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Roll of Non Commissioned and Privates that arrived from St. Helena on the Boddam and Canton Indiamen — and are embarked on board the Boddam by order of Government to return to that Island — Fort St. George 14th October 1796.

No.	Names	Rank	Company	Ship arrived on	Remarks
16th	Hamilton John	Sr. Major			
	Stanley Willm	Serjt	Artillery		left sick in Gen. Hosp.
	Hayes Elias				
	Collins Danl				
5	Carroll Richd	Corporal			
	Cape Jas				
	Sansfield Jas				
	Dutton Willm	Serjeant	2d Company		
	Ledger Willm				
	Rutherford Thos				
10	Platt Jas				
	Pitt Chas				
	Gudston Jno				Boddam
	Obrien Tenl				
	Beasting John				
15	Broadway Jno	Serjeant	Lt Compy		
	Pasior Martin	Corporal			
	Howse Richd				
	Tuck John	Drumr	Artillery		
	Craig Jas	Fifer			
20	Murphy Christopr	Private			
	Callaghan Dennis		1st Company		
	Cooke Jas				Deemed unfit for the Service
	Dexter Willm				
25	Hart Chas				
	Howe Thos				

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No.	Names	Rank	Company	Ship Arrived on	Remarks
16th	Roughton Henry	Private	1st Company		
	Wade Willm.	"	"		
	Wickham Edwd.	"	"		
30	White Thos.	"	"		
31	Brown Jas.	"	2d Company		
	Beak Anthy.	"	"		
	Fletcher Jacob	"	"		
	Rendall John	"	"		
35	Love Willm.	"	"		
	Mackay John	"	"		
	Miller John	"	"	Boddam,	Deemed unfit for the Service
	Pyington John	"	"		
	Sharrer Robert	"	"		
40	Vincent Edwd.	"	"		
	Vanderpole Willm.	"	"		
	Whalton Benjn.	"	"		
	McEwen John	"	Lt. Comp.y		
	Stouthard Saml.	"	"		
	Yewel Richd.	"	"		
45	Wright Mathw.	"	"	Canton	

N.B. all the within Named Men [illegible] to the 31st of October but no Cloa[illegible] have received pay up allowance at this Presidency. [illegible]ing, or any other

Ensn. Broadway embarked [illegible] this Ship.

(Signed) M. [illegible]

a true Copy
(Signed) Danl. Ince
Depy. Secy.

Town Major

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 71. 72. 73.—

To Colonel Campbell granting him permission to proceed to England on Furlough for the adjustment of his private Concerns.—

To Colonel Dugald Campbell Commandant of Cavalry—

To Major General Floyd desiring him to give orders for the March of the 36th Regiment to Negapatam in order to their Embarkation for the Malabar Coast.—

To Major General Sydenham authorizing an Issue of £300— to the Deputy Kings Paymaster General on account of the Company of the 33rd Regiment lately arrived here on the Princess Charlotte.—

To the Commanding Officer in the Southern Division

To the Military Auditor General.—

At

Fort St. George 17th. January 1797.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor — President
Major General Alured Clarke
Commander in Chief
Edward Saunders Esquire
and
Ernst William Fallofield Esquire

Tuesday 17th. January 1797.

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved.

Read the following letter from Bengal.

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

My Lord,

From Bengal in reply to the letter from Fort St. George of the 17th. December respecting Tanjore.

We have had the honor to receive Your Lordship's letter of the 17th. Ultimo, respecting the Treaty with the Rajah of Tanjore, and beg leave to refer

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refer you to our letter of the 26th Ultimo.

We have the honor to be

Fort William
the 2d January 1797.

&c.a &c.a
(Signed) J Shore
Robt. Abercromby
P. Speke
Wm. Cowper

The President lays before the Board the following Extract of a letter addressed to his Lordship by the Governor General.

The President lays before the Board an Extract of a Letter from the Governor General in which he maintains the Propriety of deferring the adoption of any measures for the Resumption of the Tanjore Country.

Extract of a Letter from the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart. Governor General &c.a To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart dated the 2nd January 1797.

"I am happy to find from your Lordship's "Public Address of the 17th Ultimo, that you have "suspended any measures respecting the Rajah of Tanjore "Our Sentiments on this Subject were communicated to "you on the receipt of the Official Dispatches from Europe "and you will conclude that they contain the only resolutions "that we could adopt, in consistency with our Principles,

and

and former determination.—

A true Extract
(Signed) George Parry
Sub Secy.

Suggestion of the President, and Resolution of the Board, to dispatch the Swallow Packet to England with advices of the Calamitous Consequences apprehended from the Suspension by the Supreme Government of the Court's Orders for reassuming the four Districts of the Tanjore Country—

As it is the fixed resolution of the Supreme Government to allow of no Communication to be made to the Rajah of Tanjore, in consequence of the Instructions lately received from the Honorable Court of Directors the President proposes that the Swallow Packet be sent direct to England, with information to the Honorable Court of the actual State of Affairs.—

The Board approve the Presidents proposition—Resolved accordingly that the Swallow be dispatched for England on Friday next.—

Drafts of Letters to England Swallow Packet read and approved.—

The General letters on the Military and Secret Departments to go by the Swallow having been read and approved—Ordered that they be copied fair.—

Resolutions relative to the Communication to be made to the Supreme Government on the foregoing Subject.—

Resolved that the Supreme Government be advised of the Boards determination to dispatch the Swallow—and that Copies of the General Letters be forwarded to them.—

Resolved

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Resolved that the following passage be inserted in the letter to Bengal.—

"Under a conviction that the pecuniary "demands upon the Tanjore Country, and the desperate "Corruption of the Rajah's Ministers will render the districts "Mortgaged to the Company a scene, of unparalleled rapacety "until the Orders for their final resumption shall arrive "from Europe— and being apprehensive that the Court of "Directors, observing that the official Documents upon "which they had sanctioned, were the same as those upon "which you have annulled the Treaty, might not suppose "the possibility of our not being permitted to act in conse- "quence of their recent instructions— and on that account "forego an immediate communication upon the subject "of those subsequent events, which, by your Commands, "have since taken place in that Country, we are persuaded "that whatever may be the result, you cannot but "approve of our having availed ourselves of the earliest "opportunity to inform the Court of Directors of the "actual situation of Affairs.—

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore.—

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Resident at Tanjore respecting the Conduct of the Rajah's Ministers in consequence of the late Proclamation concerning Loans & the prevalent belief of the President's Intention of proceeding to Tanjore.—

I beg leave to acquaint your Lordship of my having just received Intelligence that the Rajah's Ministers, actuated by apprehension in consequence of the late Public Notices regarding Loans, and by a prevalent Report here that your Arrival at this Place is soon expected, have taken several Steps with a view of covering the real Situation of these Soubahs and particularly the Transactions of Shamia's Agents.—

The measures adopted with the above Intention are briefly, these.— The Sudden Diminution of the Demand on account of the Gunsaulry; the release of Pattuvedars hitherto kept in close Confinement within the Palace; and an order

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Order that those Native Officers who were to have received their Pay by certain Tunkas on the Inhabitants should cease from Demanding any thing due upon those Tunkas.

I have thought it my Duty thus to state what has been represented to me. By tomorrow's Tappal I shall be able to speak more fully on the Subject of these Proceedings.

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Alexr. Macleod
Resr.

Tanjore
9th Jany 1797.

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to England a No. in the Packet per Swallow.

Minute thereon vide Consultation 25th October 1796.

The President desires that the letter from Bengal on the subject of the measures adopted for the relief of Ram Ron's Family may be read.

Letter from Bengal censuring the Steps taken for the Release of Ram Ron's Family read.

Read accordingly.

The President delivers in the following Minute.

President's

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President's Minute In Council 17th January 1797.

President's Minute in Justification of the Measures adopted for the Release of Ram Ron's Family.

The President cannot avoid expressing his concern that the measures adopted for the relief of Ram Ron's Family, have not been approved by the Supreme Government — as a perusal of the several documents upon that subject, have not convinced the Governor General in Council of the propriety of his conduct, he cannot hope that any observations from him, will be attended with any better effect.

Had the honor of the British Government, and the dictates of humanity, made a less forcible impression upon his mind; — had all the circumstances of the case not clearly pointed out, that the Nabob's proceedings upon that subject had already sacrificed the lives of many of the family; — had not the original Petitioners (whose Narrative from the beginning to the end of it has been proved beyond a doubt) expressed themselves in the following Words" — If you should make your intention known "to the Nabob, before your Lordship afford us that

Protection

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"Protection, we tremble to think of the misfortune—
"which will befall us— We therefore pray that in the
"first instance your Protection may be extended to the
"place where Tremul Row, and the other Youths are
"confined; and that the Women and Children at—
"Triplicane may be objects of Secondary consideration".—

The President would certainly have had recourse to the
Customary Forms of Communication with the Nabob—
but had he acted in that manner, under the impression
he had of the whole transaction, and with the Convic-
-tion he felt, that by so doing, he should have—
accumulated distress, misery, and death upon the
Wretched Family, whose Sufferings had nearly carried
them to their graves,— altho' in the face of the Public
he might have stood acquitted, as an official man,
his own conscience must have told him that he was
an accomplice in the most sanguinary, oppressive
and Tyrannical Proceedings that ever disgraced the
Acts of a despotic Government,— and more especially
as he is not aware, what measures the Nabob
would have apprehended, if he had gone to extremities

after

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after a Communication of the President's intimation to interfere in behalf of the unfortunate victims of his avarice and resentment.—

The Nabob, as in his letter of the 23rd. of July, might have told him that, "he was a "Sovereign and Independent Prince; that the very precincts "of the Company were granted to them by his illustrious "Predecessors; and that they are still held by a Tenure "which implies an homage and Service"— and that, "he was bound to consider him in the general relation "of a Sovereign Power, and as such, not liable to be— "controuled in any private acts or personal affairs, by "the local and partial institutions of Great Britain"— and that whilst the Sovereign Pretensions of the Nabob, and the Company's right to exercise the authority of Government, in their own precincts, were under discussion the Family would have disappeared; and a consideration of that treatment to which the Nabob might have been thought entitled, would probably have stifled an investigation, which even if it had taken place could only have terminated in the disgrace of that Government

which

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which had connived at a Scene of Horror and Inhuma-
-nity beyond example.—

(Signed) Hobart

Order thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing
Minute be sent to England a Number in the paichet per
Swallow.—

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

To W. C. Jackson, Esq.r
Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the directions of the Govanor

From Bengal an Advance of 5000 Sa Rupees made to the Detach ment of the 25th Dragoons.—

General in Council to acquaint you, for the Information
of the Right Honble the President in Council, that an
Advance of Sa Rs. 5,000. has been made to the Officer
Commanding the Detachment of His Majesty's 25th Regi-
-ment of Dragoons at this Presidency, on his accountable
Receipts, for the use of the whole Detachment; and that
Abstracts will be hereafter presented at Fort St. George
for Audit, / so soon as the Rates to European Cavalry
on the Coast are ascertained / excluding Horse and
Tent Money which cannot be granted before the
Regiment

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Regiment is mounted.—

I am

Fort William
the 26th. December 1796.—

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) T. Thornhill
Sub Secy.

Minute thereon—

Ordered that a notification of the Contents of the foregoing letter be made to the Military Auditor General.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.—

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General— reporting his Opinion on Captain Moore's Contingent Bills.—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Commands conveyed in Mr. Secretary Jacksons letter of the 13th. Instant, on the subject of Captain Moore's Contingent Charges said to be incurred in marching the 2d. Battalion 7th. Regiment from Guntoor, and to report my opinion thereon as follows—

That the charge of Boat hire for passing various rivers amounting to Pagodas 25..21.—

may

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may be admitted when Captain Moore shall have certified on Honor to the actual Disbursement as pointed out by Your Lordship for Contingent Charges with the Nizam's Detachment and on the Island of Ceylon.—

That as Three Doolies with Bearers are all that the Regulations allow to two Battalions of Sepoys in marching from Station to Station, and two, agreeably to usual practice have been passed to the 2d Battalion 7th Regiment from Guntoor to Madras, I do not conceive that any Increase can be allowed in the present instance, for even admitting that additional conveyance was required for the Sick of the Battalion on its march to the Presidency, it was the province of the Paymaster alone to have supplied it upon Captain Moore's application & on a conviction of the necessity of the case.—

With respect to the Charge for Hircars, I apprehend that the Company ought not to have been put to any expence on that account, as it is an universal custom in this Country for Talliars as Guides to be furnished by the Amildars of the different Villages thro'

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thro which Troops pass, on the requisition of the Commanding Officer, but from Madras to Walajahbad the charge appears totally inadmissible, as the Captain of the Guides was present at Madras to have supplied Hurcarrahs had they been found necessary.—

On a reference to Charges of the Nature of those before mentioned, made by Captain Mc. Lean when the 3d. Battalion Native Infantry marched from Guntoor to the Presidency in the Month of February 1796, I find that Pagodas 24.... 6. Fanams was passed to him by order of Government, which is about the same as what I have proposed to be allowed to Captain Moore.—

Before concluding this subject I beg leave to observe, that as Contingent Charges, exceeding the established Regulations, for the removal of Corps from one Station to another in time of Peace, can seldom occur—they require to be guarded against as much as possible, to prevent their being drawn into a precedent for all similar cases. It will probably appear to your Lordship necessary to publish an Order intimating that no such Charges will be

admitted

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admitted at any time, unless the necessity of them shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Commander in Chief & by him recommended to Government.—

I have the honor to remain with the greatest respect.—

Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St. George 16th Jan.y 1797.—

(Signd) W. Sydenham
Mily. Aud.r Gen.l—

Minute thereon

The Board approve the Opinion given by the Military Auditor General on the Subject of Captain Moore's ~~contingent~~ Charges & it is resolved that a General Order be issued, agreeably to the recommendation of Major General Sydenham, regarding similar charges in future.—

The Reverend Mr. Rosenhagen appointed a Chaplain on this Establishment.—

Resolved, in consequence of the 10th Paragraph of the letter from the Court of Directors in the Public Department under date the 22d of April last, that the Reverend Mr. Rosenhagen, Chaplain of the Suffolk, be a Military Chaplain on this establishment, until the pleasure of the Court can be known.—

To do Duty at Columbo.

Resolved that Mr. Rosenhagen be appointed to do duty at Columbo.—

Colonel Dugald Campbell permitted to Embark for England on the Swallow.—

Resolved that Colonel Dugald Campbell be permitted (having previously delivered in the usual Certificates) to embark for England on the Swallow.—

Messrs. Travers, Fullerton & Wigsell take the usual oath of Secrecy as Assistants in the Military Secretary's Office.—

Messrs. Travers, Fullerton, & Wigsell Assistants in the Secretary's Office, are called before the Board, and the usual Oath of Secrecy administered to each by the President.—

The—

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Death of Captain John Helas of the Infantry —

The Secretary reports to the Board the Death of Captain John Helass of the 1st Battalion 2d Regiment Native Infantry at Dendigul on the 12th Instant. —

" Hobart

" Thos Oakes Jr.

" Con Saunders

" H Fullerton

Fullerton Ed

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Diary

1st

Substance of a letter from the Nabob

Received Letter from the Nabob entered in C.C. No. 8 advising of his having completed the Payment of his Subsidy for the Current Months.

Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 74. 75.

To Clerk of the Treasury directing

To the Clerk of the Treasury

an Issue of 5,200 Pagodas on application of the Military Paymaster General.

To Mr. Roebuck advising him

To the Military Paymaster General

of the above.

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Received the following Letters

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Mr. R. Mackay requesting the Board's Interference to procure Payment of a surplus revenue equal to 3000 Pagodas which he paid to the Nabob while he was collector of the Madura District

I beg leave to address your Lordship relative to a heavy Loss or Deprivation which I have for some time past sustained; It was on due Inquiry it will be found that his Highness the Nabob has actually three thousand Pagodas of my Money, as part

18th part of the Revenue of the Madura Country paid during the late assumption, I trust to the Equity of Government in doing what may be deemed proper in the recovery of that portion of my property. The Circumstances of the Case arose immediately out of my Public Conduct as Collector of Madura. I will briefly state these having before, applied to the Board of Revenue, on the Subject.

The last year of my Collectorship at Madura during the assumption I paid into the Co. Treasury on account of the Nabob near 68,000 Sr. Pagodas as one Year's Revenue of that District.

Owing to the want of the usual Reservation in the Agreement of Annual Rent the Renter of one of the Talooks paid 3000 Pagodas more than he ought to have done by th[illegible] -monly high (68,000 Pagodas) wa[illegible] Revenue uncom[illegible] I addressed the Board of Rev[illegible] paid to the Nabob Renter of the Talook had actually [illegible] showing that the over and above the Co.'s dues. The [illegible] Pag.s would not allow the Renter any deduction whatever, & stated that the uncommonly high amount of the Revenue

18th Revenue was no more than was warranted by the additional Security which Renters under the Company enjoyed.

In Order therefore that the Renter might not suffer thro' an inadvertency of mine I immediately paid him the 3000 Pagodas. This I am ready to prove both by the Renter's receipt and by his personal Attestation; for he is now in the Tanjore Country.

Having no Records of that time by me I cannot, of course refer to the particular Papers or Dates. That part of the Subject however which Concerns the Renter and which will shew all the rest is on the Records of the Board of Revenue.

As his Highness the Nabob therefore is inactual Possession of a considerable Property of mine actually paid out of my Pocket (it may be said) to his Treasury, Constituting an Overplus on the Madura Revenue which is not justly his due, I am hopeful that your Lordship will be pleased to order a reference for the necessary Documents to the Board of Revenue, and adopt such measures as you may deem proper on the occasion. I have the honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod

Tanjore 14th January 1797.

To

Fort St. George January 1797.—

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

Tanjore
14.th January 1797. —

To

Fort St. George January 1797.-

No. 18.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Accountant General requesting to be furnished with Quarterly Statements of the value of the Military Stores in the different Garrisons as also with a Statement valuation of the Company's Horses & Bullocks.

Having been directed in the Letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe of 15th December to be careful in complying with the instructions of the Supreme Government for an uniformity of Principle in the Accounts of the different Presidencies, and observing in the Bengal Statements, that a Sum is inserted for the valuation of Horses and Bullocks,- I beg leave to request that directions may be given by your Lordship for my being furnished with an Amount valuation of these two Articles, at the end of every quarter, either from the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, or such other Department as your Lordship may think proper.-

I have also to request your Lordship will be pleased to give directions for my being furnished with a regular quarterly Statement shewing the Amount valuation

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18th Valuation of the Military Stores at all the out Garrisons, distinguishing those that are in the Stores from those employed on the Ramparts, or in the defence of the Garrison,— These Articles being particularly specified in the Bengal Statements.— The Secretary to the Military board has repeatedly informed me, in reply to my Applications, that he was hitherto only able to furnish me with a partial — and incomplete Statement of the Military Stores at the Subordinate Stations.—

I have the honor to be with great respect.—

&c.a &c.a

(Signd) Robert Woolf

Accountt. Genl.—

Fort St. George
Accountt. Generals Office
12th January 1797.—

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

&c.a &c.a &c.a—

My Lord,

I do myself the honour to transmit for your Lordship's notice extract of a further communica from the same paper mentioned in my address of the 29th Ultimo.—

From Major Kirkpatrick the Nizam dismisses Kaudi Hussun Khan from his Durbar.—

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No 18.

I am informed to day that his Highness has directed Kauder Hussain Khan / the Agent upon whose Arrival in this neighbourhood I had the honor of apprizing your Lordship on the 6th Inst. / to be reconducted beyond the Kistna not chusing he should remain here under the suspicions and irregular circumstances attending his late return hither. It would appear that he has not been at Seringapatam since his dismission from hence in August last: but that he has sojourned ever since in the vicinity of Kulburga, to which place whatever dispatches &c. he may have have been charged with were sent to him from Seringapatam. — Medina Saheb, the regular Vakeel of Tippoo now here, denies, I am told that he (K. H. K.) had any Commission from his Master. But the contrary may nevertheless be true, and I am particularly glad of his removal on account of the intercourse he appeared to be about opening with Raymond.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Kirkpatrick

Hyderabad
11th Jan.y 1797.

To

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18th

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

Sir,

In addition to the intelligence

From Bengal with Intelligence respecting the Enemy's Cruizers collected from the Crews of the Ranger Schooner.

communicated to you in the Secretary's letter of the 27th Instant respecting the appearance of the Enemy in Balasore Roads, I have the honor to forward the enclosed Copy of the information which has been obtained from the Prize Master of the Ranger Schooner who with the other Officers from the Privateer whose Names are mentioned have been brought Prisoners in consequence of the recapture of that Vessel by the Lascars.

2d I have at the same time to request that this Intelligence may be made known to the Commanding Officer of his Majesty's Ships at Fort St. George.

I am

&c &c

(Signed) T. Thornhill
Sub Secy.

Fort William
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Copy of Information obtained from the Prize Master of the Ranger Schooner.—

Bonnefons		Prize Master
Johan	2d	Creole of Bourbon
Tarby	3d	Creole of Bourbon
Lestiade	Master	Killed by the Lascars.—

The above named Men received as Prisoners of War in Fort William December 30th 1796. and formed part of the Crew of the Enterprize of 14 pieces of Cannon of 6 pounders— and of 4. 12 pounders taken out of the Fort William.—

The Enterprize left the Mauritius on the 29th August, alone, and made the land on the Island of Ceylon about one Month and half ago.—

Taken by the Enterprize.— { Fort William / 2 Vessels from Pegu / 2 Pilot Schooners—

The H Kaumtz must have been taken by the Privateer after the Master Bonnefons left her— Denies having seen the Frigates— They had sailed from the Mauritius before the Enterprize left it.—

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The Enterprize spoke an American Ship at noon who had left the Pilot at 8 O'Clock the day before he does not recollect the date, but it was the day before the Enterprize took the Pilot Schooners— The American gave them the only intelligence of the French Frigates which they had received since leaving the Mauritius.

It was not the Paragon he says.—

He supposes the Privateer to have sailed for the Mauritius having been so much dreamed of Men.—

The letters sent to the Bankshall were written by People of the Privateer after the Capture of the Kaunita and contain nothing particular.—

In the Instructions given by Captain Le Gars of the Enterprize to the Prize Master and now Prisoner Bonnefons, contain nothing but common place instructions excepting the following—

"Citizen Bonnefons will observe "not to approach the Isle of France, until he has attained "the Latitude of Morne, a high Mountain on the Mauritius "and not to go further to the North than the Latitude of

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"20...50. at the same time running to the West by
"doing so he runs no risk of meeting with the English
"Cruisers.— and he is expressly forbidden to go more to
"the Northwards."—

A true Copy

(Signed) T. Thornhill
Sub Secy.—

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90.—

From Commandant at Palamcotah.— From Major Smart— advising of his Receipt of the Letter for the Rajah of Travancore forwarded to him on the 6th Instant.—

From Mr. Belgar. From Mr. Belgar— requesting— Permission to proceed to Jaffnapatam on a visit to his Friends

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.— From Mr. Shandon— recommending that the Storekeeper in the Guntoor Circar be allowed an additional Number of [illegible] the pettah of Ivora [illegible] Company's Account [illegible] a Deficiency of Grain [illegible] Soldiers Servants— that a House in [illegible] be either purchased on the— [illegible] rented for 8 Pagodas pr Month expence [illegible] Cottapatam.—

18th.

From Bengal Cadets.

From the Cadets belonging to the Bengal Establishment requesting an advance of Cash to enable them to subsist themselves while detained at Madras.

From the Secretary at Bombay.

From the Secretary at Bombay advising of an advance of Cash made to Lieutenant Sheridan of the Madras Establishment to enable him to defray the Expences attendant on a Voyage to England.

From the Military Storekeeper.

From Mr. William Webb requesting that the Doolies required for the publick Service may be made up under his Direction.

From Lieutenant Colonel Gowdie.

From the Commandant at Madura requesting that the Officer officiating as Fort Adjutant may be allowed to draw the usual Monthly Sum of five Pagodas on account of a Writer.

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From the Military Paymaster General.

From Mr. Roebuck enclosing Certificates of the period up to which Colonel Dugald Campbell has drawn his Pay and allowances.

From Ditto.

From Ditto enclosing Certificates of there being no outstanding Demands against Colonel Dugald Campbell and that he has furnished adequate Security for the Payment of any that may hereafter appear

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From Captain Norris principal Engineer on Ceylon.— Appear against him.—

From Captain Norris enclosing an Indent for Stationary.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Pater. — From Lieutenant Colonel Pater requesting Permission to visit the Presidency.—

From the Commanding Officer at Pulicat — From Captain Godfrey with a similar request.—

From Captain Keary — From Captain P. Keary requesting that he may be allowed Passage Money for his Voyage to England in consequence of the resolution of Government, published only one Month subsequent to his Departure, for granting that allowance to Officers similarly situated with himself.

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal.— From Mr. Thornhill recommending that Lieutenant Colonel Campbell of the 74th Regiment be not called upon to refund the Amount of Gratuity drawn in the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel from the date of his Commission.—

From Lieutenant Wright and Ensigns Hamilton & Statham— From Lieutenant Wright and Ensigns Hamilton and Statham requesting to be allowed a Rupee Per Day Subsistence and the full Batta of their Rank for the period of their stay at Madras.—

21st Sent the following Letters.—

To

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To Major General Clarke

President &c.a Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

We have received your letter dated

the 14.th Instant, and desire you will give directions for

the repairs being made to the Powder mills agreably to

the report of the late Chief Engineer.

The Expence to be incurred in fixing

the new Mill Stones will be admitted, provided it be stated

upon honor by the Superintending Engineer.

We shall apply to the Nabob for

the spot of Ground at Trichinopoly, on which it is intended

to construct a Terrace for drying Gun Powder.

We enclose Copy of a letter from

the Military Storekeeper, with Copy of one to him from

Mr. Bishop accompanied by a Comparative Statement of

the present mode of supplying Gun Powder, with the

proposed terms of furnishing that Article by Contract.

You will observe at the foot of this Statement, that

Mr.

To the Military Board. reporting orders to the Powder Mills. Mr. Bishop's Proposal for making up Gun-powder on Contract referred for their Opinion. the Accountant General to be furnished with quarterly State-ments of the valuation of the Military Stores in the different Garrisons.

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Mr. Bishop proposes to take the Mills in their present State, by which, (as he says) a saving of near two thousand Pagodas would be added to the balance in favor of the Contract.—

As it is indispensably necessary, in order to comply with the instructions received from Bengal that the Accountant General at this Presidency should be furnished with a regular quarterly Statement shewing the Amount valuation of the Military Stores at all the Out Garrisons, distinguishing those that are in Store from those employed on the Ramparts, we desire you will take proper means for enforcing a compliance therewith on the part of those entrusted with the charge of them.

We enclose, for your Opinion, Copy of a letter with its enclosures from the late Contractor for Clothing the Army.—

We are,

Fort St. George
21st. January 1797.—

Your &c. &c.
Signed Hobart
&c. Council

To—

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To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated the 13th 14th and 16th Instant and to acquaint you, that his Lordship approves the retrenchment on Charges made by Mr. Assistant Surgeon Carnie on account of Invalids Stationed at Rayacottah and directs that the Amount be refunded.

An Order has been published agreeably to your recommendation, relative to contingent Charges for the removal of Corps from one Station to another in time of Peace. Captain Morris Bill has been returned to him with an Order for certifying upon Honor to the actual disbursement of the charge on account of Boat hire. The other items in the Bill have been rejected.

The Charges incurred by Brigadier General De Meuron for transporting the Swiss Regiment

From

To the Military Auditor General the Retrenchment made from Assistant Surgeon Carnie approved orders on Captain Morris's contingent Bills the Charges for transporting the Baggage of the Meuron Regiment approved reduction respecting Horse allowance to the Officers of the 25th Dragoons quarterly Statements to be sent to the account ant General of the value of the Horses & Bullocks maintained at the Company's Expence application of the Triconomale Paymaster for an encreased Establishment of Servants referred Staff appointments made by Major General Stuart confirmed

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from Columbo to Tutocorym, and from thence to their destinations, as well as for the Hire of three Domes are admitted under the explanation you have offered and you will adjust the account accordingly with the Brigadier. The Bills and Vouchers are herewith returned.

I am directed to acquaint you that advice has been received from the Governor General in Council that "an Advance of Sicca Rupees Five thousand "(5,000) had been made to the Officer Commanding the "Detachment of his Majesty's 25th Regiment of Dragoons "at Bengal on his accountable Receipts, for the use of "the whole Detachment; and that abstracts would be "hereafter presented at Fort St. George for Audit, (so "soon as the Rates to European Cavalry on the Coast were "ascertained) excluding Horse and Tent Money, which "could not be granted before the Regiment was mounted."

I am further directed to desire that regular quarterly Statements may be sent from your Office to the Accountant General at this Presidency (in conformity with the Orders of the Supreme Board) of the Amount valuation of Horses and Bullocks kept up and maintained at the Company's Expence - you will be

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be pleased to report your Opinion upon the accompa-
-nying Copy of a letter from the Military Paymaster
General, covering an application from the Paymaster
at Trincomale &c.a for Office Allowance for Servants
to the Amount granted to his Predecessor.—

I have the honor to enclose for
your information Copy of an Extract of General Orders
by Major General Stuart published on the 19th Ultimo
and to acquaint you that the appointments therein
noticed are approved by his Lordship.—

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

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

Honorable Sir,

We have the honor to acquaint you,
that, finding it to be your fixed resolution to allow
of no Communication to be made to the Rajah of
Tanjore,

To Bengal the Sural
low despatched to
England in order to
make the Court of
Directors acquainted
with the Situation of
affairs in the Tanjore
Country, and to solicit
their final Instructions
on this Subject.—

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Tanjore, in consequence of the instructions lately received from the Honorable Court of Directors, We considered it our duty to send the Swallow direct to England with dispatches of which We have the honor to enclose Copies.—

Under a Conviction that the pecuniary demands upon the Tanjore Country, and the desperate corruption of the Rajah's Ministers will render the districts mortgaged to the Company, a scene of unparalleled rapacity, until the orders for their final resumption shall arrive from Europe—and being apprehensive that the Court of Directors, observing that the official Documents upon which they had sanctioned, were the same as those upon which you have annulled the Treaty, might not suppose the possibility of our not being permitted to act in consequence of their recent instructions, and on that account forego an immediate Communication upon the subject of those subsequent events, which, by your Commands, have since taken place in that Country, We are persuaded that whatever may be the result,

you—

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you cannot but approve of our having availed ourselves
of the earliest opportunity to inform the Court of —
Directors of the actual situation of affairs. —

We have the honor to be with respect,

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

Received the following Letters. —

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

My Lords,

Having carefully examined the
Accounts of Mr. George Powney Collector of Polygar Peishcush,
containing sundry Charges incurred under the Orders of your
Lordships, in providing Materials, Provisions &c.a &c.a for the
Expedition against Columbo, I find, that this Account comprises
various Charges connected with the Pay, Provisions, and Bullock
Departments, the whole amounting to Thirty eight —
thousand one hundred and forty one Pagodas, three Fanams
and thirty eight Cash (Pagodas 38,141..3..38.) —

The Sum chargeable to the Pay —
Departments

From the Military Auditor General reporting on Mr. Powneys Accounts of Disbursements for the supply of Materials Provisions &c.a &c.a for the Expedition against Columbo. —

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21st Department amounts to Eleven thousand one hundred and fifty nine Pagodas, Eight Fanams and three Cash — (Pagodas 11159....8...3.) in which is included Ten thousand Porto Novo Pagodas stated to have been sent at the request of Major General Stuart, to the charge of Major Barbut of the 73d Regiment, whose Receipt for the same appears among Mr. Powney's Vouchers, and for which the Company has been Credited by the Military Paymaster at Columbo in his Account Current for October last. —

The remaining Sum Comprehends a few Charges for the purchase of Materials, and other Articles of Stores, for the Chief Engineer's Department on that Expedition — Batta to Sepoys & Lascars escorting Dutch & Malay Prisoners of War to the Presidency — Hire of Boats in crossing over to Manar the late 9th and present 35th Batt.n Native Infantry with their Camp Equipage & Stores. as those Charges are supported with Vouchers and are clearly explained in the accompa-nying Copies of Letters from Mr. Powney and Captain Mackenzie of the Corps of Engineers, nothing objectionable occurs to me to notice either in regard to their nature or Amount. —

The most considerable Charges are those

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22. those belonging to the Grain & Provision Department, amounting to Twenty Six thousand Eight hundred & forty nine Pagodas, twenty one Fanams and five Cash / Pagodas 26,849..21..5 / which was Disbursed / exclusive of the Hire of Domes, & Coolies for Loading and unloading / — in the purchase of 284 Garce 3/11 Marcals of Rice, 1150 Seers of Ghee, 44 Bags of Chillies — 12,471 Gonny Bags for Rice — & sundry small Articles necessary for the Package & preservation of those Articles — the Average Rates at which the foregoing are charged are as follows, Rice at Sixty eight Pagodas (68) per Garce, — Ghee at 5 Fanams 24 Cash per Seer; Chillies at P. 1.... F. 11.... C. 74 per Bag — containing 103 lbs. — Goneys at 4 3/4 Pagodas per hundred which, on a comparison with the usual Charges for such Articles in the Southern Districts, appear very Moderate, and when the Number of Boats requisite for the Transportation of so large a quantity of Provision & the necessary expence attending the Measuring and

Watching

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Watching the Rice, loading and unloading the Boats is considered, I presume that the Charges on that account Viz.t Six thousand & Ninety four Pagodas (6,094) will appear to your Lordship unobjectionable; of this Sum Five thousand six hundred & forty seven Pagodas (5,647) is for the Freight of Seventy four Donies, or Boats, and I have no doubt that the Agreement which Mr. Powney made with the Owners, was as advantageous for the Company as times & Circumstances would admit.—

Duplicate Certificates, Signed by the Syrang or Head Man of each Doney, accompanied those Accounts, wherein they agree to deliver to Mr. Atkinson or his Order at Negumbo, the quantity of Provisions respectively laden on each Doney, & the Aggregate Amount corresponds to the Quantity charged in Mr. Powney's Accounts, but although these Documents prove the Exportation of the whole of the Provisions, yet it will appear from the accompanying Copy of the proceedings of a Committee of Inspection, assembled at Columbo

to

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21st to enquire into the State of the Rice received from Ramnad, & which was forwarded as a Voucher with Mr. Atkinson's Accounts to my Office, that a very consider-
15th -able difference had arisen between the quantity stated to have been sent, & that received or acknowledged in the general Return of the Commissariat at Columbo, equal to 116 Garce & 331 Marcals, which at 68 Pagodas per Garce amounts to Three thousand, one hundred & Eighty four Pagodas, Twelve Fanams and Twelve Cash (Pagodas 3,184 12 12) this extraordinary deficiency with Copy of the Vouchers on which it is founded, I communicated to Mr. Powney, informing him, that as I should be under the necessity of stating this circumstance to Your Lordship, any explanations he might have to offer, should be transmitted at the same time; a Copy of his reply I have now the honor to enclose.—

It is proper to remark, that the Destination of the Donies, appear by the Agreements entered into between Mr. Powney & the Proprietors, to have been Negumbo, but the Survey of the Grain was taken at

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at Columbo, but it is not Stated in what manner it was conveyed from the former to the latter Station, or how long it was landed before the examination took place, consequently it is impossible for me to determine to what particular Cause this heavy loss is to be imputed; had the Grain been landed at Negumbo, or at Columbo from the same Vessels, & a Survey taken immediately to ascertain the actual quantity delivered, there can be no doubt that the Boat Owners should have been made accountable for the Deficiency, but as the case now stands, it appears necessary to call on Mr. Atkinson to furnish such information as shall enable your Lordship to determine on whom the responsibility ought to rest.

The last Item on which I have to report, is on that Chargable to the Bullock Department Amounting to One hundred & thirty two Pagodas Nineteen Fanams and thirty Cash (Pagodas 132..19..30) being the hire of Forty two Bullocks employed to bring the Tents &c.a of the Malay Prisoners of War, from the place at which they first Landed, to Ramnad, & from thence to

Madras

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Madras, which Charge, on adverting to the Distance, appears reasonable.—

In the Event of the gross Sum herein reported upon, being admitted to the Credit of Mr. Powney, I beg leave to propose, on order that the Books of each Department connected with Military Disbursements may exhibit the Total Expence incurred by the Expedition to Columbo, that he be directed to draw Bills in favor of the Revenue Board on the Officers at the Head of the Pay, Provision, and Bullock Departments respectively,— who will of course debit themselves with the Amount, and take Credit for the same Sum by charging it to the Head of Expedition against the Dutch Settlements— and for that purpose I shall furnish each Office with a Detailed Statement of what relates to that particular Department provided this Proposition should meet your Lordship's— approbation.—

I have the Honor to be

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 20th January 1797.—

&c.a &c.a—
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily. Aud.r Genl.

Proceedings

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Proceedings of a Committee of Inspection ordered to assemble at Columbo on Friday the 20th of May 1796, in order to report the loss sustained as exactly as possible by Transportation or otherwise, on a quantity of Grain received from Ramnad.

Captain Mc. Donald Bombay Grenr.
President

Lieutenant Rodgers Quarter Master of Brigade
(Members)

Lieutenant Kerr Acting Dr. Mr. 73rd Regiment.

Mr. E. Atkinson Commissary of Grain and Provisions attends the Committee, and States to them that a quantity of Rice in Bags, matts, & Straw Ropes was sent from the Coast by Mr. Ponney in the month of March and April 1796 that it appears to him that a Considerable loss has taken place, since the dispatching of the Rice from sundry Causes.

Mr. Atkinson says he has received 7697 Bags which according to Mr. Ponney's gross Statement ought to contain on an Average 81 Seers each, also 5,498 Matt Parcels which according to the said Statement

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21 ought to Contain 54 Seers each, also 1631 Straw Rope Parcels said to Contain 10 Seers.—

The Committee proceed to measure out a proportion of the Bags, Matts, and Straw Rope Parcels and find, that also from Transportation, badness of Gunny Bags, bad Packing and other Causes has taken place on the whole, at the following Average rate Viz.

Bags which are said to have contained each 81 Seers do now on an Average Contain only ..... Seers 60.—

Matts said to have Contained 54 Seers D.— now Contain only ..... 46.—

Straw Rope Parcels said to have Contained 10 Seers and do now Contain only ..... 2/7.—

The Total Loss on Bags at this Average rate being Mercals ..... 13,244.—

On Matts ..... 3,666.—

On Straw Parcels ..... 1,821.—

Total Loss on the whole Marcals 18,731.—

The Committee have to remark that on Examination of the general State of the Rice in the different Godowns as well in Bags, Matts, and Straw Parcels the Packing in general appears to them to be very

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very bad, and to be the principal Cause of the heavy loss sustained on the Grain.—

(Signed) J. McDonald
Capt.n Gr. Br.n President

(Signed)
J. Stuart

(True Copy) (Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily. Aud.r Gen.l

Colonel Malcolm
Military Auditor General

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 16th Instant requiring an explanation of some Articles in the Accounts of Mr. Powney Collector and Colonel Martinz Commanding Ramnad, for expences incurred on account of the Expedition to Columbo, I beg leave to subjoin the following remarks on these Articles which I hope will be satisfactory.—

Furnished by Mr. Powney

500 Porto Novo Pagodas Stated to have been delivered to you— as P your receipt 1st. January 1796

This Sum was paid to me of that date (Notice being given to Government) for the purpose of paying Lascars and people attached to me before I could join Colonel Stuart before Columbo

and

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and was Accounted for to Mr. Mac Doual, Paymaster in Account Current settled with him 14th April 1796, for the Abstracts of the Engineer Department on the expedition for the month of January, February, and April 1796.

This Wood was Shipped at Pamban in boats & Sent over after me to Manar, from the Nature of the Service it was afterwards landed and Shipped at different place before Account could be taken of it & part was used for rafts at Manar & Negombo & the remainder Carried to Colombo I have reason to think that this Article is correct, my not being present when it was Shipped occasioned the

"The following Articles said to have been delivered to you for which no receipt appears.

35 Assuing Planks
48 Teak Planks
50 Sheathing boards
13 Mango Planks
15 Teak Woods
15 Country Woods.

want

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want of a receipt. first Notice was given of the quantity. —

200 Pieces of Dungary Cloth were also sent over by Mr. Powney after me for which a receipt was granted in January 1796. —

Furnished by Colo. Martinz

114 Bill hooks. —

not delivered to me, but I presume were used in Cutting the Wood and Materials below. —

9000 Fascines of 6, 9, & 12 feet
8000 Billets of 3, 4, 5, & 6 feet
1770 Rattand Baskets
230 Do. of Wood Branch
1 Candy Coir rope
50 Mallets —
20 Earth beaters. —

8597 Fascens of 6, 9, and 12.
8040 Pickets of 3, 4, 5, & 6 feet. —
2000 Baskets
1 Candy Coir rope
50 Mallets
20 Rammers. —

were landed at Columbo from 13th to 23d February, Consign-ed to me for the Service of the Expedition, and almost the whole left there. the whole Number Charged by Colonel Martinz must have been made up as on 5th January from Ramisouram I reported 10,000 fascines then fit for Service, and excellent of the kind. —

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July the 8th 1796. — (True Copy) I have the honor to be, &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) C. Mackenzie
Capt. Engr.
(Signed) J. Brunton
Dpy. M. Genl.
Major

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Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

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Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 9th Instant, and proceed to furnish you with such Explanations, and Vouchers, as are in my power upon the Items in my Accounts, which you have required of me.—

Item 1st ..... Statement of the Charges of Boat hire for Crossing over the 9th and 35th Battalions Native Infantry, and their Equipage at Paumbum, the Number of Boats employed, the rates, and the time they were employed are detailed in the enclosure No. 1.—

These Boats were pressed for the Service, and were detained the times specified (in Enclosure No. 1) on Account of the March of the Battalions being greatly retarded by heavy Rains.— Receipts from the Tindals were not taken as they were only paid

Batta

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Batta for their Lascars during their detention. The Charge for which, considering their detention I trust will appear very moderate.—

Item 2d. The enclosure (No. 2) exhibits the particulars of the Charges for transporting the 9th and 35th Battalions N. Infantry from Tanahody to Manar the Tonnage of the Domeys and the rate Per Candy by the Trip.—

The Boats employed were pressed for the Service, and which happened to be lying at Paumbum— the rate given was, that which was usual in this part of the Country— 16 Boats Crossed the 35th Battalion and them returned for the 9th they were only paid for the Trip from Tamacody to Manar, and their return was not charged.— I possess no receipts from the Tindels, but all I have to say is, that I was particularly careful that the Tindals received their full hire, as they behaved uncommonly well in Crossing the Battalion.—

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21st Item 3d ..... Enclosure No. 3, exhibits the particulars of the Number of Boats, employed in transporting the Equipage of the 9th and 35th Battalions, the artificers and the Equipage of the Engineers' Department, their Tonnage, and the rate per Candy per Trip. — The receipts from the Tindals were not taken by me. —

Item 4th ..... No. 4, are the receipts of Meera Saib and Shaick Ebram for the Sum advanced to them; they are Pilots residing at Paumbum. —

Item 5th ..... No. 5 details the Charges for Coolies measuring Rice and loading it on the Doneys at the different Ports, and the Number employed; how long and the rates — the difference of the rates arises, from the situation of those that were employed — those on the spot received a smaller hire than those who were sent for from the interior parts of the Country. —

Item 6th ..... No. 6 is a particular Statement of the Charges for unloading and loading the Nagore Boats at Paumbum, as well as the Boats from the Ports of Ramnad, North of Paumbum, and No. 7 is a —

particular —

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particular Statement of the Charges for loading the Fascines at the different Ports &c.a &c.a

I am sorry it is not in my power to afford you any information on the subject of the application of the 10,000 P. N. Pagodas I sent to Manar, for which I obtained Major Barbutt's receipt — this Sum I dispatched in consequence of a requisition from Major General Stuart, who represented to me the inadequacy of his Treasury to discharge expences incurred by Major Bowser at Manar, in collecting Bullocks &c.a the Money was consigned in consequence to Major Bowser, but Major Barbutt his Senior having arrived there, took charge of the Treasury, In what manner it was appropriated I really do not know.

I have the honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

Ramnad
21st December 1796.

(Signed) George Powney
Collector

(True Copy)

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

Major

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Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have been favored with your Letter of the 16th Instant, enclosing Copy of the Proceedings of a Committee assembled at Columbo, for the purpose of enquiring into the deficiency which appeared in the article of Rice which was sent by me to Mr. Atkinson, Commissary of Grain and Provisions at that Station, in order that I might give you such explanation on this head, that they might come before Government at the same time with your report upon my accounts.

I lose no time in offering you every explanation on this subject in my power, from which I trust it will appear, that no responsibility could rest on me after the Rice was put on board the Doneys, having taken every possible precaution on my part, that that no deficiency should be sustained.

The Rice sent to Mr. Atkinson was collected along the Sea Coast of the Ramnad and

Sheva-

gunga

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Shevagunga Districts, and I was myself present at many of the Ports from whence it was Shipped, and the Packages were the best that could be procured in that part of the Country. I was obliged to have recourse to Straw Parcels & Matts, for want of a sufficient quantity of Gunny Bags, which could not be immediately procured in the Southern Districts, and the exigency of the Service required, that no time should be lost in sending Rice for the Troops at Columbo.—

In order that every precaution should be taken, that no deficiency should occur from the Negligence of my Servants, I obliged every Tindal to be present at the measuring and packing of the Rice, and obtained from every one of them Receipts in duplicate for the Quantity embarked on their respective Domys.—The Originals of which were transmitted to Mr. Atkinson with the Invoices, to serve as Bills of lading, and the duplicate Receipts were transmitted with my Accounts, as Vouchers that the quantity charged was Shipped on Board.—

I beg leave to observe that the

Committee

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21st Committee assembled at Columbo Remarks, that on examination of the General State of the Rice in the different Godowns, as well in Bags, Mats, and Parcels, the Packing appeared to them to be very bad, and to the principal cause of the heavy loss sustained on the Grain, Whereas Mr. Atkinson States to the Committee that it appeared to him a Considerable deficiency had taken place since the dispatching of the Rice from Sundry Causes I received a Letter from Mr. Atkinson when at Rannad (which unfortunately I have not with me) which mentions the Causes of the deficiency, arising from the Nature of the Service, and the Rice being for many days exposed on the Beach before proper Godowns could be prepared for its reception.—

As the vouchers which I have transmitted, prove that the whole quantity Charged, was put on board the Doneys, and I have to assure you every attention was paid by me to the Packing of it, I trust, I cannot be considered in any degree responsible for the loss that has been sustained on that Article, as it appears

it

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it occurred after the Rice was dispatched by me. —

I have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
19th January 1797. —

Vc.a Vc.a
(Signed) George Powney
Colr.

(True Copy)
(Signed) W. Sydenham
My. Audr. Genl.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council
Vc.a Vc.a Vc.a

My Lord,

From the Military Board recommending for Payment Bills for work executed at Pondamallee and Tripassore under the Superintendance of Lieutenant Sydenham of Enginrs

We have the honor to forward herewith to your Lordship in Council two Bills, amounting to Pagodas 1,066..35..60 for repairs done to the Public Buildings at Pondamalee and Tripassore under the Superintendence of Lieutenant Sydenham of Engineers — both of which Bills being Certified to be correct by the Chief Engineer, as well as the Work to have been well executed by the Committees of Survey held thereon at each Station respectively — We accordingly recommend that

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21st that they be passed for payment— and that the per Centage on the amount thereof, be allowed to the Superintending Engineer conformably to the Regulations.—

We have the honor to be,

Yr. Hble. Servts.

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(Signed) Alured Clarke
" Patrick Ross
" Thomas Giels
" W. Sydenham
" Inr. Richardson
" Bt. Close
" George Hall.

Received also the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96.—

From the Collector at Guntoor.— From Mr. Ram advising of the Measures he has adopted to receive a regular Supply of Provisions for the Garrison of Chintapillie.—

From French Prisoners at Bimlipatam.— From French Prisoners at Bimlipatam complaining of the harsh Treatment they have experienced at

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at the hands of the Company's Servants.

From the Sub-Secretary at Bengal.

From Mr. Thornhill enclosing a Letter for the Secretary to the Military Board at this Presidency.

From Lieutenant Colonel Burr.

From Lieutenant Colonel Burr soliciting the Command of Condapillie.

From Mr. Roebuck.

From the Military Paymaster General enclosing his Cash Estimate for February.

From Persian Translator at Bengal.

From Mr. Edmonstone enclosing a Letter from the Governor General addressed to His Highness the Nabob.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in Mr. B. Nos. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101.

To the Commandant at Pulicat.

To Captain William Godfrey permitting him to visit the Presidency.

To the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Swallow Packet.

To Captain Simson with a List of Charter party Passengers ordered to embark on his Ship for England.

To. Ditto. Ditto.

To Ditto desiring him to take Charge of a Box of Plans for the Secret Committee of the

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The Honorable Court of Directors.—

To the Military Board enclosing

To the Military Board.— (an order to their being lodged in their Office) the Obligations

of Lieutenant Colonels Patter Murray and Orr respecting the

Saddles and Accoutrements of their respective Corps.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Anderson.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Anderson returning a Letter addressed by him to the Board on the

19th Instant, and desiring him to conform to the Rules

lately prescribed in G. O. relative to contingent Bills of

the Description presented by him.—

22nd Sent two Letters to the Nabob

Substance of letters to the Nabob.— entered in C. C. Nos. 9 and 10.— the former requesting he

will send Instructions to his Son at Trichinopoly to

allot a proper Piece of Ground for building a Platform

for drying Gun Powder.— the latter soliciting his

attention to the pecuniary Claim of Captain Bowles

of the Cavalry.—

23rd Received the undermentioned Letters

entered in M. B. Nos. 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107.—

From

23rd

From the Commandant at Guntoor.

From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton, enclosing a List of Persons employed by him in procuring Intelligence.

From the Military Paymaster General.

From Mr. Benjamin Roebuck enclosing an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Deputy Kings' Paymaster General for the Current Month.

From Mr. Shardon.

From Mr. Shardon enclosing Estimates of Cash required in his different Departments for the ensuing Months.

From the Officer Commanding the Nizam's Detachment.

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts enclosing Copies of Correspondence (of little consequence) with the Resident at Hydrabad.

From Major Smart.

From the Commandant at Palamcotah enclosing a Survey Report shewing the very ruinous State of the publick Quarters and Barracks in that Garrison and requesting that the Officers may be allowed to draw House Rent until their Quarters are repaired.

From the Commanding Officer in the Ceded Districts.

From Major Read requesting that his Adjutant and Quarter Master, Captain Munro, may

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23rd may be allowed full Batta, & Field allowances.—

24th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116.—

To Major General Sydenham,—

To the Military Auditor General— referring for Examination the Military Paymaster Generals Estimate of Cash required on the ensuing Month.—

To Ditto referring Mr. Shardon's

To Ditto Ditto— Estimates for February.—

To Major Dallas enclosing the

To the Commanding Officer of the 11th Regiment of Native Cavalry.— Security Bond for transferring over to his Successor in Command, the Saddles and accoutrements of his Corps, in a perfectly Serviceable Condition.—

To Mr. Secretary Barlow enclosing

To the Secretary at Bengal.— Copy of Intelligence procured from the Mysore Country—

To Sir Charles Warre Malllet and

To the Residents at Poonah and Hydrabad.— Major Kirkpatrick to the purport above Noted.—

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To the Military Auditor General.— referring for Examination an Additional Estimate of Cash required by the Deputy Kings Paymaster General for the Current

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To the Command=ing Officer at Connatore.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Pater permitting him to visit the Presidency.—

To the Command=ing Officer at Palamcotah.—

To Major Smart enclosing a Letter to be forwarded to the Rajah of Travancore.—

To Mr. F. C. Belger

To Mr. Belger, permitting him to proceed to Jaffnapatam on a visit to his Relations.—

Tuesday 24th January 1797.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esquire

and

Ernst William Tallofield Esquire

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Read the following letter from Bengal.—

To—

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

My Lord,

From Bengal enclosing Copy of their deliberations and resolutions on the Subject of the Tanjore Succession desire that further information may be procured as to the Customs and Laws of Tanjore with respect to the age at which a Child may be adopted.

We have the honor to transmit to you a Copy of our Resolutions on the Subject of the Tanjore Succession, and although our Opinion of the Rights of Sherfojee is explicitly stated, We request that for the full satisfaction of the Honorable Court, you will be pleased to take such further evidence as you may be able to procure as to the Laws and Customs of Tanjore, with regard to the age at which Children are eligible for adoption, and that you will forward the result with such additional remarks as you may have to offer on the rights of the parties, to the Honorable Court of Directors for their final decision.

We have the honor to be,
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) J. Shore
" P. Speke
Wm. Cowper

Fort William
the 30th December 1796

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"further provision for the Regulation of my Circar
"In consequence of the minority of my Child, Sherfoje
"Rajah, I sent for my Brother Amersing, and having
"placed my Child's hand in his, I called upon him to
"protect and Cherish Sherfoje Rajah, and exhorted him
"to confide in the English. He will according to my
"directions take upon himself the Management of Affairs
"and endeavour to give Satisfaction to the Honble
"Company, and to the English Nation. I rest confident
"that the same favor and protection which I have
"received at the Company's hands, from the time they
"so generally restored me to the throne, will be
"continued to my Child and Brother, and relying upon
"their Characteristick faith and honor, I trust that the
"same Attention will be shewn to the welfare of my
"Circar."

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On the 31.st of January at 10 Oclock at Night the Rajah Died.

Cons.n ... Ditto

The Governor of Fort St. George, in a Letter

Fort St. George 2d. January 1797.

Letter to the Governor General dated the 31st. January, and written previous to his receiving Intelligence of the Rajah's Death, in which he communicated the above Letter respecting the adoption of Sherfojee, observes that the measure had created a good deal of alarm at Tanjore, as it seemed the Boy adopted was a distant relation, and there was a strong party there in favor of a Brother of the Rajah, called Ramah Swammy, who lived in the Palace, and was about thirty years of age. That the Brother had always been acknowledged as such at the Durbar, and by the People and but for this step of the Rajah's would have been considered as the person best entitled to the Succession. That there had always however, been some suspicion that this Brother was a Bastard, his Mother being suspected of infidelity to her Husband, and this suspicion met with much encouragement from Ramah Swammy being a remarkably dark Coloured Man, and the present Rajah as well as his Father being fair. That this joined to the suspicion of Ramah Swammy's Birth

Birth, his not being esteemed a Man of any abilities had some degree of weight with his Opponents.—

Besides this Brother, the President further States, that there was another Claimant, whose Name was Nanah Saheb, who was the Grandson of Nanah Saheb, the Elder Brother of the Present Rajah's (Tulyajee's) Father, whose Name was Restaubseng. That this Nanah being the lineal Descendant of the Elder Brother would succeed according to our Laws, but he believed the Brother of the reigning Prince, would be Considered the next Heir by the Gentoos, if the adoption had been out of the Question.—

The Apprehension of a Contest arising respecting the Succession, in the Event of the Rajah's Death, induced the Government of Fort St. George to furnish the Resident and Commanding Officer of the Troops with Secret Instructions to provide against the Event. By these Instructions they directed amongst other Matters not to allow any Person to be declared or proclaimed Successor to the Rajah of

Tanjore

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Tanjore, until they should receive the Resolutions of Government on the Subject.—

After stating in the above Letter and a subsequent one of the 3rd February the Pretensions of the different Claimants, and his Opinion how far justice or Policy required our Support of their respective Claims, the Orders of the Supreme Government were requested on the Succession.—

In considering the Pretensions of the different Claimants to the Succession, it was observed by the Governor General, (in whose Sentiments the Board concurred) that the question was of less Importance to our Interests than to our reputation That the affairs of Tanjore might be conducted under the avowed Title of the adopted Son, and Regency of the Uncle, with as much facility, as under the sole authority of Ramah Swammy, and that it was his wish only to give an Opinion that might establish our Credit in the Province, and with the other Princes

of

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of Hindostan, by showing that our decision on the Claims of the Hindoo Princes was regulated by justice and an Attention to their Rights.—

Instructions to the following effect were accordingly sent to the Government of Fort St. George.—

That if it should appear either from the enquiries that had been or might be made, that the succession of Sherfoje under the Circumstances of the adoption, and the Rights of the Brother, was considered by the Principal People and Pundits of Tanjore, as agreeable to their prejudices and Opinions and conformable to the Laws of the Religion of the Parties concerned, he should be immediately confirmed in the Succession.—

That if the reverse should be found to be the case, that Ramah Swammy should be raised to the Musnud.—

That on the supposition which was deemed probable from the various Interests depending

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depending on the succession) that discordant Opinions should have arisen on the late Rajah's Arrangement, and such even as the enquiries directed might not reconcile, and no test should be offered for the discrimination of them, they were to decide in favor of Ramah Swammy, whose natural rights at least were greater than those of the Adopted Son, and on the Grounds Stated, would justify a decision in his favor

The Madras Government were informed; that it was hoped that these Instructions would enable them to proceed to a final decision on the succession without further reference to this Government.

In consequence of these Instructions the President of Fort St. George proceeded in person to Tanjore, and on the 7th of April 1787, determined the Succession in favor of Ramah Swammy, or Amer Sing the Present Rajah, and as the Governor's Proceedings expressed no doubt on the question, his

decision

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decision was confirmed by this Government, agreeably to the principles laid down in their Instructions.—

The Journal of these Proceedings is recorded on the 2nd May 1787.—

It appears however that the Widows of the late Rajah still presed the Claims of Sherfoje under the Adoption, and insisted that he should perform their Funeral Rites, as the Son of the late Rajah, and doubts that were early rumoured of the Validity of the Rajah's Title gained considerable Credit from his severe treatment of Sherfoje, on whose life he was suspected of having entertained designs.—

These Circumstances induced the Government of Fort St. George to determine to remove Sherfojee and the Widows to Madras, and in Consequence of a Letter from Mr. Swartz formally impeaching the Rajah's Title, on grounds which are more fully detailed in his Letter of the 12th April recorded on the Proceedings of the 10th May 1793—

further

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further suggested whether Sherfoje ought not to be declared the positive or Lawful Successor, instead of the presumptive Successor to the Raje, as the latter implied a reserve in favor of any Children that might be born to the present Rajah, in which case, if Sherfoje, as Mr. Swartz had declared, was entitled to succeed on the Death of the late Rajah, it would be perpetuating the injury he had sustained to allow the Inheritance to descend to the Children of the Person who had supplanted him.—

Suspecting also that the Rajah intended to adopt a Son, they judged it advisable in order to obviate the inconvenience that might arise from carrying this Intention into effect, to inform him of the question then in agitation and to intimate to him the impropriety as well as inutility of any proceeding of that Nature.—

The Governor General in Council—

deeming it necessary to proceed with great Circumspection and delicacy in impeaching a right that had been—

Sanctioned by a Solemn decision; passed in consequence

of

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of the Answers of twelve Pundits to questions that were referred to them, they desired that Sherfoje might only be declared presumptive Heir. They approved however of the caution given to the Rajah against the adoption of a Son at the present Period, with the View of depriving Sherfoje of Rights which might on deliberate enquiry appear Incontrovertible.—

Against this declaration in favor of Sherfoje the Rajah Vemonstrated in a letter addressed to the Governor General dated the 6th October and recorded on the 10th November 1793

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The Board at the same time observed that Mr. Swartz's Sentiments on addition to other Circumstances, had created great doubts in their minds of the just Rights of the present Rajah of Tanjore to the Succession of the Raje, and expressed their determination to call on the most learned Pundits in Bengal & Benares for Answers to the substance of the questions put to the Pundits at Tanjore, desiring

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the Madras Government in the mean time to asartain whether the Opinions of any of the Pundits at Tanjore had been obtaind by corrupt means.—

The Questions prepared by the Board in conformity to this determination are recorded on the Proceedings of the 15th. February 1793. These Questions were amended, and were afterwards translated into Shanscript by the late Sir William Jones, as stated in the Governor General's Minutes recorded on the Proceedings of the 17th. May & 7th. June of the same Year, and were transmitted to some of the most learned Pandits in Bengal and Benares. Their Answers translated from the Original Shanscrit, are recorded on the Proceedings of the 25th. April last.—

The Board after perusing these Answers, being desirous of having every information before them on the Subject, previous to delivering their final Sentiments on the question, judged it necessary to send instructions to the Madras Government to the following effect.—

To ascertain whether the Lineage

of

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of Sherfoje as Stated in the Table received from the Widows of Rajah Tulyaje, with their letter of the 13th April 1793. was correct, and whether it was established that the present Rajah Amersing was born of a Concubine, as asserted by the Revd Mr. Swartz in the Paper transmitted with their letter above mentioned. —

To call upon the Widows of the late Rajah to point out the Pundits whom he consulted on the adoption, and who, they assert, approved of it; and to desire that these Pundits might be required to establish by Authorities from the Shaster, or by the Custom of the Country, that the adoption was in every respect legal, and particularly that the Age of Sherfoje at the time of his adoption was no bar to the validity of it. —

To transmit any Proceedings — which they might have held in consequnce of the orders of this Government of the 15th February 1793. for ascertaining whether the Opinions of any of the Tanjore Pundits were obtained by corrupt Practices. —

The President at Tanjore Mr. — Macleod, having Stated in his Letter of the 20th — January last, to the President of Fort St. George

Viz.

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Viz. "That it was a question whether he was not "bound in his Capacity of Resident to disclose all he "knew or believed respecting Ameer Sings Title," and it appearing to this Government that the above declaration implied that he was in possession of information which might elucidate the respective rights of Sherfoje and the present Rajah, or the means to which the latter had recourse to obtain a decision in his favor it was desired that he might be called on to State explicitely the circumstances to which he alluded. —

The Madras Government were further requested to transmit Copies of any Proceedings which in their Opinion might throw light on the question, and which might not have been already transmitted to this Government. —

The replies of the Government of Fort St. George, to the above reference, are recorded on the Proceedings of the 8th. August, and 30th. Ultimo, and with the papers before referred to, constitute the Evidence on which the Board are to form their Opinion. —

The objections to the adoption are detailed in a letter from Rajah Amersing, recorded on the

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the 22nd. November 1793. written after the Rajah had been approved by the Madras Government that the question of the adoption had again come under consideration and for the express purpose of invalidating it, and may therefore be presumed to contain all that could be offered against the adoption. ~ These objections are in substance the same as those on which the adoption was originally set aside by the Government of Fort St. George, and are as follow. ~

First ..... That at the time of the adoption ~ which took place only four days before the Death of Tuljaje, the Rajah was in such a State of infirmity as not to admit of any exertion of his mental faculties, and that the adoption was executed without consulting him (Amersing) and his other nearest connections. ~

Second that ..... That Sherfoje was the only Son of his Father. ~

Third ..... That when he was adopted he exceeded the Age prescribed by Law. ~

First Objection

This objection is unsupported by any Evidence. ~ The following Quotation from the Journal of ~

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of the Proceedings at Tanjore is the only Document —
before the Governor General in Council which in any respect
appears to confirm it. —

"That the Rajah must then have
"lost his senses, or that the credulity of his disordered —
"mind was certainly imposed upon, there is the strongest —
"Reason to conclude. For it is scarcely possible, that a man
"of his acknowledged good understanding, if greatly interested
"in the success of the adoption, would in his senses adopt
"the only Son of a very distant relation, without the
"Public Consent of his Parents, which is in direct —
"opposition to the Laws of his Country; or that he would
"adopt a Boy of Nine Years of age instead of five
"Years, which is equally adverse to the Laws and the
"Religious Principles of the Hindoos." —

On the other side there are three Documents
First, the Rajahs Letter of the 26th January to the Government
of Fort St. George. —
Secondly Mr. Huddlestones Report of the 30th. —
And Thirdly Sir Archibald Campbells Letter to the Secret
Committee of the Court of Directors, dated the 24th February

The first has been already quoted; it
Announces the adoption of Sherfojee, and expressly States
that it took place on the 22nd January, or Nine days before
the Rajahs Death, refuting the Assertion of Annoseing, that

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the Ceremony was performed only four days preceding that Event. —

Mr. Huddlestone's Report of the occurrences at the Palace on that day when he was summoned by Mr. Swartz to be informed, by the Rajah of the Arrangement he had made for the Management of the Country during Sherfojee's Minority, States that on this occasion the Principal Officers of the Palace were present Amersing and Sherfoje were Seated on a Carpet with Shevarow close to the Rajah, and that by his order Suntapah communicated to Mr. Huddlestone his Permission of Amersing to be Sherfojees Guardian and Manager of the Country during his Minority. —

This Communication corresponds with Shevarow's previous Message to Mr. Huddlestone, on the Night of the 29th. and with the Letter of the 30th. written to the Government of Fort St. George, and all the Circumstances were in conformity to the previous Arrangement of Sherfojees Adoption and Amersings Guardianship Mr. Huddlestone's report does not even intimate a Suspicion that the Rajah was deprived of his Faculties, although his Bodily Weakness was extreme. —

The last Document is of so much importance that the Board think proper to record the following —

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following Quotation from it. —

"You have long been acquainted with
the precarious State of the Rajah of Tanjore's Situation. — Within
"these few Months his health began to decline more rapidly
"than ever, and yet he preserved his Judgement and Faculties
"in a surprising Degree, so much so that even when his Illness
"was become alarming to himself, he took the Resolution of
"Arresting his Minister Bava, who had for a long time by
"his oppression driven the Inhabitants from the Country. —
"After confining his Minister the —
"Rajah continued to direct the Management of his own —
"Affairs until about the 22nd January last, when he took
"the sudden Resolution of adopting a Boy of about ten Years
"of Age, the son of a remote Relation, to be his Heir and Successor
"and appointed his Brother Amersing commonly called
"Ramah Swammy, to be the Guardian of this adopted Child
"with a request that he would manage the Affairs of the
"Country during the Minority, and that he should also
"adopt him as his own Son." —

This Quotation proves that the Rajah
actually superintended the Details of his Government to
the very Period of the Adoption, and entirely destroys the
Inference deduced against the Rajah from the Tanjore —
Journals —

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Journals of the Rajah's Incapacity. The inference rests indeed upon the fact of the adoption only. The Silence of Mr. Huddlestone on a Point of so much consequence must be deemed Evidence of the Sanity of the Rajah's Intellects. ~

The Silence of Amersing at the Ceremony of the 30th. the avowed Object of which was to exclude him from the Succession, and confer it on Sherfoje, is Evidence equally Satisfactory. Nor is there any Proof that the Objection under consideration was ever urged previous to the Rajah's Death, or for many days after it. ~

The Documents before the Board ~ further prove that the adoption was not a sudden ~ Resolution, but the deliberate Execution of an act long before predetermined. ~

The result of the whole is, that the Objection is unsupported by any Evidence whatever ~ and, that there is the strongest Presumption on the other side to suppose it totally ill founded. ~ The ~ Governor General in Council adopts this Conclusion. ~

With respect to the Second Objection, Viz.t ~ That Sherfoje was an only Son, the Pundits are in general of Opinion that in all Countries, the affiliation

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affiliation of an only Son is valid, although the Parent who gives the Child and the adoptor both incur Sin by deviating from the Ordinances of the Shaster, which declare the giving or taking an only Son in adoption to be improper.—

Ramaswama & the other Pundits, who Sign with him, State that an only son cannot be given to the Rajah to adopt as his Son, but it appears that they rather mean, that the act cannot be done consistently with the Ordinations of the Shaster, than that the adoption is invalid, for they expressly State that several usages have been adopted & followed that are not found in the Shaster, and are to be looked upon as valid.—

This Exposition shews their Opinion to be the same as that of Kasheenauth, and the other Benares Pundits who State that the adoption of an only Son is one of those Acts which is tolerated by usage altho it incurs guilt according to the Shaster.—

These Testimonies corroborate the Opinions of the Tanjore Pundits transmitted by the Widows of the late Raja Tulyajee, and those received through the Government of Fort St. George, and recorded on the Procedings of the 30th Ultimo, and the Conclusion

adopted

adopted by the Governor General in Council from the whole is, that the Second Objection is not sufficiently founded to invalidate the adoption & Succession of Sherfojee.

The third Objection is apparently better founded than either of the two Preceeding.

The Pundits generally are of Opinion, that the Boy adopted ought not to be above Five years of Age, nor have undergone the Ceremony of the Tonsure.

If this Ceremony should not have been performed, it is to be inferred from their Opinions that the adoption may take place if the Age of the Child should exceed ten Years, and be of the same Lineage as the adoptor. This Point is admitted by the Santipore Pundits, and has been established by the Decision in the case of Raja Ramkissen, Zemindar of Rajeshahee, which is referred to in the Letter from the Madras Government of the 1st. July, & recorded on the Proceedings of the 8th. August.

Goverdhun Pundit in Answer to the 8th. Question States that a Boy who is not Named and of the Chetree or Military Class, may be adopted within the 22nd. Year.

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Kissennaut and the Benares Pundits State that to the Southward (in the Decan) when adopting from their own lineage, if they do not find a Child who has not undergone the Tonsure, they take a Child who has undergone it. — To obtain all possible Information on this point, the Board thought it proper to refer the original opinions of the Pundits received with the Letter from the Madras Government recorded on the 8th August to the Pundits of the sudder Dewanny Adawlut, and from their Answer it appears that the Filiation of a Son in adoption who has passed his fifth Year, and undergone the Purification by Tonsure (called Choorn Kern) is valid, provided he be a Sagotra (that is one who has descended in a direct Male line from one common Male Ancestor) That the Restrictions as to Purification & age are to be observed only in Instances, where adoption of those who are not Sagotras takes place. —

That no Muni or Devine Legislator has positively said so, but that in the Kirnay Sandhee — "Mddana Perigat" — Bybahar Mayacca" and other Books of high Authority, this is understood to be the Rule, in cases of filiation by adoption, and they are considered as entitled to inherit the whole Property of

their

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their Fathers. —

The Admissibility however of this Law depends on the usage of the Country — Usage being considered equal to the written code of Law; whoever deviates from the usages of the Country, Lineage, and Class, disregarding the Precepts laid down in the Ramana Pooraun. —

This Answer corroborates the Opinions of the Benares Pundits, and is indeed consistent with their unanimous declaration, that in such cases local usages supercede the Ordinances of the Shaster. —

Sherfoje being not only lineally descended in the Male Line from the same Ancestor as the Rajah, the Validity of the Objection depends upon the local usages of Tanjore which being a Question of Fact may if necessary be ascertained by further Evidence. —

There are two other Objections Stated to the Adoption, which the Board deem it incumbent on them to Notice. —

One, that Sherfoje was generally believed to be of spurious birth and the other that he was adopted without the public Consent of his Parents The former of these Objections is Stated in the Letter from the Governor of Madras of the 3rd. of February 1787.

and

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and the latter in the Remarks prefixed to the Journal of the Governor's Proceedings at Tanjore. —

On both these Objections the Governor General in Council thinks it sufficient to observe that they were never urged by the Present Rajah Amersing & that they are unsupported, by any Evidence or Presumption

It now remains to advert to the — Grounds on which the Decision in favor of Amersing was originally formed. —

When the Question of the Succession was under the Consideration at Tanjore, five questions — were referred to the Pundits there. — They were neither sufficiently definite, nor pointed, and the Answers to them are general & unsupported by reference to due — Authorities: by them however Principally a Decision on the Rights of Sherfojee was made. —

But these Answers are discredited less perhaps by the General terms on which they are — given, which might be in some degree ascribable to the general Nature of the questions, than from the Suspicions which Attach to the Integrity of the parties by whom they were delivered as will appear from the paper — No. 2 received from Mr. Swartze. —

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Of the Twelve Pundits, Mr. Swartz

States that Dada declared in the Strongest Terms in his presence and that of many others, and with expressions of Contrition for what he had done, that he had given an unjust vote.—

Bijjung Rew and Bapana have declared they knew nothing of the Shaster and had given their vote for Amersing, having observed what others had done, and that they followed their Example.—

The above declarations were made before Mr. Swartz who has Attested them on Oath.—

Teashare declared to three Brahmins who Attested the same before Mr. Swartz, and to whose Attestations he has Sworn, that he knew nothing of the Shaster and acted unjustly.—

Appa Shastry has certified under his own hand that he knew nothing of the Shaster, but that being prefsed to Sign as others would do, he Signed.—

Sabbi Nye Abharm has declared that he knew nothing of the Shaster, but Signed as he was desired from fear of loosing some fields.—

Nara Sing declares himself ready to—

to confess publicly that he has done wrong in giving his vote in favor of Amer Sing.—

Ayen Atchary declares that he is ready to acknowledge that he knew nothing of the Shaster when he gave his vote in favor of Amer Sing.—

Rama Shaster, and Mandavatchare are in the pay of the Rajah, and the latter has obtained an Office from him.—

The remaining three Pundits are dead.—

To the Evidence of Mr. Swartz no Objection can be made, & the admission of it proves that the Pundits whose Opinions were taken with regard to the Succession were either ignorant or corrupt, & that their opinions are consequently entitled to no weight.—

The only Objection which appears to this Board to have any weight against Sherfoje is that founded on his Age, and it remains to ascertain how far that is superceded or not by the usage of Tanjore.—

The Presumption is strongly against the objection and may perhaps be deemed of sufficient weight by the Honble the Court of Directors who have reserved the final Decision to themselves, to

set

set it aside. — The Adoption of Sherfoje was a formal, — deliberate, preconcerted act of the Rajah & it is impossible to conceive him so ignorant and uninformed of the Laws & usages of his own Country, as to make an adoption, defective in its most essential Point. — The Bramins by whom he was attended could not have failed to point it out to him, if he were himself uninformed, and it is far more probable under all the Circumstances of the Case, to conclude that the Adoption which by the Hindoos is considered as a solemn religious act, was in all essential Points conformable to the Laws & Usages of the Country which the Rajah ruled. The declaration of the Rajah's First Priest, & of Haribhut, & the other — Bramins who were consulted on the Adoption, strongly corroborate these conclusions. of the Rajah's intentions no doubt can be entertained, and by the Communication of it, to the Government of Fort St. George, and by the Solemn declaration of it in his presence to Mr. Huddleston, so shortly before his Dissolution, he appears to have guarded as far as prudence could suggest, — against any Attempts to set aside a Disposition, by which not only the Government of the Country was fixed, but the performance of Ceremonies ensured, which the

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the Hindoos deem of the last Importance to their Spiritual welfare.— If Sir A. Campbell when he was at Tanjore, had found found reason to distrust the Opinions of the Pundits whom he consulted, an Enquiry would probably have convicted them of Ignorance & Corruption, and if these Opinions be set aside, as in Justice they ought to be the Grounds of Amer Sing's Claims then rest upon — Opinions without authority, whilst on the other hand the Title of Sherfoje as invalidated by the Opinions of those Pundits is relieved from the Objections which precluded the acquisition of that Right, to which he was appointed by his Adoptive Father, and to which in the Opinion of the Board he is in future entitled.—

(A true Copy)

(Signed) G. H. Barlow
Secy. to the Govern.t

The President delivers in the following

Minute.—

President's Minute in Council 21th January 1797.—

President's Minute concurring in the Sentiments of the Supreme Government relative to Serfoji's Title—

The — able and comprehensive manner in which the Governor General in Council has investigated the Right of succession to the Tanjore Country, the explicit

terms

Title to the Musnud of Tanjore — and proposing that immediate Communication be made to the Court of Directors of the united Sentiments of the two Governments on this Subject. —

terms in which they have stated their Opinion, and the — Documents upon which that Opinion has been formed, have left little room for additional Remarks by this Government respecting the rights of the Parties.

The reasoning of the Supreme Board — upon the first and Second objection to the Right of Serfoge appearing to the President perfectly conclusive, he adopts — their decisions respecting them — Viz.t that the first — objection is unsupported by any Evidence whatever, and that there is the strongest presumption on the other side to Suppose it totally unfounded — And that the Second objection is not sufficiently founded to invalidate the adoption and Succession of Serfoje. —

Upon the last objection Viz.t that,

"When he was adopted he exceeded the Age prescribed by "Law"; which the Governor General in Council has stated to be apparently better founded than either of the two — preceding, but which he ultimately rejects, the President Submits the following remarks. —

The objection, as far as relates to a Child of ten Years of Age, who has discended in a — direct line from one Common Male Ancestor is unfounded,

according

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According to the unanimous opinion of all the Pundits,—

The quotations from the Shaster, upon which the Pundits of Tanjore had formed their opinions have been referred to, and confirmed by the Pundits of the Sudda Dewanny Adawlet—the Santipore Pundits—and lastly, by the Kipsennaut and Benares Pundits, who State that to the Southward (in the Decan) when adopting from their own Lineage, if they do not find a Child who has undergone the Tonsure, they take a Child who has undergone it.—

By the decision of the Supreme Board in the case of Rajah Ramhuppun the Opinion has been rectified that—adoption may take place, if the Age of the of the Child should exceed ten years.—

From this it appears, that the Opinions of the most competent People on the spot, have been established by the Authority of those who from the remoteness of their situation, could feel no interest in the question—To this may be added, that the late Rajah acted with the utmost circumspection, by taking the advice of those most conversant in the forms and Ceremonies of adoption usually practised at Tanjore (of which he could not himself be supposed entirely ignorant) and by giving every degree of solemnity to his proceedings.—

Upon

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Upon combining all these Circumstances, the President has no doubt of the validity of Serfojee's adoption, and consequently that the third objection should not defer for one Hour that Justice, to which he is entitled—

Had the question turned upon the Legitimacy or Illegitimacy of Ameer Sing, there would appear Evidence which might be thought by many sufficient to bastardize him— But as the Laws of adoption equally preclude his pretensions, whether legitimate or illegitimate, his being a Bastard should only be considered as an aggravation of the injustice which Serfojee has suffered.—

Under this impression, and a Conviction of the distress in which the Inhabitants of the Tanjore Country must be involved, untill it's Government shall be settled upon a permanent footing, the President proposes that the Board should concur in opinion with the Governor General in Council, That the title of Serfojee, as invalidated by the Opinions of the Pundits delivered at Tanjore on the 4th of April 1787, is relieved from the objections which precluded the acquisition of that right, to which he was appointed by his adoptive Father, and to which he is in future entitled— "and that their Opinion, with the papers which have been under their Consideration, should

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be transmitted to the Court of Directors by the earliest opportunity.— The President further proposes that the Court of Directors should be acquainted, that, in conformity to the instructions of the Supreme Board, they have ordered the resident at Tanjore to procure the information respecting the Age at which Children are eligible for adoption and that it will be forwarded as soon as it shall be received but that they did not think it advisable to withhold the Communication, they now make, until it's arrival.—

(Signed) Hobart.—

Minute of the Board on the foregoing Subject.—

The Board on the proposition of the Right Honorable President, concur in Opinion with the Governor General in Council that "the title of Serfoje, as "invalidated by the Opinions of the Pundits delivered at Tanjore "on the 4th. of April 1787, is relieved from the objections "which precluded the acquisition of that right, to which he "was appointed by his adoptive Father, and to which he is "in future entitled.—

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

To Alex.r Macleod Esq.r
Resident at Tanjore

To the Resident at Tanjore requiring Information on the Laws & Customs at Tanjore

Sir,

Having received the final opinion of the

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Tanjore relative to the age at which a Child may be adopted — recommending Circumspection in pursuit of the object of his Enquiry

the Supreme Government, with respect to the right of Succession to the Musnud of Tanjore upon the decease of the late Rajah, with Directions, (for the full satisfaction of the Court of Directors,) to procure information as to the Laws and Customs of Tanjore, with regard to the Age at which Children are eligible for adoption, We must desire that, without loss of time, you would endeavour to obtain that information; — and with a view to your perfectly understanding the object of this particular Enquiry, we are to acquaint you, that, it has been clearly ascertained, that the adoption of a Child of ten years of Age, descended in a direct line from one common Male Ancestor, with the adoption, may take Place, but the Law which admits the validity of the adoption in such a Case, is controulable by local usage. —

You will therefore acquaint us, — whether there is any local usage at Tanjore, which upon the Principle above Stated, should invalidate the adoption of Serfojee. —

As the point to which the investigation into the right of succession at Tanjore is now narrowed may possibly suggest Sanguine Expectations, in the mind of Serfojee, which might lead to an inconvenient interference with the existing Government, you will, if necessary, apprize him that the Subject

by

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by special Order is referable to the Court of Directors, and that any improper conduct on his part, might eventually suggest difficulties, that might still disappoint his expectations.—

On the other Hand, you will exert yourself as much as may be in your power, to prevent the ill consequences of despondency or rapaciousness in the Rajah or His Ministers.—

You must be aware that it would be desirable that neither the hopes of the one, nor the fears of the other should be excited; and if the information can be procured ~~without~~ producing either of those effects, it would be highly satisfactory to us; but as such a circumstance is rather to be wished for than expected, We have thought it necessary to apprise you of our Sentiments, and We rely on your acting with as much circumspection as the Nature of the Case, and the object of your enquiry, will admit of.—

We are,

Fort St. George
24th. January 1797.— (Signed)

Yo.a Yo.a—
Hobart
Yo.a Council.—

Minute on the foregoing Subject.

Resolved that Copies of the foregoing Papers be transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors by

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by the Ship Marquis Cornwallis.—

Read the following letter from Bengal.—

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Bengal with Copy of Instructions issued to Major General Erskine relative to the Detachment ordered to march under his Command to the Northern Circars.— request that orders may be given for preparing Supplies of Money & Provisions on their entering the Districts under the Authority of the Madras Government.

We have already had the honor to apprize your Lordship of our Intention to assemble a Corps at Midnapore, for the eventual assistance of— Your Presidency, and the Governor General has advised your Lordship of our subsequent Determination to direct the Troops to commence their March on or about the 15th. Instant.—

2 We have the honor to enclose a Copy of our Instructions to Major General Erskine, appointed to command the Detachment, and request your Lordship in Council will issue the Instructions referred to in the 6th. Paragraph, to supply any Provisions or other necessaries which the Troops may stand in need of during their passage through the Circars.—

3 We likewise request that your— Lordship in Council will be pleased to give orders to the Collectors at Masulipatam and Ganjam to issue

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Money for the pay of the Paymaster, the latter giving a receipt in Duplicate for the Sums so received, one to be transmitted to Bengal, the other to be kept as a voucher for the issue of the Money.—

4 To guard however against any failure of their resources for the supply of the Detachment, we have authorised them to raise funds by drawing upon Bengal at 30 days sight on the best terms that may be procurable.—

5 Provision however having been made here for the payment of the Detachment here for the payment to the end of March, your Officers are not likely to be called upon for any supplies before the end of April, and the Sum which will then be required Monthly, will not we conceive exceed S.r Rup.s 75,000.—

6 Our Instructions direct Major General Erskine to proceed to Ganjam, from which place his return will be easy and expeditious, if the Services of the Bengal Troops should not be required on the Coast.— It remains with your Lordship, to fix his Destination to any other Place according to Circumstances.—

We have the honor to be,

Fort William
the 11th. January 1797.— (Signed) &c.a &c.a
J. Shore
Rob.t Abercromby
P. Speke
Wm. Cowper

Copy

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Copy of Instructions sent to Major General John Erskine.—

To Major General John Erskine

Sir,

You have been duly informed, that We have thought proper to appoint you, to the Command of a Detachment under orders to proceed, by land to the Southward.—

2d. The Detachment being assembled at Midnapore, and a Supply of Treasure, Amounting to Rupees at that Station, being delivered over to Captain John Hume Paymaster of the Detachment,— We direct, that you proceed with the Troops under Your Command, without delay, to Ganjam via Cuttack.—

3d. Suddasheo Row the Principal Officer of the Berar Rajah in that Province having been written to by the Governor General, and requested to forward your passage, through the Districts of that State.— We Enclose you a Letter of Introduction to that Officer. Shaikh Commul Mahommed one of the Cuttack Arumeels, will be deputed to the Frontier by the Rajah to meet and accompany the Detachment through

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through the District.—

4 On your Arrival within the Countries,— immediately Subject to the Presidency of Fort St. George, you will send Notice thereof, to the Governor in Council, and obey all orders, that he may send to you, or that may be sent to you by the Commanding Officer of the Forces of that Presidency, for your future Guidance, or for placing yourself and Detachment, under the Orders of a Senior Officer under that Presidency,— that may be in Command of the division or District, where you are to be Stationed. In case no Orders should be received, you will continue your March to Ganjam where you will halt and wait for orders.—

5 We are persuaded, that you will uniformly and carefully observe the Strictest Attention, to the Safety of the Inhabitants and their property, during the March,— whether through the Company's Country, or any other;— inflicting exemplary Punishment on all Persons detected in marauding or in acts of Personal violence to the People.—

6. We shall request the Governor in— Council at Fort St. George, to send Instructions to the Subordinates of that Presidency, to supply the wants of the Detachment in provisions &c.a in their passage.—

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17th. He will be also requested to arrange the mode, in which the Detachment is to be supplied with Cash, when at the Stations that may be assigned it; — and you have a general Authority to draw on us, on the best terms you can, in case of necessity for any Aids you may require, provided the Government of Fort St. George find it inconvenient to supply you, and Approve of that mode of your obtaining Remittances — Before you adopt this Resource, you will make application to the Collectors of Masulipatam and Ganjam for Assistance. —

18th. You are at liberty to Correspond with Captain Kirkpatrick the Resident at Hydrabad, whenever the wants of the Detachment may be assisted by Orders to the Nizam's Officers, and We have no doubt of the Resident obtaining them. — In the event of part of the Detachment being ordered into his Highness's Country, to relieve the Madrass Corps now Stationed there, you will appoint Major Hindman to the Command of it, instructing him still to Consider himself and his Corps under your Orders, but to Consider the Resident as the Channel of Communication between his Highness and him, and as such, to attend to his Instructions and Representations, in the same manner,

as

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as Major Roberts has been accustomed to do. — The Corps that may be thus detached will be allowed the same Staff and as nearly as the Nature of the two Services will admit will be on the same footing, as the Detachment they relieve

9th " You have been furnished with a Copy of the Orders of Government, in respect to disbursements for Secret Services. —

10th " The Commander in Chief will trans-mit to you, an authenticated Copy of the Establishment which has been fixed for your Detachment and we — Strongly Recommend and enjoin your Strictest Attention to the expences of the Corps under your Command, and at the same time that We think it expedient to Confide to you, the power of Authorising such contingent — Disbursements as you may find absolutely necessary for the Service, on which you are sent; We think it proper to apprise you, that you will be held responsible for them until they receive the Sanction of Government — We rely however confidently, on your Attention to Economy and that no expences will be incurred by you, which will not meet with our Approbation. —

11th " Whatever Money may be advanced to the

the Troops, including the Expenditure of the Supply that the Paymaster takes from Midnapore, is to be advanced in the Specie in which you receive it; at such rate of Exchange with respect to Sonaut Rupees, as you determine to be an equitable rate, considering the Current Exchange at the Places where the Specie may be used, and you will be pleased from time to time to inform us of whatever orders you may give upon this Subject.

12 You will exercise your discretion in procuring and keeping up, Supplies of Provisions as well as with respect to the Carriage Cattle, purchased for the Bazars of the Detachment, and the Cattle Engaged on Monthly Hire.

13th You will receive from the Adjutant General, Copies of all General Orders, that have been, or that may be issued, in respect to the Detachment under your Command, and you will Correspond with the Commander in Chief, upon all points, necessary for his Information.

Fort William
the 9th Jany. 1797

We are,

&ca. &ca.

(Signed) By the Governor General in Council.

(A true Copy)
(Signed) J. Thornhill
Sub Secy.

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Resolved that the Collector at Ganjam be directed to take the necessary Measures for supplying the Detachment with Provisions &c.a upon its entering his District and during its continuance there— and to advise the Board of the time when he may expect the arrival of the Detachment at Ganjam, so that instructions for Major General Erskine may reach that place from hence / about the same period.—

Minute on the foregoing Letter from Bengal.—

Read the following letter from Colonel Martinz.—

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor & President in Council

My Lord,

As a Custom has obtained in the Service to allow Table allowance to Officers in Command of Stations Subject to the Continual passing and repassing of Travellers I shall hope it may not be deemed an unreasonable obtrussion on my part, in Submitting a Clame of this Nature to your Lordship's favourable Consideration.—

From Colonel Martinz requesting that some advance may be made to him on account of the heavy Expence he is subject to in the accommodation of Strangers.—

This Place has been at all times much subject to Travellers from North to South and from South to North; but since the Island of Ceylon became one of our posessions, Ramnad is a thorough fare for almost all—

all the Officers and passengers either going to or coming from it. here they halt for several Days to prepare to persue their intended journey, which Circumstance, it may be supposed, has, and does add Considerably to my expences, in order to enable me in some degree to defray them, I humble hope I shall be excused the Liberty I now take in soliciting to be granted such an allowance Monthly as to your Lordships Judgement may appear reasonable and Consistent with my Situation.

I have the Honour to be most respectfully

Ramnad &c.a &c.a

20th December 1797. (Signed) M. Martinz.

Resolved, for the reasons stated by Colonel Martinz, that he be allowed to draw ten Shillings per Diem Table allowance, to commence from the 1st of January 1796, and to continue so long as the British Troops may be in possession of Columbo. The Amount to be paid out of the surplus Revenue of the Ramnad Country.

Minute thereon.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Certificate transmitted by Mrs. Wright. Widow of the late Lieutenant Peter Wright of the

Military

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Military Establishment under this Presidency.—

Oath of Qualification transmitted by Mrs. Wright (widow of Lieutenant Peter Wright) entitling her to participate in Lord Clive's Fund.

I do hereby Swear that I was lawfully Married to Lieutenant Peter Wright of the Honorable Company's Service on the 17th. of September 1795, In the Fort of Madura and that my said Husband, Lieutenant Peter Wright, Departed this Life at Ramnadpatam on the 21st. of April 1796, not possessed of One Hundred Pounds Sterling.—

(Signed) Stuart Wright

Madura
the 22nd. November 1796.—

Sworn to before me
(Signed) Robt. Hughes
J.P.—

The necessary Certificate granted to Mrs. Wright to enable her to participate in Lord Clive's Fund.—

Ordered that a Certificate be granted to Mrs. Wright, entitling her to the Pension, commonly called Lord Clive's Bounty.—

Ensigns Brown and Blair removed to the Artillery Corps.—

The Commander in Chief recommends that Ensigns Brown and Blair who are desirous of a removal to the Artillery and thoroughly well qualified by Major General Geils, be indulged in their request.—

Approved and ordered Accordingly.—

Lieutenant R.R. Sheppard appointed adjutant to the 1st Battalion 9th Regiment Native Infantry vice Green promoted.—

The Commander in Chief also recommends that Lieutenant R.R. Sheppard be appointed Adjutant to the

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the 1st. Battalion of the 9th. Regiment of Native Infantry, in the room of Captain Lieutenant Green promoted to a Company.—

Ordered accordingly.—

Read the following letter from Major Thomas Bowser.—

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Major Bowser requests a reconsideration of his Case and that the Board in consideration of his Services will admit the Charges which they have rejected from his Accounts

The very heavy loss, I have sustained, by my Extra Charges, not being admitted, and the vast Sums I advanced from my own private Fortune, to forward the Publick Service, when on the Island of Ceylon, will I trust be taken into consideration by your Lordship, in order, to compensate for those losses caused by various Impositions of Servants, together with the total loss of Interest, upon those Sums, advanced by me and without any advantage whatever.—

I earnestly solicit your Lordships Attention to the Various Departments, I had to attend to the Commissary of Grain and Provision Prize Agents, the Providing of Sixty boats, with their Crews, Supplys of the Army, together with my Duty as a Soldier, will I doubt not make it appear to your Lordship, that there was nothing very

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very extraordinary, in the many Impositions and Accidents I was subject to,— then in an Enemy's Country— the difficulty in proving Coast Servants those of the worst Character— and at exorbitant Wages.—

The reason that my Accounts, lay so long by, of their not being made out, ~~correctat~~ at first, was owing to my Head Servant, being taken ill, at Manar and Obliged to return to the Island of Ramiserum. It was many Months, before he joined me at Columbo; consequently I was under the necesity of engaging Servants on the— Island, whose Attachment could not be very great and of course availing themselves in taking every advantage, during my occasional absence.—

I never pretended to any other— business than that of a Soldier, consequently, I was more liable to be imposed upon than those brought up to the profession of business.—

I have been Twenty four Years a— Soldier and I may venture to affirm, placed in every Situation, that a Soldier is liable to, and, during the course of that period of Service, I never recollect to have gone through, greater exertions of Body, and—

anxiety

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anxiety of Mind that in collecting the supplys &c.a.—
however, I have that great consolation, that although
the task was laborious, the anxiety great— yet, the—
Publick Service, was accomplished, by me without even
the smallest obstacle thrown in the way of Major
General Stuart's operations as every Supply was ready for
the whole Army on its arrival at Negumbo— I should
hope therefore, that these circumstances will induce,
Your Lordship, to take into consideration what I so
earnestly intreat and, more particularly as I volunteerd
not only my own private Fortune, for the good of
the Publicke Service, but also, my exertions and at the
time when I was fixd, in the Command of Manar—

I have the honor to be,—

Madura
11th. January 1797.—

&c.a &c.a—
(Signed) Thos. Bowser
Major—

Minute thereon

The Board having Considered all the circumstances of Major Bowser's Case, are of Opinion that they can neither compensate him at the Company's Expense for the hopes he may have sustained by the imposition of Servants— nor authorize Disbursements which had been objected to by his Superior Officer,

Major

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Major General Stuart, who was the most competent
Person to decide upon them.—

Ordered that the above be communicated
to Major Bowser.—

Read the following letter from the
Military Paymaster General.—

William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Military Paymaster General respecting the Payment made by him of allowances due to Major Gorry of the 74th Regiment to the Executor to his Estate.—

I am honored in the receipt of your letter of the 30th Ultimo transmitting Copy of a Letter with its enclosures from Colonel Baird requesting to know my reasons for having paid the Arrears due to the late Major Gorry to his Administrator instead of issuing the Amount to the Regimental Paymaster.— I have to acquaint you for the information, of his Lordship, that Major Gorry died on or about the 4th May the arrears alluded to arose from his Brevet promotion and did not consist of Monthly Payments.— The Promotions in the King's Corps were published at Bengal the 5th and here the 25th May last the arrears were ordered to be paid the 24th of the same Month and the Letters of Administration were granted to

Mr.

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Mr. Henderson the 30th. June — following as these Arrears were not even known to be issuable until some time after Major Gorry's death and the Order on the Treasury for the Cash was not granted until July I conceived that they were payable to his Administrator only and I — Considered in this respect I followed the orders of Govern- =ment on similar occasions; the discharge of Field — Officers Gratuity, Donation and Offreckonings on account of Deceased persons having been made to their Executors and Administrators — I will not presume to pass an — Opinion respecting the Articles of War quoted by the Regimen- =tal Paymaster but beg leave to suggest whether they can allude to the Extra Pay or Company's Allowances or whether they are — not confined solely to his Majesty's Subsistence I further beg leave to add that I paid Mr. Henderson upon his Receipt as Administrator and that I did not conceive any Person except an Executor or Administrator could give me a legal Voucher. —

I am,

Fort St. George
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Vc.a Vc.a
(Signed) B. Roebuck
M.P.G. —

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table

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Read the following letter from the Governor of the Isle of France. —

To His Excellency Lord Hobart

Governor of Madras

From the Governor of the Isle of France on the Glasgow sends to Madras all the English Prisoners of War remaining on the Island — a Return of them enclosed —

I received in the course of June last — per the Cartel dispatched by Vice Admiral Elphinstone the letter your Excellency honored me with on the 9th of the preceding Month. —

I am extremely flattered that your — Excellency should make choice of that opportunity for — liberating on his parole a French Officer, Citizen Ange Feux, who was desirous of returning to this Islands. —

I inform your Excellency that I have sent back by the said Cartel all the English Prisoners of War that were remaining on these Islands and that I — have even permitted some Officers to return to Europe on a Neutral Vessel. —

I have the honor to be

Isle de France
10th September 1796 old Style

Vc. a. Vc. a.
(Signed) Marlatic —

P.S. — Annexed is a List of the Prisoners embarked on Board the Cartel Glasgow. —

a true translation
(Signed) Wm. Mainwaring
F. Translator

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Memorandum of Prisoners of War embarked on Board the Cartel Ship Glasgow — the Twenty third Day of June of the present Year

Names		Rank
Westly Percival Geo. King	}	Midshipmen
Wm. Orr		Captain of the Montrose
returned to Europe on a Neutral Vessel — Gv. Skine		
Benjn. Riddal Gc. Dawson Jas. Aikman	}	The above Ships Officers
Jas. Robinson		Surgeon Mayor in the Army
John Griggs		Seaman
John Rose		Do.
Thomas Norrice		Do.
Thos. Anderson		Do.
Jas. Murray		Do.
Hugh Nankwille		Do.
Wm. Peters		Do.
John Durlin		Do.
Jas. Bennett		Do.
Jas. Starlin		Do.
Saml. Chapman		Do.
Richd. Gunning		Do.
Lewis Grant		Do.
William Luck		Do.
William Frankam		Do.

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Names	Rank
Thomas Arnet	Seaman
William Williams	Do.
Ge. Barkley	do.
J. Mc. Main	do.
Isaac Bristow	do.
Robert Mc. Gill	do.
James Daviman	do.
Robert Williams	do.
William Gipson	do.
William Cowley	do.
John Bryan	do.
Benjamin Nicholson	do.
John Perray	do.

The above Certified to be a true Statement by us —

Governor General of the Isle of France and Reunion —

Isle of France this 10th. Day of Sept. 1796.

(Signd) Malartic

a true translation

(Signed) W. Mainwaring

F. Translator

Read the following letter from the —

Chief Engineer. —

William

Fort St. George 27th January 1797.

William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Chief Engineer, enclosing Lieutenant Wood's Statement of the Cause of his deviating from the original, approved Plans of works ordered at Arnee. —

In consequence of your letter to me of the 25th Ultimo, — I called upon Captain Lieutenant Wood for his reasons for deviating from the Plan of the Buildings at Arnee, and have now the honor to transmit his reply, — which I request you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable the President in Council. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signd) Wilm. Gent
Chief Engineer

Fort St. George
13th January 1797. —

Colonel Gent
Chief Engineer

Sir

I have had the honor of receiving your letter of the 30th Ultimo enclosing a Copy of Colonel Prescott's report upon the Quarters lately built at this Station under my Superintendance & of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter, requiring you to call upon me for my reasons, for deviating from the original plan, in the execution of those Buildings in certain

instances

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instances, as particularised in Colonel Prescott's report—
In reply, I beg leave to State, for the information of
the Right Honorable the President in Council, that
with respect to the deviations from the Plan of the
Field Officers Quarter, the most essential, being a demine
-tion of 4 Feet in length of the Hall, was owing to
too great anxiety to expedite the Building which —
immediatily led me to begin the Foundation from a
recollection of the plan, before I had actually received
it, and which I remembered to have seen designed for
a length of 24: Feet only,— which was afterwards altered
but I did not know to so great a length as 32 Feet,
and altho' notwithstanding this deminution in the —
length, which I could not fail being acquainted with,
on the receipt of the plan, I have certifyed the quantity
of Masonry in this Building as Correspondent with
that Estimated when I could not be ignorant that
this alteration must have rendered it considerably less,
it was from a Conviction that the deficiency thereby
occasioned was fully compensated for, by an additional thickness of 10 Inches
given to one of the principal Walls, and by the —
Compound Walls which are not charged for— besides —

which

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which the Windows are Venetion instead of plain Batten Windows as Estimated_ In respect to the finishing of the front of the quarter, which is in three Coats of Plaster, the outer Coloured yellow instead of being in fine Chunam as provided for by the Estimate, this was done with a view to prevent a disagreable glare from the whiteness of the Walls and to relieve the ornaments which effect it has, and must Imagine have been nearly as expensive as if the whole had been fine Chunamed,_ The dimensions of the out houses belonging to this quarter, are preserved, altho the mode of arching differs from the designs, being ~ instead of a Series of Arches turned upon the partition ~ and end Walls one Continued Arch parallel to the outer Walls, and Similar to the other sets of outhouses, from which I saw no particular reason to deviate, whereby an uniform and regular appearance is preserved ~ throughout the whole Range_ which would not otherwise have been the case. ~

In respect to the next essential ~

deviation, a diminution of Six Inches in the height of the Walls of the Ranges of Officers Quarters, I was induced to make this alteration from an apprehension of the difficulty of connecting with sufficient strength, the

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the Arches of the Doors and Windows with the roof of the Verandah, which was originally an Arch, if it should Spring immediately from the tops of the Doors and Windows, as designed in the Section— I therefore deminished their — height by Six inches, and made the Verandah Arch to Spring nine inches above them, whereby the arches of the Doors and Windows had a less inclined position and — consequently a greater degree of Strength and Capacity to support the Weight of Masonry above them, than they they would have possessed had they been 7 feet high, as in this case the Verandah being but 10 feet high, and the Arches of the Doors and Windows about 2 feet thick, the upper part of them must have approached very near to the Crown of the Arches of the Verandah, and lain — almost in a horizontal position— By this alteration in the height of the Walls I am sensible the quantity of Masonry in them must be some What deminished, but them it is made good by the additional foot in depth given to the foundation of one of one of the Ranges of Quarters as Noted in Colonel Prescott's report and the additional length given to the Compound Walls, exclusive of which the Walls of the out houses to the whole of the Quarters are three —

inches —

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inches thicker than planed, being twenty one instead of Eighteen inches thick.—

Upon the whole I trust it will appear to his Lordship on consideration of all circumstances that altho' my Conduct may have been imprudent and in any respect from the plans, as originally laid down, yet that in so doing I could not be influenced by any undue Motives, since what has been deminished in one instance has in general been made up for in another, and in some Buildings considerably more has been done than the Estimate allowed for, or than was ever Certified.— as in the Gun Shed, and Buttresses to the Granary, but more particularly in the Quarters and Barrack begun in March last, where exclusive of an additional thickness of three inches, to the Walls of the Barrack, besides ornamental Pilasters, the foundation as well as that of the Quarters, is nearly of double the depth allowed, in Masonry only, besides a very deep bedding of Stone beneath the whole.—

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

Arnee
4th. January 1797.—

(a true Copy) (Signed) T. Wood Capt. & Engineer—
(Signed) W. Gent

agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Captain Lieutenant Wood that his Conduct was highly exceptionable in deviating from the plans that had been transmitted for his guidance with respect to the Buildings at Arnee – and equally wrong in not reporting that such deviations had been made, but that it does not appear that he was actuated by any motive of personal interest, and as Lieutenant Colonel Prescott's report is in all other respects favorable towards him, the Board are disposed to overlook the irregularity of his Conduct, on the present occasion – expecting however that he will bear in mind the necessity of his being more guarded in future. –

Read the following letters from the Military Auditor General. –

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

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My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council the enclosed letter from Major Cockburn of the Royal Artillery at Trichinopoly on the

From the Military Auditor General enclosing a letter from Major Cockburn soliciting a reconsideration of his claim to full Batta as Commanding

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Commanding the Artillery South of the Coleroon ~ which he has been called upon to refund requests instructions relative to his Counter-signature of the Pay Certificates of Officers returning to Europe ~

the subject of a refund made by him of the difference ~ between Major's half and full Batta from the Month of September 1794 to May 1795 Amounting to Pagodas 730 which difference he claimed as Senior Officer of ~ Artillery South of the Coleroon, but which the late ~ Military Auditor General did not consider himself warranted to pass unless Major Cochburn had been specially Nominated to the Command of the Artillery in that Devision, and the above allowance Sanctioned by Government, which not having been the case, the Amount of the Retrenchment was accordingly refunded

Having thus explained the grounds upon which the retrenchment was made, it is equally my duty to state to your Lordship that the allowance of full batta was admitted by Government to Lieutenant Colonel Smith when in Command of the Artillery South of the Coleroon in the year 1793. altho' it does not appear that he was expressly appointed to that charge.

If your Lordship should be disposed to attend to Major Cochburn's Claim, it will then ~ become ~

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become a matter of consideration whither he is to be paid only the Sum which he has refunded, or whither the allow-ance of full Batta is to be continued to him from the period when he ceased to draw it Viz.t May 1795 to the present time, It is to be observed that half Batta as Major was admitted to that officer when a Captain, on the grounds of his being in the Command of a Corps, and that altho' he has been a Major by Brevet from March 1794, no higher Batta, tho claimed, has been passed to him, as the Orders of Government as well as the uniform practice of the Service restrict this allowance to the Batta of the Rank of next above the Regimental and not the Batta of the Rank next above the Brevet Rank of the party drawing it.—

Having received from the Military Auditor General at Bengal the enclosed Copy of a letter addressed by him to the Supreme Government, with their Answer, and being entirely of the Opinion given by Sir John Murray "that the Military Auditor General "has it only in his power to certify the latest period to which payments are sanctioned in his Office and—

cannot

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"cannot know when Payments are made until the Accounts
"are received for Audit." I beg leave to submit the ~
"Matter to your Lordship's consideration, and to request
"your orders thereon. ~

I have the honor to be,

Military Auditor Generals' office
Fort St. George ~
23d. January 1797. ~

&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Milty. Aud.r Genl.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor in Council
My Lord,

On the Detachment of Royal
Artillery being Stationed at Trichinopoly I applied
for full Batta in an advanced Rank, to what I
then held of Captain (but it since appears that
I was appointed, Brevet Major in March 1794 five
Months previous to my arrival at Trichinopoly)
believing myself entitled to it from my Predecessor
in Command having been allowed it: and from Reports
and Returns of all the Detachments of Artillery South
of the Coleroon being made to me, and attending ~
Committees ~

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Committees of Stores both here and elsewhere, as Senior Officer of Artillery which Sums I had to refund, and have since been obliged to repay, another which coming so immediately on the back of the former one in question Star Pagodas 730. is an object of so great consequence being on the point of removing to the Cape of Good Hope with a Family of four young Children, that I am reduced to extreme difficulty.—

The Retrospect is so distant that order took me, at every disadvantage being wholely unlooked and unprovided for, and I humbly hope your Lordship will give a favorable Consideration to these circumstances and to a length of Twenty Eight years Service. and afford such relief as the Nature of the Case will admit.—

I have the Honor to be,

Trichinopoly
Janry. 17th. 1797.—

&c.a &c.a—
(Signd) John Cockburn
Major Commandt.
the Royal Artillery

The Honble Sir John Shore Bart.
Governor General &c.a &c.a in Council
Military Department

Honorable Sir,

1 It is directed in the 11th. Paragraph of the

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the Court of Directors Orders regarding Furlough "That a Certificate shall be given to each Officer returning to Europe Signed by the Military Paymaster General and Military Auditor General, Specifying the date to which he has — received Pay in India prior to his leaving the Settlement. —

2 I humbly beg leave to observe that the Military Auditor General has it only in his power to Certify the latest period to which payments are — sanctioned in his Office, and cannot know when the Payments, are made, until the Accounts are received for Audit. —

3 I granted, spontaneously, to Officers who went home last Season, Letters to produce, to the Court of Directors, of the last Pay allowed for them, because the Bills for Six Months Advance were passed for them, in this Office, and on the 26th. April, I laid before Government, for the purpose of being sent to the Court of Directors, — lists of the Officers, & Surgeons, who had been allowed such Advances. —

4 Similar lists will of course be regularly furnished, from this Office, to Government, of all Officers, for whom

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whom Bills for Advances are Audited, which Voucher will be sufficient, with the Certificate required from the Pay Office General, I submit the propriety of the Military Auditor Generals' Certificate, being dispensed with, as he cannot of his own knowledge, grant such as are required.—

I have the honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) John Murray

Milit.y Aud.r Gen.l

Military Aud.r Generals
Office, 8th. December 1796

a true Copy

(Signed) J.k Corfield

Ass.t to the M.r a.r Gen.l.—

a true Copy

(Signed)

J. Brunton

Dep. M. a. G.l.—

To Colonel Sir John Murray Bar.t

Military Auditor General

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 8th. Instant

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to acquaint you, that the Signature of the Military Auditor General required by the late Orders of the Court of Directors, to be affixed to the Pay Certificates of Officers proceeding to

Europe—

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Europe on Furlough, will, for the reasons Stated by you, be in future Dispensed with.~

I am,

Council Chamber
the 19th. December 1796

Yo.a Yo.a
(Signed) J. Thornhill
Sub Secy.~

a true Copy
(Signed) Jh. Corfield
Asst. to the Mjr. A. Gl.~

a true Copy
(Signed) J. Brunton
Depy. M. A. Genl.~

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President & Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

In consequence of your Lordship's directions communicated in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 30th. Ultimo, respecting the Claim of Captain Orr ~ Quarter Master of Brigade to the Detachment serving with his Highness the Nizam, for Six Pagodas per Month for the Carriage of the Books of his Department, upon the Plea, that it had been granted to the Major of Brigade, with whom in point of allowances, he had been put upon an equal ~ footing, I found it expedient to address the Paymaster of the Detachment on this Subject, desiring to know, the Authority upon

From the Military Auditor General's opinion on the claim of the Staff Officers with the Nizam's Detachment to an allowance of Six Pagodas P.r Month for Coolies on the ~ allowances that should be granted to the ~ Paymaster at Madura and Dindigul for his Office Establishment and on the claims made by Surgeons of the Company's Ships to the allowance of ten Shillings for each

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each Man of the Kings Regiments landed from the Ships to which they are attached.

upon which he had drawn the above allowance himself and paid it to the Brigade Major & Persian Interpreter of the Detachment this information being necessary to enable me to ascertain, how far the Claim of the Quarter-Master of Brigade was admissible, especially as such allowance was neither sanctioned by the usage of the Service, or specified in the Estimate acceded to by his Highness the Nizam. — A Copy of the Paymasters Answer I have now the honor to enclose, and altho' he urges, that the peculiar Situation of the Detachment first gave rise to the Charge in question, yet as it has never been allowed to Officers of the same description elsewhere when employed in the Field, I do not consider myself justified in continuing it to the Staff Officers of the Nizam's Detachment, who have hitherto drawn it, or to extend it to the Quarter Master of Brigade, unless I have your Lordships Authority for that purpose. —

I beg leave to submit to your

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Lordships decision, the enclosed Representation from Mr. Hughes, respecting his Office Establishment, as Paymaster of Madura & its Dependencies; on this Subject —

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Subject it becomes necessary to State, that he has been allowed to draw Sixteen Pagodas per Month for Madura and Eighteen for Dendigul, but, that he has constantly made a Charge of One hundred and five for the former and twenty five for the latter. Having given a particular consideration to Mr. Hughes's Claim, in comparison with what is granted at other Stations, according to the Number of Troops at each, I am humbly of Opinion, that the Office Establishment at Madura is very inadequate, & that Sixty Pagodas per Month would be only a reasonable allowance for the Pay Departments at Madura & Dendigul and Stations Dependent thereon.

3 Application having been made at my Office by the Surgeons of the Honorable Company's Ships lately arrived, claiming an Allowance of Ten Shillings for every Effective Man of his Majesty's Troops landed from Europe, including Commissioned Officers. I have declined passing the Bills until I am favored with your Lordship's Instructions, as the Regulations of the Service are not sufficiently explicit, either in regard to the Ranks for whom this Allowance should be drawn, or, by whom Medicines & Attendants ought to have been furnished

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furnished on Account of his Majesty's Regiments or Detachments thereof, when embarked on the Honorable Company's Ships. —

The 5th. Page and 7th. Paragraph of the Book of Regulations — under the Head of "Orders respecting the Payment of the King's Troops" — States "The Honorable "Court of Directors allowing Ten Shillings to the Surgeon of "the Ship for every effective Recruit landed at the Presidency, "the same Sum is to be allowed to him for every Recruit of his "Majesty's Regiments, when not accompanied by a Regimental "Surgeon." — and further in the 19th. Page & 13th. Paragraph — "The Surgeons of the Company's Ships being allowed ten "Shillings for every effective Man, either in the Kings or — "Company's Service that is landed at this Presidency from "Europe, the Surgeons of all Ships transporting Troops from "place to place by Sea in India, shall be paid an Allowance "of a Quarter of a Pagoda per Month for each Man, for — "Attendance and Medicines supplied by them, upon their — "producing Certificates of the Number from the Officers — "Commanding such European Troops" — upon the principle — laid down in the preceding part of the last paragraph the Claims of those Gentlemen are grounded, & the Bills that have been presented

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been
Presented are certified under the Signature of the Officer Command-
-ing the Detail embarked on each Ship, that the Surgeon thereof
did supply Medecines and Attendance for the Men under
their Commands,— however it appears from the Disembarka-
-tion Return, obtained from the Adjutant Generals Office, that
the Detachments of his Majesty's Troops lately arrived, have
been accompanied either with a Regimental Surgeon or
Assistant Surgeon of the Corps, with the exception of those
arrived on the Princess Charlotte, the Surgeon of which Ship
Stands entitled to the Allowance under the Regulation first-
quoted.— but the Letter as well as the spirit of that Regulation
tends to invalidate the Claims of the Surgeons of the other
Ships, if it shall be found that Medicines at the public
Expence had been sent on board each Ship, for the use of
the Troops, in which Case it appears to have been the Duty
of the Regimental Surgeon or Mate to administer the same
& to attend the sick during the Voyage— But if this precaution
was not taken, it may seem reasonable, that the Surgeon of
the Ship should receive the established Allowance upon a
Certificate from the Officer Commanding the Troops, that the
Sick were Attended by him & Supplied with Medecines at

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his Expence, none having been put on board for them at the public Charge.

I have the Honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) W.m Sydenham

Milty. Aud.r Gen.l

Military Auditor Generals
Office Fort St. George
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Major General William Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir,

I am honored with your's of the 3d. Instant in Answer to which, I am to observe, that on my being appointed to Conduct the duties of Paymaster to this Detachment in August 1793, Conceiving every Charge which my Predecessor had Carried into account must have received either the sanction of Government, or that of the Resident at the Court of His Highness the Nizam, who then controld the Public Accounts of this Detachment Copies of which, since I have had the appointed Paymaster, he has been regularly furnished with, and never having objected to the allowance of 6 Pagodas Monthly as drawn by the Brigade Major, under the head of Coolies, was the occasion of its having been Continued in the Abstract of Staff Officers.

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I beg leave further to add, that to the best of my knowledge this allowance has been drawn almost since the first formation of this Detachment, when from the peculiar Nature of the Service on which it was employed—remote from the Honorable Company's Dominions, & no Opportunity offering for the Brigade Major to deposit the Books & other Pubic Documents subject to constant reference, it was deemed indispensible, that he should provide Carriage for the same, & should be permitted to draw under the head of Coolies—Six Star Pagodas P.r Month—The Persian Interpreter draws this allowance since October 1795 (or in September) when orders of Government were issued "That the allowances of the Persian Interpreter as per Estimate should cease, & in future he should draw the same allowance as the Brigade Major."—

The Paymaster drawing this allowance is in Consequence of the acquiescence of Government to the recommendation of Sir John Kennaway Baronet late Resident at the Court of His Highness the Nizam, who recommended, when the present Paymaster was appointed, that he should receive exactly the same allowances as the Brigade Major with an allowance for Servants of 40 Pagodas per Month.—

I have the honor to be,

Camp near Hydrabad
January 12th 1797.— (Signed) &c.a &c.a
Jn.o Goldsworthy
Paymaster to the Detach.t Serv.d
with His Highness the Nizam

(a true Copy)
(Signed) J. Brunton
Dep.y M.a G.l—

To

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To Mayor General William Sydenham

Military Auditor General.—

Fort St. George

Sir,

This Morning I received from the Military Paymaster General, the Orders of Government of the 7th. Instant which strictly prohibits the Continuance of any charges in the Publick Accounts, after the first communication of your objections to them, and those Orders will I trust plead my Apology most amply for pressing on your Attention the very unfavorable predicament in which I have long been involved respecting my Official Establishments.— Extremely unwilling on the one hand to offend Government, by any deviation from their Commands; I am on the other, utterly unable to perform the Duties they have been pleased to entrust to me, without an Establishment of Servants adequate to assist me in conducting it. In extenuation of the Continuance of this particular Charge for the past, I must be permitted to observe & assure you, that the business would otherwise have remained totally undone; and in excuse for its Continuance until the matter is finally decided, I must urge the same necessity as absolute, so long as my Superiors expect from me the careful and regular performance of the Duties of this Office— under these Circumstances, I must most earnestly entreat you (and will assure myself of it) that you will either determine on the Subject immediately, or submit it to Government, in Order that I may by any means have an Establishment sanctioned, at once

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once Competent, as well as sufficient to carry on the Company's Business and I may further solicit dispatch in this Affair, for another reason, because anxious as I feel myself to adopt in its fullest extent, that method of Conducting the public Accounts prescribed in yours of the 21st. October last, the unsettled State of this matter seems the only thing that can in the least impede it.—

I have the honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Robert Hughes
Paymaster

Madura
17th. December 1796— a true Copy

(Signed) T. Brunton
Depy. Mr. A. G.—

Resolutions on the two foregoing letters from the Military Auditor General.—

Resolved that Major Cockburn do receive back the refund made by him of the difference between Majors half & full Batta from the Month of September 1794 to May 1795— but that from the latter period, half Batta only be allowed.—

As the reasons stated by the Military Auditor General in Bengal for dispensing with his Signature to the pay Certificates of Officers proceeding to Europe on Furlough were approved by the Supreme Government— it follows that the same rule must be observed on the Coast— Major General Sydenham is, however, regularly to transmit to Government the lists noticed in the 4th. Paragraph of Sir John Murray's letter.—

Agreed that the Military Auditor General be directed to transmit instructions to the Paymaster of the Detachment serving with the Nizam to discontinue to the Staff Officers, the allowance of Six Pagodas per Month for Coolies.— It is not a charge which has been ever

authorized

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authorized to Officers of a similar description elsewhere & consequently if it were admitted in the present case, it would serve as a precedent to be referred to hereafter. ~

The Board approve the establishment fixed by the Auditor General of Sixty Pagodas P Month for the pay Departments at Madura and Dindigul, and Stations dependent thereon, to commence from the date of Mr. Hughes's taking charge of the Office. ~ Resolved that it be understood as a fixed rule until the pleasure of the Court of Directors be known upon the subject, that the Surgeons of the Honble Company's Ships can have no claim to the allowance of ten Shillings for every Effective Man of his Majesty's Troops landed from Europe, if a Regimental Surgeon of the Corps were on the Ship. It is only in cases when no other Medical aid can be obtained, ~ that the Company have admitted the Claim of the Surgeons of their Ships — at least, this is the Board's interpretation of their orders. ~

Resolved that the allowance of

Period fixed for which Lieutenant Montgomery is to draw the Salary of 200 Pagodas per Month. ~

two hundred Pagodas (200) per Month granted to Lieutenant Montgomerry by the Minutes of Council the 10th Instant do Commence from the 9th of October 1794 and cease on the 25th of May 1796. ~

Resolved

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Lieutenant Montgomery to be directed to purchase 350 Horses for the 25th Regiment of Light Dragoons.

Resolved that Lieutenant Montgomery be directed to take immediate measures for procuring from the Guzzerat and Kutch Countries, on the cheapest terms for the Company 350 Horses, the whole of which must be of a size equal to the Standard fixed for the 19th Regiment, and in Every other respect fit for the Service of European Light Dragoons.-

" Hobart

" E.W. Saunders

" E.H. Fallofield

" A. Fullerton

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Diary

24th Received the following letter from Major Bowser.

W. C. Jackson Esqre.

Military Secretary

Sir

From Major Bowser enclosing sundry Accounts in the Grain and Provision Department which he requests may be examined & Audited —

In consequence of the accompanying accounts having been returned to me from Columbo in order to put them into proper form and Major General Stuart, I understand having left the Island — I request you will be pleased to submit them, with the Vouchers to the Right Honorable the President in Council that they may be passed, or ordered for Audit.

I have not charged in my account, for the Grain captured at Calpenteen, and Manar, but have accounted, in the manner it was expended, neither have I charged, or been allowed for Head Servants to the different Departments I had to attend to.

The enclosed Copies of letters will I hope convince the Honorable Board how very anxious I was, in having my accounts, finally arranged, and I beg leave to add that previous

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11th
24. to my leaving Columbo, I proposed to General
Stuart that the Grain accounts, those of the
Prize Agents and what extra charges against
the Company might be left to the Decision of
the Commissary of Grain and Provision, the
Prize Agent, and any third Person, General
Stuart might nominate to which I would
abide by - but I unfortunately did not receive
an answer which obliges me to be under the
unpleasant necessity in troubling the Honble
Board.

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) I. Bauser

January 20th 1797

N.B. The accompanying Parcel are the Vouchers
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Copy

To Major General Stuart
&c

Sir,

The receipt I now enclose, is the
amount of Grain found at Calpentien, and
Manar. It will rest with you, whether you
choose

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2d. choose to settle with the Prize Agents for the said Amount, or with me - and respecting my Grain accounts given in already, I assure you, it's not in my power to put them in any other Form, and I hope you will make every consideration towards me, when you recollect, that there was neither Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Manar or Calpentene or a person to act for the Prize Agents - but as Commanding Officer, that task fell upon me - as the Commissary of Grain and Provisions, and the Prize Agents, are now at Columbo, I should be much obliged if you would order them to assemble, with any third person you might please to nominate in order to examine the Grain Accounts given in - and whatever their decision may be I will readily and most satisfactorily accede to.

(Signed) I. Bowser Major

Madura
November 1st 1796 -

Copy

To Captain Stuart &c

Sir

If General Stuart will not consent to

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2d to what I proposed respecting my Grain accounts being examined at Columbo - I request they may be without loss of time sent to me here - in that case General Stuart might remark in the charges made by me, what should be carried to the Company's accounts what to the Prize Agents and what to the Commissary of Grain and to Provisions which would assist me much.

(Signed) I Bowser.

Madura
November 12th 1796 -

Received also the undermentioned letters as entered in MB Nos 117 - 118 - 119 - 120.

From the Barrack Master at the Presidency

From Lieutenant Macleane requesting permission to hire a Godown for the Accommodation of the Stores of his Majesty's 12th Regiment

From the Military Auditor General

From the Military Auditor General enclosing his audit on the accounts of the acting Kings Paymaster on Ceylon from the 25th October to the 24th December 1796.

From Mrs Meppen at Pulicat

From Mrs Meppen representing her extreme distress in consequence of the Death of her late Husband and requesting to be allowed a Monthly Subsistence.

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No 24.

From two Members of the late Dutch Council at Jaffnapatam

From Messrs. Nagel and Meybraak in refutation of assertions made by some Natives of Jaffnapatam that are free Men by Bath and claims made by them in consequence on the English Government, to be released from their present State of Slavery.

No 25

Substance of a letter to the Rajah of Travancore

Sent letter to the Rajah of Travancore (as entered in C. C. No. 11) congratulatory on the Titles of Dignity lately conferred upon him.

No 26

Sent the following letters.

To Captain Lieutenant Wood

Of the Engineers at Arnee

Sir,

To Captain Lieutenant Wood disapproving his conduct in regard to the Deviations made from the plans laid down for the works at Arnee and cautioning him against a repetition of a similar Irregularity.

The late Chief Engineer having laid before the Right Honorable the President in Council your letter to him of the 4th. instant, I am directed by his Lordship to inform you, that your conduct was highly exceptionable in deviating from the plans that had been transmitted for your guidance with respect to the buildings at Arnee - and equally wrong in not reporting that such deviations had been made. - But as it does not appear that you were actuated by any motive of personal interest and as Lieutenant Colonel Prescott's report is, in

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26th in all other respects, favorable towards you the President in Council is disposed to overlook the irregularity of your conduct on the present occasion but he desires you will bear in mind the necessity of your being more guarded in future.

I am
&c &c
(Signed) W.C. Jackson
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Fort St George
25th January 1797

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letters dated the 20th and 23d instant, and to acquaint you that his Lordship approves the report you have made upon the accounts of Mr. Powney, Collector of Ramnad. You will in consequence be pleased to call on Mr. Atkinson to furnish such information relative to the deficiency of Rice as may enable his Lordship to determine how far the Owners of the Boats are responsible for the loss. Mr. Powney, it is clear from the Tindals receipts shipped

To Military Auditor General his report on Mr. Powney's Accounts approved — Decision on Major Cockburn's Claim — reply to his reference relative to his Countersignature of the Pay Certificates of Officers going home on furlough — Order for discontinuing the allowance for Coolies to the Staff of Colonel Roberts's Detachment — Allowance fixed for the Office Establishment of the Paymaster at Madura — Orders respecting the allowance claimed by Surgeons of Company's Ships — Bills of the Surgeon of the Leicester to be passed for payment — advice of the Decision on Lieutenant Col. Campbell's claim to Gratuity — and of the advance of Cash made at Bombay to Lieut. Sheridan — and of the allowance granted for a Store Room at Innaconda — and for Extra Servants to the Storekeeper in the Guntoor Circar —

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26 Shipped the whole Quantity.

The whole Sum reported upon, is therefore to be admitted to the Credit of Mr. Powney, and in Order that the Books of each Department connected with Military Disbursements may exhibit the total expence incurred by the expedition to Columbo, that Gentleman will be directed to draw Bills in favor of the Board of Revenue on the Officers at the Head of the Pay, Provision, and Bullock Departments respectively, who are to debit themselves with the amount and take Credit for the same Sum, by charging it to the Head of expedition against the Dutch Settlements.

With respect to Major Cockburn's application the President in Council has consented that that Officer shall receive back the refund made by him of the difference between Major's half and full Batta from the Month of September 1794 to May 1795, amounting to Pagodas 730-But from May 1795 half Batta is only to be allowed.

As the reasons stated by the Military Auditor

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26th Auditor General in Bengal, for dispensing with his Signature to the pay certificates of Officers proceeding to Europe on Furlough, were approved by the Supreme Government, it follows that the same Rule must be observed on the Coast. You will however regularly transmit to Government the lists noticed in the 4th paragraph of Sir John Murray's letter.

You will transmit directions to the Paymaster of the Detachment serving with the Nizam to discontinue to the Staff Officers the allowance of Six Pagodas per Month for Coolies. It is not a charge which has been ever authorized to Officers of a similar description elsewhere, and consequently, if it were admitted in the present case, it would serve as a precedent to be referred to hereafter. The allowance to the period when it was first objected to by you, may be admitted in favor of the Paymaster, Brigade Major, and Persian Translator, but it is not to extend to the Quarter Master of Brigade.

The President in Council approves the Office Establishment fixed for by you of sixty Pagodas per Month, for the Pay Departments at Madura and Dindigul, and Stations dependent

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26th dependent thereon, to commence from the date of Mr. Hughes's taking charge of the Office.

It is to be understood as a fixed rule, until the pleasure of the Court of Directors be known upon the subject, that, the Surgeons of the Honorable Company's Ships can have no claim to the allowance of ten Shillings for every effective Man of his Majesty's Troops landed from Europe, if a Regimental Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon of the Corps were on the Ship - It is only in cases when no other Medical aid can be obtained, that the Company have admitted the Claim of the Surgeons of their Ships - at least, this is his Lordships interpretation of their Orders - and by which you are to be governed - The same rule is also to apply to the case of Surgeons of his Majestys Ships, who are equally entitled to the allowance of ten Shillings for every non Commissioned and Private landed from Europe provided no Regimental Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon of the Corps were on board - From the Cape of Good Hope to India the Sum of five Shillings only is to be paid - and nothing for the Commissioned Officers either from Europe or from the Cape.

I enclose

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I enclose a letter from the Surgeon of the Triaent, and am directed to desire you will admit his Claim agreeably to the above Regulation.

I am directed to transmit for your information Copy of a letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal on the subject of Lieutenant Colonel Campbell's Revenue Money - and Copy of a letter with its enclosures from the Secretary at Bombay respecting an advance of Cash made by that Government to Lieutenant Sheridan of this establishment.

I am also directed to transmit Copy of a letter from the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, and to acquaint you that His Lordship has been pleased to authorize the charge of thirty one Pagodas for extra Servants employed by Captain Darley - as well as the charge of eight (8) Pagodas per Month for the Rent of a House, in which to lodge the Grain provided as a Store at Guntoor.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
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Despatched the undermentioned letters entered in M B Nos 121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134.

To the Collector at Ramnad

To Mr George Powney enclosing for his information and Guidance an Extract of the foregoing letter to the Military Auditor General, relative to his accounts for Provisions &c supplied for the Seige of Columbo, and Troops in Ceylon.

To Civil Paymaster General

To the Civil Paymaster General directing him to pay the widow Meppen at Pulicat a Monthly subsistence of 12 Pagodas during the War with the Dutch.

To Lieut Wright and Ensigns Hamilton and Statham of the St Helena Establishment

To Officers of the St Helena Establishment informing them that they will be allowed to draw the Subsistence of their Rank and Full Batta during the time they have remained at Madras — and desiring them to hold themselves in readiness to embark for St Helena on the Marquis Cornwallis.

To the Military Auditor General

To the Military Auditor General — desiring him to cause an advance of 50 Pagodas to be made to each of the Cadets of the Bengal Establishment at present at Madras — and to pass the

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26 the Bills of the Officers on the St Helena Establishment for full Batta during their Stay at Madras

To the Collector at the Ganjam District

To Mr Balfour desiring him to make the necessary preparation of Provisions &c for Major General Erskine's Detachment and to advise the Board when the Troops may be expected to reach Ganjam.

To the Cadets on the Bengal Establishment now at Madras

To the Bengal Cadets at Madras informing them that they will each receive an advance of 50 Pagodas from the Military Paymaster General.

To the Board of Revenue

To the Board of Revenue enclosing a Copy of a letter from Mr Alexander Macleod and desiring them to furnish such information as may enable Government to determine on the Merits of his Application.

To Lieutenant Montgomery Agent for purchasing Horses

To Lieutenant Montgomery directing him to take immediate measures for procuring from the Guzzerat and Cutch Countries 350 Horses in every respect fit for the Service of European Cavalry.

To the Comanndant at Trichinopoly

To Major General Floyd desiring that he will send Orders to the Paymaster at Dindigul to pay the Detachment commanded by Major Halliburton and charge the expence to the Military Department

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To the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To Mr. Sharoon authorizing the Extra charge of thirty one Pagodas p.r Month on account of Servants employed by Captain Darley, while laying in a Stock of Grain for the Garrisons in the Guntoor Circar — the House at Guntoor referred to by Captain Darley to be rented at eight pagodas per Month if it be in all respects fit for holding grain.

To the Commanding Officer of the Forces on the Island of Ceylon

To Major General Doyle enclosing an extract of a letter to the Honorable Court of Directors relative to his Claim to Staff allowances from the period of his quitting England.

To the Commanding Officer of the Baramaul and Salem Districts

To Major Read informing him that the Board cannot allow Captain Munro to draw any allowance beyond that of the full Batta of his Rank.

To Major Bowser

To Major Bowser acquainting him that the Board having taken his letter of the 11th Inst.t into consideration cannot compensate him for Losses he may have sustained from the Imposition of his Servants, nor authorize Disbursements persisted in, after they had been objected to by Major General Stuart his Superior Officer.

To Brevet Captain Keay

To Brevet Captain Keay acquainting him that his application for passage Money is inadmissible

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inadmissible — and that on his producing a Certificate of the arrears due to him, countersigned by the Military Auditor General, he will receive an 8% Bond for the amount.

Received the undermentioned letters entered in M B Nos 135 136 137 138 139 140 141 142 143 —

From the Collector of the Masulipatam District

From Mr Wrangham enclosing Account Sales of forty six of the Company's Supernumerary Horses.

From the Commandant at Amboor

From Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson — requesting leave of absence from his Station for one Month.

From Lieutenant R Mathews

From Lieutenant Mathews requesting permission to proceed to Bombay on leave of absence for four Months.

From Mr Jacob Eilbracht

From Mr Jacob Eilbracht requesting that Mr Boyer may be allowed the Salary formerly drawn by Surgeon Meppen in consequence of his succeeding to the Care of the Sick at Pulicat.

From the Commanding Officer of the 2d Regt of Cavalry

From Lieutenant Colonel Pater — enclosing an application from Cornet Mason for permission to resign the Company's Service in the event of his being able to procure a Commission in His Majesty's 19th Dragoons

From the Owner of the Ewer

From Mr Roebuck — requesting payment of One Month's Freight due to the Ewer Transport.

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From Messrs. Lautour and Co. requesting payment of one Months Freight due to the Ship Yarmouth.

From the Military Auditor General

From Major General Lyon enhave enclosing his Audit on the accounts of the Deputy Kings Paymaster from the 25th October to the 24th December 1796.

From Lieutenant Augustus Andrews

From Lieutenant Andrews requesting leave of absence from the Coast for two Months.

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Despatched the undermentioned letters as entered in A B. Nos. 144-145-146-147-148.

To the Clerk of the Treasury

To the Clerk of the Treasury directing the issue of 6000 Pagodas on the application of Mr. Skardon.

To the Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Columbo

To Mr. Edward Atkinson enclosing Copy of a Letter and Accounts from Major Bowser and desiring him to transmit to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions such observations as may occur on a careful examination thereof.

To the Commanding Officer of Palamcotah

To Major Smart enclosing a letter for the Rajah of Travancore.

To the Commanding Officer at Amboor

To Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson granting him permission to visit the Presidency.

To Lieutenant R. Mathews

To Lieutenant R. Mathews granting him permission to proceed to Bombay on leave of absence for four Months.

Received

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Received the following letters

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council of

Fort St George

My Lord,

Auditor Generals Report on the Military Pay-Masters Estimate of Cash for February.

Having examined the estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of February 1797 I have the honor to report, that the Sum of two Lacks ninety four Thousand and ninety three Pagodas Nineteen fanams and four Cash (Pagodas 2,94,093 „ 19 „ 4 „) is required for the Payment of such Military charges as become due upon the first of the ensuing Month.

	P.	f.	c.
From the General Treasury	2,30,591 „	8.	4 0
By Bills upon the Military Paymaster General	63,502 „ 10 „	4	4 „
Pagodas	2,94,093 „ 19 „	4 „	

In the Sum herein reported upon is included thirty Seven Thousand one Hundred and twenty Six Pagodas and twenty five fanams (Pag.s 37,126 „ 25 „) being the amount of Bills drawn by the Military Paymasters at Columbo, Trincomale Mallacca

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27th Malacca and Amboyna which I have considered admissible on the same grounds as stated in former Reports on 2nd similar demands from those Pay Offices and is the cause of the increase in the estimate for the ensuing Month beyond what would necessarily fall to be advanced for the payment of the Troops at present on the Coast.

In consequence of the Military Paym.r at Trichinopoly having reported a Balance of Cash on hand equal to One thousand Two hundred (1,200) Pagodas, that Sum has accordingly been deducted from the General Estimate, as has also an error of ten Pagodas (Pag.s 10) in extending Pay &c. to the European Invalids Stationed at Masulipatam.

In the examination of Mr. Paymaster Wilson's Estimate I observe a Sum exceeding by upwards of one thousand Pagodas (Pag.s 1,000) the pay and Batta of a Battalion of Native Infantry on the new formation, is estimated from the 2nd Battalion of the 8th Regiment, that amount has therefore been deducted from the General Estimate as no particular cause appears or has been

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27 been assigned for the excess.

In reply to Mr Secretary Jackson's letter of the 24th Instant, covering an additional Estimate of the Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops for the Current Month, and amounting to Two thousand four hundred and fifty five Pagodas, thirty one fan.s and forty Cash (Pag.s 2,455.. 31.. 40) I have the honor to report that as this Sum is required for the payment of Bounty to men drafted from the 73d to the Regiment Sanctioned by the Commander in Chief and for Subsistence to the same from 25th December 1796 the day to which they appear to been paid with the 73d to the 31st Regiment up to 24th February 1797 I see no objection to the amount being advanced from the General Treasury—

Altho I have considered, the Sum included under the head of Bounty Money to 209 Men at 3 Guineas each amounting to One thousand Six hundred and forty five Pagodas, thirty six fan.s and sixty Cash (Pagodas 1,645.. 36.. 60) admissible in the first instance yet as I do not recollect that a Similar allowance has ever been estimated for on account of the King's Regiments, I cannot with certainty state to what account this Money

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No. 27. shall be ultimately charged, whether to the Company; or to the Rock purse of the Regiment, out of which Bounty and all other expences attending the Recruiting Service has been usually defrayed; and in which I apprehend is no implied Bounty to Men drafted from one Corps to another as well as that payable to Recruits; As however the Commander in Chief is the most competent to decide on this point, your Lordship will perhaps judge it proper that it should be submitted to his consideration; it only becomes me to observe that in case it shall appear that the 74th Regiment have funds established for the purpose of Recruiting lodged in the hands of the Agent of the Corps in Europe, and that this allowance ought to be defrayed therefrom, it can be adjusted by a Bill drawn on the Agent by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment in favor of the Company

I have the honor to be with the highest Respect,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Wm Sydenham
Mily Auditor Genl

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General's Office
Fort St George
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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President and Governor in Council of Fort St George

Auditor General's Report on the Cash Estimate of the Acting Commissary General of Grain & Provisions for February

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt

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Receipt of Mr Secretary Jackson's letter of the 23d instant with the estemate of the expected Disbursements in the Department of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for the Month of February 1797 and to report thereon as follows.

	P	F	C
Expected Disbursements at Madras	4,647	10	"
Chingleput	193	"	"
Vellore	192	"	"
Tanjore	12	30	"
Madura and Dindigul	22	"	"
Palamcotah	23	22	40
Baramahl	121	"	"
Ongole	87	21	"
Trincomalee	1162	9	"
Pagodas	6,461	8	40

From the Total Amount of expected Disbursements as above Stated, the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions deducts the following Sums, as not issuable from the Treasury at the Presidency but payable from the Subordinate Treasuries, for which Bills will be drawn upon him, and transferred through the General Treasury

	P	F	C
Tanjore	12	30	"
Ongole	87	21	"
Baramahl	121	"	"
Trincomalee	1162	9	"
Pagodas	1383	18	"

Consequently

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Consequently the amount issuable at the Presidency on account of Disbursements in February 1797 as per Estimate of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, is five thousand and Seventy Seven Pagodas, thirty two fanams, and forty Cash — "

(Pagodas 5,077 " 32 " 40 "

I have the honor to be with the highest Respt.

&c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mily Audr. Genl.

Military Auditor
General's Office
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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council of
Fort St. George

My Lord,

Military Auditor General's Report on the Cash Estimate of the principal Agent for Draught & Carriage Bullocks for February —

I have the honor to report as follows upon the General Estimate of the Acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for the Month of February 1797 - Accompanying Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 23d instant.

	P.	F.	C.
Expected Disbursements at Madras	1082 "	6 "	"
Vellore	82 "	"	"
Tanjore	2,545 "	16 "	64 "
Baramahl	150 "	"	"
Chicacole	250 "	"	"
Ongole	3,062 "	40 "	48
Lieut. Col. Roberts's Detachment	877 "	39 "	"
Pags.	8,050 "	18 "	32

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

		P.	F.	C.
Baramahl	150	"	"	"
Chicacole	250	"	"	"
Vellore &c.	82	"	"	"
Lieut. Col. Roberts's Detachment	87	39	"	"
	1359	39	"	"

Consequently the amount issuable at the Presidency as per Estimate of the Acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for February 1797, is Six thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety Pagodas, Twenty one fanams and thirty two Cash (Pag.s 6,690 " 21 " 32 ")

I have the honor to be with the highest Respect,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Wm Sydenham
Mily Aud. Genl

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St George
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Received

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Received and sent the undermentioned letters as entered in M B No 149 150.

From the Deputy Judge Advocate in the Center Division

From the Deputy Judge Advocate in the Center Division requesting that Lieutenant Colonel Muat may be ordered to the Presidency to give evidence at the Court Martial ordered to assemble.

To the Commanding Officer at Vizagapatam

To Lieutenant Colonel Muat directing him to proceed to the Presidency to give evidence before the Court Martial ordered to assemble.

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Received the undermentioned letters & entered in M B No 151 152 153.

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

From Mr Sharoon requesting that Government will order a temporary repair to the Commandant's Quarter in the upper Fort at Dindigul and a thorough repair of the new Granary, so soon as the Grain now in it be removed into the Commandant's Quarters requesting also that the Board will sanction the payment of some temporary Repairs made by Lieut. Colonel Cuppage to the new Granary and that they will allow Mr Hughes to write off to profit and loss One Garce and 324 Mercals of Paddy damaged on the setting in of the Monsoon

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From the Board of Trade

From the Board of Trade stating the quantity of Cloth that has been furnished to Mr. Bawie by the different Commercial Residents, and the cause of the Deficiency in the quantity that should have been provided by Mr. Malcolm.

From the Military Auditor General

From Major General Sydenham enclosing a continuation of Payments made to the King's Troops on account of subsistence from the 25th Dec.r 1794 to the 24th June 1795 and an account of Company's allowances from 1st January to 30th June 1795.

Despatched the undermentioned letters entered in MB. Nos 154-155-156-157-158-159.

To Captain Hogan

To the Commander of the Cornwallis desiring him to receive Ensigns Hamilton and Statham on board his Ship as Passengers for St Helena and desiring him to apply to the Military Paymaster General for the Sum of £50 on account of the passage of each.

To Major General Sydenham

To the Military Auditor General desiring him to order the abovementioned Issue of Cash.

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To Ditto

To Ditto - desiring him to order an issue of three Months subsistence to Messrs Hamilton and Statham, and to furnish a Certificate of the advances of Cash that have been made to those Officers since their arrival at Madras.

To Secretary at Bengal

To Mr Secretary Barlow - enclosing the Statements relative to pay &c to the King's Troops before noted.

To Ditto - Ditto

To Ditto - enclosing Copy of the Board's letter to the Honorable Court of Directors in the Political Department 7th. Marquis Cornwallis.

To Lieutenant Colonel Close

To the Adjutant General - desiring him to notify to the Officers now at Madras belonging to the St Helena Establishment that they are to embark on the Marquis Cornwallis.

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in MB Nos 160-161.

From Ditto

From the Aspitant General - stating that Lieutenant Wright of the St Helena Establishment is so ill of the Small Pox as not to admit of his embarking without incurring much danger.

From

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To the Honorable Basil Cochrane

From the Military Paymaster of Fort St George - enclosing the receipts and Certificates for Pay advanced to Mess.rs Statham Hamilton Broadway, Key, and Hooson of the St Helena Establishment.

Despatches the undermentioned letters entered in M B Nos. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167.

To the Secretary at St Helena

To the Secretary at St Helena enclosing Receipts and Certificates of Pay advanced to Officers of that Establishment during their stay at Madras. advising of the embarkation of Mess.rs Statham and Hamilton on the Marquis Cornwallis - of the intention of Government to send the remainder of the Officers (excepting Mr. Wright detained here by sickness) on the Ships to sail from Columbo in the Month of March.

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To the Clerk of the Treasury

To the Clerk of the Treasury - directing issues of Cash to the Department of the Military Paymaster General Commissary General of Grain and provisions and Bullock Agent for February

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions &c

To Mr. Skardon - advising him of the above.

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To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr Secretary Barlow transmitting Copy of Intelligence received from the Mysore Country

To the Residents at Poona & Hyderabad

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

To Lieutenant Andrews

To Lieutenant Andrews permitting him to proceed to Ceylon on two Months leave of absence.

Received the undermentioned letters & entered in the Bks Nos 168-169-170-171.

From the Purser of the Canysfort

From the Purser of the Canysfort enclosing a Bill for victualling a Detachment of the 76th Regiment brought on the Canysfort from Columbo to Madras.

From the Purser of the Heroine

From the Purser of the Heroine enclosing a similar Bill

From Lieutenant Colonel Close

From the Adjutant General recommending in order that the offreckoning accounts for 1795 may be closed, that certain Stoppages which have been omitted in those Accounts, may be carried to the Credit of the Fund for 1796.

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

From Mr Sharbon recommending that the Nabob be again requested to provide Godowns for the accommodation of the Provisions &c. ordered to be laid in Store at Porchinopoly — and enclosing additional Estimates of Cash required by Mr Hawkins for the purchase of the provisions in question

&c

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At a Consultation

Present

Major General Hured Clarke

Commander in Chief - Acting President

Edward Saunders Esqr

and

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

Tuesday
31st January
1797

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart - absent on a Tour to the Southward.

Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved.

Read the following letters from the Collector at Dindigul.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c. &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From the Acting Collector at Dindigul enclosing Intelligence respecting Tomba Gour and his Brothers - and the assistance they receive from the Polygars - suggestions on the subject.

I have the honor of transmitting for your Lordship's information Copy of letter addressed to Major Haliburton and his Answer.

Your Lordship will understand from them the situation the Districts are likely to

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to be in from the protection that has been afforded to Tumba Gour by Polygars and other people.

There appears to me to result from what I have the honor of stating - one question only - which is - whether it will be proper to run the risk of loosing the revenue of the Districts for the sake of punishing the miscreants we are in pursuit of as must be the case should we fail in either - seizing or killing the principals - or by confining them to the Hills, wait until the Season admits our detachments entering them to hunt the parties down.

It is an hour's work only to force the barriers and drive the whole party into the hills but if we begin the attack - the Polygar is too powerful to admit of sending out small detachments to protect the Country and we have therefore every reason to fear his banditti will most seriously injure the Sirkar Ryots.

In addition to the intelligence communicated to the Major - I beg to inform your Lordship the Polygar has acknowledged in a letter received last evening that he knows where the Gour is - and if I will send a Peon he will point

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point him out.

To do this would be useful. I therefore answered him - that if he intended to shew his fidelity to the Sirkar he would directly cause him, his brothers, and his followers to be seized and deliver them to me.

I have received no answer to this letter nor do I expect any thing satisfactory.

I have great satisfaction in observing to your Lordship from the present flattering appearances, of the Cultivation in the Districts - there is every prospect of realizing the Settlement.

I have great cause of complaint against the Nabob's managers among the Coller Nauts I have frequently written the Mauza Aumildar desiring him to make such Regulations as might in future prevent irruptions in my Districts.

I have received answers irregularly and by no means satisfactory - I have written to him to say I should inform Government of this remissness and hold him responsible for any loss that might arise to the Sirkar

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Tomba Gaur's agents are levying a party in addition to those before with him I am convinced this might be prevented - If the Nabob's people were indifferently alert - but it requires your Lordship's interference to make them so.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect,

&c &c

(Signed) T. B Wendall
acty Collector

Camp
16th January 1797

Major John Haliburton

&c &c

Camp

Sir,

Your favor covering a letter from Major General Floyd - I duly received - I delayed answering it until I could be furnished with such information as might appear sufficiently correct to act upon.

My letter of the first instant will clear up the mistake of the Hircaras that Tumba Gaur was in the Ramgeery Pollam and will also shew you that however the Poligar himself may wish to palliate his conduct - his Chevagar

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Chevagar cerpen did not conceive that his Master was hostile to Tumbalgaur or any of his party - or he might easily have secured that party.

Little dependence can in my opinion be placed on any notice from the Polygar himself as to into his pollam - the Gaurs plunder was always carried to be sold - and people from the Madura Country as well as from the Pollams under me resorted thither to purchase in great Numbers.

The General observes the Veerpatchee Polygar will not be simple enough to come to Pylney while our Detachment is there.

From which I infer he is not rightly apprized of the situation of the Detachment or the Numbers at Pylney.

The Plan submitted to you on the 26th. December was founded on there being the same number of Troops in Barracks at Pylney - as when it was a Cantonment. I particularized the necessity of laying aside the field equipage the better to deceive - and I conceive there would then be no more reason against the Polygars coming than where Lieut.t Colonel Oliver's party was here - a failure of it could arise only from the Polygars absence - which certainly

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is very probable.

The Party at Pylney now consists of the Jemidars party left by Lieutenant Colonel Oliver and sixty six privates, with eight Non Commissioned Officers - under Lieutenant H Smith - the outguards for the protection of the Country cannot in my opinion be considered as part of the troops at Pylney as whatever may happen there - it is absolutely necessary they should continue in their Stations - until the Country is quiet.

The General observes also that if four Companies be stationed at Pylney you should be posted within a forced March to support - Boodaputty, where the detachment now lies is a short ten Miles from Pylney.

I stated, in my letter of the 5th Decemr to the General, that Veerpatches force was 2,000 - Men I am confident - this number is very considerably less than what he has with him - I am convinced he will resist - and fight any party - and that a surprize is impossible - even in his most unguarded moments - I did not say quite so much before because I was not so well informed of the state of his Waddies and barriers as I now am.

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I am of opinion that it will not be proper the Detachment should stay in the hills but I think three days would drive him from his strong holds of Pachilor and Periaor without very material loss on our side.

I send you a sketch of the hill Villages and the roads to them - as given by my Hircaras - they have been very correct hitherto and I have no reason to disbelieve them but this information cannot be wholly right - as the Polygar suffers none at present to enter his Villages - the relative situation of them to each other and the number of Barriers to them I think may be depended upon and the distances cannot be materially wrong.

The intelligence I have now to communicate justified the short letters I despatched to you from Palamcotta the 12th instant and I apprehend it will decide Whether we should directly attack or delay the business for some time.

When the gaun's party from Gerdemcotta dispersed the greater part collected again (to the number of one thousand - and went to Periaor in the Veerpatchie hills - the gaur and his brothers Cooty Gaur, and Kiladergaur - joined them at

that

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that place and they have been there ever since the Detachment left Veerpatchi in addition to this force there are three hundred armed hill people in that Village - that are to assist the Polygar in case of an attack on the Pollam.

With the Gour are the following people Arnachellum Serogar - Curpen - Curumpoit Serogar - Beensing and Bolderawsing - daring and desperate Mootoo Veera the predan has rather more than two thousand peons with him - in the hill near the Village - exclusive of the force with the Gour.

The Poligar is at Vadacado - about four Miles from Verpache in the hills - The road from the West entrance of Verpache to the foot of the hill in direct South direction is clear - Mootoo Veera Serogar has made a strong fence East of the small Bluff Rock conspicuous from Verpache - Which is nearly a mile from the Common high road - leading to the ascent of the hills - he has also made a new road from this post direct to the Poligars abode in the hills (Vadacado) which new road joins the old path way leading to the same Village at about a mile and an half distance - the Village of Madaputty lies about 60 or 70 Yards

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yards South West of the Road leading to Vasacado - and is about one Mile from it.

The Polygar has summoned the Polygars to his assistance - those who have promised are as follows.

500	from Ramgerry	From the Trichinopoly Polygars
150	Do. Palamongo	
100	From Pulliapa Naigue	From Dindigul Poligars
370	D. Amenaigue	
1000	D. Cunnivady	
500	D. Bodinaigue	
250	D. Guntup Naigue	

The Permal Coller nauts have promised assistance - the dispossessed poligars have also promised to bring people to him.

I have noted the numbers from what I know each of the Polygars can send - I am not informed that they will send so many

This promised assistance is not yet arrived and the Combination is not yet formed In my letter of the 12th I advised the immediate attack of Virpache - and I did this on the apprehension that the combination might be prevented. If we drove the party from their Strong holds - and could have the chance of seizing or killing the people

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people we are in pursuit of.

I am fully aware of the impossibility of the detachment living in the hills at this Season but I think it might march and fight thro them in three days - of this however you must be the best judge.

I am convinced if we fail in the attempt which from the Numbers against us and the mode of fighting I think it not impossible the Revenue of the districts for some time to come will be ruined and almost every Polygar will be seizing as much as he can get hold of, the probability of success you can judge from the Services of this nature you have before been engaged in.

I beg the favor of your opinion particularly on this subject - for tho' I am certain we never shall have peace so long as the parties we are in pursuit of exist - I think it most material to preserve what we have, rather than in the attempt to punish these miserean ts run the risk of loosing for a time - the whole - I am persuaded the hunting after a Polygar with the view of catching him is useless - account only can effect it

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it - their fidelity to each other is remarkable and as it appears to them a common cause - there is little doubt but that their union will be close.

I have written to the Virpachie Polegar and demanded Tumba Gaur and his brothers with their Serogars - I think the gaur is too strong to suffer himself to be given up and if the Polegar wavers - there is a probability of a quarrel between them - I have every reason to think the Polegar is completely in the power of his predan - and his influence and ability among the Polegars of these Districts are too well known to require a comment.

The intelligence I now send is correct and may be depended upon to the fullest extent of it - It was communicated to me the 11th by my own hircaras - confirmed on the 12th by Meer Ibrahim's hircaras and placed beyond doubt by the Vakeel and Confidential man - the Virpachie Polygar sent to me on the same day.

To Sum up the whole - if we attempt and fail - we involve ourselves in a Polygar war - beyond a doubt - and if we do not destroy the gaur and his friends - we have every

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every reason to suppose the Sultaun will order his people to retaliate on the frontier Districts.

There appears to me One mode only of succeeding, which is by blocking up all the passes to the hills and confining them in the Villages therein until the Season admits our following them you will judge whether your force be or not sufficient for this purpose - there should be a strong force at this time at Cotapullee to check the Cunnady Polygar.

I beg the favour of your answer as soon as possible as I shall transmit this letter and the answer to Government who will determine what should be done.

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

Sydney 13 January 1797

true Copy
(Signed) T. B. H.

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
&c &c

Sir, I am favored with your letter and do not

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not thinks that following the Veerpatchee Poligar into the hills and driving him from his holds these would answer any purpose whatever and must to a certainty, from the present unhealthy season alone be attended with a great loss of men as they know we cannot remain there for any length and time they would either retire to the jungle or meet us in any strong situation as they might find most convenient except we were to go with a view of surprising any party within a march - I do not think it will even be of any Service.

I am of opinion the present Detachmt is able to force it's away thro any part of his Country (were it required) the killing or taking prisoner either him or any of his principal people must be entirely an accident and I know - of no reason, from any information - I have received either from you or my own people to suppose there was more chance of it's happening on the 12th than on any other day before or after that period - as you know he has been perfectly prepared and alert - ever since we marched - The range of hills are so extensive that

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that the idea of shutting the passes - so as to prevent their coming down to the Valley to plunder would be found not to answer in practice, were the Detachment twice it's present strength as in these excursions they seldom pay attention to roads; there would be one knowing where to expect them (or to follow) but from the alarm they will occasion till his force is considerably diminished which time only will effect I cannot venture any more parties for the protection of the Country.

I am Sir
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Haliburton

Camp near Veerpatchee 15th January 1797

true Copy
(Signed) T. B. H.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c. &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

I have the greatest satisfaction in informing your Lordship of the taking of Chinnana Gour - a brother of the notorious Tomba Gour - by Comby Naig one of the Trichinopoly Poligars assisted by

From the acting Collector at Dindigul advising of the seizure of Chinnana Gour (Brother of Tomba Gour) by Comby Naig a Trichinopoly Polygar

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by a party from Manapar.

This Man was the grand Schemer and always headed the plundering parties - he is now under custody of Captain Oliphant at Manapar.

A party of horse were taken with him from the information he has given I trust this shameful association of Robbers may be crushed by pressing them now - it is very likely to be effected.

As information respecting the levying of Colleries - and the part the Moniagars in the different Nauts have borne in the business may most probably be obtained from him I venture to request your Lordship's permission to detain him here until he be drained and I shall then have great satisfaction in carrying your Lordship's Orders into execution by delivering him to the Sultaun's Officer - who will give him that punishment his crimes justly merit.

As the Polegar was assisted by a party of Sepoys in apprehending the miscreant - I propose giving them a trifle from the proportion of

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of the reward proclaimed for the apprehension of the Gaur and his adherents.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect.

&c &c

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Actg Collector

Dindigul
January 19th 1797

The two foregoing letters ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following letter from Major General Floyd.

Right Honorable the President in Council

My Lord,

From Major General Floyd advising also of the seizure of Chinnana Gour — recommends the Polygar Combey Naik to the notice of Government — recommends a plan for checking the Disturbances still existing among the Polygars in league with the Vairapatchie — desires to know by whom Major Halibuston's Detachment is to be paid.

I have the honour to enclose for your information, a letter received from Captain Oliphant commanding at Manapar, giving account of the seizure of Chinnana Goinda Brother of Tomboo Goinda.

I have ordered the Prisoner to be sent to Mr Hurdis at Dindigul and the twelve Horses

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Horses to be given in charge to the Polygar Combee Naick, thro whose attachment and information — Chinnana Goinda was made Prisoner - and I have promised to request your Lordship's attention to the meritorious behaviour of this Polygar Combee Naick to the good judgement of the Aklar Nowar at Manapar - and to the judicious conduct of Subadar Seid Ismall of the 1st Battalion 5th Regiment

I have also promised to express my wish that your Lordship would be pleased to — Compliment Combee Naick with the 12 Horses taken by his means.

I have now to report to your Lordship that Mr Hurdis, having ascertained a considerable Combination among the Polygars in support of the Veerapachee Polygar, with whom they make common cause, has, very prudently, as appears to me, — recommended a suspension of any attack on Veerapachee until further instructions from your Lordship. As your Lordship will be informed of the particulars by Mr Hurdis in official process, I need enter into no further detail - more than to offer an

opinion

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opinion that if you determine to prosecute the operations against Veerapachee and the combonation a further Force will be adviseable, equal, perhaps, to that under Major Haliburton and I should propose that these two Detachments should ormove from different points towards the Central position of the Polygars, either for the purpose of actual attack, or to fix them in an uncomfortable and unwholsome situation;

Major Haliburton and his Detachment remains therefore, for the present, in the neighborhood of Veerapachee and Pylny.

Major Haliburton represents his Sepoys and Lascars as suffering some inconvenience from receiving no Field allawances owing to its not being decided who should pay them. I therefore request your Lordship's Orders and in the mean time, I have offered my private purse for their Relief.

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

(Signed) J Floyd M G.

To

Trichinopoly
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To Major General Floyd
&c &c

Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you that Chinana Gounda the Brother of Timboo Gounda, was seized and brought to this Station on the 17th instant and is now a prisoner under charge of my Detachment. I was at Dindigul at the time, on a few days excursion for a change of Air, having been for some time indisposed, and as I am by no means well at present, I must claim your indulgence for any inaccuracy in the following detail of particulars, as given to me by the Native Officer who Commanded in my absence.

On the 16th a Message came from Combee Naick Polygar of Veeramally importing that the Prisoner, had arrived on the preceding night, at a jungle within four miles of the Polygar's head place, with a party of horse armed and had announced his arrival and intention of proceeding to the Hillose Kullers, at the same time claiming the protection of

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of Combee Naick during that day. That Combee Naick told him he might remain there without apprehension but in the meantime surrounded the Jungle with some of his peons - and intimated to the Collectors Ak=baar Noveen here, that if a party of Sepoys were sent there, he would deliver up the person of Chenana Gouinda

The Akbaar Noveen, sensible of the importance of Securing this Marauder, applied to the Native Officer, Seid Ismael, Subadar of the 1st Battn 5th Regiment, who notwithstanding he had received no orders from me to comply with any requisition from the Akbaar. Noveen; Resolved to take on himself the responsibility of detaching 20 Rank and file which he conducted himself.

The party arrived at the place about two in the morning, and found the prisoner asleep in a hut with three attendants - They found 12 horses piquetted the riders of which had taken the alarm and absconded. The horses are now here and I trust that Government will approve of their being delivered to the Poligar Combee Naick who in this instance as well as every other has evinced an uncommon degree of good conduct

and

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and attachment to the Company's interests. Mr Hurdis to whom I communicated the above information at Dindigal thinks, he might obtain useful information if the Prisoner were sent there. I have now to request that I may be favored with instructions respecting him as well as the 12 Horses and that I may be permitted to proceed to Trichinopoly for Medical Assistance.

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) M. Oliphant
Capt. Comm. at Manapar

Manapar
19th January 1797

To lie on the Table.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Read the following letter from the Commanding Officer at Pondicherry

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

My Lord,

From Major General Braithwaite relative to the future management of the Police at Pondicherry

By Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 21st. Ultimo, I have the honor to learn, that your Lordship has been pleased to acquiesce in my reasoning for placing the Police Department here under the Town Major, for which I request to offer my

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my acknowledgements.

It is proper for me now to lay before your Lordship some farther account of the State of that Department, and to solicit a more liberal provision for it than was made under the recommendation that Lieutenant Colonel Stirling was persuaded to offer to your Lordship in May 1795, which as I shall presently demonstrate is found to be very inadequate.

The idea of this reduction arose from the wish of Mons.r Beaufort the President of the Chaultry Court who had much influence with those who were the only channels of Lieutenant Colonel Stirlings information to extend his authority and advantage as such, by bringing under his cognizance as President of that Court all those matters which had been hitherto subjected to the Police Department and his expectations of the advantages he should derive from this measure were such that it was essentially necessary to him to reduce the Police as much as possible, thinking the Chaultry the most solid under our Government and as a sure means of keeping in his own hands both the

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Departments so long as a Police might last, as that of the Police thus reduced could never be an object to any other person, because to any other it must prove highly detrimental as subjecting him most assuredly to censure for negligence or an insupportable expence to pay such persons as must indispensibly be employed to carry on the duty of the department with any appearance even of effect while he by the aid of his Choultry Servants could make a little expence go a great way in the Police department. A trifling establishment of Police Servants he has kept up but these are so blended with those of the Choultry Court where all his business is transacted that almost the very name of the Police is now lost in that of the Choultry Court and though there are many good reasons why they ought to be perfectly distinct and in separate hands, rather than they should be so he incurs even by this small establishment a constant Monthly loss, and it is not easy to account for his submitting to such a situation unless

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unless he entertained the idea that all attention to that Office would soon die away.

The Office of Vendue Master which had usually been attached to the Chief of the Police was conferred upon him separately and the trifling causes which had been heretofore settled in the Police Department with an allowance for the additional trouble were transferred to the Choultry Court, by which it appears to me that they train to length and consequences which the Police could not give rise to, and the two Departments which might prove some check to each other (as I have had occasion to believe) are no longer so, and I cannot but think that Lieutenant Colonel Sterling was ill advised in recommending them to be placed under one person, even was there not an impropriety in giving to the President of the Choultry Court the Office of Vendue Master, whose profits chiefly accrue from seizures, distress and the private sales or transfer of property arising therefrom as it ought stimulate an

an avaricious Judge to the most rigorous measures, when such are evidently for his advantage. It is certain that nothing but some material advantages derived by Mr Beaufort as President of the Chaultry Court could have induced him to accept with lowered allowances and in consequence the Office of Chief of the Police; and as it is that by thus reducing the Police he could more assuredly continue to hold both employs together, as the Police was now no object for any other person or such as could raise any expectation that he should vacate his other. I have reason to think the plan originated with him, it was well conceived as far as relates to the Presidency of the Chaultry Court and succeeded and he certainly possesses a more than common share of abilities. From that time May 1795, he has held the Police as the avowed Chief, though by the new System that office was in a manner abolished, nor has he complained (though according to his own Statement he has been so long a loser by it, taking the Police receipts and disbursements separately as will appear by that Statement delivered to me (Copy of which I enclose) till lately, when it came to

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to be known that the notables had desired the suppression of the Tribunals, but that all parties concerned in wishing for a strict Police he then complained and has since complained to me constantly that under the allowances he has, it is not possible for him to discharge his duty with any good effect, on one of these occasions he gave to me this Statement and at the same time said that though at so considerable an expence himself for Servants beyond his allowances he had not a fourth of the Servants that he ought to have and he certainly has a very insufficient establishment.

I have thought it necessary to enter into this explanatory detail, which though tedious I cannot but think necessary as I feel it my duty to urge your Lordship to grant a more liberal allowance to the Police here that the Town Major may be able to discharge the trust as I wish to see it discharged, and which your Lordship might otherwise think the present allowances would enable him to do, which most assuredly

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assuredly they will not.

Prior to the reduction made in May 1795 the allowance for the police was 520 Rupees per Month, and I verily believe that no person holding that Office separately could execute it with any good effect on less or even when 200 Rupees per Month was annexed to it as Town Scavenger.

I deem many Servants necessary to the Office that have not been attached to it in our time though they used to be so in the time of the French, and I venture to recommend the following monthly allowances, the first as liberally due to the Chief the latter as indispensibly necessary to maintain a strict and good Police.

To the Chief of the Police for Salary, Stationary, Lights and many constant small expences incident to the Office	}	Rs. per Month 200
* Two Inspectors of Police at 50 each to be hereafter stiled Deputies	}	100
Two Town Serjeants at 20 each		40
Two Writers at 30 each		60
		Two

* NB. by stiling them deputies I shall be able to procure loyal and honorable Military Characters here who will discharge the duties Actively and faithfully.

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Two Malabar Interpreters, as one must be always in waiting night and day at 15 each	30
Four Hircarrahs or Town Spies	32
Four Peons to arrest and punish when necessary	16
Four Toms, Criers, and Mooshies for pasting up Placarts	16
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I shall be happy if your Lordship inclines to place the Police here on this respectable footing and will be pleased to confer it on Captain Blair the Town Major by a special letter to that effect and I shall be obliged to your Lordship at the same time to cause him to be put in Orders as Town Major, at present he is only announced as acting Town Major as it is my intention to address the Commander in Chief on the subject of an Aid de Camp; and I farther request that if your Lordship is pleased to adopt my ideas that the letter appointing Captain Blair Chief of the Police may order that he should hold that Office

and

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and execute the duties of it as was the custom under the Royal French Ordinances as this will bring back to the proper Department the cases which were transfered to the Choultry Court then there will no longer be any necessity for the allowance of 50 Rupees per Month for the President and 20 for a Writer on account of the additional troubles so that the real increase (as Mr Beaufort now receives one hunared in this Department) of Monthly expence incurred by reestablishing this very important Office in respectability and efficacy will be only 824 Rupees and if it corrects the disorders here tending to ruin our Soldiers and distress the peaceable Inhabitants it will be well laid out, and it is 26 Rupees per Month less than was at first allotted to this Office when it had nothing like so efficacious an establishment as I have now proposed.

I have the honor to be with great Respect

&c. &c.

(Signed) John Braithwaite

JJ

Pondicherry
January 13th
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P.S. I hope to be able in a few days to reply to respecting the Tribunals. (Signed) J.B.

Account of Monthly Disbursements to the Police.

	Rupees	£	C
La Febure Cadet - at	30	"	"
Pochet Do	30	"	"
Rozeil. English Interpreter	30	"	"
Lamalay Serjeant	20	"	"
Two Peons	8	"	"
Perilomby Interpreter	8	"	"
	126	"	"
to be added Supplement of the Chief of the Police	50	"	"
	176	"	"
Monthly Receipts	100	"	"

(Signed) Beaufort.

(True Copy) W Wilson Secry

a true Translation

(Signed) Wm. Mainwaring

F. Transl.

Ordered

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Read the following letter from the

acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

From the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - recommending that supplies of Rice & Arrack be immediately sent for the Garrisons of Trincomalle and Ostenburgh

I have this moment received a letter from Captain Kingstone Commissary at Trincomalee dated 23d. Ultimo, what has caused its delay on the Road I am unacquainted with. Copy of it goes herewith for the information of Government as the Quantity of Arrack and Rice in Store there is now so greatly reduced owing to the additional number of Troops thrown into that Garrison, no time should be lost in issuing the necessary orders to Messrs. Cochrane and Torriano, to send with as little delay as possible a supply of the two Articles which it appears the Garrison stands so much in need of -

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) J. H. Stratton
Acty Comy. Genl. F.P.

Madras
Comm.y Genl's Office
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J. H. Skardon Esq.
Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

Sir,

The inclosed Number of Native Troops at this Station as well as the daily expectation of the arrival of half the 73rd. Regiment drafted into the 72d. notwithstanding my Monthly Returns, makes it incumbent on me at this time to apprise you of the scanty state of our Garrison Store of Rice and Arrack, which after making allowance for the probable expendure for the Remainder of the present Month we shall only have remaining, about enough of these Articles to serve for two Months from the 1st. of January next.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Strickland Kingston
Commissary of Provisions

23d. December 1796
Trincomalle

A true Copy
(Signed) J. H. Skardon
Actg Coy Genl. G.S.P.

Garrison of Trincomalee & Attendancy on its present Strength

		Rice Garce	Mds	Arrack Gallons
Europeans	1041	29	111 2	936
Natives	1277	47	355	
		Garce 87	66 2	Gall. 936

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(Sgnd) J. H. Skardon
ag. Coy Genl. G.S.P.

Answered

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Ordered that the Resident at Vizagapatam be directed to lose no time in sending to Vizianagaram for the use of that Garrison and Fort Ostenburgh a supply of Rice equal to the Consumption of Six Months - and that the Agent for Spirituous Liquors be directed to send thither Arrack for the same period.

Read the following letter from the Captains of Artillery

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Four Captains of Artillery requesting on the Plea of the actual Loss they have sustained on the score of Off reckonings by the Introduction of the new Regulations that they may receive an equivalent such as has been granted to Officers similarly situated in Bengal

We the undersigned Captains of Artillery beg leave to represent to your Lordship in Council; that the late Arrangement of the Army on the Coast has materially affected our Allowances, by depriving us of Off reckonings without having obtained by it, any advanced Rank in the Service but from the indulgent consideration of the Honble Court of Directors (expressed in their Orders of the 30th. of January 1796) towards such of their Officers as may suffer by the new Arrangement of the Army, and from the attention that has been lately shewn by the Governor General in the instance of ten Captains of Artillery on the Bengal Establishment, we are induced to hope that our case will not be found undeserving of similar attention

We beg leave to insert Extracts of the Orders above alluded to.

Fort St George July 12th. 1795

General Orders by Government

"As to the great and permanent advantage

"which our Officers must generally derive from the

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"this arrangement are obvious, we yet are aware
"that there may be some few whose immediate allowance
"may suffer temporary reduction by it, such
"temporary reduction can be of but little consequence,
"when compared to the far greater benefit in prospect,
"yet, where the allowance at present drawn
"by any of our officers are materially reduced, and
"that you conceive they should have relief, we
"authorize you to give them such relief as you see
"proper, until they are promoted. —

Fort William December 9th 1796

General orders by the Commander in Chief

The Governor General in Council having
agreed that the sum of 848.10.9 Sonaut Rupees
equivalent to an average share in the off reckonings
of the Corps of artillery, shall be allowed to each Captain
of artillery who held that Rank previous to the
arrival of the new Regulations, and who would
have been entitled to a share in the off reckonings
under the former System, and who has not
obtained any subsequent promotion, either on
the Establishment or by Brevet, the following officers
are entitled to that allowance, to be drawn annually
at the time of the distribution of the off reckonings,
until

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until they shall be respectively promoted, either on the Establishment or by Brevet. —

Captains . . A. Gloste

" C. Miller

" A. Legertwood

" A. Fraser

" J. Robinson

" T. Hardwicke

" J. Tomkyns

" E. Clarke

" H. Douglas

" Wm Dunn

Having stated the grounds, on which we have founded the foregoing address we respectfully submit it to, and place entire reliance on your Lordship's candid consideration

We have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed)
" Richard Howley Captain Artly
" W. B. Isacke Captain Artly
" J. Campbell Captain
" Thomas Hayes Captain Artly

St Thomas's Mount
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Read the following letter from the Secretary at Bengal. —

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

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to request you will inform the Right Honble the President in Council that the Commander in Chief left Fort William this morning in order to embark on the Bennington, but that he proposes to retain his command until the departure of the Ship from Columbo, from whence he will send his resignation. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) G.H. Barlow
Secy to the Government

Fort William
the 13th January 1797

I am Bengal — major General Sir Robert Abercromby embarks for Columbo from whence he will forward his Resignation of the Command in Chief of the army in India

The Senior officer of the Detachment of the 33d Regiment having represented the necessity of a further advance of Cash on account of the Troops under his Command — Resolved that £300 be issued, and accounted for hereafter at Bengal

an advance of £300 ordered to the Senior officer of the Detachment of His majesty's 33d Regiment.

The Commander in Chief recommends that Ensign Thomas Fraser who has been reported to be well qualified for the Engineers be transferred to that Corps. —

Ensign Thomas Fraser transferred to the Corps of Engineers

Ordered

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Ordered accordingly

Captain Blaquiere appointed Gram agent to the 25th Regiment of Light Dragoons.-

The Acting President recommends that Captain Blaquiere be appointed Gram Agent to his Majesty's 25th Regiment of Light Dragoons.-

Ordered Accordingly.-

" Hurd Clarke

" Edw Saunders

" C Wallofield

J Fullerton Sec

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Diary

1st Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Wbs Nos. 1. 2. 3. —

From the Officer Commanding the 4th Regt. Native Cavalry —

From Major Dallas returning the Bond of Indemnity forwarded to him on the 23d Ultimo. duly executed. —

From Civil Paymaster General

From the Civil Paymaster General requesting to know the Period from which Wm. C. L Gilbrachts Pension is to commence. —

From the Assistant Collector at Guntoor

From Mr. Churchill desiring to be informed whether the Board are disposed to comply with a request preferred by a Monsieur L'Empereur to be permitted to proceed from Nedupilly to Madras and Pondicherry. —

Received also the following Letters. —

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Subsecretary at Bengal respecting the extent to which the Demand made by the Fort St. George Presidency on their arsenal can be supplied. Remark respecting the apparently inadequate Establishment of artificers attached to the Fort St. George arsenal. —

1 The Indent on this Presidency for various Articles of Military Stores, which accompanied your Letter of the 29th October, having by order of the Governor General —

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1st General in Council, been forwarded to the Military Board, I am directed to transmit to you, for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council the accompanying Copies of two Statements, marked **A** & **B**, from the remarks on which will be seen what Articles can be supplied from hence.-

2 The Governor General in Council has authorized the casting of Fifty 6 pounder Guns for the service of Fort St. George, and the Military Board have been instructed to have the whole of the Articles that can be furnished from this Arsenal prepared with as little delay as possible.-

3 The Governor General in Council adverting to the Indent, observes, that it exhibits a variety of considerable Articles, which, it appears to him, might be made on the spot provided a sufficient establishment were attached to the Arsenal. On reference to the last returns, it appears to him that the present Establishment of Artificers is not sufficient to enable the Commissary to supply the Arsenal expeditiously with the requisite quantity of Stores of this description, and to keep the whole in proper order. At this Presidency, every Article excepting Tents, Accoutrements, and Carriages, is made up in

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1. in the Arsenal, the Agent of supplies furnishing the materials, and the Commissary of Stores having no inducement to make up bad Articles. He therefore desires me to request you will lay the above remarks before his Lordship in Council in order that if he shall deem it advisable, he may take into consideration, how far it may be expedient on general principles to adopt a similar System for supplying and keeping in order the Arsenal at Madras.-

I am,
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Thornhill Sub.t J.

Fort William
the 16th January 1797.

To Major General Clarke

Sir,

From the Adjutant General enclosing an application from Brigade Major Turing to be allowed to officiate as Deputy Adjutant General at the Presidency.-

I do myself the honor to submit the enclosed Letter from Major of Brigade Turing, whose merits as an Officer and Qualifications for the appointment he solicits, are so well known as not to require any endeavour of mine on the present occasion to interest you in his favor. But while I thus lay his application before you, I feel it incumbent on me to mention, that when Major of Brigade Pierce quitted the Adjutant Generals Office to be Secretary to the Military Board, he took occasion to notice the long

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periods during which he had served in the former, and expressed his hope that should a Vacancy open in the Post of Deputy in the Adjutant Generals' Department, his Superiors would have the goodness to consider him as a Candidate to succeed to it.—

I have the honor to be, with respect.—

Adjutant Generals Office
31st January 1797

Sir,
Your most faithful
humble Servant.
Signed B.J. Close
Adjutant Genl. of the Army

Lieutenant Colonel Close
Adjutant General of the Army

Sir,

The late appointment of Captain Pierce to be Secretary to the Military Board, causing a Vacancy in the Adjutant Generals' Department, and Major Agnews' situation in Ceylon being likely to detain him so long from Madras as to render the appointment of an acting Deputy necessary to conduct the Business of the Office, I beg leave to state to you my wish to fill that Station, to which, as the Senior Major of Brigade now on the Establishment, I may be considered as having

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in some degree a regular Claim.—

Should you consider my application proper,
and think my Assistance in the Office would be useful to the
Service, I beg you will do me the honor to State my request
to the Commander in Chief, with such support as you can
give to it with propriety.—

I have the honor to be,

Columbo
15th January 1797

&c &c

Signed R. Turing

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c &c &c in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Wm Collector Wrangham enclosing Copy of a Letter addressed to him from the Supreme Government respecting Supplies of Cash for Major General Erskine's Detachment.—

It is my duty to transmit to your
Lordship, Copy of a Letter I have this day received from the
Subsecretary to the Bengal Government.—

I have the honor to be,

with great Respect.

Masulipatam
26th January 1797.

&c &c

Signed John Wrangham

Collector

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To John Wrangham Esq.r

Collector of Masulipatam

Sir,

1 The Governor General in Council has apprized the Right Honorable the President in Council, that the Detachment forming at Midnapore and destined to the Southward, will Commence its March about the 15.th Instant, and he has re=quested that his Lordship in Council will instruct you and the Collector of Ganjam to issue money for the Pay of the Detachment on the application of the Pay Master, who is to give his receipt in Duplicate for the Sums so received; one to be transmitted to Bengal, the other to be kept as a Voucher for the issue of the Money.

2 To guard, however, against any failure of your resources, for the Supply of Pay for the Detach=ment, The Governor General in Council authorizes You, in such case, to raise Funds by drawing on him at thirty days sight, on the best terms that may

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may be procurable.—

3 But as Provision has been made here for the Payment of the Detachment to the end of March, it is not likely that you will be called upon for any Supplies of Cash, before the end of April, and the Sum which will then be required monthly for the whole Detachment will be about S.t R.s 75,000.—

4 The Governor General in Council has thought it proper to send the above Instructions direct to you, instead of leaving you to be furnished with them in the first Instance by the Right Honorable the President in Council, as it may be of importance that you should be apprized of them as early as possible.—

I am,

Fort William
the 9.th January 1797.

Sir,
Your most
obed.t Hum.e Serv.t
J. Thornhill Subject

A true Copy
Sign.d J. Wrangham Col.t

2.nd Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in the Mil.y Bks No.s 4.5.6.7.8.9.10.11.12.—

To the Military Board

To the Military Board directing the immediate

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2d immediate Repair of the Granary and Commanding Officers Quarter in the upper Fort of Dindegul and desiring their opinion upon an application from the Commandant at Palamcotah.—

To Cornet Mason of the 2. Regiment Native Cavalry

To Cornet Mason permitting him to resign the Company's Service, if enabled to procure a Commission in the 19th Dragoons.—

To the late Chief at Pulicat.

To Jacob Eilbracht Esq. informing him that the Board cannot acquiesce in his recommendation for allowing Mr. F. A. Hoyer the same subsistence as was granted to the late Head Surgeon Kerr.—

To the Resident at Nagore

To Mr. Torriano desiring to adopt immediate Measures for transporting to Ceylon a Six Months Stock of Rice for the Garrisons of Trincomale and Ostendburgh.—

To the Agent for Spirituous Liquors

To the Honorable Basil Cochrane directing him to forward to Ceylon by the first opportunity a Supply of Arrack equal to the Consumption of Six Months for the Garrisons of Trincomale and Ostendburgh

To the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions—

To Mr. Skardon advising him of the orders

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orders issued to Messrs. Torriano and Cochrane. –

To the Adjutant General

To the Adjutant General approving his — Suggestions for adjusting in the Computation of the Off. reckonings for 1796. the different Articles noticed in his Letter of the 31st Ultimo. –

To the Military Auditor General and Accountant General

To Major General Sydenham and Mr. Wood enclosing Copy of Mr. Wranghams Letter, and account Sales of Forty Six of the Company's Supernumerary Horses. –

To the Barrack Master at the Presidency.

To Lieutenant Macleane desiring that the Store Room lately occupied by the 74th Regiment may be allotted to the 12th Regiment. –

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob.

Sent Letter to the Nabob entered in — C.C. N. 12 requesting he will immediately send orders to his People at Trichinopoly to deliver over to the Storekeeper the Number of Godowns required for the Provisions ordered to be laid up at that Place. –

3.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in MS Nos. 13. 14. –

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr. Barlow forwarding Dispatches for

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for the Supreme Government, received from the Court of Directors

per Berwick.—

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham authorizing the Issue of £300 on account of the Detachment of His Majesty's 33d Regiment at present at Madras.—

4th

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Mis No. 15. 16. 17.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Orr Commanding Cantonment Cheminduelum.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Orr requesting leave of Absence from his Station of Command for three Months

From the Secretary at Bengal

From W. Barlow enclosing an original and Duplicate Letter for the Commander of His Majesty's Ships at the Cape of Good Hope.—

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal

From W. Thornhill with a Letter addressed to the Secretary to the Honorable Court of Directors, to be forwarded by the Marquis Cornwallis.—

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in Mis No. 18. 19. 20. 21.—

To the Officer Commanding on the island of Ceylon

To Major General Doyle enclosing the Letters, abovementioned, received from Bengal and desiring him to deliver them in charge to the Senior Officer of the Company's Ships at Columbo.

To the Secretary at Bengal

To W. Barlow enclosing Copies of two Letters

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5th Letters from the Resident at Tanjore.-

To the Secretary to the Military Board

To Captain Pierce enclosing a Major Dallas's Bond of Indemnity, noted in the former part of this Diary, in order to its being lodged in his Office.-

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham informing him that the Bounty Money of the Men drafted from the 73d into the 74th Regiment is to be passed as a part of the Subsistence drawn for in the Regimental Abstract of the latter Corps.-

6th Received the following Letters

Medical Board

6th February 1797.

From the Medical Board recommending that the late orders respecting the Inoculation of the Troops be republished - propose that Mr Brydie be admitted on the Establishment - and recommending Stations for him and Mr Humphage -

Notwithstanding the orders which Government have been pleased to publish on the subject of Inoculation, the Medical Board are concerned to observe that no reports have been made to them by any of the Surgeons except by Mr Hardgrave,

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Approved

Surgeons Mate of his Majestys
25th Regiment of Light Dragoons. —

Whether this may proceed from there being no cases in the other Corps we cannot pretend to say, but as an object of so much consequence should not be left in doubt, and as the season will be favorable for Inoculation for six Weeks to come, we recommend that the orders be republished, and the Surgeons enjoined to report to this Board, forthwith, what progress has been made.

Read a letter from Mr Charles Brydie, stating his having been appointed an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment by the Honorable Court of Directors in May 1795. and having arrived

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at Calcutta on December following, where he has been detained, until this time by Orders of the Supreme Government to do duty at the General Hospital at Calcutta.

The Medical Board to report whether Mr. Brydie has laid before them his Indentures, without which he cannot be admitted on the Establishment.

We recommend that Mr. Brydie be accordingly admitted and appointed to the 2nd Battalion of the 2nd Regiment of Native Infantry.

We recommend that Mr. Benjamin Humpage, Assistant Surgeon be appointed to the 2. Battalion of the 3. Regiment of Native Infantry.

Approved.

Jas. Anderson
Physician Genl.

Sd/ Colley L. Lucas
Surgeon,

By Order &c &c
Sd/ W. C. Jackson, Sy.

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

&c &c &c

My Lord,

From Captain Healy respecting a Detachment of Tippoo's Troops who have arrived at Munglapett and demanded the surrender of a refractory Poligar of the Adyaver Country, who has fled for refuge to a Village called Naijpully.—

Some Inhabitants of the Munglapett Pollam about 20 Miles from hence, came a few days ago, and reported to me, their Country as well as the Polygar, was in great alarm, from a strong detachment of Tippoo's that was arrived within a few Miles of Munglapett, the Sirdar of which had sent and demanded of the Polygar either to deliver up Nauzee Reddy a Polygar belonging to Tippoo, who had fled from his Country and taken refuge in Munglapett Pollam, or to pay 12,000 Pagodas in his Stead. and added, that unless one of these demands was immediately complied with he should attack and burn the Pollam.— Upon hearing the above, I instantly dispatched a trusty Man to Munglapett, to learn the truth of their Story— who returned last Night, he confirms all

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all they reported to me, and adds further, that — Nauzee Reddy is concealed at a Village in the Pollam called Naigpullay. The Munglapett Polygar denies — harbouring or knowing any thing about him to Sippoo's Sirdar, who, notwithstanding persists in his demands, and has moved his Detachment nearer to — Munglapett, threatning in case of refusal the Inhabitants in consequence are under great appre= =hensions, and are sending away their families and hiding their effects. -

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

Lyney P. Mealy

Chundernagherry
30th January 1797.

Received the Undermentioned Letters

entered in a W3 Nos 22.23. -

From the Barrack master at the Presidency. -

From Lieutenant Macleane - stating that the Store Room of the 74th Regiment notwith= =standing the absence of that Corps from the Presidency is full of Regimental Stores. -

From the Military Paymaster General

From the Military Paymaster General forwarding an application from Lieutenant Colonel Campbell

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Campbell 74th Regiment to receive the amount of Gratuity due to him in Bills on Bengal.-

At a Consultation

Present

Major General Alured Clarke

Commander in Chief

acting President

Edward Saunders Esquire

and

Ernst William Tallofield Esquire

Tuesday 7th February 1797.

Right Honorable Lord Hobart

absent on a Tour to the Southward.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved,

Read the following letters from the Resident at Tanjore.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From the Resident at Tanjore respecting the Means taken by the Rajah to conceal the Dealings of — a Chinniah Moodely — the

My Lord,

I have already stated to your Lordship that

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the Influence of the latter throughout the Country - the improper Conduct of the Rajah to the elder Widow of protaap Sing and the clamorous conduct of the Rajah's Servants on account of the arrears of pay due to them. -

that his Excellency was adopting certain Measures — with a view of concealing the Practices of Chinniah — Moodely's Agents in this Country. In pursuance of the same plan an Order was issued last Night that the Collections Should no longer be received by — Chinniah's people at the Cutchahs of the respective Soubahs, but brought first to the Palace. -

With a view principally to mortify the Elder Widow the Rajah is making further Alienations of Land in favor of the younger. He yesterday made a grant to her of Ten Vayles of fine Paddy — Land in the Village of Innamour in the Combe = conum Soubah. -

The Names of the Principal Putteedars who have been released by Shiverow and who — have been relieved from the Gunjaishy imposed on them are,

Swambalinga Moodely - of Myaveram

Chokapa Moodely
Sambe Shevyah
Iyah Moodely
Sumba Pilly
Vencatadree Moodely
&
Appoo Moodely — } of Nanargoody

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The View in releasing these people and transferring the reduced Gunjaishy to the Inferior Inhabi=tants, was to prevent their coming forward with Com=plaints against the Circar it is said that each of the above men had a Vacqueel at Madras ready to address their Complaints to Government and that Shankerow on his arrival at the Presidency had Dissuaded them from complaining, making a Promise of the release of their Principals at Tanjore and that the release which took place was inconsequence partly of his Advice to Shiverow.

A great Number of his Excellency's Palace Servants and Troopers have for many Days past assembled tumultuously at his Gate clamou=ring for their Arrears of Pay. Among other Reproaches they loudly accused Shiverow and Chinnia Moodely as the Authors of their Grie=vances. The Servants Viz.t

about 100 Palankeen Boys

100 { Mowlay Peons / Delayets / Bhandaar Flag Men }

began

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began their Demands on the 11th Instant, the troopers on the 16th Instant.—

Herewith I have the honor to enclose a Declaration made before me on the 9th Instant by Chinniah Moodely's principal Agent in the Tanjore Country which incontestibly proves the real situation in which Chinnia stands with regard to the Rajah.—

The occasion of the Agent making the Declaration was as follows A Man who had come, about Seven Months ago, from Seringapatam to recover Money from a Merchant of this place gave me a Petition stating that this very Agent had delivered from his arrest the above Merchant by means of a force of Peons Sepoys &c who likewise at the same time beat the Petitioner. His demand against the Merchant was large and he had arrested him by the <u>express authority of his Excellency</u>.— Notwithstanding which the Agent behaved as abovementioned the Petitioner further begged my Interference and the Companys Protection as he could obtain no Redress from the Rajah <u>against</u>

<u>the</u>

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the influence of Chinnia Moodelys Agent upon this I sent for the Agent in Order to examine into the Truth of the Complaint and to endeavour to make the Rajah do the Petitioner Justice. The Agent when he came to me behaved civilly, but stated that I had no right to send for him as he was the Rajahs Servant and Chinniahs Agent. It was upon this Ground that he opened himself to me in the manner recited in the Declaration.—

I also enclose Copy of a Yaadee or Memorandum account of the Hegeb for Vacquel of one of the Puttucdars, shewing the Payment on account of the Rajahs Debt to Chinnia Moodely from the Collections of the Country—

I have in my Possession thirteen of these Yaadees of the same Tenor by various Hegibs of different Puttucdars and for Sums as far as 300 Chuckrums— I shall have these translated and forwarded to your Lordship without Delay, with others which I hope to procure.—

I have the honor to be,

&c &c &c

Signed Alex.r Macleod Resident

Tanjore
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Translation

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Translation of a Declaration made by Vencatachellum Pilly Agent of Chinniah Moodely on the 9th January 1797.

That He, Vencatachellum Pilly is Agent of Chinniah Modely of Madras, and Servant of the Rajah of Tanjore, that he receives the Revenue of the Tanjore Country from its Inhabitants in Tenams, at his House, on account of the Debt due from the Rajah to Chinnia and also on account of the Money paid by Chinniah at Madras for his Excelleneys' Kists to the Honorable Company.

This Declaration we certify to have been made in our Presence.

/ Signed Shunker Pilly

Rungiah

Mooloo

/ Signed Alexr. Macleod

Resident

Translation

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Translation of Yaadee or Memorandum account respecting a payment on account of the Rajahs Debt to Chinnia Moodely.

Yaadee.—Soubah Pilly the Putticcdar of Kadavun=
=goody, in Manargoody Soubah, of which Sava=
=dee Pilly, Chinniah Moodelys Man, is the
Manager, has paid 24 Tanjore Chuckrums on
account of the Debt due to Chinniah Moodely
which Debt amounts to Star Pagodas One Lack
thirty one thousand, three hundred, half a Pagoda
and a half Vis/ sixteenth/ in the year 27th Day
of Jemadilaval. Those 24 Ch.
being the Collection of the Caar and Cuddapah
Cop, were paid directly to Anantgah Chinniah
Moodelys Shroff.

To certify the Payment I have written this
Paper to be registered in the Palace Accounts

The Writer of this is Ram Kistna Shegib—
/ Agent of the Putticcdar of Kadavungoody.—

Signed Alex.r Macleod

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The Honorable Lieutenant General Clarke

Acting Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

In Consequence of the Letter I had the honor to receive from Government of the 24th Instant respecting a further point of reference as to the Age at which the Usages of Tanjore allow of Adoption I beg leave to enclose the Original and Translation of the Pundits' Opinions on that Subject.

I have the Honor to be,

Honorable Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod

Resident

Tanjore

30th January 1797.

Translation

From the Resident at Tanjore enclosing the written declarations of several Pundits relative to the Custom at Tanjore in regard to the age at which Children may be adopted.-

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Translation of the Supplement

Concerning the proper Age of those who are to be adopted / We have explained it fully in the paper No. 3. In the same manner they use to adopt at Tanjore - That very Shastrie whose Name is mentioned in the paper No. 3 / Viz.t Haribatta / has been employed in that business by a great many to perform the Ceremony of adopting - There is no difference between the Rules of the Shastrie, and the usage at Tanjore - To this very day none has doubted of it - When Serfogee was adopted he was not yet fully ten years of age - But here at Tanjore many Mahrattas, and Bramanies have adopted young Boys above ten Years of age - nay even to the age of twenty two years - provided they were of Swagottire Cast, ie Males of the same tribe. -

And so it is determined by the Shastes Malajee Gadi adopted Narasingarow who was then above ten years old. -

Anna

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Anna adopted Givagee Sunder who was above ten years old.

Ambajee Pundit adopted Jaganaut when he was above ten years old.

In the same manner it is practised among the Mahrattas and Braminies, who adopt Children above ten years of age. Therefore Sarfogee's adoption is legal in respect of his age and other points.

We shall add some instances more to confirm the position that Children of above ten years of age have been lawfully adopted.

Sakka Datter, the Rajah's high priest has adopted Soira Datta who was about ten years of age.

The Rajah's treasurer Wedajee has adopted Suppiramani, when he was above ten years of age.

Rama Shastri has adopted Narasinga Sastri when he was above eleven years of age.

Mettlojee Ingle the present Rajah's relation has adopted Kashirow Ingele, when he was about sixteen years of age.

Mambajee Bosle adopted Santappa Bosle when he was about fifteen years of age.

Girdogee

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Girdogee Bosele adopted the Son of Kuppajee Bosele when he was about twelve years of age.

Ranojee Bosele adopted the Son of Tirumbacshi when he was above eleven years of age

Sackappa Bosele adopted the son of Bojappa Bosele, whose name is Bappu Bosele when he was above sixtein years of age.-

Battana Raja adopted Ranojee Bosles' Son when he was above twelve years of age.-

Bandolkers Son was adopted by Gopal=row Shenkes when he was above eighteen years of age.-

Many more instances might be added - but we think that these are sufficient to prove that boys of ten years, and above ten years are adopted here at Tanjore.-

Witnesses who are able to prove all these points.-

Haribat Bappu Bat Daveleker

Dada Vias mor Vias

Muller

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Mullar batta Ramasendere batta Padke

Letshmare batta gangadere batta. Maha Shpte

Siva batta gangadere Ditshede

Seresvade Suppiramani Shastri

Shiva rama Shastri

Pantshamadi Shastri

Renga batta Letshmana batta

A true Translation made by

/ Signed C. F. Swartz

Order thereon

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing letters be sent to Bengal.-

Read the following letter from Major General Ross.-

W. C. Jackson Esq.

Sir,

From Major General Ross requesting that the arrears of pay due to him from 31st December 1795 may be discharged

Having only received my Pay in England to the 31st December 1795. I request you will be pleased to apply to the Right Honorable the President in Council for their authority for my being paid my Subsistance from that period to the 9th January 1797. the Amount of which is stated in the enclosed Bill.- I have the honor to be, &c. &c.

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Signed Patrick Ross

Ordered

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Order thereon

Ordered that the Arrears of pay due
to Major General Ross be discharged by a Company's
Bill Hunt Bond.

" Thos Clarke

" Edn Saunders

" E. Falkofield

E Fullerton Sec.