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Diary.

8th. The following Letters received on the 6th. and 9th. Instant having been mislaid are now recorded. —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor of

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Sir C. W. Malet. advising of his having proceeded to Bombay with a view to Embark for England, leaving the Assistance under the Charge of his Assistant Mr. Chisholm. —

Having this Day taken my leave of the Court in the most Satisfactory manner. I take the liberty to trouble your Lordship with such part of my Despatches to the Governor General as the occasion as seems proper for your Lordships Notice; and with every good Wish for the Success of your Lordships measures. —

I have the honor to remain very respectfully

Poona

21st. February 1797.

Yr. Yr.

(signed) C. W. Malet

Extract

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Fort St. George 1st March 1797.

8th Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Poonah to the Governor General dated 21st February 1797.

I have this night devolved the duties of this Residency on my Assistant Mr. Ulthoff. and shall proceed Tomorrow Morning to Bombay to embark on one of the Company's Ships destined to Return direct to England. But as there is a Possibility of Events occurring between the Periods of devolving the Duties of my Residency on Mr. Ulthoff, and my Embarkation which might render the Resumption of my Charge indispensably permit me to hope Honble Sir that you will acquiesce in the Propriety of deferring the Signification of my absolute Resignation, until my actual Departure from Bombay which is likely to be very soon after my Arrival there.

In this Arrangement I have the Satisfaction of thinking that so long as the provisional Administration of the Duties of this Station shall rest with Mr Ulthoff it will be discharged with Industry Integrity and Ability and

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8th of hoping that on his delivering over the Residency to Lieutenant Colonel Palmer, whom you have been pleased to express your Intention of appointing my Successor, the National Honor and Interests may flourish with encreased Splendour, under the Influence of his long Experience, and approved Talents. —

True Extract,
(signed) I. Uhthoff
Assistant.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor &c.
Fort St. George.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that Sir Charles Malet set off for Bombay early in the morning of the 22nd Instant. —

and to be very respectfully,
Yr Hs
(signed) I. Uhthoff

The

Letter of Mr. Uhthoff advising of Sir Charles Warre Malet having left Poonah on his journey to Bombay on the 22nd. February. —

Poona
24th February 1797.

952 Fort St. George 8th March 1797.

8th The Consideration of the undermentioned Letters (entered in Mil. P. Nos 25-26-27- and 28.) having laid over for some Days, they were this Day sent in circulation ..

From the Paymaster at Madeiras. From Mr Robert Hughes - representing the inadequate Establishment of Servants allowed him for conducting the Duties of his Office ..

From the Military Paymaster General. From Mr Rochuck - requesting Instructions for the Guidance of the Trincomale Paymaster in regard to the Sum of three hundred Pagodas advanced by Mr Jervis to Lieut. Strachan, which Mr Jervis has placed to Captain Kingstons Debit. ..

From the Barrack Master at the Presidency. .. From Lieut. Maclaine - forwarding a Letter from the Surgeon in charge of the Sick Dutch Prisoners representing the want of some place as an Hospital ..

From the late Chief at Pulicat. From Mr Jacob Elbracht - requesting that a Subsistence may be granted to the Widow of Dnr. Blaauw, formerly a Member of the Dutch Council, who has lately died in very indigent Circumstances ..

Revised.

953 Fort St. George 8th March 1797.

8th Received a Letter from the Poniar Hurnaion Bukhshi entered in C. C. Nº 22, requesting that a guard of Sepoys may be allowed to attend him, during his Journey Northward thro' the Nabobs Territories. —

Substance of a letter from the Poniar Hurnaion Bukhshi

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nº 29 30-31-32-33. —

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal.

From Mr. Thornhill - requesting that the Detachment of the 33d Regiment, which has lately arrived at Madras, may be sent round to Bengal by the earliest opportunity. —

From the Commandant at Trincomalee. —

From the Commandant at Trincomalee. —

advising of the arrival of the Greenwich, with Supplies of Rice and Arrack. —

From Captain Vesey - stating that a French Privateer which anchored in Coringa Roads on the Evening of the 3d Instant, has taken several Vessels: and that when his Letter was dispatched, the people belonging to her, were employed in loading on the best Vessels, the Property found on the others. —

From the Commandant at Coringa. —

From Mr Snow. - advising of the Privateer leaving

From the Resident at Ingeram.

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8th Having Sailed to the Southward with the Blenheim (her Pinje) in Company on the 5th Instant.

From Mr. A. Malcolm at Vizagapatam.

From Mr. Malcolm the Fox Frigate Sailed from Vizagapatam Roads in chase of the Modeste Privateer on the Morning of the 6th Instant

Received the following Letters.

To Daniel Ince Esqr.

acting Secretary for the Military Department

Sir.

From the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions requesting Instructions respecting the Storing of the Provisions ordered to be laid up in the different Forts in the Baramaul in consequence of a Stop having been put to the Erecting of Store Rooms and Repair of the formerly erected Granaries Recommending that the damaged Grain at Namakul be sold off and that the Collectors may be bound to make his Engagements for dry Grain with the Inhabitants for delivering it at the Granary Doors and not at the Foot of the Hills.

You will receive herewith for the information of Government Copy of a Letter dated 25th Ultimo from Captain Corner acting Commissary of Grain and Provisions in the Baramahal. also Copy of a Correspondence between that Officer and Major A. Read.

Orders having been given to put a Stop to the Building Store Rooms and Repairing the Granaries in the Baramahal. I feel myself at a loss what Instructions

to

Fort St. George 2nd March 1797.

8th. to give Captain Corner on the several points stated in his letter.-
with respect to the Grain in the Hills at Vancully in quantity
30 Garce. Recommend that it be immediately sold out to the
Troops. or Sold to the best advantage if no place of Security
can be found to remove it to.-

If Raggy is to be stored in the different Forts
in the Barramahal. Recommend that Major Read be directed
to agree with the Inhabitants to deliver it at the Granary
Doors whether on top of Hills. or below.-

On the other points of Captain Corner's
letter, I request I may be favored with His Lordship's orders.-

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed/ J. H. Skardon
Actg Commissy Genl. G & P.

Madras
Commissary Generals
Office 2nd March 1797.-

P.S. You will also receive herewith for the information of
Government Copy of a Letter dated 15th ultimo, this moment
received from Captain Kingston at Trincomalee.-

Signed/ J. H. S.
Actg Asst Genl. G & P.

John

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8th

John Humphry Shardon Esqr

Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

Fort St. George

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you, that in consequence of your letter of the 14th December 1796. inclosing a list of Articles of wet store, and directing them to be laid up at the Stations therein specified with the least possible delay. I took the earliest opportunity of making the necessary arrangement at Kistnagerry, in order that I might proceed without delay to the Southern stations, for the purpose of giving the like directions in respect to wet stores, and of examining the Grain in the Granaries, as well as the Granaries themselves after the Monsoon.

I find it necessary at this time to call your attention to the situation of the Grain on the Hill at Namcul, which has suffered so much by the last

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8th last Monsoon from the ruinous condition of the Granary built by Captain Bong, as I fear has occasioned its total destruction. The Engineer has I am informed examined the Granary, but has objected to make any repairs to it, as the Roof and walls are not equal to stand such repairs, as are necessary for the security of the Grain: The wet Season in these Districts is fast approaching, and another severe fall of rain must complete the total ruin of the Grain. I beg the favor therefore of receiving your immediate instructions regarding it. —

On my return to Kistnagerry early in this Month, I received a letter from Major Read Commanding, informing me that the works carried on by the Engineers, and the Orders which had been given for the building Store Rooms &c. were suspended for the present. — as this measure has occasioned difficulties in my Department. I hasten to lay before you Correspondence on that subject with Major Read: wherein I have stated, that the articles directed to be laid up in Store, were actually coming in from the Country

and

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8th and know beg the favor of your Orders to provide such temporary accommodation as can be found, for their security untill the store Rooms shall be reported ready. —

Major Read having received orders from Government for the laying up a quantity of Raggy in the different granaries of these Districts, has called upon me, to receive and take charge of it, expressing a wish that I may find it convenient to receive the Grain from the Inhabitants below, and to provide other means means of carrying it up the Hill. — However will dispose I feel towards carrying Major Reads wishes into execution, I have hesitated to act in this instance without your Orders. I beg the favor of you therefore to inform me if I am to receive charge of the Raggy, and provide for its reception, and if it is to make a part of the store in these Districts to appear on my General Returns, I am here also to inform you that before Raggy can be stored at Sankly Brook it will be necessary to bring the Paddy into

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8th unto a Collected. state. which at present is distributed in the different Granaries, and at Kishnagerry it will be necessary before Raggy is stirid to sell off a part of the surplus of stock of Paddy, both of which involving expence and responsibility. I shall wait your orders for my guidance.

The accompanying correspondence to which I solicit your attention will shew more clearly the particular situation I am in. in regard to the articles of rice Store. now laying in by me, and Aggy, to be Paid in by the Collector.

I have the honor to be,

S. S.

(Signed) C. Corner.

Act. Comm. of Grain and Provisions

Kishnagerry
25th February 1797.

(A true Copy)
(Signed) I. H. S.

To Captain Charles Corner

Commissary of Grain &c.
Ceded Districts

Sir

Having it in charge from Government
to

Fort St. George March 1797

8th to lay up a years stock of Paddy and Raggy in the principal
parts of these districts. I propose storing them as follows
Kistnagerry 100 Garce of each sort. Rychota 90 Sankeryderoog
125. and Ashoor 125 of each. Room being wanting at some
and repairs to all the Granaries at these places, estimates
of the requisite buildings for both dry and wet stores are
laid before the Military Board. and I fear they cannot be
Erected or the necessary repairs made before the price of Grain
rises so considerably as may induce the deferrence of the Storing
till November or December next. unless the State of Politics
render the measure necessary to the Security of the Country
under this circumstance I am anxious to have done
what may be in our power. and wish to be informed
what quantity of Grain you think may be safely laid
up at each of the above places. with a reference to the
actual State of the Granaries. also your opinion as to
what can be done in regard to disposing of the wet

Stores

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8th Stores until the Buildings for them are erected.

Sam,

Yrs &c

/signed/ A. Read

Supt. Collector Ceded Districts

Tripplatore

20th January 1797.

To Captain Conner

Commissary of Stores

Ceded Districts

Sir.

As pursuant of your orders to lay up wet Stores at the different Garrisons and the reason you had to expect that proper places would very shortly be provided for their reception at each, you may have taken the necessary steps for procuring them. I beg leave to acquaint you, that the Orders I gave for the building those store rooms are suspended for the present, that you may not be subjected to any consiquent inconvenience and proceed or postpone the business of Storing till the determination of Government

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8th Government has known respecting them as you may think proper.—

I am,

Sir

Your obt. Servt.

4th February 1797.

(Signed) A. Read

Major Comdt. Ceded Districts

Major Alexr. Read

commanding

Ceded Districts

Sir.

I was honord with your letter of the 20th. of January and 4th. February 1797.—

Agreeable to your letter of the 20th. of January desiring to know the state of the Grannaries so far as related to the store which you stated to be your intention to lay up at the principal stations in these Districts. I set out on the 21st. of January to visit the Grannaries of the Southern

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8th Southern Garrisons ~

On my arrival at Ashtoor I found the

Granaries of that place in the same state as reported to you

by my letter November 1796. to which I beg leave to refer you.

so far as regards your intention of completing the Store of

Paddy at Ashtoor to 125 Garce. I see no impediment to its being

immediately carried into execution. The Granary No 1. being

capable of receiving the whole Store. and requiring no other

repair than upon its exterior. ~

In regard to the storing Raggy. I am of

Opinion that no steps can be taken at Ashtoor for the present.

the Granary N° 3. which is the next to be reckond upon

as to Condition. contains the Garrison Store of Wood. which

must first be removed and the Granary itself receive such

Repairs as may render it fit for the reception of Grain. being

at present without either door or window. and requiring other

light Repairs within. which cannot be ascertained till

the

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8th. the wood is removed I must then observe also that the removing of wood involves expence —

In regard to earth Stores at this place I have already observed in my letter of — of November 1796. that the Granary N.o 2. in the event of its being repaired as recommended therein. may be appropriated to such purposes. But if it is your intention that the Store of Paddy and Raggy shall at no time exceed the quantity you have stated (125 Garces of each) and no other accomodation required for the reception of Grain. the Granary N.o 2. should remain in its present — state. for the purposes now used. viz Boiling Pots and Chatties, and a complete new Store House. it will be necessary for the reception of earth Stores. the Granaries N.o 1. and 3. being sufficient to contain the Store of Paddy and Raggy you have stated to be laid up. —

As the providing of Grain for Store — becomes your province. I have only to observe that when you

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8th you shall be pleased to direct the Measure to take place.

I shall be ready to receive it. –

It may not become me to inform you that the present is the Season for Storing. having just left the district of Ashtoor I did not quit it without understanding that the Season was plentiful. though the Grain is not so reasonable as might be expected. –

The Granaries of Sambhygoorg are large and numerous. some requiring substantial repairs others less and trifling. those at present in the completest repair and fit for the reception of Grain are capable of containing 668 Garce of Paddy. the quantity now in Store is 181 Garce. 330 Marcal. the quantity of Paddy you have stated to be the future store of that place, being 125 Garce will leave room for 443 Garce of any Grain or Store you may propose for that place. –

Should you resolve that the Store of Paddy at Sambhygoorg shall consist of no more than 125 Garce

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125 Garce. I recommend that the surplus Grain be immediately
sold off. the Condition of a great part of which is such that
a very few months more must complete its destruction. and
render it unworthy of any purposes if of any price. –

I cannot here offer a decided opinion in
regard to what buildings at this place should or should not
be occupied by with stone being chiefly of Stone, it will be
the province of the Engineer to determine upon such, as
he can prepare with the greatest ease and least expence
for such purposes. –

The Granaries on the Hill Fort of Kistnagary
are of all others in their Districts, in the most perfect Repair.
and Capable of containing 235 Garce of Paddy. should
you resolve on 100 Garce of Paddy being sufficient store for
Kistnagerry, there will be accommodation for 135 Garce
of Raggy. in which case a new Store room for with Stone
will be necessary on the Hill. –

Your

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8th Your resolving upon 600 Garce of Paddy being a Sufficient Store for Histinagurry will have a Surplus of 184 Garce, which I recommend for the same reason as at Sankerydroog to be sold off immediately.—

At Rycotah the only Granary Capable of containing Grain is the one on the Hill, it will receive little more than 32 Garce. as there is no other accomodation whatever at this Place, that can be said to afford Security to the Grain and Provisions department, it is only necessary to observe, that every thing beyond the accommodation which that Granary affords, must be built, as you Sir have been so lately, and so earnestly engaged in Constructing works, and Public buildings at that Place, it will become me to say what is necessary.—

Having afforded such information as rests with me, and which your Letter of the 20th January seems to require, I turn with no small anxiety to your Letter of the

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I. the 4th. February. which I received on my return from the Southern Districts.

Before I proceed to inform you of the steps I have taken relative to said Stores. I beg leave to lay before you Copy of a Letter from the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions to me on that Subject. which I herewith enclose.

It will occur to you Sir that the orders of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions are to me the Orders of Government to be immediately carried into execution. I am therefore to inform you, that in consequence of such Orders I have not only engaged for the Articles of said Store. stated as pr. Accompanying List. but am to assure you that such Articles are at this moment actually coming in from the Country.

Before I set out for the Southern Districts. I was a witness of the exertions that were every where made by the Engineer under your directions.

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8th in Order (as I was given to understand) to provide for the reception of the Provisions, which Government had directed to be laid up, and it was fair also to Conclude, that the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions in Communication with the Military Board, would not have issued such Orders, but under the fullest Conviction, that proper accommodation either was, or would be in readyness for the reception of such perishable Articles of Store.

Your Letter of the 4th instant stating that a total Suspension of all the works, which had commenced, had taken place, has occasioned a difficulty in my Department I fear without a remedy. The only one I have to offer is, that if the necessary accommodation required for the said Stores is not immediately provided by the Engineer, I must be under the Necessity of engaging Houses or such Temporary accommodation as can be found for the Security of such Articles as are or already brought in, and such as from necessity cannot be laid

back

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8th. back. as this Step will involve both risk and expence I must call upon you Sir to state the difficulty I suffer in order that I may be indemnified for the risk and Expence that may be incurred. assuring you that the best steps shall be taken for the Security of the Provisions with the strictest observance of Economy. –

From the Circumstances I have Stated and from the experience of your disposition to forward the Service I shall rest assured that every thing that can be done, will be done, in this instance. –

I have the honor to be,

Sir Sir

Kistnagerry
12th. February 1797.

/Signed/ C. Cornet.
Actg. Dpty. C. D. & C. B.

/a True Copy/

Jo.

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To Captain Conner

Commissary of Grain and Provisions

Ceded Districts.

Sir

I have received your report of the granaries

and shall in consequence give directions for procuring 100 ~

Garce of Raggy at Kistnagerry, and 125 Garce of that grain at

Sankerrydroog, which he pleased to order your Servants to

receive. I would likewise lay up 9th Garce at Ryacottah

if you could find a place for it, or if I was authorized to ~

provide any. Pits no doubt would answer for keeping it

a year or two. ~

I mean to advertise that whoever or

will bring grain to the Granaries at those places shall

be paid a fair price for it, by persons appointed for the

purpose who will be ordered to receive such only as your

people approve of by the country measure, and to deliver

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it over to them by the Company's marine they will of course be careful not to receive any of bad quality or that may be unfit for storing.—

Being desirous of introducing this easy method of supplying grain for store, I particularly request all grain that may be brought for sale be immediately received or rejected by your people. And I shall direct mine to pay them on the spot. for the inhabitants and Merchants experienced much inconvenience on former occasions from the delays they met with in the delivery of their grain. and afterwards in procuring payment for it. and I am rather apprehensive the remembrance of those circumstances may discourage their bringing it now for sale, as desired. as they would probably object to the carrying their Grain up the Hills. I wish that you may find it Convenient to receive it of them at such Granaries as there may be

below

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8th below at each place, and that you employ other people to carry it up which I think may be done by the Lascars —

You propose the selling off the Garce of Paddy at Kistnagerry, and 56 at Sankergadroy, as the quantities at those places exceeding the estimated Stock for the year, at the same time that the further reason assigned for the measure, the decayed state of the Grain suggests that it might be proper to dispose of as much larger proportion of it when the price of grain rises, and the replacing it when the price falls, by which it might be done with advantage to the Company. If such be the state of the grain, I wish you to speak to that more positively to ascertain if you can the exact time when particular quantities at each place when laid in, and whether its decay be owing to the sort of the grain, to the nature of the Granaries, or to the length of time it has been in store. These matters being known may permit

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out how past errors may be avoided in future; and reference being made to Government on Removing the unexpired portion of the Grain in Store, its determination thereon may then rest entirely on the aspect of affairs —

As to the difficulties you are likely to meet with from the want of places for the reception of wet Stores, as I can not do more than lay your letter before the Military Board, which I make no doubt has stated to Government the necessity of Store rooms for them —

I am
&c &c
(Signed) A. Read
Major Comt. Ceded Districts —

Seringapatam
14th February 1797.

Major A. Read
Commanding
Ceded Districts

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of

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8th of your letter of the 14th February 1797. and am sorry that indispen-
sible duties should have occasioned me the delay of a few days
in replying.—

You inform me that in Consequence of
my Reports on the Granaries you have given directions for
the laying in of 100 Garce of Raggy at Histnagerry and 125
Garce of the same Grain at Santhenydroog which you desire
that my Servants may be ready to receive, and as the Inhabi-
tants will probably object to the carrying the Grain up the
Hills. It is your wish that I may find it convenient to
receive it of them at such Granaries as there may be below
at each place, and that I employ other people to carry it up.
which you think may be done by the Lascars.—

I beg leave in the first instance to
inform you that my Report upon the Granaries as per my
Letter of the 12th February 1797. was drawn out in Gunral
terms stating the cubic Measurement that was or was
not.

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out how past errors may be avoided in future, and reference being made to Government on Removing the proposed portion of the Grain in Store, its determinations thereon may then rest entirely on the aspect of affairs.—

As to the difficulties you are likely to meet with from the want of places for the reception of wet Stores. as I cannot do more than lay your letter before the Military Board which I make no doubt has stated to Government the necessity of Stew rooms for them.—

Sam
Js Js
[Signed] A. Read
Major Comt. Ceded Districts.—

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14th February 1797.

Major A. Read
Commanding
Ceded Districts

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of

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8th of your letter of the 14th February 1797. and am sorry that unavoid-
=sible duties should have occasioned me the delay of a few days
in replying.—

You inform me that in Consequence of my Reports on the Granaries you have given directions for the laying in of 100 Garce of Raggy at Histnagurry and 125 Garce of the same Grain at Sanhernydroog which you desire that my Servants may be ready to receive, and as the Inhabi-tants will probably object to the carrying the Grain up the Hills. it is your wish that I may find it convenient to receive it of them at such Granaries as there may be below at each place. and that I employ other people to carry it up which you think may be done by the Lascars.—

I beg leave in the first instance to inform you that my Report upon the Granaries as per my Letter of the 12th February 1797. was drawn out in General terms stating the cubic Measurement that was or was not.

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not inspected at Kistnaghurry and Sankaragoorg but not

shewing the particular situation of the Grain in the Granaries.

The Storing of Raggy was not adverted to

by me as a measure immediately to take place, or wherein

I could have the smallest concern but by orders from the

Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. However I

will dispose I feel to execute your wishes the providing

for the reception of Raggy involving expence could only

be done by orders from him. To account for the objection of

expence, allow me to inform you, that before Raggy can be

laid up at Sankaragoorg it will be necessary to bring

the Paddy into a Cleaned state, which, from causes

unknown to me has originally been dispersed in the

different Granaries above and below, and altho I have stated

Room Sufficient for the whole, a choice of Granaries is

yet to be made for the different Grains, an object

perhaps not unworthy your notice or the Engineers inspection.

&c.

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At Kistnaghurry the Store of Raggy can only for the present be partially laid in, unless part of the Surplus Stores of Paddy is immediately sold off. These circumstances involving expence and responsibility beyond my province. I cannot take upon myself to act in them without directions from the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions to obtain which, I am hastening to lay all the circumstances before him and beg the favor of you to suspend the laying in of Raggy till I have his orders to receive charge of it. and some directions to indemnify me for the expences that may be incurred. —

The mode which you propose for the supplying the Grain is certainly of all others the most likely to meet Success, nor shall it want my attention to forward it as it has been my wish so it shall be the first Object of my care to deviate and remove all cause

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of Complaint and Discontent on the part of the Inhabitants
surplying the Grain, and I shall be careful to give such
directions to my People as you have suggested with the
strongest injunctions to observe them on the pain of dismission.

Your proposing 125 Garce of Paddy to
be the Store of Sankerydroog and 100 Garce of Paddy to be
the Store of Kistnagerry stating also your intention of
laying in Raggy. Leave me to recommend the Selling off
immediately the Surplus Grain at those Stations, and
as a further inducement I stated the necessity of the measure
from the ruinous Condition of a great part of the Grain,
which from various Circumstances has become unfit for
any purposes, as it could only rest with me to recommend.
I beg leave to remind you that a Committee would be the
regular mode of ascertaining the quality of the Grain,
and of stating the necessity of its being sold off. I have

now

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8th I have the pleasure of inclosing a Return referring to the — different periods at which the Paddy has been stored at the above Stations, and Containing such remarks as I hope will appear the information you require. —

The Committee may also be directed to report how long Grain should remain in Store in the Different Granaries in these Districts to answer at once the purposes of economy, and the exigencies of the Service. In regard to your idea of disposing of a greater, or any part of the established Store when the Season shall be scarce, and the price of Grain rises, and replacing it again in plentiful Seasons, with a View of advantage to the Company. I feel no hesitation in declaring it my opinion, that when proper Granaries shall have been built and others repaired throughout the Districts under the direction of the Engineer, that a mode of management may be adopted upon the principles

you

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8th. you Suggest which will not only relieve the Inconvy.-
Inattendance of the Department, but Secure a Succession
of good and Serviceable Grain in constant Store.-

I have the honor to be,

Kistnagherry
22d. February 1797.

Sir Sir
/Signed/ C. Corner
Act. Commy. of Grain & Provisions

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ C. Corner
Act. Commy. of Grain & Provisions

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ J. H. Skardon
Act. Commy. Genl. G. & P.

John H Skardon Esqr.
Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to transmit
Accounts and Vouchers for the Month of January 97. by
which

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Gth

which you will perceive the small State of our Garrison Store of some of the most essential articles, Arrack and Rice which I apprised you of in my Letter under Date the 23d December last, to which I have not yet been honoured with any reply in consequence of which I beg to submit to you, for the consideration of Government that as all the Paddy in Store is last years and very inferior to the produce of the Carnatic, two measures not yielding when prosperly beat out above three quarters of a measure of clean Rice together with the impossibility of getting a Sufficient or quantity beat into Rice to serve out to the Troops, renders these circumstances Sir would it not be eligible for Government to authorize me to purchase all the Rice as it arrives from the Coast at this Season of the year, which on an average could be bought for one fanam a measure, and Supply the Market with the Paddy in Store, by which it would all be disposed of at the rate of two measures for one fanam, and the Inhabitants would not feel any want. -

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The Marquis Cornwallis leaving the last

war had Rice delivered to the Carriers for nothing and on their

delivery in Camp paid them two Fanams a Measure. I

have the honor to be,

Sir Sir

Srankarnale Signed Strickland. Kingston

15th February 1797. Commissary of Provisions

A true Copy Signed J. H. Skardon

Act. Comm. Genl. G. S. P.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor &c. &c. in Council

of Fort St. George

From the administrator to the Estate of Lieut. Latelisle praying a Bond from the Nabob for arrears of pay due to Lieut. Latelisle. which His Highness has omitted to execute altho' receipt has been given for it.

My Lord

I hope I shall stand excused to your

Lordship for intruding on your time by the recital of a

Circumstance in which the Estate of a friend to which I

administered and the welfare of his Relations is deeply

interested

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8th interested. —

Having in the Year 1788 Administered to the Estate of the late Lieut.t J. Latitelisse of the Honble Company's Invalid Artillery, but formerly in this Highness the Nabobs Service, and having Settled his Accounts at the Durbar for Arrears due to him by the Nabob. of Pay and Batta as a Lieutenant of his Artillery, a Bond was drawn by his Highness the late Nabob to be made out for the Amount of those Arrears being Pags. 1990 — which was made out accordingly bearing date 31.st of December 1786. with Interest at the Rate of Six per Cent.m per Annum, and I was desired to give a Receipt for the said Bond agreable to the Rules and Customs of the Durbar, on the first Instance previously to the Bond being delivered to me, I immediately gave the Receipt accordingly, but have not hitherto been able to obtain the Bond which still I understand requires

his

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Sir

I have the honor to be commanded by His Highness the Chief to acquaint you, that having passed all the other official forms established at the Durbar.

In consequence of the Orders of Government forbidding Europeans from appearing at the Durbar without your Lordships' Sanction, I have not presumed to take any steps for obtaining the Bond before mentioned, and should your Lordship withhold your Consent to my personally applying for what I trust it will appear I have so just a Claim to, I humbly beg that thro' your kind indulgence the particulars of my Case may be made known to His Highness not doubting he will thereby be prevailed upon to affix his Chop to the Bond, and that it may be delivered to me.

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

Signed/ J. Jordan.
Capt. 2nd Batt. Artillery

Madras
the 6th March 1797.

Daniel

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Daniel Ince Esq.r

Military Secretary

Sir

Mr. Secretary Jackson having shewn me a letter addressed to him by Mr. Roebuck, in reply to one from Colonel Baird, respecting the propriety of the Paymaster General making any partial Payment to the Administrators of deceased Officers, whose arrears of pay &c. had been drawn in the Regimental Abstract, agreeably to the Orders of Government, and in conformity to the same Authority, payable only to the Regimental Paymaster. —

From the late Paymaster to the 71.st Regiment. — stating the Letter he will be inclined to, if the Propriety of Mr. Roebuck's having paid Arrears of Pattadave to the late Major Gory, directly to that of his administrator be admitted. —

As late Paymaster to the 71.st Regiment, and the person to whom Major Gory died in debt, I take the liberty of troubling you with some remarks for the information of the Right Honorable Lord Hobart. —

It was certainly my custom, and not unusual in the King's Service, for the Paymaster to assist Officers

8th officers with temporary advancement, depending on the faith
of the articles of War, as exemplified in Section 19th Article
1st ("to the end that the Executors of said officer may
"after Payment of his Regimental debts, and Quarters,
"and Interment receive the overplus if any he, to his or
"their use.") and for securing him in the repayment of
all arrears of Pay &c. coming through his hands. —

On the 27th of February 1796 I closed
my account as Paymaster, and at that period the sum
that I had stopped Monthly from Major Gorje's allowances
amounted to Two hundred and ten Star Pagodas Nineteen
Fanams, and two Cash. (St. Pag. 210. 19. 2.) which I intended
to appropriate toward the liquidation of his debt to me,
amounting at that time to three hundred and Ninety
two Star Pagodas twelve fanams (St. Pag. 392. 12.) on
Cast on his representing to me from the losses he sus-
=tained when the Dromedy was lost. and during the

Service

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8th Service at Trincomallee. he would take it as a mark of
friendship. If I would not keep back the above Stoppages
of Two Hundred and ten Star Pagodas Nineteen Fanams
and two Cash (St. Pags. 210.. 19.. 2.) at present and he more
readily made this request. from knowing that there
would be more than sufficient to reimburse me from the
Difference arising from his arrears, between Captain
and Majors half Batta; and as I know that the
publication of the promotions by Brevet. was kept back
for public reasons. I readily assented to comply with my
Friends request, little suspecting that even his decease
could in the smallest degree prove prejudicial to me, and
if I am not mistaken the grounds upon which I acted
were not improper. ~

I never heard even of the Treasury at
home taking upon themselves what Mr. Roebuck has
now done, and it occurs to me it would have been

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...now Consistant with that respect which is due to the Colonel and Paymaster of a Regiment, if Mr. Roebuck had submitted this matter to the consideration of the Government, before he had taken it upon himself to decide, and I am sorry to observe that he says. "in this "respect that he followed the orders of Government on "similar occasions, the discharge of Public Affairs Gratuitly, "Donation, and off Reckonings, on account of deceased "persons having been made to their Executors, and "administrators." I have only to remark on the above paragraph, that none of the Allowances he has mentioned, are included in the Paymasters Regimental Abstracts, and therefore not applicable to the business of Batta, nor do I ever recollect although Paymaster since the year 1783, that any Issue similar to the present has ever occurred.

I therefore hope the Right Honble

the

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8th The Governor will be pleased to direct the Paymaster General to
Issue this Money through the usual Channel of the Regimen-
tal Paymaster. —

I have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
2nd March 1797.

Sir
Your most obedt Hble Servt
(Signed) Jno Robertson
Lieut. Col. late Paymr. 71st Regt —

9th — Sent the following Letter

To Major General Doyle
Commanding on Ceylon —

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President
in Council to inform you that he has dispatched the Eliza Ann.
one of the Arriving Extra Ships to Colombo, for the purpose of
transporting the Bombay Grenadier Battalion to Calicut, in
compliance with a pressing application from that Government:
you will therefore be pleased to order as many of the Troops
Coard.

To Major General Doyle
with Instructions for
conveying the Bombay
Grenadier Battalion
to Calicut and the 78th
Regiment to Bombay

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9th board the Eliza Ann as can be accomodated, and the remainder to be in readiness to Embark on the Harriet another extra Ship which it is the intention of the President in Council to dispatch to Columbo in a few days. —

I am further directed to inform you, that in conformity with a new distribution of his Majesty's Regiments in India, recommended by the Commander Chief, the 73d Regiment is to serve under the Presidency of Bombay; the President in Council therefore desires that you will order as many of the men on board the Harriet, as can be accommodated after the Embarkation of the Grenadier Battalion, but as it is of more immediate importance, that the Battalion should first be sent to the Malabar Coast, the Embarkation of the Regiment is not to interfere with that of the Battalion. —

Captain Haigh of the Eliza Ann has been directed to put himself under your orders. —

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J. Webbe
Sec. to Govt.

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9th March 1797.

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To Thomas Wilkinson Esqr.

President & the Commissioners in the Province of Malabar.

Gentlemen,

To the Commissioners in the Province of Malabar, informing them of the Orders issued for Conveying the Bombay Grenadier Battalion from Colombo to Calicut.

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to inform you, that in compliance with the Request of the Governor in Council at Bombay, orders have been issued for sending the Grenadier Battalion, belonging to that Presidency, to the Coast of Malabar, and that the Eliza, one of the Company's Extra Ships will be dispatched this evening from hence to Colombo, for the purpose of Conveying them to Calicut.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Humble Servants

(Signed) J. Webbe

Secy to Govt.

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To

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Sir Hon.ble Jonathan Duncan

Governor in Council at

Bombay

Hon.ble Sir.

To Bombay advising of the means adopted for Conveying the Bombay Grenadier Battalion to Ceylon and the 73d Regiment to Bombay

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th Ultimo and to inform you, that in compliance with your request we have ordered the Officer Commanding in Ceylon to send the Grenadier Battalion to Calicut, and it is our intention to send the Eliza arm round to Columbo, for the purpose of transporting them to that place.

We have the honor further to apprize you that in conformity with the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, it is our intention to send his Majesty's 73d Regiment to Bombay, according to a new distribution of the King's Troops, which has been made in consequence of recent orders from England.

We have apprized the Commissioners

in

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9th on the Malabar Coast of the return of the Governor in Battalion ~

We have the honor to be.

Sir Sir

Fort St George
9th March 1797.

(Signed) Kobart
Hon Council

Received Letter from the Military Paymaster General

From the Military Paymaster General

entered in M.B. No 34, enclosing an additional Estimate of Cash amounting to 2,500 Pagodas, required for the present Month by the Paymaster at Madura. ~

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters ~

To

entered in M.B. Nos 35- 36- 37- 38- 39- 40- 41- 42- 43- 44- 45- 46- 47- 48- 49- 50- 51- 52. ~

To the Military Board - authorizing the ~

To the Military Board

Execution of Repairs at Cuddalore - and the Building a terrace at Trichinopoly for drying Gunpowder - Major Dallas to be allowed to draw for the repairs of the Saddles for his temporary Corps of Cavalry from the 1st December last - inclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr Bishop, containing an alteration in his former ~ proposal of supplying Gunpowder by Contract - desiring their Opinion

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10th Opinion on Repairs recommended by the Commanding Officer
to be made to the Quarters at Vellore and the Storerooms at
Arcot. -

To Major General Lyndsham. informing
To the Military Auditor General
him that Mr. Watson has been called upon to reimburse the
Paymaster at Masulipatam in the amount of the Retrenchment
made on Recredit of his Accounts - and desiring his Opinion
on Letters received from Messrs. Gahagan and Harris. 2

To Ditto Ditto - communicating the orders received
from Bengal relative to the Exchange at which the Bengal
Troops serving on Ceylon are to receive their Pay and Allowances. 2

To Ditto - referring for examination an
To the Military Auditor General
additional Estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster at Madura
for the current Month. 2

To Ditto - desiring his opinion on Bills
To Ditto - Ditto.
presented by the Purser of His Majesty's Ship Centurion, for
Provisions supplied for the publick Service to the Eastward -
Also on a Bill presented by the Surgeon of the Resistance for
Medicines

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10th Medicines and attendance of Detachments of Company's Troops embarked on that Ship for Service on the Expeditions against the Dutch Settlements to the Eastward. ~

To Major General Floyd - enclosing Copy of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob, and acquainting him that orders have been issued for building the Platform for drying Gunpowder agreeably to his Recommendation. ~

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly.

To Colonel Baird - enclosing Copy of the G. C. dated 21st. May 1796. respecting the mode of procuring Sheep by Indents on the Collector, and requiring his particular attention thereto. ~

To the Commandant at Malayaubad -

To Captain Long - promising him to proceed to Europe on Furlough for the adjustment of his private Concerns ~

To Captain John Long. "

To Mr Roebuck - desiring him to receive as Cash the accepted Bills of the Paymaster at Chumbo standing by Mr Doring on part payment of the Balance due by him to the Company. ~

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr Shaw - desiring him not to dispose of any part of the Shumbah Paddy of the present Crop in the Conjeveram District, but to keep it ready to be delivered to the Storekeeper

To the Collector in the Jaghire. -

10th Storekeeper at Arnee as soon as it may be sufficiently dry - desiring him also to state the Price at which he will engage to deliver 100 Garces of new Rhumbah Paddy into Store at Chinglepet -

To Mr. Shardon - communicating the purport of the abovementioned - declining for the present the offer forwarded by him for storing Grain at Chinglepet but requesting that the Paddy now in Store there may be sold off to the best advantage -

To the acting Comm.y General of Grain and Provisions -

To Messrs. Sydenham Shardon & Woolf

To Messrs. Sydenham Shardon and Woolf referring to their Examination a Bill drawn on Government by Lieut.t Dobbie for Pagodas 5333 ⅓ - presented for Payment by them -

To Messrs. Coll. Baker &.C.

To Messrs. Coll. Baker &.C - acquainting them that the Bill accompanying their Letter of the 28th Ultimo. has been referred to the Committee appointed to investigate the Accounts of the Eastern Expedition -

To Messrs. Coll Baker Day &.C -

To Major General Doyle - acquainting him that the mistake pointed out in his Letter of the 23d Ultimo will &c.

To Major General Doyle -

Fort St. George 10th March 1797.

10th Ins. Inclosed in the next Despatches to the Honble Court of Directors.—

To Captain Keith Spring — acquainting him

To the acting Deputy Kings Assistant General

that Mr. Arnault holding the Rank of Captain Lieutenant, has no claim to Passage Money — and that a Passage will be provided for Captain Bacby of the 87th Regt. in one of the Ships now under dispatch for England.—

To Lieut.t Colonel Macpherson — enclosing

To the Commandant at Amboor.—

Copy of a Letter from the Nabob, and expressing the Board's expectations that by the joint exertions of himself and the Nabobs Nawl Meer Ali Khan, the Disturbances on the Borders will be suppressed, and the plunderers punished.. desiring that all the plunderers who may be apprehended may be kept in his Custody and Subsisted at the Company's Expence.—

To Captain Peachey — informing him that

To Captain Peachey.—

as by the Capitulation of Columbo the English Company became Guarantee only for the Dutch Paper then in Circulation. his Decree cannot on any Ground be admitted.—

To Mr. Watson — directing that he immediately

To Mr. Alexander Watson Head Surgeon.—

reimburse Mr. Corbett in the sum of Pagodas 4272. 6. 24 being the

Fort St. George 7th March 1797.—

10th the Amount retrenched on Audit of Asst Gentlemans Accounts for Head Surgeons Allowances drawn both by himself (Mr Watson) and Mr Anderson tho' he (Mr Watson) was informed by Letter that he would not be entitled to Head Surgeons Allowances till he joined his Station at Masulipatam.—

Recd the following Letters.—

To
Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to the Right Honble the President
Governor in Council—

Sir.

From the Commercial Resident at Vizagapatam advising of the Capture of the Modeste Privateer by the Fox Forgate on the 5th Instant.—

I have to request you will inform his Lordship that the Fox Forgate this Morning brought in the Modeste Privateer which she captured after a Chace of Eight Hours.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
(signed) R. Malcolm
Resident

Vizagapatam
7th March 1797.

The

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10th

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

Fort St. George

My Lord.

From the Commandant at Vizagapatam remits in charge the Crew of the Modeste Privateer captured by the Fox Frigate.—

I have the Honor to acquaint your Lordship that Captain Malcolm of His Majestys Ship Fox has requested of me for the good of the Service to take Charge of the French &c Prisoners captured yesterday Evening in the Modeste Privateer amounting to between Fifty and Sixty. that he may not be impeded by them in his future Operations. to this I have readily Consented. I shall have the Honor of reporting their rank. Number. Names. and nature of their Confinement tomorrow or as soon after as Particulars can be clearly ascertained — They are not yet on Shore. but I take the Opportunity of an Express going with Letters from Captain Malcolm and the Commercial Resident on this Occasion —

Senr Lieut. Rowe Must embarked for the

1000 Port St. George March 1797.

10th the Presidency on the 2nd Ultimo nothing of any Consequence has occurred to trouble your Lordships with. the District continuing in perfect tranquility.

I have the Honor to subscribe myself with perfect Respect.

Vizagapatam
7th March 1797.

(Signed) H. H. George Fotheringham
Lt Col. Comdg the Troops Vizagapatam District

To
Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government.

Sir,

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. requests a Committee may be appointed to report upon damaged Grain at Arnee. and recommend the sale of Grain in the Granaries at Arnee which is in a very bad state the provided by Mr Corbett as new Grain in June 1795.

Mr Wynch Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Arnee, informs me that some of the Cars Branacuttah and Ca Sarracovah Paddy received there during the Monsoons is damaged, I therefore request a Committee may be ordered to examine and report the real State of it.

I enclose herewith for the information of Government Copy of a Letter Dated 24th Ultimo from Captain Darley

Fort St. George March 1797.

10th Darley acting Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Guntoor.
accompanied by Copies of the Proceedings of a Committee held at
that Station to examine and report on the Paddy received from
Masulipatam. also Certificates from Bellumkondah and
Chintapelly and a Note from Captain Davis. Also enclose
Copy of a Letter dated 8th Ultimo from Major Halcott Commanding
Innamdah to Captain Darley. with report of a Committee ordered
to examine the Paddy in Store at that place.

Captain Darley with the Papers above
mentioned forwarded to me Musters of the Paddy received from
Masulipatam which I have had examined by two of the
Principal Chitty's of Madras. and inclose herewith their
report.

The Masulipatam Paddy Garce 180. was
purchased by Mr. Corbett in the Month of June 1795. who
reported it to be "newly imported. and in the best Order", since
that Period no report has been made to me of its having
received any Damage. I have therefore by this Days Tappal
forwarded to Mr. Corbett Copies of the several reports. and have
called

1000 Port St. George 8th March 1797.

10th the Providency on the 2nd Ultimo nothing of any Consequence has occurred to trouble your Lordship with. the District continuing in perfect tranquility.—

I have the Honor to subscribe myself with

perfect Respect.—

Vizagapatam
7th March 1797.—

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[illegible] George Fotheringham
Lt Colo Comdg the Troops Vizagapatam District

To
Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government.

Sir,

From the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. requests a Committee may be appointed to report upon damaged Grain at Arnee. and recommend the sale of Grain in the Granary at Arnee which is in a very bad state. this provided by Mr Corbett as new Grain in June 1795.—

Mr Wynch Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Arnee informs me that some of the Cars Manacuttah and Cassaracorah Paddy received there during the Monsoons is damaged, I therefore request a Committee may be ordered to examine and report the real State of it.—

I enclose herewith for the information of Government Copy of a Letter Dated 24th Ultimo from Captain Darley

1001 Fort St. George 10th March 1797.

10th Darby acting Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Guntoor accompanied by Copies of the Proceedings of a Committee held at that Station to examine and report on the Paddy received from Masulipatam. also Certificates from Bellumcondah and Masulipatam. also Certificate from Bellumcondah and Masulipatam. also Certificate from Bellumcondah and Masulipatam. also Certificate

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10th. called on him to account for his Paddy being in so bad a condition.
and why he did not report its state, previous to sending it to —
Captain Darley: his reply I shall have the honor to lay before —
Government as soon as he arrives. —

As it appears by the several reports that
the Paddy is so exceeding bad, as to be refused by the Troops, and
as it is decaying daily. I recommend that Captain Darley be
permitted to sell it immediately to the best advantage. —

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

[Signed] J. H. Skardon

Act. Commy General G. S. P.

Madras
Commissary
General's Office
9th March 1797.

John Humphrey Skardon Esqr.
Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

Sir.

I have been duly favored with your letter
of the 17th Instant. The scales and Weights at Cottapatam have
been ordered to Negole to be placed in the Granary there. —

I am

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10th

In disposing of the Paddy, I shall endeavour to get it off to the best possible advantage; you will perceive by my letter and Certificate from Ingole dated the 28th. Ultimo. that it leaks to a loss equal to one fourth. and I should conceive that it would be best fair to make an allowance equivalent to this from being long kept and badly Stored. whether in serving it out to the Troops or disposing of it to the Inhabitants, besides which should be taken into consideration the Price of Paddy in the Nellore Country. now Selling at four Pagodas ℔ Candy. —

With respect to the Paddy at Mootapilly I think the Returns make but two Parcels of damaged remaining. I cannot however be very certain till I return to Innadeiapt. but at any rate it cannot be expected to bring much. —

Accompanying I have the pleasure to transmit you the Proceedings of a Committee that was held at this Station on the Paddy received from Masulipatam. and also Certificates from Bellumcondah and Chintapilly. and

am

Fort St. George 10th March 1797.

10th I am sorry to acquaint you that Sowing proposed to the Banyans and others retailers in Grain at this place to take a quantity off my hands, they have rejected it at any price. The Troops also have refused to take it on account of the very bad state it is in, as you will see by Captain Powis's reply to a proposal I made, that it should be served to them at twenty four Pagodas p Garce and which goes enclosed:-

I am convinced there will be a very great loss sustained by the Paddy lately stored at the several stations, and it would be much satisfaction to me, were I guided by instructions from you relative to the value it may ultimately be disposed of for. Grain is remarkably cheap at present all over this Circar, Cummals is now Selling at from four to five Pagodas pr Candy, and it is expected that new Paddy will be at Six Pagodas a Candy next Month.-

The reports on the Ongole and Masulipatam Paddy together with the low price of Grain in the Country will shew pretty clearly the rate at which it may be expected

to

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10th to sell at, and I shall feel particularly happy in receiving orders from you to enable me to regulate the sale of this Paddy to your Satisfaction —

I beg to forward the Declaration of the Cottapaitam Principality, relative to the efficiency of Paddy at that place, and have the honour to be

Sir Your
/Signed/ John Darley
Act. Comm. of G. & P.

Guntoor
24th February 1797.

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ J. H. Skardon
Act. Comm. General G. & P.

Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry, held at Guntoor February 22d 1797. to examine into the State of the Paddy lately received from Masulipatam, and stored for the use of the Garrison —

President
Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Leighton
Captain A. Powis & Members / Captain Lieut. R. M. Grant

The

Fort St. George 2 March 1797.

10th The President lays before the Committee a Letter received from Captain John Darley acting Commissary of Grain and Provisions, which it is resolved to record on the Proceedings.—

Lieutenant Colonel Leighton

Commanding the Troops in the Guntoor Circar

Guntoor

Sir.

Mr Sharron Deputy Commissary General of Grain and Provisions has directed me, in a letter dated the 27th of January last, to apply to Commanding Officers of Stations in the Guntoor Circar to assemble Committees for the purpose of examining into, and reporting the State of the Paddy, that has lately been received from Masulipatam.— I have therefore to request that you will be pleased to order a Committee to sit upon the Paddy lately stored in the Granary at this station, as soon as you may Judge convenient.—

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) John Darley
actg Comy of G & P.

Guntoor
21st February 1797.

The

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10th The Court proceeds to examine a sample of Paddy produced by Captain John Darley, and take the opinion of several Banyans, then who are dealers in Grain.—

Question by the Court to Lingamaley Papia, Head Banyan of Guntoor — What is your opinion of this Paddy.—

Answer — In my opinion it is at least five, six or seven years old.—

Question by the Court — How long do you think this Grain would keep in Store.—

Answer — I do not think it would keep a year, it would be full of insects.—

The Court orders eight Sears of the Paddy to be beat into Rice — which on being sifted produced only two Sears of Rice.—

/Signed/ Thomas Leighton
Lieut.t Colonel and President

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ S. H. S.

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10th We do hereby Certify, that the Paddy lately received from Masulipatam and Stored in the Granaries at this Station, appears from the opinions taken of three of the head Banyans, who are dealers in Grain and supposed to be good judges, that it is four years old, and that eight Seers of it being heat into Rice produced only three and a quarter Seers. ~ further, the Banyans are of opinion that it will perish ~ in five Months from this date ~

Pallamcondah 27th February 1797.

(Signed) F. Bellew
Lieut. Commanding

" John Darley
Asst. Comd. of Grain & Provisions of Angelo &c.

(A true Copy)
(Signed) J. H. S.

We do hereby Certify, that the Paddy lately received from Masulipatam and Stored in the Granaries at this Station, appears from the opinions taken of three of the head Banyans, who are dealers in Grain, and supposed to be good judges, that it is about four years old, and that eight

Seers

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10th Sears of it being beat into Rice produced only three, and a quarter Sears. and is very musty, further the Banyans are of opinion that it will entirely perish in three Months. —

Chintapilly 19th February 1797.

James Campbell
Lieut.t Commanding

John Darley
act.g Comd.r of Grain & Provisions at Angola &c.

A true Copy
Signed J. H. S.

Dear Darley

The proposal you suggested yesterday has been made to the Detachment here, - who unanimously decline taking the Grain as being too bad —

Yours truly
Signed R. Lewis

the 24th —

A true Copy
Signed J. H. S.

To

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10th

To Captain Darley

acting Commissary of Grain and Provisions

Engole &c &c

Sir.

Agreeably to your Requisition of the 2nd — Instant, a Court of Enquiry sat upon the Paddy in Store here — The Proceedings are inclosed herewith. —

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

/signed/ Thomas Halcott

Major Commanding

Innacondah.

6th February 1797.

A true Copy

/signed/ I. H. S.

Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held at Innacondah the February 6th 1797. to examine into the State of the Paddy lately received from Cottapatam, Ongole, and Masulipatam and Stored for the use of the Garrison —

President

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Fort St. George 10th March 1797.

President

Major Thomas Halcott

Captain Richard Harden / Members / Lieut.t Josiah Marshall

The President lays before the Committee

a Letter received from Captain John Darley, acting Commissary

of Grain and Provisions, which it is resolved to record on the

Proceedings —

Major Thomas Halcott

Commanding

Innacondah

Sir,

Mr. Shardon Deputy Commissary General

of Grain and Provisions, having directed me, in a Letter dated

27th. of last Month to apply to Commanding Officers of Stations

in the Guntoor Circar to assemble Committees for the Purpose

of examining into and reporting the State of the Paddy

that has been received from Bettapatam, Ongole, and

Masulipatam. I have to request you will be pleased to

order

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10th order a Committee to set for that purpose, as soon as you may judge convenient. —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

/Signed/ John Darley

Innacondah

2nd February 1797.

/A true Copy/

/Signed/ I. H. S.

The Court proceed to examine three Samples of Paddy produced by Captain John Darley, and to take the opinion of several Banyan Men, who are Dealers in Grain, and supposed to be the best judges in the Place, on the subject. —

The Court finds that the Paddy received from Cottapatam and Ongole, may be easily rebbed to Powder in the hand, and is great part of it decayed. Captain Darley informs the Court that all the Grain received from those Stations is of the same Quality. —

Question to Vapoory Pillai Banyan of Innacondah, and to Vistna Achah and Soobanniah Banyans; what is your

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10th your opinion of the Paddy received from Bengale and Cottapatam now examined. —

Answer. We think it is three years old. is much punished

and we think that if it is kept six Months longer

three Quarters of it will be entirely punished. —

Captain Darley produces a Sample of

Paddy received from Masulipatam — quantity of which he

cannot exactly ascertain as it came mixed with other Paddy

but he Supposes it amounts to about 1120 one hundred

and twenty Candies. —

Question to the before named Banyans.

What is your Opinion of this first examined Sample of

Masulipatam Paddy. —

Answer. we are of Opinion that it is of a very bad Quality

and that in four Months the whole will entirely perish. —

Captain Darley produces a Second Sample

of Paddy received from Masulipatam and informs the

Court that all the remaining Paddy received from that

Station

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Station is of the same Quality —

Question to the before named Banyans. —

What is your Opinion of this Sample. —

Answer. we are of Opinion that it is four years old. and has been ill kept and will perish in Six Months. —

The Court direct that Eight Seers of each Sample be beat into Rice separately. and find that Eight Seers of the Paddy received from Collapatam of Ongole. beat to three Seers of Rice. —

The Court find that Eight Seers of the Paddy received from Masulipatam / of the Sample first examined / beat to two Seers of Rice. —

The Court find that Eight Seers of this Second examined Sample of Masulipatam Paddy beat to three Seers and a Quarter of Rice —

/Signed/ Thomas Halcott

Major Comm.d and President

We.

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We the undersigned having examined two Musters of Paddy shewn to us by the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, are of opinion that the first Sort is at least two years old, has been damaged by wet. and if ten Measures of it were beat out. it would produce four measures of Rice. that the Second sort is at least four years old. has also been damaged by wet, and that ten Measures of it beat out would produce two and half Measures of Rice --

Madras
Commiss.t Generals
Office 4th March 1797.

/Signed/
/A true Copy/
/Signed/ J. H. Skardon
Act.g Com.t Gen.l F. S. P. —

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council
at Fort St George

My Lord,,

From Bengal advising of Zemaun Shah having evacuated Lahore and retreated towards Cabul

1. We have the honor to acquaint you that we have received Advices from the Governor General dated the 27th Instant. near Lucknow, stating that Zemaun Shah had evacuated Lahore, and reached Amenabad in his retreat towards Cabul. —

2. The inhabitants of the City are said to have been laid under contribution, and great excesses are asserted to have been committed by the Shah's Army. —

3. The revolt of Shah Mahmood Vice Roy of Herat, the Shah's brother, is assigned as the motive of his return, and the latest intelligence from Lahore confirms former reports, that Shah Mahmood had attacked Candahar, and had taken prisoner a Son of Zemaun Shah at that place. —

4. The

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10.th 4. The Governor General adds that the Sikh Chiefs had repossessed themselves of Lahore; and that from all the intelligence which he had received, it did not appear that the Shah had left any Troops, or that there was any ground to infer any intention in him to return there next year. —

We have the honor to be,

Sir Sir

/Signed/ P. Speke

" Wm Cowper "

Fort William
the 24.th February 1797.

Sent the following Letters to Bengal

To Peter Speke Esqr

Vice President in Council at

Fort William

Sir

To Bengal. Congratulatory on the very Pleasing Intelligence of the retreat of Zemaun Shah. —

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 24.th Ultimo. and to congratulate you upon the

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the favorable change of affairs in the North of India to which the retreat of Zemaun Shaw must give rise —

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servants

(Signed) Hobart

Hon. Council

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To Peter Speke Esqr.

Vice President in Council at

Fort William

Sir,

To Bengal with Plans of the Fortifications on the Coast and Statements of the Number of Troops and proportion of Stores allotted to each also Statement of the quantity of Grain and Provisions requisite for a twelve Months Consumption for each —

We have now the honor of transmitting in conformity with your directions of the 31st March 1796, the several plans of Fortifications on the Coast, together with a distribution of the troops shewing the particular details of every description, composing the Garrison of each; Statements of the proportion of ordnance and Military Stores allotted thereto, and a Statement of the quantity of Grain and Provisions requisite

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10th requisite for twelve Months consumption for the several Garrisons under this Presidency.—

We are concerned that we have not been able to furnish this information at an earlier period, and that we have not been able to comply with the whole of your directions upon this Subject: but the nature of this information naturally occasioned delay, and we shall have the honor of forwarding the General Map, as soon as it can be completed by our Military Board.—

We have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Hobart

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11th Received the undermentioned Letters entered in

M. B. Nos. 53A and 53B. 54-55-56-57-58-59-60.—

From Lieut. G Long — From Lieut. George Long requesting an Extention of his leave of absence.—

From Major General Floyd. — From Major General Floyd advising of his having

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We having at the earnest request of Hussein ul Mulk Bahadur detached a Subidar and fifty Firelocks for the defence of the Port of Ostatoor. —

From the Commander of the Gloucester.

From Lieut.t King - stating the circumstances on which he grounds his Claim to Batta while employed in the Command of the Gloucester Transport. —

From the Garrison Storekeeper.

From Mr James Brodie - requesting Permission to purchase at the rate of 25 Pagodas p.r Tierce 34 Tierces of Beef and three of Pork which have been offered for Sale at that Price. —

From the Collector in the Baghaut.

From the Collector in the Baghaut - requesting that instead of taking from the Conjeveram District the whole of the Paddy required for the Store at Arnee, it may be taken in the proportion of 2/10 from each of the Districts of Conjeveram, and Outramalore, and 4/10 from Carangoly, - agrees to deliver Paddy in the Country at 25 Pagodas p.r Garce, but has not the Means of conveying it to Chingleput. —

From Mr Hall Surgeon Gabagan.

From Mr Gahagan - requesting an Advance of

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11th of Six Months Pay on account of his proceeding to England. —

From the Secretary to the Mil.y Board — From Captain Peirce — with a Packet addressed to the Secretary to the Military Board at Bengal containing quarterly Statements of Ordnance and Military Stores —

From Mr. J. Bryant — From Mr. J. Bryant enclosing a Bill for Pagodas 48 .. 26 for Medical attendance on the Troops embarked on the Ships to which he stands attached on the Expedition against Malacca. —

From the Commercial Resident at Teganam — From Mr. Snow — respecting the motives which induced two French Inhabitants of Caringa to proceed on board an Vessel laying at anchor in the roads, at the time the Arnodeste Privateer appeared — acquits them of any improper Design. —

Received the following Letters. —

The Right Honble Lord Hobart.

Governor in Council &c &c &c

Fort St. George.

My Lord.

From Lieut.t Colonel Pottinghame — respecting the manner in which he — In addition to my Report of yesterday by Express

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he has provided for the accommodation of the Prisoners rescued from the Modeste Privateer —

18th. Express. I have only the honor to add, that Captain Malcolm Commanding His Majesty's Ship Fox, has delivered over to me Forty Five Seamen formerly the Crew of his Prize, the French privateer Modeste, having at my request Consented to carry the Officers and those who pretend to be such, Seven in Number, which the Ships Papers does not clearly ascertain to Bengal, whither he intends Sailing, he informs me the Day after tomorrow. —

There were found on Board of the Prize one European and four or five Native Seamen, who are suspected to have belonged to the Same, a Bombay Ship, Commanded by Captain Story, who had Mutinied, and taken Possession of the Ship, after having landed the Captain at Cochin as they say. Captain Malcolm after having examined them as well as their Captors the Officers &c. of the Modeste, was convinced they were in that Predicament, and in that belief is to carry them Prisoners to Bengal, also to be delivered over to his care —

The whole of the Prisoners are for the present lodged in the Hospital, after having removed the Sick, only three in Number, as the most secure place of confinement

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to Confinement as well as the most healthy I can furnish them with. I have placed a Sentinel Guard over them, and appointed Lieut. Prescott the Fort Adjutant with a Sergeant under his Orders to take Charge of and to subsist them conformable to existing Regulations, and have directed him to transmit a List of their Names to the Town Major of Fort St. George for your Lordships Information.

Having mentioned the Hospital as a secure Place of Confinement, altho' without the Fort, it may be necessary to add, that it is walled round except to the Street, to which only Windows open, is within Fifty yards of the Main Guard, and nearly about the same distance from the Barracks of the Detachment from the 8th Native Regiment.

Mr. Ogilvy the Garrison Surgeon is directed to afford such medical assistance as the Prisoners may stand in need of.

I hope that having requested of Captain Malcolm to carry the French Officers to Bengal may not be disapproved of by your Lordship. Nothing able to ascertain

11th ascertain exactly whether they were officers or not. I confess I was at a loss how to treat them, either by granting too much Indulgence on the one hand, or too much restraint on the other, and as Captain Malcolm assured me it would not be attended with Inconvenience to him, I was willing to be clear of the risque of incurring blame on their account. — I hope to be honored with your Lordships Orders for the future disposal of those I have in Charge. —

I have the honor to Subscribe myself with perfect respect. —

&c &c

(Signed) Geo: Fotheringham

Lieut.t Col.t Comd.g the Troops Vizagapatam District.

Vizagapatam
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To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary in the Political and Secret Departments.

From Major Dowdeswell with a letter from Tippoo addressed to the Governor — communicates the reports of Hircarahs &c. arrived from the Mysore Country.

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Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you a Kerataah

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11th Khoorsah from Tippoo Sultaun, addressed to the Right Honorable the Governor —

I beg leave to add that when my Camel Vakeel left Seringapatam, the Sultaun was in Camp at Caniambady. — He had just returned from Nunjengood. whither he had gone to order the demolition of some Pagodas and Choultries: — the stones of which he intends to make use in the construction of the Fort of Seringapatam. —

My Vakeel informs me it is reported that French Ships have arrived at Mangalore, and that the Sultaun is to proceed thither — on the other hand it is said that he is to make a circuit of his Eastern frontier, and that he is to be shortly at Bangalore. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Signed J. Doveton

Major

Peycota

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12th Despatched the undermentioned Letters

entered in M. B. Nos. 61-62. —

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To the Secretary at Bengal.

To Mr. Secretary Barlow. enclosing quarterly returns of the different descriptions of ordnance and Military Stores in the Arsenal Fort and Magazines subordinate thereto :-

Do. Ditto. Ditto

To Ditto - enclosing a copy of the Auditor General's Letter, respecting the Supplementary Statement of the Expences of this Establishment for 1795/96, the original Statement itself and Plans &c. required under date 31st March 1794, will be forwarded on the first Ships Stephen Lushington -

13th. Received the following Letters.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord,

From the Commissioner in the Madras Province with Intelligence communicated by the Coorga Rajah of an intention on the part of Tippoo Sultaun to assist the Polygar Rajah in his Rebellion against the Company's Government. requests

1. Conceiving it highly necessary that your Lordship should be made acquainted by the earliest opportunity with any hostile motions on the part of Tippoo Sultaun, We have the honor to forward by Express

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13th Express the enclosed Copy of a Letter just received from the Coorga Rajah, who writes so positively as to the Sultaun's assemblage of his forces, with the probability of a movement towards the frontier, that we cannot altogether disbelieve the intelligence, though it has not hitherto been corroborated from other quarters. —

requests that the Bombay Grenadier Battalion may be immediately sent from Colombo to the Malabar Coast. —

2. It may however be necessary to apprize your Lordship that the Cottiote, or as he is otherwise called the Pyche Rajah is in a state of declared and unprovoked Rebellion against the Company's Government, and has Committed Violences of the most atrocious, if not unpardonable nature on the Company's troops. That he has solicited the aid and support of Tippoo in this Rebellion, we have certain information, though we never had cause to Credit that the Sultaun had further acquiesced in the Pyche Rajah's applications, than to cause his adherents to be furnished with Ammunition, but no fighting men

Mem.

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Mem.- There is a Detachment of our Troops amounting to about 1,200 Men now in Wynaad under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Dow. This force was originally intended to act against the Pychy Rajah, though if the present intelligence of the Coorg prove true, it may make some alteration in the Colonels plans, to whom we have in this view Communicated it, and knowing moreover that the Government of Bombay has applied to your Lordships in Council for the return of the Grenadier Battalion to Malabar in Consideration of the insufficiency of the troops now stationed in the province to protect it, we do not shall presume on the present occasion to suppose that the application may be acquiesced in if the Services of the Battalion can be possibly dispensed with at Columbo — We have the honor to be

&c &c

(signed) James Rivett
Tho.s Millkinson
R. Richards Com.r

Mahe
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Kumbham 18th 972.

February 26th 1797.-

From the Coorga Rajah

About 8 days ago. Tippoo with 900 Horse
7000 foot / Regulars / 1500 Karnatiks. 14 field Pieces. 12 Mortars
12 large Cloth Covered Boxes of field ammunition 17 Elephants
Elephants with Colours. Drums and other things, together
with 40 Carriage Elephants. 6000 Kamaty Coolies. 600 Bullocks
with Ammunition / Powder and Ball / Rice and
other Provisions and Bazars.- With all this well provisioned
Detachment Tippoo and his four Sons advanced on Sunday
the 10th Khumbom / 18th February / to Myeura where
Orders were dispatched to the four different Provinces under
his Dominion, to Collect the forces, Horse, and foot, and on
March them immediately to join him with all necessary
provisions. and in Consequence his Army is Augmenting
fast by the daily arrival of these forces.- With Tippoo is
a Carriakar. and a Brannin of the Coloto Rajah and 12

Navis

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13th. Nairs their attendants - when they first went, they carried with them an Elephant, which was presented to Tippoo: and these two Chief men, and their 12 Nair attendants, are remaining with the Detachment, which being now in force, it is said is about to March to Coimbatoor. - There is also a report that it is to March to Vlegada Dewada Fort, whence they are to penetrate into Wynaad, by the route of Kaakana Fort. - This is what Tippoo himself gives out. but it is said his intention is on his Arrival at Vlegada Dewada Fort, to descend unperceived into the heart of the Colitis Country. Such is the report, where he intends to March cannot be certainly known. but I give it you as I have it myself. and you may depend upon it for fact. - Since my Authority is no less than my own people who were there in the Camp saw it with their own Eyes. and came and reported it to me. I therefore acquaint you. and trust you will place the firmest reliance upon the truth of it. It cannot be ascertained - where

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13th where this Army is going, whither to advance or to return to

Shree Runjapatnam. ~

The Rajah of the Country in which the City

of Shree Runja is situated, was afflicted with Sickness, and

died Eight or nine Months ago, since when his wives

and Children have resided at their Separate Dwellings,

until lately that Tippoo put them out, and Seized upon

all their Jewels, and Riches, and placed the Rajahs two ~

wives, a little Boy, two Old Women, and two female Servants

in a House and set a guard over it, where he now supports

them, and the rest of the Women he had brought before

him, and the Old and ugly which would not Serve his ~

purpose he discharged, taking from them every thing

they possessed, and Supplying each of them with nothing

but a Single Cloth, Saying to them such is your fate, or

("Such is written on your heads") and then turned them

all out of the Fort. The good looking of the Women, the

beautiful and Voluptuous, and the young Girls he took

to

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13th to himself he has raised the Dwelling houses of this family, and Seized upon the property — so it is reported and being acquainted with it. I communicate it to you — There is nothing else, but whatever happens, or whatever Information I procure I will dispatch to you. —

I Have &c.

[Signed] R. Richards

Ld.

To
Josias Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

From Lieut. Colonel Macpherson — apprehends more Plunderers who prove to be Subjects of the Nabob — intends to proceed as directed on the adjustments of the disputes when joined by the Nabobs Naib Meer ali Khan.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Right Honorable the President in Councils Order &c contained in your Letter under date the 9th Instant, accompanied by a Copy of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob, to this Naib at Amboor, and I have to request you will be pleased to signify to his Lordship, that every exertion and attention

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13th attention in my power shall be bestowed upon the matters he has been pleased to entrust us with towards suppressing the late practices, which have occasioned some disturbances upon the Borders. since my last nothing material has occurred. except the apprehending of more of the Plunderers below the Ghauts, most of whom, having been found to belong to the Nabobs own Districts of Kistenaveram &c. they are in the custody of his Highness's Guards. -

I beg leave to signify through you to his Lordship, that I am under the necessity of proceeding to ~ Kistenagerry to appear as an Evidence and Prosecutor, before a General Native Court Martial, which is to be assembled at the said place upon the 20th Instant. I expect not to be absent from hence more than 6 or six days, when I shall Make ally Khan, have completed some material ~ business, which at present occupies his time at ~ Gorriatum. no time will be lost in our adjusting the ~ matters in question, by personally repairing as ordered to.

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13th to Cadapramattum and Palmanair. In the mean time every means and measure will be taken to prevent this delay, being of any detriment to the business, and to obtain all the information necessary from the Sultaun's people, preparatory to meeting upon the Borders. —

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

(signed) A. Macpherson

Lieut.t Col.e Comm.d Amboor

Amboor
the 13th March 1797.

Substance of a Letter from Saghevedar of Arnee.

" Received Letter from the Saghevedar of Arnee as entered in C.C. No. 23. complaining that the Spot of Ground marked out by the Engineer (Captain Wood) is not of sufficient Extent. and requesting a piece adjoining on which it is intended to erect a Mesjid for the Musselmans may be added to it. and a Spot appropriated elsewhere, for the Mesjid. —

Received and dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos 63. 64. 65. 66. —

From

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From Major Gardiner — 13th — From Major Gardiner requesting that orders may be issued for paying the arrears of allowances, due to him and continuing his Staff and army Pay in future —

To the Military Auditor General — To Major General Lydenham — desiring he will procure the necessary orders in conformity with Major Gardiner's request. —

To Mr. T. S. Jackson — To Mr. T. S. Jackson — appointing him a Member of the Committee for receiving Mr. Samuel Johnston's accounts in the room of Mr. F. A. Grant. —

To Messrs. Cakes Lewis and Grant — To the Committee advising them of Mr. Jackson's appointment. —

Lt

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At a Consultation

Present.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor- President.

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders and

Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires

Tuesday 14th. March.-- Minutes of last Consultation read and

approved.--

Read the following letter from his Highness

the Nabob entered also in C.C. No. 24.--

Translation of a Letter From His Highness

the Nawab of the Carnatic &c &c &c &c &c

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart Gov.r of Fort St. George.

Dated 7th. March 1797.

Recieved Ditto- Ditto.

From the Nabob changes Vencatachellum Broodly of Tanjore with a present and

Since the commencement of friendship between myself the

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and supporting his refractory subjects in the ceded Dt. Districts in their disobedience and opposition to his authority - and requests that this Man's person may be secured - requests also that Instructions may be sent to the Resident at Hyderabad to procure an order from the Nizam to his Naib at Aurungabad to prevent the Inroad of Thieves from their Districts into the Carnatick - and orders to different Collectors for tendering to check the serious mischiefs arising from the licentiousness of this predatory Banditti who disturb the quiet of His Highness's subjects and impede the Collection of the Revenues -

the Company the English Nation and the King of Great Britain,

it has been usual to assist each other in our respective affairs,

and in consequence of the very intimate connection subsisting

between us the Powers of the Deccan have endeared myself

and the English as two Bodies actuated by one Soul - In

consideration of our friendship of what has been customary

for many years and observed by the former Governors, and also

in conformity with the Treaty of 1792, I have to request your

Lordships attention to the undermentioned affairs; otherwise

amongst other injuries, the payment of the Company's

Rents will be much interrupted - The particulars are briefly

these - In this Country and throughout Hindostan, it is

an established usage in the time of Harvest for the Sirdars

of the Country to assemble watching Peons to protect the

Stacks of Grain and the Cultivation from injury — the

Cultivation is liable to injury from two causes - first from

Fowls and Cattle - and this is prevented by watching Peons

who

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who set up stakes and figures of Brass to frighten them away-
again from theirs: to guard against whom, two or three or-
Peons are employed as a Nightly guard, to patrole round the
Cultivation - But besides this great damage is done by
the Collerie's, who by day and night come in Hundreds and
cut down the Grain both ripe and green, pilfer and burn
Stacks of Paddy and carry off the Ryotts - at this time
the depredation of Thieves is universal throughout my
Country, from Tinnivelly to the confines of the Peishwa's
Land is daily encreasing - How the Governor and Council will
know my Situation, as to collecting & watching Peons - that
notwithstanding the practice of the whole world the established
usage of Hindostan, the ancient custom of the Carnatic: Long
Grandfather and Father, notwithstanding also the strong
and pointed Article of the Treaty of 1792: the Polligars
who are the Watchers of the Avenues, are strictly interdicted
from furnishing me with a Single Peon. I shall state

my

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my complaint of this measure to your Lordship at another opportunity:- at present it has been attended with this injurious effect. that for the Security of the Revenue and to exterminate the Collery thieves from the Countries of Tanjore. alliance and Worriarpollam. I have been necessitated to entertain two thousand Men, besides the Sibendy of the Country: I have also sent four Companies of my own Body Guard. with a few Troopers. and have likewise employed the Sibundies of Arcot and Trichinopoly on this Service, and although thro' the divine blessing, this body of Men has expelled the Collery thieves from my Districts:- yet they have taken refuge in the Tanjore Country, from whence in the night they make incursions into my Villages. to murder the Ryotts. pillage the Revenues, and when so they are pursued by the Sirkars people, they retire within the limits of the Tanjore Country, to prepare their arms, repair their Pikes &c. my Servants do not attempt to

follow

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follow the Collectors thither. because the Company's authority is
established there. but they send word to the Tanjore Managers,
who instead of discouraging and punishing the Thieves, incite
them to plunder. and ravage my Country. may assist them
with arms. ammunition and Grain. - for instance. Venkatachel
Modely is the Protector of all the Thieves. and when my
Ryotts are Seized and carried off. he detains them in Irons
in the Tanjore Country. - Such has become the situation
of a dependant Zemindar of my Country. were it not for the
intervention of my friends the English Company. my Servants
had pursued the Thieves into the Tanjore Country and severely
punished them and their abettors. - the like has happened
within the limits of my friends the Company at
Tanjungar petty and Manakul. but with this difference.
that those places only afford an Asylum to Thieves. those
of Tanjore take refuge there but do not receive any assistance
- the case is precisely the same in the Cuddapah Country.

from

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from whence at this time of Harvest a large gang of Theives
has issued into the Nellore Distrct. burnt three large Villages
plundered and carried off the principal Ryotts - some of their
prisoners they have liberated after taking money from them.
and others they have kept in irons - The Pulicaud Country
is subject to the same depredations from Theives, who
make incursions from the other side of the Kistnah, and
from the Guntoor Distrct. - and the Pollegars of Tinnevelly
having manifested a strong disposition to disobedience and
revolt. have dared to plunder Travellers and Passengers.
to turn the course of the water from the Sirkars Cultivation
to their own, and to treat my Amildars with the utmost
contempt. - your Lordship will see the particulars by the
enclosed Translations No. 1-2- 3-4 and 5. At present
I have to request your Lordship will be pleased to furnish
me with following several orders - First to the Collector of
the

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The Tinnevelly Pollegar Puishcush. directing him to make a particular enquiry into the turbulent conduct of that people. and to order them to desist. and if they do not. to punish them.

Secondly - an Order to the Commanding officer at Tanjore. to Seize Venkatachel Modely. and either expel him the Tanjore Country. or prevent his aiding and abetting thieves. and to be attentive that Thieves do not take Shelter in that Country to make disturbances in mine. -

Thirdly - an order to the Collector at Tanjore pretty. and Nambul. not to allow the Thieves from Tinnevelly to remain in the Company's Territory. but to expell them. - and a similar order to General Floyd, directing him to watch the limits of Tanjore, and of the Company's Territory, to punish and expel any gang of Thieves who may come into my Country - -

Fourthly - an order to Captain Kirkpatrick. to obtain the Nawaub Assent. to his orders to the Polygar at Cuddapah

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Cuddapah and the Districts on that side the Kistnah.
not to give refuge to Thieves. but on finding any, to expel
them --

Fifthly - an Order to the Collector at Guntoor to the above
effect. - The originals of these five orders your Lordships
will be pleased to forward yourself: and send the Duplicates
to me. with Copies for my Information --

Your Lordship will be so good to favor
me with a speedy answer to this Letter. --

What need I write more --

/ Attest translation /

/ Signed / A. Falconar

Persian Transl.r to Govt.

N. B. The Originals of the following inclosures were
not received: --

/ Signed / A. F.
P.r Tr.

Translation

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Translation of a Letter from Ramah Sawmy Modily the Renter of Tinnivelly dated 18.th Shaabaun 1211 Higery answering to 16.th February 1797.

Ever since the time the Peashcash of the Poligar has been assigned over to the Company, the insolence and turbulency of the Poligars in demanding unusual Cooly fees, in plundering the Grain, Bullocks, Sheep and property of the Ryotts of the districts, and in wounding and Killing the people, is beyond description. - They have placed guards upon all water courses of the rivers by which water has been accustomed to be conveyed to their cultivated lands and those of the Circar indiscriminately, and have stopped the water from going to the latter and turned it entirely to their own lands - The Circar's Cultivation is thereby dried up to the loss of the Circar. - Mr. George Powney the Collector of Peashcush resides at Tondy, and he has a Braamin of the name of Venkatrow stationed at Tinnivelly as his Naib. - The several Cayhan letters which I receive from the

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The Renters of the Districts stating the intemperate conduct of the Poligars. Send to Veneatrow who to save appearances writes an Order to the Poligars on the receipt of each Cayfaun, they write him an answer fraught with expressions which are contrary to their actions, and with this he rests satisfied - he has never sent for the parties face to face and punished the delinquent - The turbulent behaviour of the Poligars being suffered to pass with impunity the situation of the Inhabitants is deplorable - Three Sheets of Paper containing Translates of Cayfaun from the several Renters on the Subject of the enormities of the Poligars are inclosed...

I hope measures will be taken for restraining the Poligars within the bounds of moderation ...

N.B. The above contains the substance of the ...

Enclosures ...

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I hope measures will be taken for restraining the Poligars within the bounds of moderation -

N.B. The above contains the substance of the Enclosures -

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Extract of an Arzdasht from Hussaum ul Moulk Bahadur

Dated 27th Ajil 1211 Higery answering to the 26th Janry 1797 —

Kistna Reddy and Vullup Reddy fugitives from Carnumbandy having taken shelter in the Confines of Allysery and the newly Conquered Districts give Constant alarm to the Inhabitants of Perriore, and will not suffer them to inhabit the Country or to recognize the Circar. They make attacks upon the Villages both of Perriore and de Poulinopoly, such as Pomuon. Ellore. Amoosery. Veatsal Vu. and burn the houses of the Ryotts — your Highness will see the particulars by the Translation of a Coighan Letter from Bhugwant Row the Amil of Moolapet — Comar Vencatachell Reddy and Say Vencatachell Reddy residing at Tranquebar. having brought over the Tanjore Cullories to their Interest threaten the Ryotts of Perriore and those of Laulgoody, Povarloor. Tanum, and Vurhanloor in the Poulinopoly Country — and for these two or three days past

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past the Collieries having assembled at Night to the amount of one or two Thousand Men at Coilliary in the Pangore Country. and again dispersed in the day, the Inhabitants aforesaid are much alarmed.- Last Night the Pangore Collieries and the Peons of the Reddys came to the Districts of Perambor. Tanum. Sharmungedy and Comigoody depending on Pulicinopoly. and set fire to the houses of the Ryotts. and carried off the property of some of them.- I have therefore this day sent word to General Floyd that it was highly improper the fugitives of the Circar having shelter in the Company's Territories. should make these disturbances in the Circars Country. Laying it waste. pillendering the Ryotts. burning their habitations and doing injury to Travellers and Passengers.-

Translation/ Extract from Arzedasht from Hussain Ul Mulk Bahadur Dated 10th Shabaun 1211. Hegiry. answering to 8th February 1797.-

Last night about five O'clock a Party of

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of Sangui Colleries together with the Bions of the Rudderies of Sureore consisting of about 600 or 600 armed men, having entered a Village called Woontatoor, fired upon the Villagers and burnt the Markets and Houses of the Inhabitants, and plundered the property of the Circar, the effects of the Inhabitants and burnt the heaps of Paddy, some of the People stationed there were killed and many wounded. and they carried off one Sangam and two other Horses belonging to the Circar.- the amildar and some other People in consequence of these disturbances. and on account of there not being Circar's Troops left there retired under the protection of the Pagoda and of 500 Cattle that were left in the Inhabitants Houses. some of them were burned and the remainder carried off by the Colleries, these disturbances continued the whole night.- The Banditte next day morning having marched from Woontatoor Encamped at the distance of four Hours Road. they in like manner carried their Depredations into the Lankgudday, Shenkkandy, and Vandoor Districts.

&c

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In short the Collectors Disturbances in the Poriahiroply &
Country are beyond description. —

Translation

Extract of an Arzdasht from Seyd Ally the Circars Nail
in the Port of Allamoor. dated 9th Shaabaun 1211 Higery or 7th
February 1797. —

On the 5th Instant Vencatachellum
Pillah the Gomastah of Chinnaiah Modely Dubash sent
from the Vanjore Country by the Ghaut of Carpoor, 15 Barrells
and 15 Pots of Powder to the People of the rebelled Polegar of
Worriarpollam — Several of the Cauvelcars of that part
(Vanjore) are ready to assist them and Vealingan the Cavelkar
of Choremandell is at the Barrier of Cholendaram. —

Translation of an Arzdasht from Mymood Hussain
Cawn Phoujdar at Nellore dated 20th Shaban 1211 Higery
answering to 18th February 1797. —

Four days ago fifty Robbers belonging to the
Zemindary of Adpaur having intend at Night in the —
Village

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Village called Mopalpaud depending upon Cuddy which Village produce 526 Pagodas. Killed the head Inhabitants of that place through whom the Revenue of the Village was collected, together with two or three other Inhabitants — The Robbers wounded two Peons of the Circar who were employed to collect money in that Village, and who form the security of their wounds are in danger of their lives. — The Robbers carried off all the effects and Cattle of the above said Inhabitants of the above said Village, therefore all the Inhabitants of Cuddy are alarmed; I write this for your Highness's information. —

P. S. This moment I have received a letter from the Amildar of Cuddy, informing me that the Robbers having assembled again in order to attack and plunder three or four Villages of Cuddy in consequence of which I have sent Sibundy Peons from to Cuddy in order to punish the Robbers in case they make any attempt against that place. —

Received.

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Minute on the foregoing letter from the Nabob.—

Resolved that Letters as requested by his Highness be immediately transmitted to the Collector of Polygar Peishcush. the Commandant at Trichinopoly. the Resident at Tanjore, the Collector in the Baramahal. the Collector at Guntoor. and the Resident at Hyderabad upon the subject of the robberies Committed on the frontier.—

Read the following letter from the Resident at Tanjore.—

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort S.t George

My Lord.

From the Resident at Tanjore. containing the Explanation of certain points on his Letter required by the Supreme Government.—

It is with much regret that I have hitherto found myself under the Necessity of Postponing to reply to your Lordships orders requiring explanation of several Points called for by the Supreme Government.—

With respect to the Indemnification to

Shiverow

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Shivarow alluded to in these words. "and if any Public
Declaration of Indemnity to Shivarow was made by you
"to the Rajah, you will transmit it". Such a declaration
of Indemnity was made in writing under my Signature
and drawn up at the Rajahs express desire, at the
same moment that his Excellency made the offer of
signing the Treaty. - I finished the paper immediately
before the Treaty was signed and delivered it to the Rajah
with one hand as I received the Treaty from him with
the other. - For the General Impression of States[illegible] on
which I felt on concluding a Treaty so beneficial to the
Public, and the Tanjore Country in thus Punishing
Shivarow's Contumacy by depriving him of his ill -
employed power, it did not occur to me at the moment
that I had written no Copy of the above paper of Indemnity -

Upon the requisition of the Supreme
Government I applied to the Rajah for a Copy of it -
This however he would not furnish - I repeated my
applications

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applications on this Score several Times but without success.
I offered to go to the Palace and write the Copy myself: I
offered to receive any Copy He might send me: yet to this
hour I have not been able to obtain it.. In order to obviate
any ill impressions which my delaying thus long to mention
his refusal might make, I must observe that in making
my applications I was of course obliged to conform myself
to the Ideas of the Natives I had to deal with. and Con-
=sequently to allow a Considerable time to elapse between
the applications: for such is their nature that to have
pressed my Demand too frequently would have been to
give them an idea that the Copy was wanted for some
purposes unfavorable to their Cursed Politics and
of Course to create a probability of refusal. -

The substance of the paper was
the assurance of personal Security to Shivarow on
his suffering the Total Deprivation of Power -

Resultang

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resulting from the Provisions of the Treaty..

The Governor General in Council having required my reasons for not having forwarded the Propositions submitted to me by the Rajah on the 23.d January 1796. I am to state for the Information of the Supreme board that Conceiving them wholly inadmissable I hardly thought they were deserving of serious attention. because in the first place they went to acknowledge a demand of the Rajah upon the Company amounting to 30.4.000 Pagodas which can never be admitted to be due to him. and in the Second because they pledged Government to the Payment of those debts to his Creditors which have been contracted in defiance of the Companys orders. and upon terms the most usurious and unwarrantable ..

With regard to what the Supreme Government seems to term a Treaty substituted for the draft of that transmitted to me. I beg leave to observe that the treaty executed was Similar to the draft sent. except

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in one point. and in the Preamble – I shall state the Grounds upon which any Deviation was made and trust that the or View with which I made it may be deemed a Sufficient or cause for the Change. –

The point above mentioned is that of the Adawlut. I introduced the article regarding them from seeing that the Honble Court of Directors in their letter of the 10th. of June 1795. mention their establishment in the Tanjore Country as the most desirable and beneficial Spot to which the endeavours of a Resident could be directed. –

A treaty of a very important nature was to be negociated. – In deliberating on the most Probable means of bringing this Negociation to a successful Conclusion I thought it my duty to avail myself of the local knowledge and the advice of Mr. Swartz, in several consultations on the Subject. He had one decided opinion which was, that nothing but a strong Representation of the iniquitous practices of the Rajahs

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Rajahs Managers and that representation making a part of a Public written Instrument (for Verbal Communications have no weight with his Excellency) could rouse him to a sense of his Managers Conduct, and induce him to wish for a change of System. With this View I drew up, and Mr Swartz Translated what is called the "annexed Paper." which in effect throws the Blame of all the shameful transactions of the Tanjore Government on the heads of the Managers - and I agree in opinion with Mr Swartz, that without some strong representation of the Truth Similar to that in the annexed Paper" His Excellency would never have been impressed with a Conviction of the Extent and nature of the abuses, and consequently would have had no inducement to sign the Treaty - It was from a Consideration of the nature of the Person I had to negociate with, that I judged the above means most likely to effect the desired ends -

It appeared also highly expedient to insert in the Preamble the Instance of Shivarow's contumacious conduct

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Conduct in inviting European Creditors to the Palace in Absence of a Government Order. –

Enclosed No. 1. is the Copy of the Propositions submitted by the Rajah to me on the afternoon of the 23d. January. I received the Draft of the Treaty from the Right Honble President on the 29th. December 1795. –

With regard to the Time when the Treaty was officially Communicated to the Rajah. that Communication was made on the 22nd. of January. I should not have left the point to Conjecture had it appeared necessary to mention the particular day. –

As to the observation made by the Supreme Government "that the same uncertainty prevails "as to the Period when the Resident first noticed Shivarow's "insult to the Rajah and as to the time when he made "his Requisition for Reparation". I am at a loss to conjecture how it could have been conceived that any uncertainty existed: for the very Letter spoken of in the same paragraph

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(Vide the Rajahs Letter of 20th. January with my remarks.)

Shews that I first gave such Notice and made such requisition

on the 28th. Decmber 1796.—

The Supreme Government proceed to observe

that my Assertions on this Subject have an inconsistency

which impeaches my accuracy in very essential Points.

And refer to my Letters of the 19th. Decmber 12th. January

and my Remarks on the Rajahs Letter of the 20th. of the on

Last Month to prove that the Terms are Contradictory.— To

this General Charge. I am unable to give more than a

General Reply.— which is that I have carefully read those

Letters and cannot perceive the Contradictions imputed

to them.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(signed) Alexr. Macleod

Resident

Tanjore

21st. February 1797.

Translation

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Translation of Propositions submitted by the Rajah of Tanjore to the Resident 23d. January 1796.

Mem:

"I am willing to make over my whole Country, (the four Soubahs. Customs. and Pattecottas.) from this year for the Space of five years. - The Company may manage the Country. collect the Revenue. pay me one Lac of Pr. Pagodas for my Family. - and the one 6th. part of the Revenue - and with the Remainder pay my Creditors. - In such a manner they will take the Kist Money and save me from being troubled by my Creditors. -

Besides as the Company did not restore the Country to me in 1792. last kept it. the Company took from the Revenue 4. 60.000 Pagodas and gave me one Lac. - after all expenses were deducted the Company owed me 3.04.000 Pr. Pagodas. (three Lac and four thousand Star Pagodas) I beg that the Company will pay this Sum to my Creditors in proportion to each. -

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As I make over my whole Country
for five Years. I will if requisite give this agreement
in writing. –

When the 5 Years wherein the
Company Manages the Country are expired the
country is to be delivered over to me. –

Besides the Company has in
this year received three Payments. – as that money
has been taken from Cheinnien Moodelly's Shoff, he
is to get as much from the present Coss of Sumba
and Pechanum. as is due to him on account of
the Payment he has made. –

When all this has been decided
you will be so kind as not to molest my Sirkul or
their Servants. – They will stay with me and not
trouble others. –

If you and the Honble Board
consent to this Proposal, then it shall be valid
Otherwise

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Shunivas Pot. &c

(Signed) Sree Ram Prataupi

Dated 23d. January 1796

(Signed) Alexr. Macleod

President.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord.

From the President at Chingie advising of the arrival there of some Chinnichy agents named Shanevase Iyengar.

I beg leave to acquaint your Lordship that yesterday a Man named Shunevase Iyengar arrived at this place on the part of Chinnia in three days from Madras. — I did not know of his arrival till he had been at the Palace, to which he went immediately on entering the fort. —

By tomorrows Postpal I hope I shall be able to lay before you such points as may come to my knowledge.

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Knowledge regarding the object of this Mans visit to Tanjore.—

I have the honor to be

Sir Sir

Tanjore
28th. February 1797.

/Signed/ Alexr. Macleod
Resident

The Right Honble Lord Hobart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord.

From the Resident at Tanjore - enclosing copies of the different Grades or Memorandums of the Payments made in the Country on account of the Rayahs Debt to Chinnaiah Moodely &c.

I have now the honor to transmit the remaining Grades with Translations.— There are in all Thirty three of which Nos. 1 to 8 and 15 have been already forwarded on the 24th. and 26th. of January last.—

I have the honor to be

Sir Sir

Tanjore
1st. March 1797.

/Signed/ Alexr. Macleod
Resident

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No. 2.

N.B. No. 1. of this Pyadee Cowle of the Pattas of Saamy Mullay under the Puttuedar Vencat Ramiah in the Trivady Soubah which is under the Villadar Vencat Ramiah in the year Sou Sun Subba tis sign'd by a Cliff in the Month of Summundel Aoual 5th. Day / 16th. November 1796. / on account of the Caar Crop of the said Puttuem in the said year were paid Varyee Chuckrums 180. —

The above 180 Chuckrums were paid on account of the Debt of Chinnia Woodely of Mr. Cox. 1.31.300. 1/2. 1/3 of Cash into the Shist of the said Woodely to his Sheriff on Amanta. — This is certified that it may be entered in the Palace Treasury account. — Written by Shevagie Balagie the agent of the said Puttuedar. —

No. 3.

Pyadee Memorandum account of the Rullee Puttuem under the Puttuedar Arantu Narrapaiah in the Soubah of Trivady which is under the Villadar Vencat Ramiah in

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in the year Soor Sun Subba tis Sujee Mya aliff in the
Month 11th Jummadil awul abur 12th November 1796/
on account of the Caar Crop of the said Puttuvum in the
said year were paid Tanjore Chuckrums 35.-

The above 35 Chuckrums were paid on account
of the Debt of Chinnia Moodely of St. Pags. 31.300. 1/2. 1/2.
Vide into the Shop of the said Moodely to his Shroff on
Ananties - This is Certified that it may be entered in the
Palace Treasury account - Written by Shunmuga Narrain
the Accountant of the said Puttuvar -

No. 4.

A yaadee Memorandum account of the Kullcampoor Puttu-
Puttuvar Virde Iyangar in the Trivady Soubah which is
under the Villadar Vincat Ramiah in the year Soor Sun
Subba tis Sujee Mya aliff 21st Jummadil awal (22 November
1796.) on account of the Caar Crop of the said Puttuvum
in the said year were paid Tanjore Chuckrums 32.-

The above 32 Chuckrums were paid on
account of the debt of Chinnia Moodely St. Pags. 31.300. 1/2. 1/2
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Vafs into the Shop of the Said Broodely to his Shroff
Annanties. This is certified that it may be entered in
the Palace Treasury account.- Written by Buttchaje
Komair the agent of the Said Puttuedar.-

N.B. No. 5 has been Separately transmitted to Government.

No. 6.

A yaadee Memorandum account of the Puttees of
Paicpana Jumm under the Puttuedar Vencat Soubaih in the
Poiwaly Soubah which is under the Venkat Ramiah. viz
the year Sovr Sun Soobha tis Sign Anya alias 15th Jumadil
16th November 1796.) in account of the Cavel Corps of the Said
Puttuears viz the Said year were paid Sanjoe Chs. 100.-

The above 100 Chuckrums were paid on account
of the debt of Christnia Broodely of S.t Porg.l 131.300.-/2. 1/2 Vafs
into the Shop of the Said Broodely to his Shroff Annantia.-
This is certified that it may be Entered in the Palace
Treasury Account.- Written by Swagie Soubajee Agent
of the Said Puttuedar.-

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No. 7.

A Yaadee Memorandum Account of the Puttee of Kapestatum under the Puttuedar of Runy Iyah and others in the Soubah of Combaconum, which is under the Villadar of Veeraat Soubeah in the year Sree Sun Sobba tis Sojee Anya at 29 Fundeil ahem 29th December 1796. for amount of the Caar Crop of the said Puttuedar in the said year were paid Tanjore Chuckrums 50.-

The above 50 Chuckrums were paid on account of the Debt of Chinnia Moodely & Co. at 131.300. 1/2 1/2 Veeds into the Shop of the said Moodely to his Shroff Anantia-

This is Certified that it may be Entered in the Palace Treasury account.- Written by Sewanjee Soubulgie the accountant of the above Puttuedar.-

No. 8

A Yaadee Memorandum account of Puttee Peermaul Agrar. under the Puttuedar Anna Iyah in the Soubah of Bramargoody which is under the Villadar Anee by Pillah

in

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in the year Sour Sum Subba tis Sign Mya aliff the 7th

Rejab (16th January 1797) on Account of the Caar Crop

of the said Puttee in the said year were paid Pangoes Cl. 20.—

The above 20 Chuckrums were paid on account

of the Debt of Chinnia Brandy of S.Ps 1.31.300.—½ 1½ Vifs

into the Shop of the said Brandy to his Sheriff Amuntiah

This is certified that it may be entered in the Palace

Treasury Account — Written by Donedo Swaygie the

Agent of the above Puttadar. —

No. 9.

Pyadee Memorandum Account of Puttee of Permal,

agheram under the Puttedar Anna Vyah in the Soubah

of Aramangoody, which is under the Villidar Aurungy

Pilly in the year Sour Sum Subba, tis Sign Mya aliff

Rajib (1st January 1797.) on Account of the Caar Crop

of the said Puttee, in the said year were paid Pangoes

Chuckrums 24.—4.—

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The above Chuckrums 24.4 were paid on account
1/2
of the Debt of Chinnia Avoodely of 131.300. 1/2 1/4 Vists
into the Shop of the said Avoodely to his Sheriff Ammitia -

This is Certified that it may be entered in the Palace
Treasury Account. -

Written by Dondo Sunagie the agent of
the said Putteedar. -

No. 10.

A Under Memorandum account of the Putties of Pennaul
Agraar under the Putteedar annayah in the Soubah
of Manargoody, which is under the Villadar Aavendy
Pillah. in the year Soor Sun Subba itti Sojee anya aliff
27th Sunnadt Awul / 28th November 1796 / on account
of the Cuar Crop of the said Putteeum in the said year
were paid Pangoie Chuckrums 226. -

The above 226 Chuckrams were paid on
account of the Debt of Chinnia Avoodely of S. P.
131.300. 1/2 1/4 Vists into the Shop of the said Avoodely
to.

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To his Shroff Anantia - This is Certified that it may be entered in the Palace Treasury Account - Written by Dondo Sucrajie the Agent of the said Putteedar. -

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N.º 11.

Ryadee Memorandum Account of the Putteee of Mundyhaden Mungul under the Putteedar Ryaje Vaireum in the Cr Soubah of Bramargoody, which is under the Villdar Avady Pillah in the year Sour Sum Sobba, tis Sojie Mya alias 2nd Rajib (1st January 1797.) on account of the Caar Crop of the said Putteeum in the said year were paid Sanjee Chuckrums 770. -

The above Chuckrums were paid on
to Dr
Visit into the Shope of the said Broodly of f. 1,31,300. f. 1/2 Account of the Debt of Chinna Broodly to his Shroff Anantia - This is Certified that it may be entered in the Palace Treasury Account -

Written by Dondo Sucrajie the Rajil of the said Putteedar. -

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No. 12.

Ayadee Memorandum Account of the Puttee of Wadapady Mungulum under the Puttucdar Yessagee Vaamum in the Soubah of Manargoody. which is under the Villedar of Aweady Pollah. in the year Sow Sum Sobba tie Sign Mya (Jeff 7th of Rajib 16th January 1797.) on account of the Cowlooss of the said Puttucum in the said year were paid

Pangois Chuckrums 683..

The above 683 Chuckrums were stated on account of the Dubt of Chinnia Moodely of S. P.

131.300. ½ 1½ Vess into the Shoss of the said Moodely to his Sheriff Arumtiah - This is certified that it may be entered in the Palace Treasury account - Written by ...

No. 13.

Ayadee Memorandum Account of the Puttee Wadapady Mungulum under the Puttucdar of Yessagee Vaamum in the Soubah of Manargoody. which is under the Villedar

Aweady

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Cawndy Pillah in the year Sore Sun Sobba tis Sujee Moya
aliff 11th Rajil 19th January 1797 / on account of the Cuar
Crop of the said Puttuccum in the said year were paid
Tanjore Chuckrums 607.-

The above 607 Chuckrums were paid on account
of the Debt of Chinna Cawndy of 131.300. 1/2 1/2 Vuss
into the Shop of the said Cawndy. to his Shroff Amuntia;-
This is certified that it may be entered in the Palace
Treasury account.- Written by:-

No 14.

Ayader Memorandum account of the Puttee of Nackangody
under the Puttucadon of Woodiah Gunnapaty Mirasi in the
Subah of Tondady which is under the Villadar Vencat
Ramia. in the year Sore Sun Sobba tis Sujee Moya aliff
13th Jehnadil Awul / 14th November 1796 / on account of the
Cuar Crop of the said Puttuccum in the said year were
paid Tanjore Chuckrums 48.-

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The above 48 Chuckrums were paid on account
of the Debt of Chinnia Moodely of 131300 Pc 1/2 Vs/s
into the Shop of the said Moodely to his Shroff Annantia-
This is certified that it may be entered in the Palace &
Treasury Account - Written by Anadeswaje Vencajie the
Said of the said Puttuedar. -

N. B. No 15 already sent to the Board. -

No 16.

Yandee Memorandum Account of Puttee Kullcanapoor
under to Puttuedar Vurda Iyengar in the Sunlah of
Trivady which is under the Velladar Venkat Ramiah
in the year Sour Sum Subba tit Sagie Roya chiff the 30th
Rabil Auker (1st November 1796) on account of the Casar
Corge of the said Puttee in the said year were paid &
Fanjore Chuckrums 80. -

The above 80 Chuckrums were paid
into the Palace Treasury. -

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No. 17.

A yearly Memorandum account of Puttee Nauchargoody under the Puttedars Moodiah and Ganapaty Nynar in the Soubah of Trivady in the year Sour Sun Sobba tis Sigu Mya aliff the 10th. Jumadil Awher / 10th. December 1796. / on account of the Coar Crop of the said Puttee in the said year were paid Pangoe Chuckrums 30. -

The above 30 Chuckrums paid on account of the
do.
Debt of Chinnia Moodely of 31.300. ½ 1½ Vafs into the Shop of the said Moodely to his Sheriff Amuntiah - This is certified that it may be entred in the Palace Treasury Account. - Written by Mudayee Vencajee the agent of the above Puttedar. -

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No. 18.

A yearly Memorandum account of Puttee Nauchargoody under the Puttedars Moodiah and Ganapaty Nynar in the Soubah of Trivady which is under the Villadar Vincat Ramiah in the year Sour Sun Sobba tis Sigu Mya aliff

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The 11th Jemadil awker / 11th December 1796. / on account of the Cowr Corge of the said Puttee in the said year were paid Pangoe Chuckrums 20.-

The above 20 Chuckrums were paid on account of the Debt of Chinnia Boodely of 1.31.300 do. Ps per the Ship of the said Boodely to his Shroff Accountia.- This is certified that it may be entered in the Palace Treasury account.- Written by Mudrajee Venagee the Agent of the said Puttadar.-

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No. 19.

Ryad-- Memorandum Account of Puttee Nanchargoody under the Puttadars Brobodia and Ganapaty Nyenar in the Sookah of Trivady which is under the Villadar Vencat Ramiah in the year Soor Sun Subba tie Sign Mya aliff- the 16th Jemadil awker / 16 December 1796. / on account of the Cowr Corge of the said Puttee in the said year were paid Pangoe Chuckrums 60.-

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The above 60 Chuckrums were paid out to
account of the Debt of Cheinnia Moodely of 1.31.300 - f. 1/2
Pags into the Shop of the said Moodely to his Shroff Amuntia -
This is certified that it may be entered in the Palace Treasury
Account - Written by Mudwajee Venajee the agent of the
above Pattuedar. -

No. 20.

Yoorder Memorandum Account of Puttee Nauchargordy
under the Puttuedars Gunapaty Nyaur and others - in the
Soubah of Trivady which is under the Villudar Circar
Ramnaad - in the year Sour Sun Subba tis Sujis Myor
alias the 1st Jemadil Awher 1st December 1796 / on account
of the Cooar Crop of the said Puttee in the said year were
paid Tanjore Chuckrums 80. -

The above 80 Chuckrums were paid on
account of the Debt of Cheinnia Moodely of 1.31.300 - f. 1/2
Pags into the Shop of the said Moodely. to his Shroff
Amuntah - This is certified that it may be entered in the
Palace

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Palace Treasury account - Written by Mudwajee Dessaye the agent of the above Putteedar. -

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No. 21.

Yearly Memorandum Account of Putlee Cokiday under the Putteedar Mordoosamy Pillay in the Soubah of Trivady - which is under the Villadar Venkat Ramiah in the year Sor Sun Subbatis Sujin Mya Aliff the 25th. Rajab 1211th. - January 1797. / on Account of the Caar Crop of the said Putlee in the said year were paid Pangoe Chk. 38. 5 —

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The Above 38 Chk. and 5 fs. were paid into the Palace Treasury. -

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No. 22.

Yearly Memorandum Account of Trivady Amany under the Management of Dondojee Punt. in the Soubah of Trivady - which is under the Villadar Venkat Ramiah in the year Sor Sun Subbatis Sujin Mya Aliff the 25th. Rajab 1211th. January 1797. / on Account of the Caar Crop of the said Putlee. in the said year were paid Pangoe Chickrums

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Chuckrums 6.-

The above 6 Chuckrums were paid into the

Palace Treasury.-

No. 23.

Memorandum account of Coposcachy Pilla. Putty Soundra

Pandia Putadarum in Triviady of which the Villadar is

Venat Ramia S.S.S. tis d. 25th of Rajib (Chuckrums /

on account of the Caar Corp of the said Puttee in the said

year were paid 6.2. the above 6.2 were paid into the

Palace Treasury.-

No. 24.

Memorandum account of the Puttee of Shavee under

Rama Swamy Tayeun in the Soubah of Triviady which

is under the Management of the Villadar Venat Ramaia

25th. day of Rajib in the year Soothur Sun Subba tiss sine

mya aliff (24th. January 1797) on account of the Caar

Corp of the said year in the said Soubah Chk. 2..2. -

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The above amount is to be entered in the Circar Treasury account - Written by Bapoojee Ballajee of the above Puttuedar. -

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№ 25.

Memorandum account of the Puttee of Veranda Nellore under Shash Iyangar in the Soubah of Trivady which is under the management of Villadar Venkat Ramia 25th. Rejib in the year S.S.S.tis Sirie mya abiff in the said Puttee (24th. January 1797) for the Cowar Crop of the said year Chuckrums 20. 1. -

The aforesaid Amount is to be entered in the Circar Treasury account. -

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№ 26.

Memorandum account of the Puttee of Yerrakaatoor of Puttuedar Shatha Pya. in the Soubah of Trivady. which is under the Management of the Villadar Venkat Ramiah 25th. Rejib in the year S.S.S.tis Sirie mya abiff (24th January 1797)

for

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for the Caar Crop of the said year of the said Putteedar —

Chuckrums 20.—

The above amount is to be entered in the Circar Treasury Account written by the above Putteedar.—

No. 27.

Memorandum Account of the Puttee of Terimurrighul under Sambasiwa Moodely and others in the Soubah of Anjavaram which is under the Management of the Villadar Venatachil Syah on the 1st. Rejib in the year S.S.S.tis Sine Mya abiff / 31st. December 1796. / that from the said Puttee has been paid on account of the Caar Harvest of the said year Chuckrums 660.—

From the Village of Terisagalore ..... 100 — 760

The aforesaid 760 Chs. have been paid on account of the Debt of Chinnia Moodely of £ 31.300. p. Ps. 1/2 Pags at the Shop of the said Moodely to the Sheroff Annantiah. This is certified in order that it may be entered in the Circar Treasury

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The above amount is to be entered in the Circar Treasury account - Written by Bapoojee Ballajee of the above Puttuedar. -

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The aforesaid Amount is to be entered in the Circar Treasury account. -

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Memorandum account of the Puttee of Yerrakaatoor of Puttuedar Shatha Pya. in the Soubah of Trivady. which is under the Management of the Villedar Venkat Ramiah 25th. Rejib in the year S.S. 1st Sree Mya abiff (24th January 1797)

for

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for the Caar Crop of the said year of the said Putteedar —

Chuckrums 20. —

The above amount is to be entered in the Circar

Treasury Account written by the above Putteedar. —

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Memorandum Account of the Puttee of Terimurrighul

under Sambasiwa Moodely and others in the Soubah —

of Anjavaram which is under the Management of the

Vellaur Venkatachil Iyah on the 1st. Rejib in the year

S. S. 5 tis Sirie Mya aliff / 31st. December 1796. / that

from the said Puttee has been paid on account of the ca

Caar Harvest of the said year Chuckrums 660. —

From the Village of Terupagalore ..... 100 / 760

The aforesaid 760 Chs. have been paid on account of the

Pags

Debt of Chinnia Moodely of 131300. ½ ½ Pags at the

Shop of the said Moodely to the Sheroff Arumtiah. This

is certified in order that it may be entered in the Circar

Treasury

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Treasury Account. Written by Balagie Rauge the Vigil of the aforesaid Putticudar. –

No. 28.

Memorandum Account of the Putticum of Perimeurighiel under Sambasheva Moodly and others in the Soubah of Myaveram which is under the Villadar Vencatachell Syah in the year Door Sun Subba tis Sagir Mya aliff – Chuckl. 1000-

The above 1000 Chuckrums are on account of the Company's Kists exchanged into Star Pagodas at the Shop of Vencatachilla Pilly the Gomastah of Chinnia Moodly –

This is certified that it may be entered in the Circar Treasury Account. –

No. 29.

Memorandum Account of the Putticum of Paripanassum under the Putticudar Venat Soubia in the Soubah of Trivady which is under the management of the Villadar Venat Ramia in the year Door sun Subba tis Sanie Mya aliff in the month Jumadil awul the 16th Day

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(17th November 1797.) Tanjore Chuckrums 255. ——

The foregoing Chuckrums 225. is on Account
of the Debt due to Chinnia Moodely which Debt
amounts to Star Pags. f. 31. 300 .. ½ 1½ Vuffs. and were paid
at the Shop of Chinnia Moodely to his Gomastah —
Anuntya. —

This is certified that it may be entered in
the Circar Treasury Account and written by the Kyfil of
the said Putteedar. —

No. 30.

Memorandum Account of the Puttee of Tirumungoody
under Soubah in the Soubah of Trivady which is under
the Management of the Velladar Venkat Ramia S.S.S.tis
Signs Mya abiff the 11th Day of Simadi akur (11th Decr.
1796.) on account of the Caar Crop of the said Puttush
of the said year — Tanjore Chuckrums 132 .. 5 ..

The above 132 .. 5 Chuckrums on account of
Chinnia Moodeys Debt of f. 31.300 .. ½ 1½ 16 were paid
to.

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to the Sheriff Amuntya at the Shop of the said Broodly. this is certified that it may be entered in the Circar Treasury Account by the Hejil of the said Puttuedar. —

No. 31.

Memorandum account of the Puttee of Ramchundrapoor in the Soubah of Nirvaty which is under the Management of the Villadar Vencat Ramaih S.S.S. tis Sanie Mya abiff. the 13th. of Sunnadil Awul / 14th. November 1796 / on account of the Corge of the said Soubah of the said year. Sunjore Chuckrums 350. —

The said Chuckrums 350. for the Debt of Chinnia Broodly of 1. 31. 300 ½ 1½ 16th. have been paid at the Shop of Chinnia Broodly to his Sheroff Amuntiah. this is certified that it may be entered in the Circar Treasury Account. written by the Hejil of the said Puttuedar. —

No. 32.

Memorandum account of the Puttee of Tricalaoor under Shashia

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Shashia Iya and others, in the Soubah of Trivady which is under the management of the Villadar Vencat Ramiah S.S.S. tis Sanie Mya abiff 4th. of Kenadie Akeir. on account of the Caar Crop of the said year in the said Soubah.—

Chuckrums 90.—

The said 90 Chuckrums have been paid on account of the Debt of Chinnia Moodely of Star Pagodas 131.300.. ½ 1½ 16th in the said year to Anuntia the Shroff.—

This is certified that it may be entered in the Cicar Treasury account.— written by the Vejil of the said Puttendar.—

No. 33.

Memorandum account of the Puttee of Cokadee under Moota Samy Pillah in the Soubah of Trivady which is under the Managument of the Villadar Vencat Ramia in the year S.S.S. tis Sanie Mya abiff on the 21st. Day of Kenadie Aoul / 22d. November 1796. / on account of the Cedar Crop of the said year in the said Puttee.—

Chuckrums 180. The

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The said 180 Chuckrums have been paid on account of
the Dubt. of Chinnia Moodely of P. 31.300. ℔ 1/2 16 Rs. to the
Shroff amuntya at Chinnia Moodelys Shop —

This is certified in order that it may be entered in
the Circar Treasury account — written by the Vegil of the
said Puttuedar. —

True Translation
(Signed) Alexr. Macleod
Resident.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart.

Governor in Council
Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Resident at Tanjore with Information regarding the Combination of certain Tanjore Cavilgars with the Insurgents of the Carnatic District in Opposition to the Rajah's authority. states various Instances of the Insurrection and disorder among st the Inhabitants arising from clashing Interests of Chinnia &. and the Dependants of

I am concerned to be under the necessity
of making some Representations to your Lordship, relative
to the Conduct of the Rajah's Government, but I feel it to
particularly incumbent on me to do so at this moment,
as the consequences of that Conduct have been felt in the
parts

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of the Rajahs Government and Cruelties practised upon the Subordinate Officers and allowed to pass unnoticed from the total Inefficiency of the Rajahs administration

parts of the Nabobs Country adjoining to Tanjore, and in all probability will call for your Lordships very serious attention with regard to Tanjore itself.

I have information to which I give full credit that some of the Tanjore Cavilgars of whom the Nabob complained, have actually afforded assistance to the People engaged in the Arcalore disturbances. - I have just received accounts, that people belonging to Tanjore Cavilgars named Nalla Catta Nayg. Chowry a Poo Nayg. Perumaque a Poo Naique, and another named the Nabobs Territory, and joined with the Arcalore People, against the Troops and Peons of his Highness - a Number of Tondemans People employed in carrying Grain &c. to a Camp of the Nabobs Troops, were attacked and nearly one Hundred put to Death. Part of the destruction is said to have been occasioned by the springing of a mine laid in a Road, over which

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Tondimans people were necessarily to pass.—

A step has been lately taken viz. to

arrange if a part of the Trivady Sunbah, which will

probably cause much bloodshed — at the recommendation

as I hear, of one of Chinnias agents the Palace have ap-

pointed one Pray Condaan, a Head Cellery to the

Charge of the Patty Caad; of which one Kodumberaam

has the Management.— The place in fact is under these

two Men; one (Kodumberaam) being the principal to

whom a greater number of the people adhere from old

Custom, and the other, Pray Condaan the head of the

smaller party of the Inhabitants. Each manages his re-

spective Division, Paying the Revenue to any person

named by the Palace to receive it; Kodumberaam has

been considered as the Principal Man, the information

I have (exclusive of the report of some of the Villagers to

Mr. Swartz) states that both parties seem to be preparing

to oppose each other by force of Arms — The Palace are

to

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to support their new establishment by giving 150 or
200 Sepoys to Bray Cotdaun. — In this State matters are
at present. —

I am another quarter of the Country
Hardewurmunghelum the body of the Inhabitants are in
a State of Insurrection: They refuse to reap their Crops,
and to attend the Cutcherry of the Amildar. They demand
justice on a Murderer who lately put to Death a
principal Inhabitant; whose Widow is clamorous for
redress, and till justice be done in this matter, that
above Inhabitants cannot be pacified. —

Three Petitions (Translations of which
I enclose) have been lately given to me. — No. 1. is from
a Principal Coulgar of Shirally, named Morto Lamma
Sawy. every information I have had on the subject
of the Villages therein mentioned, induces me to believe
that the Man has been for a length of time most
Cruelly

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. Cruelly used. His wife and family have been privately taken
away from him. (or rather to serve a particular purpose. or
words have been industriously exerted.) and they are now
in a Village called Acheapooram in the Travancore Country.
The Purpose alluded to is that of putting up the Son a
young boy in the room of the Father. —

The Coverlgar imagining that speedy
justice was not likely to be done, has been driven to the
rash steps of seizing and carrying off Chinnias Wife,
Lyah Sawy Moodely from Shually. — I have a letter
from them mentioning that he heard the Man bound
and fast, and carried him away beyond the Allerow —

The Rajahs Ministers are preparing a
force to apprehend the Coverlgar — Should he be taken he
will I fear be Condemned at once to Death, without any
Inquiry with regard to himself, and without any
Inquiry. (which is likewise a most important consideration)
into the merits of the Petition and the Causes of the
large

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large body of the Inhabitants which it involves – should these
lesser matters be passed over with neglect, or what is more
probable, a studied disregard, the most serious consequences
will probably ensue. –

At this moment a large body of Polegars
who are in the Monthly Service of the Circar were sitting
at the Palace Gate, demanding their Arrears of Pay – They
have acted differently from the other more immediate
Servants of the Rajah on a similar occasion, for they –
attacked and beat most severely indeed a principal Man
whom the Rajah sent to pacify them. ——

I forbear troubling your Lordship with a
relation of some lesser matters, which have happened, –
but in my opinion there is an evident disposition among
the Rajahs advisers to continue a system of measures which
will create serious confusion in the Country. –

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Alexr. Macleod
Resident

Tanjore
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To the Honorable Company

The Humble Petition of Mutthuswamy

Swamy Raya Ravutta Brunden, Nymar of Sheally District

Sheweth,

That Besides the Cultivation of Lands to
belonging to your humble Petitioner in the Countries of
Tiruvenjadu, Pudalankovil, and Devi pir the Sunbah of
Sheally, the produce of which amounts to Seventy thousand
Kullums of Paddy, your humble Petitioner has always
been considered as the lawful Pollygar of the above mentioned
places, and has served his Excellency the Maharajah in
that Capacity.

When Lord Pigot was going to
Tanjore, in order to place his Excellency Tulja Maharajah
on the Musnud, your humble Petitioner paid his Respects
to his Lordship, at your humble Petitioners Chattrum, in
Sheally. His Lordship received of your humble Petitioner

who

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who was then a little Boy in the kindest manner, and
shewed his great Condescention by the present of a Cloth, and
promising that I should be happy and obtain every support
and Protection as long as British Government lasted —

Your humble Petitioners Parents and
Relations having departed this Life, whilst your humble
Petitioner was in a State of Infancy, the Business of your
Petitioners Lands &c was managed by Sittarama Pilly,
the Son of a Man who was principal Servant to Several
the Succeeding Pollygars: — As there was no body to call the —
aforementioned Sittarama Pilly to an account, he made
away with your Petitioners Property, and whilst Chiniah
Mudale was carrying on Business at Tanjore, Sittarama
Pilly and his Brother Sidambara Pilly contracted a close
friendship with Chinnia Mudale, and set up themselves
against your humble Petitioner, and committed many
acts of Injustice against him. — Your humble Petitioner
confined therefore Sidambira Pilly but Chinnya Mudale
prevailed

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prevailed on the Son of Gurnabadie Ayyen the Amaldar of
Shually to send a Company of Sepoys, who came to Vettavaguddi
the Place of your Petitioners Residence called Sidambaria
Pilly from his confinement, carried away the Swords, Daggers,
and firelocks, which they found in my dwelling place; and
besides that, twenty five men of my Servants, whom they
led about the Streets of Shually by way of Infamy, and put
them in Chains. offering them various insults &c.

As Sidambaria Pilly was using every
endeavour to vex and to cause Troubles to your humble
Petitioner. - your humble Petitioner made peace with &
him and desired him to manage the Business of my Lands
and Villages, whilst I was residing at Udeyarpallam, with
the Pollygar of that Place, to whom I was related - during my
residence at Udeyarpallam Sidambaria Pilly took advan-
-tage of the troubles in the Country occasioned by Hyders
War. collected a Body of men attacked the Countries of
Sidambaram, Kattee Mannarkovil and Vayavenguddi,

and

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and carried away two thousand Bullocks which was shared between Sittaramma Pilly and Chinnya Moodali.

Besides a great many instances of disrespectful Behaviour, and unwarrantable measures tending to the destruction of my Property. Sittaramma Pilly has by the joint endeavours of Chinniah Moodali alienated a part of my lands from me. Viz. He has made out a deed, and made over unto the two Vallis to Chinnia Moodali of my Sameea Maniyam Lands in the Village of Tiveraly for the Sum of two hundred Chuckl. and when these two Vallis were given to Chinnya, he gave him half a Valay more. The usual Price of a Valay is one thousand Chuckl. In this manner Chinnya Moodali has taken possession of my land by means of my Servant.

Your humble Petitioner sent for Sittaramma Pilly to Mayor Pollam, enquired into his conduct took a Certificate from him for the thousand Chuckl. and two thousand Bullocks he had Plundered in Hyder's War, and put him in confinement. But soon after Chinniah Moodali sent four Horsemen with a Letter to the Killadar of Mayor Pollam, which Letter they said was from his Highness the Nabob. The Killadar on the receipt of the

letter

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Letter sent for Settarama Pilly and at Suns free. —

Besides the abovementioned two and a half Valeys. Chinnah Mudali has unjustly taken — possession of several Portions of Lands belonging to your humble petitioner in the Villages of Pitley Sambesam — paker. - Naydavatel. Poottore Karpalam Kuttiyam — - Putley - Rengasamuttiram. Sodiyacoady Kanankalum. Perumal Koil peyter Alagabaram. Koppeyam. and some other Villages. the Produce of which amounts to forty thousand Kallams, and has built two houses. one at Pitley and the other at Poottore. —

As Chinnya Mudali is the Arabu Rajahs Creditor he has brought over my Principal Servant Sitterama Pilly. and some of my other Servants and Ayya Swamie Mudaliar of Shualy District on his side. and as he is Mattist. Annadaar Padakdar. and all in all. He — endeavours to ruin me entirely. He causeth every Trouble and Vexation in his Power to those whom your humble Petitioner has appointed to manage his Business. and he useth every wicked means to deprive your humble Petitioner of the Lands which is still left him. Chinnah is a rich man. but your humble Petitioner is Poor. - as Maharajah has Borrowed from him. and as Shewrow is his friend. and does whatever he desires. there is none

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to call Chinnaih to an account.—

During my stay at Uddeyarpottam &
Chinnaya Muddaly's man Rengaya Pilly persuaded some
of my Servants to join Chinnaiah's party occasioned a difference
between me and my Wife and besides that they put your
Petitioner in close confinement by the assistance
of the Amildar of Uddeyar Pollam for the space of five
Months. not permitting any of his Servants to come
near him. — and when the Family of the Poligar of Uddeyar
Pollam retired to the Tanjore Country, at the Instance and
Orders of Chinnaiah Muddaly my Family and Servants
accompanied them thither, leaving me in Confinement
under the Guard of the Nabobs Sepoys. and thereby reducing
me in the most eminent danger. upon their arrival
in the Tanjore Country, they appointed their own &
People to manage the business of my Lands and Estates
The affairs which happened at Uddeyapollam after the
Poligar's Family had retired to the Tanjore Country is &
well known to the Honble Company. —

Having by the help of god made my escape
from Confinement. I came to Weltankude the Place of
my Residence where my Family was living — But &
Chinnaih Muddaly's Man Rangaya Pilly, and Ayangar &
Muddaliar the Carbar of Atchaburam having received notice
of my coming sent for my Wife and Family that they
might reside there — Thereupon I called a Dial to the first

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on the door of a House at Peramalyanaik belonging to an
respectable Servant of mine who had persuaded my Wife
and family to go and reside at Athaheram - but Chinnah
Mudaly's Man whose is here called likewise to Seal to
he put on the Door. saying that the house belonged to his
Servant. - In this manner Chinnah's man lays claim
to my people and Lands. and says they are all his. -
As the whole Tanjore Country is under the
Control and direction of Chinnah Mudaliar your humble
Petitioner can obtain no Redress from his master the
Maharajah. nor from his Minister Shivarow. -
In the year Khorodi (1784) your
humble Petitioner borrowed from Chinnah Mudali
the sum of 300 Pagodas for which your humble Petitioner
has paid Pagodas 900. but Chinnah refuses to
give up the Bond and to settle the accounts -
He has likewise taken Possession of my Lands
in ten Different Villages. -

My

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My Dependants who amount to
the number of 10.000 Persons, are reduced to a State of great
distress by Chinnah's oppressions. —
Being persuaded of the Justice of
the Honble Company, I have laid my distress before them,
and humbly beg to enquire into my Cause, and to order
my Property to be restored to me — —

/Signed/ Alexr. Macleod
Resident —

To the Honorable Company

The humble Petition of Wongatta Ramayan
Inhabitant of Mayampettore in Payatally
Magan, and in the Sowkah of Seyale —

Sheweth.

That your humble Petitioner is an
Inhabitant the produce of whose Lands amounts to ten
thousand Kallams of Paddy, and that his brother is one
of the four principal Inhabitants who manage the —
business of the Village — after

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After Chinniah Moodely had obtained great Influence in the Palace on account of the Loan he had given to the Rajah he entertained designs of taking possession of Lands belonging to the poor Inhabitants by oppressing and afflicting them - To accomplish his Designs he brought over a man of my District to his party, and having taken possession of some Villages, he exercised various oppressive acts on your humble Petitioner, in order to take possession of his Likewise -

As Chinniah Moodely is a Favourite Creditor your humble Petitioner can obtain no Redress or from the Palace, and as Chinniah Moodeliar is allowed to do the most unjust actions with impunity, in order to get Possession of your humble Petitioners Village he has by violent Means taken a Bond from your Petitioner for 2.500 Chuckrums, which he said he had paid to the Palace on account of a Balance which was due - your humble Petitioner paid to Chinniah Moodeli the above mentioned

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amounted 2,500 Chuckrums from the Produce of his Lands, and on demanding to give up the Wood Chinnah imperiously refused to do it —

Besides this, when there was a Marriage at your humble Petitioners House Chinnaiah stirred up the Polygar to plunder him. When your Petitioners Friends were assembled in the Marriage Pandal the Polygar surrounded his House and plundered him of 1350 Chuckrums — your humble Petitioner fearing that they would likewise take away his life if he stayed longer in the place, went to Tanjore and Complained to the Circar, but no regard was paid to it. —

There are a thousand persons who are dependants on your humble Petitioner, and who for the Space of four years are distressed and dispersed on account of the Oppressions of Chinnaiah Woodeliar. —

Your humble Petitioner therefore begs to

commiserate

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commiserate the distressed State of your humble Petitioner

and of his Dependants to reinstate him in the possession

of his Village, to cause the 1350 Chuckrums plundered

by the Poligar at the Instance of Chinniah Moodelie to be

restored to your humble Petitioner, and to order Chinniah

Moodelie to deliver up the Bond to your humble Petitioner

which he had unjustly taken from him. –

As Chinniah Moodelie is Royah of

Tanjore should the Honble Company refuse to take the

distressed State of your humble Petitioner into Con-

Consideration, and to grant him their support Chinniah

Moodely will not fail to expel your humble Petitioner

out of the Tanjore Country. Therefore your humble

Petitioner begs to save and protect him. –

/Signed/ Alexr. Macleod

Resident

To

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To Alexander Macleod Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore &c &c

The humble Petition of Annad aney Pillayan

Inhabitant of Kul Inarcoody in the Soubah

of Bryaveram.

Sheweth,

That I have bought 2 Villages namely

Kul Inarcoody, and Nemmaly Kovelput this 20 years ago. of

which I take the Possession during that time. now a man named

Appasamy Iyangar Native of Tugarajapooram by the

recommendation of his Sonintaw (who lives to Chinniah

Moodely.) going to Chinniah Moodely at Madras

him that there are 2 of his Villages (which are of mine.)

in the Soubah of Bryaveram. and that if he grant him a

Letter of Recommendation to Venatachella Pilly, to deliver

over the Said my Villages to him. he will agree to pay him

half part of those Villages —

So he has brought a Letter from Chinniah

Moodely

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Broodely to Venatachella Pilly. said Broodely's Man, who on seeing it, wrote a letter to Venatachella Iyan Velladar of Onjavaram, to have the said 2 Villages taken from me and one half of it to be delivered up to the said Apaseramy and other half to be only kept under the Possession of the said Velladar, because it is become of Chinniah Broodely which the said Velladar accordingly did a few days ago.—

Whereupon the said Apaseramy coming with 2 Sepoys in the Paddy fields of my Villages, and driving my People away from there, who were working, & there, and saying these Villages are belonged to Chinniah Broodely. then entering into the Villages, and drived all my People away consisting about 100 some 5 Houses. the Principals of such Houses, namely Annasamy Iyengar, Apsheer Iyengar, Ramanjee Iyengar, Varada Iyengar, Iyatamy Iyengar.—

We have borrowed and paid to the Sircar the /Varg./ of 6 Chuckrums, and Rupees of /Baity./ or Present and /Rent Shalawa/ &c. &c.—

We

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We have been Communicated on the Subject to Venatachela Pilly, the same time requesting him to what was the matter. he told us, that he is only one who should buy the Cheinnaih Broodelys Letter —

If Complaint to any body against the Cheinnaih Broodely, they say they can do nothing whatsoever in regard to it. —

I therefore most humbly request your Honor will please favour in regarding to the Subject, because I have no any other protection except your Honours for this act of kindness. —

[signed] Alexr. Macleod
Resident. —

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

My Lord,

From the Resident at Tanjore requesting an application from the Board for the assistance of

In my address of the 5th Instant I mentioned the tendency to disturbance and confusion which the Conduct of

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of Troops in quelling Disturbances arising solely out of the present confused State of the Country. Chinnaiah agent transmits Cyphers he procures from the Rajah & Bond in his Masters Name for Star Pagodas 267300. in part Liquidation of this account and a Bond for 7000 Pags. to some Europeans stating that the Rajahs Dissentions Poligars are ruled and totally negatived by the superior authority of Chinnaiah and his agents. –

of his Excellencys advisers summoned to indicate. –

Yesterday I received an application from his Excellency for two or three Companies of the Sepoys & this Garrison to be employed in preserving the Shually Poligar &c in supporting the Pretentions of the Collery Brahmendrum, against Hodumberaam, and in repressing irregular Conduct of the Nabobs people near the Anicut. –

As these Disturbances clearly originated in the injustice and folly of the Brinjaras in adopting steps which could not but be productive of Confusion, I endeavoured to impress on the Rajahs mind, a Conviction that those steps were so contrary to his Excellencys Interest, and the Customs and rights of his Subjects, that the assistance of Company's Troops, would (as far as regarded the Colleries at least) produce Bloodshed and vindictive Plunderings without the smallest advance to any Settlement of the Countries. –

This day I have received accounts from Shually that the Poligar had released the Arnibas. and sent them back to Shually with the present of a Cloth.

I have

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I know not yet the Terms upon which the Poligar has restored the Annildar, but it is probable that he would not have liberated him without some solid Grounds for believing that his wrongs should be immediately redressed.—

Chinnias Agent Sareeawass Iyangar mentioned in my address of the 28.th ultimo left Tanjore yesterday to proceed to Madras by the road of Vriaarjoody. I have good Reason to think that before his Departure he came to some arrangement of Chinnias account with the Palace, and obtained the Rajahs Signature to a Bond in Chinnias Name, for Two Lacs Sixty three Thousand three hundred Star Pagodas (St. Pag.s 2.63.300.) and another Bond for 7000 Star Pagodas to an European, whose name I have not yet been able to learn.—

The Agent before his Departure procured the Imposition of the 2.nd Moiety of Six Chuckrums p.r 10.— Cullums on the Pishkaseum Crop. Altho' the former Moiety of 5 Chuckrums is not collected by a large amount, generally said to be 2.50.000 Chuckrums.)—

I think

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I think it proper to mention a strong — Circumstance regarding the influence of the Agent which — a few days since a Cadjan was brought to Ola Bava as he sitting in the Public Cutcherry Containing the Complaint of an Inhabitant of the Village Coor who was undergoing the most severe Tortures from the Cowlgar Nellacotta Naig of Trivady. Having read the Complaint Ola Bava publicly asserted that he could call the Offender to no account, because he was under the Protection of Chinnias people Nellacotta Naig was then and is still close to Tangore fort. in the Village of Thalanatamjoody the Residence of Chinnias principal Agent. —

Ola Bava has made decisions in Several Cases and justice has been completely prevented by the Agents refusing to comply with those decisions. — They resist his decisions even in the most inconsiderable Causes. — a Petition had been presented to the Right Honorable President at Trichinopoly, by an Inhabitant, who had been unjustly deprived of a small plantation; on

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on an Examination of the Cause by Bawa the fact of the unjust Deprivation being fully proved, an Order was given by Bawa in the Rajahs name, that the Petitioner should be put in possession of his Lands – To this moment nothing has been done to give effect to the above Decision. –

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Alexr. Macleod

Resident

Tanjore

8th. March 1797.

The President delivers in the following Minute in consequence of the foregoing Communications from the Resident at Tanjore. –

In Council 14th. March 1797. –

It is with the utmost reluctance that I again find myself compelled to draw the attention of the Board to the situation of affairs in the Tanjore Country; and the more so, because an irresistable sense of Public Duty obliges me to propose another reference to the Supreme Board upon the Subject. –

The

Presidents Minute on the alarming State of affairs in the Tanjore Country occasioned by from their Inactivity and Inefficiency of the Rajahs Administration – proposes that an Urgent reference thereof be made to the Supreme Government with a View to obtain their Sanction to the only Measures which can avert the dreadful Consequences which must arise therefrom to the Inhabitants and the detriment which must ultimately accrue to the Interests of the Company

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The Board have already communicated to the Court of Directors their apprehensions of the lamentable consequences that must result from the determination of the Governor General in Council to suspend all proceedings upon the instructions of the Company relative to the late Treaty with Ameer Sing. - As I could indulge no hope that these apprehensions would not be realized, the papers which have now been read are productive neither of surprize nor disappointment. - They call upon us however to make every exertion within our authority to arrest the progress of that Ruin which is so rapidly destroying the Tanjore Country. -

Our Records have long borne testimony to the Character of Ameer Sing. - His cruelty, his superstition, his disregard of public reproach, the indolence and timid weakness of his mind, of the despotic improvidence of his administration have repeatedly attracted the notice of this Government - but it remained for the late enquiry into his claims to the Musnud to shew him faithless to his trust, and to prove that, by the most criminal and

corrupt

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Corrupt means. he had availed himself of. that power, which was derived from the confidence reposed in him by his deceased Brother, to overturn the rights of his adopted Son, and to become the usurper of that title which he had undertaken to protect. —

Incapable of governing, and afraid of detection. Annexing unjustly devolved his authority upon those who had been instrumental to his usurpation. and such was their power over his fears, or such the apathy of his disposition, with respect to the happiness or misery of his Subjects. that he remained a passive spectator of the progressive ruin of his Country, unless when brought forward for the purposes of ostentation, or called upon to sanction the rapacious and oppressive proceedings of his profligate Ministers. —

Whether he acquiesced in the late Treaty with the concurrence or by the advice of Ministers, who was at the time alarmed for his own personal safety or whether

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whether his pecuniary necessities, and the daily mortifications he was forced to bear, drove him to that insulated attempt, to save himself and his people, is not now a subject for discussion – We know that his resolution soon failed him: and that every effort of his Government has been made to recall the only act of his life, which stood upon the basis of Public utility. –

If in the character and disposition of Asoph Jung, we can discover no principle, from which to expect any alleviation of the distresses of his subjects, in that of his Ministers, he should scarcely look for it – To neither of them have we now to turn our eyes with a view to the administration of affairs in Tanjore – a Madras Dubash by name Chinniah connected with a set of – European, whose usurious transactions are perfectly known, but so enveloped in intricacy and cunning as to be difficult of proof, is in complete possession of the whole Country – His agents are spread from one end of it to

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to the other in the full and entire exercise of a remorseless and
avaricious tyranny. —

The people long passive under oppression have
been at length driven to manifest their disaffection and despair
They have neglected the Cultivation; — they have migrated from
different districts. — from the impossibility of obtaining redress,
they have insulted the Government by taking upon themselves
the execution of that punishment which they ought to have
obtained from the justice of the land. — Depredations of an
alarming Magnitude and boldness have been committed
in Tanjore and its neighbouring Districts. — The authority
of the State Virtually transferred to Chinnaiah, is employed
in the support of a set of Robbers and plunderers — To this
Anala administration is that has long reigned may in some
degree be attributed, this deplorable situation of affairs, —
but more particularly to the knowledge that the Company
have disapproved the late treaty, and the general belief —
that a division against Ameer Singh might is likely to take
place. —

Under

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Under the most perfect conviction of the truth of the representations which have been made of the State of the Tanjore Country, I consider it my duty to suggest those measures which appear to me calculated to remove the abuses I have stated. —

I am aware of the orders of the Court of Directors to refer the ultimate decision upon the question of right to them; I am also apprized of that Prophetic wisdom which induced them to declare, "that it was necessary to the ends of Substantial justice, that the Country should remain in the hands of the Company pending the investigation" — and I cannot but advert to their recent instructions upon the late treaty. — Under those considerations I should not defer adopting that line of Conduct which appeared competent to avert the approaching ruin of Tanjore, had not the Governor General in Council directed me to suspend all proceedings, until the reference they have made to the Court of Directors shall be decided upon. —

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Feeling as I ought to do the subordinate —
Capacity in which we stand to the Governor General in —
Council, and the necessity of an implicit obedience to his
Commands, the Board will not be surprized that even the
exigency of the occasion should not induce me to venture
upon any measure without the previous sanction of the
Supreme Government. —

The object of this minute is to obtain that
Sanction — and I am satisfied that a serious attention to
actual situation of affairs must demonstrate the necessity
either of taking the whole of the Tanjore Districts into the
management of the Company, until a determination on
the rights of succession shall settle its finial destination —
or at least produce a revision of the order for suspending
all proceedings upon the instructions in the August Dispatches

The adoption of this first measure would
rescue the whole Country from the hands of an Usurper, of
the last would terminate those outrages which have a —
positive

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positive tendency to depreciate the Revenues that have been specifically assigned to the Company as a security for the subsidy, to the extent of their being rendered inadequate to the security for which they have been pledged. —

If, in this one case, the orders of the Company are to operate a bar to the right of a lawful heir, whose inheritance is wasting under this operation, in the other, they ought surely to be allowed to take their course, when they are calculated to protect that inheritance from abuse, to promote the interest of the Company, and to accomplish objects which have been approved of as honourable, just, and politic. —

Whilst a doubt remained as to the right of Ameer Sing, the Governor General in Council might have reconciled his orders of December to a consistency of Conduct. — but under existing Circumstances, those orders can scarcely be persevered in. —

On the 30th. of December after a minute discussion

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discussion the Governor General expresses himself as follows:—

"If Sir A. Campbell when he was at
"Tanjore had found reason to distrust the opinions of the
"Pundits whom he consulted, an enquiry would probably
"have convicted them of ignorance and corruption—and if
"these opinions be set aside, as in justice they ought to be,
"the proceeds of Arnee Seiga claims rest upon opinions
"without authority, whilst on the other hand, the title of
"Serfoje is invalidated by the opinion of these 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."—

It may be right to add, that notwithstanding this explicit statement of the right of Serfoje, the Governor General in Council, for the full satisfaction of the Honble Court, directed that further evidence should be procured, as to the laws and Customs of Tanjore with

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regard to the age at which Children are eligible for adoption;
and they did so because they were of opinion that "there on
Question which appeared to them to have any weight against
Surfogee was that founded on his age, and that it remained
to ascertain how far that was superseded or not by the
usage of Tanjore".—

That point having been decidedly
ascertained, the claim of Surfogee is left without one
objection, and the title of the present professor completely
invalidated.—

Under that impression, and for the reasons
I have already stated, I must propose to the Board, that
a letter be written to the Supreme Government, laying
before them all the present information from the Resident
at Tanjore, accompanied by a Copy of this Minute, and
an earnest request that they would take the Subject
into their earliest consideration.—

(Signed) Holland.

Ruling

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The Board express their entire Concurrence in the Sentiments of the President

Feeling as they do the necessity of an immediate interference in the Rajahs Government, the Board entirely concur in the Sentiments of the President. Resolved therefore that copies of the foregoing letters be dispatched to the Governor General in Council, and that the Subject be pressed in the most earnest manner upon his earliest attention. —

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

To Alexander Macleod Esqr.

Resident at

Tanjore

Sir.

To the Resident at Tanjore pointing out the style and substance of a Representation to be made by him to the Rajah on the subject of his Country. and desiring him to apprize his Excellency that the penalty prescribed by Treaty will be enforced in the Event of Sevajee's arrears not being immediately discharged, his representation to the Rajah respecting the forged appointments &c. the Letter 12th March approved.

I am directed to express the concern which the Right Honble. the President in Council feels at the distracted state in which the affairs of Tanjore are represented in your letters of the 6th. and 8th. Instant, and as it does not appear by those letters that you have

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in consequence made any particular representation to his —
Excellency the Rajah upon the situation of his Government
or the Conduct of his Ministers. his Lordship is pleased to or-
dirct that you do in the most urgent manner State to him
his total negligence of the ordinary institutions of Government
and Society by harboring a Banditte to infest the Territories
of his neighbours. by which they not only suffer an immediate
loss of Revenue but are exposed to an additional expence in
maintaining an armed force for the suppression of these
Robberies. You will press upon his consideration that by
relinquishing the administration of his affairs into the
hands of Corrupt Ministers. and deserting Every kind of
he is dissipating a property which it is particularly —
incumbent on him to preserve, and that instead of adhering
to that pledge. which he made in the last moment of —
his predecessors life. for the protection of his adopted Son.
and the faithful administration of his Government.

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he seems to have availed himself of the Situation in which he has been placed to trample upon the rights of the one, and to abandon the other to the most profligate extravagance. You will warn him that the delivery of his people and the districts Mortgaged to the Company into the hands of Chinniah and his Agents are no less contrary to his own Solemn & Repeated assurances, than they are inconsistent with his engagements to the Company, and that the universal distraction and confusion, which the present measures of his Government are likely to produce must end if not in a positive interference on the part of the Company, in the total impoverishment of his rich and fertile provinces, and in the annihilation of his Government, and the perpetual disgrace of himself. -

Though from the general tenor of his Conduct, his habits, and from the supine indifference with which he appears to have resigned himself into the hands

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of extortions and insurers. The President in Council cannot be sanguine that this representation will be productive of any beneficial change, yet it is impossible for his Lordship with any attention to humanity, with any respect for the rights of the presumptive heir, or with any regard for his duty to the public to refrain from the only measure which is left him to save the people and Country of Tanjore from entire perdition; he is therefore under the necessity of directing that your communication may be made to his Excellency in the most pointed and direct terms, that you do not suffer the personal consideration, which under circumstances less urgent would be due to the Rajah of Tanjore as the ally of the Company, to soften the facts which you have ventured in regard to the anarchy introduced into the Zemindaks by his own tributaries, and the suspension of his own authority by the agents of Chinnaiah, and finally that you do not receive any vague or unsatisfactory explanation from his

Excellency

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Earlliney. but that you proceed therein in a manner not to be
evaded into a full and undisguised discussion of the present
situation of this affairs. —

The result of this communication you
will state in a manner as minute as possible for the —
information of the President in Council. —

I am also to direct you to make the Rajah
sensible of the impolicy and injustice of withholding any part of
Surfogees allowance, and inform him of the indispensible —
necessity of his immediately discharging the arrears that are now
due, or that his Lordship will be obliged to enforce the obligation
he has entered into in the 10th. Article of the Treaty, by seizing
a District of the Country for the payment of Surfogee. The
President in Council entirely approves of your representation
to the Rajah on the subject of Surfogee's Apartments. —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
(Signed) J. Webbe.
Sec. to Govt.

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Read

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Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter which I have received this day from the Commanding Officer of Tanjore on the Subject of placing a guard on the House of Venca = tachellum Pilly the agent of Chinnia Moodely. =

Every Inquiry which I have been able to make confirms the account that the above person is deeply concerned in Supporting the Rebellion of the Amildar people by secretly supplying them with the means of carrying it on. =

It was only yesterday that the Rajah was prevailed upon to discharge 310 Poligar Peons part of the Establishment of 600 which he had always kept up under the

From the Resident at Tanjore advising of Major Monson having on the requisition of the Nabob turned the Poligar and seized Guns &c on the Houses of Venatachellum Pilly who is accused by the Highness of supporting the rebel Polygars &c. enclose Copies of the Nabobs Letters to Major Monson enclosed — The Resident states his opinion that Venatachellum is concerned in supporting the rebellion against the Nabobs Government —

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the Command of Rama Samy Murstaad. I have just now learned that the above 310 Persons are to be immediately sent to assist the Arcotee people. = as some of the Head Persons of the discharged Peons had made application to me regarding their arrears of Wages. I shall lose no time in sending for them and taking Security for their having no concern in the troubles existing in his Highness's Territories ——

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

Signed Alexr. Macleod

Resident

Tanjore

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Alexander Macleod Esqr.

Resident at

Tanjore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Translations of two Letters I have received from his Highness the Nabob Omdat Ul Omrah Walajah &c &c &c —

In Consequence of the very improper Conduct of

Venkatachellum

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Venatachellum Pilly as expressed in the two Letters I sent a guard of Sepoys to seize him, which they did - Since Venatachella Pilly has been Confined. I have been informed he is a Servant of the Rajah of Tanjore. Therefore report to you as Resident at Tanjore that Venatachella Pilly is at present confined by my orders. -

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) W. Monson

Major Commanding Tanjore -

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(A true Copy)

(Signed) Alexr. Macleod Resident -

Translation

His Highness the Nabob Omdat Ul Omrah

Wallajah Bahauder of Arcot and the Carnatic

&c &c &c

To the Honble Lieut. Colonel Monson

Commanding at

Tanjore.

Sir

I have stated to Lord Hobart the Circumstances of

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the disorders committed by the Colleries of Tarriore and their receiving shelter at Tauttingarpetty and Nammeul in the Company's territories. and those of the Colleries of Allamarie and Warriarpollam who take Refuge in the Tanjore County, and are furnished with every aid and Assistance of Money. Provisions and Ammunition by Venkatachella Pillah a Servant of Chinniah Modely. - His Lordship tells me he had written orders on this subject agreeably to my desire. to the Collector at Nammeul and Tauttingarpetty. to General Floyer and to the Commanding Officer at Tanjore directing the apprehension of the Thieves. -

The Colleries of Allamarie and Warriarpollam when expelled from my Districts by my people. cross the River into the Tanjore Country. receive Succours of Money. Powder. Ball. and Provisions from Venkatachellum Pillah. such of your Inhabitants of returning by night or day. as it best suits them into my Districts when having murdered. plundered and taken Prisoners the Ryotts. and Travellers. burn the Houses in the Villages. they again retire within the Tanjore limits. - I have therefore to request you will be pleased to station strong Guards upon the Confines

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of that Country composed of men whom you can trust and who will not be deluded by bribes from Veneatachellum Pillah so that the Collenies may not find protection - that you will take notice by which roads the Collenies pass and repass and apprehend them, and if you shall have received orders from Government to confine Veneatachellum Pillah that you will put him under strict confinement or if you have not yet received such orders, that you will detain him over him until you discover his nefarious conduct. And I further request that you will make the Rajah acquainted with these Circumstances and endeavour him to give orders to all his Servants and proclaim by public Tom Tom throughout the Tanjore Country that the Collenies shall not receive protection but be apprehended wherever they may be found. -

I request you will be pleased to make this business your first object, and you will thereby particularly oblige me. -

What can I write more.

Chepauck House
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(A true Copy)
(Signed) W. Monson

Translation -

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Translation of a letter from the Nabob to Major Munson

Dated 27th Shaboan 1211 Hijery.—

After Compliments.

There is a Man named Venkatachellum Pilly in Tanjore who has assisted the Colleries and Polygars of Tinivore Wurriarpollam and Arialore in their Rebellion. He sent to them by the Road of Cuttal Carpoor on the 5th of the Month Shaboan 15 — Cartridge Boxes. 15 Cudjeree Pots of Gunpowder. and — continually sends them supplies of Rice and all sorts of Food and Ammunition. I request that you will be pleased to apply to the Rajah to Have this Man may be apprehended. and proper Means used to prevent the like practices in future.—

If you cannot do this be pleased to acquaint me and if my people should have charge of the Man the Disputes would soon cease to exist. My Interest and that of the Honble Company are One.—

What need I say more;

A true Copy

Signed Alexr. Macleod Asst

Received

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Minutes on the foregoing Letters from the Resident at Tanjore.

Resolved that the very great impropriety of complying with a direct application from the Nabob for the Service of the Company's Troops without authority from this Government be pointed out to Major Brunton, and that he be informed a similar neglect of duty upon any future occasion will compell the Board to remove him from his Command.

Ordered that the Resident at Tanjore be furnished with a copy of the Letter to Major Brunton.

The President is also requested to point out to his Highness the Nabob the extreme impropriety of his application to the Commandant of Tanjore, and to remonstrate against his disrespect towards this Government in passing by their authority, and against this relaxation of discipline which such a Conduct on the part of his Highness must inevitably introduce into the Company's Army.

Read the following Letters from

Hydrabad.

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W.C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir.

I inclosed I have the honour to transmit for your Majesty Kirkpatrick's direction for the notice of Government. Copy of a Letter of this date from Lieut.t Colonel Roberts to the Resident. and of the Inclosure therein referred to. together with Copy of my answer to the same. and remain -

Sir.

Your Most Obedt. Hble Servt.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad with Copies of Correspondence with Lieut.t Colonel Roberts on which he has with his Sanction to the Witness summoned on Major Macleays Court Martial leaving the Detachment -

Hyderabad

13th February 1797.

Major Kirkpatrick

Resident at his Highness the

Nizam's Court.

Sir.

Having had an application from Mr. Gillespie Assistant Surgeon to this Detachment for two Months leave of absence to

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to proceed to the Coast on his own private business, and as Mr.
Howard lately appointed Assistant Surgeon to the 11th. Regiment
is arrived in Camp, if it meets with your approbation I should
apply to the Commander in Chief for leave of absence to Mr.
Gillespie.

Major Gillings having also joined his Corps,
I could wish to know if you approve of Major Mackay and
the Evidences required on his Court Martial, for List of whom
I have the honour to enclose you, proceeding to the Presidency
agreeable to the orders I some time since received from the
Commander in Chief.

I have the honour to be

Sir.

Your &c. &c.

(Signed) George Roberts

Camp near
Hyderabad
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List of European Officers and Serjeants Commissioned, Non Commissioned, and Private Natives, required to attend at the Sitting Court Martial, to be held on Major R. Mackay --

Camp February 13th 1797. -

Names.	Rank.	Corps.
George Roberts	Lieutenant Colonel	1st Battn 11th Regiment
Robert Mackay	Major	Ditto Ditto
John Hunt	Captain	Ditto Ditto
Charles Pearson	Lieut. & Adjutant	Ditto Ditto
George Martin	Captain	Ditto Ditto
James Funston	Lieutenant	Ditto Ditto
Robert F. Fowler	Lieut. & Fire Worker	Artillery
		2nd Battn 11th Regiment
Serjt. Major Gow		
G. Butlery	Dr. Bn. Serjeant	1st Battn 11th Ditto.
Natives	6 Subadars	Ditto Ditto
	5 Jemadars	Ditto Ditto
———	2 Subadars	2nd Battn 11th Regiment
———	1 Jemadar	Ditto Ditto
———	13 Havildars	1st Battn 11th Regiment
———	21 Naigues	Ditto Ditto
———	28 Sepoys	Ditto Ditto.

(Signed) George Roberts Lieut. Colonel

A true Copy

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick, Aid. de. Camp

Lieut.

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Lieutenant Colonel G. Roberts

Commanding the

Ellore Detachment

Sir.

I am desired by Major Kirkpatrick to —

acknowledge his receipt of your Letter of this date accompanied

by a List of the Evidence summoned on the General Court Martial

to be held on Major Mackay —

I sincerely sentence as Major Kirkpatrick is, on

private as well as public grounds, that the Trial in question

should be brought to a close as speedily as possible, he directs

me to say, that he feels the greatest concern at being obliged

to withhold his sanction, under present circumstances, to the

departure of so considerable a part of the Detachment. Natives

as well as European, as is set forth in the Enclosure of your

Letter to be required as witnesses in the approaching Court

Martial: and making altogether eighty three Persons — He

does not know, whether or not Government or the Commander in

Chief

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Chief are apprized of the great number of European and Native Officers, as well as Non Commissioned and Privates summoned on this occasion: but if they are, he is inclined to think, that it is not in their contemplation that the Detachment should be so greatly reduced without the deficiency being previously more or less provided for by some temporary means or other. —

Major Kirkpatrick has no objection to your making the application in behalf of Dr. Surgeon Gillespie — which you mention. —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Hyderabad
13th February 1797.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir.

I do myself the honor to transmit you for

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad with Copies of further Correspondence relative to the

The

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The large proportion of Officers and Men recommended to the Presidency as Evidence on Major Brackays Court Martial.

The notice of Government Copy of a Letter of this date addressed to me by the Commanding Officer of the Ellore Detachment, on

together with Copy of my answer thereto, and to be —

Sir

Yr. Yr.

Hyderabad
22d. February 1797.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asst. & Officiating Resident

Captain Kirkpatrick,

acting Resident at His Highness's the

Nizam's Court

Sir

I have the honour of transmitting you a Copy of a Letter I this morning received from the Adjutant General, respecting Major Brackay, and the Evidence required at His Court Martial — I shall transmit a Copy of the Residents Letter to me on the Subject of the 13th. Instant to the Adjutant General for the Information of the Commander in Chief, which I have already done to Government —

I have the honor to be

Camp near Hyderabad
22d. February 1797.

Yr. Yr.
(Signed) George Roberts

(A true Copy)
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick Asst.

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Roberts

Sir.

The Commander in Chief being very desirous that the Charges preferred against Major Mackay should be brought under Public investigation with the least practicable delay, has directed me to signify his wish that you will take an early occasion of Communicating with the Resident at Hyderabad, for the purpose of stating some Arrangement by which the Circumstances which at present operate to impede the above object may be most readily Removed. —

The Natives to attend as Evidences the Commander in Chief is hopeful are not to numerous, but that they may be permitted to quit your Detachment without the hazard of public inconvenience and he proides that the European Officers summoned on both Sides amount only to one Lieut.t Colonel, two Captains two Lieutenants and one Lieutenant Fireworker. —

To replace the whole of these may be difficult — The Lieut.t Fireworker he engages may be spared to give his Evidence. —

Sir

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In your absence Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple may Command the Detachment. Major Gibbings may be ordered to do duty with your Battalion, to Command it till your return - or a Field Officer may be ordered to join your Battalion from Condapillie; besides when one Captain and one Lieutenant may be permitted from some part of the Northern Division. -

The Object is to ascertain in Communication with the Resident the smallest number of Commissioned Officers, by the assistance of whom present difficulties can be Levied. as from the Number of Officers on foreign Service, on Staff Duty, absent on Furlough, and wanting to Complete the Establishment. Corps are left now quite destitute - the two Sergeants required as Interpreters may if necessary be replaced from Brasts Battalions. -

You are requested to reply to this as early as Circumstances will permit. -

A General Court Martial assembles on Thursday Next on the 1st. of next month, and it must not

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not be said how desirable it is, that the Case in question
should be determined by it —

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

Signed D. Close

Adjutant Generals Office
15th. February 1797.

adjt. Genl. of the Army.

Lieutenant Colonel George Roberts

commanding the

Ellore Detachment

Sir,

I am just favored with your Letter of this
date enclosing Copy of a letter to you from Lieut. Colonel Close.
which I have perused with that attention the importance
of its Subject called for. —

The Substitution to eventual absentees,
by a specified number of European Officers and Sergeants
to be drawn from the Garrisons of Condapillie and —
Nundidroog as proposed by Lieut. Colonel Close goes
no

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no doubt a Considerable way towards removing those objections which by Major Kirkpatricks orders. I have the honour of stating to you in my Letter of the 13th. Instant against the Departure under existing Circumstances of so considerable a Number of Officers both European and Natives as are required at Major Brackay's approaching trial. – But no mode is pointed out in Lieut.e Colonel Close's letter, whereby the great deficiency of Native officers that would be experienced in the event alluded to, is to be supplied, and it would seem indeed from the tenor of the Adjutant Generals Letter to you, that the Commander in Chief was not at that time aware of the Considerable number of Officers of this description included in your List of Evidences. –

This Circumstance therefore Considered, I am of opinion that it is advisable to await the result of my reference to Madras of the 13th. Instant on the subject particularly as I shall most probably be honoured with the final determination of the Government of Fort St. George on this Question, before the Arrangement proposed by Lieut.e Colonel Close could take effect, even supposing Officers from the nearest Military Station

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station actually on their way hither for the specified purpose of relief.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Humble Servant

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Asst. & Officiating Resident

Hyderabad

22d. February 1797.

A true Copy

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick Asst.

W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir

I have the honor to inclose you for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council Copies of Letters of Correspondence between the acting Resident at this Court and myself.

From Lieut. Colonel Roberts with Copies & the correspondence referred to in the foregoing Letters from Capt. Kirkpatrick

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Humble Servant

(Signed) George Roberts

Lieut. Colonel

Camp near Hyderabad

5th. March 1797.

Entered on Accompanying the foregoing Letter from Major Kirkpatrick

The

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The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following letter from the Officer Commanding his Majesty's 52nd Regiment, and as Captain Burke as well as Captain Bailey are ordered home on duty, recommend that they be allowed passage Accordingly.—

To
Lieutenant General Harris
Commander in Chief &c &c
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that Captain Lieutenant Burke of His Majesty's 52nd Regiment having appointed by Sir Robert Abercrombie, to be Captain Brownes Company, Captain Burke becomes the youngest Captain in the Regiment, of course is appointed to the additional Company in Europe, and as we have all the Captains in India and present with the Regiment, I have ordered Captain Burke to Europe to join his Company there, agreeable to His Majesty's orders.— May I beg Sir you will be pleased to confirm my orders, by ordering Captain Burke to proceed to Europe by

From the Commanding Officer of the 52nd Regiment stating that Captain Burke is under orders to join the recruiting Company in England. And requesting that he may be allowed to embark by Bailey

the

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the Ships now going to sail, that he may take charge of his Company. and as he is going on Duty, his passage may be paid by Government.—

I have the honor to be

Sir Sir

Your

Most Obedt. Hble Servt

[Signed] W. Monson

Deputy Comm.y 52.d Regt. Foot

Tanjore

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Although Officers ordered to Europe under circumstances similar to those above mentioned are not entitled by the Company's orders to passage Money, yet the Board are willing to grant the usual allowance upon condition of Captains Burke and Bailey entering into obligations to repay the same in Europe in the event of the Court of Directors disapproving the indulgence.—

Captains Burke of the 52.d and Bailey of the 19th. Dragoons allowed passage Money on entering into an Engagement to refund it, if required by the Court of Directors.—

Read the following letter from Lieut.t Colonel Roberts.—

Do.

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To Major General A. Clarke

Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Sir.

I take the liberty of transmitting you a letter

From Lieut.te Colonel Roberts with a letter from Lieut.te Shaw requesting a Claim to Tent Allowance and full Batta from the Period of his setting out from Seringapatam in order to join the Nizam's Detachment. -

addressed to me by Lieutenant Robert Shaw of the 1st. Battalion 11th. Regiment, and which by his desire I have to request you will lay before the Honble Board. - The peculiar hardship of his situation represented in his Letter, and is literally the case, induces me to hope, it will meet with your support. -

I have the honor to be

Camp near Hyderabad
2d. March 1797.

&c &c &c
(Signed) George Roberts
Lieut.te Colo.

To Lieutenant Colonel George Roberts

Commanding 1st. Battalion 11th. Regiment

Sir.

Finding that the Auditor General has given directions that no Officer appointed to this Detachment be paid

fields

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field allowance until the Joins. except travelling batta. reckoning
at the rate of twenty five Miles per Day. - Considering it a very
particular hardship in my situation to be deprived of those
allowances, when it was not occasioned by any fault of my own,
I beg the favor of you to make known to Government the
following circumstances, and I have no doubt but they will
see the propriety of granting me field allowances from my
appointment to the Detachment. - I was removed from the
2nd. Battalion 10th. Regiment then in the Vizagapatam District,
to the 1st. Battalion 11th. Regiment in September last without
any application of my own, and entirely without my
knowledge. I was at that time at Vizagapatam dangerously
ill of a Hill fever which I had contracted in the execution of
my duty and from which my recovery was tedious owing
to repeated relapses. Hoping however that it would not be
of any long continuance, and having formerly belonged to
this Detachment I knew that no Tents could be had, as
all the Officers were upon the Tent allowance. Therefore
immediately

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immediately upon my removal at a very considerable expence
provided myself with Camp equipage, Carriage, Lascars, &c. &c.
proper for the field, which necessarily occasioned the same expence
as if I had been present with my Corps. It is scarce necessary
pointing out to you the great inconvenience an Officer
appointed to this Detachment is unavoidably put to in
providing himself with a Marquee, Carriage Cattle, Lascars, &c.
and this being the second time since the end of the year
Ninety two that I have been brought under that heavy
expence, I trust Government will not now deem my claim
to purchase Money unreasonable, as I have not in the
course of near fifteen years enjoyed any situation of advantage
or emolument in the Service. I am not now in circumstances
to enable me to bear extraordinary expence of this kind. —
From an anxiety to learn in consequence
of the General order on that head. I twice set out upon my
march before the Doctor thought I was sufficiently recovered
to undertake the Journey, but being both times taken ill
upon

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upon the road. I was obliged to return to Vizagapatam the nearest station where Medical assistance could be obtained, and after finally leaving it I was detained several days upon the road by slight returns of the fever. - Being obliged to march with Tents and baggage above four hundred Miles, it must appear evident that so long a Journey could not be performed at the rate of twenty five Miles per Day. - I am led to think that Government did not advert to these circumstances or the particular situation of this Detachment when these regulations took place - and I request Sir you will inform the Honble Board that nothing but a consciousness of their readiness to listen to the just representation of an Officer who has had the misfortune to lose his health and impair his constitution in the execution of his Duty would induce me to trouble them on this occasion -

I have the honor to be

Sir Your

(Signed) Robert Shaw

Lieut. 1st Battalion 11th. Regiment

Having

Camp near Hyderabad

2nd. March 1797.

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The Commander in Chief records his opinion in Lieut.t Shaw's Claim.

Having made inquiry into the merits of Lieutenant Shaw's Claim, the Commander in Chief lays before the Board the result in the following papers. -

No.

Extract of a letter from the Military Auditor General to Lieutenant Goldsworthy Paymaster to the Detachment serving with His Highness the Nizam dated 21st. November 1796.

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th. instant. and in answer thereto have the honor "to inform you that I do not consider an Officer standing "appointed to a Corps in the Detachment serving with "his Highness the Nizam who has not Joined even tho he "has been prevented by Sickness entitled to full Batta. and "that for the period after his appointment to the Corps until "he actually Joins it he would have his half Batta. or "included in the abstract of that Corps as being a General "allowance provided that he forwards a Certificate to you "from the Paymaster of the Station from which he was

Removed

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"pursuant of the period to which he was last paid, and he will
"of course be entitled to the difference between the half and
"full Batta of his Rank for the number of days he is on
"the Road to Seir agreeably to the prescribed regulations. at the
"rate of /25/ Twenty five Miles Per day. -

/Signed/ W. Sydenham
Military Auditor General

/A true Extract/
/Signed/ Patk. Bruce Sec.y to G.t

Minute of the Commander in Chief - Council 14th March 1797.

Lieutenant Shaw is an Officer of merit. - He
was pursued to the Nizams Detachment at the same time
with many other Officers in consequence of a Representation
from Lieut.t Colonel Roberts and the Resident at Hyderabad
that from the scarcity of Officers for Duty with the
Detachment it could scarcely be considered as in a State
for Service. - The circumstance of his Illness was reported
from

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from time to time to Head Quarters and although this case appears to be rather hard granting him the Indulgence he asks for might be attended with much inconvenience - long intervals frequently occur between the dates of Officers being appointed to Corps and their joining - and considering the distance of the Nizam's Detachment from the Carnatic the indulgence of allowing Officers to be on the allowances of the Detachment before they join it might be subject to extreme abuse -

The inadequate situation of Officers serving with this Detachment has been often noticed - now that Staff Batta is become general, full Batta in so distant a quarter is not sufficient to compensate for the extra fatigues and expences of a Constant field life - on this account it has been difficult to keep the Detachment well officered - Subalterns with it in particular soon become disgusted and sickly and then solicit leave to repair to the Coast. -

As the Detachment has been extremely

useful

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ensue to the Nizam. It is not impossible but he might be
provailed on to grant the Officers of it some extra allowance
in Consideration of their being so far removed from the Carnatic
and consequently obliged to pay dearly for every article which
they require from the Coast.—

Supposing Lieutenant Shaw's case to merit
consideration and I think it does, I see not how he can be relieved
unless by increasing the Tent allowance fixed for Subalterns with
the Detachment.— or else by allowing purchase Money at the
outset which as yet has never been granted under any circum-
stances — the tent allowance with the Nizam's Detachment
being the same to all Ranks as was fixed by the Marquis
Cornwallis during the late War.—

Minutes of the Board on the foregoing Subject.—

Resolved to inform Lieut.t Shaw that the
regulations which do not admit of the extra allowances he
solicits cannot be dispensed with in favor of an individual
without great inconvenience to the public Service.—

Resolved

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Resolved also to state Lieut. Shawe's case to the Resident at Hydrabad to inform him that if the Nizam in consideration of the peculiar circumstances of the Affairs of that Detachment could be prevailed upon to grant some extra allowance, such a mark of his Highness's attention would be extremely satisfactory to the Board. —

Read the following letter from Lieut.o Colonel Pater —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council and Governor of

Fort St. George

My Lord.

From Lieut.t Colonel Pater - requesting that the late correspondence on the subject of his claim to the appointment of Colonel Commandant of Cavalry may be forwarded to the Honble Court of Directors —

I have had the honor of receiving Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter in reply to my address to your Lordship in Council under date the 18th. Ultimo. and have respectfully to submit, that a Copy of it may make a member in one of the Packets now under dispatch for Europe — As I am in this request not actuated only by a just attention to my own Claims and

that

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What of the Corps to which I belong. I trust your Lordship will have the goodness to accept such a direction on my part as a sufficient apology for this further intrusion. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) J. Pater Lieut.t Colonel

Comm.d the 2.nd Regiment of Cavalry

Madras

7.th March 1797.

The Commander in Chief, from respect to Lieutenant Colonel Pater's character recommends that his request may be complied with; but at the same time records his entire concurrence in the opinion of the Board on his address of the 18.th Ultimo. as contained in the answer sent to Lieut.t Colonel Pater. —

The Commander in Chief concurs in the opinion already passed by the Board on Lieut.t Colonel Pater's Claim. —

Ordered that a Copy of Lieutenant Colonel Pater's address of the 18.th Ultimo. with the Board's answer to it be sent Numbers in the packet by the present dispatch. —

The Correspondence with Colonel Pater to be forwarded in numbers in the Packet. —

Read the following letters from the Military Board. —

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

Lieutenant Colonel Read Commanding the Troops in the Ceded Districts having reported to our Board the execution of repairs at Salem to a Barrack for Native Infantry & Store room, and the Commanding Officers Quarters - amounting to Pagodas 354. 36. 24. the two former whereof he represents to have been undertaken from unavoidable necessity; and the latter from its having stood so much in need of re repairs, that had not Major Cameron done something to it, at his own expence previous to the last Monsoon, it would have been a ruin by this time - We are induced for those reasons to recommend to your Lordship in Council, that authority may be granted for the payment of the amount -

From the Military Board recommending that Lieut. Colonel Read be reimbursed the expences incurred on account of Repairs to the publick Buildings at Salem - the Payment of the Contractors Bills for work done at the same and an advance of cash on account of repairs ordered to the Powder Mills -

The late Contractors for Buildings and Repairs having forwarded to us a bill, amounting to Pagodas

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Pagodas 2129. 21. 34. for Repairs and Buildings executed by them at St. Thomas's Mount. which Bill is duely Certified by Colonel Gent. the late Chief Engineer. We accordingly transmit it herewith. and recommend that it be passed for Payment.

Application having been made to our Board. through the Chief Engineer, by Colonel Gent. for an advance of Cash equal to one third of the amount of the Estimate for Repairs to be performed at the Gun Powder Mills. We would beg leave in consequence to recommend that an advance of five hundred and fifty (550) Pagodas be accordingly made to that Officer

We have the honor to be

Sir Sir

(Signed) Alured Clarke

" Patrick Ross

" Thomas Geils

" W. Sydenham

" Jn. Richardson

" P. Close

" George Hall

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So.

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

From the Military Board proposing the Erection of Repairs to the Paymaster and Commanding Officer's Quarters at Madura. —

In conformity with your Lordships direction signified to us in Mr. Secretary Sadleir's Letter of the 4th. Ultimo, We do ourselves the honor to state, as our opinion, that the Quarters of the Commanding Officer, and Paymaster at the only public Buildings at Madura which require any Repairs should be made, and for which purpose Estimates, amounting to Pagodas 673. 36. 75. are herewith formitted for approval. —

We have the hon
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Fort St. George
25th February 1797.

Signed Lord to much ob
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Neils
W. Stapleton
Jno. Richardson
B. Close
George Hall

Estimate

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Estimate of the Expence of Repairs required to the Commanding Officer's Quarters at Madura - Agreeably to the Current prices at that Station -

Superficial Square Feet	Cub: Feet.		Rate	Rupees	Fanams
9 .. 50		New Terrace with three Coats of Chunnam	8 .. .. pr. Square	76	
	56.	2. Country Wood Beams 24 Feet long	.. 21 .. pr. cubic foot	28	
		1. Ditto Joists 9 feet long	1 .. .. Each	60	
		Repairing Cracks in the Terrace	3 32 5/4 pr. Square	9	18 55
2 .. 50		Repairing the Chunnam Plaster of			
20		the Walls, Ceilings & Floors. 2 Coats	2 28 .. pr. Square	53	14 ..
2		Repairing the Square Brick Floor of the Verandah	2 37 27 pr. Square	5	32 54
.. 45		2 New Country Wood Plain Doors with Hinges	.. 6 53 pr. Sup. foot	7	5 18
.. 86		Repairing 1 Door and 4 Window Shutters	.. 1 60 pr. Sup. foot	3	3 ..
		White washing	.. 2 5/4 pr. Square	12	31 ..
200		4 Door Locks	1. 21 .. Each	6	.. ..
			Pagodas..	261	20 47

Dindigul
9th. February 1797

(Signed) E. Irapaud
E. I. D.

(Signed) Thos. L. De Havilland Lieut.
& Asst. Engr. I. D.

True Copy
(Signed) Fred: Pierce Lieut. Mil. Board

Estimate

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Estimate of the Expence of Repairs required to the Paymaster's Quarters at Madurah agreeably to the Current Prices at that Station.

Superficial Square	Feet			Rs. F. C.	Rs. F. C.	Rs. F. C.
18	"	25	New Terrace with three Coats of Chunam	8 "	p Square	144 "
			53½ Country Wood Beams 23 feet Long			
			60¾ 4 Do. Do. Do. 18½ feet long		21 "	p Hundred ft. 78 "
			41½ 5 Do. Do. Do. 13½ feet long			
			62 Do. Do. Joists 12 feet long	1 10	40 Each	77 21 "
			45 Do. Do. Do. 10½ feet long	1 5	20 Each	50 26 20
39	"	25	Pointing & Paving	" 16	71 p Square	15 32 68
"		"	2 Large Wooden Water Spouts	" 10	40 Each	6 " "
100		"	White washing	" 2	54 p Square	6 15 40
3		"	Repairing Cracks in the Terrace	3 32	54 p Square	11 14 2
2		80	Repairing Chunam Floor 2 Coats	2 28	" p Square	7 19 68
"		126	Repairing & Rattan Windows	" 2	" p Sup. foot	6 " "
"		63	2 Plain Window Shutters	" 4	70 p Sup. foot	7 13 10
						412 16 28

Pagodas 412 16 28

Dindigul
9th February 1797

/Signed/ Thos. De Havilland Lieut.
asst. Engr. S. D.

/Signed/ E. Crapaud
E. S. D.

A true Copy
/Signed/ Fred. Pearce Secy. Mad. Bd.

Ordered.

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Ordered that the respites recommended.

Order on the two foregoing Letters from the Military Board.

by the Military Board be executed.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart.

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

My Lord,

From the Military Board proposing Regulations for the future provision of Half Mounting for the Native Corps.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's letter under date 12th. July 1796, accompanied by Extract of a Minute of the Commander in Chief, respecting Sepoy half Mounting, and desiring us to report our opinion thereon.

Having accordingly given every attention to the subject which its nature and importance demanded. We cannot but be sensible of the force and propriety of the observation contained in that Minute by it that the subject is of a delicate nature and that it is a matter deserving of consideration how far the Sepoy may now be reconciled to a public stoppage being again made from their Pay, so as to apparently

apparently to lessen in the first instance the sum which he has been accustomed to receive from the Company under that denomination, and although it seems to be a distinction without a difference, whether the stoppages for half Mounting are made by the Paymaster on the issue of the Pay, or by the Officers Commanding Companies after it has passed into their hands, yet the impression of its being diminished as a public allowance will still remain, especially as the public stoppage was dispensed with at the recommendation of Sir Eyre Coote in the year 1780. and felt as a matter of favor by the Sepoys —

From these considerations, and from a General view of the subject connected with the result of the various enquiries which the Board have made, and which has so long delayed our Report. We conceive that all that can be done both both for the sake of uniformity and economy, is, for a pattern Turband and Cummerband to be established by the Commander in Chief, the payment for which to be effected by stoppages from

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from the Monthly Pay of the Sepoy in the manner hereafter &
detailed - and the Board under that idea having accordingly
established two Turbands and Cummerbands / one of Europe Woollen
Cloth, and the other of Country Linnen / to the inspection of the
Commander in Chief, to be adopted for the Native Infantry /
Pioneers and Gun Lascars of the Establishment - the separate
expence whereof may be estimated as per accompanying
Statement No 1. and as he has been pleased to express his
approbation of the former. We would therefore recommend that
the quantity of Blue Cloth of the two sorts proper for the purpose
calculated to amount to 4000 Yards of ordinary, and 150 of superfine
be imported yearly from England, and set apart expressly
for the half Mounting of the Troops, to be issued from the
Stores upon Indent agreeably to a form hereafter prescribed -

Proposed Regulations for payment
of Cloth to be issued from the Stores on account of half mounting
of the Native Soldiery -

The Woolen Cloth Turband and Cummerband
being calculated to last at least 2½ years with proper care, and
the

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the total expence thereof being Estimated at 45 Fanams exclusive of the charge of transporting the Cloth to out Stations. as per detailed Statement No. 2. It is proposed that the Commanding Officer of each Battalion shall regulate in Regimental orders the quota of the total amount required to be stopped Monthly, or at any other periods that he may judge most convenient to the Depoy the sums to stopped remaining with the heads of Companies until the amount required shall be collected, and it becomes necessary to purchase the Cloth. –

That the amount stopped shall then be drawn from the heads of Companies by the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, who will remit it to the Presidency with the Indent in order, that the Cloth may be paid for on delivery. at the – regulated Invoice price of 41.. 40 Cash for the Ordinary and – 1.. 40.. 25 for the Superfine. and at the rate of 3/10 of a Pagoda for each Anam. –

That, when the half Mounting is completed, the delivery of it shall be directed in the Regimental Orderly Book. – the order specifying that the half Mounting is in lieu of the General Stoppages made from the Corps from

from

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from the 1st. of ..... to the 1st. of ..... inclusive.—

That it be left to the Sepoys to provide them-

-selves with Linnen Jackets and short Drawers as at present.

to be made up according to Established Patterns. and that in

case it becomes necessary to put any man under Stoppages

who may fail to keep himself properly supplied, the Commanding

Officer of the Battalion shall regulate such stoppages in

Regimental Orders, according to the deficiency of the party. and

authorize the provision of the articles by the Officer at the

head of the Company.—

That every order authorizing partial Stoppages

as above, from the Pay of the Native Soldier, shall express the

several Articles to be provided.—

That if at any time the quantity of Woollen

Cloth required by a Native Corps for half mounting cannot be

procured from the Company's Stores.— the Commanding Officer

of such Corps shall direct the half mounting to be made of

Blue Linnen of the most suitable quality, and at the most

reasonable rates. the Stoppages for the purchase of which,

to be made and collected under the regulations before detailed.—

That

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That it be observed as an invariable rule, that no Stoppages whatever shall be made from any Native Soldiers excepting such as shall be publickly authorized under the regulations prescribed in this order.—

That although no Pattern of a Turband or Cummerband for the Native Cavalry is proposed in this order, yet the Stoppages which may be necessary for the half Mounting of the Men of that Corps, shall be regulated and collected on the same principle - and in the same manner as has been directed for the Native Infantry.—

It is further proposed, that it be recommended to Commanding Officers of Corps, to give the Sepoys such assistance in Brass or Iron work, with their Establishment of Artificers, as they can conveniently afford, consistently with the necessary attention to their Arms.—

And that the alteration which becomes necessary in the Breast plate, or other Brass ornaments, from the introduction of the New Regulations - and consequent change in the number of the Corps, be done by the Garrison Artificers at the different Stations where it may be practicable, otherwise the alteration to be effected by having the expence thereof in each Corps estimated by the Commanding Officer and defrayed by by Government, upon being passed by the Military Board.—

It

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It may also appear proper to intimate to Officers Commanding Corps of Native Infantry &c. that notwithstanding a pattern Turband and Cummerband, has been fixed for those Corps, it is to be understood that it will not be expected of them to introduce it, while the half mounting now in use with the Sepoys is Serviceable, but to be adopted only, when it becomes necessary for their having a new Suit, of the Pattern now proposed.

Form of Indent to be observed by Native Corps of the Army, on every application to the Honble Company's Stores for blue Cloth for the half Mounting thereof - which is to be transmitted by Commanding Officers respectively, to the Secretary of the Military Board, who when satisfied of the accuracy of such Indent on reference to the Adjutant Generals Office, shall return the same with his Signature affixed thereto, in order to it being complied with at the Import Warehouse

To Mr. _____

Import Warehousekeeper

Sir.

Please to order the delivery of — Yards of — ordinary and — Yards of Superfine blue Cloth, being the quantity of each sort required for the Turbands and Cummerbands of the — Honble Company's — Battalion — Regiment of Native Infantry

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Infantry, conformably to the Return thereof, for the Months of — 1779. —

(Signed) A. B. Lieut. Col. Comdt. —

We have the honor to be

Sir &c.

(Signed) Allured Clarke

. Patrick Ross.

. Thomas Geils.

. W. Sydenham.

. Jno. Richardson.

. B. F. Close.

. George Hall.

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Estimate of Expence for making two Turbands and Cummerbands complete, the one of Europe Woolen Cloth with Tin ornaments, and the other of Country Cloth and Tin ornaments. —

	Rs. F. C	Rs. F. C.
Turband.		
of Woolen Cloth with Tin ornaments	" 30.54.	
Cummerband of Woolen Cloth	" 14.32.	" 45 6.
Turband of Coventry Cloth with Tin ornaments	" 55.30	
Cummerband ..... Do.	" 29.65	" 85 15-
Difference in favor of the Turband and Cummerband of Woolen Cloth		" 40 9-

As is particularly detailed in Statement No. 2. —

(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Lieut. Mil. Board —

Estimate

Estimate of the expence which a Sepoy will probably incur for Turband and Cummerband Complete on the Calculation that each will last 2 Years and half.

Turband of Europe Woolen Cloth and the ornament of Brass or Tin painted White	Expence of each particular article R. F. C.
One Turband Iron	" 3 "
Dammer for Ditto to prevent rust	" " 20
Lining for the Turband	" 1 30
Wax Cloth to cover the Iron before the Blue Cloth is put on	" " 60
One fifth of a yard of ordinary Blue Cloth for the Turband one yard being enough for five at 4 Rs. Fan. 1 40 Cash per Yard being the Invoice price	" 8 24
one Rose and Band Brass	" 7 40
one Brass Button for the Rose	" " 40
one Woolen Jacket to fix the Rose to the Turband	" " 60
one Wax Cloth case to preserve the Turband	" 5 40
Taylors Work	" 2 60
Expence of each Turband	" 30 54

Cummerband	
Leather for the Cummerband	" 1 "
Dungaree to Cover the Leather	" " 40
One Tenth of a Yard of ordinary Blue Cloth for the Cummerband one yard being enough for ten at 4 Rs. Fan. 1 40 Cash per Yard being the Invoice price	" 4 32
Ten Tapes for the Cummerband at 60 Cash each	" 7 40
one Buckle for Ditto	" " 60
Taylors Work	" " 40
Expence of each Cummerband	" 14 32
Total Expence	" 45 6
Difference in favor of the Turband and Cummerband of Woolen Cloth	" 40 9

Turband of Country Cloth and the ornament Brass or Tin painted White	Expence of each particular article R. F. C.
One Turband Iron	" 3 "
Dammer for ditto to prevent rust	" " 20
Lining for the Turband	" 1 30
Country Cloth for the Turband 7 Fans. which will last at furthest only four or five Months, therefore it will require at least six ditto to wear the time of the Europe Cloth	" 42 "
One Rose and Brand Brass	" 7 40
one Brass Button for the Rose	" " 40
one Woolen Jacket to fix the Rose to the Turband	" " 60
Expence of each Turband	" 65 30

Cummerband	
Leather for the Cummerband	" 1 "
Dungaree to Cover the Leather	" " 40
Country Cloth for the Cummerband 7 Fans. 27 Cubits which will last at most only two Months, therefore it will require at least fifteen ditto to wear the time of the Europe Cloth is all 30 Fans. 6 Cubits	" 20 5
Ten Tapes at 60 Cash each	" 7 40
One Buckle	" " 60
Expence of each Cummerband	" 29 65
Total Expence	" 95 15

Reference

The above is the expence of the Country Cloth Cummerband if made after the pattern of the Europe Cloth one, but if the long Cummerband or sash which folds 3 times round the waist is adopted, one will last about 12 Months, and 12 Fans. or 30 Fans. in 2½ Years, as other articles but the Cloth being necessary —

Rc

(Signed) Fred: Pierce
Sec. Mil. Board.

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Minute thereon

The Board very much approve the regulations which the Military Board have proposed for the half Mounting of the Native Infantry, Pioneers and Lascars, & Ordered accordingly that they be published in General Orders, to take effect from the 1.st May next. —

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General. —

To

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort S.t George

From the Military Auditor General - requests the decision of Government on the question whether Officers are to draw pay on an advanced Rank from the Date of their Commissions or from the Date of the General Order announcing their Promotion - refers a claim made by Major Palfrey to the Half Batta of Lieut.e Colonel in consequence of his command of the 33.rd Battalion of the Native Infantry. —

My Lord

The General Orders under date the 12.th July last having directed that "the New Regulations for the payment of "the Army should have effect from the 1.st June and that the "Commissions of the Officers promoted should be dated on that day," those Officers have accordingly received Pay Batta and other allowances from the same date, but as it was before the practice for the Company's Officers on this Establishment to draw the difference of Pay &c. only from the date of the Order announcing their

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their Promotion, and not from the date of their Commissions. I request your Lordship will be pleased to inform me whether the Pay and Batta of Officers promoted subsequent to the 1st June is admissible from their date of Commission or from that of their promotion being published in General Orders, and which is to be considered a Regulation of the Service —

I am induced at this time to solicit your Lordship's instructions on the above subject, in consequence of the recent promotions which have taken place in the Army, giving Rank retrospectively to the Officers so promoted, who will no doubt under the construction of the Orders of the 12th July, claim their allowances from the Dates of their respective Commissions, unless your Lordship should consider that Order to apply to a particular case, and not to extend to all future Promotions —

As the Order of the 12th July before quoted appears to have been in consequence of that published at Bengal with the new Regulations for the Army, it is proper that I state for your Lordship's information, that all Officers promoted on that Establishment are permitted by a Special Regulation on published in the year 1788. to draw the allowance of their ordained

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rank from the Dates of the Vacancies they are promoted to fill and the same Rule has obtained generally towards His Majesty's Officers in India, who are promoted Regimentally in England from the dates of their respective promotions. —

Enclosed I have the Honor to forward Copy of a Letter from Mr. Paymaster Shardon dated the 23d. Instant, with one addressed to him from Major Pollexfen Commanding the 33d. Battalion of Native Infantry at Pondicherry, and an Extract from that Officer to your Lordships in Council, on the Subject of a Retrenchment of the difference between Majors and Lieut.s Colonels Half Batta, which he had drawn under the orders of the 12th. July last, as being in the Command of a Corps, but which I did not consider myself authorized to admit, as those orders appeared to confine the allowance of Superior Batta to Officers in Command of Battalions on the Establishment, by stating "that all Officers "not holding the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel upon whom the "Command of Native Regiments and Battalions may "devolve are to draw the Full or Half Batta next above their "Regimental Rank." and as the Officers in command of the Battalions

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Battalions Supernumerary to the Establishment are placed by the Orders of the 12th July on a different footing from those in the command of permanent Corps, and the term Sepoy appearing to apply to the latter only, I conceived it to be my duty not to admit the claim of Superior Batta to Major Selfoy, or others similarly situated, until I should receive your Lordships authority - as however it had been passed unnoticed in the first instance to that Officer, lost no time afterwards in having recourse to a Regulation expressly framed for such cases, which was to Retrench the Difference on the Audit, a circumstance which put it out of the power of the Paymaster to make an earlier communication of the Retrenchment to the party concerned, as he has very properly stated in his letter to me of which a Copy is enclosed. -

I therefore rest with your Lordships to determine whether the Officers in Command of the Native Battalions are to be considered on the same footing with respect to Superior Batta as those in charge of the established Corps, or if that allowance is to be granted to the latter only. -

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed W. Sydenham
Mil. Auditor Genl.

Major

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Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General.

Sir

At the request of Major Tolfrey commanding
33d Native Battalion at Pondicherry, I have the honor to
transmit an appeal to the Right Honorable the Governor in
Council from your Retrenchments on the Audit of his charge
for difference of Batta as Commanding a Battalion accompa-
nied by copy of a Letter addressed by that Officer to me as
Paymaster. —

As Major Tolfrey has thought proper to
complain of what he calls my very injurious neglect in never
having yielded him any Extract of the original Audit, begwill
you will have the goodness when the appeal goes to Government
to inform his Lordship, that it was not in my power to send
Major Tolfrey Copy of what never existed, the Charge having
been formerly admitted, and Retrenched on the Audit. —

With respect to my sending orders to
discontinue Payment of the Charge, I did it conformably
with

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with the G. O. of the 7th December last. which express that Paymasters will be held by his Lordship Personally responsible for every Payment of irregular Charges. made after receipt of the first communication of the Military Auditor Generals Objections. —

No order was sent by me to call on Major Sheffrey to refund the amount received till yesterday. when I forwarded to that Officer Copy of your Instructions, and called on him to repay the Amount or to state further their authority in support of the Charge objected to. —

I have the honor to be

Sir Sir

(signed) J. H. Skardon

Paymaster

Madras

23d February 1797.

A true Copy

(signed) J. C. Brunton Dpt. Sec. to Govt.

John Humphrey Skardon Esqr.

Military Paymaster

Sir.

Altho' at Commanding a Battalion I may not stand

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stand Justified in according to an official Interpretation of Verbal notice thro' the medium of a Conicopoly, yet to avert the Charge of Substitution on a case of Retrenchment, Judment of the Stoppage required, as conformable to Government Orders on all occasions, of Re-audet. but must complain of your very injurious neglect in never having yielded me any any Extract of the Original audet. whereby I might have stated the principles on which I acted, together with such reasons as seemed calculated to substantiate my Claim, and which I felt to have been founded on the fairest grounds. —

I have the honor to be
Sir Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed C. Tolfrey Majr
Comdg 33d. Nat. Battalion

Pondicherry
19th. February 1797.

A true Copy
Signed J. Brunton
Dpty Admte and Genl.

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart &c.

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord.

I do with utmost deference submit an
Appeal to your Lordship in Council on a Retrenchment Law
only yesterday advised of, notwithstanding it has undergone
a Re-audit. —

By Government Orders - July 6.th 96 -
"all Paymasters are immediately upon the receipt of the
"Auditor Generals Retrenchments, to furnish copies to those
"respectively concerned &c." —

It is also signified that "Whenever an Officer
"shall have further grounds to produce in support of the
"charge which has been Retrenched, he is to state them on the
"Extract of the Retrenchments with which he has been
"furnished" &c &c. —

And by a subsequent paragraph that,
"If the Auditor General shall notwithstanding the reasons
"that may be so offered think himself obliged to confirm the
Retrenchment

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"Establishment. he shall make immediate communication to
"to the Paymaster. for the information of the Party concerned. of
"the grounds on which he adhered to his former opinion. to the
"end. that if. an appeal to the Board shall afterwards be
"demanded. the Plea upon which the charge is attempted to
"be established. and the reasons for its rejection. may come
"together at one view before Government." -

From the accompanying Copy of any letter
of yesterdays date. it will appear to your Lordships that I
have been wholly debarred of the indulgence there extended.
The verbal Communication of a Conciliatory. who yesterday
shewed me a Letter he had received from the Servant of the
Paymaster to whom it is addressed. bearing a Copy of the
Re-audit. is the first and sole advice I have to act upon.
Ayet Mr Sheardon this the same Channel directed an
immediate stoppage from my abstract for January of
Pay and allowances in total - altho' the orders of Govern-
-ment express that a regular application for payment
shall be made and - "If the requisition be not complied
with

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"with when the next Months Allowances are issued. Paymasters
"are authorized to make stoppages from the Bills or abstracts
"of that and the succeeding Months Pay excepted until the full
"Amount of the Retrenchment is liquidated" - whereby Officers
take an intermediate time for Reference -

Ever ready My Lord to Answer any or
pecuniary call. If from misapprehension may ever, had
Mr Sheardon yielded me the attention that, on Instances
of Audit, is so considerately joined, the necessity of this
might perhaps have been averted -

In emulating my Ostensibility with
that of Officers in charge of his Majesty's Regiments and
those attached to the fixed Establishment. I never imagined
the Influence of distinction the Retrenchment implies -
Any Interpretation of the authority under which Officers
inferior to Lieut. Colonels, when qualified to prefer Battalion
Returns to Head Quarters are entitled to Batta of the
Rank immediately superior to their Regimental Rank.
presented an equal claim to me. - had a doubt existed.

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The Idea must have received Confirmation from the grant of Full Batta to Captain Hill as Commanding the Black Town 2d. Battalion. but I could not be Justified in supposing that Government by continuing me with the Battalion I had the honor to Form, intended a disparity of allowances, or that I should suffer a loss. –

Yet my Love even with calculating the average of my Off reckonings in addition to my immediate Receipts, I appear to be a loser. – as by actual Vacancy on the Original Arrangement of our fixed Establishment. I must have Commanded till this moment the 1st. Battalion 9th. Native Regiment. serving on Ceylon. with the full Batta of a Lieut. Colonel –

Influenced by these considerations and as regard to the extra Expence, which in principles of Respectability is unavoidably annexed to my position. I most respectfully solicit and anxiously hope the favorable decision of your Lordship in Council on my equal title, as Commanding a Battalion, to Batta of the next Superior Rank. –

I have the honor to be
&c &c
[signed] E. Tolfrey Major
comm.g 33d. N. Battalion

Pondicherry
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Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Military Auditor General —

In their Letter of the 27th. July the Honble the Court of Directors have been pleased to order that "when the New Regulations which accompanied their Secretary's Letter of the 8th. January last may have been carried into execution the Commissions of all the Officers who receive promotion thereby shall bear date the 8th. January aforesaid: but this is not to entitle them to the pay or allowances of the Superior ranks prior to the arrangements being carried into effect. —

Resolved therefore to direct that it be a regulation of the Service founded on the above order that the pay and Batta of Officers promoted are not to commence from the date of their Commissions but from the publication of their promotion in General orders. —

In consideration however of the difference which the Military Auditor General has pointed out in this respect between the Officers of this and the Bengal Establishment.

Resolved to state the distinction to the Honble Court of Directors with a view to prevent any jealousies or discontents between the Establishment at the different Presidencies — according

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According to the desire expressed in the 31st. Paragraph of their Letter dated 8th. January 1796.

The President delivers in the following Minute.

In Council 11th. March 1797.

Having had frequent communications with the Military Auditor General, on the subject of the Regulations for the Pay and Store Department, my attention has been drawn to a Plan submitted and Recommended by the Military Board on the 26th. of February 1796. Respecting the Camp Equipage of the Army, and although I consider that Plan objectionable in many respects, I am of opinion that some new Regulations are absolutely necessary: The heavy Expence constantly incurred on account of the Camp Equipage, as well as for Repairs of the Military Quarters and Barracks at the different Stations, requires that an active Superintendence should be established over those Departments: and it appearing that this Superintendence is properly within the province of the Quarter Master General, under the general Controul of the Military

Presidents Minute on the Subject of the Regulations now in force for the Provision and care of the Camp Equipage of the Army - conceives them very defective - proposes their Reform - and that the Barracks, Quarters and Camp Equipage be placed under the Controul of the Quarter Master General.

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Military Board of which he is a Member. I should propose that the Quarter Master General be vested with the general charge of all Military Barracks. Quarters and Camp Equipage of which he shall receive Returns from the proper Officers to be laid periodically with his observations and remarks thereon before the Military Board.—

That at such periods as shall be hereafter regulated the Quarter Master General shall inspect in person the general State of the Military Quarters and Camp Equipage at the principal Stations, and make such report to the Military Board, as shall ascertain what proper attention has been paid to their preservation by the Officers respectively in charge, or that in the event of their having neglected their duty they may be made answerable for such neglect.—

The want of some Regulation on this subject is obvious, and were any additional Argument necessary, it would be found on a reference to the enormous expence of providing and repairing Camp Equipage during the late War, and in the constant Charges in time of Peace, without

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without any satisfactory account of the cause of the Deficiencies
or of the manner in which the Tents were employed.—

It is shewn by the accompanying
Statement that the Expence of providing Tents during the
Years 1790.- 1791.- 1792. and 1793. being ten years of War, and two
of Peace, amounted to Pagodas 2.42.362. and that the Charges
for Repairs of Tents during the same period was Pagodas
56.750. Exclusive of this last mentioned Sum for the Repairs
of Tents, a very large Quantity of Materials for the same use
was issued from the public Stores the Amount of which
does not appear in Cash.— The Sum stated (Pagodas 56.750)
cannot therefore be considered the whole expenditure; and
the necessity is evident of establishing an efficient check
over this Department, not only for the purpose of guarding
the Company against improvident expences, but to
prevent that Train of inconvenience which must inevitably
arise from the Army not being at all times ready to take
the Field.—

Sir D