	"						
	November	302	21	8	10	4						
	December	290	3	"	"	"						
1793	January	190	3	3	"	"						
	February	180	12	"	"	"						
							4052	194	94	140	23	
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Daily Report of Artificers

June	Superintendant	In charge of the Fire Engines	Painter	Fire Man	Turner	Armourers	Armourers Assistants	Serjeant Majors	Serjeant Do.	Europeans Yrs. Day Armourers	Europeans Yrs. Day Silahdars	Europeans Yrs. Day Lascars Boys	Portuguese Yrs. day Armourers	Lascars
										12 Fanams	7 Fanams 6 Cahnams	Fanams		
1	2	1	"	1	1	2	"	2	2	1	20	10	1	1
2	2	1	"	1	1	"	"	2	2	"	20	1	1	1
3	2	1	"	1	1	2	"	2	2	1	35	10	1	1
4	2	1	"	1	1	2	"	2	2	1	35	10	1	1
5	2	1	"	1	1	1	"	2	2	1	35	10	1	1
6	2	1	"	1	1	3	"	2	2	1	50	10	1	1
7	2	1	"	1	1	3	"	2	2	1	50	9	1	1
8	2	1	"	1	1	3	"	2	2	1	59	9	1	1
9	2	1	"	1	1	1	"	2	2	"	62	"	1	1
10	2	1	"	1	1	3	"	2	2	1	70	9	1	1
11	2	1	"	1	1	3	"	2	2	1	75	9	1	1
12	2	1	"	1	1	3	"	2	2	1	75	9	1	1
13	2	1	"	1	1	3	"	2	2	1	78	10	1	1
14	2	1	"	1	1	3	"	2	2	1	71	10	1	1
15	2	1	"	1	1	3	"	2	2	1	74	10	1	1
16	2	1	"	1	1	"	"	2	2	"	74	1	1	1
17	2	1	"	1	1	3	"	2	2	1	75	10	1	1
18	2	1	"	1	1	3	"	2	2	1	20	10	1	1
19	2	1	"	1	1	3	"	2	2	1	72	10	1	1
20	2	1	"	1	1	3	"	2	2	1	61	10	1	1
21	2	1	"	1	1	3	"	2	2	1	64	10	1	1
22	2	1	"	1	1	3	"	2	2	1	75	10	1	1
23	2	1	"	1	"	3	"	2	2	1	70	1	1	1
24	2	1	"	1	1	1	"	2	2	"	67	10	1	1
25	2	1	"	1	1	2	"	2	2	1	"	10	1	1
26	2	1	"	1	1	2	"	2	2	1	15	10	1	1
27	2	1	"	1	1	3	"	2	2	1	40	10	1	1
28	2	1	"	1	1	3	"	2	2	1	30	10	1	1
29	2	1	"	1	1	3	"	2	2	1	18	10	1	1
30	2	1	"	1	1	"	"	2	2	1	18	1	1	1
	60	30	"	30	29	70	"	60	60	26	1,631	249	30	30

Fort St. George 3rd January 1797

employed in the Arsenal at Fort St. George in the Month of June 1793

Natives

Masters pr. Month						Workmen pr. Day						Arms	
4 Pagodas		3 Pagodas		Fitters		4 Fanams		3½ Fan.s		3 Fanams		1 Fan.m	
Fitters	2	Painters	1	Smiths	1	Fr. Men	1	Buckblers	1	Carpenters	1	Coolies	1
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	10	4	6	.	1	3	12	4	.	96	2	12	1	13	4	12	153	7	.
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	10	4	6	.	1	3	12	4	.	96	2	12	2	13	8	12	119	4	.
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	10	4	6	.	1	3	12	4	.	97	2	12	1	13	6	12	153	7	1
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	10	4	6	.	1	3	12	4	.	97	2	12	1	13	6	12	155	5	1
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	11	4	6	.	1	3	12	4	.	98	2	12	1	13	6	12	154	10	1
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	11	4	6	.	1	3	12	4	.	99	2	12	1	12	4	12	153	7	1
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	11	4	6	.	1	3	12	4	.	99	2	12	1	13	4	12	154	7	1
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	11	4	6	.	.	3	12	4	.	99	2	12	1	13	.	12	153	6	2
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	11	4	6	.	1	3	12	4	.	98	2	12	1	13	3	12	119	4	.
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	11	4	6	.	1	3	12	4	.	97	1	12	1	13	14	12	153	8	1
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	11	4	6	.	1	3	12	4	.	98	2	12	1	13	11	12	154	7	1
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	11	4	6	.	1	3	12	4	.	98	2	12	1	13	6	12	152	8	2
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	11	4	6	.	1	3	12	4	.	99	2	12	1	13	4	12	153	7	2
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	11	4	6	.	1	3	12	4	.	99	1	12	1	13	5	12	145	6	3
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	11	4	6	.	1	3	12	4	.	99	1	12	1	13	5	12	142	7	2
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	11	4	6	.	1	3	12	4	.	100	2	12	1	13	3	12	100	5	.
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	11	4	6	.	.	3	12	4	.	100	2	12	1	13	.	12	130	12	3
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	11	4	6	.	.	2	12	4	.	100	2	12	1	13	.	12	124	8	2
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	11	4	7	.	.	2	12	4	.	100	.	12	1	13	.	12	126	9	2
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	10	4	7	.	.	3	12	4	.	100	2	12	1	13	.	12	125	10	3
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	11	4	7	.	.	3	12	4	.	100	2	12	1	13	.	12	124	7	4
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	10	4	7	.	.	3	12	3	.	100	2	12	1	13	.	12	125	6	3
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	11	4	7	.	.	3	12	3	.	100	2	12	1	13	.	12	105	4	.
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	8	4	7	.	.	3	12	3	.	100	2	12	1	13	.	12	128	6	4
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	11	4	7	.	.	3	12	4	.	100	1	12	1	13	.	12	126	7	2
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	11	4	7	.	.	3	12	4	.	100	2	12	1	13	.	12	125	20	3
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	10	4	7	.	.	3	12	4	.	100	2	12	1	13	.	12	126	25	3
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	10	4	7	.	.	3	12	4	.	99	2	12	1	13	.	12	127	18	3
2	1	1	1	2	.	1	10	4	7	.	.	3	12	4	.	99	2	12	1	13	.	12	125	12	6
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I certify to the Number above
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Commissary Gen.l Stores

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Statement 1st

Account of the Amount of Military Stores Gun Powder and Tents, delivered into the Arsenal by the Military Storekeeper upon the Indent for January 1792 agreeably to Lists on the Records of the Military Board.

1792					
January	Amount of Articles made up this Month and delivered at the Arsenal				
	Amount for Tents			211 35 40	
	Gun Powder			1,254 25 25	
	Stores			11,621 32 65	13,088. 21. 50
February	Amount of Articles made up this Month and delivered at the Arsenal				
	For Tents			310 31 60	
	Gun Powder			1,235 10 35	
	Stores			4027 4 70	5,573. 11 5
March	Amount of Articles made up this Month and delivered at the Arsenal				
	For Tents			3,693. 16 70	
	Gun Powder			1,234. 30 45	
	Stores			5050. 33 43	9,979. 8 76
April	Amount of Articles made up this Month and delivered at the Arsenal				
	For Gun Powder			492 26 15	
	Stores			2810 3 55	3302 29 70
May	Amount of Articles made up this Month and delivered at the Arsenal				
	For Tents			1,106 18 "	
	Gun Powder			485 91 60	
	Stores			964 22 10	2,556 25 70
			Total Pagodas		34,500. 25. 33

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Statement 2nd

Abstract

Rents	January	211 35 40		
	February	310 31 60		
	March	3,693 16 70		
	May	1,106 12 "	5,322 30 10	
Gun Powder	January	1,254 25 25		
	February	1,235 10 35		
	March	1,234 30 45		
	April	492 26 15		
	May	425 21 60	4,703. 6 20	
Stores	January	11,621 32 65		
	February	4027 4 70		
	March	3050 33 43		
	April	2,810 3 55		
	May	964 22. 10	24,474 25 3	
		Total Pagodas	34,500 25 33	

Statement 3.d

Shewing the Amount of Articles provided by the Military Storekeeper and of what were drawn from the Honorable Company's Import Warehouse in the following Months

Amount of Stores provided by the Military Storekeeper	in January 1792	5,744. 7 25		
	February "	3878. 12 70		
	March "	2,819. 10 20		
	April "	2,335. 17 5		
	May "	894 17 40	15,671 29	
Amount of Articles drawn from the Honorable Company's Import Warehouse with their value agreeably to the list of Articles provided in the Months	January 1792	5,177 25 40		
	February "	148 28 "		
	March "	2,231 23 23		
	April "	474 22 50		
	May "	70 4 50	8,102 32 3	
		Total Pagodas	24,474 25 3	

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Secretary Military Board

Fort St George 31st January 1797

List of Military Stores received from the Military Storekeeper for the Month of January 1793

Teak	Shimbeam Planks		17	172	1	"
Teak	Timbers		11	101	39	"
Teak	Sticks		7	71	"	"
Quadruple Double Yokes			90	189	27	"
Wooden Horses	24 feet long		1	14	18	65
"	"	18 "	"	4	44	8	"
"	"	15 "	"	1	9	5	50
"	"	12 "	"	3	22	"	30
"	"	8 "	"	2	10	39	60
Iron	Chain Traces for		24 Prs	1	27	18	60
Coconut	Oil		Measures	188¾	22	6	15
Linseed	"		Gallons	80	80	"	"
Coconut Brushes				100	"	12	60
Charcoal			Loop	933	17	11	55
Paddy Husks				60	"	15	"
Broom			Bundles	54	"	6	60
Fire	Wood		Billets	29,093	72	30	60
Pots and Pans				60	"	37	40
Scoops				24	"	12	"
Mallays				10	"	1	20
Malls				10	"	1	20
Bullock Collars	Leather			100	1	10	40
Country Bellows				10	"	"	"
Sheep Skin with hair			Pairs	32	4	"	"
Wax				3	"	6	"
Red	Cotton		Candys	2.4.1	143	5	35
Knives			lbs	1	"	21	"
Pickaxes				2	"	6	20
Hammers				3,940	5	26	30
Drum Hoops	Lining			3557	35	23	75
"	Flesh			50	2	21	"
Pick Axes				420	12	25	15
Arrack				789	369	11	61
Flour			Battles	320	45	33	"
			Measures	25½	1	12	15
			Carried Over	Pagodas	1480	32	45

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			Brought over Pagodas	1,480	32	45
Copper Tubes	18 Pr.	36	"	13	60	
" "	6 "	250	18.	6.	10	
" "		30	33.	31	40	
Brass Fifu Cases		96	27	"	"	
Files Smooth	Dufsins	1/8	3	15	60	
Grease	Canoys	5. 11. 4	416	35	55	
Bengal Twine	"	2	23	21	"	
Salt Petre	Maunds	6	9	"	"	
White Lead	Cwt	9. 1. 25	51	"	"	
Flute	Skains	461	144	2	65	
Log Line		15	11	11	20	
Carpenters Augers		20	4	3	"	
Painting Brushes Europe	lbs	48	16	"	"	
Blue Paint		2	"	30	"	
Hollowing Knives		6	6	"	"	
Sledge Hammers		2	1	"	"	
Hand "		2	8	"	"	
Tanners Hides		20	40	"	"	
Necessary Tubs with Iron Ears	lbs	60	20	"	"	
Europe Lunne	Pieces	3	16	22	40	
Buntin Blue	"	8½	46	33	60	
" White		11	202	35	40	
Private Tent		1	9	"	"	
Necessary "						
Gun powder Madras 60 lbs.	Barrels	330	1254	25	25	
Carbine Double Belly Boxes		332	78	11	40	
Shoulder Belts		2027	220	38	45	
Leather Slings		1000	40	"	"	
Bayonet Scabbards		714	33	"	75	
Swords "		106	13	10	40	
Drum Braces		1000	10	"	"	
Pouches Belt Spare		338	23	27	60	
Lamp Black	lbs	228	76	"	"	
Canvas	Bolts	200	1806	"	"	
Powder Barrels Empty Tin foiled		400	340	"	"	
Ammunition " " "		800	320	"	"	
Tar Coal	Barrels	2.	30	"	"	
		Carried Over Pagodas	6832	13	60	

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From the Civil Stores — Brought Over Pagodas 6,832 13 60

Dark Lanthorns		1		10	"
Muscovy Lights		2		2 13	40
Hollowing Knives		7		1 24	"
Hand Hammers		18		5 "	"
Nails of Sorts	lbs.	35		1 21	40
Pump Nails	lbs.	222		30 30	"
Hand Saws		10		10 "	"
Cross Cut Saw		1		2 27	"
Whip Saw		11		49	"
Hambro' Line	Skt.	73		11 22	60
Brass Compasses	Pairs	13		1 16	"
Rubbers		22		8 21	10
Screw Plates		38		47 9	"
Augers		2		" 13	"
Beak Irons		30		83 18	20
Hand Vices		60		17 "	"
Bench		11		9 7	10
Hand Line	Skt.	23		4 31	40
Chalk	lbs.	784		1 13	"
Miners Tools	Chests	2		51 "	"
Europe Rope 2½ Inch Coils 2 ℔s Cwt		4 2 8		22 8	50
Greasing Stone		12		17 7	"

From Import Warehouse Keeper — Total for Rice 7210 32 10

Serge	Pieces	600	1389 39	"
Lead	Candy	100	1187 22	40

Total Pagodas 13088 21 50

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List of Military Stores received from the Military Storekeeper for the Month of February 1792

Wooden Horses	24	Feet long	have been examined	19		274	21 35
" "	18	D°		26		287	10 "
" "	15	D°		29		264	25 10
" "	12	D°		17		124	30 10
" "	8	D°		34		186	3 60
Drum Stick			Pairs	35		2	40 75
Cotton			lb.	62½		3	31 40
Linseed Oil			Gall.	129½		129	21 "
Lamp Oil			Measures	3		"	27 "
Wood Oil			D°	12½		2	" "
Coconut Oil			Measures	366½		43	3 55
Charcoal			Loops	460		8	21 60
Coconut Brushes				60		"	7 40
Woodscrews				576		4	" "
Sheep Skin with Hair				4		"	8 "
Pails and Pans				59		"	36 70
Mallays				10		"	1 20
Paddy Husk			Loops	5		"	1 20
Broom			Bundles	62		"	7 60
Firewood			Billets	13,318		33	12 30
Sabarmanie			lb.	24		19	8 30
Borax			lb.	250		60	" "
Europe Twine			lb.	150½		50	3 40
Grease			Puppers	12½		37	21 "
Puppers				19		1	34 "
Indigo			lb.	100		8	" "
Camphire			lb.	20		8	33 50
Coir Rope 1½ Inch (cwt 405)			Coils	13		11	39 65
Cotton Thread fine			lb.	25		9	10 40
Helves with Iron				200		20	16 40
Hand Bills with		D°		54		8	33 30
Hammers				300		3	" "
Pickers				250		"	15 "
Helves for Pick Axes				370		20	16 45
Pick Axes				104		48	28 30
Copper Hoop (63 lb)				24		9	26 10
Private Tents delivered at Vellore				2		36	37 "
Sepoy Tents delivered at Vellore				5		130	" "
Necessary Tents				16		143	30 60
Tent Pole Teak issued on Indent				1		3	21 65
Flour			Measures	50		2	92 20
Bottles				600		"	8 20
Drum Lining Hoops				885		44	10 40
" Flesh Hoops				82		2	19 25
				Carried over Pagoda		2051	21 75

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		Brought Over Pagodas		2051	21	75
Lamp Black	lbs	184		34	28	"
Cartridges Pouches for Artillery		400		121	30	40
~~Holster Pipes~~	Pairs	110		~~10~~	~~21~~	"
Salt Petre	Candys	2		22	"	"
Cotton Lace	lbs	92¼		7	15	75
Gunny Carriage Bags for Shot		412		56	24	15
Ditto " " for Powder		75		23	29	5
Ditto " " for ammunition		15		3	30	60
Europe Junk	Cwt.	54.2.13		163	35	50
White Lead	Candys	1.1.23.		32	39	50
Wax Candles	Maund	9.16		88	28	40
Gun Powder Madras 60 lb Barrels (proved)		333		1,235	10	35
Barrels Empty for Powder Tin lined		300		253		"
Ditto for Ammunition		500		200	"	"
Case		1		3	"	"
Chests		61		45	27	
Boxes		9		4	18	"
Canvas Europe	Bolts	81		688	21	"
Bengal Twine	Candy	4.2.17		310	2	10
Copper Tubes 18 Pounder		8		"	3	5
Mallets		100		1	10	40
Tar Coal delivered on Insent Barrel		1		15	"	"
Bengal Rope Maunds 8	Sht.	21		2	16	65
Screw Worms		1,500		15	"	"
From the Civil Stores			Amount of the above	5,424	31	5
Wood Screws		62		"	4	30
Pitch	Barrels	2		6	"	"
Europe Rope Coils	Cwt	2.9.16		141	27	50
Nails	lbs	5.		"	10	"
Brass Compasses	Pairs	2		"	22	"
		Total Pags.		53	13	11	5

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List of Stores made up and provided by the Military Storekeeper in March, in part of the List of those ordered in January 1792.

Iron comalley Joist delivered to the Ordnance Depart.t		1		3	2	"
Linseed Oil	Gall.s	43¾		43	10	40
Wood Oil	Measures	50		12	21	"
Coconut Oil	"	21¾		27	29	65
Charcoal	Loops	1052		19	20	20
Paddy Husks	Loops	29		"	7	20
Pots and Pans		51		"	31	70
Mollays		10		"	1	25
Fire Wood	Billets	1465		35	22	60
Coconut Brushes		60		"	7	40
Flour	Measures	100		5	2	40
Salt Petre	Canoys	6		66	"	"
Jarr	Barrels	110		1045	"	"
Black Paint	lbs.	56		18	28	"
Tin foiled Barrels		600		570	"	"
Matts		100		1	10	40
Country Match Skains 1600 Weighing Cat.		2958		115	14	35
Lamp Black	lbs.	126½		42	7	"
Wax Cloth	Single Pieces	30		33	26	65
Files		328		51	10	40
Sail Needles		100		"	18	60
Gunny Carriage Bags for Shot		713		97	38	20
Targets with frames for Seapoys (delivered on Indent)		12		10	14	20
Emmery	lbs.	410		24	25	15
Covers for Pewter Barrels		300		3	"	"
Common Barrels for pulverized Salt Petre and filled Cartridges		200		80	"	"
Ammunition Barrels		400		160	"	"
Bengal Rope	Maunds	29,7		23	17	65
Officers Tents		53		2120	"	"
Private Ditto	made and delivered at Vellore	63		1159	40	40
Seapoy Ditto		2		48	16	70
Necessary Ditto		42		364	31	40
Cartridge Pouches		300		125	23	20
Ditto D.o for Artillery		448		136	14	"
			Carried over Pagodas	6388	23	45

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		Brought over Pagodas	63	88	23 45
Drum Batter Hoops	102		6	14	30
" Flesh Hoops	630		18	37	65
Coir Mat (delivered for the use of the Governor	1		1	39	39
Hand Saws	12		19	22	40
Europes Leather Hydes	5		19	"	"
Logline	Skains 119		87	8	40
Blue Paint	Kegs 2		8	"	"
Augers	4		2	"	"
Hollowing Knife	1		"	13	"
Camphire	lbs 25		11	"	"
Gunpowder Madras 60 lbs Barrels	325		1234	"	125
From the Imprst Warehousekeeper	Amount of the above		7747	7	55
Lead	Candies 150. 6		2231	19	23
From the Civil Stores					
Nails 4d	lbs 2		"	4	"
		Total Pagodas	9979	8	78

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List

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List of Stores made up and provided by the Military Storekeeper in April in part of the List of those ordered in January 1792.

Platform Carts		23		517	21	"
Single Yokes		23		30	6	75
Gins		6		360	"	"
Coirs for Powder Barrels		900		9	"	"
Trincomalee Joists (delivered on Indent)		1		"	36	60
Bamboos for Gunny falls (Ditto) for Island Powder house		36		½	21	"
Tar	Barrels	43		408	21	"
Targets for Sepoys (delivered on Indent)		30		25	35	50
Lamp Oil	Do. Measure	1		"	12	"
Wood Oil	Measure	50		12	21	"
Linseed Oil	Gallons	329¼		329	10	40
Coconut Oil	Measures	144½		18	27	10
Pots and Pans		53		"	33	10
Mallays		10		"	1	20
Coconut Brushes		60		"	7	40
Charcoal	Loads	1202		22	10	70
Paddy Husk	Do.	75		"	18	60
Brooms	Bundles	48		"	6	"
Scoops		30		"	15	"
Fire Wood	Billets	4200		9	40	75
Powder Barrels Tin foiled		300		255	"	"
Batties		400		"	6	40
Sheep Skins		30		1	18	"
Country Bellows	Pairs	24		3	"	"
Salt Petre	Candies	2		21	"	"
Lamp Black	Lbs.	70		23	14	"
Matts		100		1	10	40
Tallow (delivered on Indent)	Lbs.	10		"	31	20
Flour	Measure	50		2	22	20
Lining Hoops		16		"	33	50
Batties Hoops		69		4	12	15
Twine Europe	Lbs.	62		20	28	"
Hammers		3,723		37	9	55
Pickers		4480		6	16	65
			Carried Over Pagodas	2152	13	15

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		Brought over Pagodas		2,152	13 15
Sieve Worms	1800			18 "	"
Country Hyde	1			" 10	40
Europe Sunk @ Rs 49. 6.				147	6 60
Chest	1			"	27 "
Gunpowder Maons 60 lbs Barrels	150			492	26 15
Carbine Belly Boxes	13			2	31 45
Cartridge Pouches for Artillery	26			7	38 25
White Lead	Maunds 2 "			3	" "
Billoues for proving Shells	1			3	" "
Spike Nails lb. 371/4	M.	836		20	28 60
Sheeps Hair	Baskets	10		"	10 "
From the Civil Stores		Amount of the above		2828	25 20
Rasps	2			"	4 40
Europe Rope @ Rs 24 14	Coils	27		410	12 60
Ratline @ Rs 9 " 21.	D°	13		44	28 30
Sail Needles	30			"	30 "
Dark Lanthorns	10			2	28 "
Mussoory D°	14			15	27 "
		Pagodas		3302	29 70

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List

Fort St. George 3rd January 1797

List of Stores made up and provided by the Military Storekeeper in May in part of the List of those in January 1792.

				Rs	Pags	Fal	Ch
Iron Chain Traces 3 Paunder			8		51	"	"
" " " 5/2 Inch			8		87	"	"
Coconut Oil		Measures	27 7/2		36	"	"
Lamp Oil (delivered on Indent)		Ditto	1/2		"	5	"
Wood Oil		Gall.	20		12	21	"
Linseed Oil		D.	140		140	"	"
Charcoal		Loops	445		8	11	"
Flour		Measures	100		5	2	40
Coconut Brushes			60		"	7	40
Lamp Black		lbs	136		52	"	"
Cambric		Piece	1		2	"	"
Red Cotton (delivered on Indent)		lbs	1		"	18	"
Wax Candles		M.S.g	19/2		44	1/2	"
Necessary Tubs (delivered on Indent)			20		40	"	"
Dupper			1		"	4	"
Sheeps hair		Baskets	7		"	7	"
Screw Worms			800		8	"	"
Bratties			2,000		"	27	40
Firewood		Billets	2000		4	31	40
Powder Barrels Tin foiled			300		255	"	"
Potts and Pans			55		"	34	30
Broom		Bundle	42		"	5	20
Matts			100		1	10	40
Pasay husk		Loops	10		"	2	40
Loops			24		"	12	"
Molleys			10		"	1	20
Chest with hinges and Lock (delivered on Indent)			1		1	26	30
Gunny Twine		lbs	3		"	3	40
Wax Cloth		Piece	62		69	22	"
Europe Sunk		Cwt	11		33	"	"
Spike Nails	lbs 253/2	No.	896		21	14	"
Leather Slings			717		28	29	"
Powder Tents			60		1106	18	"

Carried Over 2011 25 60

Fort St. George 3rd January 1797.

		St. Pag.s F. C	
		Brought Over	2011 25 60
Gunpowder Madras 60 lb. Barrels	150		474 31 40
		Amount of the above Pagodas	2486 21 20

From the Civil Stores

Wood Screws	56		4 50

From the Import Warehousekeeper

Copper	lbs. 500		70 " "
			70 4 50
		Total Pagodas	2556 25 70

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List of the Packet

No.		Dates
1	Report to Government	26th Dec.r 1796
2	Minutes of the Commissary General of Stores on the 52d & 53d Paragraphs of the Court of Directors letter dated 17th February 1796	21st Do. "
3	Account of Muskets and Infantry Pouch Belts	21st " "
4	Minute of the Commissary General of Stores in reply to that of Lieut. Col. Ross's dated 1st March 1793	15th " "
5	Account of work done by the Artificers in the Arsenal of Fort St. George for One Year marked A	5th June 1793
6	Arms repaired by the Artificers in the Arsenal in 3 Years marked B	31st March 1793
7	Daily Report of Artificers employed in the Arsenal in the Month of June 1793 marked C	
8	Account of the Amount of Military Stores, Gun powder, and Tents, delivered in to the Arsenal by the Military Storekeeper on the Indent for January 1792 marked [illegible]	
9	List of Military Stores provided by the Military Storekeeper in the Month of January 1792 marked [illegible]	
10	List of Military Stores provided by the Military Storekeeper in the Month of Febuary 1792 marked No. 2	
11	List of Military Stores provided by the Military Storekeeper in the Month of March 1792 marked No. 3	
12	List of Military Stores provided by the Military Storekeeper in the Month of April 1792 marked No. 4	
13	List of Military Stores provided by the Military Storekeeper in the Month of May 1792 marked No. 5	

Military Board Office
30th December 1796

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Secry Military Board

Resolved.

Fort St George 3d January 1797

Minute of Council on the foregoing Report from the Military Board—

Resolved that the Honorable Court of Directors be informed in the next Dispatch, that the explanations given by the Commissary General of Stores are deemed by the Board perfectly satisfactory.

Read the following letter from Sundry Military Officers on the subject of Rank—

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

My Lord,

From Sundry Officers appointed Cadets (on India) in 1790—soliciting a recommendation of their claim to rank above the Europe Cadets of 1792—

We the undersigned Officers, in presuming to address your Lordship in Council beg to express our extreme diffidence in bringing forward a subject which, however particularly blended with our future prospects in life we would scarcely hold ourselves warranted in troubling you with, were we not fully persuaded of your Lordships' munificence and candour

candour, and that to despair of Redress, would tacitly be arguing a want of faith in the justice and humanity of our Honorable Masters, as well as betraying a want of confidence in the justness of those claims, which we shall here take the liberty to state to you; at the same time we beg to offer, with great sincerity our most hearty thanks to your Lordship in Council, for the indulgent attention given to our late application as testified per letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson to the Adjutant General of the Army bearing date the 6th. of October last.

Not to trench unnecessarily upon your time, we shall proceed in as summary a manner as possible to relate to your Lordship in Council, the singular and distressing situation in which the late decision of the Honorable Court of Directors has most unfortunately placed us; and we trust by throwing ourselves entirely upon your equity and beneficence every attention will be given to the following brief Statement of facts.

In the first place My Lord, we beg to express our great disappointment and mortification at the unexpected order which placed us in the Year 1792

Fort St. George 3d January 1797

1792 under the Europe appointed Cadets of two Seasons; —
its painful influence we have since often experienced,
and your Lordship no doubt will consider it a still
greater hardship, when you are informed, that but
few of those Gentlemen who superseded us arrived in
the country until nearly the termination of that
War in which we had served from the Commencement
to the conclusion; and thereby discharged the duty
for which they were appointed — namely "for the —
"purpose of supplying the great deficiency of Subaltern
"Officers for the duty of the Army in the field". —

Under the impressions of that solicitude
natural to Men who feel themselves aggrieved; and
under a belief that our Complaints, in common with
those of some Medical Gentlemen, who stood
in the same predicament only required a representa-
tion to have them redressed, we memorialed Sir
Charles Oakeley; hoping from a retrospect to the
rules of the Service, which warranted our expectation
that the following Year would have terminated
our long endured suspence and anxiety —

To a person of your Lordships —
discernment and humanity it is unnecessary to
portray what we have since suffered in —
consequence

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consequence of our Rank being still withheld, and however unreasonable it may appear, yet My Lord it is a fact, that the Assistant Surgeons Country appointments of the same Season and under the same Circumstances succeeded in their application; whilst our case, equally we presume just and definite, was again referred home for the Honorable Courts further decision, a circumstance which we may have to lament as the greatest misfortune of our lives, as, in having been thus procrastinated it appears to have escaped, in its prime consideration, the recollection of our Honorable Employers. For we beg to say that No. 2 (vide Appendix A.) in our very humble Opinion, does not show it was their intention to place us below the Europe appointed Cadets of the Years 1790 and 1791; on the contrary we are impressed with a belief from a particular perusal of Nos. 3 and 4 (Vide Appendix B. & C.) that the Honorable Court gave an adjustment to our claims, as recommended per Appendix C, and conformably to the tenour of a preceding paragraph in the same General letter) vide Appendix D) that is to say, specifically from the date of our Services although it was through inadvertence (for we cannot suppose it was intentionally) inserted dates of Commission

what

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what we were at the time in posession of; and from which alone we could at any period have possibly ranked in their Army. — This we humbly hope will at once place our case in an unquestionable and indisputable point of view, and we are persuaded it has only been lost sight of through a misapplication of the word Commission an error, which affects us with no less anxiety and distress, than it does surprise; and with a view to further illustrate this subject, we solicit permission to refer your Lordship in Council, in particular to the official document, appendix E, and also to say that the Gentlemen who were appointed to the Service by Major General Medows, suffer in common with Ourselves from the effects of the aforesaid supercessions

As Officers My Lord, that have now served our King and Country near Seven Years, and have experienced the vicissitudes of several arduous Campaigns we cannot consider our case but as unusually hard; for this is the only instance on the annals of the Honorable Company's administration where their Europe appointed Cadets have superceded those by two Years, who from state exigences were appointed by their Governments in India. Vide too My Lord as it is of their own regulations (Vide appendix F) The Lordship is still greater, when we consider that on

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on entering the Army not one of us could have believed, in
an instance where our services were deemed indispensably
necessary, and have since been officially acknowledged
that the Honorable Court would have manifested wisdom
to say by unmerrited distinction feel more particularly
than their Assistant Surgeons this unlooked for change
and suffer us to urge with all the deference due to
that inviolable respect which we bear your Lordship
in Council that the degrading Supercession which
thus obliges us to serve under Officers so much our
Juniors equally militates against our feelings as
Soldiers, against our hopes in the Army, and what is
of more consequence, against the interests of the
Service by cramping us in the exercise of our local
knowledge and experience of which, we may be allowed
to possess some small share, having in a Series of
active campaigns been often thrown into Situations
of extreme difficulty and danger.—

And here, My Lord, we feel ourselves
impelled to acquaint you, and we trust it will be
finally be conveyed to the Honorable Court of Directors
that such of us as were incorporated in the Artillery
were not alone kept back in our promotion, in that
Corps for a considerable time, but also, were superseded
in

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in the Army by the Europe Cadets of the Years 1790, 1791, 1792, 1793, 1794 1795, and 1796-, supercessions which could not possibly have taken place had we ranked even from the Youngest of the Europe Appointments of 1790, but which if ever we are brought upon Service together, must be productive of the most galling reflections to ourselves, and of the most Serious impediments to the public Service, inasmuch, that if the oldest of us was ordered tomorrow on detachment with a Cadet of even this Season (who may have arrived before the 1st. of June last) he from succeeding to a Lieutenancy on his first landing would Command: although most of us attained our promotion from a priority of rank to which we had arrived by prescriptive rotation, after having been Six Years Lieutenant Fire Workers. The deduction that follows, My Lord, is obvious and we presume easy of demonstration - namely - that the actual application of our professional acquirements could not under such Circumstances possibly take place; in short looking up with confidence to the long established and prescribed rules of the Service, we cannot without a shameful dereliction of our nearest interests lose sight of an object, which to us, is of more real importance than we can find words to describe -

Thus situated and after having -

Consigned

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consigned in the Service of our Honorable Employers near a third of our original number to the grave we most humbly entreat your Lordship in Council to intercede in our behalf with the Honorable Court of Directors in whose wisdom and justice we have the greatest confidence; and we sincerely hope that our past services will recommend this representation to your Lordships support, particularly as we relinquish with cheerfulness every claim to pecuniary remuneration, or difference of pay, seeking simply that rank which the invariable practice of the Service leads us naturally to hope for and for which, our late Commander in Chief so earnestly and humanely recommended us. —

Praying your Lordships forgiveness for having so long trespassed on your patience, we cannot conclude without an expression of our most lively hope and confidence in this address, resting its issue in the consciousness that you are never happier than when aiding the operations of justice and impartiality from which, we are the more eager in embracing the opportunity to assure your Lordship that,

We

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We are with the highest Respect

Yr. Yr.

(Signed) Chas. Lucas Lieut. N.I.

Fort St George " John Ovesend Cornet N.I.

24th December 1797 " Philip Dormeux Lieut. N.I.

" S. Hathway Lieut. Artillery

" George Macgregor Lieut. N.I.

" Thos. O'Connor Lieut N.I.

" Archibald Campbell Lt. N.I.

" Peter Smith Lieut N.I.

" James Rysel. Lieut. Artg.

" Dugald Campbell Lieut. N.I.

" I. Bellson Lieut Artg.

" Dr. Foulis Cornet N.I.

" John Fortune Lieut. N.I.

" John Fitzpatrick Lieut N.I.

" E. B. Bagshaw Lieut N.I.

" James Funston Lieut N.I.

Appendix A.

Extract of a General letter from the Honble Court of Directors in the Military Department dated 9th February 1792

No 2

Para 8th "Having taken into our consideration the

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the answer to be given to that part of your letter in the Military Department, dated 11th July 1791 which relates to the appointment of Military Officers made at your Presidency we have the honor to the following Resolution.

Resolved that for the reasons given in the letter from Madras of the 11th July 1791. the several Military Appointments made at that Presidency since the departure of Sir Archebald Campbell to the 1st of May 1791, be confirmed and that they do rank immediately after the Six Ensigns appointed at the recommendation of General Meadows which the Court have already approved".

A true Extract

(Signed) Danl Ince
Dpty Secry

Appendix B.

Extract of a General letter to the Honorable Court of Directors in the Military Department 15th Febry 1793

No 3

Para 13th. We have also the honor to send in the Packet, Copy of an address signed by a number of Young Gentlemen, who hope that by a Representation of their case they may obtain Rank from the time of their Service

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Service, we can urge in their favor that many of them Served in situations of difficulty and danger during the late War a circumstance which may probably give them a claim to your attention."

A true Extract
(Signed) Danl. Ince
Dep.y Secry

Appendix C

Extract of a General letter from the Honorable Court of Directors 21st May 1794 in reply -

No. 4

Para 45 We have given an attentive consideration to the address referred to in this Paragraph and under the Circumstances stated by them we agree that they rank according to the dates of their Commissions -

A true Extract
(Signed) Danl. Ince
Dep.y Secry

Appendix D

Extract of a General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors - Dated 21st May 1794 - -

Para 44 - We have given an attentive consideration

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consideration to the address referred to in this paragraph and under the circumstances stated by them we agree that the Assistant Surgeons rank according to the dates of their Services."

Appendix

Extract of a letter from Colonel Boathwaite to the Government, bearing date 2d. February 1793 -

"I have the honor to lay before you, an address Signed by a number of young Gentlemen who hope by a representation of their case they may obtain rank from the time of their Service - I see nothing improper in their address either as to the mode of expression or the object in view, to induce me to object to their desire, that I would lay it before you; they appear to me thankful that their appointments in this Service though made in this Country, have been confirmed; and entertained a belief, that had their Services been known to the Honorable Court of Directors, that confirmation would have come out allowing them to rank from the date of their Services - You, Sir, who are best acquainted with the intentions of the Honble Court

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Court of Directors will be best able to judge how far they have any grounds for this hope, and if it appears to your Honor in Council that they have, I am convinced that this Government will not think it too much trouble to submit the case of these young Gentlemen, to the reconsideration of the Honorable the Court of Directors, whose orders may have been issued on a supposition that the Young Gentlemen had not yet been serving in the Field, as was actually the case".

A true Extract
(Signed) W.C. Jackson
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Appendix F

Extract from Grace's compilation of the Honorable Court of Directors Military Regulations —

Or "Should our Governments in India from unforeseen events be obliged at any particular period to appoint Cadets in the Country such Cadets are to rank next under all those of the same Year nominated by us at the India House.

Comparative

Comparative Statement of the dates of Appointment rank and promotion of the undermentioned Officers

Names	Date of Appointments	Date of Rank	When promoted	Remarks
Richard Blackall	2d. June 1790			died on Service
Charles Lucas	2d. June 1790	31st. August 1791	Lieut. of Infantry promoted 6th August 1796	
John Boerend	13th July 1790	1st September 1791	Cornet Native Cavalry	Appointed by Major General Medows
Henry Spencer	15th August 1790	2d. September 1791		died at Arnee
Philip Dormeuse	15th August 1790	3d. September 1791		
James Hathway	15th August 1790	4th September 1791		
George MacGregor	16th September 1790	5th September 1791	Lieut of Infantry promoted 6th August 1796	
John Davidson	16th September 1790	6th September 1791		Died at the late Seige of Pondicherry
Thomas O'Connor	16th September 1790	7th September 1791	Lieut of Infantry promoted 6th August 1796	
J. W. O. Neile	14th September 1790	8th September 1791		Dead
Archibald Campbell	16th September 1790	9th September 1791	Lieut of Infantry promoted 6th August 1796	
Joseph Coghlan	16th September 1790			Died on Service in the Mysore Country
Peter Smith	14th September 1790	10th September 1791		In Europe for the recovery of his health
James Russell	28th September 1790	11th September 1791	Lieut of Artillery promoted 1st June 1796	
Dugald Campbell	26th September 1790	12th September 1791	Lieut of Infantry promoted 6th August 1796	
John Bellson	1st October 1790	13th September 1791	Lieut of Artly. promoted 1st June 1796	Appointed an Acting Lieut. for Wks. in July 1790 by the Lieut. C. A Kelly for leading served as a Volunteer with a Detachment of Artly. attached to an Expedition under the late Colonel Moyes employed by Government and reappointed by them in the Month of October following
Thomas Hesseman	5th October 1790			
David Faulis	5th October 1790	23d September 1791	Cornet Native Cavalry	
John Lawlor	8th October 1790			Purchased into the King's Service
John Fortune	8th October 1790	14th September 1791	Lieut of Infantry promoted 6th August 1796	
Matthew Daly	8th October 1790	15th September 1791		Killed at the Mount
John Fitzpatrick	12th October 1790	16th September 1791	Lieut. of Rangers promoted 6th August 1796	
Edward Bagshaw	12th October 1790	17th September 1791	Lieut of Infantry promoted 6th August 1796	
James Funston	15th October 1790	19th September 1791	Lieut of Infantry promoted 6th August 1796	

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Capt. Lieut. 31st August 1791

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Minute thereon — Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing letter be sent to England a number in the next packet.

Read the following letter from the Executors to the estate of the late Mr. James Landon.

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

From the Executors to the Estate of the late Mr. James Landon requesting the Board's sanction for making application to the Nabob for the payment of money appearing due by His Highness to the Estate —

My Lord,

As Executors to the estate of the late Mr. Landon we deem it our duty on behalf of his Family to lay before your Lordship the Copy of an Order or Obligation, the original of which was found amongst his papers and respectfully to state the Circumstances that have come to our knowledge on the subject of it

It appears that in the Year 1786 the Government of Fort St. George appointed a Committee of their Civil Servants (one of whom was Mr Landon) to investigate the claims on the Nabob made by Individuals, with a view of securing his Highness against unjust demands - at the close of the Committee's proceedings, his Highness, in order to testify (as we understand) his sense of their conduct and at the same time to recompense them for their trouble

signified

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signified through his Agents Messrs Storey and Binny his desire of making them a pecuniary consideration, and as the Honorable Court of Directors, as it would seem by papers in our possession declined making any allowance to the Committee, because it was a concern in which others, and not the Company were benefited, the Nabob issued an order under his Hand and Seal to his Agents directing that "so soon as certain new consolidated Bonds "were made over to the Agents on his Highness's account "the said Agents should assign and transfer to Robert "Storey Esqr. or to his Order, Bonds to the Amount of "twelve thousand Star Pagodas with Interest at the "rate of Six pr. Cent pr. Annum from the 1st. of September "1786". This Order or Obligation was (we have found) transferred by Mr. Storey to the Committee and by them ultimately made over to our Testator (according to documents with us) for certain valuable considerations paid by him—

Messrs. Storey and Binny are no longer the Agents of the Nabob the consolidated Bonds mentioned in the Obligation cannot therefore be assigned to them—and as we have no means of access to or communication with his Highness—without the sanction of your Lordship, we beg leave to

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to request, in our capacity of Executors, that you will be pleased to permit us to make application to the Nabob on the subject or if this be objectionable, that such other method may be adopted, for the recovery of the Money from his Highness as to your Lordship may seem proper, so that the Family of our Testator may not accuse us of neglect, or a want of attention in the discharge of our duty towards them.

We have the honor to be with great Respect

&c &c

(Signed) W. C. Jackson

" Fra.s Lautour

Executors to the Estate of

the late James Landon

Fort St George

29th December 1796

His Highness the Nabob Walajah

Bahauder of Arcot and the Carnatic

&c &c &c &c &c

(The Nabobs Seal)

To Messrs. Robert Storey and

Charles Benny

Gentlemen

Messrs. James Taylor, James Call,

and George Savage having in a letter under their

hands

hands and Seals bearing date the 29th. May 1786 addressed to Messrs. Edward Garraw, John Mitford, Josias Du Pre Porcher, John Balfour, Benjamin Roebuck, and William Balfour, directed and empowered them to assign over unto yaw as my Agents Sundry new Consolidated Bonds at present in their hands as Trustees for the amount of the Balance on an account Current due by said Messrs. James Taylor, James Call, and George Savage to the Circar on the 31st. December 1784 and which order has been duly accepted by Messrs. John Mitford, Josias Du Pre Porcher and William Balfour Acting Trustees.

We hereby authorise and direct yaw that so soon as the said new Consolidated Bonds are made over to yaw on our account, yaw do assign and transfer to Robert Storey Esqr. or to his order Bonds to the amount of twelve thousand Star Pagodas with interest at the rate of Six p.r Cent p.r Annum from this Date.

What can we say more

Given at Chepauk - 1st September 1786 or 9th Fuleaud 1200 Hegj.

(Signed) Robert Storey } Agents to the
Chas. Binny } Hight.ble the Nabob.

A true Copy "
(Signed) W.C. Jackson
Fral. Lautour
Executors to the Estate of the late
Saml. Landon
Agent

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Minute thereon

Agreed to inform the Executors that the Board have no objection whatsoever to their making application by letter to His Highness the Nabob on the subject of the debt due to the estate of their Testator.

Read the following letter from

Mr. Samuel Johnston.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council &c &c &c

Fort St George

My Lord,

From Mr. Samuel Johnston requesting to be furnished with sundry Official Documents from different Departments

I have the honor of addressing your Lordship in Council, to request you will be pleased to direct the several departments of the Military Paymaster General, The Accountant General, The Committee of Assigned Revenue and the Military Auditor General to give me any Assistance and information that may be necessary, with a view to the Settlement of some dependencies which I have in these respective Offices; I have the honor to be

&c &c

Mackay's Gardens 2d January 1797

(Signed) Saml Johnston

Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered that Mr. Johnston be acquainted that the Board see no objection at present to a compliance with his request provided he particularize the documents required, and the purpose for which they are wanted —

Read the following letter from the Military Board —

To the Right Honorable Lord Mobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From the Military Board recommending the payment of sundry Bills for work done by the Contractors for Ordnance &c Carriages

Having received from the Agent to the Gun Carriage &a Contractors, the accompanying Bill amounting to Pagodas nine hundred and Sixteen, and nine fanams (916..9..) for various Articles of Military Stores delivered by him at the Arsenal, the whole whereof have, on examination by a Committee of our Board, been found to be made of good materials, and in every respect fit for the Public Service, We accordingly do ourselves the Honor to forward it to your Lordship in Council and to recommend that it may be passed for payment —

We

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We have the Honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Hured Clarke

Fort St George
26th December 1796

" Wm Sydenham

" Jn Richardson

" By Close

" Wm Gent

" George Hall

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Bill of the Contractor for Gun Carriages be passed for payment.

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General

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

My Lord,

Report of the Military Auditor General on the account of the Agent for Spirituous Liquors for 1795/6, and his recommendation regarding the charges of Merchandize brought forward in this Department

Having examined the accounts of the Agent for Spirituous Liquors for the Year 1795/6 to agreeable to the instructions received in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 7th instant I have the Honor to report to your Lordship, that the agency has in the course

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course of the Year produced a profit of Six thousand One hundred and three Pagodas, Thirty fanams, and Fifty Cash (Pag.s 6,103.30.50.) that the account of Purchases is supported by proper Vouchers, and that those of Sales Commission and Leakage agree with the Regulations laid down by Government for conducting the duties of the Office. —

The charges merchandize amounting to twelve thousand five hundred and Seventy four Pagodas, Eight fanams and Seventy five Cash — (Pag.s 12,574.8.75.) I confess myself not competent to decide upon, for exclusive of the difficulty arising from this being the first accounts of the Agency that have I believe been transmitted to this Office for Audit as well as from the great variety of charges entered under this head, the Regulations of the Service do not furnish any one rule by which I could form a correct Judgement on the subject — All that I feel myself justified in saying is, that the charges Merchandize do not appear to exceed the same charges in former Years and that they are supported by Vouchers in every instance that Vouchers can be expected.

I therefore beg leave to submit to

your

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your Lordship whether the Agent may not be directed to deliver his account of charges Merchandize at the Presidency upon honor, in the same manner as the Agents for purchasing Horses, and those for furnishing Grain for the Cavalry similar charges at the Out Garrisons might with propriety be countersigned Monthly by the Commanding Officer who should in this case be instructed to see that they are as moderate as possible.

If your Lordship should approve of these suggestions, and is pleased to direct their being observed by the Agent in future, the Office of audit will be enabled to deliver a comprehensive report on his accounts annually —

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

&c &c

(Signed) Wm Sydenham

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Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St George
22d December 1796

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be instructed to call upon the Agent for Spirituous Liquors to notify upon honor that his account of charges Merchandize strictly corresponds with the Disbursements under that Head and that

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that the whole expence has bonâ fide been incurred, and (this order being complied with) that he be desired to direct the Agent to transmit to Government through the Office of Audit, a statement of the distribution of the profits of the last year.

The Board decline coming to any farther resolution on the subject of the Agents to the Department, until they are furnished with the report some time ago required from the Military Board.

Read the following letter from the Resident at Nagore. —

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Fort St George

Sir,

From the Resident at Nagore enclosing a particular Statement of the Sums payable and balances due by the Renters of the four Mayaums of Karical.

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 22d instant, observing that my letter of the 16th instant has not been sufficiently explicit to enable his Lordship to address the Rajah of Tanjore on the subject as I have not stated whether the arrears due from the Inhabitants of the 4 Mayaums fell due prior to the period when the

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the Restoration of them to the Authority of the Rajah was ordered by the Court of Directors, or subsequent thereto - In order to render this matter more clear I have enclosed an Account Current which shews the arrears due on the 12th July 1795, and the balance now due. I have appropriated the Sums received from the Renters since the close of the Revenue Year ending 12th July 1795 to the liquidation of their debt to the Company at that period. The balances now due they will be answerable for to the Rajah

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) W. H. Torriano
Resident

Nagore
30th December 1796

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Secretary to the Military Department
Fort St George

Sir,

From the Resident at Nagore enclosing a particular Statement of the Sums payable and balances due by the Renters of the four Mayaums of Karical.

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 22d instant, observing that my letter of the 6th instant has not been sufficiently explicit to enable his Lordship to address the Rajah of Tanjore on the subject as I have not stated whether the arrears due from the Inhabitants of the 4 Mayaums fell due prior to the period when the

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I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) W.H Torriano
Resident

Nagore
30th December 1796

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D. Inhabitants Renters of &c

P N. Pag. Str. f. C. Str. F. C.

For Fusly 1204

1795 July	12th	Balance due this day	1,465 3/8	1,200.. 4.. 20.
		Gain on Batta	51.. 14.. 68.	1,251.. 19 8

For Fusly 1205

October	31st	To Kist due this day for this Mo.	1,470..	1,203.. 30.. 32.
November	30th	To D. D.	1,835..	1,502.. 26.. 64.
December	31st	To D. D.	2,424..	1985.. 8.. 0
1796 January	31st	To D. D.	1,620..	1,326.. 23.. 16.
February	22d	To D. D.	2,570..	2,104.. 34.. 32.
March	31st	To D. D.	3,304..	2,705.. 29.. 48.
April	30th	To D. D.	3,671..	3,006.. 19.. 48.
May	31st	To D. D.	1,465 3/8	1,200.. 4.. 20.
			13,350 3/8	15,035.. 32.. 20.
		Gain on Batta	467.. 34.. 62.	15,503.. 31.. 2.

For Fusly 1206

July	11th	To Advances for carrying on the Cultivation for Fusly 1206 due from them	2230 9/16	1912.. 25.. 66.
October	31st	To Kist due this day for this Month	1470..	1,203.. 40.. 64.
November	30th	To D. D.	1835..	1,502.. 37.. 16.. 4619.. 31.. 66.

Pagodas 21,375.. 9.. 76.

N.B. On the 12th July 1795 the period covered by the was Star Pagodas 1,251.. 19.. 8. The Balance now due on condition that he pays the Company the Balance Cultivation amounting to Pagodas 1,912.. 25.. 66.. the to Pagodas 14,971.. 20.. 46..

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Maganums of Karical District in Acct Current with the Collector &c

St. Pags. F. C.

1795					
Decr 31st	By Cash received from the Inhabitants for Fasly 1204	}	1465 3/8	1,251.. 19.. 8..	
	By Do. Fasly 1205		1470	1,255.. 16.. 60	
1796					
Febry 29th	By Do. Do.		1835	1,522.. 26.. 56..	
March 31st	By Do. Do.		2424	2,030.. 41.. "	
April 30th	By Do. Do.		4190..	3,533.. 2.. 44	
May 31st	By Do. Do.		3,304..	2,794.. 40.. 32..	
Novemb 30th	By Do. Do.		1800..	1,532.. 15.. 16..	
Decr 10th	By Do. Do.		2,686 1/2	2,301.. 21.. 78..	
			17,709 1/2		14,971 20 46..
					16,223.. 3 54
	By Balance for Fasly 1205		649 7/8	532.. 10.. 36..	
	By Do. for Do. 1206		3,305	2,707.. 6.. "	
	By Balance of advance for Warrcum	}	2,239 7/16	1,912.. 25.. 66..	
					5,152.. 6.. 22..

Pagodas 21,375 976.

Nagore 30th December 1796

E.E. & C. (Signed) W.H. Torriano Resr.

Court of Directors for the restoration of the Maganums the Balance due the Company is Pagodas 5,152.. 6.. 22.. which the Inhabitants will be accountable for to the Rajah of Warrcum included therein which has been advanced them to carry on the Sums collected besides the arrears due the 12th July 1795 of Pags. 1251.. 19.. 8 Amount

Resolved

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Minute thereon

Resolved that the Resident at Nagore be directed to lose no time in acquainting Mr. Macleod that the four Maganums will be delivered to the authority of the Rajah of Tanjore, upon the arrival of proper Officers from his Excellency to take charge thereof - and that the arrears due by the Inhabitants are to be accounted for to the Rajah -

Death of Lieut. Col. Younge of the Cavalry

The Secretary reports to the Board the death of Lieutenant Colonel William Augustus Younge Commandant of the 4th Regiment of Native Cavalry at Arcot on the 30th. Ultimo - and of Major Johnston Kennedy and Lieutenant James Baker of Infantry at the Island of Ambaina in the Month of June last -

Major Johnston Kennedy

&

Lieutenant James Baker of the Infantry -

" Hobart

" Edw.d Saunders

" E. Wallace

A. F. Fullerton Esq.r

Fort St George 4 January 1797

Diary

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Received the undermentioned letters intend

in M B. No. 17-18-19.—

From the Military Paymaster General.

From the Military Paymaster General

enclosing the necessary Sick Certificate forwarded to him from Calcutta by Ensign Mitchell of the 36th Regiment

From W. McDonald - requesting that

From the Superintendent of Prince of Wales's Island

Government will return to Captain Page of the Hobart sundry Stores furnished by him for the use of that Settlement.

From the Adjutant and Quarter Master

From Captain Oliphant

of the 5th Regiment of Native Infantry - requesting payment of Arrears of Allowances due to him from the date of the abolition of the appointment of Brigade Quarter Masters until he was nominated to his present Staff employ -

Received also the following letters

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

From the Collector at Ganjam communicating Intelligence of the capture of the Ship Dædalus and other Vessels by a French Privateer off the Braces -

My Lord,

late yesterday evening one of the Pioneers

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4th Owners of the Ship Dadelly accompanied by an European Seaman and five Lascars arrived at this Port. The owner informs me that he was captured off the Brass by a French Privateer manned by a mixed Crew of French Men and Coffres consisting of upwards of two hundred Men. The Privateer carries in all twenty two Guns two of which are 12 Pounders the rest are twelve. The Dadelly was loaded with Pegue Timber, Stick lack, Wax, and Tutenaig. The value of the Cargoe amounted to upwards of fifty thousand Rupees and the Vessel herself was purchased last Year at Pegue for Seventy thousand Rupees. Besides the Dadelly the Privateer has taken four others Vessels, three of which were Pilot Sloops. One of the latter had the good fortune to escape from the French Man during the night, and it may be presumed is gone to Calcutta to give information to the Governor General. Your Lordship may depend upon this information being authentick I had it from a very intelligent man who was taken near Pegue by the same Privateer, and who had been a Prisoner on board of her for thirty five days. He arrived here yesterday evening in Company

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4th Company with the Owner of the Dadelly. The French man having fitted out the long Boat of that Vessel and after putting on Board of her a couple of bags of Rice and two casks of water, he informed the People abovementioned that they might go where they thought proper. It is just nine days since the Dadelly was taken, and the other four Vessels fell into the Enemies hands in the course of the same day on which the Dadelly was captured. The Dadelly was under Pegue Colours and Commanded by a Portuguese Captain. The Commander of the French Privateer after releasing the Owner and five Lascars of the Dadelly, immediately dispatched that Vessel and her Crew to the Mauritius under the Command of one of his own Officers: the late Captain of the Dadelly is detained as Prisoner on board the Privateer. Should I hear any thing further your Lordship may depend upon speedy and authentick intelligence. The Sea Ports of Nursurcottah, Sonepore, and Barva, being in a defenceless state may be at any time plundered by the Enemy - waiting your Lordships Commands -

I remain with great Respect

&c &c

(Signed) Walter Balfour

Lt Col.

&c

Ganjam

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council Fort St George &c &c &c

My Lord,

From the Superintendant of Prince of Wales Island the principal part of the China Ships leave that Place for their respective ports, — uncertainty of the Hobart Sloop of War communicates Intelligence from Ombogna —

I had the Honor to address you by the Swallow packet which sailed from this port the 10th Instant announcing the delicate position of the private China Trade, and intreating your Lordship's kind Offices with the Senior Officer of his Majesty's Ships of War to expedite a convoy to its Relief

2 On the morning of the 12th I despatched the Honorable Company's Cruzer Sea Horse with instructions to cruze in the Straits of Sincapore to give intelligence of our position, and our hopes of Relief to the Company's returning Ships, and those which remained of the Country trade — leaving to the experience and judgement of the Commanders of the former to act in such manner as they might think most adviseable either to come forward, or push for the Straits of Lanca, Ballz &c —

3d On the evening of the eleventh arrived the private Ships Sarah and Swallow from

4th from Malacca, and next day the Friendship. The Commander of the first being part owner, and not conceiving himself bound by the restrictive orders from the Bombay Merchants, which had influenced the determination of the others, early gave out, that he intended to push with all expedition and at every Risk - an Embargo had been from the 7th laid upon the port to the great inconvenience of our coasting and native trade, the latter at this Season of the Year extremely valuable - as this Restriction had been imposed solely for the Security of the China fleet - I acquainted the Commanders that I meant not to interfere with their Resolves, but that in the event of any one of them leaving the harbour, I should raise the Embargo. This brought in a Consultation, in which the Captain of the Sarah's influence with the Majority, but — particularly with the native Supracargoes — determined the whole to hazard the Run - those for Bombay taking the Route of Trincomale, those for Bengal taying the middle of the Bay.

4 I was extremely concerned at this

want

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4th want of consistency - but particulary hurt by their application for Convoy to Captain Page, whose Ship condemned on Survey, had been left here by Captn Newcome to assist in the defence of this Post - this conduct was the more absurd and reprehensible that on the 6th and 7th they had reprobated all Idea of such Convoys, deeming the Strength in it's best array incompetent, but under the existing circumstances not even calculated to cover their Insurance in case of accident - They left us on the 18th in the morning - since which date have arrived here the Helen and Ardasier private China Ships - the former for Madras, where I have recommended the Commander of the latter to touch for intelligence as at this Season, but little out of his Route to Trincomalé - in the hope that the arrival of the expected fleet from the Cape may afford him partial or continued convoy.

5 By these Ships I am made to suspect that those of the Company mean to run this the Sunda or Straits of Billy or Lombock if not more easterly - this will render the Sea horses Courge of little comparative effect - On the

4th the Ardasier leaving the River of Canton — they met the Caffnels entering — they passed too Quick to learn any news farther than Captain Cotton's having left England on the 1st July with the fleet for the Cape from whence he had come a single Ship thro the Straits of Allas, East of Lombork, having seen nothing on his passage.

6 By the Helen I received a letter from Admiral Rainier brought by the Arminia to Malacca — Captain Sands Speaks of the Admiral I understand as intending shortly after the departure of that Ship to shape his course this Route; but on his way to summon the Garrisons of Ternate and Tidor — The Gloucester under Lieut. King of the Victorious with provisions and Stores had arrived and the Bombay frigate with his transports on board of which was Major Mac Neil's Volunteer Battalion, were entering the harbour as he left it either the last day of Oct.r or 1st. November

7 The Sepoys had suffered considerably from the Climate, but were, as well as the Seamen

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4th Seamen of the Men of War recovering fast. The Union and Cartier with Stores and Provisions from Bengal for Fort Victoria were safe, beating thro the Straits of Sincapore as the Atroeser passed them - The Bombay had returned from Malacca and sailed yesterday for Bengal having amply supplyed that Garrison Colonel Folson's Health has been but feeble but the Officers and Troops are in general healthy.

8. The length of time elapsed since our last Accounts of the French frigates encourages the hope that they have quitted the Bay - They have at all events given us time to prepare for their Reception - I am therefore less concerned on that head than I have been for some time past.

9 As I am induced to hope for the arrival of Admiral Rainier in this Port about the 15th or 20th of next month - Your Lordship will best judge whether the presence of the Swallow, according to his original destination may be useful to him, as there is not at present

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4th present any Vessel in the port which can officiate as Tender or Despatch boat — The Sea Horse will of course return, but she is a heavy Sailor and has here eleven Arab Mares and Horses intended for Bengal the former I believe on the public Account.

Fort Cornwallis
December 28th 1796.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Forbes Rofs Mac Donald

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

My Lord,

From Captain Nairne intends to convoy the Company's Ships at Princes Island to Balasore Roads, touching in his way at Ellabras

I received your letter by the Swallow Packet with the dispatches accompanying it — Upon my arrival here on the 18th Instant I found Captn Lucas absent with the Heroine and Carysfort; upon perusing the letter from the Right Honorable the Governor in Council of Fort St George expressing the necessity of some of his Majesty's Ships taking under convoy the Honorable Company's Ships therein mentioned — I have thought it proper My Lord, to take them under convoy of his Majesty's Ships here

in

It in compliance with the said pressing request (notwithstanding my Orders from Captain Lucas are to join him at Columbo.

I shall proceed hence as soon as His Majesty's Ships and those of the Honorable Company are ready (which I have reason to hope will be in 4 or 5 days) to see the convoy safe into Balasore Road and return from thence to Madras.

I shall dispatch the Swallow Packet to Madras, as soon as she is watered - I have the pleasure to acquaint you, that all the Hon^ble Company's Ships destined for this place are safely arrived. — His Majesty's Ships here, are the Orpheus, Centurion, Victorious, and La Sybelle.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most Obt Servant,

(Signed) Henry Newcome

Orpheus Trincomalay Harbour 23d December 1796

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

&c &c &c

My Lord,

Beseak Gowdeen the ...... Polygar of Gundoecull, who I had the honor to inform your Lordship was come from Tippoo's into this Country is at present at Damatchevela a Village in the Chittoor District with 200 Peons. My information states that he has been at Madras within these last ten or twelve days, and has several private audiences with the Nabob, Aboal Wahab Cawn the Jaghiredar of Chittoor, and his Son Sarafarazee ally Cawn at St Thomee who have given him leave to stay at Damatchoela for the express purpose it is reported of attacking and plundering the Magaal Mans Country and to make occasional excursions to Tippoo's frontiers

From the Commandant at Chundamaghery with Intelligence relative to the predatory conduct of a Polygar named Beseak Gowden who he suspects is countenanced by Persons under the Nabobs Government

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frontiers for the same purpose for this Bejsiah Gaudeen it appears supports himself and Party entirely by plundering. If these reports are true and I have no reason to doubt of their being at least in part founded from the inveterate Quarrell known to subsist between the Nabob and Mogral Man, it is likely to be productive of further disturbances in those Pollams and perhaps bloodshed as was unhappily the case a few Months ago. I have therefore judged proper to trouble your Lordship with the intelligence brought me respecting this man

I have the honor to remain with the utmost respect

&c &c

(Signed) R. Mealy

Thunderaghery
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Received the undermentioned letters entered in M B Nos 20-21-22-23-

From the Commandant of the Nyans Detachment

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts enclosing Copies

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5. Copies of his late Correspondence with Major Kirkpatrick

From the Contractor for Army Cloathing

From Mr. J. Sutherland requesting that the Quantity of Cloth required may be immediately landed from the Indiamen now in the Roads.

From the Military Auditor General

From the Military Auditor General reporting on Mr. Paymaster Cochrane's additional Estimate of Cash for the present Month.

From the Persian Translator in Bengal.

From the Persian Translator in Bengal with a letter from the Governor General to the Rajah of Travancore on the subject of a request to be supplied with 2000 Maunds of Salt Petre.

6th Sent the following Letters.

To Mr. William Harcourt Torriano Resident at Nagore.

Sir,

To the Resident at Nagore directing the immediate Surrender of the Manical Magazines to the authority of the Rajah of Tanjore

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated the 30th Ultimo, and to desire, you will immediately acquaint Mr. Macleod that the four Maganums will be delivered to the authority of the Rajah of Tanjore, upon the arrival of proper Officers from His Excellency to take charge thereof

The

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At

6 The Arrears due by the Inhabitants are to be accounted for to the Rajah.

Fort St George
4th January 1797

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

To Alexander Macleod Esqr
Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

To the Resident at Tanjore desiring that the Rajah be called upon to enquire into, and redress the Grievances complained of by the Widow of Sulja Maharaz the Manneal Magnanums to be immediately restored to the Rajah.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 3rd Ultimo, and to desire, you will take an opportunity of informing the Rajah, that his Loreship expects that he will make enquiry into the grievances complained of by the elder Widow of the late Rajah, and if they are well founded that he will afford redress.

I enclose Copy of a letter with its enclosure from the Resident at Nagore, and am directed to inform you that orders have been issued for the immediate delivery of the four Maganums to the authority of the Rajah of Tanjore.

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

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Despatched the undermentioned letters entered in M B Nos. 24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36.

To the Military Auditor General

To the Military Auditor General containing Instructions respecting the adjustment of the Accounts of the Agent for Spirituous Liquors for 1795/6 The new form observed by him in drawing out the Statement of payment made to the Kings Troops approved noticing the Compensation to be made to Mr Abraham for his Stables on the Island - Brigade Major Strachan allowed some arrears of Staff Pay - and Lieutenant Nuthall the same Tent allowance as Gram Agent at Hydrabad, as was drawn by Lieutenant C. Dallas. Messrs Geoghahan, and Murray, of the Artillery to draw their subsistence only during their imprisonment

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr Secretary Barlow - with Statements of subsistence paid to the King's Troops serving under the Presidency from the 26th June to 24th December 1796 and Company's allowances from the 1st July to 31st December 1796 - also Copy of another letter from the Military Auditor General regarding Difference of Pay, claimed by the Officers of the Bengal Artillery serving on Ceylon.

To the Board of Trade

To the Board of Trade - desiring their particular attention to the regular provision of

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to 6 of Cloth required by Mr. Bowie the Tent Contractor.

To the Executor to the Estate of the late Capt.n Butler

To Mr. Thomas Chase - explaining the Grounds on which Government have rejected his Claim for Arrears of pay due to the estate of the late Capt.n Butler -

To the Acting Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

To Mr. Sharoon informing him that it is not the Board's intention, to throw any Supplies of Grain into Tinnevelah - the Grain sent up the Kistnah by Mr. Corbett to be distributed among st the Garrisons in the Guntoor Circar

To the Secretary to the Military Board

To the Secretary to the Military Board desiring to have that Board's opinion respecting the Execution of repairs recommenced by the Commandant to the Publick Quarters at Madura.

To the Commandant at Pondicherry

To Major General Braithwaite - informing him that Government cannot comply with the application of Messrs. Cazanove and Sauvagere for a subsistence.

To the Collector in the Guntoor Circar

To Mr. Ram - desiring him that the Troops stationed at Chintapilly suffer no distress from want of Provisions.

To Mr. Samuel Johnston

To Mr. Samuel Johnston - desiring him to specify the particular Documents he requires and

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and the purpose for which they are wanted—

To Messrs. Jackson and Lautour—

To the Executors to the Estate of the late Mr. James Lawson

authorizing them to make application, by letter, to His Highness the Nabob for payment of the Debt due to the Estate of their Testator.

To Mr. Secretary Barlow—acquainting

To the Secretary at Bengal

him that the whole of the Freight due on account of the Ship Mary has been already discharged.

To Captain Stower—desiring him to

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Ipsca

take charge of a Packet addressed to the Governor General in Council.

To Major Imart—enclosing a letter

To the Commandant at Palamcotah

to be forwarded to the Rajah of Travancore.

Received the following letter from the Resident at Hyderabad.

The Right Honorable Lord Mobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St George

My Lord,

From the Resident at Hyderabad communicating intelligence respecting the situation & Movements of Tippoo's Troops collected from Goote & Darmurie—

Inclosed I have the honor to transmit for the notice of your Lordship in Council Copy Translates of the latest Intelligence received here from the Goote and Darmarie Quarters, and

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Hydrabad
29th December 1796

I am with the highest Respect
&c &c
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Copy

Verbal Report of Hirkarrahs sent for Intelligence to Gooty, and who returned to Hyderabad on the 28th December 1796.

These Hirkarrahs who left Gooty on the 19th December, report that they entered the Camp there in Company with some Cloth Merchants and that they remained six days in the Camp — where they picked up the following Intelligence.

The force then at Gooty on the 19th December consisted of three thousand horse, seven thousand foot, and twenty two Guns. — Of the Guns there are ten pieces of a small Caliber, ten of a middling and two battering pieces — Twenty two Tumbrils of Ammunition of all sorts, and twenty Camel load of Rockets. — There are likewise two Elephants attached to the Guns — The principal Sirdars of the above Force, are 1st Syed Ghuffaar

stiled

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6. Sided Meeraun. 2d. Bintooree Hussein Saheb 3rd. Bishnapah. 4th. Subrao - Besides these four Chieftains of note, there are some other Chiefs also. They are encamped about a Cos and a half from Gooty, at a Village called Bussoorpilly. — A Nullah that runs by this place being at present dry they are obliged to dig for water, the Scarcity of which has induced the Chiefs to send in search of a more eligible spot for encampment, and one has accordingly been found where there is a running stream, at a place called Eedul doobi about four Cos's from Gooty.

Besides the above Force a body of three thousand Foot newly raised by Bintooree Hussein Saheb in the Zillah of Koompullie having been ordered by the Sultaun to Seringapatam for Inspection, have accordingly marched away to that City — Moreover at Caupulli, Pamri Gurroor Pearolee, Mudgurx, Churroo, and other places in the vicinity of Goote, horse are distributed in the manner of Foragers at the rate of a hundred or two hundred at each place: these Detachments amounting probably in the aggregate to about twelve hundred horse It is likewise reported that

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6th That Ghoze Khan and Khudhoo Khan Beids, are on their way to join from Seringapatam, at the head of a thousand horse.

The Troops in the above Camp are however two Months in arrears, and the whole of them both horse and foot very clamorous for Pay. The Aumil of Gooty, named Mustaun Hussein Saheb is absent at Pungoondah, his Naib Papa Nair however, is present in the Pettah of Goote. The Sirdars have pledged themselves to their Men that the two Months Pay due to them shall be discharged, whenever Mustaun Saheb returns. The name of the Killedar of Goote, is Khuttaul Saheb Lohanee, who always resides in the Fort.

The Camp is still stationary without there being any particular rumour either of its moving or otherwise. Hirkarrahs have been dispatched to Ally Khan the Kurnool Chief, on the subject of Money due from him.

Tippoo Sultaun is still at Seringapatam, busy in finishing the Fortifications: and it is reported that whenever Azem ul Omrah shall arrive at Hyderabad, the Prince will immediately proceed to Gooty.

Further, we learnt from a Buckhaal (Bunniyah) belonging to Latch Paint near Arcot, that

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6th. That a number of Merchants (Besparries) having some time since entered Tippoo's Dominions from those of the Company, for the purpose of purchasing Beetle and other Commodities were seized and confined by that Prince: but that some of the Company's Troops having in consequence moved up to the Passes, he set the Merchants at liberty again.

All Persons going or coming are closely questioned in the Camp at Gooty, where they likewise enlist Men into their Service voluntier or willing or unwilling. The Bunjarahs of both Sunquee and Bunquee Nack, are employed in bringing Grain to the Camp at Goote; and by way of conciliating them, the Sultaun has bestowed upon them an Elephant.

The Price Current of Grain in the Camp is as follows.

Rice	16 Seers	per Rupee		
Jowarree	24 Do.	per Do.		
Gram (Kaultee)	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
Rhaggy	28	Do.	Do.	Do.
Ghee	2½	Do.	Do.	Do.

The Rupee changes for twenty eight Fungeh (equal to fifty six Pice). A true translate & Copy

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

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No. 6. (Copy)

Translate of a letter of Intelligence from Tannieury (Secunder ghurr) down to the 22d of Jemaud ûl Saunie or 21st December 1796.

The Killedar placed by Mahomed Ameen Khan in Secunderghurr reports that Tippoo Sultaun is still at Seringapatam employed night and day in throwing down and rebuilding the old Fort. One moment he erects works, which the next he disapproves of and razes again; thus apparently acting like a madman—

With regard to the Force at Gooty it consists of five thousand horse and three thousand foot commanded by two principal Sirdars Syed Ghuffaar and Buxy Force Hoseen Saheb. This Statement does not include three thousand Horse and two thousand foot with Six Guns which arrived at Gooty* Lately these forces having in consequence of a Summons from the Sultaun marched from thence for Seringapatam, on the 16th of Jemaud ul Sani or 15th December.

The Sholapoor Rajah's Wakeel at Seringapatam has stated to Tippoo that at this time

* meaning most probably Benkonies Lines at Krampally (see Gooty Intelligence)

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6. "time there is enmity between Balajee Pundit, and
"the Nawab Asoph Jah, and that if he (Tippoo) will
"assist the Rajah his Master with a proper Force
"he (the Sholapoor Rajah) will in the twinkling of
"an eye, put him (Tippoo) in possession of Hyderabad"

The condition of the Fort of Tarmurie
is this. — It is garrisoned by five hundred Carnatic
Peons, and fifty horse. — There are in it ten pieces
of Cannon, and fifty wall pieces (Zuzzâeer) This
Place being immediately on the borders, were its
Garison to be reinforced it would be very proper
especially as the whole surrounding Country belongs
to the opposite Party (meaning Tippoo.

Further I have recently entertained
eight Hurkarrahs for the purpose of procuring
secret Intelligence from Seringapatam, and they
receive their Pay monthly by an assignment from
Mahomed Ameen Saheb on Tarmurie.

a true Translate and Copy
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

7.

Sent letter to the Nabob (entered in C.C.
No. 5) urging him to the payment of the Balance
due

Substance of a letter to the Nabob.

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due to the Orphan Children of the late Captain Smith.

Despatched the undermentioned letters entered in M.B. No. 37-38.

To the Clerk of the Treasury

To the Clerk of the Treasury authorizing a further issue of Cash to the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month.

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr. Roebuck advising him thereof.

9th

Received the undermentioned letters entered in M.B. No. 39-40-41-42.

From the Commandant in the Guntoor Circar

From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton communicating Intelligence, respecting the Movements &c. of Tippoo's Troops, received from Goolam.

From Lieutenant Jeffry Pringergast

From Lieutenant Jeffry Pringergast requesting permission to proceed to Bombay on four Months leave of absence.

From the Commanding Officer of the 2d Battn. 9th Regt. Native Infantry

From Captain P. Moore enclosing a Bill for Contingent Charges incurred on his march from Guntoor to Wallajabad.

From the Resident at Hurial.

From Mr. Torriano enclosing an application from Mr. Sobard, a French Pensioner for an encrease to his present Subsistence.

The following proceedings of the Medical Board received and the Resolutions of Government, annexed, passed thereon

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Medical Board
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The Right Honble
the Governor having directed
that an Assistant Surgeon
should be ordered on board
his Majesty's Ship Orpheus,
to act as Surgeon during
her absence from the Madras,
the Physician General
has directed Mr Arthur
Connell for this Duty.

The Medical
Board recommend that a
compensation, suitable
to the urgency and
importance of the Service
may be granted to Mr
Connell.

Conformably to the
Orders of Government, we
have the Honor to annex
the names of the Assistant
Surgeons at present
attached to Native
Regiments

Tim: the Medical Board
proposes that a Mr Connell
be appointed to do duty
on board the Orpheus
Frigate that the Senior
Assistant Surgeons of
Regiments of Native
Infantry be appointed
especially to the 1st Batt.n
and the Juniors to the 2d
Batt.n of their respective
Regiments also that
the customary Orders
be issued relative to
the Inoculation of the
Troops. —

Approved

To be considered hereafter

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Approved

Regiments, and recommend that the Senior Assistant of each Regiment be stationed with the 1st. Battalion, and the Senior Assistant with the 2d. Battalion.

1st. Regiment Alex.r N. Bisset
2d. " John Goldie
James Gilmour
3d. Regt. John James
4th. " — Samuel Mc. Morris
John Carnie
5th. " — John Abernethie
William Mackintosh
6th. — William Pritchard
7th. Jacob C. Fancourt
Richard Stone
8th. — Duncan Mc. Gibbon
9th. John Mc. Arthur
James Barker
10th. — John Unsenwood
Alex.r Inverarity
11th. William Martin
Simon Heward

We recommend that the

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the usual General Orders
regarding the Inoculation
of the Troops for the small
Pox be republished
immediately to the following
effect

"This being the most
favorable Season for
Inoculation the Right
Honorable the President
in Council is pleased at
the recommendation of
the Medical Board to
direct that the Surgeons of
Stations and Corps do
promote, as much as
posible the practice of
Inoculation amongst all
description of persons:

"The Regimental
Surgeons are to select all
the Men who are ignorant
of having had the small
pox and put them on the
following Diet.

Breakfast.

Approved
Orders will be published

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Breakfast – Butter Milk and Rice
or Tyre and Rice.

Dinner { Mutton Broth with Greens and Mutton with Bread and Rice

Supper – Conjee and Sugar.

The Rules and Diet prescribed as above to be extended to every place where Troops are Stationed, and a List of such Men as wish to benefit by Inoculation to be forwarded to the Medical Board.

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

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11th
10.

Despatched the undermentioned letters entered in M B Nos 143-144-145-146.

To the Residents at Hyderabad and Poonah

To Major Kirkpatrick and Sir Charles Warre Malet enclosing Copies of Intelligence from the Mysore Country;

To the Secretary at Bengal –

To Mr. Secretary Barlow – enclosing Copy of a letter from Major General Craig, at the Cape of Good

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10th Cape of Good Hope received by his Majesty's Ship Trident

To Ditto with Copies of Mysore Intelligence.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board enclosing Invoices and Bills of Lading of Stores consigned to this Presidency on Simon Macaraen, and desiring that the Certificates required by the Honorable Court of Directors may be furnished, in time to be forwarded by the first Dispatch.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor - President

Edward Saunders Esqr.

&

Ernst William Tallofield Esqre

Major General Alured Clarke absent on a Tour to the Westward.

Tuesday 10th January 1797

Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved

Read the following letter from Bengal.

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at

Fort St George

My Lord,

From Bengal intimating that the execution of the Cession Treaty received from the Court of Directors for retaining possession of the Tanjore Country agreeably to the Treaty concluded with the Rajah by Lord Hobart be suspended - the Negotiations with the Nabob for a modification of the Treaty of 1792 to be renewed

1 Our Secretary has laid before us your Secretary's letter to him of the 13th Instant, with the overland dispatch from the Honorable the Secret. Committee which accompanied it

2 You will of course renew the negotiation with the Nabob of Arcot for the proposed modification of the Treaty of 1792, agreeably to the directions of the Committee.

3 With respect to the Rajah of Tanjore, as the Honorable Committee were not in possession of our reasons for annulling the late Treaty made with him when their letter to you of the 26 of August last was written, we think it proper to desire that the Treaty concluded with the Rajah in 1792 may be continued in force until the receipt of their determination on the reference which has been made to them on the subject.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. Shore

" Rt Abercromby

" Chas Oakeley

" Wm Cowper

Fort William
the 26th December 1796

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The President proposes the Publication of an

The President recommends that the following proclamation be published in the news papers and circulated through the Black Town;

Government Advertisement

Advertisement prohibiting all Persons under the Company's authority under pain of Banishment to Bencoolen from making Loans of Money on assignment of any of the Districts in the Tanjore Country which are mortgaged to the Company

Whereas by a Treaty concluded by the Government of Fort St George on the part of the Honorable the East India Company, and his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore, it was expressly stipulated and agreed, that certain Districts named in a Schedule affixed to the said Treaty, should be mortgaged to the Honorable the East India Company, for the purpose of securing the payment of Specific Sums of Money therein mentioned, on account of the Military expences for the defence of the Carnatic and the Country of Tanjore and for the discharge of the private debts of the said Rajah - And Whereas the Rajah by the said Treaty has distinctly and specifically bound himself not to Grant Tuncahs or assignments on the Revenues of the said Districts on any account - And whereas the granting Tuncahs or Assignments on the said mortgaged Districts in consequence of Loans made or to be made, must inevitably tend to

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to the depreciation thereof, and thus render them wholly inadequate to the Security for which they have been pledged. The Governor in Council with a view to put a Stop to an evil so dangerous to the permanent Interests of the East India Company, and effectually to carry the Orders recently received from the Court of Directors upon that subject into execution, considers it incumbent upon him, to publish his positive determination, to banish any Natives of India living under the protection and authority of the Company, to Bencoolen, who shall be concerned in any such Money transactions. And for their information he appoints them, that, the Districts so mortgaged to the East India Company, are those of Karnargoody Tirvady Mayaveram and Putticotah.

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Published by Order of the Right Honorable the President in Council

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

The President proposal approved.

Approved and Ordered accordingly

Read the following letter from the Officers Cadets of the Season of 1782.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c

Memorial of the Cadets of the season of 1782 still remaining in the Coast and praying that their Claim to Commissions in the Army may be taken into consideration by the Honorable Court of Directors

My Lord,

We have hitherto delayed intruding on your Lordship, in expectation that a more favorable crisis might arrive

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arrive, when the diminished pressure of public business would give yaw leisure, to examine our representations, with that attention, which we trust, they will be found to deserve.

The prospect of an early communication with England and our having served the time to which Brevet Rank has been already granted, - renders any procrastination prejudicial to our Interests, and we doubt not but your Lordships goodness, will accept this as an apology if we have chosen a period when national affairs demand the first consideration

In the present dispersed state of the Army much valuable time would be lost, in attempting to procure the signatures of all those Officers in the same predicament with ourselves but as there can be no dissimilarity of opinion among them on this subject we may venture without any unbecoming assumption to consider them as embarked in the same cause, They must participate in the advantage or mortification resulting from compliance or refusal.

In the late Arrangements the Honorable Court of Directors reserves to itself the power of granting Brevet Commissions in future

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to Subalterns of fifteen Years standing. That period of our Service has lately elapsed and we hope our long lingering in the lowest Clases of Subalterns (The Youngest about Eight the oldest about Ten Years) and the great Supercessions we have suffered from the Engineer and Artillery Corps will be powerful inducements with your Lordship to recommend an extension of the same advanced Rank to our List which has already been granted to those one Year our Seniors and we more particularly solicit this indulgence, because there is not the smallest probability of our obtaining promotion in the regular routine for many years longer perhaps than has ever been experienced on the Coast or is likely to be again for no Cadets were appointed from 1782 to 1789 - a few Country appointments excepted; a similar claim therefore upon the Justice and generosity of our Honorable Employers cannot soon if (all the circumstances of our case considered) a similar one ever can be made excepting perhaps by the few Country Cadets of 1783. Far from us be that sordidness of disposition that could wish to confine to ourselves any advantage that might do good by general diffusion. On the contrary we ardently hope that the establishment of

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of such a remuneration, for such a length of Service in this enervating Climate may be found as compatible with sound policy as it unquestionably would be with every consideration of humanity.

Our anxiety on this occasion is greatly augmented by the painful certainty that the supersession already alluded to must daily encrease. Every casualty that happens in either the Engineers or Artillery, in any Rank above that of a Lieutenant must add to the evil which perhaps a general Army Rank can only completely remove; but if we are denied Brevet Rank in the first instance, we are liable to be superseded by Boys now at School, which we apprehend the wisdom of our Honorable Employers cannot wish, and we trust their Equity will not permit.

We appeal to your Lordship if it is possible for a Soldier who aspires to honorable distinction in his profession, to avoid feeling with all the poignancy of unmerited disappointment his being commanded by Officers not half his standing. Some of whom had not arrived at the Age of adolescence or escaped from the restrictions of pupilage for Years after the commencement of his

Service

Service, in that War, which was emphatically denominated the last of Nyders: Not one of whom had quitted the delights of Europe, for Years, after the distresses he endured, during the continuance and at the conclusion of those calamitous hostilities which desolated this Country, and left the Madras Treasury unequal to defray the current expences of Government. These distresses, from the nature of things fell with accumulated weight on the Juniors of the Army. They depended for subsistence on that pay, which they did not receive, except at long intervals and in scanty pittances. They had not resided a sufficient time in India, to have many claims on personal attachment, and general benevolence had lost much of its usual effect, upon minds habituated to the miseries of the recent famine. A Military dress, at least on a Subaltern, did not often serve as a Passport to tables of European Opulence, or to relax the retentive grasp of a Native Caution and the depreciated state of the Honorable Company's paper left those, whose sole dependence it was frequently without resource. The reduction of fourteen Battalions, before Government found regular payments

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payments comment, gave the last aggravation to our hardships. We and many above us became supernumera-ries on half Pay; we were also deprived of half Batta when serving at Stations, where it was drawn by all other Officers.

We do not enumerate these circumstances now, as matters of Complaint. They are past and some of them were perhaps unavoidable. but we did then & conceive and we still indulge the hope, that when a general amelioration of the Service should be resolved upon, though in the first formation of extensive and compleated arrangements they might be overlooked they would not be entirely forgotten, or when thus respectfully brought forward, be treated with neglect. This hope is encouraged with more confidence, from the Honorable Court of Directors having left the arrangements open for amendment and from the peculiarity of our situation as being the only part of the Coast Army not likely to benefit (half Batta excepted) by the new system until worn out by climate and despondence. We are now in the fifteenth year of our Servitude to the Honorable Company part of it in times of peril, difficulty, and distress; we have served many years (as appears by the annexed Statement) and in

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two years, before Young Gentlemen who now Rank over us arrived in this Country, and who are Captains in less time than the Youngest of us served as Ensigns. It is therefore unreasonable or presumptuous in us, who have shared in the dangers the hardships and mortifications of the Service, to entreat from the Justice and liberality of our Honorable Employers, that we may be allowed to participate in its advantages and honors, while we yet retain the power of enjoying them.

We have carefully endeavoured to obey the injunction to avoid "unfounded application" and we trust that your Lordship in transmitting this candid Statement of facts to the Honorable Court of Directors (if convenient we request by the first opportunity) will not find it unworthy of being supported by such observations as may prove conducive to our obtaining a favorable Reply.

We have the honor to remain
with the greatest Respect
Yr. &c.

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(Signed) Hodder Roberts Lieut. 2d Battn 2d Regt.
Joseph Dickson Lieut 2d Battn 6th Regt.
Wm Hing. Lieut. 2d Bn 2d Regt N.J.
Jno Doueton Lieut 2d R. Cavalry
Wm Macgregor Lt 2d R. Cavalry
Alex. Byrd Lieut. 1st Battn 1st Regt
Alex Meachan Lieut 3d Regt NB
Thos Nuthall Lieut 2d Regt M.C.
W. Smith Lieut 1st Bn 3d Regt

Comparative Statement

Engineers

Names	Date of Rank: Ensign	Lieutenant	Capt Lieut	Captain	Years of Service: as Ensign	as Lieut	Total Years Service
G. Johnston C.C.	1777	1779	1793		4	2	6
T. Wood C.C.	22	92	96		4	4	8
J.L. Caldwell E.C.	24	92	96		4	4	8
J Blair E.C.	24	93	96		5	3	8
G.C.G. Pitman C.C.	90	93	96		4	3	7

Artillery

Names	Date of Rank: Lieutenant	Firelocks	Lieut Lieut	Capt Lieut	Captain	Years of Service: as Ensign	as Lieut	as Capt	Total Years Service
T. Kennedy C.C.	1776	1778	1796			7	5	12	
F. Prescot C.C.	16	91	96			7	5	12	
J. Nelson C.C.	84	91	96			7	5	12	
J. Gahagan C.C.	24	91	96			7	5	12	
R. Fennell C.C.	24	91	96			7	5	12	
J.H. Freese C.C.	85	92	96			7	4	11	
J. Sinclair C.C.	27	93	96			6	3	9	

Cavalry

Names	Date of Rank: Ensign	Cornet	Lieutenant	Years of Service: as Ensign	as Cornet	as Lieut	Total Years Service
W. Nixtch	1783	1785	1792	2	2	11	15
A. Meachan	83	85	92	3	6	6	15
J. Doveton	83	85	92	3	7	5	15
R. Montgomery	83	85	92	3	7	5	15
G. Hippen	83	85	92	3	7	5	15
W. Macgregor	83	85	92	3	7	5	15
T. Nuthall	83	85	92	3	7	5	15

Cadets for 1782

Infantry

Cadets for 1782

Beginning with William Heatland and ending with Alexander Bryce in all Twenty six — 1783 1792 — 8 7 15.

Date of Ranks: Ensign	Lieutenant	Years of Service: as Ensign	as Lieutenant	Total as Subaltern

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Explanation C.C. Country Cadets — E.C. Europe Cadet

N.B. Cadets appointed in the Country Rank from the date of their Appointment unless otherwise covered from home. Cadets appointed in Europe take rank in the year of their List. The reason is obvious. If such a Regulation did not exist, Country appointments would be more valuable than those made by the Honorable Court of Directors. Pupils being often detained in England many Months particularly in Wartime by the Indian Ships waiting for Convoy, and other political reasons as connected with the Fleet in which we came out. By the above Statement it appears that an Officer of six years standing ranks only as a Ensign the new Arrangement to that of tempting our last superceded us by four Officers in the Engineers, and three in the Artillery. The Seniors of us cannot expect promotion in the regular course for Seven, or the Juniors of us for Ten Years. We must therefore unavoidably be superceded by Gentlemen not now in the Service unless our Honorable Employers prevent it by an act of Justice — Granting us Brevet Rank — It may not be altogether uninteresting to remark that our Europe List of Cadets originally exceeded Eighty, and that it is now reduced to Seventy Seven. Of above fifty Country Cadets for the following Years, only Eight are remaining.

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Order thereon -

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to England a number in the next dispatch.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

From the Military Board's opinion on Lieutenant Wells's Claim to an allowance for acting as Clerk to the Committee of Stores at Masulipatam Report on work executed by Lieutenant Colonel Prescott at Chingleput and the amount of Commission due to him - a further advance of Cash required for works ordered at Walajahad Bill of the Gun Carriage Contractor ... ... for Payment

In obedience to your Lordship's Commands under date the 21st Instant, we have the honor to offer, as our opinion with respect to the recommendation of the Committee of Stores at Masulipatam for a continuance of the Monthly allowance of twenty Pagodas to Lieutenant Wells as acting Clerk to the Committee, that, as that allowance, with several other extra charges in the Store Department at Masulipatam, was ordered by Government to be discontinued from the 1st May 1796, and the Sum of Pagodas twenty Six, and four Fanams, allowed for Writers and Stationary to that Department from that period, we do not conceive

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conceive that the allowance to Lieutenant Hall can with propriety be admitted subsequent thereto, especially as no such appointment is allowed at other Stations of equal importance with Masulipatam, and at which Committees of Stores are as regularly held.

We have likewise the Honor to state to your Lordship that, Lieutenant Colonel Prescott has reported to us the completion of the repairs ordered at Chingleput, amounting to Pagodas 1787 " being Pagodas 195 " 15 " 60 " less than the original Estimate. He has however represented the necessity he has been under of employing Persons in different capacities during the execution of those repairs from the 15th of August to the 25th of December, at a Monthly expence of Seventeen (17) Pagodas, but which charge, for the want of authority he has not thought himself warranted to include in the general amount. We therefore beg leave to recommend that the charge, which for the whole period amounts to Pagodas 73 " 30 " may be allowed to Lieutenant Colonel Prescott and as the Repairs appear, from the report of the Committee of the Survey held upon them, to have been well executed and the expence incurred thereby certified upon honor, we would further recommend that the

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established rate of per Centage on the Sum of 1787 Pags. the total amount disbursed for repairs may be granted to Lieutenant Colonel Prescott, conformably to the Regulations now in force.

Having received also an application through the Chief Engineer, from Lieutenant Colonel Prescott for a further advance of One thousand (1000) Pagodas, on account of the Works yet remaining in hand at Wallajanbad &c. - We beg leave to recommend that it may be made to him accordingly.

The Agent to the Gun Carriage &c Contractors having forwarded to us the accompanying Bill, amounting to Pagodas 5,138.19.70. for Sundry Articles of Military Store, delivered by him at the Arsenal, and which, on examination by a Committee of our Board, have been found to be composed of good materials, and in every respect fit for the public Service, We accordingly do ourselves the honor to transmit it to your Lordship, and to recommend that it be passed for payment

We have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) " W. Sydenham
" Jn. Richardson
" Wm Gent
" George Hall

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31st December 1796

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The Board approve the Opinion stated

Minutes thereon in the above letter on the application of Lieutenant Hall.

Ordered that Lieutenant Colonel Prescott be permitted to draw his Commission on the Sum disbursed in repairs at Chingleput - and to charge for the extra persons employed in the work.

Agreed also that a further advance of One thousand Pagodas be made to Lieutenant Colonel Prescott on account of the Works yet remaining on hand at Wallanjanbad &c.

Ordered that the Bill of the Contractor for Gun Carriages be paid by a Bill on Bengal.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Montgomery.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c. &c. in Council

My Lord,

From Lieutenant Montgomery setting forth the nature and exctent of his services in the purchase of Horses in the Cuttack and Guzzerat Countries and enclosing a Sketch of his Route.

As the clearest and I would hope the most acceptable mode of bringing the following subject before your Lordship, I take the liberty of inserting extracts from the letters to which it has reference

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reference, and to begin with the Address which I had the
honor of laying before Government under date the 16th October
1794.

"It would be presumptuous in me not to
"allow that the Services I have hitherto rendered as Agent
"for purchasing horses at Arcot has not been fully re-
"compenced, but I trust the Right Honorable President
"will take into Consideration how much the original plan
"has widened since my first appointment, and that he
"will in consequence of the very great distance I have
"occasionally to travel, and the additional expence it
"subjects me to, be pleased to put me in point of
"allowances on a footing with the Hyderabad Agency
"so soon as it shall appear that my exertions are capable
"of performing equal Services in this line, to my
Employers."

Extract of a letter from Mr Secretary Incledon dated
9th October 1794 -

"The Right Honorable President entertains
"will hereafter favourably consider that part of your letter
"respecting allowances, should you succeed in establishing
"a regular supply of horses through the Travancore
"Country on the terms you propose".

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Extract of Mr. Jackson's letter 5th December 1795

"The Right Honorable the President
"in Council has directed me to acknowledge the
"receipt of your letter of the 3d of October and to
"acquaint you, that his Lordship is well pleased
"to find that your active exertions in the
"accomplishment of the object of your appointment
"have been attended with so much success."

My proposals dated 5th December
1795 to deliver annually under a penalty contract,
a number of horses sufficient to keep the Cavalry
complete for (410) Four hundred and ten Rupees
a horse, all expences whatsoever included, without
even any assistance of guards, Troopers &c found
so necessary in other Quarters, the Pay and Batta
of whom might be fairly reckoned in the average
price of each horse, will prove to your Lordship my
idea of the Superiority of the market, and when
it is considered, that horses will be chiefly
procured from Countries situated between the
Gulph of Cutch, and the borders of Persia, a tract
so secure that all the powers of India could not
interupt

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intercept a concerted intercourse with it from hence, it will in future I trust be found practicable to establish measures of drawing our periodical supplies for the remount of the different Corps from this source, which being capable of producing with good management Three thousand horses annually; presents itself as fully entitled to preference, as being cheaper, more productive and more certain than any other hertofore hit upon.—

Such a view of a plan of which I was the first and only suggester and by which I have found means already to purchase 1195 horses in a period less than nine Months, a degree of success which has scarcely attended the exertions of any other agent in half that number of years will I trust be fully entitle me to the favourable consideration of Government, held out in their letter to me of the 9th October 1794.

The Peninsula of Guzzerat and neighbouring district of Cutch which I had occasion to traverse being little frequented by the rest of the Indian world, and still less known to Europeans I have attempted, though I have never made Geography my study, to lay down the different stages

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Stages on my Rout, and such places connected with it as from corroborated information I could establish the position of.

The direction of the Marches I made is marked by a red dotted line, and the distance of each calculated by the walking of a regular paced horse, in a given time determined by a good watch — the bearings being fixed by a compass are I imagine tolerably correct.

The sketch then such as it is, is now respectfully submitted to your Lordship's inspection.

Should it become necessary on some future occasion to send an Officer on the same (I would call it) arduous service through the same unfrequented Countries that I have visited, he may derive an advantage from the enclosure, which I much found the want of.

From your Lordship's goodness therefore I will hope that in viewing the performance, you will judge less of the scanty merit it lays claim to, than of the intention with which under many difficulties the attempt was originally made and prosecuted. I have the [illegible] to be

&c &c (Signed) H.C. Montgomery
Agent for Horses.

Madras
2d January 1797

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Resolutions thereon

Resolved that Lieutenant Montgomery be permitted to draw a Salary of two hundred Pag.s per Month to commence from the date of his appointment as agent for the purchase of Horses on the Coast of Malabar, and to cease on the day of his return to the Presidency.

Resolved that the exertions of Lieutenant Montgomery, in establishing a Market for the supply of Horses from the Cutch and Guzzerat Countries be noticed in the next dispatch to the Honorable Court of Directors.

Read the following letter from Major General Sydenham.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President and Governor in Council

From Major General Sydenham soliciting the Interference of Government in obtaining payment from the Nabob of the amount due to him by his Highness—

My Lord,

The late Nabob of the Carnatic being indebted to me a Sum of Money lent in the year 1779 to enable him to fulfil his public engagements to the Honorable Company long before the Strict prohibition respecting Money Transactions with his Highness had been made known to Individuals in this Country, the Hon'ble Court

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Court of Directors was pleased to consider my claim to be of a nature that merited their attention from the peculiar circumstances which it stood and therefore directed "a representation to be made to the Nabob "on the subject hinting that he would make some "arrangement for its speedy liquidation and not "suffer a deserving Officer to be put to inconvenience on "account of his having chearfully rendered him "pecuniary assistance when he stood so much in need "of it."

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But as such representation to His Highness tho' couched in the strongest terms, has not been attended with the effect which I had presumed to expect from the very particular and decided interference of the Court of Directors in my favor I beg leave to solicit your Lordship's attention to this subject and to request that you will be pleased to cause such intimation to be given to the present Nabob respecting it, as may tend to convince him how much his Honor is concerned in discharging a Debt contracted by his Father under the most solemn assurances of punctual Repayment, assurances to which he himself as

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as being privy to the Transaction can bear Testimony and that he will make an arrangement according to the desire of the Court of Directors, for its speedy "liquidation".

I have taken the liberty to enclose for your Lordships further information, the several papers which relate to this Debt, and as I have been put to great inconvenience in consequence of the late Nabob's neglect to discharge it, especially from the circumstance of having been obliged from extreme ill health to quit India for several Years and exposed to an expence which I could ill afford I hope your Lordship will deem me worthy of your protection and support on this occasion, since in engageing the Nabob to do me Justice it will be complying with the wishes expressed by the Honorable Court of Directors who have appeared to feel for my situation and Sufferings, and since many instances have occurred where particular individual claims on the Nabob, on grounds similar to mine have been put in a train of liquidation, altho not originally comprehended in any of the Classes of His Highness's Debts

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Debts provided for by Government.

I beg leave to add that as His Highness has already complied with one part of the recommendation of the Honorable Court of Directors respecting the arrear of Gratuity due by the late Nabob to General Joseph Smith, which I understand he continues to pay into the Company's Treasury by Monthly instalments, I flatter myself that on your Lordship's representation, he will be disposed to make the same arrangement for liquidating his Fathers Debt to me since no one ought to be more sensible of the Justice of my claim than himself.

I have the honor to be
with the greatest Respect
&c &c
(Signed) W. Sydenham

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John Turing Esqre
Acting Presidency Council

Sir,

Understanding that the unconsolidated Debts of His Highness the Nabob are

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are still open to representation through the channel established by Government. I beg leave to lay before you a claim I have upon His Highness of a nature which I hope will not appear undeserving of your particular notice and attention.

Towards the close of the year 1779 application was made to me at two different periods by the Nabob, through the Medium of his Eldest Son for the loan of 5,500 Pagodas which His Highness had occasion for, to make good the Rests then due by him to the Honorable Company. The Money was accordingly paid into the hands of Mr. Freeman the then Secretary and upon the receipt, Bonds were granted for the amount.

Being at that time unexperienced in Money transactions, and placing the greatest confidence in the punctual repayment of this His Highness, so soon as the Revenues might be collected, I had borrowed the Money of a Friend, Colonel Edward Sames on the same terms on which it was lent to the Nabob my being therefore disappointed in this expectation

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expectation, and the disturbances in the Carnatic soon after commencing, proved of very serious consequence to me and I was obliged to submit to have the Account made up to the 1st November 1780 and to take a fresh Bond for Pagodas 6,000 at which time however His Highness was impressed so strongly with a sense of the justness of my Claim, that, of himself, he caused to be inserted in the Bond, that it should be discharged from the produce of the Vellore Country as soon as Peace might be restored and the Revenues come again under his Management

It may be naturally asked why this Claim has so long been kept back: In answer to which I will ingenuously confess that tho' debarred from making application for Payment, I had hoped that His Highness's recollection in the course of so many Years would have brought the subject to his mind; and that the peculiarity of my case would have disposed him to take that notice of it to which it was so strongly entitled, and I still think this would have happened had not engagements of public consequence interfered, and have no

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doubt but that His Highness will readily acknowledge my claim to be truly stated when he may be applied to for that purpose.

On these strong grounds I venture to hope for your favorable attention to my situation that the speediest means may be taken to obtain His Highness's Answer on the subject, and that you will be pleased to refer it to the decision of the Honble Court of Directors by the next general dispatch — making this letter a Number in the Packet.

I have the honor to transmit a Copy of the Bond with a translation enclosed, and being informed that the Honorable Court of Directors have given the most liberal consideration to several Claims on the Nabob not included in the Consolidated Debts, because they appeared to merit it from the Circumstances that accompanied them; I hope that mine will be found equally deserving of their generous attention as coming from one who has served the Honorable Company with the utmost zeal & fidelity for upwards of twenty two Years in Stations of great Public trust and responsibility, and whose

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whose growing Family have a very material dependence on the success of the present application.

Permit me to add that the circumstances under which the Money was lent, and it's having been paid into the Company's Treasury are incontestible proofs that it stands on the fairest and most honorable Basis.— These considerations together with its being a transaction that passed in an early period of Life and the only one in which I had ever any Money concerns with the Nabob (tho' honored with the good Opinion of His Highness and of every one of his Family to the present hour) entitle it I presume to an issue equally favorable with that of any case that has as yet been decided upon.

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Fort St George
3d June 1790

A true Copy

(Signed) W. Sydenham

To the Honorable Court of Directors
of the East India Company

Honorable Sirs

The liberal consideration which you have

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have ever given to the just claims of Individuals in the Honorable Company's Service, encourages me to hope that the following will appear to merit in an equal degree the honor of your Notice and support.

In the Month of June 1790 I addressed the then President and Council at Fort St George respecting a Sum of Money due to me since the year 1779 by the Nabob of Arcot requesting that my application might be referred to His Highness, and that the result might be reported to your Honorable Court

Being immediately afterwards obliged to embark for China for the recovery of my health, I had no opportunity of knowing the effect of this representation until my return to Madras in the Month of January 1791 when I learnt that Sir Charles Oakeley had been so strongly impressed in my absence with the justice and singularity of my case as to be induced to address the Nabob on the subject in the following manner

"As the affairs of a very deserving "Officer are exposed to much inconvenience from the "delay in acknowledging his claim I trust you will

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will be so good to furnish your Agent with the necessary
Instructions provided the claim be unobjectionable."

The Nabob in his Answer shewed that
he was no less sensible of the peculiar hardship of my
Situation and of his Obligation to do me justice, —
knowing as he did that the Money was paid by me
into the Company's Treasury on account of his Rents
and that only the Public Arrangement made for the
liquidation of his Consolidated Debts could have
prevented his fulfilling the conditions expressed in the
Bond of paying the amount from the Revenues of the
Vellore Country.

That this was the impression on the
Nabob's mind is farther confirmed by his having
acknowledged my claim alone, tho called upon at the
same time to give an answer to the other then before
him.

I beg leave also to request the attention
of your Honorable Court to the circumstance of my
having actually borrowed the Money of a Friend to
accommodate the Nabob upon his earnest solicitation
and the faith of punctual repayment as soon as the
Revenues were collected, and that this is the only Money
transaction in which I was ever engaged at the
Durbar

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Durbar tho' in a situation that would have tempted most other Men to embark in more extensive concerns, but which however I carefully avoided that no imputation of a sinister nature might be laid to my charge while holding a post of Official trust and confidence under the Governor of Fort St George.

It is doubtless natural for every Man to think his own case the best entitled to public consideration, and tho' I do not pretend to be exempted from the same Weakness, yet if not totally blinded & misled by this self partiality, I shall entertain hopes that my claim will be found ad deserving the favor and protection of your Honorable Court as any that has ever appeared before it.

I have the honor to annex herewith the several Papers which relate to this subject, and to which I earnestly solicit the favorable attention of your Honors, as well on Account of it's own merits as of my long and faithful Services, and humbly hope you will be pleased to Order this Debt to be put in such a train of Liquidation as you may deem best suited to the peculiar circumstances

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of the Case.

I have the honor to remain with the greatest Respect

London
25th March 1793

&c &c

(Signed) W. Sydenham

A true Copy

(Signed) Wm Sydenham

Seal of the Nabob
Walla Jah Amir ul Hind

The Sum of Six thousand Star Pagodas
(the half of which is 3000) shall be paid to Mr William
Sydenham Town Major out of the Revenue of the Saghyre
of Vellore with the Interest of twelve per Cent when the
Country is in Peace and the Revenues are collected
by me Dated the 1st November 1750 Christian Style;
being the 3rd of Zeehudge in the 1164 of the Heggra.

A true translation from the Original
Persian Bond

(Signed) David Haliburton
Persian Translator

A true Copy

(Signed) W. Brunton

To

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

May it please your Highness

I beg leave to request your Highness will desire your Agent to answer the References made to him by the Committee appointed to investigate the unconsolidated Debts of your Highness respecting a Claim of Lieutenant Colonel Lydenham for a Sum of Money lent to your Highness in the Year 1779-

As the affairs of a very deserving Officer are exposed to much Inconvenience from the delay in acknowledging this Claim, I trust your Highness will be so good to furnish your Agent with the necessary Instructions provided the claim be unobjectionable - I hope you will give Orders for a reply to be given without loss of time to the different References made to your Highness on similar Subjects which are as yet unacknowledged

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Chas Oakeley

Fort St George
19th of November 1799

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Parry
Sub Sec to Govt

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Lydenham

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Translation

From the Nabob Wallajah to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Dated 9th Shaubaun 1205 Hegery

14th April 1791

Received 14th April 1791

I have received your letter of the 19th November last respecting the claim of Colonel Sydenham on my Circar which having caused to be examined I have directed my Agent Mr. Binny to acknowledge its justness to the Committee appointed on the part of the Company for the investigation of my Debts to the British Subjects.

What can I say more

A true Translation

(Signed) Joseph Garrow
P. S.

A true Copy

(Signed) George Parry
Actg. Depy. Secy.

A true Copy

(Signed) M. Sydenham

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Extract of a General Letter to the Honorable Court of Directors from the Political Department Dated 14th April 1791

Consult. 4th June Para 56

Upon our Records noticed in the Margin

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Margin your Honorable Court will observe a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham stating a demand on the Nabob for Pagodas 5,500 being the amount of Money actually lent in the year 1779 to enable His Highness to make good his Rights, then due to the Company and requesting that his claim might be referred to the decision of your Honorable Court.

57 A Copy of Colonel Sydenham's letter was transmitted to the Committee for Investigating the Nabob's Debts with Orders to refer the Claim to the Nabob's Agents since writing the 31st Paragraph of this letter His Highness has informed us that he acknowledges Colonel Sydenhams demand to be just.

A true Extract
(Signed) George Parry
acty Deputy Secy

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Sydenham

Charles Freeman Esqr.

Sir

Having a claim on the Nabob of Arcot for the Sum of Pagodas 5500 lent by me to his Highness at two distinct Periods in the year 1779 and

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and conceiving this Claim to be greatly strengthened by my having paid the Money into the Treasury at Fort St George on account of the Rists then due by his Highness to the Honorable Company, I beg leave to apply to you, who was then Secretary for a confirmation of this particular circumstance, incase you should have preserved any recollection of a transaction over which so many years have passed, my only hope of which is founded on the singularity of the case, which probably may have kept it in your memory

I have the honor to remain

Somerset Street
18th March

&c &c
(Signed) W. Sydenham

Above Copy
(Signed) W. Sydenham

Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham

Sir

In reply to your letter of this Day's Date, I am myself the pleasure to inform you, that I have a perfect recollection of your having paid into the Honorable Company's Cash at Fort St George about the period you state, two Sums of Money on

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Resolved, in consequence of Major General Lyendam's representation that the following letter be written to the Nabob (entered also in C.C. N.° 6)

To His Highness the Nabob Omdat ul Omrah Wallaujah &c. &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Highness!

To the Nabob requesting him to make an immediate arrangement for liquidating the amount due from His Highness's Father to Major General Lyendam—

Sir Charles Oakeley the late Governor has the honor of addressing a letter to your Father on the 11th. of December 1793 by the express Commands of the Honorable Court of Directors urgently to requesting that measures might be taken for the immediate discharge of the Debt due by his Highness to Major General Lyendam. Not finding that any answer was returned to this letter (although on a former occasion Viz.t the 11th. of April 1791, His Highness fully acknowledged the fairness and justice of the Claim) and having been solicited by the General to represent to your Highness the inconvenience he has sustained, and the difficulty under which he has labored, in consequence of the payment of the Debt having been so long with held cannot

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cannot refrain from addressing you on the subject and expressing an earnest hope that you will give to the case of this deserving Officer, the consideration to which it is entitled.

I have to remind your Highness that the debt was incurred in the Year 1779, by an actual advance of Cash, at a time when the pecuniary distresses of your Father were so great as to take from him the means of fulfilling his engagements with the Company - that the advance was made at your particular desire, under the most Solemn assurances of punctual repayment as specified in the Bond bearing date the 1st of November 1780, so soon as the War then raging in the Carnatic should be at an end - that the Circumstances under which the Loan was negotiated the amount having been paid into the Company's Treasury by General Lyndenham and the Receipts of Mr Secretary Freeman sent to the Nabob upon which the Bond was granted are incontestable proofs of it's standing on the most fair and honorable grounds - and that if any thing could add to the obligation which you owe to this Officer for stepping forward at such a

moment

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on account of the Visits of His Highness the Nabob of Arcot. What the particular Sums were I cannot now ascertain, but as it was the only instance I ever knew of your having any concern of the kind, I have no difficulty whatever in recalling this Transaction generally to my remembrance.

Conduit Street
15th March 1793

Sam
Yr. Hs
(Signed) Chas. Freman

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Sydenham

Extract of Court's Political Letter to Fort St George
Dated 25th June 1793

Para 108 "We have received a Letter from
"Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham, a Copy whereof is enclosed
"on the subject of a Debt claimed from him by the Nabob
"of Arcot. From the peculiar circumstances upon
"which this demand upon His Highness stands, we
"are induced to direct a representation to be made
"to the Nabob on the subject, trusting that he
"will make some arrangement for its speedy
"Liquidation, and not suffer a deserving Officer to be
last

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put to inconvenience on account of his having cheerfully rendered him pecuniary assistance when he stood in need of it

True Copy

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Extract of a letter from Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. to His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

Dated Fort St George 11th December 1793.

May it please your Highness!

I have the honor to address your Highness, by the express Command's of the Honorable Court of Directors to represent the real concern they feel in the delay that has arisen in the discharge of certain private Claims upon your Highness; which from a respect for your Honor and dignity, the Company are most anxious to see adjusted.

The claims on account of which I am instructed to call your Highness's attention are the following; and as you may be desirous of learning the sentiments of the Court of Directors on each, I beg permission to transcribe their own words.

"We.

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"We have lately received a letter from
Several Legatees of the late General Joseph Smith
a Copy whereof is forwarded in the Packet requesting
we would again interfere with the Nabob on the subject
of the arrears due on account of His Highness's annuity
"to the deceased, In addition thereto to ourrepeated
"directions herein we desire that another pressing
"application be made to the Nabob in our Name
"intreating him to discharge those arrears with as
"little delay as possible that the intentions of the
"Testator who has disposed of their amount, in tokens
"of kindness towards some of his intimate freinds
"and in Aid of Charitable Institutions may be
"fulfilled: feeling as we do the highest Respect for
"the memory of General Joseph Smith we are anxious
"to be thus earnestly solicitous with the Nabob for
"the liquidation of those arrears and His Highness
"cannot more strongly evince his sense of the
"General's former Services to him than by enabling
"his Executors to carry into effect the benevolent
"purposes of his last will and Testament."

"We have received a letter from
"Lieutenant Colonel Lysenham, a Copy whereof is
enclosed

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"enclosed, on the subject of a Debt due to him by the
"Nabob of Arcot from the peculiar Circumstances upon
"which this demand upon his Highness stands, we are
"induced to direct a Representation to be made to the
"Nabob on the subject trusting that he will make some
"Arrangement for its speedy liquidation, and not suffer
"a deserving Officer to be put to inconvenience on account
"of his having chearfully renounced all pecuniary
"assistance when he so much stood in need of it.

I only with confidence that your Highness will afford me the means of Communicating to the Honorable Court of Directors by the first opportunity the pleasing information of the Complete liquidation of the demands above stated, for I am convinced it cannot be necessary, after what had been said on the subject to remind your Highness of the disappointment that will be felt in the event of any further delay.

(Signed) Chas Oakeley

A true Extract

(Signed) William Sydenham

Resolved

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moment to relieve the distresses of your Father, it would result from the circumstance of his having actually borrowed the Money from a Friend, on the very same terms on which it was lent. Money which he has long since been forced to repay with a heavy interest.

It is known to your Highness that General Sydenham was compelled from extreme ill health to quit India for several Years and that his Situation and sufferings induced the Court of Directors to enjoin their representatives at Fort St George to point out to the late Nabob, how much His Honor was concerned, in the immediate discharge of a Debt so contracted - I saw to add that as your Highness was privy to the transaction, and indeed the medium through which the Loan was made, I cannot have a doubt upon my mind that you will see the necessity of rendering to General Sydenham that Justice to which he is so eminently entitled.

I rely with confidence therefore that your Highness will take immediate measures for the payment of the debt or at least that you will make an arrangement for its speedy liquidation.

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

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Read the following letters from the Sub Secretary at Bengal.

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary at Fort St George

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal - acquainting of the authority given to the Residents at Poonah and Hyderabad to raise Cash for Payment of the Nizam's Peishcush on their Bills on the Government General—

Sir,

I am directed to request you will acquaint the Right Honorable Governor in Council that the Residents at Hyderabad and Poonah have been authorized to take up money from time to time for bills on the Governor General in Council to be appropriated towards the discharge of the Peishcush of his Highness the Nizam

The Resident at Hyderabad has been directed to report regularly to the Governor in Council the Sums which may be raised by him and the Resident at Poonah by this means.—

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
Fort William
the 16th December 1796
(Signed) I Thornhill Sub Secy

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary at Fort St George

From the Secretary at Bengal - French Privateer captures three Pilot Schooners in Balasore Roads

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit to you the enclosed extract from a letter from

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from the Assistant Master Attendant to be laid before the Right Honorable the President in Council, with the request that it may be communicated to the Officer Commanding his Majesty's Ships at Madras or Trincomale

I have the honor to be

Fort William
the 27th December 1796.

Sir &c.
(Signed) G. H. Barlow
Secy to the Govt

Extract of a letter from the Assistant Master Attendant
Dated Mud Point 26th December 1796.

I have to inform you that the Ranger Schooner has just now anchored by me at mud point having been taken by the French and retaken by the Lascars.

As nearly as I can learn from the people about seven days ago the Cornwallis, Ranger and Hay Schooners being in the Roads in fourteen fathoms Water were about Sunrise or a little after all taken by a french privateer, Named the Les Espiece Commanders name Le Daze force 20 Guns having an Arab Ship in Company her prize the Privateer took the Guns and small Arms from the Ranger and Cornwallis and has Armed and manned the Hay Schooner, which with the Privateer

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Privateer and Arab Ship remained in the Roads, having sent off the Ranger and Cornwallis to Sea on a S.E. Course: on the 2d day the Lascars on board the Ranger rose and retook her, hearing one Frenchman over Board and putting the other three in Irons. They in coming back with the Vessel saw nothing. They came close round point Palmyra and up the pipley Channel, so that very likely the [illegible] is yet remaining in the Roads, pecking our Schooners [illegible] now proceeding to give the [illegible] inform[illegible] Vessels in the offing

(Signed) G

Read the following letter from Ma[illegible]

General Floyd.

Right Honorable the Governor in Counc[illegible]

My Lord,

The Detachment under Major Hall[illegible] has failed in the attempt to take Tombor Goundeny the escape of that Marauder, and it does not appear b[illegible] any intelligence from the Major, or from Mr Hurdis

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From the Commandant in the Southern Division an unsuccessful attempt was made to seize Tombo Goundeny. The Vencatachy Polygar takes himself to the Hills

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Acting Collector, that they are certainly informed of the place of his Retreat.

As the Detachment passed Verapatchee that Polygar fled to the Hills, and there is no account in my Letters down to the 31st December Ultimo that he had returned. It was not thought advisable to follow him on account of the mortality to be expected from these unwholesome [illegible] uncertainty of [illegible]

[illegible] ment has hitherto [illegible] Mr Hurdis imagines [illegible] ommary, a great Feast at Pylney [illegible] ume, which might afford an opportunity of carrying into effect your orders concerning him. In this View the Barracks there are occupied by four Companys and a Gun under Lieutenant Smith as if stationed for the usual protection of the Feast and of the Country. Major Halliburton with the remainder of his Detachment moves about within a march both of Verapatchy and of Pylney.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J Floyd Majr

Poultry Plain
January 10th 1797

Read

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Read the following letter from the Military Board.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

We have the honor to forward enclosed

From the Military Board proposing an Establishment of Puckallies Doolies and Artificers for the different Corps composing the Army and Regulations on the occasion.

your Lordship in Council in consequence of your

under date the 10th ultimo - Statement of the Esta[illegible] of Artificers which appear to us necessary for the different Corps of the Army, and to recommend its adoption with the Regulations accompanying it

With respect to the Estimate of Camp Equipage for the different Corps, We beg leave to recommend that it be defered until the Regulations for the Store Department (of which it will compose a part) are ready, which there is every reason to expect will be the case in the course of the present, or next Month.

We have the Honor to be

&c &c

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(Signed) " W. Sydenham
" Jno Richardson
" Wm Gent
" George Hall
" Statement

Statement of Packallies Dooleis and Artificers of the different Corps composing the Army 1814

				Establishment Peace										War										
				Artificers										Dooleis		Artificers								
				Quarter Master Serjeants to Battalions	Pay Serjeants to Companies	Packallies	Carpenters	Armorers	Smiths	Masons	Bullock Boys	Children	Children	Packallies	Dooleis	Masters	Bearers	Masters	Cleaners	Armorers	Smiths	Masons	Bullock Boys	Children	Children
Cavalry	European	A Regiment		4		12	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	18	36	6	216	1	2	4	2	2	2	2
"	"	A Troop				2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	6	1	36	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	Native	A Regiment		4		6	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	7	12	2	60	1	2	4	2	2	2	2
"	"	A Troop				1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	2	"	10	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Artillery	European	A Battalion		4		10	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	15	45	7	252	1	3	4	2	2	2	2
"	"	A Company	detached			2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	"	"	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Infantry	European	A Regiment		6		20	2	4	2	2	2	1	1	36	106	18	636	1	3	5	2	2	2	2
"	"	For 100 Men		"		3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	4	10	1	60	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	Native	A Battalion		6		10	2	4	2	2	2	1	1	12	15	2	75	1	2	5	2	2	2	2
"	"	A Company		"		1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	"	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Two Companies of Gun Lascars				"		2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	1	"	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Pioneers		The Corps		3		6	1	"	1	1	1	"	"	6	6	1	30	1	2	"	2	2	2	"
"		A Company		"		1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	"	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

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Regulations

Artificers

1 When Detachments are ordered from a Regimen
or Battalion, the Commanding Officer of the Corps is to direct
a proportion of the Artificers to move with it, but if it shall
happen from the particular distribution of a Corps into
separate Detachments that the established number shall
not be found sufficient, the Commanding Officer of the
Corps will state the Circumstance to the Military Board
in order that the extra charge which shall appear necessary
in such case may be authorized.

2 A Detachment consisting of half a
Regiment of European Infantry or half a Battalion of
Artillery or Native Infantry, besides a due proportion of
the Established Artificers of the Corps, and half the
Quarterly Allowance for Materials, shall be allowed while
so detached one Chicklecar and one Chuckler Extra, who
are to be indented for one, and to be supplied by the Paymaster
of the Station.

3 Half of each Corps of European or Native
Cavalry when detached to be furnished with one Armorer
from the Establishment of the Corps, and to draw half
the Quarterly allowance and shall be allowed extra
while

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while detached, One Carpenter, One Smith, One Hammerman
One Bellows Boy, One Chuckler and one Chuckler
to be supplied in the same manner as directed in the
foregoing Article.

4 As Native Officers cannot work with
many of the Tools used by Europeans they are only to be
furnished from the Public Stores with the following
Articles, which are to last for the periods undermentioned
and are to be indented for accordingly in the Month
of January;

Annually

For each set of Smiths - Bellows pair - 1
each Armorer - Files of sorts - 12
Hand vice - 1
For the Corps - Plate Screw with Taps - 1

Every two Years

For each Armorer - Bench Vice - 1
each Hammerman Hammer Sledge 1
For the Corps - Compasses Sharp 1
Hammers Claw 1
Hand 1
To Repair Hammers & Vices Steel Do 10.

Every three Years

For each Set of Smiths - Beak Iron large 1

All other Tools are to be found by themselves, as has been
the constant practice in the Arsenal of Fort St George -

5 The Establishment of Artificers and of
a Sum to be drawn quarterly for Materials is deemed
ample for keeping the Arms and Accoutrements of each
Corps in Repair, with the exception only of new
Stocking and new Brass work, which may sometimes be
necessary

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necessary occasionally to admit of Exchanges of Arms from the Stores but as this necessity is not likely to occur often, and as it becomes proper to ascertain how far the expence of the Regimental Establishment of Artificers and the Sum allowed for Materials is beneficial to the Service; the Storekeeper, or Officer in charge has therefore been directed in the Government Orders of the 23rd September last, to send Reports to the Military Board; of the actual state and condition of all the Fire Arms delivered to them from Corps in exchange for others and no repairs are to be allowed in the Arsenal or other Storehouse for the Arms that shall have once been delivered to Corps, except in the cases abovementioned; or for a Complete Set when exchanged. If the Barrel of a piece has become so thin as to make it unsafe to use it any longer, it must be exchanged but the Repair of any part of a Firelock for which Materials are allowed must be done by the Artificers of the Corps.

Doolies

1 Each Doolie with European Corps to have Six Bearers with Native Corps five A Mastrie to Six Doolies

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Establishment of Artificers
Fix'd pieces for the different
Corps published in General
Orders

Ordered that the Statement of the Establishment of Artificers, and the Subjoined Regulations be published in General Orders.

Death of Captain William
Kennedy of the Infantry

The Secretary reports to the Board the Death of Captain William Kennedy of the 1st Battalion 8th Regiment of Native Infantry at Masulipatam on the 4th Instant

Wm Petrie

Edw Saunders

E Falkofield

G Fullerton Esq

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Diary

11th Received the following Letter from the Military Storekeeper.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President Governor &c. &c. &c.

In Council.

My Lord,

I have just received the enclosed from Mr. Bishop, which at his request I lay before your Lordship.

From the Military Storekeeper. Mr Bishop repeats his Offers to make up the Gun-Powder required by the Company, on Contract.

I take this opportunity to observe to your Lordship, that the Season for making Gun powder is already Commenced, and the Repair of the Powder Works is not yet begun, although an account of the necessary repairs has been laid some time before the Military Board. I am, with Respect

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Webb
Mr. Storekr.

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9th January 1797.

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2 The Calculation of Doolies to the European Artillery and Infantry being in the proportion of one to ten Men the same proportion is also to regulate Insents for Doolies for parts of Regiments Ballations or Detachments of those Corps, as also for European Recruits marching from the Presidency to Out Garrisons on their Arrival from Europe; - Where a Battalion of Sepoys in the Field is not complete, Doolies are to be Dixon for in the proportion of one to 75 Men -

Puckallies

1 In the Field one Puckally is allowed to each Field Officer, and one among the Staff of the Regiment or Battalion - One Puckally is to be allowed in the Field to the Detail of European Artillery with the Guns in Line, between each Regiment or Ballalion of Infantry, but when a Company of Artillery in the Field is kept together, no more than three Puckallies are to be allowed to it whenever the Strength of a Company

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Company of Artillery shall be equal to, or exceed 100 Men present at any Station, three Puckallies are to be drawn for it in time of Peace and four for the same number in the Field.

2 Two Puckallies above the Peace Establishment are allowed to each Battalion of Native Infantry and one additional to each Regt of Native Cavalry in the Field on account of the increased Number of Officers &c on the New Establishment.

General Regulations

1 All Indents for Tents Puckallies and Doolies, are to express the Number of Officers and Men for which those Articles are required.

2 Indents for Carriage Bullocks Lascars and Bamboo Coolies, are to specify the Number and Description of Tents for which they are wanted.

(Signed) W. Sydenham
" Jn Richardson
" Wm Gent
" George Hall

Ordered

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To
Wm. Webb Esqr.
Military Storekeeper

Sir,

In June last year I had the honor to lay before you a Proposal for making Gun Powder by Contract, requesting at the same time you would be pleased to submit it to the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor and Council; and which you was pleased to inform me had been done. —

Having heard nothing of the business since that time, I am apprehensive my proposal has not been understood, and therefore take the liberty to enclose you an Account; wherein the advantages that will accrue to the Honorable Company by accepting my Proposal

are

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11th are plainly Stated, and which I should think may deserve the consideration of Government.—

As I have reason to conclude such Terms would not be offered by any other Person, I take the liberty to request you will please to lay it before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.—

I am with Respect

Fort St. George
9th January 1797.—

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) B. Bishop

Comparative

194. N.

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Comparative Statement of the present mode furnishing that Article by Contract.–

One Month

Present mode of Supply.–

600 Barrels or 72 Candy P Month on an Average –
of Pagodas 30 P Candy 2,160.–.– 2,160.–.–

Repair of the Mills in 1791 & 1795 as P
Estimate recorded in the Military Board
Office was ..... 7,178.11.30.

which Sum devided by 2 gives a mean –
for one Year's Repair ..... 3,589.20.55.

a tenth part of the latter Sum is the proportion of
expense for 72 Candy as above and gives the Cost
P Candy Pagodas 3.1.–.11.1.–.25. ..... Pagodas 358.12.60. 2,581.12.61.

Five Years

720 Candies P Annum gives for 5 Years –
3,600 Candy at Pag.s 3.1.–.11.1.–.25. is ..... 125,698.–.11.10.
1000 Barrels, or Two hundred Candy imported
from Calcutta Annually at Pagodas
153 P Candy ..... 153,000.–.– 168,698.11.10.

Pagodas .... 168,698.11.10.

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(Signed) B. Bishopp
Dep.t Com.y Stores

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of Supplying Gunpowder with the Proposed Terms of
Fort St. George 9th Jan.y 1797.

Proposed method of Supply by Contract

600 Barrels or 72 Candy @ Contract at
Pagodas 33 ... @ Candy, Repairs included is ..... 2,376. - -

Balance in favor of the Contract ..... 112.12.61.

Pagodas ... 2581.12.61.

3600 Candy at Pag.s 33 ... @ Candy is ..... 118,800. - -
1000 Barrels, or Two hundred Candy in lieu of that quantity
imported annually from Calcutta at Pag.s 33. @ Candy
is Pag.s 6,600 @ Annum and for 5 years. 33,000. - - 151,800. - -

Balance in favor of the Contract ..... 16,898. - -

Pagodas 168,698.11.10.

NB. Exclusive of the above saving I have proposed to take the Mills on the
State they now are, by which, at least an additional saving of near Two
Thousand Pagodas will be added to the above. -

Received

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Received also the undermentioned

Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52.-

From the Commandant at Chunder-
-nagherry -- = nagherry - representing the frequent Robberies and -
Murders that are committed on the Neighbourhood of
that Place. --

From Lieutenant Colonel Murray -

From the Commandant of the 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry returning the Bond transmitted to him on the 29th Ultimo duly executed, but expressing his Expectation that he will be permitted to draw the regulated allowance on account of Sundry Saddles which he has formerly supplied for the publick Service. --

From the Military Paymaster

From the Military Paymaster General General - enclosing Copy of a Representation made by the Paymaster at Trincomalee of the Insufficiency of the Sum allowed him for keeping up his Establishment of Official Servants. --

From Ditto - enclosing an additional

From Ditto -- nal Estimate for Pagodas 5,200 required by the Deputy
Kings

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11th Kings Paymaster General for the Current Month.—

From Dutch Prisoners of War.—

From Sundry Dutch Officers Prisoners of War. soliciting payment of their Subsistence from the Date of the Surrender of Columbo to the Day on which they arrived at Madras.—

From Lieutenant Ahier requesting

From Lieutenant Ahier of the Infantry.— Payment of the Arrears of Allowances due to him from the Date to which he was paid at Amboyna.—

12th Received a Letter from the Rajah of

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Calastry. Calastry entered in C.C. No. 7. promising to use every exertion in his power to apprehend the European Soldiers who have deserted from the Mount.—

Received also the following Letters—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council.

My Lord,

From Captain Bowles requesting the Intercession of Government with the Nabob to procure Payment of the Amount due to him from His Highness.— I have the honor herewith to lay before your Lordship a Statement of my claim against

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against his Highness the Nabob Wallajah the —
Nature of which has been so fully already —
explained to Government that it will I trust be un-
=necessary in me to encroach on your Lordships
time by any further explanation of the proceedings
adopted with respect to them — but in consequence
of these proceedings I am given to understand —
this the Honorable Court of Directors had
approved of the Claim in question and that
they had been pleased to send out orders to
Forward it with several other Number to the
Nabob for acknowledgement I am therefore —
induced to trouble your Lordship and humbly
beg in the event of his Highness the Nabob
having delayed a reply to this claim that your
Honorable Board will be pleased to take it
into

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into your further consideration that I may have that justice done me which your Lordship is so ready to enforce and which my services to his Highness so fairly entitle me to— I am my Lord about to take my departure for Europe and in Consequence anxious to put my affairs in the best train of Arrangement which I hope will plead my excuse for having taken up so much of your Lordships time.—

With great respect

Madras
12th January 1797.—

&c.a &c.a
(Signed) H.B. Bowles
Capt.n Cavalry

D.r

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Dr. Captain H. B. Bowles in Account Current

		Pags. F. C.
1777. £		
October 11. To Cash Received		P. - -
Novr. 20. To D. D.		P. - -
1778 £		75. 2. 64.
January 3. To D. D.		P. - -
Febry. 27. To D. D.		P. - -
28 To D. D. One Thousand Tinnevelly Chuckrams at 18 3/4 Gold Fanams exchange per Pagoda from Muhammed Eitabar Cawn Fousdar of Tinnevelly	533. 19. -	
	16. - -	
June 3. To D. D. Thirty Chuckrams at D. Exchange	17. 14. -	
" To D. D. from Muhammed Eitabar Cawn		
Cash Received		79. 35. 64.

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with His Highness the Nabob Wallajah Per Contra Cr.

1778 December	1st	By my Pay as Lieutenant of Cavalry from the 1st June 77 to the 30th November 78 at 112 Pagodas Pr. Month	756.—	
"		By full and half Batta as Do. from Do. to Do.	186.16.64	
"		By Adjutants allowance and Stationary from 6th October 77 to		29 7.25.60
"		By Expences for Building a Line of Stabling for Sick Horses by Order of Ameer ul Omrah Bahauder Captain General &c. &c. &c.	10.—	
1780 June	1st	By full Batta a Lieutenant while on Service in the Tinnavelly Country from 1st June 79 to 31st May 80	390.16.64	
		Total	1970.17.28	
		Cash Received	797.35.64	
		Balance due from the Nabob	1572.23.114	

(Signed) Henry B. Bowles
Late Captain of Cavalry
in His Highness the
Nabob's Service.—

N.B. The Sums 756 Pagodas 186.16.64 297.25.60 and 10 Pagodas, His Highness Granted a Tunka for in April or May 1779 on Tinnavelly, in 1781 the Fauzdar of that Province gave me a Hakkeevaseele for the Nabob Certifying I had received only 533 Pagodas 19 fanams or 1000 Tennevelly Chuckrums in part payment, which Hakkeevaseele I delivered to His Excellency Ameer ul Omrah, in May 1784 after my Enlargement from the Mysore Country.— (Signed) H. Bowles

a true Copy (Signed) J. Landon
for the Committee

a true Copy (Signed) H.B. Bowles, Capt. Cavalry

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No 12.

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary Military Department

Sir

I am under the necessity of enclosing

From the late Contractor for Army Clothing solicits the decision of Government on a point in discussion between himself and Major General Gells respecting some Clothing delivered on Indent to the 1st Battalion of Artillery & which out of his account by the Clothing Committee. —

Copies of three Letters No 1. 3. & 5 to Major General Gells with his Answers No 2 & 4 on the subject of Military Clothing I also enclose Extract of a letter No 6 to the President of the Committee on Off reckonings and Colonel Brown's reply No 7.—

As the Comm.r has seen Major General Gells's receipt for the Clothing in question I have in hope the point might be settled without this reference But as it cannot I must request you to lay the Papers before Government and to inform me on whom I am to call for Payment of the deducted Cloathing for Nine Serjeants and one Corporal provided by me under Official Authority — I have the Honor to be

Sir &c. &c.

Fort St. George (Signed) Wm. Dring

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To General Tho.s Gils

Commanding the 1.st Batt.n Artillery

Sir,

The Committee for offreckonings having deducted the Clothing for Nine Serjeants and one Corporal from the Indent made on me for the 1.st Batt.n of artillery under your Command as so much remaining in Regemental Store, I am authorized to request you to return that Number which is struck out of my accounts; in order that I may deliver it to, and receive payment from the present Contractor. — The bearer will deliver you a Rect.e for them. —

I some time ago informed your Quarter Master that I had Infantry Cloathing for five Men now belonging to your Batt.n Viz.s John Mackenzie Daniel Stroud Thomas Singers Daniel Sutherland & William Taylor received from the II.th Battalion, and I have now the Honor to inform you that the Clothing for Tho.s Towel and James Robertson received from the 1.st Batt.n European Infantry into your Batt.n —

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Batt.n is on my profession I will either send this Clothing to you or estimate it at the cost, in case you wish to retain the Clothing struck out of my Acco.t and allow me Contract price for it— as your Answer is necessary to this point I will not send a Muster until you favor me with it.—

I have the Honor to be
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Wm. Dring

Fort St. George
Dec.r 17,96.—

To Major General Thomas Giels

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date informing me that you do not hold yourself accountable for the Cloathing deducted from the Indent for the 1st Batt.n of Artillery I must of necessity lay it before the Comm.r in Ch.f on Observations who may probably think it advisable to hand it to the Commander in Chief.—

I have the Honor to be
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Wm. Dring
Fort St. George
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To Major General Thomas Giels

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 29th requesting me to make a reference to Major General Clarke regarding the Clothing of the 1st Battn. of Artillery — I am of opinion it would be improper in me to trouble him on the subject and that I might be liable to censure for it as the Offreckoning Comtee are purposely appointed to arrange and settle my Cloathing Accounts, I shall lay your letters before the Committee and must be guided by their determination. —

I have the Honor to be

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30th Dect. 1796 —

&c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Dring

To William Dring Esqre

Sir,

Having given over the Regimental Charge of the 1st Battalion to Lieut. Colonel Saxon, I handed him your Letter of the 24th Instt. with

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to
12. with a desire he would enquire into the subject of it and give you every satisfaction in his power.—

I am sorry to acquaint you, that this enquiry has produced nothing satisfactory, nor does either Lieutenant Colonel Saxon or myself, exactly comprehend what Major Clarke or the Committee mean by the deduction of the Cloathing in question,

I think you had better apply to the Commander in Chief,— who will never condescend, to allow you, to be held accountable, for an act you had no concern in, but direct your being paid, for the full Amount of the Indent, which bore the Signature, of the adjutant General of the Army.—

And no injury can derive from such a measure to the Service, for if even the nine Serjeants and one Corporal's Coat, should hereafter appear to be Supernumerary to the Number of Men entitled to that Cloathing, they can be carried to the Account of Cloathing Supernumerary in the Regt. Battalion Stores next Year.— for my own part,

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12th I declare, that I do not hold myself responsible, directly, or indirectly, for Major Clarke's Indents, or any other act of his, during the suspension of my Authority, in the Command of the 1st. Battalion of Artillery. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

St. Thomas's Mount
29th Decr. 1796. — (Signed) Thomas Geils

To William Dring Esqr.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter, and have particularly to request that mine to you of this date may be laid before Major General Clarke the Commander in Chief as before suggested — who will give such Orders on the Subject of the First Battalion Cloathing as he may deem Expedient. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Mount
29th Decr. 1796. — (Signed) Thomas Geils

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12th. his proceeding to England on Furlough. —

13th. Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. N.o 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63. —

To Lieutenant H.C. Montgomery of the Cavalry. —

To Lieutenant Montgomery — commending his exertions in procuring Horses from the Cutch and Guzzerat Countries, and granting him a Salary of Two hundred Pagodas P.r Month, from the Date of his Appointment, to the Day of his return to the Presidency. —

To the Military Auditor General —

To Major General Sydenham — advising him of the allowances granted to Lieutenant Montgomery — the refund demanded of Lieutenant Hall approved — Commission to be drawn by Lieutenant Colonel Prescott on work executed at Chingleput — his Opinion required on contingent Bills presented by Captain P. Moore. — Lieutenant Hufsall of the 19.th Dragoons and Ensign Mitchell of the 36.th Foot, going home on Sick Certificates, to draw the usual allowance of Passage Money. —

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No. 13.

To Major General Sydenham—

To the Military Auditor General.

requiring his Report on the additional Estimate of—
Cash required by the Deputy King's Paymaster—
General.—

To Ditto— advising him of the
To ... Ditto

allowances to be drawn by Mr. Rosenhagen.—

To Lieutenant Prendergast—

To Lieutenant Jeffrey Prendergast

permitting him to proceed to Bombay, on four—
Months leave of Absence.—

To Major Kirkpatrick and

To the Residents at Hydrabad, and Poonah.—

Sir Charles Warre Malet transmitting Copies of—
Intelligence from the Mysore Country, furnished by
Captain Macleod.—

To Mr. Secretary Barlow with

To the Secretary at Bengal.—

Copy of the Intelligence above mentioned.—

To Captain Simpson— directing

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Swallow.—

him to proceed to Bengal, with a Detachment of..
of His Majesty's 33.rd Regiment.—

To Colonel Front permitting—

To Colonel T. Front—

him

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Leave to proceed to Europe on Furlough.—

14th. Received the following Letters.—

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

Inclosed I have the honour to transmit for the Notice of your Lordship in Council Copies of Translates of the latest Intelligence received here from the Coote and Tanjore Quarters, and to be—with the greatest respect,—

From the Resident at Hydrabad with further Intelligence respecting the Situation & Movements of Tippoo Troops, collected from Coote and Tanjore

Yo.a &c.a

Hydrabad (Signed) Wm. Kirkpatrick

6th January 1797.—

Translate of the Report of a pair of Harkarrahs who left Coote on the 27th December 1796 in the evening.—

Syud Ghuffaur Meer Meeran, Bentooree Hoosain Saheb, Bishapah, Soobraw and other

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21st. other Sirdars with three thousand horse, Seven thousand foot, twenty two Pieces of Cannon of great and small Caliber, and twenty Camel-loads of Rockets, are encamp-ed at the Nullah of the village of Bussoorpilly, which is about a Cos and a half from Gooty, seven or eight hundred horse, out of the above Number are gone to Forage in the village of Koongoondlah, Kunchuncelli Chungroor, and other places – These are exclusive of ten or twelve hundred more that have been at forage for a long while past, at Baumpully, Paumree, Purnoly They are in great distress in Camp for want of Pay, which they have not received for these two Months – The scarcity of water also which prevails, as well in the Camp as in the Pettah of Gooty, is another Source of distress. –

* See last Gooty Intelligence

* Mustaun Saheb who had been absent at a festival at Paungondah rejoined the Camp with five hundred horse, and a thousand foot on the 25th December – It is reported that Mustaun Saheb has brought money with him for the payment of

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VI. of the Troops, and that Pay will accordingly be—
issued to them in two or three days.—

Kuttaul Saheb 1st Killedar, and

*See last Goote Intelligence.

Kauder Saheb 2d. Killedar, reside in the Fort of Goote—Papa nair† is gone to Yendygunah, which is about twenty Cofs from Goote for the Settlement and Collection of the Revenue, and during his absence—

†Mustaum Saheb the Aumils Nabob

Gobind Appah, is manager in the Pettah of Goote.

In consequence of the scarcity of water a movement of the Troops was intended—If they advance there is the village of Cadaldoodee about four Cofs in front of Goote where they will meet with water; if they fall back there is the village of Ancentpoor two Cofs in the rear of Goote, where there is Water likewise—But it was not known, whether they would fall back or advance, nor was any day yet fixed upon for their moving.—

A Naik and two pair of—

Harkarrahs had been dispatched to the Kurnool Chief to require Money from him but they had not then returned

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14. returned.—

Venkut Rao had arrived at—
Koampulle from Seringapatam with one hundred and
fifty horse, and five hundred Infantry—The Sultaun
was at his Capital employed in completing its—
Fortifications—It was reported that Ghazi Khan
and Muddoo Khan Beids are coming to join the
Forces at Goati—Except the proposed changing of—
ground in consequence of the scarcity of Water, we heard
of no intended movement of the Forces there to any quarter
whatever.—

The Kunnickgherry Jemendar named
Hurry Naig, from his place of refuge at Koampulle;
sends and lays waste the Villages in the Talooks of—
Adoni, and Kunnickgherry, so that skirmishes take—
place every eight or ten days between the above Jemindar
and Sufder Jung who Commands his Highness's troops
in the Talook of Kunnickgherry Mahommed Ameen
Khan is at Paugtoor, but it is said that after the
Month of Rujjib he will proceed to Kurpah.—

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True Translate
(Signd) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Aff.t.

True Copy
(Signd) J. A. Kirkpatrick
assistant

Translate of a Paper of Intelligence from Secundis Ghur (Taurmurie) dated the 28.th Jamaad ul Sanie, or 29.th December 1796.— received by the Durbar.—

On the 27.th (Jemaad ul Sanie) news arrived from Pungoondah, that Mustaun Saheb and other Talookdars who had gone thither for the celebration of a Festival had received orders from Seringapatnam to return on the instant to their respective Talooks.*—

The Body of 3,000 new Levies† ordered to Seringapatnam had reached Pungoondah and had proceeded onwards to the Capital. This body of Infantry has attached to it ten Guns, ten Tumbrils, ten Carts loaded with Shot, and ten Camel loads of Rockets.—

News is arrived from Goote stating that a pestilence† has broke out there, which sweeps off both

*See report of the Harkarahs.—

†See last intelligence from Goote

†The Residents Harkarahs who left Goote on the 27.th are silent as to the Pestilence.—

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14th both Man and beast — that in consequence hereof Syed Ghuffaur and Bintooree Hoosain Saheb have moved their Camp from it's late position to some other— There is also a scarcity of Water at Gooty— Moreover in consequence of a report prevailing that Doondiah Rao Saundoah has hostile designs upon Gooty, the— Ryots are abondoning that District and taking refuge else where,— It is likewise said, that the distress for money in the Camp is very great, in consequence of no Pay being forthcoming from the Sultaun— At Seringapatnam they are going on with the— Fortifications— The Koorh (Khoorgha) Rajah having assembled a Force harbours evil designs against the Sultaun. The Sultaun (it is affirmed) has let loose an hundred thieves with orders to go in quest of fine horses, and steal and bring them to him,— wherever they may find them.—

They are busily employed here in making Cannon Shot a thousand and fifteen are already made and each day five more are finished.‖

‖ These are beaten Shot of Course.—

Tippoo

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11. Tippoo Sultaun has heard of the dawk being laid between Hyderabad and this place, and has in consequence posted Harkarahs on his post, all the way hither, in order to procure intelligence; and if any of the Subjects of this State are found in his Territories, they are — immediately apprehended. —

True Translate
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

True Copy
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

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

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before Your Lordship an Appeal from Mr. Assistant Surgeon Carnie, late of the 11th Battalion of Native Infantry in consequence of Retrenchments on Charges made by him on Account of Invalids Stationed in the Garrison of Ryacotah. —

That your Lordship may fully comprehend

From the Military Auditor General — submitting an Appeal made to Government by Mr. Assistant — Surgeon Carnie, respecting a Retrenchment ordered on his Accounts —

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14th comprehend the Nature of this appeal, it becomes necessary to state that Mr. Assistant Surgeon Carnie, stood appointed by the Orders of Government to the 11th Battalion Native Infantry at Ryacottah, & drew the regulated Medical allowances for that situation, & there being a Commanding Officer, with a few Invalids at Ryacottah he was allowed to draw Ten (10) Pagodas P. Month on that account agreably to the General Orders of the 14th December 1793, besides which Mr. Assistant Surgeon Carnie considered himself entitled to draw a separate allowance for the Number of Invalids under his charge, which is expressly prohibited by the concluding part of the Paragraph No. 11 of the General Orders before alluded to Viz. "and at all other Stations "where there are Commanding Officers, Paymasters, or a "few Invalids, and when the Surgeon, may not receive "any of the allowances before mentioned, Ten Pagodas "P. Month."— This allowance of 10 Pagodas per Month was granted to Surgeons or Assistant Surgeons in

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on Stations, where the Numbers under their charge if drawn for agreeably to the different rates allowed by the General Orders of the 11th December 1793, would not produce Ten Pagodas P Month, as was the case at Ryacottah. — It is necessary to add that the Orders of the 7th May 1795 granted by Mr Carnie give an allowance for Servants of 15 Pagodas P Month to Surgeons, & 10 Pagodas P Month to Assistant Surgeons specially appointed to Stations, which is not applicable to Mr Carnie's case, as he was Assistant Surgeon to a Corps only doing duty at Ryacottah, for which he was allowed to charge 10 Pagodas P Month for Servants, & under these considerations he was restricted to the allowance before mentioned. —

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect. — My Lord

Yo: Yo:

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

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Extract from a Paper (without signature) forwarded by Mr Paymaster Hughes to the Military

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14. Military Auditor General and Received 9th January
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Mr. Carnie Assistant Surgeon.—

Appeals to Government from the decision of the Auditor
General confirming the Retrenchments of Sums drawn
by him during the Months of July, August,—
September, October, November and December 1794 and
of January, February March and April 1795 for Invalids
Stationed at Ryacottah.— As Mr. Carnie draws the allowance
for Servants only, an allowance which has been specially
authorized by G: O: of the 7th May 1795 he conceives
that he has a claim to the allowance for Invalids under
the last clause of the 6th Paragraph of G: O: 4th December
1793, and trusts that this will appear evident on—
comparing the two Orders; Mr. Carnie may have been
mistaken in the Form of drawing, but it appears to
him, and he presumes to hope it will also to Government
that he is entitled to the allowance Retrenched by the
Auditor General.—

Truly extracted

(Signed) J. Brunton.
Depy. M. A. Genl.
To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c.a &c.a &c.a

My Lord,

From the Military Board enclosing Estimates of work required to be done at the Powder Mills at Madras recommend the Building of a Terrace at Trichinopoly for drying the Powder at that Station

The Military Store Keeper having represented to us the necessity of considerable Repairs being made at the Powder Mills, We directed the Chief Engineer to examine the Buildings, and, with a Report of their State, and the Repairs required to them to lay before us Estimates of the Expence to be incurred thereby; and it appearing to us, that the Repairs suggested in the Chief Engineer's Report are calculated to render the Mills more permanent and secure, We in consequence do ourselves the honor to submit to Your Lordship in Council three Estimates, amounting to Pagodas 1,617..28..75, for Work to be done as hereafter detailed, and to recommend that the execution of it be authorized —

No. 1, — Estimates for the necessary Repairs to the different Buildings — and for new roofing

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roofing Four Rooms Viz.t One Mill Room, and spare Mill Room, and two Corning Rooms— These roofs to be of two courses of flat tiles laid in Chunam, and three coats of fine Chunam over, instead of the usual covering of Canvas— We here beg leave to observe, that the expence of covering Four Rooms with Canvas,— Amounts to Pagodas 461..... which requires to be renewed every two Years— Whereas the Estimate now submitted for covering the Four Rooms with— flat Tiles in Chunam, Amounts only to Pagodas 183.— and the Annual Repair may be reckoned but trifling so that by substituting the proposed for the present Covering, a saving will accrue of above 60 pr. Cent.—

No. 2— Estimate for new Flooring Four Rooms with plank— Viz.t Two Salt petre— pounding Rooms— One Charcoal pounding Room, and one Sifting Room— Amounting to Pagodas 297..32..28.

We think it necessary here to remark that these Rooms have been heretofore floored with bricks and plaister— which require an Annual Repair— and to the Sand

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VI. from the Plaister, being liable to mix with the Ingredients, may probably be attributed some of the accidents that have happened at the Mills.— We are therefore induced to prefer the Boarded flooring to any other, as more durable and cheaper in the end.—

No. 3.— Estimate for covering the following places with Sheet Lead— Viz.ᵗ Two drying Terraces— Pressing Room— and part of the Corning Room— which it was intended should have been executed in the Year 1795. but was unavoidably deferred from the impracticability of procuring Sheet Lead for the purpose— and the present Covering being mostly corroded with Nitre, it is absolutely necessary that it should be replaced— As there will however be a quantity of old Lead taken up from those places, which may be usefully applied to different purposes in the Arsenal,— We beg leave to recommend that it be sent thither, and brought to account on the Books thereof

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14th thereof, accordingly.—

It being impossible to form an Estimate for fixing the new Mill Stones, We would suggest the expediency of that Work being done without one, and the bill delivered in upon Honor by the Superintending Engineer.—

In conformity with your Lordship's Instructions communicated to Us under date the 25th. Ultimo, We further do Ourselves the honor to state that the Plan suggested by Lieutenant Colonel Trapaud for constructing a Terrace for drying Powder at Trichinopoly appears well adapted to the purpose, and will occasion a considerable saving in the article of Tents — The Estimate amounting to Pagodas 504..3..14. is calculated at the prices which Materials and Workmanship bear at that Station — and We accordingly recommend that the execution of the Building be ordered agreably thereto as.— soon as the Ground can be obtained.—

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We have the Honor to be

My Lord

Fort St. George

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Yo.r Yo.st

(Signed) Alured Clarke

W. Sydenham

Jn.o Richardson

B.y Close

W. Gent

George Hall.

Note The Estimates entered on M.B.

No.s 64, 65, & 66.

To W. C. Jackson Esq.r

Sir

From the Adjutant General recommending the Promotion of Captain Lieutenant John Hall & Lieutenant Leson Reilly in consequence of the Death of Captain Fenwick.

The Commander in Chief has desired me to request you will intimate his Recommendation to the Right Honble the President in Council that the following promotions may be ordered to take place towards completing the Establishment.

Captain Lieutenant John Hall

to be Captain of a Company, vice Fenwick deceased.

date of rank 5th January 1797.

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14th Lieutenant Leeson Reilly to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Hall promoted— date of Rank 5th January 1797.—

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

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14th January 1797.—

(Signed) B.y Close
Adj.t Genl.l of the Army

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

My Lord,

In reply to Mr. Secretary Jackson's

From the Military Auditor General— recommends the issue of the 5,200 Pagodas required by the Deputy King's Paymaster General.—

Letter of the 13th Instant, accompanying an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Deputy Paymaster Genl. to the King's troops for the present Month, I have the honor to report, that I see no objection to the Amount Viz.t— Five thousand two hundred Pagodas (Pag.s 5200/) being advanced from the Treasury, for the Payment of Two Months Subsistence to the 52.d Regiment of Foot lately landed at this Presidency, Viz.t from 25.th December 1796 to the 24.th February 1797, as they do not appear

From—

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11th From the Representation of the Commanding Officer, to have received Subsistence from the Pay Office in England to any later Period than the 21st December 1796.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
W. Sydenham
Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 11th Jan.y 1797.— (Signed)

16th Received the undermentioned Letters

entered in M. B. Nos 67, 68, 69, 70.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton—

From the Commanding Officer in the Guntoor Circar.— enclosing Copy of Intelligence received from Curnoolum and advising of the Relief afforded to the Garrison of Chintapilly in the Article of Provisions.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Pater—

From the Commandant of the 2d Regiment of Native Cavalry.— Soliciting Reimbursement for 247 Saddles which he provided at his own Cost when the 2nd Regiment of Cavalry was last remounted.—

From Captain R. Mealy— enclosing

From the Commandant at Chundergherry.— a Bill for Expences incurred in procuring Intelligence.—

From the deposed Polygar of Pylony.— From Valayden Nayg— representing his

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his long connexion with the Company, and soliciting Release from his present Confinement. —

The following Proceedings of the Medical Board, received, and the Resolutions annexed, passed thereon. —

Medical Board

16th January 1797. —

From the Medical Board — Messrs Humphrage & Vernon arrive with Assistant Surgeon's Indentures. Stations proposed for Messrs Fancourt & Vernon. —

Messrs Benjamin Humphrage and Joseph Vernon having arrived with appointments from the Court of Directors of Assistant Surgeons on this Establishment, We recommend that they may be admitted accordingly. —

approved

We recommend that Mr. Jacob C. Fancourt Assistant Surgeon be appointed to do duty at Negapatam and Mr. Joseph Vernon with the 2nd Battalion of the 7th Native Regiment in his room

approved

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General
(Signed) Colley L. Lucas
Ch. Surgeon —
Sent

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No. 16. Sent, by the Swallow Packet, the following Letter to the Governor of St. Helena.—

To the Honorable Robert Brooke Esq.r

Governor &c.a &c.a &c.a at

St. Helena

Honorable Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your letters dated the 21.st July and 6.th of August last.

To the Governor of St. Helena enclosing returns of non-Effectives & men of bad Character among the Reinforcements lately arrived from that Island, who will be sent back by the first opportunity

In conformity with your desire We have given directions for the return to St. Helena of the Commissioned and non Commissioned Officers &c.a who were embarked with the Detachments for Madras on the Company's Ships Canton and Boddam— They will proceed on the Cinnamon Ships that will sail from Columbo early in the present Season.—

We have the honor to enclose a return of non Effectives and men of bad character belonging to the above Detachments and to observe— that many of them had been sent from India but a short time ago, on account of very bad conduct, having

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16th having been detected in frequent Robberies.— We must — request that in future you will be pleased to give such orders as may appear to you necessary for preventing the Company from being put to the Expence of sending back Men not fit for their Service.—

We have the honor to be with estem

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&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Hobart
&c.a Council

Roll of Non Commissioned Officers that arrived from St. Helena on the Canton and Boddam Indiamen and are embarked on board the Canton by Order of Government to return to that Island. Fort St. George 11th October 1796.—

No.	Names	Rank	Company	Ship arrived on	Remarks
	Hamilton Alex.r	Serjeants	Artillery		
	Aldridge Henry				
	Ryan Edw.d				
	Wells Richd				
5	Byrne Lawrence	Corporal			
	Duefield Geo.				
	Pearson Jas.				
	Plempton Thos				
	Buchanastus Thos	Serjeant	1st Comp.y Inf.y		
10	Burrows Thos				
	Hellmann John				
	Tesdell Willm				
	Broom Thos	Corporal			

Canton

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16th No.	Names	Rank Company	Ship arrived on	Remarks~
	Hatton John	Corporal 1st Comp.y 77		
15	Madden Sam.l			
	Walker Will.m			
	Brown Tho.s	Serjeant 1st Comp.y		
	Jacques John	2d Do.		
	Salser Johannes			
20	Woodland Jn.o			
	Ward Sam.l			
	Scarles Rob.t	Corporal		
	Thompson Will.m			
	West Edward			
25	Wade James			
	Evans Tho.s	Serjeant 3d Comp.y		
	Lane Luke			
28	Lambun Geo.r			
	Allen Will.m	Corporal 3d Comp.y	Canton	Canton
30	Haywood Elis			
	Rushton Joseph			
32	Griffiths Ja.s			
	Hardy Will.m	Serjt. 1st Comp.y		
	Gull John			Bodleam
35	Grignes John			
	Lee John		Bodleam	
	Hodges Tho.s	Corporal		
	Douglas Ja.s			
	Sawyer Edw.d			
40	Heritage Cha.s			

N.B. All the within Named have received Pay up to the 31st of October but no Cloathing or any other allowance at this Presidency. — Ens.n Kay Hodson embarked on this Ship.

(Signed) A. Allan
Lieut.n Major

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No.	Names	Rank Company	Ship Arrived on	Remarks~
	Hatton John	Corporal 1st Compy		
15	Maddern Samel			
	Westley Willm			
	Brown Thos	Serjeant L. Compy		
	Jacques John	2d Do		
	Salser Johannes			
20	Woodland Jno			
	Ward Saml			
	Scarles Robt	Corporal		
	Thompson Willm			
	West Edward			
25	Wade James			
	Evans Thos	Serjeant 3d Compy		
	Lane Luke			
28	Lanthan Geo			
	Allen Willm	Corporal 3d Compy	Carnton	Carnton
30	Haywood Ellis			
	Rushton Joseph			
32	Griffiths Jas			
	Hardy Willm	Serjt 1st Compy		
	Guell John			
35	Grimes John			Boddam
	Lee John		Boddam	
	Hodges Thos	Corporal		
	Douglas Jas			
	Sawyer Edw d			
40	Heritage Chas			

N.B. All the within Named Men have received Pay up to the 31st of October but no Cloathing or any other allowance at this Presidency.— Ens. Mr Kay & Hodson embarked on this Ship.

(Signed) A. Allan
Town Major

a true Copy
Sign'd Danl Ince

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Substance of letters from the Rajahs of Calastry and Vencatagherry Cavel Rauze and Bomrauze

1st Received letters from the Rajahs of Calastry and Vencatagherry and from Cavel Rauze and Bomrauze (as Entered in C. C. N.o 1. 2. 3. — congratulating on the new Years Day.

2d Dispatched the undermentioned letters entered in MB N.o 6.

To the Clerk of the Treasury

To the Clerk of the Treasury authorizing advances of Cash to the Military Paymaster General, Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, and Agent for Bullocks.

To the Acting Principal agent for Bullocks and Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To M.r Sharoon advising him of the issues of Cash ordered for his Employs for the Current Month.

3d Received the undermentioned letters entered in MB N.os 8-9-10-11-12-13.

From the Commandant in the Guntoor Circas

From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton, representing the distress experienced by the Troops at Chintapilly, owing to the Rajahs failure in the customary Bazar supplies of Provisions &.a

From the Chief Engineer

From Lieutenant Colonel Gent. — recommending that M.r Abraham be paid the estimated value of some Stables (his Private Property)

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1st with directions for it's being settled according to equity. The Commissioner of the Court having in consequence made full enquiry into the evidence and witnesses, awarded that the Village taken by the Chitty should be restored to the Villagers, and that the Villagers should pay to the Chitty according to justice the money which they had borrowed. This written award was granted to the Villagers who according to custom received damages from the Chitty When after this the Rajah recovered his Country he from his enmity to me, interested himself in favor of the Chitty, and sent for the abovementioned Villagers whom he cast into confinement — Having also ordered their families and Children to leave the Village he drove them out and put Seals upon their houses: under pretence of settling according to justice that which the Company had unjustly decided, he causes much distress: from these poor people he daily takes three fanams batta, Upon a Representation of this to Mr. Macleod, he sent the award which

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I had been given in the Company's Court to the Rajah and desired him to enquire whether the Commissioners had past a just or an unjust sentence. A whole Month has elapsed, but yet no answer has been received. Many are the awards which the Company's Commissioners have given similar to this: in this alone he persecutes me from his decided enmity against me strong in his power over the Country he commits this Cruelty on account of the distress he gave me. I formerly went to Madras: after my return from Madras he has shewn much of this inveteracy against me and my Servants. I have some horses, but am without any place to keep them. this I have frequently represented to the Rajah, but to this hour no place has been granted. If you will favor me with your advice in what manner I ought to conduct myself in this matter I will immediately conform to it. Besides you I have no resource. To one acquainted with all things why should much be written

A true translation
(Signed) I Webbe
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1st Received the undermentioned letters entered in MB. Nos 1 2 3 4 5.

From the Commandant at Madura representing the necessity of an immediate Repair of the Commandants and Paymasters Quarters.

From the Commandant at Madura

From Messrs Geoghagan and Murray enclosing sick Certificates which they have requested to be forwarded to the Head Quarters of that Corps, and representing as a hardship (under their present Confinement) that they should be returned "absent without leave."

From Captain Lieutenant Geoghagan and Lieutenant Murray of Artillery

From Brigade Major Strachan requesting to be allowed to draw the Pay of a Captain of Cavalry; and the arrears from the Date of the Formation of the Cavalry Brigade.

From the Brigade Major of Cavalry

From Lieutenant Nuthall claiming the same Tent allowance as was drawn by Lieut. C Dallas, while acting as Gram Agent to the Party stationed at Hyderabad.

From Lieutenant Nuthall of the Cavalry

From Lieutenant Colonel Beresford forwarding the accounts of the Deputy Paymaster serving on Ceylon, from the 25th October to the 24th December 1796.

From the Deputy Kings Paymaster General

Received the following letter from the Military Auditor General.

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1st

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council of

Fort St George

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship a Statement in continuation of Payments made to His Majesty's Forces serving under this Presidency, as follows. Subsistence from the 25th June to the 24th December 1794. —

Company's allowances from the 1st July to the 31st Dec. 1794

Your Lordship will observe that the enclosed Six Months accounts are much more concisely stated than those presented on the 14th instant, which alteration has proceeded from my having found that each half Yearly Statement according to the last mentioned Form would require at least two Months to complete, and being anxious to bring up the long arrears of those accounts to the latest period, I proposed to the Military Auditor General at Bengal

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From the Military Auditor General with accounts of Payments made to the Kings Troops to the close of the Month of December 1794 — Remarks relative to a new Form he has adopted for the sake of Despatch.

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1st to adopt in future the Form nearly in which they now appear, and which in a letter he addressed to me under date the 26th of last Month, (Copy of which I have the honor to enclose) he says will sufficiently answer the purposes for which those Accounts are required, with the additions he has suggested and to which I have strictly conformed - I hope therefore my having effected such an alteration from a wish of expediting public Business will meet your Lordships approbation.

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

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Military Aud.r Genl

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
31st December 1796

Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I am honoured with your letter dated the 1st instant enclosing forms of Abstracts of Subsistence and Company's Allowances

or

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1st or Extraordinaries, to the King's Troops proposed to be adopted in future in preparing these accounts to be furnished from your Presidency, which I am of opinion will answer sufficiently well the purposes for which they are intended, especially if Copies of all the Military Accounts of the Disbursements of the several Paymasters at your Presidency, are regularly forwarded to Europe, by the Paymaster General, as is done from Bengal

I beg leave at the same time to observe, that Pay Office Charges and Payments to Officers of the General Staff - not being applicable to any particular Corps, it will be proper to furnish separate accounts of these expences as formerly; and it will be satisfactory to annex to the Abstracts of Company's allowances, remarks respecting the several Regiments expressing whether, during the whole or what part of the periods included in the Abstracts, they served in Cantonments or in the Field; and were in receipt of half or full Batta.

I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) John Murray
Mj. Genl. & Mr. Genl. &c.

A True Copy
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mj. Genl.

Military Auditor General's Office
26th November 1796.