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Should this outline be approved, detailed Regulations for carrying it into complete effect may be framed by the Military Board. I would therefore propose that the subject be recommended to the particular attention of that Board and that they be desired to prepare, and lay before Government with as little delay as possible such Regulations as they may conceive best calculated for the Public Service.

It should also be recommended to the Military Board, to advert to the several minutes delivered in by their respective members, previous to their report to Government dated the 26th. of February 1795. The subject having at that time undergone an able and comprehensive discussion, by which many Regulations were suggested that will be found extremely applicable to the Arrangement now proposed.

(signed) Hobart

Expences

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Expences incurred by providing Tents for the years 1790 - 1791 - 1792 and 1793 including two years War and two years Peace, as appears by the Storekeepers Books. Pagodas 2.42.362 - : -

The following shews the Charges for the repairs of Tents during the same period. -

		Pagodas
Trichinopoly April 1790	as per Paymr. Generals Books	2,524.
May ... " -		2.810.
By issues of materials from the Commissary of Stores Department to the Army in the Coimbatore Country from June to November inclusive.	as per Commissary of Stores Account - ..	2611.
From November to the end of the War in May 1792. - By issues of materials from the Department of the Commissary of Stores. the average expences were. with the Army in the Field. a period of Eighteen Months Pagodas 1.500 - Monthly	as per Commissary of Stores Account - ...	27.000
Besides the above expences for Repairs in - smaller Camps and Garrisons from the beginning of the year 1790 until 1794 -	as per Pay Masters Generals Books ..	14805.
Total for Repairs Pagodas		56.750.
Total for providing Tents		2.42.362.
Total for providing and Repairing Tents for Two years War and two years Peace		2.99.112 —

Resolved.

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Minute of the Board thereon.

Resolved that Copy of the foregoing Minute be sent to the Military Board: and as a Reformation of the Regulations for Camp Equipage is become absolutely necessary, in the opinion of the Board. Agreed to desire that they will refer to their proceedings on this important Subject in the year 1795, and furnish the Board with the detailed Regulations, which may appear to them necessary to fill up the general outline suggested by the President.

Read the following letter from the Adjutant General of the Army.

Daniel Ince Esqr.
acting Secretary Military Department

Sir.

From the Adjutant General conveying the sentiments of the Commander in Chief on various matters of a Military Detail arising out of the Letter from the Honble Court of Directors Dated the 27th July 1796.

I have had the honor to receive Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 27th instant, and to communicate the Extracts it conveyed to the Commander in Chief; and as most of the detail directed therein, was formerly carried into effect.

and

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and different considerations seem to arise out of some of the Paragraphs from the Honble Court, he has desired me to submit the following remarks on the matter they contain, which he wishes should be laid before Government —

Para: 2nd. The Commissions granted to Officers in consequence of the new Arrangements bear date 1st June 1796. — The priority of date now ordered for them remains to be conferred —

Para: 7th. Lieutenant Colonel Oldham and Colonel Clarke having obtained the Rank of Colonel by the new System. — their vacancies in such Rank have been accordingly filled up. — Major Tutt being of the non effective Establishment is received on the list thereof. — —

Para: 10th. Lieutenant D. F. Griffin having been considered as on Duty in England in consequence of his having been employed formerly in Recruiting for the Company's Armies; — was promoted to the Rank of Captain in February 1796, to fill a vacancy according to his Standing

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on the General List. and although he was then rendered supernumerary / as being absent from Coast duty / by the promotion of Lieutenant Frank, he was nevertheless classed with those absentees, who were considered eligible to return and was with the rest of that description brought upon the Effective List, and appointed to a Corps to which he accordingly attached on his return to the Coast. —

Para: 16th. and 17th. By the orders of the Honble Court of Directors under date 15th. January 1796, all the officers then in England judged eligible to return to the Establishment, were to be considered as effective and appointed to Corps on condition only, that they should return to India previous to the new Arrangements taking place, or within their leave of absence; but as the suspension of Regimental rule admitted conveniently of all the above officers being appointed to Corps unconditionally, to those absentees who had quitted India at late periods.

were

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were judged equally entitled to the same indulgence, by
which every absentee of the different classes alluded to
in the two Paragraphs under consideration, were included
in the Effective Establishment, and appointed to Corps at
the adoption of the new System, in the manner which
the Honorable Court now direct. -

It is supposed that the Supreme
Government in stating in their Letter of the 15th December
1795, that they had granted permission to Officers who from
indisposition or the urgency of their private affairs may
be compelled to return to Europe by the Ships of the
present Season to do so without prejudice to their Rank
or loss of Pay, and to extend the same benefit to those who
are already gone from the commencement of the present
Season, "meant by the latter clause, those Officers who had
returned to Europe from the 1st January 1795. - If so, the
same indulgence having been extended to the Officers of
this Establishment, the following appear to be the -

absentees

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absentees from the Coast, who having returned to Europe previous to the above date, are entitled to receive during their absence, the pay only of the Rank with which they quitted India. - which Rank is here annexed to each.—

Captain	William Flint	date of leave	4th. December 1793 -
"	Cromwell Massey	"	27th. February 1794 -
"	Alexander Beatson	"	3d. October 1794 -
Lieutenant	Thomas Hart	"	7th. February 1794 -
"	Daniel F. Griffen	"	Not known -
"	Mathew Mc. Alister	"	27th. February 1794 -
"	James Cuningham	"	29th. May 1793 -
"	Thomas Gilleum	"	27th. February 1794 -
"	William Blackburn	"	18th. April 1793
"	John Redman	"	14th. October 1794
"	John Lewis Breyer	"	27th. april 1793
"	Edward Richardson	"	14th. October 1794
"	Alex. Mc. Leod	"	8th. October 1794
"	Thomas Vaughan	"	9th. October 1794
"	John Kirton	"	8th. august 1792 -
Cornet	I. B. Haffey	"	about December 1794

Captains Flint and Massey being Lieut.s Colonels.

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Should by the new arrangements, were Each if present. so
probably Command a Native Battalion, to such Natives so
however, there are no allowed emoluments. -

As the whole of the Officers mentioned in
the annexed list N.1. quitted India on leave previous to the
new System taking place, it may at first view appear scarcely
reasonable that they should be subjected to the restrictions
which it imposes on absentees. - yet as they all in so far
benefit by the new arrangements as to be retained on the
strength of Corps, contrary to former practice, and allowed
to draw pay during their absence, it may be judged
equitable that such of them as have served Twenty five
Years should be brought under the clause which obliges
absentees of such description, to declare at a period fixed,
namely, at one year after their arrival in Europe, whether
it is their intention to return to India or retire from the
Service. - Those who have served the above Term are
by this mark :-

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List No. 2. shews all the Officers at present absent in Europe from the Coast. - Those distinguished by this mark △ have been absent more than three years, the time not to be exceeded, with certain exceptions, according to present Regulations, on pain of disqualification to return to the Service. - It is to be observed however, that in Paragraph 17th. the Honble Court have desired that until they return to their Duty, they shall be inserted in the Army List as absent in Europe with leave from which it perhaps may be expected, that they will return to their Stations by the last Ships of the Season - or that if not those Ships may bring advice of their having returned, or instructions for their being struck off the Establishment; -

From what has been adverted to above, it appears to follow that although the last Ships of the Season has not yet arrived, the various considerations which induced the Honble Court of Directors to order by their

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their despatch of January 1796, that until such arrival, certain appointments affecting the superior Ranks of the Army should not take place, are now done away by the suspension of Regimental rule, and the latter instructions which have placed on the strength of Corps the whole of the absentees eligible to return to their Stations.

Such Sir are the observations which have occurred to the Commander in Chief, relative to the Paragraphs transmitted to him by Government, he would hope that they may prove in some degree useful in ascertaining precisely the present situation of the Establishment, in regard to absentees, and in distinguishing such of them, who though having quitted India previous to the 1st January 1795 may be entitled to draw Pay according to certain Ranks, either at home or in India, by means of their Agents - and also others who seem to have exceeded the limited time of absence.

I have the honor to be
Sir Sir
[signed] D. Close.
Adjt Genl of the Army

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List

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No. 1.

List of Officers on leave in Europe who quitted India previous to the adoption of the New System. Vizt. 1st June 1796.

Rank.	Names.	Corps	Date of leave or Furlough.
Lieutenant Colonel	James Stewenson	Cavalry	9th October 1795.
Captain Lieutenant	Augustus Floyer	"	10th February 1796.
Lieutenant	John Burgess Haffey	"	December 1794.
"	Richard George Grange	"	10th February 1796.
Cornet	John Overend	"	19th March 1796.
Captain	Robert Bell	Artillery	10th February 1796.
Lieutenant Colonel	Archer Archdall Langley +	Infantry.	10th February 1796.
"	William Flint +	"	5th December 1793.
"	Connwell Massey +	"	17th February 1794.
Major	Joseph Little	"	17th February 1795.
Captain	Alexander Dyces	"	14th April 1795.
"	Alexander Beatson	"	3d October 1794.
"	Thomas Hart	"	17th February 1794.
"	Daniel Fitzgerald Griffin	"	Unknown.
"	Thomas Clarke	"	5th March 1795.
"	John Home	"	10th February 1796.
"	Matthew Mc Meister	"	17th " 1794.
"	James Cunningham	"	29th May 1793.
"	John Mac Intosh	"	10th February 1796.
"	Thomas Gillum	"	17th " 1794.
Lieutenant	Mark Wilks	"	31st March 1795.
"	Edward Batchelor	"	10th February 1796.
"	William Blackburn	"	18th April 1793.
"	John Holland	"	3d March 1795.
"	John Redman	"	16th October 1794.
"	Alexander Mc Leod	"	18th " 1794.
"	Edward Boardman	"	14th " 1794.
"	John Jeremiah Meyer	"	17th April 1793.
"	Benjamin Newsome	"	9th February 1795.
"	Thomas Vaughan	"	9th October 1794.
"	George Robert Abraham Kelly	"	10th February 1796.
"	Peter Smith	"	5th March 1795.
"	John Vivian	"	8th August 1792.

N. B. Lieutenant Colonel Stewenson has served on the Company's Pay since the latter end of the year 1780 and was received with his Regiment from the Nabobs Service into

into the Company's in the Year 1784. with a date of Rank which placed him as a Captain immediately above Captain James Bagshaw Battley, who appears to have been a Cadet of the Year 1772. - If Lieutenant Colonel Stevenson's period of Service therefore be taken from such Date, he may be classed with those Officers who have served the Company nearly Twenty Five Years. -

No. 2.

List of all the Officers absent on leave to Europe from the Coast. -

Rank	Names	Corps	Date of Leave and Furlough.
Colonel	Dugald Campbell	Cavalry	17.th January 1797.
Lieut.t Colonel	James Stevenson	"	9.th October 1795.
Captain	Thomas Pogson	"	6.th August 1796.
Captain Lieut.t	Augustus Floyer	"	10.th February " .
Lieutenant	John Burgess Haffey	"	December 1794.
"	Rich.d George Grange	"	10.th February 1796.
Cornet	John Aveeno	"	19.th March. "
"	James Rowles	"	12.th July. "
"	Thomas Wolcott	"	22.d June. "
Major	Charles Carlisle	Artillery	6.th July 1796
Captain	Robert Pitt	"	10.th February "
"	John Pitt	"	19.th July "
Colonel	Alexander Wynch	Infantry	12.th August 1796
Lieut.t Colonel	Henry Malcolm	"	6.th " "
"	A. A. Langley	"	10.th February "
"	William Flint	"	1.st December 1793
"	Cromwell Mosley	"	27.th Feby 1794

Rank

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Rank	Names	Corps	Date of Leave	and Furlough
	James Campbell	Infantry		6th August 1796
Major	Joseph Little	"	27th Feby 1795	
"	Alexander Dyce	"	14th April "	
Captain	Alexander Beaton	"	3d October 1794	
"	Thomas Hart	"	27th February 1794	
"	D. F. Griffin	"	Unknown	
"	Thomas Clarke	"	5th March 1795	
"	John Horne	"		10th February 1796
"	Mathew Mc Alister	"	27th February 1794	
"	James Cunningham	"	29th May 1793	
"	John Macintosh	"		10th February 1796
"	Thomas Pellum	"	27th February 1794	
"	Mark Wilks	"	31st March 1796	
Lieutenant	Edward Batchelor	"		10th February 1796
"	William Blackburn	"	18th April 1793	
"	John Holland	"	3d March 1795	
"	John Ardesoif	"	16th October 1794	
"	Alexander Mc Leod	"	8th October 1794	
"	Edward Boardman	"	16th October 1794	
"	I. I. Meyer	"	27th April 1793	
"	Benjamin Newsome	"	9th February 1795	
"	Thomas Vaughan	"	9th October 1794	
"	C. R. A. Kelly	"		10th February 1796
"	Peter Smith	"	6th March 1795	
"	John Vivian	"	8th August 1792	5th August 1796
"	George Pong	Engineers		
Captain				

N. B. Colonel Frost has obtained Leave of absence to Europe but not having Embarked, is not included above. —

Proportions of Officers of the different Ranks —

absent on leave in Europe. —

Cavalry

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Cavalry 1/8th .... Field Officers

1/6th .... Captains

1/7th .... Subalterns

Artillery 1/14th .... Field Officers

1/10th .... Captains

Infantry about 1/8th .... Field Officers

about 1/10th .... Captains

about 1/31 .... Subalterns

N.B. The proportions are calculated according to the full Establishment of Officers in each branch of the army.

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Read the following Letter from Peishwa Sultaun.

Translation of a Letter from the Nawab Peishwa Sultaun Vth Vth Vth Vth Vth

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart. Governor of Fort St. George.

Dated 2d March
Rec'd 11th Ditto } 1797.

From Peishwa Sultaun containing assurances of his future disposition to prevent his Subjects from committing depredations on the Carnatick

I have had the Pleasure to receive your friendly Letter representing that the Amildars of Venkatgerry. Cottah. and Pudmanick droog. had entered the Company's Territories

and

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and said Claim to a Spot of Ground situated on the Banks of the Nellpilly River in the Talook of Amboor. —

It is a long time since orders have been issued to the amils of the Khudadad Sirkar interdicting any one — from entering the Territories of the Honble Company: and no person dare presume to transgress those orders: — possibly matters might have been misrepresented to the Officer at — Amboor, whom he wrote you on this Subject. —

Adverting to our Friendship. — our Territories and our Subjects should be considered as influenced by one — Interest. — a small portion of Ground, and that the property of another, is indeed a trivial Consideration between us. — nay were the produce of it a Considerable Sum; I should not think of setting forth any pretentions to it. ——

If any of my Subjects have transgressed the Limits they shall be inevitably punished, so that our — Cordiality and amity may be displayed — and agreeably to your Request, directions have been transmitted to the above mentioned

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mentioned and Bird prohibiting them from proceeding beyond the limits, or advancing any pretension to the Ground in question.—

It is not the practice of this Settlement to protect Robbers and Rebels.— on the Contrary, the extermination of such is my wish, and the tranquility of our respective Countries my most immediate object.—

Continue to favour me with Communications of your Welfare.—

(A true Translation)

(Signed) A. Falconar

Bdr Lt. to Govt.

Read the following letter from Captn. Hilford.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart.

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

From Captain Hilford at Amboyna requesting permission to proceed to England.

My Lord. Port St. George

It was my intention to have availed myself of the Permission given me to proceed to Europe on account of my Health, as well as the Arrangement of my Private

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Private Concerns. but the Corps so long stood as supported being ordered on Service caused me to lay aside for a time - my wishes but as the Reasons that then made me so anxious on the head are now more forcible. which I trust will excuse my soliciting your Lordships or Renewal of that leave, and to proceed to England by the earliest opportunity that may offer. —

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect.

&c &c

Regd / D. M. Holford Captn

Amboyna
23d. November 1796.

Resolved that Captain Holford be permitted to proceed to England on furlough. —

Minute thereon.

Rd the following letter from Lieut. Colonel Read. —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From Lieut. Colonel Read requesting that the Board will recommend his case to the Court of Directors for the appointment of an Adjutant in this Establishment

My Lord

I have a humble request to make of your Lordship. which is, that if it be thought the length or nature of my services entitle me in some degree to a favor of my Honble

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Honble Masters collectively, which I cannot hope for upon any other ground, or applyy for to any individual of their number. your Lordships will be pleased to express in the next general letter to England, as desire I have to obtain the appointment of Cadet upon this establishment for a young man who has lately arrived from Europe, and prefers the Military, to the line in which his friends had placed him. His name is Garrick Read, and did not his being here with me in the Paramatta preclude him the honor of an introduction; his appearance might even interest your Lordships in the success of this application. - My own solicitude in his account being such, to induce this effort. I shall presume to hope, that from the favorable disposition I have experienced in your Lordships towards myself, you will be pleased to second it, by recommending his appointment; which I shall always be considered by me a flattering mark of your approbation and kindness.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) Alexr. Read Lieut. Colne
Comdt. Coast Districts

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10th March 1797.

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Mem.te Thuron

The Board will have pleasure in recommending the request of Lieut.t Colonel Read to the favorable notice of the Court of Directors.

The President informs the Board that the French Officers whom it was resolved at last Consultation to send to Europe, have applied through the Commanding Officer at Pondicherry for an advance of money previous to their Embarkation.

An advance of three months Subsistence to be made to the French officers ordered to Embark for Europe and the necessary Hons of Cash to be made to the Military Paymaster General from the Treasury.

Resolved that an advance of three thousand two hundred /3200/ Pagodas be made from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General, on account of the three months Subsistence to be paid to the French Officers ordered to England.

One Lack of Pagodas to be issued from the Treasury on account of the Nabobs private Creditors.

Ordered that One hundred thousand /100,000/ Pagodas be advanced from the Treasury on the 14th. Instant to Mr. Thomas Oakburn Register. to be speedily sent on the 15th. of this Month to the Private Creditors of his Highness the Nabob.

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor

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Auditor General with proposed draft of Regulations for paying and Mustering the Troops at this Presidency, according to the new Establishment.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart.

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord.

From the Military Auditor General - proposing a new Code of Regulations for paying and Mustering the Troops which he supposes he recommends should be put in Force at the Commencement of the year 1797/8. -

In obedience to your Lordships Commands conveyed in Mr. Secretary Jacksons letter of the 29th December last. I have the honor to submit for your consideration, the enclosed Regulations in the form of General Orders for Mustering and Paying the Cast Army, in which I have introduced such Regulations framed at Bengal in consequence of the New Military arrangements, as appear to me applicable to the Service under this Presidency -

As frequent Removals will probably take place among the Officers Commanding Companies, who by the proposed Regulations will have the charge of paying the Men under the superintendence and

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Control of the Offic Commanding the Battalion, it appears very desirable to have a Native Accountant with each Corps, under the designation of Pay Havildar, to whom as a constant Record reference can always be had when necessary. I have therefore proposed besides the Pay Havildar allowed by the Honble Court of Directors to each Troop of Native Cavalry, that a Man should be nominated to perform the same duty in each Company of Native Infantry upon an allowance of 2 Rupees or 24 Fanams pr Month, which tho less than the Staff allowance made to the Pay Havildars at Bengal, who have been appointed in consequence of the new Regulations, will probably appear a sufficient compensation, as Pay Serjeants of European Companies at Bengal have an allowance of 7 Rupees each, and appear deserving of remuneration for the additional trouble and responsibility which their duty involves. I have taken the liberty to propose that they shall be allowed one Pagoda pr Month each on this Establishment, and that each Captain or Officer Commanding a Company shall receive an allowance of

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of 21 Fanams pr. Month for Stationary. - This allowance will perhaps be thought by the latter inadequate, but as the Honble Court of Directors have granted no more to the Adjutants of Corps, I have not considered myself warranted in suggesting any increase. - In order to counterbalance in some measure the additional expence of these different allowances, I have proposed that the second Subaltern now allowed to each Native Corps shall be discharged, as not appearing necessary in consequence of the Companies being transferred from the Commandants of Corps to the Commanding Officers of Companies, the difference will then be only 112 Rs. 2 As. pr Month or 1350 Rs. 36 - pr Annum, the expence which I trust will be amply compensated by its good effects on the public Service. -

On adverting to the distances which the Muster Masters respectively have to travel in the performance of their duty, it seems wholly impracticable to have the Musters taken every Month, unless the number of those Officers be increased. The same opinion was given

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given by the late Military Auditor General in his letters to your Lordships under date the 3d. December 1795 and 1st. august 1796. and is further confirmed by the necessity which we have both been under of exempting the Muster Masters from administering certain Garrisons, and of allowing them to nominate particular Officers to act for them, on account of the great distances to which their Circuit would be unavoidably extended.

As it will no doubt appear to your Lordships of great importance, that regular Musters should be taken, in order to give the proposed Regulations complete effect. We beg leave to suggest that two additional Muster Masters may be appointed, as being in my humble opinion, indispensably necessary for that purpose, for even with this addition, it will be found on referring to the Distribution of the Stations assigned to each Muster Master, that the lesser Circuit is 240, and the greatest 320 Miles, - The Expence attending this increase of the number of Muster Masters supposing them to hold the

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the Rank of Captains will be one Grade the other Rates. i.e.

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It may be proper to observe that at Bengal

there are not any Muster Masters, the Musters being Certified

by the Commanding Officer on the spot, but when Marquis

Cornwallis was referd to on this subject, he gave the following

opinion in a letter Dated 16.th April 1792 —

"The great difference between the manner

"of distributing the Native Corps on the Coast. and in Bengal.

"where it hardly ever happens, that a Native Regiment is

"absent for more than a year from its principal Station,

"renders the Bengal System of the Musters being Certified

"by the Commanding Officers of Stations in some degree

"inapplicable to your Establishment, I am therefore inclined

"to think that you should not at present discontinue your

"Muster Masters" —

In the present disjointed State of the

Army under this Presidency this reason operates with an

augmented

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augmented force, and when the nature of the Service and the number of Stations necessary to be always occupied. it is considered, I apprehend it will be found that a much more efficient check is established by drawing Officers expressly appointed for taking Musters, than by any other mode that can be devised, - I have therefore considered it to be my duty both to state the practice at Bengal, and the reasons why I conceive it not to be applicable to the Coast, a point which however will be best determined by your Lordships superior Judgement &c -

I beg leave to recommend that the Regulations which may be ultimately approved by Government for the payment and Mustering of the Coast Army may be ordered to take effect on the 1st May ensuing, with a view that they may be perfectly understood, and to commence with the official Year 1797 &c for the sake of Uniformity in the Military accounts. -

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect -

&c &c

(Signed) Wm Sydenham

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Military Auditor
General's Office
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Musters

1st. The Native + Cavalry. European artillery. European and Native Infantry to be mustered by Troops and Companies. — Seperate Muster Rolls are therefore to be made out for each Troop or Company agreeably to the annexed form, to be certified as follows by the Officer at the head of each Troop or Company, and by the Commanding Officer or Senior Officer of the Corps present —

2nd. "I do hereby Certify that the Commissioned, Non Commissioned Officers, Private Men &c. &c. &c.) here express all denominations (" together with those which have since become "Non effective of this Company, were effective for the whole "or intermediate time during the Muster, as set down against "their respective Names" —

3rd. The Muster Master shall attest the Muster Rolls on the back in the following words —

"I do declare that I saw at the time of making or taking the within Muster, the Commissioned, Non Commissioned Officers, Private Men &c. &c." (here express all denominations) borne

+ These Regulations passed on the 21st. March and published in G. O. of that Date. —

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"borne upon the face of this Roll. excepting such as are to
"otherwise accounted for in this Roll".

4th. Muster Rolls for the Corps of Native
Pioneers. to be made out as nearly as possible in the same
form as is prescribed for the Native Infantry.

5th. The Muster Rolls of Troops of Native Cavalry
are to bear upon the face of them, the Names of the
Choiedries and Horsekeepers attached, and the Muster Master
is to Muster these followers, in the same manner as the
Regular Troops, he is also to inspect the saddles and Horse
accoutrements, and every appointment belonging to the
Native Cavalry, for which an allowance is granted by the
Honble Company, and to report the state of them, when he
or his repairs, and to report the state of them. when he
forwards the Muster Rolls to the Military Auditor General,
he is likewise to report the general state of the Arms
and accoutrements of the Effective Artillery and European
Infantry. Native Cavalry, and Infantry and Invalids of
both descriptions.

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6th The Muster Rolls of each Company of European Artillery are to include as at present the 3 Companies of Gun Lascars attached —

7th At all Stations where any of His Majesty's Troops may be quartered within the Division where the Muster Masters respectively execute that duty they shall as often as they muster the Regular Troops, take Musters of the Bunkallies, artificers, or other public followers attached to His Majesty's Troops, such Muster Roll being certified and signed by the Quarter Master, and Countersigned by the Commandant of the Corps, agreeably to the prescribed form. —

8th For Troops or Companies which may be without an European Officer at the time of the Muster being taken, the Muster Roll for such Troop or Company will fall to be certified and signed by the adjutant or Quarter Master in Charge, and Countersigned by the Officer Commanding the Corps. —

9th The European Invalids of the Artillery, the Invalids and Pensioners of European Infantry and Natives

Invalids

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Invalids of all Denominations to be mustered as nearly as possible, according to the same forms and on the same manner as is prescribed for the Companies of Effective Troops, the Muster Rolls to be certified and signed by the Officer in charge, and Countersigned at out Stations by the Commanding Officer on the Spot—

11th Muster Rolls of Native Pensioners to be certified and signed by the Officer in charge, and Countersigned at out Stations by the Commanding Officer on the Spot, but as assembling them monthly for that purpose is attended with considerable inconvenience and distress to this description of people, especially those who from sickness or infirmity are obliged to undergo a considerable Distance from their homes, and at an expence which they can ill afford to the place appointed for taking the Muster. The Right Honble the President in Council from considerations of humanity, is pleased to direct that Musters of Native Pensioners of every denomination

shall

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shall in future be taken only once every three† Months.

but the Muster Master is to be particularly careful in ascertaining the Identity of Individuals so being Certificated.

and shall accompany his Muster Rolls, from time to time, with such observations as may occur, respecting those whom he has cause to suspect of being impostors. – in the event of Casualties happening the Muster Master is invariably to call in the Certificates of the Deceased, and to forward them to the Military Auditor General with his Muster Rolls. and when it may happen, that any Native Invalid or Pensioner has lost his Certificate from accident or otherwise, such circumstance is to be reported immediately after the Muster is taken, to the Military Auditor General accompanied by a Description of the person, made out exactly in the same form as the Certificates, in order that it may be compared with the Register kept in the Town Majors Office at Fort St. George, and that measures may be taken for procuring another Certificate in the place of that which may have been lost. –

In consequence of the above Indulgence granted to

† four Months

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to Native Pensioners. & nothing Illegible to appear at a Muster oftener than once in three Months, any one who shall not be present at such Muster and noted absent without leave, shall not have Pay drawn for him, until he has again appeared at a subsequent Muster, from which last period only it is to commence, except such absence shall have been occasioned by sickness, which is to be particularly certified by the Officer in Charge, and Commanding Officer on the Spot. —

11th Establishments fixed for the Engineers Department at the different Stations. artificers and Lascars attached to Garrisons, Cantonments, Subsidiary Posts, and Detachments to be mustered in the same manner as is prescribed for the Regular Corps, the Muster Rolls to be certified and signed by the Officer in charge and Countersigned by the Commanding Officer on the Spot. —

12th Muster Rolls of the Establishments drawn for in the abstracts of adjutants. Quarter Masters. Surgeons or Assistant Surgeons. to be signed by them respectively.

and

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And Countersigned by the Commanding or Senior Officer of the Corps. —

13th. All Casualties with their occurrences in Troops or Companies [illegible] whatsoever cause occasioned, are to be detailed with their dates in the Muster Rolls. —

14th. Surgeons in charge of General Hospitals to send a Roll to the Military Auditor General, made on the first of every Month, of the Men actually in the Hospitals, and of those discharged during the Month preceding, with the dates. The Rolls to specify the Regiments and Companies the Men belong to. —

15th. Surgeons or Assistant Surgeons of European and Native Corps. are to furnish the Muster Master with Rolls of the Number of Men sick in the Regimental & Hospitals, and not present at Muster, specifying the Companies they belong to, as well as the Men sent to a General Hospital during the Month, they are also to

furnish

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furnish the Mustering Officer with a List of Officers sick

on Quarters. —

16th The Adjutant of the Battalion to give in a

similar Roll of Officers and Men of the Battalion absent

by leave, and of the Officers and Men on Command, or absent

on duty, Countersigned by the Commanding Officer. These

Rolls to be forwarded with the Muster Rolls to the Military

Auditor General. —

17th Leave of absence to be granted only between a

Muster and Muster, except on very particular occasions, of

which the Commanding Officer of the Corps will be the judge. —

18th It is to be considered as a standing Rule,

that on the day appointed for Muster, as many Men of

the Corps to be Mustered shall appear at the place

appointed for that purpose, as it may be practicable

to have relieved by other Corps on duty at the same

Station, and at Stations where there is only one Corps,

or part of a Corps, as many of them as can join

without injury to the Public service are invariably to be

called in. —

19th Whilst

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19th With the exception of Safe Guards and or Centinels, all Men on duty whether on Guard, Orderly or otherwise, to fall in with their Companies at Musters and the publick Officer, or where there is no publick Officer, the Commanding Officer of the Station, is to furnish the Muster Master with a detail of Guards, and Centinels on publick duty that have not appeared at the Muster of their respective Corps.

20th An Abstract Muster Roll according to the annexed form No. 2, signed by the Officer in Command of the Troops or Companys &c. to be touched to the Pay abstracts instead of a Muster Roll, to guide the Paymaster in Paying the abstract.

21st In addition to the Clauses in the Articles of War, respecting Musters, it is to be understood, that the Penalties of false Musters of Men and Horses, apply equally to false Musters of followers of all descriptions, and of publick Cattle, or Carts employed with the Forces.

22nd Muster Rolls of every description are to be delivered

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delivered to the Muster Master, on the day appointed for
taking Musters, or as complete a state as possible to
prevent the necessity of making alterations, for which
reason forty eight hours notice shall invariably be given
by the Muster Master previous to the Muster being taken
but if it should be necessary for him to make any alterations
at the time of Mustering, a signed Memorandum of the
Cause is to be entered on the face of the Muster Rolls, stating
that such alteration was made previous to the Muster
being closed. —

23d. All Muster Rolls to be written on Paper
of the size of Foolscap, for the convenience of binding —

The Right Honble the President in
Council is pleased to adopt the following alterations in the
distribution of Muster Masters, as it appears that the
duty cannot be properly executed by five Officers of that
description —

The whole of the Military Stations to be
divided

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Divided into seven districts for Musters, besides the Musters to be taken as at Present of the Troops &c, Stationed at the Presidency, Mount. Poitsprattore, and Poonamallee.

First District of Musters — Second District.

A. B. Muster Master — C. D. Muster Master

To be composed of the following Stations. — To be composed of the following Stations.

Aska
Ganjam
Berhampore.
Burgaiim
Itchapoor.
Polerdah. } the Troops &c. in these Garrisons
Vizagottam. } to be Mustered once every two Months.
Chicacole.
Vizianagram.
Gopalpilly.
Vizagapatam.
Casimcottah.

Masulipatam. } and the Cantonment
and its Neighbourhood
Muggletore.
Coringa.
Sarrumcottah.
Rajahmundry.
Ellore.
Noozied.
Condapilly. } To be Mustered once in two Months.

The Muster Master to be paid from the Vizagapatam Pay Office.

The Muster Master to be paid from the Masulipatam Pay Office.

Third

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Third District.

E. F. Muster Master.

To be composed of the following Stations.

Guntoor.
Chintapilly.
Belamconda
Timmerichetah. } to be mustered once in two months and when Pollore and Rampore are omitted.
Innimindah.
Angole.
Pollore } The Troops &c. in these Garrisons to be mustered once every
Rampore } two Months. —

The Muster Master to be paid from the Angole Pay Office —

Fifth District

J. K. Muster Master.

To be composed of the following Stations.

Nellore.
Salem.
Nammeul. to be mustered once every 2 months —
Sankerry Droog
Penagore.
Verabudra Droog
Chinarayen Droog
Ryacottah.
Kistnaghirry
Hungrondy } to be mustered once every 2 months —

The Muster Master to be paid from the Baramahal Pay Office —

Fourth District

G. H. Muster Master.

To be composed of the following Stations

Tranjor. The troops in this Garrison to be mustered once every two months. —
Chinnimoodulam.
Cuddalore.
Pondicherry
Permacoil.
Chinglepet. to be mustered once in two months
Wallajahbad.
Arcot.
Arnee.
Cammatore.
Vellore.
Amboor. The troops in this Garrison to be mustered once every two months —

The Muster Master to be paid from the Vellore Pay Office —

Sixth District.

L. M. Muster Master.

To be composed of the following Stations.

Karrical.
Nagore.
Negapatam.
Tanjore.
Vellum.
Trichinopoly.
Dindigul.
Palney. to be mustered once in two months —

The Muster Master to be paid from the Trichinopoly Pay Office —

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Seventh District.

N. O. Master Master—

To be composed of the following Stations—

Mellore { To be Mustered once in two Months.—

Madura.

Suckendermallee.

Rammad.

Putacoryn.

Palamcotah.

Sathiore.

Heytar.

Shevelapettore to be mustered once every two Months.—

The Master Attendant to be appointed from the Madura Pay Office—

The Musters and Appointments upon the plan of the new distribution are to be in force from the first day of May next. from which date. Musters are to be taken Monthly at all Stations.

on

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on the Coast with the exceptions already specified to be taken once every two Months; but prior to the first of May the duty is to be conducted as at present and no additional expence to be incurred until June when the Pay and allowances for the new appointments become issuable for May.—

The Musters at any new Posts or which may be occupied hereafter, will be directed in General Orders to be taken by the Muster Master of the District, to whose Charge they happen to be most Contiguous.—

All the Corps established for the particular Service of the Revenue such as those at Muggletore. Ramnad. Shevellapettore. Guntoor Circar. and in the two Divisions of the Vizagapatam District are to be Mustered every two Months by the Muster Masters according to the Forms in making out the Muster Rolls. and under the same Regulations as

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as ordered for the Regular Battalions, with this difference only, that the Muster Masters are to transmit the Rolls of the Revenue Corps to the accountant of the Revenue Board, instead of forwarding them to the Military Auditor General, on the same principle as that the Paymasters are directed in G. O. of the 10th November 1795, to appear in the Revenue and Military accounts respectively, whence it will follow, that when a Revenue Corps shall be formed, (as in the case of the one at Nuggleture,) of a united detail of Invalids, or other part of the Military Establishment joined to a detail of Sibbendies, the Muster Roll of the former will be sent to the Military Auditor General, and of the latter to the Accountant of the Revenue Board, accompanied by a Duplicate of the other Roll to shew the Number of Men who are entitled to Receive Batta from the Revenue Department.

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Form.

Muster Roll of the 1st. Company of the 1st. Regiment of European Infantry

taken at Fort St. George on the 1st. May 1797. —

Rank and Names		Remarks.
	Captains	
A. B.		
C. D.		
E. F.		Sick. absent from 8th. May.
	Ensigns	
G. H.		
I. K.		Returned from leave of absence the 2d. of May. —
	Serjeants	
L. M.		Died the 4th. of May.
N. O.		Detached on Duty the 5th. of May. to. —
P. Q.		Joined to the Ranks the 3d. of May. —
	Corporals	
R. S.		Promoted to the Rank of Serjeant the 6th. of May —
T. W.		Deserted the 8th. of May and apprehended the 18th. of May. —
	Drum & Fifes	
A. B.		Received from the 2d. Regiment of Europeans the 21st. May. —
C. D.		
E. F.		Invalided and Struck off the Company the 30th. May. —
G. H.		
	Privates	Promoted to the Rank of Corporal the 3d. May. in Regimental order dated — of —
L. M.		
N. O.		Absent without leave since the 18th. of May. —
P. Q.		Absent with leave since the 18th. of May. to. —
R. S.		On duty - Century att. —
T. W.		
V. W.		

We hereby Certify that the Commissioned. Non Commissioned Officers and Private Men Viz. Viz. Viz. (here express all denominations) together with those which have since become Non Effective of this Company. were Effective for the whole or intermediate time during the Muster. as set down against their respective Names. — All those that are absent are Effective. and have the true reasons of their absence against their Names. —

Signed A. B.
Captain Commanding 1st. Company
" C. D.
Lieut. & Brevet Commanding 1st. Regt. E. I.

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Abstract.

Captain
Lieutenant
Cornet
Surgeon
Quarter Master
Serjeants
Privates

N.B. This Form will answer for any Troops or Company. In the abstract of Troops of Cavalry, the Number of Horses, as well as Grass Cutters belonging to each are to be specified —

The Muster Master is to attest the Muster Roll in the same as follows. —

"I do declare that I saw at the time of making
" or taking the within Muster, the Commissioned Non-Commissioned
" Officers, Privates Men &c. &c. (here express all denominations) &
" borne upon the face of this Roll, excepting such as are otherwise
" accounted for in this Roll". —

(Signed) A. B.

Muster Master.

Abstract

Abstract of the Muster Roll of the 1st or A. B. Company of Battalion of Regiment of Native Infantry, attending

to the Muster taken at on the 1st of May 179-

1793

		Non Com. Officers	Drummers	Privates	Present Fit for Duty	Sick	Total
Effective.	The whole Month	1	-	3	1	2	49
	Joined on the — Ultimo from Command, on which last on the —	-	-	1	-	-	4
	Detached on the — Ultimo. on Command, and rejoined on the — Ultimo	-	-	-	1	-	10
	Recruits joined the Company on the — Ultimo	-	-	-	-	-	2
	Promoted in the Company from Sepoy to the Rank of Naique on the 10th Ultimo	-	-	-	1	-	-
	Ditto - from Havildar to Jemidar, and raised from — Company	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Joined on the — Ultimo from furlough, quitted the — of	-	-	-	-	-	1
	Deserted on the 10th May, and apprehended on the 13th Ultimo	-	-	-	-	-	1
	Detached on Command for the whole of the Month	-	-	1	-	-	6
	Detached on Command on the — Ultimo	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Promoted from Jemidar in the — Battn of the — Regt to Subidar in this Regt and posted to this Company on the — Ultimo but not joined	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Sick in the Hospital	-	-	-	-	-	2
	Absent by leave of the Commander in Chief since the — (this applies to European Officers only)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Sick in Quarters	-	-	-	-	-	2
	Absent at another Station. Sick, but Pay and Rations drawn for, and left in the Paymasters hands	-	-	-	1	-	-
	Under Arrest	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Under Confinement in the Brain Guard	-	-	-	-	-	1
Non Effective.	Died on the 10th Ultimo	-	-	-	1	-	-
	Promoted to the Rank of Subidar on the — Ultimo. and removed to the — Regiment	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Discharged on the — Ultimo	-	-	-	-	-	1
	Dismissed on the — Ultimo	-	-	-	-	-	1
	Absent without leave	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Suspended from pay and allowances for — Months from the	-	-	-	-	-	-

The three first Columns to be filled according to the Regimental Rank of the European Officers

N.B. Whatever case may occur that is not exemplified in this Form, is to be stated according to the existing circumstances at the time of taking the Muster, so as fully to account for every person who belongs to the Company or who died belong to it, in the course of the preceding Month. —

(Signed) A. B.
Capt. Comm.d 1st Company

C. D.
Lieut. Colonel Commanding
the Battalion.

1st Regt. Bengal Native Infantry
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The Drafts of the 20 Regulations proposed by Major General Sydenham ordered to be sent in circulation —

Ordered that the Drafts proposed by General Sydenham be sent in circulation. —

" Hobart

" Geo: Harris

" Edn Saunders

"

" E. H. Fallofield

John Turner Esq

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Diary

Recd the following Letters

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Resident at Tanjore - respecting the Indignity offered by the Rajah to Serfoge, and the Company, by refusing Serfoge's Servants Access to the Apartments allotted to their Master by the express Authority and Orders of the Company -

In Consequence of a Complaint I received from Sherfoje that his Servant had been Stopped in going to the Apartments which have been allotted to him within the Palace Walls, I addressed his Excellency the Rajah requesting to Know the Cause of this unusual Proceeding

2 The Answer I received was, to the last Degree, insulting to the Company and to Sherfoje - enclosed I have the honor to forward a Translation, which will sufficiently justify the Description I have given of it -

3 The Apartments were allotted and secured to Sherfoje under the Express Sanction of the Government and Remained in Charge of Serfoje's

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Sir Sojee absconds and under this Seal during his Residence at Madras — Since his Return hither he has had the usual profession of them and the Articles of Grain Treasure &c. &c. for which there is no room in the House now occupied by him, are deposited in those apartments

I have endeavoured to convince his Excellency of the impropriety of his Conduct on this occasion; especially as it proceeds more from the persuasion of the Younger Queen than from his own Disposition and Sentiments

To prevent the ill effects to be apprehended from this Disgrace (for such it is reckoned) offered to Sherfoje I thought it incumbent on me to restore to his people the usual Freedom of Access to the Apartments to which Sherfoje is intitled by the express Orders of Government who allowed a Raiz Guard for the purpose of protecting his property and which guard still Remains. —

Accordingly

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I accordingly went this Day to the Apartments with Sherfojee's principal Servant Before We arrived at the Gate leading to the Apartments one of the Rajahs Peons attempted to stop Sherfojees Servant altho' he was walking near me at the Time - Having gone thro' and examined the Apartments and Court Yards I sent to the Rajah requiring that there might be no further Molestation to any of Sherfojee's people in coming to or going from them - My reason for going to the Palace on this occasion was the belief that my presence would prevent any quarrel which, otherwise, might ensue between the Servants of Sherfojee and the younger Queen. -

I am persuaded there will be no further attempt on her part or on that of the Rajah to Molest Sherfojees people - but should she behave improperly I would recommend that the Permission given by Sherfojee, & while

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(while She was well disposed towards him)
for her Servants to pass thro' her &
Apartments be withdrawn and the usual
passage to her rooms again shewn, which
would effectually prevent their respective &
Servants from interfering with each other. —

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

P.S. I am also under the necessity of requesting
that your Lordship would be pleased to give &
some directions regarding the Arrears of &
Allowances to Sheriojee and the Queen — They
have frequently urged the Payment and
I have as often applied to his Excellency
on the Subject, but hitherto without effect
They are nearly a whole Quarter in Arrear. —

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From the Rajah to the Resident 7th March 1797.

You write "Serfojee's Man comes
"usually to the Palace - to his place but you
"have hindered him from coming - This you
"have let me know saying that according to
"the young Lady's desire I had hindered him -
"But as Serfojee has Paddy in
"the Palace you have hindered him hearkening
"to the Words of the young Lady" -
All this you have written and this
appeared to my mind very wonderful - For
Serfojee's Man has nothing to do in the Palace -
Formerly Serfojee came some
times to Mahana Bai Saheb - Afterwards
there fell out a difference between Serfojee and
Mahona Bai Saheb -
Then Mahona Bai Saheb said
"your conduct is not right - You are a gue
"not -" so she thrust him away -
Afterwards

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Afterwards Serfogee's man came to Mohana Bai Saheb - she said "there is no "concern between me and Serfoje - This man "came and gave us trouble" Therefore she desired him not to come - This she let me know

I (Ameer Sing) likewise declared that I had nothing to do with him (viz.t Serfoje)

This being the case as you have written & that Serfoje had some things in the palace, &. To please you I desire that your, or Serfojes & man may take away those things. —

What have I more?

Dated March 7 - 1797. —

A true Translation

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart &c.

President and Governor in Council of Fort St. George

My Lord. —

From the Military Aud.r Genral reporting on the Paymaster at Madura's additional Indent for March. —

I have the honor to acknowledge & the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of 5. & the

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the 9th Instant forwarding an Additional Estimate of Mr. Hughes Military Paymaster at Madura for the present Month.—

The Amount contained in this Additional Estimate Viz.t Two Thousand Pagodas (Pagodas 2,000) appears admissible, being required for the payment of Three Companies of the 1st Battalion of the 3rd Regiment of Native Infantry removed from Athoor to Dindigul, their pay &c.a for the Current Month not having been Estimated for at the former Station; and an additional Sum on Account of Extra Charges to 7 Companies of the 1st Battalion of the 2nd Regiment Native Infantry, who I understand are employed on Field Service.—

The sum herein reported upon is payable at the Station from whence the Estimate has been forwarded, for which a Bill will be drawn upon the Military Paymaster

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Paymaster General. -

I have the honor to be with the highest Respect. - &c &c

(Signed) Wm Sydenham
Mily. Aud. Genl.

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George 13 March 1797

Sent the following Letter. -

To William C. Jackson Esqr.

Collector of Polygar Peishcush

Sir,

To the Collector of Polygar Peishcush - desiring to enquire into the merits of a Complaint preferred by the Nabob of the disrespectful conduct of the Tinnevelly Polygars towards His Highness's Government and of their committing Depredations on his Country -

I am directed to inform you that a representation has been made to the Right Honorable the President in Council by his Highness the Nabob of a strong disposition on the part of the Tinnevelly Polygars to treat his Highness's Government generally with a want of that respect to which it is entitled, and particularly to plunder & Travellers and the grain of the adjoining &

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districts contrary to the express conditions of their tenure: His Highness has further stated that the Polygars of Tinnevelly are in the habit of stationing peons over the water courses & and to appropriate to their own use a great & proportion of the water, which according to established usage ought to have been employed in the Cultivation of the Circar lands.—

Though his Lordship in Council is aware that exaggeration may have been used by his Highness's Amuldars, yet in a Matter so sincerely affecting the public Revenue and & tranquility of the Carnatic he is pleased to direct, that the fullest enquiry should be made into these complaints; and in order to direct your & enquiries to the particular objects of Complaint, you will communicate with the Manager of Tinnevelly, from whom these representations have been received —

I am &c. &c.

/Signed/ Jos. Webbe
Secy to Govt.

For

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To Major General Floyde

Commanding at

Trichinopoly

Sir,

To Majr General Floyd
desiring him to use
his best Exertions for
the Prevention of Theft
and Plunder being
committed by the Neighbouring
Poligars on the Districts
of the Nabob the Batta
of any Troops employed
on this Service to be
defrayed by His Highness.—

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to inform you that his Highness the Nabob has made a general representation of the injury which his Revenues suffer by the depredation of Theives and Colleries who infest the borders of his Country, and after plundering the Inhabitants take refuge in the neighbouring districts: in order to prevent so serious a Mischief his Lordship in Council is pleased to desire that particular paine may at this time be taken in watching the limits of the Tanjour Country and those of the Ceded Districts for the expulsion and punishment of such Theives as may enter his Highness's territories from those quarters.—

In the event of any of the Troops

under

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under your Command being employed in this Service, you will take care that their batta may be paid by his Highness's people.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Jas: Webbe
Secry to Govt.

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To Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Resident at
Tanjour.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that a very serious representation has been made by his Highness the Nabob of the protection & which the Colleries, who infest the borders of Seriore Allianoor, and Warriorpollam, find upon their retreat into the Tanjour Country, and of the means, which they thence derive to plunder and ravage his Highness's districts. & In particular his Highness has stated that one

To the Resident at Tanjore relative to the Complaint & pressed by the Nabob of & the Countenance and protection afforded by the Tanjore people to the Colleries and Robbers who infest the Arialore & Seriore and Warriorpollam Districts — The Power of Venkatachella Moodely to be seized in consequence of the leading part he seems to have taken in this Business

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one Venatachell Moodely is the protector of all the th
thieves, and that, when the Ryots of the Carnatic
are carried of by the Colleries, he detains them in
sions in the Tanjore Country —

This, if the complaints transmitted to
His Highness are well founded, must be a Matter of
such notoriety as not to escape the observation of
his Excellency the Rajah; and thought the Right
Honorable the President in Council would be th
unwilling to believe that enormities of this nature
are countenanced or connived at by his Excellency's
Ministers, yet as the Revenues and tranquility
of the Carnatic appear to be threatened by this
means with serious injury, it is incumbent on
his Lordship to direct that every urgent representation
should be made to his Excellency, and that he
should be expressly called upon to expell th
the Colleries who are in the habit of sheltering
themselves within the limits of his Country —

In regard to Venatachell Moodely the
complaint of his Highness the Nabob is a
groundless

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positive that his Lordship in Council directs you to take every means for securing his person, & to call upon the Commandant at Tanjore & for such Military Assistance as may be necessary for this purpose. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Jos: Webbe, Secry to Govt.

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To Lieutenant Colonel Alex. Read*
Collector in the
Baza Mahal

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that

To Lieutenant Colonel Read relative to the Robberies infesting the Tanjore Country, asks are repeated by the Nabob to find Shelter and protection in the Districts of Tantangapetty & Nambut —

his Highness the Nabob has made very serious Representation of the injury which his Revenues sustain from the depredations of the Thieves and Colleries, who take shelter in the neighbouring districts of Tantangapetty and Nambut after having plundered those of

Tanjore

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Session: the Right Honorable the President in Council is therefore pleased to desire, that you will immediately take effectual means for the expulsion of such thieves as may have already found protection in your districts, & and for the prevention (as far as may be in your power) of a practice so injurious to the Revenues of both Countries.—

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Sam Lt. L.

(Signed) Jos: Webbe
Secry to Govt.

To Mr. George Andrew Ramo
Collector at
Guntoor

Sir,

I am directed to inform you, that in general representation of the injury which his Highness the Nabob's Revenues suffers & from the depradation of a banditte, which infest the borders of his Country from the neighbouring districts, His Highness has &

in

To the Collector in the Guntoor Circar - desiring him to exert himself in the discovery of a Plundering Banditte who are reported by the Nabob to make Incursions into his & Highness's Districts and retire for shelter into the Guntoor Circar. —

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in particular stated that the Palnaud is subject to the same inconveniences from Thieves who make incursions from the other side of the Kistnah and from the Guntoor Circar. The Right Honorable the President in Council is therefore pleased to direct you to be vigilant in discovering the retreats of any Marauders & who may have taken refuge in the Districts under your Charge in order that they either be expelled or punished.—

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Sam. Ve. Ve.
/signed/ J. Webbe Secy to Govt.

To Major William Kirkpatrick
Resident at, Hydrabade

Sir,

To the Resident at Hydrabad requesting him to procure an order from the Nizam to his Phougeer at Cuddapah for preventing the Incursions of Plunderers from that District into the Nabob's Territories.—

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to inform you, that his Highness the Nabob has made a very serious representation of the enjoying of which

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which his Revenues sustain from the
frequent incursion of banditte who infest
the borders of his Country and find protection
in the Neighbouring districts. The Particulars
of one of these incursions from the Zemindary
of Cudapah are contained in the enclosed Copy
of an Arzdasht from his Highness's Phouzdar
of Nellore in consequence, of which his
Lordship feels it incumbent on him to
request that a particular application
should be made to his Highness the Nizam
for an order to the Phouzdar of Cudapah to
prevent a Mischief so serious in its
consequences to the Revenues of the Carnatic.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Govt.—

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To His Highness the Nabob Omdut ul Omrah
Wallaujaw — &c: &c: &c: &c: &c:

May it please your Highness!

I have had the honor to receive your Highness's letter of the 7th Instant and am sincerely concerned at the Representation your Highness has made of the injury, which your Territories sustain from the incursion of plunderers and Robbers from the neighbouring Districts. —

In compliance with your Highness's Request I have the honor to enclose Duplicates and Copies of the Letters, which have in Consequence been transmitted to the Collector of Polygar Pieshcush the Commandant at Trichinopoly the Resident at Tanjore, the Collector in the Baramahal the Collector of Guntoor and the Resident at Hydrabad, and I trust that they will be

To the Nabob enclosing Copies of the six foregoing Letters written at His Highness's suggestion in order to prevent the Injuries which he has represented to arise from the Incursions of Plunderers into his Districts. —

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be the means of relieving your Highness's
Mind from all anxiety on this Account.—

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

15th Received the undermentioned Letter
entered in M. B. No. 67.68.—

From the Barrack Master at the Presidency.— From Lieutenant Macleane—
stating that he has not been able to
rent a Godown fit to hold the Stores of
the 12th Regiment at a lower rate than 20
Pagodas P Month— and requesting the Board's
Sanction for the Charge from the 7th February
last— recommending as a Measure of Economy
that the whole of the Stores of the different
Regiments be lodged in Casemates to be partioned
off for that purpose.—

From the owner of the Lighter.— From Mr. B. Roebuck requesting a Letter
of Marque against the Dutch and French
for

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for the Ship Gloucester.—

16 Sent the following Letter

To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c. Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen!

We have received your Letters of the 22nd and 25 Ultimo

For the Reasons you have stated we have authorized the Payment for the Repairs executed in the Bara Mahal; but under the peculiar circumstances respecting the buildings and fortifications in those districts We desire that Lieutenant Colonel Read may not involve the Company in any future expence on this Account without Authority.—

We have ordered the late Contractors Bills for Repairs at St. Thomas's Mount Amounting to Pagodas 2129.. 21. 34. to be discharged.—

To the Military Board — payment authorized of Repairs executed by direction of Lieutenant Colonel Read at Salem — Bills of the Contractors for Buildings &c. passed for Payment Repairs to the Pantamallee tank to be passed — Repairs to the Commanders House at Paymaster Quarters at Madura to be executed — and Regulations suggested for providing Salt & Manuring for the Native Troops approved — Survey proposed regarding the Granaries in the Baramahal referred to this Consultation. —

We

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We think it unnecessary to make
the advance you have recommended for repairs at
the Powder Mills until you shall have reported upon
the proposals of M.r Benjamin Bishop to provide
by contract.—

We desire that orders may be given
for executing the Repairs required to the quarters
of the Commanding Officer at Madura Amounting
by estimate to Pagodas 673. 36. 75.—

We very much approve the regulations,
which you have proposed for the Depoy shall
Mountings, and have ordered them to take effect from
the 1.st May next.—

We refer for your consideration Copy
of a Letter from the Acting Commissary of Grain
and provisions in the Ceded Districts with the
correspondence therein mentioned;—and have
Authorized Captain Conner to provide such temporary
accommodation as can be found for the Stores,
which he may already have purchased.—

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15.th March 1797.—

We are &c.: &c.:
(Signed) Hobart &c.: Council.—

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To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c. Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen.

We refer for your consideration Copy of a Minute of our President upon the Subject of regulating the Camp equipage on this establishment; and as we concur with his Lordship in opinion that a reformation of this department is become absolutely necessary, we desire that you will refer to your proceedings on this important subject in the year 1795, & furnish us with all convenient expedition with the detailed regulations, which may appear to you necessary to fill up the general outline & suggested by our President.—

To the Military Board with Copy of the Presidents Minute regarding Camp Equipage—the existing & regulations to be revised and reformed upon the Principle laid down by the President.—

We are,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Hobart &c. Council

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To

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To the Honorable Major Monson

Commanding at

Tanjore

Sir,

To Major Monson highly disapproving his conduct in confining a person living under the Authority of the Rajah of Tanjore on a requisition made to him by the Nabob - and warning him that the Repetition of such Conduct will be followed by an immediate Removal from his Command. -

I am directed to inform you that the Resident at Tanjore has transmitted to the Right Honorable & the President in Council a Copy of your letter of the 4th 11th Instant, by which his Lordship learns that upon an Application from the Nabob communicated to yourself immediately from his Highness, you have employed a part of your Garrison in apprehending the person of Veneatachell Moodely. -

The President in Council must suppose you ignorant of the existing engagements between his Highness and the Company, which do not entitle him to the Service of their Troops unless the grounds of this requisition may have been & communicated to, and approved by, their Government; but you must be aware that the Assistance of the Company's Troops for any purpose, for which they

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may be desired by his Highness, cannot be granted except for the support of his Authority within his own Territories, and that the employment of them within those of the Rajah of Tanjore upon the Nabob's application direct to yourself is a measure so entirely irregular and improper, that it could not possibly escape the censure of the President in Council — I am therefore directed to inform you, that a similar neglect of duty upon any future occasion will compel the President in Council to remove you from your Command. —

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15th March 1797 —

I am &c &c
(Signed) Jos: Webbe Secy to Govt —

To Alexander Macleod Esqr
Resident at
Tanjore.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 11th Instant, and to enclose Copy of a letter, which has in consequence been

To the Resident at Tanjore. enclosing Copy of the foregoing Letter to Majr Monson. —

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been sent to the Commandant of Tanjore.—

In regard to the apprehension of
Venatachell Mondely you have already been
furnished with the instruction of the Right
Honorable the President in Council in my &
Letter of the 11th Instant.—

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15th March 1797.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Jos: Webbe
Secy to Govt.—

To Peter Speke Esqr.
Vice President in Council &c.

Fort William

Sir,

To Bengal with Copies of the late Correspondence shewing the deplorable State of affairs in the Tanjore Country and Copy of the Presidents Minute on the Subject and recommending the matter to their early and serious Consideration.—

We have the honor of transmitting
to you copy of a letter from the Resident at
Tanjore containing the explanations required
in your letter of the 20th June 1796.—

We have also the honor of inclosing
Copies of further communications from Mr.
Macleod upon the State of affairs in that
Country together with a Minute of our President
upon

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upon the subject; and feeling as we do the ″
necessity of an immediate interference in the ″
Rajah's Government, we entirely concurr with
this Lordship in pressing the subject in the ″
most earnest Manner upon your earliest attention.

We have the Honor to be,

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&c: &c: &c:
(Signed) Hobart
&c: Council

List of the Packet to Bengal.—

No.		Dates
1.	Letter of this Date	
2.	" from the Resident at Tanjore with 2 Enclosures	26th Janry 1797
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12	List of the Packet.—	

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(Signed) G. Parry
Sub Secy
Secr

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Sent two Letters to the Nabob - entered in C. C. N.s 27 and 28 / The former pointing out the extreme Irregularity of his Highness's Conduct in regard to the Letter addressed by him to Major Monson the Commanding Officer at Tanjore relative to the Seizure of Venkatachella Moodely - the latter enclosing Copy of a Letter addressed to the Board by Captain Jordan respecting a Bond drawn out at the Durbar for Arrears of Pay due by his Highness to Lieutenant Latulippe which was omitted to be delivered -

Substance of two letters to the Nabob

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. N.s 69 - 70 - 71 - 72 - 73 - 74 - 75 - 76 - 77 - 78 - 79 - 80 - 81 - 82 - 83 - 84 - 85 - 86 - 87 - 88 - 89 - 90 - 91 - 92 A and 92 B -

To the Military Paymaster General

To M.r Roebuck - acquainting him with the Board's opinion that he was not authorized in praying to the Administrator of Major Gowdie's Estate the Arrears of Batta &

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due to that Officer, which should have passed
immediately into the hands of the Regimental
Paymaster. —

To the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast

To the Commissioners in the Malabar Coast — enclosing Intelligence from the Mysore & Country of more recent Date, and tending to invalidate that communicated to them by the Corga Rajah. —

To the Garrison Storekeeper

To Mr. Brodie authorizing the purchase of the thirty seven Tierces of Salt Provisions offered for Sale at 25 Pagodas ℔ Tierce. —

To Captain D. M. Holford

To Captain Holford permitting him to proceed to England on Furlough. —

To Lieut Colonel Read

To Lieutenant Colonel Read — acquainting him that the Board will feel much Pleasure in Recommending his Son to the Court of Directors for the Appointment of Cadet on this Establishment. —

To Major Tolfrey

To Major Tolfrey — acquainting him that Government Consider him as being in the Command of an Extra Battalion entitled only to the Batta of

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his Regimental Rank and have consequently confirmed the retrenchment made by the Auditor of the Batta drawn by him as Lieutenant Colonel. —

To the Paymaster at Madras. — To Mr. Hughes — acquainting him that the Board cannot Comply with his application for an Increase of his Office Establishment. —

To the Resident at Hydrabad — To Major Kirkpatrick — enclosing Copies of Papers respecting Lieutenant Shaw's Claims to Field and Tent Allowances from the Period of leaving Vizagapatam in order to join Colonel Roberts's Detachment and acquainting him that it would be satisfactory to the Board if the Nizam could be prevailed upon to grant the Officers some Extra Allowance on Account of the heavy Expences they are subject to from being constantly in the Field. —

To the officer Commanding the Nizam's Detachment — To Lieutenant Colonel Roberts desiring him to acquaint Lieutenant Shaw that the Board cannot make an exception in his favor to a general Rule of the Service by which he cannot be put on Field Allowances till he joined the Detachment.

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To Mr Secretary Barlow – Sir C. W. Malet

To the Secretary at Bengal Resident at Hyderabad and Poonah –

and Major Kirkpatrick forwarding Intelligence received from the Mysore Country –

To Major General Oxdenham – desiring he

To the Military & Auditor General –

will report his opinion on a Letter from the Military Paymaster General regarding an Advance of Cash equal to 3000 Pagodas made by the Assistant Superintendant of Revenue at Jaffna and Lieutenant Strachan of the Cavalry. –

To Ditto – informing him that the Board

To Ditto – Ditto

cannot deviate from the Instructions of the Honble Court of Directors which direct 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 – his Retinchment of Batta drawn in the Rank of Lieut Colonel by Major Tolfrey on Account of his & Commanding the 33d Battalion of Native Infantry confirmed. –

To Do – Authorizing him to pass &

To Do – D.

Mr Gahagans Bill for an advance of Six Months Surgeons Pay on occasion of his proceeding to Europe on

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on Furlough.—

To W. T. Gahagan

To W. Gahagan informing him of the purport of the above Letter.—

To the Commandant at Arnee.—

To Major General Nixon—desiring him to appoint a Committee to inspect and Report upon some damaged Paddy in Store at Arnee.—

To the Collector in the Jaghire.—

To W. Place—desiring him to deliver one hundred Garce of New Sumbah Paddy at the Granaries of Chingleput, Charging for it at the rate of 3½ Pagodas ₩ Garce.—

To the acting Commissary General of Stores and Provisions.—

To W. Mardon—desiring him to authorize Captain Conner to provide such Temporary Accommodation as he can find for the grain now bringing up—the Gram required at Trinomale will be supplied by Government and damaged Paddy in the Guntoor Circar sold off—Orders issued for the Repairs of the Granary and Commanding Officers Quarters at Dindigul—the damaged Paddy in that Garison to be written off to profit and loss and the Amount expended in Repairs to the Granary

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admitted - informing him that the Collector will deliver one hundred Garce of new Sumbah Paddy at the Granary at Chingleput. -

To Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson &

To the Commandant at Arcotoor. - enclosing Copy of a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun. -

To Captain N. Forbes - desiring him &

To the Commandant at Arcotoor. - to furnish Prince Hussun Beyk with a small Escort to protect him to the Borders of the &

Nabob's Territories. -

To Captain Mealy desiring that he will

To D.o at Chandragherry - in future refer the Company's Tributaries for an adjustment of their Disputes to the Board of Revenue. -

To Captain Wood - desiring that a Spot

To the Engineer at Arnee. - of Ground adjoining to that allotted to the Jaghiredar of Arnee for his Residence may be given up to him and that some other place may be appointed for the Mussulmen. -

To Captain Keith Young - informing him

To the acting Deputy King's Adjutant Genl. that passage Money will be advanced here to

Captains

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Captains Bailey and Burke provided they enter into an Engagement to refund it if required so to do by the Court of Directors.—

To the acting Civil Paymaster General.

To Mr. George Parry—informing him that the Widow Bloome at Pulicat is to be allowed a Subsistence of twelve Pagodas ℔ Month from the 16th February last, the Day of her Husbands Death

To the Paymaster at Pondicherry

To Mr. J. W. Skardon—informing him that the french Officers ordered to embark for Europe are to receive each three Months Subsistence in Advance and that the Cash requisite to answer this Disbursement will be sent to Pondicherry by the Military Paymaster General.—

To Major General Floyd

To Major General Floyd—approving of his having Detached a Subadar and fifty Sepoys to Ootatoor at the Requisition of Hussein ul Mulk Bahadar—but desiring that no Application for Troops on the part of the Nabob be in future Complied with without the Authority of Government except when the urgency of the Case will not admit of Delay.—

To

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16 Received the following Letters.—

To The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord

From Lieutenant & Colonel Read advising of Captain Inton's & Movement in pursuit of Tombee Goundan. recommends that the party under that & Officer be increased to a Company and Authority given him to extend his range into the Nabob's Districts and to take a part in & adjusting the Disturbances in the Tenina Country.—

I beg leave to inform that in consequence of intimation from Major General Floyd of Tombee Goundens having eluded the detachment under Major Halibuston, of his being followed across the Cavery by a party of the Nabobs Troops, and pursuant of instructions I received in December 1793 respecting him, and other marauders, I have employed Captain Inton, who has charge of the Troops postes for the protection of these & districts against their depredations to watch his motions, and if possible apprehend him; & also that Captain Inton having made along March, came upon his people at day break & undiscovered, when they instantly took to the & jungle, leaving behind them a Number of Arms, and their baggage — One of them was killed, and & another taken prisoner, by whose report he & caputes

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expected an hundred Men, in a few days, from Veraputchy,
and intended joining the Tenore Reddy, who
I understand is at present Refractory, and has
driven the Nabobs People out of this district.—
Hoping your Lordship will approve I have
directed Captain Inton to continue his endeavours
to apprehend Tomby Gounden and in case your
Lordship desire particular information on the
Subject, enclose our correspondence— Captain
Inton being a very intelligent, and active Officer,
I beg leave to suggest, that were the party
immediately with him encreased to a Company
and permission given to extend his range beyond
the Ceded Districts, he would have a better chance
of success, also, that if Government be disposed
to take any part in the quarrel between the
Tenore Reddy and the Nabobs Amuldars
his moderation might be serviceable, and in
the event of coercive measures being necessary, it
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he might be employed against them with effect.—

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Trippatoor
13. March 1797.—

(Signed) Alex.r Read

Lieut Col: Commandant
Ceded Districts.—

Captain Macleod

My Dear Sir,

The Marauder Tomboo Goinden, who has eluded the detachment under Major H Haliburton has crossed the Cavery, and is gone, it is said, to Tonjore.—

The Nabob's Brother Hussein el Mulk Bahauder, informs me that perhaps his people in that Quarter may be able to seize Tombo Goinden, and his Brother, who accompany him—But wishes to be authorized to follow him, if opportunity offers, into our District. I have assured him that the seizing these persons will be highly acceptable

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to Government - and that you will have the goodness, not only to admit the Nabobs armed people, into your District, on such an errand, but that you will also assist, with a party of your Sepoys -

I trust you will see this matter in the same light I do, and that you will give admission and assistance accordingly -

I have the honor to be

&c &c

J Floyd

General Floyd

Signed

&c &c &c

My Dear Sir -

I am this Moment favored with your letter of the 25th Instant - In consequence of it I have sent two Peons to attend the Nabobs people to prevent any Misunderstanding between the Inhabitants of our Districts -

I have written to a Jemidar who is in Charge of a guard near the Terrinore Country for protecting the Eastern part of Shendamungulum against

Robbers

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Robbers, to give every Assistance to the Nabobs people in apprehending Tomba Gour, within their or our Bounds.—

I think it very probable he has gone to the Terrior Hills—which are inhabited—and are the South East extremity of the great Range of Mountains which separate the Ceded Districts from the Nabobs Country— Almost the whole of this range is inhabited— the greatest part is dependent on our Government a considerable tract however, north of Ahtoor is independent of us and the Nabob.—

I have forwarded your letter to Major Read; and I think it not unlikely, but he may direct Captain Inton (who has charge of all the Guards stationed on the Eastern Boundary of our Districts for protecting it against the Colaries) to chase Tomba: your with a party of his Men Captain Inton has been particularly successful in entirely clearing

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the Barramahl of the followers of Siel Naigue —

I think it would be good policy and economy in the end, if a Reward of four thousand Rupees was offered by Government for the person of Tomba Goun - there would be a great Chance of his being given up for such a Sum or at least a certainty of his dismissing his followers to prevent their betraying him —

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

(Signed) William Macleod

Namcul 31st January 1797

To. Captain Samuel Irton Commanding a Detachment, Eastern Frontier

Sir,

I am directed by Major Alexander Read Commanding Ceded Districts to apprize you that a Morander Tombo Goun has eluded the Detachment under Major Haliburton & crossed the Cavery and is gone it is said to Seringapatty

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A party of Armed Men of the Nabobs are gone in pursuit of him and are authorized if occasion may to follow him into our District- Lomba Louis brother also accompanies him- Major Read farther desires me observe to you that the seizing these persons will be highly acceptable to Government He therefore requests you will use your utmost exertions with such part of your Detachment as you may conceive necessary to apprehend them if possible

Major General Floyd gave intimation of the Marauders already mentioned to Captain William Macleod Assistant Collector with whom you had better advise with for effecting what is so much wished for.-

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

Signed/ Robert Munro
Adjt. & Q. Master 4 Regt.
N. I.

Tripatore
3d February 1797.-

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Read

Sir,

Having got information of Tomba Gouw being within 20 Miles, and finding from the Information I have that the Men I have brought from the Attore District will be hardly sufficient to accomplish my object. I have called upon Captain Agilvie Commanding Manual to spare me what Men he can consistent with the safety of his Garrison, for this Night they will join him tomorrow - Hope to be able tomorrow to Inform you of my success. and that you will approve of my calling for Assistance from Manual. -

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

/Signed/ S. Irton

Captain

Lieutenant

Tartengarpetty
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To

Lieutenant Colonel Read

Sir,

Agreeably to Intimation given you on the 8th Instant I marched that Night from Ramakodingy Pettah with the Assistance afforded me from Namcul, and came to the Out guards of Tomba Gouds place of Residence behind the Pettah Malla about day Break, undiscovered, from the Situation of this People, deserved thro a Cocks pun Thorn Jungle, and covering a deal of Ground I found it impossible to surrender them dividing the People therefore into its Divisions I made them push for different Parts, but the object had escaped me - If I could have got information of the place where he particularly resided - I might have succeeded but that was Impossible, he & allows of no one to come within his Sentries, nor will he entertain any Armed People but from the Pylny and Vesapatchy Countries, I took 4 one

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one Prisoner and a Number of Arms and Baggage
was left behind in the hurry of getting of one
Man was Killed of Tomba Gour — From the
Prisoner I learn that his Master expects in
2 or 3 days 100 Men from Verapatchy, when he
intends to join the Tereive Reddy — Am still
in hopes that I may get Intelligence of him
when I hope my endeavours will be crowned
with better success — Shall remain in these
parts a few days more, where I expect your
further Instructions. —

Namcul
10th March 1797

Sam Hebbert &c.
/Signed/ S. Irton
Captain

Captain Irton

Sir,

I have it in direction from Lieutenant
Colonel A. Read to acknowledge the receipt of your
Letter to him dated Namcul the 10th Instant, and
to assure you that the steps you have already
taken in your endeavours to apprehend Tomba
Gour, the Marauder are very satisfactory to him,
as

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as also that he has not further Instructions to advise you with than what is contained in my Letter to you of the 3d Ultimo

Any information you may have to give respecting the Seniore Reddy, will be acceptable for the Information of the Colonel and Government.—

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Tripatore
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(A true Copy) (Signed) R. Munro

N.B. My Letter referred to as above in in the bundle of Military Correspondence.—

R. M.

To Josiah Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government,

Fort St. George

Sir

From the Resident at Mayore &c. delivering over the Rairees Maghanums to the Delegate of the Rajah of Tanjore enclosing his Account Current with the Estates.—

In consequence of a letter from the Resident at Tanjore dated the 24th: Ultimo of

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To

of which the enclosed is a Copy, I have delivered over the four Maganams of Karical to Veer Raje Moodaly; also the acknowledgments from the Inhabitants for the sum due from them to the End of the Term of 4 their Agreement with the Company for the Rent Accordingly to the enclosed Account Current - The Sum of Star Pagodas 5,752..6.22 which the Rajah has paid to M.r Macleod is on Account of the Company in part of this Balance. -

I am,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

Signed/ W.m Oriano

Resident

Nagore

13.th March 1797

William

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William Hb. Torriano Esqr.

Resident &c.

Nagore

Sir,

I beg leave to inform you that His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore has paid to me the Balance due from the Inhabitants of the Karical Maganums as it appeared due of from them in the Account transmitted by you to M. Secretary Jackson under date the 30th December last.-

The Bearer of this Letter named Vend Raje Modaly is the Officer appointed by his Excellency to receive Charge of the Maganums.-

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Tanjore
24th February 1797.-

/signed/ Alexr. Macleod
Resident

/A true Copy/
/signed/ W.H. Torriano

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Dr. ..... Inhabitants Renters of 4 Maganums

from the Beginning of Fasly 1206

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1794					
July	12		Advance to Carry on the Cultivation	2128½	" "
October	31		To Kist due this day for this Month	1470	" "
Novemba	30		To Do Do	1835	" "
Deumba	31		To Do Do	2424	" "
1795					
January	31		To Do Do	1620	" "
February	28		To Do Do	2570	" "
March	31		To Do Do	3304	" "
April	30		To Do Do	3671	" "
May	31		To Do Do	1465½	" "
					18359½ " "
			For Fasly 1205		
July	12		To Advance for Carrying on the Cultivation	2128½	" "
October	31		To Kist due this day for this month	1470	" "
Novemba	30		To Do Do	1835	" "
Deumba	31		To Do Do	2424	" "
1796					
January	31		To Do Do	1620	" "
February	28		To Do Do	2570	" "
March	31		To Do Do	3304	" "
April	30		To Do Do	3671	" "
May	31		To Do Do	1465½	" "
					18359½
			For Fasly 1206		
July	12		To Advance to carrying on the Cultivation	2239½	" "
October	31		To Kist due this day for this Month	1470	" "
Novemba	30		To Do Do	1835	" "
Deumba	31		To Do Do	2424	" "
1797					
January	31		To Do Do	1620	" "
February	28		To Do Do	2570	" "
March	31		To Do Do	3304	" "
April	30		To Do Do	3671	" "
May	31		To Do Do	1465½	" "
					18359½
			Total Pt. Pagodas		61574½ " "

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Radical District in Account Current with Collector &c. to the End of Fasly 1206 –

			For Fasly 1204	P.N.Pags	f.	c.	A.N.Pags	f.	c.
1794 October	31.	By Cash Received		1,470	..	..			
November	30	By Do.		1835.	..	..			
December	31.	By Do.		2424.	..	..			
1795 January	31	By Do.		1,620.	..	..			
February	28	By Do.		2,570.	..	..			
March	31	By Do.		3,304	..	..			
April	30	By Do.		3,671.	..	..			
December	31.	By Do.		1,465 5/8	..	..	18,359 5/8	..	..
		By Do. on Account of Advances					2,128 1/4	..	..
			For Fasly 1205						
1795 December	31.	By Cash Received		1,470.	..	..			
1796 January	31	By Do.		1,835.	..	..			
March	31	By Do.		2,424	..	..			
April	30	By Do.		4,190.	..	..			
May	31.	By Do.		3,304	..	..			
November	30	By Do.		1,800.	..	..			
December	31.	By Do.		2,686 1/4	..	..			
1797 January	31	By Do.		649 7/8	..	..	18,359 5/8	..	..
		By Do. on Account of Advances					2,128 1/4	..	..
			For Fasly 1206						
January	31.	By Cash Received		1,470	..	..			
February	20	By Do.		1835.	..	..			
							3,305.	..	..
		By Balance due from the Inhabitants to the Rajah as per Acknowledgments delivered to his Agent Chid Raja Moodely					14,280 1/4	..	..
							17,293 3/4	..	..

Total P.N.Pagodas 6,574 3/4 .. ..

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N.B. The Rajah has paid to the Resident at Tanjore on Account of the Company as per Mr. Macleod's Letter of the 24th February 1797 P.N.Pags 6,194 7/8 ..

Star Pags 5,152. 6 22.

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W.H. Torriano Resident

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c: &c: &c:

My Lord.

From the Commander at Colombo the four loaded Indiamen sail from Colombo for Point de Galle & with Receipts of Government Dispatches for England.—

I have the honor to Report for the Information of Government, that the Honorable Company's Ships Dublin, Thetis, Barrington, and Bridgewater, sailed from hence yesterday afternoon for Point de Galle, under convoy of His Majesty's Ship Arrogant.

Enclosed is a Receipt from Captain Smith of the Dublin for the different Letters and Packets, as directed to be delivered to him by Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letters to me of the 5th and 7th Ultimo

I have the honor to be,

&c: &c:

(Signed) Wellbore Ellis Doyle

Major General—

Head Quarters
Colombo 3d March 1797

Received

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Received from Major General Doyle Packets and Letters for London agreeably to the following addresses Viz.t –

To the Secret Committee of the Honorable Court of Directors for the Affairs of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies at their House in Leaden Hall Street. – London

To His Excellency The Honble Sir G. K. Elphinston K.B. &c. &c. &c.

Or the Commander of H. M. Ships at the Cape of Good Hope. –

Two Letters for William Ramsay Esq.r Secretary to the Honorable Court of Directors

Columbo 1.st March 1797. –

(Signed) W.m Smith

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor and President in Council

My Lords,

From Messrs. Parry and Taylor suggesting a mode of relieving the Company from the Expence incurred on account of Godowns particularly in the Barrack Master's Department –

We beg leave to state, in apology for not having, at an earlier Period acknowledged Receipt

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Receipt of your Lordships Commands, contained in
Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 7th of January
last, that we could not suggest any Measure
for carrying your Lordships Wishes into entire
Execution, until the Casemates on the Sea Face,
which have, till very lately, been occupied by
His Majesty's Troops, arriving from England,
could be appropriated, as we are about to
suggest, without any probable Inconvenience
arising to the Public Service.—

The Principal Expence sustained by
the Company on Account of Godowns, is in
the Department of the Barrack Master. The
Annual Expence for Lodging the Regimental
Stores of the different Kings Regiments &
Amounts, at Present to 5½ Star Pagodas 2600
and Reckoning for the Provision of Room
for the Stores of four Regiments, not included
in this Sum, at 20 Pagodas pr. Month for
each Annual Expence would Amount to no
less a Sum than 3564 Pagodas.—

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Our first wish is to obviate the ne-
cessity of the Company's sustaining this very
heavy Expence; and to this end, we take the
Liberty to recommend to your Lordship, that
Instructions be sent to the Chief Engineer, to
ascertain, in communication with the
Barrack Master, the Number of Feet, in
length, of the Casemates on the Sea face beginning
at the Southermost End, that will be required,
for covering the Stores of each of his Majesty's
Regiments, and that Partition Walls, of
Brick and Chunam, be erected to divide the
different Store Rooms; observing that it is
our Opinion that the Stores of One of the
Regiments may be lodged in the Godowns
formerly occupied by the Land Customer,
which Godowns we have already caused to be
delivered over to the Barrack Master. Exclusive
of the 73d Regiment, and Detachment of
Royal Artillery, both under Orders which
occasion

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occasion their Removal from the Military &
Establishment of this Presidency, we believe
there are on the Establishment two Regiments
of His Majesty's Dragoons, and Light &
Regiments of Foot, so that, distributeing the
Stores of One Regiment as before suggested, it
will be necessary to have Nine separate Rooms
formed in the Casemates on the Sea Face —

The Head Quarter of the Madras
Battalion not being, we presume, liable
to Removal, we think it our Duety to propose
that Orders be issued for building, on the &
Ground adjoining the Barracks of that &
Corps, a proper place for the Accommodation
of the Regimental Stores the saving of
the 8 Pagodas p.r Month, now Charged on &
this Account, will soon Amount to the &
Cost of the proposed Building —

With Respect to the Expences incurred
under the following Heads of Military &
Disbursements

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Disbursement we are obliged to say, that we cannot devise any way in which they can be avoided.—

Pagodas 25 P Month for an House as an Office to the Military Storekeeper

Ditto 25 Ditto Compound as a Carpenters Yard for Ditto

Ditto 26 Ditto an House for the Reception of Serviceable Doolies.—

Ditto 25 Ditto — Ditto for Dutch Prisoners

Ditto 35 Ditto — Ditto for French Prisoners

In regard to the Expences incurred on this Account, in the Civil Department, we have to observe, first that the Demand for Godowns in the Department of the Superintendent of Investments, above the room usually & allotted to that Gentleman, is not likely again to occur, We have however to guard against & such an Event, required of M. Brodie to remove the Spars Lodged in one of the large Godowns under the Mayor's Court, and deposit them & under the Shed attached to his Department

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on the Esplanade, this has, accordingly, been done and the Godown allotted to Mr. Darvall. — The whole of the Bales that were in the large Godown rented from Mr. Melvin, at 50 Pagodas p Month, having been shipped for Europe, the Necessity of incurring this Expence would have ceased, had it not been deemed advisable to rent it, for the purpose of sorting and Packing Spices — Orders, we presume, should be sent to Mr. Darvall to discontinue the Charge, so soon as the Business of packing the Spices is finished. —

We have directed Mr. Brodie to make an Arrangement for depositing elsewhere the Articles now in the Godowns under Mr. De Mello's House in the Fort, rented for 25 Pagodas p Month this may be done we conceive, without inconvenience, and we have informed Mr. Brodie that the Charge, on this Account, should not be continued beyond the end of the present Month. —

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With respect to the Expences incurred under the following heads of Civil Disbursements &c.

20 Pagodas p.r Month for an Office for the 4th Import Warehouse Keeper.—

20 Ditto for a Godown for Keeping the Company's Stationary and

10 Ditto for Keeping the Company's Furniture we are of Opinion that the Expence is necessary & and that Accommodation could not be provided elsewhere on such Reasonable Terms.—

It will be proper, we apprehend, that the Chief Engineer should Report, when the Casemates on the Sea Face, and Store Room proposed for the Madras Battalion, are ready for the Reception of the Stores, that the necessary Orders may pass to the Office of Audit, for discontinuing, from that Date, all Charges hitherto made by the Barrack Master under this Head.—

By the Arrangement, we have proposed, which will involve but a trifling Temporary Expence

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To:

Expence, a permanent Saving will accrue to the Honorable Company of nearly Four thousand Pagodas P Annum.—

Fort St. George
March 16: 1797—

We have the honor to be,
&c: &c:
(Signed) George Parry
Ja: Taylor

At a Consultation

Present
The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor President
Lieutenant General Harris
Friday
17th: March Edward Saunders and Ernst William Falkofield } Esqrs.—

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.—

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council,

of Fort St. George

My Lords,

From the Military & Audit & General enclosing Accounts of Disbursements to Dutch and French Subjects from 1st May to the 31st October 1796 in the Military Department —

Agreeably to the Orders of Government under date the 19th November 1795, I have the honor to inclose for the information of the Honorable Court of Directors, Accounts in Continuation of Money issued to French and Dutch, Officers and Men, Military and Marine, Prisoners of War, from the 1st of May to the 31st October 1796 being a Period of 6 Months — The former Amounting to 32921-37-33 and the latter to the sum of Pagodas 16,568-10-72 — the Sum of Pagodas 49,568-10-72 —

I have the honor to Remain with great Respect. —

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most Obedient & Very humble Servant

Wm Lyden Ham
Mily Aud Genl

Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St. George
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An Account of Money issued from 1st May to the 31st October 1796 to French Officers and Men, Prisoners of War both Military and Marine, Conformably to Orders of Government to the Military Auditor Generals Office under date the 19th November 1795.—

May	1796	4,874. 21. 1
June		5,201. 27. 66
July		4,977. 26. 47
August		5,080. 35. 59
September		3,495. 30. 45
October		8,706. 17. 55.
Passage Money		
Payments under this head during the above period		585. .. ..
	Star Pagodas	32,921. 33. 33

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Office Fort St. George
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Signed/ W. Sydenham
Mily Aud.r Genl.

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An Account of Money issued from 1st May to
31st October 1796 to Dutch Officers and Men Prisoners
of War both Military and Marine conformably to Orders
of Government to the Military Auditor Genrals Office
under date the 19th November 1795.—

May	1796	9,520	16. 48
June		7,624	5. 77
July		7,865	3. 73
August		7,830	31. 26
September		1003	26. 47
October		15,724	10. 41
	Star Pagodas	49,568	10. 72

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Office Fort St. George
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(Signed) W Sydenham
Mily Aud. Genl

Orderd

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the Account mentioned in the foregoing Letter be forwarded number in the Packet by the present dispatch to the Court of Directors.—

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council,

Fort St George

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General—submitting a Draught of Regulations for the eventual adoption of Government relative to Indemnification for the loss of Baggage and Horses on actual Service—

Agreeably to your Lordship's Instructions conveyed in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 15th Ulto. accompanied with Copy of a letter and enclosures of received from the Supreme Government respecting a compensation for the loss of Baggage and Horses on Actual Service and after an attentive perusal and consideration of the Regulations adopted in Bengal on that subject, I have the honor to report my opinion, that they are applicable to the Service on the Coast, and therefore beg leave to lay before your Lordship, Regulations drawn upon

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upon the same Principle for Indemnification to
the European Officers and Soldiers of His Majesty's
and The Honorable Company's Forces belonging
to this Establishment for the loss of Baggage
and Horses sustained on Actual Service, converting
the Pound Sterling into Madras Currency, at the
Exchange of Eight Shillings per Star Pagodal.—
The Officers of the Corps of Engineers
are wholly omitted in the Bengal Regulations
both with regard to compensation for the loss
of Baggage, as well as for Horses; I have however
included them in the Table for the former
Allowance, on the same rate as specified for
Officers of Artillery and Infantry, upon a
supposition that they may have been
omitted by mistake in the Bengal Table,
and that your Lordship may deem it equitable
that they should participate in such
indemnification; and as the Officers of
Engineers on this Establishment were previous
to

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to the New Arrangements granted Horse Allowance when in the field, and it is still continued to them by the present Tables of Pay &c. It rests with Government to determine whether or not they are to be comprehended within the Regulations for the loss of Horses Agreeably to their Rank. — Observing, that all Staff Officers, or others to whom Horse Allowance was heretofore specially granted when in the Field, received a compensation for each Horse Killed or disabled in Action. —

The Quarter Masters of the Honorable Company's Cavalry both at Bengal and on the Coast are Commissioned Officers and consequently receive Indemnification for the loss of Baggage as such, but altho' there are no Warrant Officers of that description at Bengal and of course are not included in the Table sent from thence, yet as the Quarter Masters attached to His Majesty's Dragoons serving under this Presidency are Warrant Officers, and may be supposed to have more Baggage than

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than a Serjeant, I have been induced to include them in the Table According to the same rate of Indemnification as Conductors of Ordnance or 2/3 of that granted to Subaltern Officers of H. Infantry, which I hope will meet with H. Your Lordship's Approbation. —

I observe in the letter which accompanied the Regulations from Bengal "that all the H. "His Majesty's Regulations provide Indemnifi- "cation not only for Horses killed or taken by the "Enemy but for such as shall be shot for the "Glanders, the Governor General in Council does "not think it necessary to extend the allowance "to such cases" - but the Cavalry Officers on this Establishment having been allowed by the Government Orders of the 20th June 1792 H (Article 11) a compensation for the Loss of Horses by Epidemical Diseases, in cases where the H instance of its happening shall be clearly H proved, I have therefore entered this Article in the

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The inclosed Draft of Regulations, which I
circumstance it is proper I should notice. —
For the reasons given by the Govern
General in Council in the 10th Paragraph of
W. Sub Secretary Thornhill's Letter under
date the 16th January 1797, it is probable
your Lordship will determine that the before-
mentioned Regulations shall not be published,
but be considered as Private rules to be exercised
by Government in granting Indemnification
to Troops on actual Service at the Recommend-
ation of the Commander in Chief or the
Commanding Officer of the Forces. —

I have the honor to be with
great respect &c. &c.
(Signed) W. Hydenham
Mily Audr Genl

Military Auditor
General's Office
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Draught

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Draught of Regulations relative to Indemnification for the loss of Baggage and Horses on Actual Service.—

Article 1st. Table of Rates of indemnification for losses sustained by Officers and Soldiers of His Majesty's and the Honorable Company's Forces on the Madras Establishment on Actual Service, at the Exchange of Eight 1/8 Shillings ℔ Star Pagoda

		L.	S.	D.	P.	F.	C.
European and Native Infantry Artillery and Engineers.—	For the whole personal Baggage of a Colonel	120.	"	"	300.	"	"
	Do. Do. of a Lieutenant Colonel	100.	"	"	250.	"	"
	Do. Do. of a Major	100.	"	"	250.	"	"
	Do. Do. of a Captain	80.	"	"	200.	"	"
	Do. Do. of a Subaltern	60.	"	"	150.	"	"
	Do. Do. of a Conductor of Ordnance	40.	"	"	100.	"	"
		L.	S.	D.	P.	F.	C.
European and Native Cavalry.—	For the whole personal Baggage of a Colonel	140.	"	"	350.	"	"
	Do. Do. of a Lieutenant Colonel	120.	"	"	300.	"	"
	Do. Do. of a Major	120.	"	"	300	"	"
	Do. Do. of a Captain	90.	"	"	225.	"	"
	Do. Do. of a Subaltern	70.	"	"	175.	"	"
	Do. Do. of a Quarter Master of European Cavalry	40.	"	"	100.	"	"

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		£	S.	D.	F. C.
Infantry and Artillery	For the Baggage of a Serjeant	2.	10.	"	6. 10. 40
	Do. Do. of a Corporal	2.	2.	"	5. 10. 40
	Do. Do. of a Drummer	2.	2.	"	5. 10. 40
	Do. Do. of a Private	2.	2.	"	5. 10. 40
		£	S.	D.	F. C.
European Cavalry	For the Baggage of a Serjeant	2.	15.	"	6. 36. 60
	Do. Do. of a Corporal	2.	10.	"	6. 10. 40
	Do. Do. of a Trumpeter	2.	10.	"	6. 10. 40
	Do. Do. of a Trooper	2.	10.	"	6. 10. 40

2d The Baggage of all Staff Officers of whether of Cavalry, Infantry Artillery and Engineers, to be valued According to the Staff Pay they Receive

3d The same Rule to be observed with regard to Officers of the Ordnance Department.—

4th A Certificate in the following terms must be produced, in order to entitle a Person to indemnification for loss of Baggage.—

I. A. B: do hereby Certify upon my honor / if a Commissioned Officer / that the whole, or half / expressing the Estimated proportion / of My Baggage consisting to the best of my belief of / here follows the detail / was taken or destroyed by the Enemy on the .... of .... / as the case may have happened / at / the Place / which I was

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I was employed in the execution of my duty - given under my hand at ..... the

/Signed/ A.B:

5th When there is a Baggage Master to the Army, or Detachment, he and the Officer & Commanding the Rear Guard, shall be required to attest the Circumstances of such loses, and that the person who shall have lost the Baggage was not deviating from any of the Orders of the & General, or Officer Commanding in Chief Relative to the Baggage, and to Countersign the Certificate after inserting such attestation -

6th Certificate of the loss of Baggage of a Non Commissioned Officer or Private -

I. A.B: Commanding the Battalion - Regement, do hereby Certify upon my honor that I do verily believe that C. D: /the name and Rank of the Non Commissioned Officer or Private/ belonging to my Company, did on the /date/ of - at /Place/ lose by their being Captured or destroyed by the Enemy, the Articles of Baggage, as prized

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oppressed in the Annexed list, which I have &
subscribed, and that, the Articles, so Captured,
or destroyed (as the Case may be) were equal &
According to the best of my belief and opinion in
Value to 1/2, 1/4 or 3/4 on the whole of the Rule &
established, as the Compensation for the whole
Baggage, for a Non Commissioned Officer or
Private as the Case may be) given under my
hand, this..... of..... 1

(Signed) A.B.

17th Which Certificate must in like &
Manner, be attested by the Baggage Master,
and Officer who Commanded the Rear Guard
or party from which the Baggage was lost,
as in Article 5th and be finally Certified by
the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, to
which the Non Commissioned Officer or &
Soldier belonged expressing his belief of
the justice of the Claim made. —

Compensation

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8 Compensation for Horses—

Officers above the Rank of Subaltern to } St. Pags. 200—
be allowed for each Horse ——————— }

Subaltern Officers and } Do. ——————— St. Pags. 125—
Staff of that Rank— }

10 It being indespensible for the due &
discharge of the duties of Certain discriptions of
Officers, that they should be on Horseback on
Action, and it being Reasonable as well as
Customary in all Services that such Officers &
should Receive a Compensation for Horses which
may be Killed or disabled at those times, the
following Regulations are laid down.—

11 That the Sum allowed as a compensation
for each Horse Killed or disabled in Action be
Agreeably to the Rates before Stated.—

12 That the following description of
Officers be entitled to this Compensation Viz.t—
General Officers, Field Officers Commanding Corps
in time of Action of whatever Rank, Adjutant
General

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General, Deputy Adjutant General, Quarter &
Master General, Deputy Quarter Mast. General
Aide de Camps, Secretary, Persian Interpreter,
Brigade Majors, Adjutants of European Corps, and
Native Battalions, Quarter Masters of European
and Native Regiments. —

13th That upon sufficient proof being &
laid before the Commander in Chief, or Officer
Commanding the Army engaged in Action, that
the Horse of an Officer comprehended in the
foregoing descriptions, was killed or disabled in
Action, he shall attest the same by &
Countersigning the Bill. —

14th The foregoing Regulations being framed
on the principle that Officers in the Situations
specified in the Twelfth Article are in all Services &
expected to be Mounted, no plea is to be &
founded upon them for a Claim to Horse Allowance,
from Officers who are not entitled to the same
by the existing Regulations. —

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15th The Orders issued by this Government on the 20th June 1792 respecting indemnification to Officers of Cavalry for the loss of Horses are here recited in order to refer to, when Applications are made by the Officers of that Corps for a Compensation in any of the following Cases.—

16th "That Horses killed in Action or "Wounded so as to become unserviceable, or lost by "forced Marches exceeding 30 Miles be Replaced "at the expence of the Company at the Rate of "Two Hundred Pagodas 1200/ for Horse on a "Certificate being procured from the "Commanding Officer on the Spot within two "days after the Casualty happens, testifying "that the Accident evidently proceeded from "one or other of the said causes and further.—

17th "That as the Allowance "granted by the G. O. of 20th June 1792" to each Officer of "Cavalry for furnishing and finding his "Regimental Horses which is framed on a principles

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"principles of Economy will not admit of the
"Officers being Responsible for the sudden and
"heavy Losses which are sometimes occasioned
"amongst Bodies of Horses by Epidemical Diseases,
"which no human skill or precaution can
"prevent; when such instances unfortunately
occur and are clearly proved, the expence
shall be defrayed by Government. —

(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mel.y: Audt. Genl.

The Board approve the Regulations
Minute thereon which the Military Auditor General has suggested
for granting Compensation for the Loss of
Baggage, and Horses, on Actual Service. +

Ordered that Copy of the above
regulations be transmitted as number in the
Packet to the Honorable the Court of
Directors. —

To

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to submit for the Consideration of your Lordship in Council the following Circumstances upon which the parties concerned have Requested a Reference:—

The Government Orders of the 12th July 1796 state that "Colonels are constantly allowed "Full Batta" and refer under the letter, C at the end of the Pay Tables to "General Letter 1796 upon this principal, application has been made by the Paymaster of His Majesty's 12th Regiment of Foot to the Paymaster of Company's Allowances to the Kings Troops (as will appear from the enclosed letter dated the 9th Instant) for Colonel Full Batta on Account of Lieutenant Colonel Aston, who in consequence of his holding a brevet Commission as Colonel in His Majesty's Army and being also in the Command of the 12th Regiment, considers himself in the same Light

From the Military & Auditor Generals relative to the Claim of Colonel & Aston, Lieutenant & Colonel of the 12. Regt. to Colonels full Batta also an appeal of Lieut Hopton of the Royal Artillery from a Retrenchment on a Charge for Gratuity drawn as an acting Engineer Major Taylor Claims full & Batta as Commanding Conda pullie in the absence of Colonel Prendergast who stands nominated to that Command the former Adjutant and Quarter Master of Brigade Claim some Arrears of Staff pay & recommend that Medical Men stationed with Collectors or & Commercial Residents draw their allowances from the Revenue and Commercial instead as at present, from the Military Department.

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Light as Colonels in the Honorable Company's Service
who are specially appointed to the Command of
Corps:- By the Regulations an Officer possessing
a double Commission is entitled to the Batta
of the highest Rank in all situations wherein
that Allowance falls to be drawn; had therefore
Colonel Aston, when in the Field or in Command of
a Station by the Appointment of Government,
the Full Batta of a Colonel, every consequence
have been admitted to him, but as I am not
certain that this Allowance was meant to be
extended to Brevet Officers of that rank in all
situations, I have to request your Lordships
decision, whether Colonels by Brevet, under the
Orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors, as
already stated, are in every case to be allowed to draw
Full Batta, or if it is expressly confined to Colonels
on the Establishment holding that rank Regimentally
- Before concluding this subject it may be necessary
to observe, that should any future Brevet
promotions give to the Senior Lieutenant Colonels

for

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in the Company's Service the Rank of Colonels in
the Army, a circumstance not unlikely in the
event of a continuation of the War, those Officers
being in the Charge of Regiments or Battalions
will I apprehend be on the same footing, and
may bring forward a similar claim as that
which I have now submitted to your Lordship's
consideration.-

I have the honor to forward a letter
from Lieutenant Hayter of the Royal Artillery, &
received thro' the Paymaster of Company's Allowances
to the King's Troops, regarding a Retrenchment
on Account of Gratuity drawn by that Officer
whilst officiating as an Engineer on Ceylon
independent of the Gratuity of his Rank, &
which was included and passed in the Monthly
Abstract of this Corps - As Gratuity in two &
capacities is contrary to the Regulations, it
has never been admitted to any Officer returned
in one Corps and acting on additional pay &
with

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with another Lieutenant Clayton has urged "
"that being suffered to draw this Allowance for
"Fourteen Months successively he concluded
"the Charge was not improper" – In Answer
to which I beg leave to observe, that on the
Receipt of the first Months Disbursements
of Mr. Mc Dowall Paymaster to the Troops
employed against Trincomalee which was in
October 1795, a list of all the unauthorized
Charges that appeared in those Disbursements
was, I am informed, extracted and forwarded
in a private Communication to the Paymaster
previous to a regular Audit having been
proceeded on, in order as much as possible to
prevent a Repetition of them in future, but
even if this precaution had not been taken,
it does not follow, that a Charge which
is not warranted by the Regulations of the
Service ought to be admitted on the plea of its
having

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having been continued for a considerable time
before the Retrenchment was made Known. —

In the Audit of Mr. Acting Paymaster
Corbett's Disbursements for the Months of
October and November 1796 the Charge of Full
Batta drawn by Major Aldwell Taylor as
Senior Officer in Command of the Fort and
Garrison of Condapillee for those Months had
been Retrenched, as Colonel Thomas Prendergast
stood appointed to the Command of that Station,
but as it appears that the Returns and Pay
Abstracts &c. of that Garrison were signed by
Major Taylor, and that Colonel Prendergast
had not joined, I beg leave to be informed
whether under these circumstances, Major Taylor
is to be allowed Full Batta for the period
he had charge of the Garrison, especially as
Colonel Prendergast was entitled to that
Allowance in all situations. —

The Office of the Adjutant and Quarter
Master to the Native Brigades having been
abolished

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abolished by the Government Orders of the 4th
12th July 1796, which directs that "an Adjutant
"and Quarter Master in one person be
"appointed to each Regiment of Native
"Infantry on the same Allowances as the
"Adjutant and Quarter Masters of Brigades"
and as all the Officers of that description,
with the exception of those who were promoted
to Captains of Companies have been nominated
to the post of Adjutant and Quarter Master to
the Native Regiments on the new formation of
the Army on the same Allowances as before they
have preferred a claim to those Allowances
for the intervening period, founded on that
part of the Order of the Honorable Court of
Directors which accompanied the new
Arrangements, "that when the allowances
of any Officer are materially reduced, they
shall be granted such Relief as Government
may think proper until they are promoted.-

I have

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I have therefore to solicit your Lordship's Orders whether the Officers formerly attached to the Native Brigade Staff, and lately appointed Adjutant and Quarter Masters of Native Regiments are to be considered as entitled to their Staff pay from the publication of the Orders of the 12 July to the 25th October 1796, the date of their Appointment to the Native Regiments.—

There being no existing Regulations of the Service or Orders of Government pointing out from whom Surgeons or Assistant Surgeons doing duty with Collectors, or in other Civil Situations are to draw their pay and Allowances, I am very desirous of obtaining your Lordship's Instructions on this head, and therefore do take the liberty to express my Opinion, that Gentlemen of the Medical line thus employed, being for the time, altogether separated from the Military Establishment, should

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should receive the whole of their Allowances &
from the Collector, or Civil Paymaster of the
Stations to which they may have been
appointed by Government, as in the
instances of Mr. Surgeon Bowie and Mr.
Assistant Surgeon O Donnoghoe at Ingeram
and Madepollam, unless your Lordship
shall judge it proper as no positive
transfer has been made of any of the Surgeons
or Assistant Surgeons from the Military to the
Civil line of the Service, that they shall continue
to draw from the Military Paymaster of the
Station nearest to which they reside, their
Subsistence Gratuity and Half Batta &
Agreeably to the Regulations for the new
formation of the Army, and all other authorized
Charges incident to their situations from the
Collectors or Civil Paymasters.—

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect,

&c &c

Signed / Wm Sydenham
Mily. Aud. Genl.
Major

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

Military Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir,

The Regimental Paymaster of the 12th Regiment of Foot, having made a demand of Full Batta for Colonel Aston Commanding that Regiment altho' his Regimental Rank is only that of Lieutenant Colonel I have to request you will be pleased to obtain the Sentiments of the Right Honorable the President in Council on the occasion as I understand those Gentlemen who have the Rank of Colonel in His Majesty's Service and Command Regiments with the Regimental Rank of Lieutenant Colonel look upon themselves upon the same footing as the Colonels Commanding the Honorable Company's Regiments.—

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) B. Roebuck
Mj 2d G.

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To

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and how much so considerable a refund must
derange them, at a period of adjusting his &
little affairs.—

Under all these circumstances I am indeed
to hope your Lordship will pardon my &
innocent error, and be pleased to give &
directions that the Retrenchment for &
gratuity should be remitted; the sums &
have been deducted from my last three &
Months pay, which unexpected stoppage
leaves me in the cruel necessity of embarking
without being able to provide many of
the Common necessaries for a Sea Voyage.—

Camp near Fort St. George I have the honor to be,
9th March 1797 with the greatest Respect,
[Signed] George Harper
Lieut. Royal Artillery

Upon mature consideration of the
Orders of the Court of Directors dated 8th Jany 1796
The Board are of opinion that Colonels in &
every

Mistake on the & forgoing letter from the Military & Audit. General—

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every case are entitled to draw full Batta; Resolved therefore that the Military Paymaster General be may be Authorized to comply with the application of Colonel Aston.—

In consideration of the doubts however suggested by the Auditor General, Resolved that the Circumstance be explained to the Court of Directors, and their orders requested upon the subject for the consideration of future guidance of Government.—

Read the following Memorial of Colonel Manuel Mantzy.—

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

The Memorial of Colonel Manuel Mantzy.—

Respectfully Sheweth

That your Memorialist although not having the honor of holding a Commission in the

Memorial of Colonel Mantzy praying that his Services may be noticed to the Court of Directors with a view to obtaining their Permission to enjoy the Benefits granted their Military Servants under the Heads of Furlough and returning from the Service.—

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To The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council of

Fort St. George

My Lord,

Permit me to submit to your consideration the following statement of an Retrenchment ordered on my Charge for Gratuity as a Lieutenant Acting with the Engineers on Ceylon. –

By General Orders of Government 9th July 1795, I was included in the Staff of the troops destined for an expedition Commanded by Colonel James Stuart, I was led into the Error by being informed that those on the Staff were allowed double d gratuity, I must confess it extremely d inconvenient for me to refund, what I was permitted to draw from 1st July 1795 to 31st August 1796 Amounting to Pag. 98.17.–

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being suffered to draw the Allowance for 14 Months
unexpiredly, I concluded the Charge was not
improper, and was much surprized to hear
called on to Refund.—

Immediately on the back of this
comes another Refund for Pagodas 49. 2. 64.
being for batta drawn in July and August 1795
with the Royal Artillery when I was on
Detachment, this mistake was soon rectified
by the Regemental Paymaster; I admit of the
propriety of this retrenchment, but I cannot
help expressing how much it destresses me
more particularly at the moment when
I am preparing to quit India.—

Trusting that your Lordship is
well acquainted that a Military Man's
finnancies are seldom in a flourishing state
who is generally in the habit of spending
what may accrue from a temporary appointment,

and

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the Honorable Company's Service, from a
variety of Circumstances too tedious to set
forth, has nevertheless served the State in
a Military Capacity upwards of thirty three
years, ten of which years he has actually
served under the immediate Orders of Government
and during the whole of the above period, he
has been frequently employed on Arduous
and important Services, and in Situations of
responsibility, which have placed him
either in Co-operation with the Company's
forces or under the immediate Authority
of their Civil and Military Officers, and
flatters himself that he has acquitted
himself on every occasion with Zeal, fidelity,
and attachment as to deserve the approval of
his Superiors.— He therefore humbly Conceives,
that his Services whatever Merit they may
be thought entitled to, will be considered as
rendered to the State.—

Your

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your Memorialist therefore begs leave
to represent, that from his length of Service and
Constant Residence in this Climate, his health
has for some years past been on the decline,
add to which he is advanced in years; and
as Considerations of a Domestic nature added
to those of reestablishing his Health, may
render it necessary for him at some future
period to revisit his Native Country, your
Memorialist respectfully solicits that your
Lordship will be pleased to recommend his
Case to the Honorable the Court of Directors,
that he may be admitted to participate
in the indulgences lately granted to their
Military Officers in India, namely, those
of Furlough, and a Pension to retire from
the Service either to Europe or any of the Company's
Settlements in India, including the Cape
of Good Hope. —

Your Lordship's favorable Consideration
of this request will ever be acknowledged by
Your

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your Memorialist, who whatever may be the result will ever remember with unfeigned & Gratitude those benefits he has ever derived from the English East India Company. —

Ramnad 10th March 1797. —

(Signed) M: Martinez

Minute thereon. — Resolved that a Copy of Colonel & Martinez's Memorial be transmitted a Number in the packet, and that his petition be recommended to the favorable consideration of the Court of Directors. —

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following letter from Major General Giles

Lieutenant General Harris. —

&c. &c. &c.

Commander in Chief

Sir,

From Major General Giles recommending the use of a Howitzer flying Artillery & and enclosing a Memorial in which the advantage resulting from that Description of Ordnance, is particularly pointed out. —

It having been suggested, yesterday at the Board, that my Letter of the 22nd of January was not sufficiently comprehensive on the subject of Horse Artillery to enable the several Members to judge of its utility, or Authorize the Board to recommend the incurring such Expence to Government without

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a more specific Detail.—

I am fortunately enabled through the means of Major General St. Leger to lay before you a Memorial on the subject of Flying or Horse Artillery which I request your peculiar attention to, and as I apprehend it may be expedient that as early a Communication as possible may be given to the Honorable the Court of Directors, I have taken leave to subjoin, a Copy of my Letter of the 22nd January, and Request you would be pleased to lay the same before the Right Honorable His Lordship in Council, with such Recommendation from you as you may deem the subject to merit.—

I have the honor to be with respect.—

&c. &c.

(Signed) Thomas Geils

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Memorial

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Memorial — On the subject of Flying or Horse Artillery. —

Article 1st Concerning the Utility of Flying Artillery, and the necessity of it, in the System laid down for Actual Service.

Flying Artillery, or Artillery on horseback is particularly adapted to the Service of Advanced Posts but it may also be very usefully employed with the Main Army and especially to be attached to a "Corps de reserve." —

Artillery in General, is now esteemed a principal Agent in War, it is so abundantly made use of, & that a superiority in that Article of Defence as well in regard to quantity as to its disposal and execution, is in a great measure more necessary than a Superiority of Troops. It was by their Artillery that the French during the first Campaigns were able to resist the Allied Armies, evidently much Superior to them both in their Tactics and Discipline. —

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This flying Artillery has almost always
given them the advantage in all Skirmishes between
out posts; and its utility cannot be questioned, even
if it had not been sanctioned by the Authority of
the great Frederick, who was the first that made
use of it. — Experience and reason both unite to
ensure Conviction on this Subject. —

It may be carried, almost to every place where
the Cavalry can, and with equal rapidity, a circumstance
of the highest advantage in taking possession of
any post or defile, before the Enemy shall be able
to secure it. — It advances with them, Halts at
given distance, fires on the Enemy, throws them
into Confusion and only leaves to the Troops
who accompany it, the care of rendering the Defeat
complete. — It may be conveyed over Rivulets, &
Rivers, Marshes &c. where the passage would &
be impracticable to Artillery on foot. — Detach=
ments may also be sent forward from it, against
any

any determinate point of attack, to turn a Body of the Enemy and attack them either on the flank or in the Rear. It will be found useful, in clearing in the most expiditious manner a passage in the front of a Troop, or even opening a road for the Advancing Column; by which means their march will not be impeded nor will they be obliged to break their Ranks—

In many Cases, the rapidety of its march will allow of its making a circuit and by that & means saving much time, which would otherwise be lost in overcoming an obstacle that might & oppose its passage.— A Retreating-fire may be kept up much more advantageously by flying Artillery, than by that on foot, for being enabled to retreat with more expedition, they will have more time to chuse a proper position to resist the Enemy, who may advance. It can therefore be usefully employed, at advanced Posts — as Regular Stationed Artillery — with a rear guard as also with a "Corps de reserve", from whence it may be detached as circumstances may require,

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to advance with great rapidity, to any point &
where its Assistance may be wanted. —

It has none of the inconvenience so
greatly complained of (which attend foot &
Artillery) namely counteracting or impeding,
by its own excessive slowness the Manœuvres
of the Troops — on which Account the French
have confined the use of the last to Sieges only,
excepting those pieces which still Remain &
Attached to their Battalions —

You may add to all these advantages, &
the Confidence it gives the Troops who accompany
it, as well as the effect it produces on the &
Enemy, who must be both awed and alarmed
by its sudden appearance — This will naturally
disconcert their projects as it presents to them
a formidable Battery, on a point where they
little expected to find one, and towards &
which they thought they were advancing &
with the most perfect security. —

This Sketch of the principal use of
flying

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flying Artillery, sufficiently prove its utility — It will now be no hard task to demonstrate that the adoption of it, is become not merely necessary, but indispensible. —

Every well regulated Army should be estimated According to the force they are able to cope with, and should endeavour, if not to surpass, at least to equal their Enemy in the Means of Attack and Defence, to whatever the Enemy can offer; they should be enabled to oppose the same, or at all events an equivalent Resistance — But what equivalent can be produced against horse Artillery? Certainly none at all — We have sufficiently proved that foot Artillery, can never render the same Service. — There is a kind of light Artillery used by the Austrians where the Men are distributed, some on the very Carriage of the Gun, and some on the Ammunition Cart behind, /Wurst/ There are also some on the Ammunition Waggons. But this expedient,

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loads the Carriage too much, renders the business complicated, and also endangers the Wood Work, besides making it extremely difficult to draw - The Ammunition Cart, is attended with the same inconvenience, Nor can it always keep pace with the Gun - This Artillery therefore is by no means equal to render the same Services, as may be looked for from flying Artillery - Besides, should it be taken, Men, Guns, Ammunition, all is lost, whereas, by adopting the System of, Horse Artillery; should the Guns be lost, the Men will at all events be saved, a consideration of the greatest importance, as these Kind of Corps, are usually composed of picked Men, - Whom it has Required much time to instruct - Moreover being Armed with Sword and Pistol - They may have it in their power again to rejoin their Escort and protect their own Guns - It is therefore a matter of absolute necessity, if we wish to be in a condition to resist an Enemy,

making

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Making use of this weapon of Defence to employ the same means - To quote an Example out of an hundred, at the Affair of Waterloo, the French with 14,000 Cavalry and an adequate portion of Horse-Artillery, resisted an Army of 30,000 Men supported by an Artillery at least triple theirs. -

But even if you had to do with an Enemy unprovided with Horse-Artillery, its extreme Utility, its numberless advantages taken in a Military point of View, fully & convince you of its excellence, - for it is a leading principle in the Art of War, that every thing which contributes to the security of your Men which encreases your powers of Defence, simplifies the Action, and produces the greatest effects, ought to be ranked amongst the first objects of your attention. -

In every thing we have said respecting flying Artillery, we have taken it for granted, that

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that it is to be supported by Staunch Troops,
in whom the Gunners can place implicit
confidence, leaving them no room for doubt
that might be detrimental to the Service or
offer a check to their Activity. It is expected
that a Body of Cavalry should stand to the
Defence of the Guns the same as to the defence
of their standard, and that they shall on no
Account retreat, till sufficient time has
been allowed for the Gunners to remount,
either to retreat with them, or to act of
themselves as Cavalry for the defence of their
Guns.—

Article 2nd

Of the Weight of Guns and the supply of their
Ammunition.—

Frederick, made use of 3 Pounders for his
flying Artillery The Austrians use of 6 Pounders
— The French, wishing to combine the advantages
of

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of both, have chosen 8 pounders (nearly equal to the English 9 Pounders) they have discovered that what they lose in point of lightness, they regain by the effect they produce - Twelve pounders would have been too heavy and 4" would not throw their Shot with sufficient strength, the 8 keeps a proper medium between the two, against the Cavalry in particular, it is far more destructive than those of smaller weight, and as it Carries its Shot considerably farther, it allows more time for firing, before it can become up with Enc. Horses exicid 200 Yards a Minute in their gallop - and 8 Pounder will take effect, at 400 or 500 Yards, 7 or 8 discharges therefore may be made before the Enemy can reach them, and even should the fire not succeed in slackening their March (which is not likely) The Escort will at all events reap great advantage from it in stopping their impetuosity; as it will necessarily occasion a temporary confusion, which

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which will allow the Gunners time to remount and carry off their Guns. But the example of the French and a certain knowledge of the advantages they derived from the use of this Artillery, proves it's real excellence, it more than all the Arguments that can be urged. It proves also that the weight of the Metal they have fixed upon, far from being injurious is highly favorable to the Service; besides, being at War with them, we ought at all events to be able to oppose them with at least an equal fire.—

With respect to the manner of supplying them with Ammunition, I propose, that besides the two Waggons attached to each Gun, (but which cannot follow all their motions) they should have on the foreside of the Gun Carriage, a Chest, large enough to contain about 30 Cartridges—besides this, there shall be placed on each horse, as well

Saddle

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Saddle as Draught, 2 bags resembling Pistol holsters, each containing one Cartridge; by this means, there will be a sufficient & supply of Ammunition to furnish the first fire, and give time to the Waggons to come as near as possible — But, as it may probably happen that they may be obliged to remain at a certain distance, a communication may in that case be kept up with the Guns by means of Bat Horses loaded with wicker Cartridge Baskets covered with leather of the thickness of one Cartridge, and as broad as possible, fixed on in such a Manner as to prevent their being much shock, when the horse trots. —

The usual construction of Gun Carriages will suit also flying Artillery. The French alone have added in the Centre of the Axletree, a kind of Iron Clog pointed so as to enter the ground when the Gun is drawn with its muzzle

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Muzzle forward; I conceive that the Roller used by the Hanoverians, which turns in every direction would be much more useful.—

Every thing which contributes to the strength without adding to or deminishing the height or weakening the construction of the work, ought certainly to be eagerly adopted, & and great care should be taken that all Military preparations, should be made sufficiently solid, that no time may be lost by the Consequences of an over throw.—

On soft ground, it has often been found advantageous to make use of very large wheels. The fellies of which tho' small in themselves, present a broad surface, a little curved and which have only a common sized Iron band round the most projecting part, so that on a hard ground the wheel is supported entirely on that band, and suffers no greater friction than a Common wheel, but where the ground gives way the

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the fellos presenting a larger surface, will & seldom or ever sink in — For an Ammunition & Waggon the lighter the construction the better; I consider those used by the English and Austrians much Superior to the French in point of convenience; altho they may be inferior to them in Strength. —

Article 3d

On the manner of Working the Guns. —

We must reckon 13 Men to each Gun, and as many to each Howitzer; 10 will be employed in Working them and 3 to hold the Horses. — The Gunners will March by fours on Horseback in the Rear of their Guns, or by twos should the road require it. When Arrived on their ground the word will be given, to halt, on which the & Gunners will halt, dismount immediately & (without any further Order) link their Bridles one with another, as Dragoons do, and repair & instantly

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instantly to their Guns; The 3 Men appointed to attend the Horses will lead them in the rear of the Gun Carriage, as soon as the Gun shall be lifted from it.—

The Gun is then to be worked in the usual Manner and as soon as the firing has ceased, the Carriage for the Gun is to be brought forward, at the Word "Bring forward the Gun Carriage" and the Horses will follow— As soon as every thing shall be again Replaced in order, the Gunners will Remount as quick as possible fall in again by fours and wait for further Orders from the Officer.— While the Gun is working a Fireworker and a Confidential Serjeant must always Remain with the Ammunition Waggon.

None but Officers are to be allowed to remain on horseback, and even they are required to dismount on certain occasions, in order to encourage the Gunners.—

There must be always at least 12 Bombardiers, amongst the number of Men employed with

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with each Howetzer.

Should it only be necessary to advance a short distance, it will be sufficient to link 2 Horses to the hooks fastened on the front of the Gun Carriage and the Gunners will attend on foot.—

Should the progress of the Gun be impeded by any obstacle in the Road, the Officer will order only such a Number of Men to dismount, as may be sufficient to clear the passage during which time the remainder will halt.—

It cannot be denied but that the operation of dismounting, linking the Bridle, remounting &c. will occasion much loss of time: It certainly might be possible to continue a Seat for 3 Men, on the Chest fixed on the fore wheels, who as soon as the Gun stops, might lift it from the travelling Carriage and prepare it for action, but this expedient would be attended with many of the inconveniences which we have

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have already found fault with in Art: 5th with
regard to the light Artillery of the Austrians
I am of opinion that it will &
Answer better to have men well &
instructed and Drilled in the practice
of Mounting quickly as well as &
linking the Bridles &c. for which
purpose they should be first taught
to become good Dragoons; they should
then be perfectly instructed in the &
Method of Working both Guns and &
Howitzers, in firing as quickly, as regularly
and as much together as possible. The French
were so perfectly sensible of the necessity of
great accuracy in this Measure, that on
their first forming this Corps they &
almost entirely composed it of Men
and Officers taken from their ancient
Artillery —

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N.B.

We forgot to observe in the following 4th Article that it is a Matter of the greatest importance to provide good and steady Drivers for this Artillery, who are perfectly acquainted with the method of driving a Carriage safely through all kinds of roads, themselves remaining on horseback, as they are seldom to be permitted to dismount - They should also know well how to manage & their Horses and be well disciplined in point of instructions that they may & obey all given Orders with the utmost & dispatche and thereby avoid occasioning any impediments to the Service of the Gun-

Article 4th.

On Harness.-

The Harness for flying Artillery is an object of great importance, I thought to be solid

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solid, well secured against accidents, as such as will require the shortest time in adjusting. I conceive the following explanation will prove sufficiently clear.—

On examining the drawing herewith given, which Represent a Plan of a set of Harness for 4 Horses on each side the Pole, you may easily judge of the disposition of each separate part— The first wheel horse has his traces fastened to the spring tree or bar **A**. by means of Swivels linked to the rings of the spring tree Bar, these Swivels will not require more time in linking than common hooks, and are not liable like them to the inconvenience of slipping out— This Horse is fastened at **B**. to the head of the Pole in the usual manner, to the end of the Pole is fixed a Chain which Connects it with another large spring tree Bar **C**. to which is fastened 2 Smaller ones **D.D.** which support the Traces of the 3 Horses, ranged one

each

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each Side, one before another — These Traces should be made of one solid piece of Stuff, linked to the small Bars by Swivels at E F, The Hooks & are fastened to the Traces by Swivels only, & placed at the extremity of the shoulder Straps, which pass thro' rings fixed for that purpose on the Traces G. G. G. so that if a horse should fall, he is disengaged in an instant by merely unhooking the Swivels of the Shoulder Straps — He is also harnessed again immediately —

The Traces should be made of flat leather, well sewed, and strengthened with small Chains to prevent their being cut thro' by a Stroke of a Sword —

The Bags, which resemble Pistol holsters, intended to carry Cartridges, are marked, H H

(Signed) Thomas Geils
M. G.

Harness

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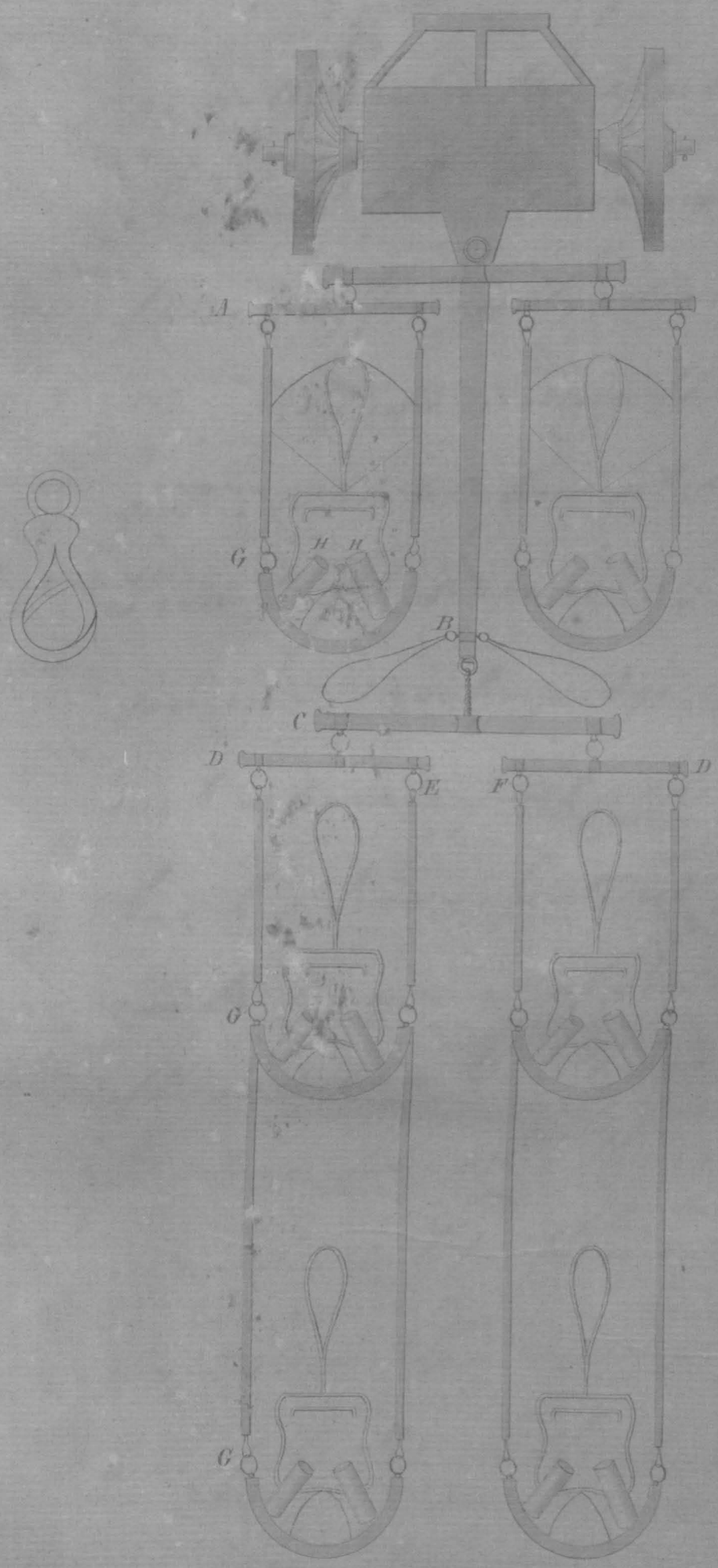
Harneſs.



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Minute thereon. Ordered that the abovementioned 2d Memorial respecting Horse Artillery be referred to the Consideration of the Military Board—

Hobart

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" Eon Saunders

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" Ck Tallofield

Fullarton

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Diary

17th Received the following Letters.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

at Fort S.t George

My Lord,

From Bombay enclosing Dispatches received overland from the Court of Directors and Extracts of Political Intelligence from Europe

A dispatch having arrived, this day from Bussora giving cover to packets, to you and to the Bengal Presidency from the Honorable the Court of Directors; We lose no time in forwarding the same by Express, together with a Copy of such part of the address to us from M.r Manesty, in this Department, and of the papers therein referred to, as bear any relation to the late Political events in Europe.—

We have the honor to be

Bombay Castle
4th March 1797

&c. &c.

(Signed) Jon.a Duncan
" J. Stuart
" W. White Hill
" J. Spencer

Extract

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Extract of a letter from the Resident at Bussora to the Honorable the Governor in Council Dated the 8th February 1797 —

"The same Messengers conveyed to me a letter from John Spencer Smith Esqr dated 23. — December; of which I enclose a Copy —

You will observe that the Letter — from Mr Smith gave cover to one from his Excellency William Wickham Dated the 13th December I have the honor to enclose a Copy of it. and to — transmit its enclosures —

To the beforementioned papers I make a respectful reference; and I beg leave to add to the interesting intelligence which they contain the following extracts from Letters, from the Westward. —

Extract from a Letter from Constantinople dated 23d December. —

"We are now informed by the arrival "of two French Frigates on the 20th instant in this Port "in 21 days from Toulon, that a Division of the "Spanish Fleet consisting of 18 Sail of the Line —

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"and 22 Frigates had joined the French Fleet there;
"that the British had evacuated Corsica, and that
"our Flee had retired to Gibraltar. The French —
"Frigates have brought the valuable presents for
"the Grand Signior. —

"An event happened which more
"particularly concerns the Empire, and that is the
"death of the Empress of Russia, who expired on
"the 17th November after a short illness." —

Extract from a letter from Aleppo
dated the 11th January. —

"A French Republican Ship is
"arrived at Scanderoon, from Marseilles; which —
"place she left about the 1st December; and it is
"reported here that about that time Lord Malmsbury
"was still at Paris; and an Imperial Commissary
"was also arrived there to treat in conjunction with
"him about a General peace". —

My present dispatches will be
conveyed to the Presidency by Express Boats via
Muscat —

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Muscat with every practicable expedition; and I indulge the hope that I shall have the satisfaction at an early period to dispatch the Alert thither with intelligence of a general peace. —

True Extract

(Signed) J. A. Grant
Acty Sub Secretary

Nathan Crow Esqr.

Sir,

My last letter was dated the 28th. past since which nothing has reached me from your residence — The last of your dispatches that have come to hand being of the 25. September. —

My present object is principally to forward a letter of the 13th. November with two Enclosures from Mr. Wickham as usual which I shall be anxious to learn the safe arrival of Meanwhile it is with no small satisfaction that I inform you of the Dutch Squadron under Admiral Lucas alluded to by Mr. Wickham having been completely

captured

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captured by Sir J. Elphinstone in Saldanha Bay —

A French agent Named Gallies whom

I some time ago announced to you as likely to visit

your part of the World, has at length been definitively

appointed to the Consulship of Bassora for which

place he is expected to set out in the course of —

next Month. —

I have already hinted that this

person possesses no very formidable talents and —

according to all appearance is likely to be more

interested by the Emoluments than by the —

speculative duties of his Mission, I hear that a part

of his instructions enjoin a very diligent correspondence with

the future Consul general at Muscat, with the Court at —

Bagdad and with a view Agency that Busyore &c — is to endeavour to establish

in Arina as a sort of Counterpoise on that side to the

influence or Aggrandizement of Bushire and —

with a Resident at the Court of Tippoo Sultaun —

whose name I have not heard, but whose errand is to

counteract in a similar way, what our Enemies are pleased

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to stile the over grown power of great Britain in Hindoostan.

I think it may not be uninteresting to the Company's Government in India to know that the supposed designs of the French on the Island of Candia (the antient Crete) have formed a part of some very recent representations of mine to this Government from whom I have received satisfactory assurances of the improbability of any such disbursement of the Ottoman Empire—

I have the honor to be with great truth and regard—

Constantple 8br 5br

23d December 1706

(Signed) Spencer Smith

True Copy

(Signed) J. A. Grant

act. Sub Secry. to Govt

To Nathan Crow Esqr.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the

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the Chevalier de Cadmano, the Spanish Minister
in this Country, has written officially to the respective
Governments and the different foreign Ministers
Resident here to say that his Catholic Majesty
had thought proper on the 7th October last to declare
war against Great Britain in due Form, he has at
the same time, circulated a printed Copy, or rather
Translation of the Declaration in Question, of
which I send you Copy enclosed No. 1

This same Peace had already
appeared in all the French Papers but as it was not
published officially in the Gazette of the Directory
and as it had no other Marks of Authenticity
I did not venture to communicate it to you

I send you inclosed, a French News
Paper from which you will observe the Progress
that the Dutch Fleet destined for the East Indies
had made on the 20th September, A large fleet
consisting as it is said of 25 Sail of the line is now
in a great State of forwardness in the Texel where
it

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it has been assembled ever since (may last) with the ostensible intention of covering a descent on the Eastern Coasts of England or Scotland but I am again informed (from the same Quarter from which I learnt the Destination of the Squadron that sailed in February last) that a Detachment will be made from it for the East Indies, as soon as — ever it shall put to Sea, I am however entirely — unacquainted with it's intended force as well as with the precise Object of its destination and I have reason to believe that the French, who have long been pressing the new Government of Holland to undertake this expedition and to make it as extensive and formidable as possible are very much dissatisfied with the Slowness and Feebleness of their New allies, and that they make constant and bitter Complaints to the Batavian Convention on on the Subject.——

The Expedition of the M.r de grand Pie, is to be undertaken immediately in the full extent

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and on the exact Plan contained in my letter to you on the Subject. —

He is expected to sail towards the end of this Month. I have good reason for believing Riode la Plata will be made the principal Place of Rendez vous as well as of refreshment for the squadrons of the respective Powers now at War with England that may be destined against the Cape of Good Hope or any of the British Settlements beyond that Point. —

The Projects that I have communicated to you, respecting the Philippines and the Isle of Candie, are both carried on with activity. I have not been able to learn any thing of Mr. Beauchamp, excepting that he has never returned to France he ought long since to have been arrived at the Place of his Destination. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Wickham

Berne
13th. November 1796

True Copy
(Signed) J. A. Grant
Act. Sub Secy.

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His Catholick Majesty's Edict on his Declaration of War against England.

The King — One of the principal Motives which determined me to conclude a Peace with the French Republick so soon as its Government began to assume a regular and permanent form was the conduct which England had observed towards me during the whole course of the War and the just distrust which Experience of her want of faith must in future naturally inspire — This was manifested at the most critical period of the first Campaign by the Manner in which Admiral Hood acted with my Squadron at Toulon where his object was to destroy whatever he could not bring away with him — and by the invasion which he made shortly after of Corsica — an Expedition which the said Admiral studiously concealed from Don Juan de Langara at a time when they were acting in concert at Toulon — The English Minister shewed a want

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of faith by his silence in all his Negotiations with the other Powers and more especially in the treaty — which he signed on the 19.th November 1794 with the United States of America without any Regard being had to my rights altho' perfectly well — known to him — I also observed it in his Repugnance to adopt any Measures that might have accelerated the termination of the War and in the vague — answer which Lord Grenville gave to my Ambassador the Marquis del Campo upon his demanding aid for the continuance of it — The injustice of appro- =priating the rich Cargoe of the Recaptured — Spanish Vessel the S.t Iago or Achillis which ought to have been restored as agreed upon between my Prime Minister the Prince of Peace and Lord S.t Helens His Brittanick Majesty's Ambassador and the detention of the Marine — Stores which had been shipped on board Dutch Vessels for the use of my Navy the Restitution of which was always delayed by fresh pretexts and

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new devised difficulties have confirmed me in my
Opinion — Lastly the frequent arrivals of English —
Vessels on the Coasts of Peru and Chili for the
purposes of smuggling and reconnoitring that Country
under the Mask of the whale fishery a privilege
they lay claim to from the treaty of Nootka —
leave me no Room to doubt of the perfidy by which
England has been actuated — such were the Means
employed by the English Minister for strengthening
the friendship the cordiality and perfect confidence
which he proposed to Spain in all the Operations
of the War by an accord entered into and done
the 25th day of May 1793 — Since the Peace which
I have concluded with the French Republick — I
have not only had will grounded Reasons for —
supposing that England intends attacking My
Possessions in America but have even received
direct aggressions so as to convince me of the —
resolution that Minister had formed for obliging
me to adopt a Measure adverse to the general

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cause of humanity suffering by a Sanguinary War which desolates Europe and contrary to my sincere wishes which on several occasions I made known to him, that he would put a stop to that destructive scourge by means of a Peace at the same time that I tendered my good Offices towards accelerating its conclusion — England has indeed discovered her designs on my possessions by the great Expeditions and armaments fitted out and sent to the Antelles part of which are destined against St. — Domingo for the purpose of preventing its — being delivered up to the French as set forth in the Proclamations issued by the English Generals on that Island — again by the Establish- -ments her trading Companies have formed in North America on the Banks of the River Missouri with the intention of penetrating — through those Regions to the South Sea — and finally by the Conquest she has lately made in

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in the Southern Continent of America of the —
Colony and River of Demerary belonging to the
Dutch the Advantageous situation of which will
Open to her a field for invasions of greater impor=
=tance — But her intentions are still obviously
hostile by the repeated insults offered to my
flag in the violences her frigates have committed
in the Mediterranean forcibly detaining the Recruits
for My Armies that had been embarked on —
Sundry Spanish Vessels bound from Genoa to
Barcelona, and by the Piracies and vexations
of Corsican and English Privateers — the former
of which under the protection of the English
Government of the Island destroy the Spanish
Trade in the Mediterranean extending to the
Bays on the Coast of Catalonia — by the —
detention of several Vessels of Spain laden
with Spanish Property and carried into —
English Ports on the most frivolous pretences
and particularly by the Seizure of the rich —
Cargoe —

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Cargoe on Board the Spanish Frigate Minerva
accompanied by insult to the Spanish flag,
which was withheld notwithstanding the most
authentick proofs were produced in a Court of
Enquiry that it was Spanish Property —
The atrocious Procedure also of one of the —
Tribunals of London against the Character of
Dny Ambassador Don Siman de las; Casas
which decreed his Arrest for a trifling demand
made by a Master of a Vesel is not less —
grievous — Finally the outrages — committed on the
Spanish Territories on the Coasts of Alicant
and Gallicia by the Brigantine the Camelion
and the Kangaroo belonging to the Royal Navy
of Great Britain have arrived at a Most in=
=tolerable height — The Descent Made by Capt.
George Vaughan of the Alarm Frigate on the
Island of Trinity at the Head of his whole
Crew Armed with Drums beating and Colours
flying for the purpose of taking Revenge on the

French

French from whom he said he had received an
Injury, their disturbing the tranquillity of that —
Island by an act inimicable to my authority is still
more scandalous and Offensive — By such —
repeated and unheard of insults that Ambitious
Nation has more than once demonstrated to
the whole World that she will acknowledge no
other Law than the aggrandisement of her —
Commerce by an universal and absolute Dominion
of the Seas. She has exhausted My Moderation
and Patience and Obliges me for the support
of the dignity of my Crown and to enable me
to afford that protection which I owe to My
Vassals to declare War against her as I have done
by my Royal Edict dated the 5th. Instant communi-
=cated to my Supreme Council of War — In
consequence of which I have ordered it to be declared
and proclaimed at this Court against the King of
England His Kingdoms and subjects and that the
necessary precautions are taken and Orders given

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for the Security of my Dominions and the safety of My loving Vasals from all attacks of the — Enemy — prohibiting all Commerce intercourse and Communication between My Subjects and those of the King of England under pain of the heavy penalties expressed in the Pragmatick Laws and Royal Decrees issued on that subject which regard all my Vasals Residing in My Kingdoms, and Domains without exception to any one Person however priviledged — It is my Royal intention that this Declaration of War be made Known to my Vasals with the smallest possible delay so that they may be able to secure their property and their Persons from the insults of the English that they may employ Vessels — armed as Cruisers and use every means allowed of by the Rules of War for harassing and — distressing the Enemy —

To the said end the Governors and Commanding Officers shall cause this declaration

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to be proclaimed in all the Capitals — Princi=
=pal Provincial Towns, Fortresses, Sea ports,
and other Places the respective Stations of the
said Commandants or other Officers in Commans
and where no Military are stationed the
Magistrates are to cause the same to be —
proclaimed. —

Literal translation from the Spanish

True Copy

(Signed) J. A. Grant
Acty Sub Secty

A true Translation from the French

(Signed) Wm Mainwaring
French Translator

Journal of the Free Men of all Nations

or the Republican

Compiled by several Patriotic Writers

Political News

Germany

Vienna 13th October (22nd Vendemaire)

His Majesty has conferred
on

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on general Alvinzy, the command of the corps of the — Army forming the several Reinforcements which have of late successively been dispatched for Italy — It is — conjectured that the whole of these troops will have — arrived at the Place of their destination by the 8.th of this Month, and that their Commander will on the 10.th have already began to put them in Motion —

The two first companies of the free Corps lately raised here which already perform their evolutions have received orders to hold themselves in readiness to depart for Italy — The consecration of the colours of these Volunteers is to take place on Saturday next, being the feast day of Saint Theresa; their Imperial Majesty's will assist at this Ceremony —

Manheim 18.th October (27.th Vendemiaire

The Archduke Charles by an Ordinance of the 2.d Instant, Requires all the Subjects of the Empire on the left Banks of the Rhine to pay to their Lords the tithes, Revenues, Customs and Duties under pain of Military Execution —

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and Corporal Punishment — One small difficulty alone appears which is that to receive the payment it is necessary to go to fetch it and Report says the Inhabitants are arming themselves for the purpose of Replying to these invitations. —

Another Proclamation of the 8.r addressed to the Circle of Suabia threatens to — punish irremissibly all persons who shall endeavour to fulfill any engagements whatever they may have entered into with the French and of whatsoever Nature they may be — admitting no one pretext not even if it were with the intention of — delivering the Hostages they have carried away with them. —

Extract of a Letter from Dusseldorff 27.r October of (Bramaire 6.r)

Six hundred National Batavian Troops entered this Place this Evening — they — came by the way of Mons and are to replace the Battalion of the army of the North which formed

our

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our Garrison and which will March the Day after to Morrow for Mulheim.— —

Extract of a letter from Bonn 27th. October (6th. Brumaire)

Yesterday as well as the day before — several Corps of Cavalry coming from the interior of the Republick passed near this Place — they go to Cologne where they intend crossing the Rhine.——

The Austrians continue firing from their Batteries on the right side towards Andernact.

Accounts of Yesterday from the Seig give us to understand, that the Places Situated on the Banks of that River undergo a change of Masters almost daily — The French and Austrian Patroles visiting them alternately.——

The Austrian Camp at Sugborry has been removed to Villich.——

England

London 30th. October (9th. Brumaire)

Neutral Persons and Seamen that have made their escape from Ostend have brought News

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News that every preparation is making along the coasts of France for a descent on England. —

The stocks continue to fall consi-
=derably the 3 p.t Cent Consols were Yesterday at 55 7/8 — a per Cent lower than the day before. —

A small Vessel from New found-
=land is arrived after a twenty days passage — Reports having seen sixty sail of Shipping — burnt — that the Admiral had left New foundland for the Coast of Labrador and the Streights of Bellisle with a view of destroying every thing he might meet with — and that his general rendigvous was in the Chesapeak. —

Mr. Brook is the only Cabinet Messenger by whom Lord Malmesbury is accom-
=panied — he is to stay with that Minister and — transmit his dispatches — The other three will be sent — One to the Marquis of Bute at Madrid another to Mr. Eder at Vienna and the third to Mr. Wickham at Berne for the purpose of —

communicating

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communicating the first overtures that shall result from the Negotiations begun with the Directory. —

We have receives the important News of the determination taken by the Spaniards in concert with the French for immediately — besieging Gibraltar — We learn also that the Spanish Fleet has captured a Convoy Making part of a Squadron under the Orders of Admiral Mann — We have good reason to believe that this information is the substance of the dispatches — Government Received Yesterday from General O'Hara —

A letter from Portsmouth adds to the detail of the captured Vessels under Admiral Mann that he has been obliged to take refuge in the Bay of Gibraltar. —

A Vessel put into Harwich — reports there being twenty One Line of Battle — Ships in the Texel ready for sea but that their Crews were not complete. —

A Member of the House of Commons.

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Commons altho' of the Ministerial Party objected to the Proposition made by Mr. Pitt, for extraordinary Services contending that the Measure was a dangerous one in as much that it would put Arms into the Hands of the People who might be led to make a contrary use of them to that of extending the influence of the Crown.—

On the other Hand Mr. Sheridan questioning any intention on the part of the French towards an invasion appeared rather to have apprehensions that the Ministry sought to raise forces for attempting other disastrous conquests in the West Indies.—

Mr. Swinburn who is to be our Agent at Paris for the exchange of Prisoners has received his Passport from the Directory.—

The Marquis Cornwallis accompanied by several other Officers is now on a visit of inspection of the whole East Coast of the Kingdom for the purpose of adopting some made

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of defence adequate to resist any attempts of the —
Enemy. —)

A considerable Fleet will shortly be
sent out to the Mediterranean — it will have to —
convoy a Reinforcement and Provisions for the —
Garrison of Gibraltar — Lord Howe it is said will
take upon himself the Command. —

Batavian Republick

Hague — 25th October (4 Brumaire)

The prohibition of imports from
England daily gives rise to remonstrances — The —
Renters are not less discontented than the Merchan
ts the Sums which they were wont to draw annually
from the British funds amounting to three or four
Millions of Guilders. —

On the 6th of this Month the
Batlavian Convention gave its sanction to the
project of the Committee of Finance for employing
force in regard to those Provinces, who shall —
neglect the payment of their quota of the contribu
tion

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Contribution for Sixty Millions.—

On the 12th a Decree was passed permitting the Inhabitants of the United Provinces to export all Kinds of Merchandise to the French Republick and to the Countries occupied by their armies with the exception of such as are considered contraband.—

In the sitting of the 17th the President announced to the Assembly that the Dutch Squadron destined for the East Indies and composed of three Ships of the line and two Frigates was well off the height of Rio de la Plata on the 20th September Making the best of its way to the Cape of Good Hope.—

On the 20th a deputation from the Province of Utricht came to announce to the Assembly the change that Province had made in its provisional administration which they proposed to organise in a Manner More Suitable to its Population—

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The Deputation promised in the Name of the new elected that all their endeavours and influence should be turned towards the destruction of the Confederacy. —

In the same sitting a report was made on the Memoir justifying the Conduct of the late Governor of the Cape of Good Hope. —

It appears that Office employed every Means which the inactivity and negligence of the Old Government had left him towards the preservation of so important a Possession but that on the arrival of the English a considerable fermentation Manifisted itself among the Inhabitants who were desirous of becoming independents of the East India Company's Servants and that this disposition accelerated the reduction of that valuable Settlement. —

The death of Admiral Drisak is announced to the Convention. —

True Copy
Signed P. Grant
act. Sub Sec.y

A true Translation
Signed Wm. Mainwaring
F. P. —

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List of the Packet to Fort S. George - Letter of this Date

N.1 - Extract of a letter from the Resident at Bussora

Dated the 8th February 1797

2 Letter from John Spencer Smith Esqr. Dated

23. December 1796. —

3 Letter from His Excellency William Wickham

13th November 1796 —

4 Copy of the Declaration of War by His Catholic

Majesty against England. —

5 Copy of a French Newspaper —

Bombay Castle

4th March 1797

(Signed) J. A. Grant

To William Collins Jackson Esqr

Secretary to Government

at Fort S. George

Sir,

From the Acting Sub Secretary at Bombay enclosing a letter for Admiral Rainier received from England via Bussorah and a Packet for Major General Dyas —

The accompanying Packet for admiral Rainier having been received this Morning from Bussora, the Honorable the President in Council requests

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requests that you will cause it to be safely delivered as addressed—

I have also to beg speak your care of the enclosed Packet to General Doyle.——

Bombay Castle
4th March 1797

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) J. A. Grant
actg Sub Secry to Govt

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

My Lord,

From Mr Surgeon Gahagan stating the Warrship of his not being allowed the advance of pay he has solicited in the Rank of Head Surgeon which he now holds.—

I have had the honor to receive a letter from your Secretary informing me that the Military Paymaster has been Authorized to advance me Six Months of a Surgeon's pay—as it has ever been my wish to avoid troubling Government—except in such Instances as particularly concerned my situations in the Service when founded upon rational pretensions I beg that your Lordship will not be offended at my addressing you again upon

upon the Subject in the hope that you will be pleased to reconsider My application and permit me to state that as I have been Nine Years in the Rank and upon the pay of Head — Surgeon, You will have the goodness not to reduce me to a More humiliating and dependant — situation than has been Reserved in any other line for a person of My standing in the Service — The Court of Directors have been pleased to class the Medical line with the Military — upon which grounds I might lay a claim to greater — advantages than I have ever Received as my standing in the Service is of a longer period than several full Colonels and Major Generals on the list of the Army who retain their pay and emoluments when permitted to return to Europe upon furlough — and as I have been limited to the pay of Head Surgeon since my appointment to that Station, I hope it is not intended that I should be deprived of it at ~~a~~ time I am likely to stand in more need than heretofore of the means of

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rendering life comfortable during my endeavors to re-
establish my health, and after having served thirty
years, I hope your Lordship will not throw me
back by plaising me upon a footing with a Surgeon
of eight years standing — I have been informed from
undoubted Authority, that at Bengal the head Surgeons
have invariably drawn their former pay, Batta, and
House Rent, exclusive of their Salaries since the —
present System was established, which the head
Surgeons Here have been excluded from, and I
humbly conceive, that it would appear from Lord
Cornwallis's plan addressed to Mr. Dundas that it
was not intended to deprive a head Surgeon of
the whole of his allowance as his Lordship says"
That it might be proper for Members of the —
Hospital Board or head Surgeons to give up part
of their Salaries to those appointed to act in their
Stations during their absence, and although it is far
from my intention to offer any bar to Direct —
promotion I have been given to understand that

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according to the Tenor of the new arrangements the Court of Directors did not Mean that promotion should take place in the Medical line in the room of those who might be absent on furlough or for the Recovery of their health; in which case it may not be unreasonable to conclude that a Head Surgeon should have more of his Salary while on leave in Europe than the proportion of a Surgeon's pay —

Should your Lordship be pleased to grant me a larger proportion of pay than that of a Surgeon and that the Court of Directors should think it more than I am entitled to, I will leave a Responsible person in this Settlement under an engagement to refund any part that may be Ordered to be deducted. —

I have the honor to be with great respect,

Madras
March 17th 1797

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(Signed) T. Gahagan
Head Surgeon

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

My Lord,

From Captain Lieutenant Caldwell — respecting the Sum on which Sergeant Hughes is to be pensioned and arrears of Pay due to him

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship a letter which I have received from Sergeant Hughes upon the Subject of Arrears of Pay as Overseer due to him during the time of his Serving under the late Mr. Topping, and at the same time to acquaint your Lordship that from what I have learnt upon the Subject, the circumstances which he has therein — stated appear to be strictly just as his Regimental Pay as Serjeant has been regularly received but not — that of Overseer the Engineer of Masulipatam having employed another Person upon Serjeant Hughes being ordered to serve under the late Mr. Topping. —

I am at the same time under the — necessity of troubling your Lordship upon the Subject of the late Pension which your Lordship conferred upon him and whereby he is directed to draw his full Pay as Overseer of Works, the allowance of

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an Overseer of Work not being defined and no particular Sum being specifyed in the Pension the Auditor General does not consider himself Authorized to determine what allowance he is to draw.—— as it is concluded that the benevolent intention of your Lordship (in consequence of his long Services) was to Pension him upon the full allowance which he has heretofore enjoyed and which with his Regimental Pay as Serjeant the allowance as Overseer with Wood. Oil &c. amounted to 20 Pagodas p.r Month he trusts that your Lordship will approve of the Auditor General being authorized to sanction his receiving that Sum from the first of December 1796 the Month in which your Lordship was pleased to pension him.——

Fort S.t George
March 14.th 1797

I have the honor to be
S.r &c.
/Signed/ I S Caldwell
Capt.n Lieut.t of Engineers

To Captain Lieutenant I S Caldwell

Sir

I take the liberty of addressing you upon the

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The Subject of my Monthly Pay during the latter
period of the time I was stationed with the late
Mr. Topping.—

The Paymaster of Masulipatan
considering me detached on a Civil Duty, refused
to Pay me my usual Allowance of 10 Pagodas
pr. Month which from the 1st. of May to the
31st. of October 1795 being Six Months and amoun-
-ting to 60 Pagodas I have never received; I
take the liberty of requesting you will state this
circumstance to the Right Honorable the President
in Council who will I trust see the hardship of my
being thus deprived of my Monthly Pay and think
proper to issue Orders whereby I may be reimbursed.

I have the honor to be,

Devicottah
February 24th. 1797

Sir
Your
Most
Obedt.
Humble
Servt.

(Signed) Thomas Hughes

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor of
Fort St. George

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt

From the assistant Resident
at Ponnah respecting the
Situation of the Forces of the
different Chieftains, which
does not portend a speedy
adjustment of their respective
views.—

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Receipt of Mr.r Secretary Jackson's Letter to Sir Charles Malet of the 14.th Ultimo, enclosing Intelligence from the Mysore Country.—

Baajy Row, Chimna Appa —
Emrut Row Nanna Fumavees, and Baba Furkia —
continue to Reside in Town; and the Armies of —
Doulut Row Sindea Ragoje Bhonsla, Azim ul Omra
and Tukoje Holkar, are encamped in the Neighbour-
-hood — I cannot discern that any Progress is made
towards the Settlement of Affairs in this Quarter, nor
to the dismission of the Chieftains; but, on the —
contrary Reinforcements to the Armies of Ragoje
Bhonsla and Azim ul Omra are expected here.—

I have the honor to be very respectfully —

Poona
7.th March 1797

&c.. &c..

(Signed) J. Ashthoff

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord,

From Major General Doyle
repeating his application
for an early and adequate
supply of Cash, for the
current Demands of
the Troops.—

I am concerned to be under the —

necessity

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necessity of again addressing your Lordship, on the subject of Money for the Current expences of the Establishments on this Island; but the pressing necessities of the Troops and the impossibility of supplying even their immediate wants from the Total deficiency of Money in the Paymaster's Department render this Application unavoidable.

The Revenues of the Island are so small in proportion to its Expences that no dependance can, with safety be placed in what they may supply — and unless Measures are immediately adopted to send Cash to Columbo the consequences may be extremely disagreeable and injurious to the public Service. —

I have directed Mr. Mac Donall to prepare an Estimate of the Monthly demand for the expences to be defrayed by his Department and shall forward it without delay for the Information of Government. —

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Head Quarters

Columbo 6th March

1797 -

I have the honor to be

8vo. 8vo.

(Signed) Wellbore Ellis Doyle

Major General

Major General Clarke

Commander in Chief

8vo. 8vo. 8vo.

Sir,

From Major General Doyle shall send the two companies of Lascars to the Coast as directed - but recommends that a part of the Pioneer Corps may be allowed to remain on the Island -

I have had the honor to receive by a — letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson dated the 14th Ultimo the Instructions of Government to send to the Coast the two Companies of Madras Artillery Lascars employed in the Store Department at Columbo and to embark the Detachment of the — Pioneer Corps now serving on this Island by the first opportunity for Madras; as their Services — are required in the Baramahal. —

The Lascars shall be immediately ordered to march for Manar but with regard to the Pioneers I request the further Instructions

of

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of Government after consideration of the Reasons I have to submit to you for the detention of at least a part of this very useful Corps.—

One effect of the Change in the System of Government in this Island, is that Laborers, to carry on the Repairs of Works, Roads, &c. which from their nature and the Moisture of the Climate here are continually required cannot be procured.— For these Services the Pio=neers are particularly adapted as long practice has rendered them expert; and even for loading the Company's Ships, which lately saibed from hence their services were indispensible.— To remove them therefore entirely from the Island would not only in a great Measure deprive us of the Means of Repairing and preserving the Works of this place but render a geat additianal expence — unavoidable in every department when the occasional employment of Men for laborious work is necessary.

I therefore submit to your consideration

and

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and request if you approve that you will Recommend to Government the following arrangement — which will afford a great Reinforcement to the — Baramahal without leaving Ceylon entirely destitute of this useful class of Troops.—

That 50 Men of the Detachment of the Established Corps of Pioneers with a proportion of Non Commissioned Officers should be stationed here, and that the Supernumerary Pioneers raised on the Island, be completed to 100 Men the whole under the command of Lieutenant Fitzpatrick of the Pioneer Corps whose Knowledge of the men and Zeal in the performance of every duty lead me to desire his continuance on this Island — The remainder of the Corps about 250 Men will proceed as soon as possible to the Presidency.—

I request to be honored with your Commands on this Subject and have the honor to be

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&c. &c.

(Signed) Wellbore Ellis Doyle
Majr Genl.

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Received also the undermentioned
Letters entered in M, B, Nos. 93-94-

From Commander of the Princess of Wales—

From the Commander of the Princess
of Wales requesting to know what allowance will
be made on account of the subsistence of the —
French Officers who he understands are to be embarked
on his Ship for England.——

From the Agents for the Ship Yarmouth

From the agents for the Ship —
Yarmouth— requesting to receive a Bengal Bill
for the Amount (Pags. 30. 30. 64.) of four Days
freight due on account of that Ship.——

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Sent the following letter to Major
General Doyle by Express.——

To Major General Doyle

Commanding on

Ceylone

To Major General Doyle advising him of the Rupture between Great Britain and Spain the 77D. Regiment to remain at Columbo but the Bombay Grenadier Battalion to be sent to the Malabar Coast, on such Vessels as he can hire — as Government cannot send the Harriet on this Service as originally intended —

Six,

I am directed by the Right Honorable
the President in Council to inform you that —
accounts have been Received of a declaration of
war

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War against Great Britain by the Court of Spain and to desire in consequence that if His Majesty's 73d. Regiment should not have been already embarked according to the directions contained in My letter of the 9th Instant you will detain it at Columbo untill farther Orders—

I am farther directed to desire, that if the whole of the Bombay Grenadier Battalion should not have been sent to Calicut you will endeavour to procure tonnage for that purpose at Columbo as soon as possible as it is not the intention of Government to dispatch the Harriet thither as you were advised in my former letter—

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

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 95-96-97—

To the Chief Engineer and to the Barrack Master at the Presidency.—

To Major General Ross and Lieutenant Maclean

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Maclean enclosing Extract of a Report of the Committee appointed to suggest Measures for relieving the Company from the Expence they are at present charged with on account of Godown Rent and desiring that partitions may be made in the Casemates on the Sea Face to form Store Rooms for the different Kings Regiments and a Store Room built for the Madras Battalion —

To the Officer commanding the Troops in the Vizagapatam District —

To Lieutenant Colonel Fothringham approving the Measures adopted by him for securing the Prisoners landed from the Modest privateer — desiring him to detain them at Vizagapatam — until further Orders and to diet them according to the Regulations. ——

To the Board of Revenue

To the Board of Revenue — enclosing Copy of M. Torriano's Letter on occasion of delivering over the Karical Magnanums to the authority of the Rajah of Tanjore. ——

Substance of a letter from the Nabob —

Received a Letter from the Nabob entered in C. C. N° 29 / recommending that the —

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The Papers of Venicatachella Pilly at Tanjore may be secured with a view to prove how far he has been concerned in exciting Troubles and Rebellion in His Highness's Country. —

19th Sent the following Letter to the Military Auditor General. —

To. Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated 15th 16th and 17th Instant, with their several enclosures. —

The President in Council — approves the Regulations which you have submitted for granting compensation for loss of baggage — and horses on actual service: it is not however his Lordship's intention to publish them to the army but to resume them as private rules to be applied to such cases as may come before Government —

upon

From the Military Auditor General — the Regulations suggested by him for granting compensation for Baggage and Horses lost on Service — Colonel Aston to be allowed full Batta the Retrenchment made on account of the Double Gratuity drawn by Lieutenant Hayter confirmed. Major Taylor allowed full Batta — while Commanding Cornallis — Arrears of Staff allowance granted to the late — Adjutants and Quarter — Masters of Native Brigades the whole Expence of the — Medical Branch of the — Service ~~Establishment~~ to be charged for the present to the Military Department. —

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Upon Mature consideration of the orders of the Court of Directors the President in Council is of opinion that Colonels in every case are entitled to draw full Batta; he therefore desires that the Military Paymaster General may be — authorized to comply with the application of Colonel Aston for full Batta. —

The President in Council confirms the Retrenchment you have made on account of the double gratuity drawn by Lieutenant Hayter of the Royal Artillery. —

Under the circumstances stated by you the President in Council is of opinion that Major Taylor is entitled to draw full Batta — during the absence of Colonel Prendergast from the fort of Condapilly. —

The President in Council is of opinion that the Adjutants and Quarter Masters to the Native Brigades come precisely within the case for which the Court of Directors have provided by

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19. by allowing Government authority to grant — relief to these Officers whose allowances may — happen to be reduced by the new Regulations he therefore permits them to draw their allowances from the 12th July to 25th October 1796—

As no part of the Medical — establishment has yet been transferred from the Military to the Civil branch of the Service the President in Council thinks it advisable that the whole expence if it should continue to be drawn from the Military Paymasters.—

I have the honor to be

Fort S. George
19th March 1797

S.r S.r
/Signed/ J. Webbe
Secy. to Govt

20. Received the undermentioned Letters — entered in M. B. Nos. 98–99–100

From the Military Auditor General — From Major General Sydenham — enclosing a Duplicate of the Estimate or Supplement to the Fort S. George annual Military Statement for

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for 1795/96 in order to its being forwarded to the Governor General in Council.—

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

From Mr. Skarden — recommending that the different Prize Agents May be required by General Orders to furnish invoices of the Stores — and Provisions which they have delivered to the Company's Commissaries on account of the — Publick Service.—

From the Secretary at Bengal.—

From Mr. Secretary at Bengal — enclosing Letters from the Court of Directors for the Nabob and Rajah of Tanjore which arrived in — Bengal on the Martha.—

Dispatched the undermentioned — Letters as entered in Mr. B. Nos. 101–102–103–104–105–106—

To Colonel Mr. Martinz

To Colonel Mr. Martinz acquainting him that the Prayer of his Memorial will be recommended to the favorable Consideration of the Honorable Court of Directors.—

To the Agents for the Ship Ewer—

To Messrs. Mc Dowall Fraser — and

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and May Dismissing the Ewer transport from the Company's Service.—

To Lieutenant Hayter of the Royal Artillery.—

To Lieutenant Hayter — informing him that the Board are Precipitated by the Negotiations of the Service to confirm the Retrenchment demanded — from him by the Auditor General on account of the double Gratuity drawn by him.—

To the Officer Commanding the Ceded Districts.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Read permitting him to increase the Strength of the Detachment under Captain Irton to a Company and to extend his Range in pursuit of Tomboo Gounden into the Nabob's — Districts but on no account to enter those of Tippoo Sultaun.—

To the Military Board

To the Military Board — referring for their consideration a Memorial Submitted to — Government by Major General Geils on the Subject of flying or Horse Artillery.—

To the Military Auditor General—

To Major General Sydenham — desiring that the arrears of allowances due to Lieutenant — Rupel of the Artillery Corps May be discharged—

and

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and informing him that the Company, in consideration of that Gentleman's being allowed Bull Batta for the period of his absence are not to bear any charge on account of his Passage Money from the Cape of Good Hope.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Lieutenant General Harris

Tuesday — Edward Saunders and ..... } Esq.rs

21.st March — Ernst William Fallofield }

Minutes of last consultation Read and Approved.—

The President proposes and the Board resolve to relieve the Detachment of Coast Troops now doing Duty with the Nizam by a Detail of equal Strength from Major General Erskines Detachment—

In Reference to the proceedings of this date in the Secret Department the President proposes that the Detachment serving with his Highness the Nizam under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Roberts

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Roberts be recalled and that Major General Erskine be directed to relieve it by a detail from the troops under his Orders.—

Agreed to and Ordered accordingly

Read the following letter from the Military Board.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord,

Lieutenant Colonel Prescott of Engineers having, notwithstanding his appointment to the Northward, applied to Us to be permitted to complete the Repairs &c. commenced upon by him at the Cantonment of Wallajaubad, making himself responsible for a due execution thereof, We were induced to accede to his request, and have in consequence received, through the Chief Engineer an application from that Officer for a further advance of One thousand (1000) Pagodas, which We beg leave

From the Military Board recommend a further advance of Cash on account of works at Walajabad begun upon by Lieutenant Colonel Prescott, enclose the Certificates required by the Court of Directors for Stores landed from different Ship — require the serious attention of government to the State of the Musketry on the Coast — recommend that a large Proportion of repairable Arms be put into a serviceable State — and enclose an Indent on England for 30,000 Muskets and 2,000 Artillery Fuzes.—

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Leave to recommend May be accordingly granted to him.—

We do ourselves the honor to transmit herewith, to Your Lordship in Council, Certificates in duplicate of Military Stores, Received at this Presidency from England on the Honorable Compa=ny's Ships Berrington, Triton, Earl of Oxford, Fort William, Hawke, Henry Dundas, Lord Walsing=ham, Woodcote, Asia, Lord Macartney, William Pitt, Lord Camden, Bridgewater, Thetis, and Goddard, which We beg leave to observe to your Lordship are exact copies of the indorsements of the Cockets, in conformity with the instructions contained in the 19th Paragraph of General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors communicated for our guidance with the letter from Government of the 17th Ultimo—

The extreme deficiency of New Muske=try in the Arsenal those in Store amounting to less than 7000 Stand and the very unserviceable state of

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of the Arms in General use with Corps of the Army
as well as in Store at the several Garrisons on the
Coast, the latter whereof is shewn by the accompa=
=nying Statement, which We request may be —
transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors
and would hope will have effect in drawing
their attention to our unprovided state in that
Article being Matter of serious import in —
whatever light it is considered, but particularly
alarming when viewed under the idea of a proba=
=bility of Hostilities taking place the subject —
could not but attract the Notice of Our Board
and, adverting to the impossibility of receiving
any supply of Arms from England for a —
considerable time to come, We deem it advisable
for that reason, and conceiving it to be the most
eligible mode in our power of providing against
the inconveniency to be apprehended in the event
of a Force being required for actual Service, to
submit to the consideration of your Lordship in

Council

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Council, a proposal made to Us by the Military Store-
-keeper in February 1796 for putting into a Serviceable
state at the rate of 2½ Pagodas for each Musket, the
greater Number of unserviceable Muskets then in the
Arsenal but which proposition, under the expectation
of receiving a considerable supply of Arms from —
England by the Ships of the Season wherein We —
however have been disappointed, We did not at the
time think Ourselves justified in accepting; and, should the
proposal appear to Your Lordships to merit the attention of
Government, We would recommend that, agreeably
to Mr. Webbe's Request, he may be accommodated with
an unoccupied Ravelin, Lunette, or other place suitable
to the purpose of a Workshop, together with a small
Guard of Sepoys, for the protection of the Artificers
as also the use of certain Tools from the Arsenal,
or in lieu thereof, that he be allowed an encrease
of 1/8th. of a Pagoda for each Repaired Musket —
delivered by him into the Arsenal. —

Conceiving

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Conceiving further that the very defective State with respect to Arms, into which we find the Service is fallen, fully warrants every exertion on our part to obtain a Relief, We do our=selves the honor to transmit herewith to Your Lordship in Council to be forwarded to England by the earliest opportunity, a special Indent for Thirty Thousand (30,000) Muskets with Bayonets complete, and Two thousand (2000) Artillery Fusils, immediately required for the Troops on the Coast

Fort S. George
7th March 1797

We have the honor to be
&c.
(Signed) Patrick Ross
Thomas Geils
Jn. Richardson
B.t Close
George Hall

State

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State of Muskets in Store at the Arsenal and at the different Stations under the Presidency of Fort S. George — February 20th 1797

	Muskets														
	With Spring Bayonets						With Bayonets			Without Bayonets					
	Serviceable	Repairable	Repairable	Total	Altered by Major Pringle	Unserviceable	Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable	Total	Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable	Total	Grand Total
	a	b	c				d	e							
Fort S. George	6460	121	3866	10447	1726	9695	4416	407	575	4998	"	217	"	217	26863
Pondamalee	"	"	"	"	"	"	31	121	231	383	"	"	"	"	383
Chinglepat	"	"	"	"	"	"	200	"	"	200	"	"	"	"	200
Vellore	"	"	90	90	"	"	25	137	"	162	867	719	586	2172	2424
Amboor	"	"	"	"	"	335	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	335
Arnee	"	"	"	"	"	599	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	599
Tiagar	50	"	"	50	"	"	546	30	576	"	"	"	"	"	626
Kistnagherry	445	"	"	445	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	445
Sankemydroog	"	55	104	159	"	"	"	"	"	"	66	45	111	270
Ahtoor	"	"	"	"	"	"	546	36	582	"	"	"	"	"	582
Riacottah	100	"	"	100	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	100
Nanceul	50	"	"	50	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	50
Pinagre	50	"	"	50	"	"	"	26	26	"	"	6	6	12	25
Chinnaroyadroog	25	"	"	25	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	2	26
Tiruvadiadroog	25	"	"	25	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	25
Trichinopoly	367	"	"	367	"	"	8	402	36	446	"	"	"	"	813
Madura	"	"	"	"	"	"	130	76	50	256	"	"	"	"	256
Dindigul	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	343	343	"	"	"	"	343
Pallamcottah	"	"	"	"	"	"	1045	4	350	1399	"	"	"	"	1399
Tanjore	1446	"	568	712	"	5	"	"	"	"	4	36	1347	1387	2104
Cuddalore	"	"	"	"	"	"	443	"	197	640	"	"	42	42	682
Pondicherry	31	"	"	32	"	"	107	"	996	1103	"	"	"	"	1103
Ongole	"	"	"	"	"	"	41	10	93	144	"	"	"	"	144
Innacondah	"	"	"	"	"	"	125	"	26	151	"	"	"	"	151
Guntoor	1655	160	34	1849	"	148	895	"	"	895	610	"	920	1530	4422
Masulipatam	"	"	"	"	"	"	597	143	112	852	"	"	"	"	852
Vizagapatam	100	1324	1724	3148	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	66	66	3514
Ganjam	"	"	"	"	"	"	24	6	"	30	"	"	"	"	30
Bellumcondah															
Total	9803	1660	6386	17849	1726	10582	9262	1346	2701	13309	1603	1038	3113	5552	48998

N.B. — 121 Stand of Repaired Arms included in the Account of Arms for Fort S. George are intended for the 2d Battalion of the 2d Regiment Native Infantry at Arnee.

The Repairable Arms Marked **B** and **C** mostly require Stocks and Lock Work.

The Serviceable Muskets with Bayonets Marked **d** are longer than those with Spring Bayonets.

The Muskets marked **D** altered by Major Pringle require new Stocks and Ramrod pipes to make them fit for Service.

A true Copy (Signed) George Parry
Sub Sec.

(Signed) Fred Pierce
Sec. to Mil. Board

Resolved

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Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Military Board—

Resolved that the Remarks of the Military Board upon the defective state of the Musketry at this Presidency be pointed out in the strongest Manner to the Notice of the Honorable Court of Directors by the Ships now under dispatch.—

Ordered that the indents and state of Muskets in Store inclosed in the above letter be transmitted to the Honorable Court—

Resolved that the Proposal of the Military Storekeeper to put the unservicable Muskets into a Serviceable state at the rate of 2½ Pagodas each Musket be accepted by the Military Board—

Read the following letter from the Civil Paymaster General—

To Josiah Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government—

To the Civil Paymaster general enclosing Statements in continuation of Disbursements made in his Office on account of Dutch and French Subjects brought up to the 31.st December 1796

Sir

Agreeably to the Instructions contained in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 19.th November 1795

1391 Fort S. George 25th March 1797

I have the honor to transmit to you in order to their being forwarded to the Honorable Court of Directors a Statement of Disbursements appearing in the Books of my Office on account of French Subjects on the Coast of Coromandel from the 30th April 1796 to the 31st December 1796 Amounting to Pagd 13256. 23. 50

And a Similar Statement of Disbursements on account of Dutch Subjects for the same Period amounting to Pagodas ..... 4808. — 24

The Amount of Payments on account of French Subjects from the Month of September 1793, to the end of April 1796, as per Statement comprized in my Letter of the 25th July last was Pagd 57978. 30. 54

Amount from 30th April to 31st December as per accompanying Statement ..... } 13256. 23. 50

Total Payments on Account of French Subjects from September 1793 to 31st Decr 1796 } P. 71235. 12. 24

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Total Payments on Account of French Subjects from September 1793 to 31st. Decr. 1796 P. 71235.12.24

The Amount of Payment on account of Dutch Subjects from the

Month.

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Month of August 1795 to the 30.th April 1796
as p.r Statement comprized in My letter of
the 23.d July last was Pagodas ---------- 6507.9.17

Amount from 30.th April to 31.st December as
p.r Accompanying Statement ---------- 4,808..24

Total Disbursements on Account of Dutch
Subjects from the Month of August 1795
to 31.st December 1796 ---------- p.r 11315.9.41

For the eventual Guidance of the
Honorable Court of Directors I take the Liberty
to enclose Copy of My Letter to the Right
Honorable the President in Council under date
the 18.th January 1796 having continued to draw
out my Statement of Disbursements on the
above account, on the principles therein
Specified.

Fort S.t George
19.th March 1797

I have the honor to be,
S.r
S.r

(Signed) George Barry
Actg Civ.l Paym.r Gen.l

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart—

President and Governor in Council

My Lord,

Agreeably to the Directions contained in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 19th Novem=ber, I have the honor to lay before you "a Statement of Cash Issued to Sundry French Persons Resident at Pondicherry or elsewhere on the Coast and brought to account in my Office"— This Account comprehends the Payments Made at Pondicherry and Madras from the Month of September 1793 to the Month of October 1795 and at Karical to the Month of September which is the latest — Period to which the Statement can be drawn out from the Documents in my Office.—

On this Statement it is necessary to observe that it comprizes all the Payments — brought into the Civil accounts: the following — being the principal Heads—

Officers and Soldiers who had retired from the —

French

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French Service on Pensions during the French Govern=
=ment Europeans and Natives of different Discrip=
=tions who received pensions from the French —
Government —

and other Persons whose situations have rendered
them Objects of Charity —

The Council for the Administration of Justice — The
Choultry Court —

The Police including the Repairs of Roads and
Expences of the Master attendants Department
and Charges attending the Company's Pay Office —

The above Heads principally
referring to the Establishment at Pondicherry —

The Charges at Karrical which
follow those at Pondicherry and the small Disbur=
=sements made at Madras include the French —
Pensioners of similar Description, with those at
Pondicherry and also such Disbursements on account
of the Factory as were considered proper to be —
classed under the Head of Civil Charges —

Bew —

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These Charges amounting to between 60 and 70 Pagodas
p Month, are brought into the Books of my Office,
as far as the Month of March last, inclusive, when
they were ordered to be inserted in some other I believe
the Revenue accounts

The Cause of my inserting in the
account herewith transmitted, Charges which perhaps
were not particularly alluded to in Mr. Secretary
Jackson's Letter of the 19th November originated in a
Doubt how far the Disbursements on account of the
Judges and other Officers employed in the Judicial
Department the Office of Police &c &c should have
been included — these Persons receiving Pay for services
done in the first Administration of a Settlement
under the British Authority. ——

I have only further to remark that
as the Statement now forwarded includes under distinct
heads the whole of the Disbursements at the Different
French Establishments on the Coast, which are brought
to account in the Books of my Office should it be

found

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found to comprize Charges not particularly alluded to in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter such as may fall under that Description may easily be deducted at any future Period.—

I enclose also a Statement of Disbursements Made on account of the Dutch Settlements on the Coast which are inserted in the Books of my Office consisting solely of the subsistence which Government have been pleased to grant to Dutch Subjects at Pulicat and Sadras.—

Fort St. George
18th January 1796

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) G: Parry
Civil Pay: Genl

A true Copy

(Signed) George Parry
Civ. Pay: Genl.

Minute thereon

Ordered that Copy of the above letter with the original Statements therein Mentioned be transmitted Number in the packet to the Honorable Court of Directors.—

The

1797.

Fort S.t George 25.th March 1797.

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute upon the Regulations proposed by the Military Auditor General for paying and Mustering the troops under this Presidency, as entered in the Consultation of the 16.th Instant.—

Minute of the Commander in Chief on Musters and Pay Tables. March the 21.st 1797

Minute of the Commander in Chief on the new Regulations proposed by the Military Auditor General for paying and Mustering the Troops recommends that the Musters instead of being taken Monthly be made every three Months.

The Commander in Chief having — examined the Regulations for Mustering and paying the Troops as proposed to Government under date the 6.th Instant begs leave to call the attention of the Right Honorable the President in Council —

Whether it would not be as well to try the effect of the Payments on Abstracts of Troops or Company's by giving more time to the Muster Masters to make their Circuits than by encreasing their — Numbers particularly when Corps are so thinly Officered —

Indeed the pay Tables are so comprehensive, that under the Check of Commanding Officers of Corps (who are never to pay them) The Commander

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Commander in Chief does not see any Objection to the Musters being taken by Commandants however he does not wish that point to be brought forward untill a trial has been made of the Abstracts in the Mode as it now Stands only Observing — That he conceives Musters taken every two Months will answer every purpose of Check and give full time for the present Number of Muster Masters to make the necessary Circuits.—

Minute of the Board thereon—

Resolved that the Amendment proposed by the Commander in Chief be adopted and that the Regulations be accordingly published.—

Ordered that the Military Paymaster of Fort S. George do make the following advances of Cash on account of Passage Money for the French Officers about to embark for England.—

Money to be advanced to the Commanders of the homeward bound Ships on account of the Subsistence of the French Offrs Ordered to embark for England—

To Captain Simpson of the Fort William on account of Lieutenant and Mr. Des Jardens £182 or Pags. 280—

To Do. on account of Officers of the 3d. Mates Mess on account of three French Officers £70 or Pags. 175

To the Commanders or Officers of the 3d. Mates Mess of

&c

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the following Ships—

Melville Castle

Airly Castle

Rockingham and

Princess Charlotte

each £100 or Pagodas 250 ..... 1000.

and to the Commanders of the Chartered

Ships Berwick, and Princess of Wales,

each £160 or 400 Pagodas 800

Pagodas 2255 .. ..

Ordered also that an Advance of 2255 Pags be made from the Treasury on the above account.—

The following Proceedings of the Medical Board read and the resolutions annexed passed thereon—

Medical Board
13th March 1797

We have the honor to forward a Copy of our Proceedings from the 5th of January 1796 to the 8th of March 1797 to be trans=

mitted

Resolutions of Government
25th March 1797—

To be forwarded by the Ships under dispatch—

From the Medical Board forward Proceedings to be transmitted to the Court of Directors and an Indent of Medicines for 1798 recommend the purchase of some new invented Machines for securing fractured Legs—

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Do. Do.

transmitted to the Honorable
the Court of Directors by the
present Despatch.—

We have also the honor
to enclose for the same purpose,
an Indent of Europe Medicines
and Stores wanted for this —
Presidency for the ensuing Year,
together with a List of the —
Medical Establishment.—

Captain Gooch of
the Lushington has sent to us
for inspection a very ingenious
new invented Machine for
fractured legs by the use of
which, the Motion of the —
Knee being preserved during
the cure. the rigidity of the
Tendons which is former —
Methods of treatment was often
an evil of many Months —

continuance

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continuance, is totally obviated and the patient is enabled to sit up or lay down — to turn on either side and to be — removed out of bed a day or two after the accident without displacing the fractured bones —

We are of opinion this instrument will be found extremely usefull in India more particularly on Field Service, — and Recommend that the apothecary be authorised to purchase Six of them for the use of the establishment at an advance of 50 p Cent on the prime cost, which Captain Gooch says is Six Guineas — each. —

Permission granted. —

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician gen.l

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The following Letter from Rear Admiral Rainier received on the 14th. Ultimo is now recorded.—

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord.

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that after having made the necessary arrangements for the distribution of the Troops Provisions and Stores for the Garrison of Amboyna. Banda and their dependencies received by the Several transports under convoy of the Honorable Company's frigate Bombay / who arrived soon after Day last / and having dispatched the — Jane transport with a proportion of each for Banda I left Amboyna December 1st. last with His Majesty's Ships and transports as p. Margin the two former laden with Spices the latter with a small quantity of Provisions belonging to the Navy not wanted and all the Sick and diseased from the Naval Hospital —

From Admiral Rainier — advising of his proceedings — since he left Amboyna on the 1st. December last Notices the Departure of Lieutenant Colonel Vigors Captain Meuth and Ensign Colebrook from Amboyna for Madras on account of Ill health speaks in very favorable Terms of Lieutenant Colonel Vigors — Captain Meuth & Lieutenant Hartland — and repeats his recommendation of acting Ensigns Michael Grant and Robert Means — Notices are committee having brought back same Provisions on the Yarmouth Transport and Requests a Committee may be appointed to adjust the Accounts of the Banda and Amboyna — Expedition —

His Majesty's Ships
Suffolk
Swift
Transports
Gloster
Ewer
Yarmouth

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I determined to make my passage without the Philip-
=pines not only as it appeared to me in every respect
the most certain but also to obviate the apprehensions
entertained by the Merchants of Bombay in their
address to Captain Lucas of the Port of Maccao —
being annoyed by the Enemy's Cruizers, and to give
convoy to the trade that might be waiting there for
that purpose both of the Honorable Company's and
Private Merchants. —

In addition to the Honorable —
Company's troops under Majo Mac Neil (himself
commanding at Amboyna and Major Gordon at Banda)
Lieutenant Colonel Vigors's health not permitting him
to remain I left for the defence and afsistance of
those establishments Captain Pakenham in His —
Majesty's Ship, and armed Brig, the Resistance and
Amboyna and the Honorable Company's frigate —
Bombay with the Splinter Prize and three serviceable
Panchallings, to afsist occasionally. —

Captain Meulh and Ensign —

Colebrook

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Colebrook were likewise in such ill state of health as to make their return to the Coast absolutely necessary and they embarked accordingly:— I beg leave to express my entire satisfaction in the conduct of Lieutenant Colonel Agnew during his Command at Batta and should have been much at a loss to the detriment of the Publick Service but for the assistance of Captain Meadh and Brigade Major Heitland in the Paymaster and Commissary Departments; to strengthen my former Recommendations of the acting Ensigns, have the pleasure of transmitting to your Lordship the inclosed Certificates.

I left the Islands in a state of perfect tranquility, for particulars beg leave to refer your Lordship to the Copy of the Journal of Government since Captain Lennon's departure which will throw much light both on my proceedings and the principles of the present Government of those Islands.

I anchored at Macao the 30th

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Hon.ble Comp.y's Ships
Exeter Capt.n Wilson
Brunswick " Aschland
Bombay Castle } Hamilton
Earl Howe Steward
Freighted Ships
Prince of Wales Thornton
Indispensable
Botany bay Ship
Private
Diligente Brig
Portuguese

of the same Month. shortly after the homeward bound Ships as p Margin of the Honorable Company's from Canton Anchored there also at my requisition found their route from the Supercargoes was fixed to proceed by the Carimata passage and through some of the streights East of Java which was shortly after communicated to me by the President of the Select Committee with option to change it, at that time it did not appear to me to be necessary but considering the subject more attentively in the passage through the China Seas governed by the Assurance I had received from Captain Lucas of his intention to Return to Penang and wait my further orders by the authentick information received from the Supercargoes of Six French frigates having sailed from Mauritius July 25.th last destination unknown it induced me to change my opinion and prefer their continuing with me through the Streights of Malacca which Captain Wilson

the

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the Senior Offier made no objection to on my
assuming him of a Convoy clear of achem head I
was also somewhat influenced by the disinclination
Captain Wilson shewed at Maccao and Pulo Aura
to separate from me;— in consequence of this —
alteration these Ships continued with me to the
6th Instant when I parted with them about —
forty Leagues to the Westward of achem with
a very favorable breeze having previously stopped
two days at Prince of Wales's Island to Compleate
their water and Receive the Sick of the Squadron
at Malacca.— —

The Seahorse Companys Cruizer
joined me in the straights of Sincapore being
appointed to cruize there by the Superintendant
of Prince of Wales's Island to give informations
of the action between His Majestys Ships —
Arrogant and Victorious and Six French —
frigates and of their having left Brest October
19th to cruize off the Sand-heads of Bengal River
and also that several Country Ships from China

were

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were waiting at that Island for Convoy;— the — following night spoke a Danish Ship who left that River the latter end of December from whom Received an account of the Capture of the Dutch Squadron in Saldenha=bay by the Hono=rable Vice Admiral Sir George Elphinstone — and of the French Frigates not having made their appearance in the Bay of Bengal since they left Mergui.— On my arrival at — Prince of Wales's Island found the abovemen=tioned Ships had sailed for Trincomale about the Middle of December, under convoy of His Majesty's Sloop Hobart— I ordered the Sea=horse to Bengal to which Station she belongs:— in following me she spoke the — Ship Sylph off the Sand=heads from — Manilha who tho' informed I was bound to the Coast determined not to avail himself of my protection and accordingly Kept the Sumatra shore on board to avoid falling in with me

and

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and thereby run the risk of being taken and of giving the enemy the information of the very valuable Convoy under Dmy charge —

On the eve of my sailing from Penang discovered the Yarmouth had delivered none of the Salt Provisions received on the Company's account at Madras (Viz.) 147 — Hogsheads of beef and am at a loss to — account for it except from Mr. Jones's being exceedingly hurried, my attention was chiefly taken up in hastning the Shipping the proper quota for Banda conceiving Mr. Jones would take care of the remainder as being immedi= =ately under his charge he had not time to furnish me with the account of remains which I desired him to do and which would have — prevented the Mistake; the proportion for — Banda is herewith transmitted as delivered by Mr. Farquhar whom I thought proper

to

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to dispatch with them to that Island, to act as Mr. Jones's deputy, however I apprehend they still have sufficient for a 12 Month with a little acconomy.—

I have to request your Lordship will please as speedily as possible appoint a proper Person to receive and adjust with Mr. John Brouncker my Secretary the accounts of the Various disbursements on Account of the King's and Honorable Company's Service from the treasure and sale of goods Spices and supplies of Stores from the captured property of the Islands of Amboyna and Banda during my Command—

I have the honor to remain

My Lord,

Your Lordships

Most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) Peter Rainier

Return

Suffolk Madras Road February 14th 1797

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Return of Provisions Stores &c. &c. Shipped on Board the Jane for the use of the Honorable Company's Servants at Banda.—

Logs of Wood	23
Rice	1278 Bags and 52 Casks 1b 189355
Salt Beef	219 Casks
Arrack	55 Leagers
Coils of Rope	38
Tar	1 Cask
Bolts of Canvas	14
Wheat	272 Bags M.r Cochraine's
Calivances	48 Do.
Paddy	7 Casks
Indian Corn	120 Bags
Sundries Cochin Beanes	54 Bags
Paddy &c.a Mixed	
Dholl	112 Bags
Salt	29 Do.
Chunnah	3 Do.
Ghee	48 Duppers

Tamarind

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This is to Certify that Mr Michael Grace Volunteer upon the Expedition against Malacca — under my direction, having from Circumstances of the Service urging the necessity of an additional Detail of Officers been appointed by me to act as an Ensign has — conducted himself in [illegible] ing the Duties of that Rank in a correct [illegible] manner meriting my entire approbation — [illegible] hand in Malacca this 20th day of Dr. Ditto — Nails — Junk — [illegible]

This [illegible] Certify that [illegible] Mr. Grace — Served as an acting Ens[illegible] [illegible]n with the Grenadiers under my Command on the [illegible]xpedition against the Moluccas in — discharging the du[illegible]ties of which situation he conducted himself in a correct [illegible]and exemplary Manner, meriting my entire appr[illegible]obation, and that since the Reduction of these Islands he has filled the appointment of Fort Adjutant of Fort Victoria in the Island of Amboina under my immediate command to my entire

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entire satisfaction— Given under my hand
this 21st day of November 1796.—

(Signed) W. Vigors
Lt. Col. Comg.

This is to Certify that Mr. Robert
Mears Volunteer upon the Expedition against —
Malacca under my direction having from Circumstances
of the Service urging the necessity of an additional —
Detail of Officers been appointed by me to act as an
Ensign has conducted himself in discharging the Duties
of that Rank in a correct and exemplary manner —
meriting my entire Approbation Given under my —
hand vic Malacca this 20th day of December 1795—

(Signed) A. Brown
Major Commanding

This is to Certify that Mr. Robert Mears served
as an acting Ensign with the Grenadiers under my Command
on the Expedition against the Moluccas in discharging the duties
of which situation he conducted himself in a correct and exemplary
manner meriting my entire approbation, and that since the —
Reduction of those Islands he has filled the Appointment of
Fort

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Fort Adjutant of Fort Kafoaw in Banda Neira under my immediate command to my entire satisfaction

Given under my hand this 21st day of November 1796. —

Lieut Col Comg

Hobart

" Geo: Harris

" Edw Saunders

"

" W Fallofield

Fullerton Esq