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Received the undermentioned letters

entered in Mb Nos 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112.—

From the military Paymaster General

From Mr Roebuck enclosing the general Estimate of the Expences of the Army for the ensuing Month.—

From the Acting Commissary of General of Grain and Provisions.—

From Mr J Hardow—enclosing the estimates of Cash required to answer the Disbursements of his different offices, for the ensuing Month.

From Captain W. Brooke requesting

From Captain W. Brooke.—

permission to proceed to Bengal, in order to embark from thence for Europe on the Company's Ship Phoenix.—

From Captain Keith young

From the Acting Deputy adjutant General to the Kings Troops.—

enclosing the Obligation required from Captain Burke—and requesting to be furnished with Orders to the Commander of one of the Company's Ships to receive Captain Burke on board and to the Paymaster to advance the Passage Money.—

From Do. to the purport of

From Do— Do.

above noted in relation to Captain Bailey.—

From

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From Brigadier General De Meuron

From Brigadier General De Meuron requesting that four Men of his Corps on whom a Sentence of perpetual Banishment has been passed, may be sent to Bencoolen on the Ships about to sail for that Settlement. -

Sent the following Letter. -

To Major General John Erskine

Commanding the

Bengal Detachment

To Major General Erskine on the subject of relieving Lieutenant Colonel Roberts's Detachment by a detail of equal strength from the Troops under his Command

Sir,

The Right Honble the President in Council having judged it advisable to recall the detachment now serving with his Highness the Nizam, directs me to desire, that you will be pleased to supply its place with all convenient expedition by a detail from the detachment under your Command in conformity with the instructions transmitted to you for that purpose, by the Supreme Government on the 9th January last. -

I inclose a detail of the present strength of the detachment at Hydrabad

and

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and am to request that you will take the
earliest means of communicating to this Govern-
-ment the march of the Troops which you may
detach for the relief of it.

I have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
25th March 1797.

Sir &c.

/Signed/ J. Webbe
Secy to Government

To Lieutenant Colonel Roberts
Commanding the Detachment serving with
His Highness the Nizam.

Sir,

To Lieutenant Colonel Roberts directing him when relieved by the Bengal Troops to proceed to Masulipatam with the Detachment under his Command

I am directed to inform you, that
the Right Honble the President in Council
has judged it advisable to recall the detachment
under your command, and to relieve it by a
part of the Bengal troops, now on its march to
the Circars, under the Command of Major General
Erskine; as soon therefore as you shall be
relieved, you will proceed with the troops under
your orders / the artillery excepted / to Masulipatam
Major General Erskine has
been furnished with a detail of your detachment
in

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in order that the whole may be relieved; but if he should not be able to supply the place of the Europeans now serving with the detachment, you are at liberty to leave a part or the whole of them at Hydrabad

I am &c &c

(Signed) J. Webbe

Secy to Government

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To Major William Kirkpatrick

Resident at Hydrabad

Sir,

To the Resident at Hydrabad advising him of the above Instructions to Major General Harris and Lieutenant Colonel Roberts.

In consequence of the declaration of hostilities against Great Britain by the Court of Spain, of which advices have been recently received from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors under date the 11th November, it has been judged advisable by the Right Honble the President in Council to adopt such measures as may the recall of the detachment (the Artillery excepted) under the command of Lieutenant Colonel

Roberts

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Roberts necessary Orders have therefore been issued to that Officer for the march of the detachment, as soon as it may be relieved by a detail from the force now on its march into the circars, under the command of Major General Erskine, to Whom application for that purpose has been made. —

I inclose for your information a copy of the orders to Lieutenant Colonel Roberts and have the honor to be. —

Sir,

Fort St. George
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H.o. H.e

/Signed/ J. Webbe
Secy to Govmt.

To Major General Craig
Commanding at the
Cape of Good Hope

To Major General Craig introducing the Count de Meuron advising of the arrangement & verbally made for his Passage to England requesting that every assistance may be rendered him in obtaining the Documents he requires regarding the accounts of his Regiment —

Sir,

We have the honor of introducing to you major General Count De Meuron Colonel commandant of the Swiss Regiment of Meuron. —

The immediate object of the Count is to obtain certain documents respecting the

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the accounts of his regiment which he expects to procure from the Dutch records at the cape and we request that you will afford him every assistance to accelerate his enquiries in order that he may prosecute his voyage to England on the Fort William, the ship on which he embarks from this place. —

Should the Court continue his voyage on the Fort William an arrangement is made for the whole of his passage to England but should he be detained at the Cape beyond the departure of the Fort William, we request you will provide him with accomodation at some future opportunity suitable to his rank, and that during his residence you will provide him with a house at the public expence.

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We have the honor to be, —
&c &c
/Signed/ Hobart
&c Council

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Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in H.B. No. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. —

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To M.r Secretary Barlow, Fort

C. W. Malet, and Major Kirkpatrick, forwarding a

Intelligence received from the Mysore Country.—

To Major General Sydenham — d.o

— referring for Examination the Military Paymaster

General's Estimate of Cash for the ensuing Months.—

To the Secretary at Fort William Residents at Hydrabad and Poona.—

To Captains Craig and Jones — with

To the Military Auditor General

Lists of Charter party Passengers ordered to embark

on their respective Ships for England.—

To the Commanders of the Ships Queen and Europa

To D.o with Lists of French

To Ditto — Ditto

officers ordered to embark on their Ships — informing

them that they will be allowed five Shillings per

Day each on account of their Diet — and desiring d.o

that on their arrival in England they do not allow

the officers to land untill they have received d.o

Instructions from the Court of Directors.—

To Captains Wauchope and

To the Commanders of the Ships Berwick and Princess of Wales.

Nash — desiring them to prepare for the — d.o

accommodation of seven French officers — d.o

intended to be embarked on each of their Ships

for England — informing them that they will be

allowed for the Diet of each officer at the rate

of five Shillings per Day — and that an advance

will

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will be made to them respectively of Pags. 400 on
this account.—

To the Commanders of the Ships Melville Castle Rockingham Airly Castle & Princess Charlotte

To the Commanders of the different
Ships noted on the Margin — notifying the
Intention of Government to send four Female
Officers on each of their Ships to England — that
Officers to be subsisted either at their own Tables
or at their third Mates Mess for which an
allowance of 5 Shillings per Day for each Officer
will be made by the Company and an Advance
made equal to £. 100 or Pagodas 250

To the Commander of the Ship Fort William

To Captain Simson — desiring
him to prepare for the accommodation of a
Lieutenant and Mr. Des Jardens and two female
Officers — and notifying the Terms on which they
they are to be subsisted as above specified. —

To Mr. Gahagan.—

To Mr. Gahagan — informing
him that the Board are under the Necessity of
referring his Claim for Head Langrons Subsistence
while on Furlough, to the Consideration of the
Honble Court of Directors. —

To the Military Auditor General.—

To Major General Sydenham —
desiring him to pass for Payment Captain
Burke

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Banks and Bailey's Bills for the usual allowance of Passage Money to England

To Mr. Henry Hall. desiring that he does not allow the Danish Ships Hoebet to quit these Roads till further orders. —

To the Acting master attendant. —

Sent Letter to the Sabob &

Substance of a 23. Letter to the Sabob

entered in L. B. N.° 30 desiring him of the arrival of a Letter from the Court of Directors addressed to H. His Highness, and requesting he will appoint a Time for receiving it

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M B N.° 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. —

From Captain Keith Young — re — questing that the Board will advance to the Com — mander of the Princess Charlotte the usual A. allowance of Passage Money on account of Lieutenant Wade of the 52.d Regiment who is ordered to take charge during the voyage of the King's Invalids embarked on that Ship. .

From the Acting Deputy Kings adjutant General

From D.° with a similar Request in favor of Captain Morgan of the 36.th Regiment who proceeds on a similar duty on board the Lily Cattle. .

From D.° D.°

From

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From the Military Board

From the Military Board inclosing the Certificates required by the Court of Directors of Ordnance and Marine Stores landed from sundry Ships of their present Season.—

From the Commander of the chartered Ships Berwick.—

From Captain Wauchope recommending that a Guard may be sent on his Ship for the prevention of accident which might be apprehended from so many French Officers being sent on his Ship which is manned entirely by Lascars.—

From Lieutenant Colonel David Campbell.—

From Lieutenant Colonel David Campbell enclosing an application from Lieutenant Mathews for an Extension of his Leave of Absence for two Months.—

From the Commandant at Madura.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Gowdie requesting that the Fort Adjutant Lieutenant Cuthrie may be allowed to charge for a Writer whom he is actually obliged to employ for the purpose of drawing out returns abstracts, Muster Rolls, &c.—

Despatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B.M. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134.—

To

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To the military auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham desiring him to authorize the Issue of one thousand Pagodas, on account of Repairs at Velanjeriad begun by Lieutenant Colonel Prescott.-

To the military Board

To the Military Board desiring them of the above authorizedy the repair of the unserviceable Muskets as recommended by them at the Expence of 2½ Pagodas for each Musket and informing them that the attention of the Court of Directors will be particularly called to the inclosed State of the Musketry at this Presidency.-

To Captain Bolle aid de Camp to the Court de Lallemand

To Captain Bolle informing him that as the orders of the Court of Directors A specify that his pay and allowances were to A commence only from the date of his arrival here viz.t the 9.th October last / the Board do not feel themselves at liberty to comply with the request contained in his Letter of the 24.th January last.-

To the Acting master attendant.

To Mr. Henry Hall. desiring that the Ship Gloucester may not be allowed to quit these roads till further orders.-

To

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To the Commanders of the Ships Dove and Europa. —

To Captains Craig and Jones —

Desiring each of them to convey to Bencoolen two Men formerly belonging to the Regiment of Madras, who have been sentenced to perpetual Banishment — and informing them that they were ordered on account of their Insubordination from the Government of Bencoolen a Guard equal to six persons per Day for the period they are on board. —

To the Deputy Governor and Council at Fort Marlborough

To the Deputy Governor and Council at Bencoolen desiring them of the sentence of the four Men aforementioned on the Dove and Europa. —

Sent the following Letters. —

To Peter Speke Esqr.
Vice President in Council at
Fort William

Sir,

To Bengal relative to the Enlargement sent by this Government on the Receipt of the Letter from the Court of Directors for the Rajah of Sanjore congratulating him on the ratification of the Treaty concluded by this Gentleman with Lord Macartney. —

We have the Honor to inform you, that we have received by the Marlborough a Letter from the Honble the Court of Directors addressed to Amersing Rajah of Sanjore, of which we enclose a Copy for your information

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When we reflect upon the subject of the Court's Letter, which congratulates the Rajah upon the ratification of that treaty which we have meanwhile been ordered to annull; we feel considerable difficulty as to the propriety of delivering it, and as we have submitted our sentiments to you upon the alarming situation of the Tanjore Country and are yet uninformed of your determination We beg leave to refer the subject to your consideration, and to request your instructions for our guidance.

We have the honor to be.
&c &c
Signed/ Robert
&c Council

Fort St. George
22d. March 1797.

To Major General Doyle
Commanding in Ceylon

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 6th. Instant and to inform you, that the most pressing and urgent instructions have been sent to the

President

To Major General Doyle - acquainting him that orders have been sent to Mr. and more to forward supplies of Cash to Colombo for the use of the Troops.

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Resident and superintendent of Revenue for a supply of money; and, as a considerable sum must have been realized by this time from the pearl fishery, his Lordship trusts that the wants of the troops may be more expeditiously relieved by this means than by sending it specie from the Presidency at this season of the year.

Fort St. George
22.d March 1797.

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

Received the following Letter from Mr. Webbe.—

J. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to the Government of
Fort St. George

Sir,

From Mr. Webbe advising of his having, at the Desire of Captain Lucas, sent orders to the Commander of the Company's Ships at Point de Galle, to forward to Bombay the Bengal Convoy to Trincomalee

I request you to inform his Lordship in Council, that Captain Lucas has just communicated to me admiral Rainier's Instructions to him for effecting a Junction between the Ships loading at Ceylon

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Ceylon and the homeward bound fleet and Convoy from Madras, and that so soon as the Ceylon Ships shall be ready for dispatch I will give directions to the Commanders of accordingly.—

The Admirals Letter I under-=stand was brought to Captain Lucas by the Orpheus which met us on the P. afternoon of the 2d Instant the same day we left Columbo, and had Captain Lucas then made the necessary Communica-=tions to me, I should immediately have advised their Lordships in Council thereof.

I shall direct the Commanders in case of their reaching Trincomaly before they join the Madras fleet, to report their arrival to the Madras Government and also to the Admiral, or in his absence to the Senior Naval Officer.—

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Point de Galle
9th March 1797.

/Signd/ John Bebb

Despatched

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23.d Fort St. George March 1797

Resident and superintendent of Revenue for a supply of money; and, as a considerable sum must have been realized by this time from the pearl fishery, his Lordship trusts that the wants of the troops may be more expeditiously relieved by this means than by sending specie from the Presidency at this season of the year.

Fort St. George
22.d March 1797.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(signed) J. Webbe

Secy to Govt

Received the following Letter from Mr. Webb.-

J. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to the Government of
Fort St. George

Sir,

Mr. Webb advising of his having at the Desire of Captain Lucas issued orders to the Commanders of the Company's Ships at Point de Galle to proceed as under the Nawab's Convoy to Trincomalee

I request you to inform his Lordship in Council, that Captain Lucas has just communicated to me admiral Rainier's instructions to him for effecting a Junction between the Ships lading at
Cuylon

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23d

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I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Point de Galle
9th March 1797.

/Signd/ John Bebb

Despatched

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Despatched the undermentioned

Letters entered in Mbs Nos 135. 136.—

To the Garrisons and marine Storekeepers

To Mr. Brodie desiring him to

comply with such Indents for Stores and Provisions

for the use of the Suffolke Tender as shall be

Countersigned by Admiral Rainier

To the Military Auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham &c

referring for examination the Estimates of the

acting Commissary General of Grain and of

Provisions and principal Agent for Draught

and Carriage Bullocks for the ensuing Month

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor President

Friday 24th March 1797

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders and

Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved

Read the following Letter from

Major General Floyd—

Right

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Right Honble

The Governor in Council

My Lord,

I have had the honour of your Commands of the 16th Instant, through Mr. Secretary Webbe, on the subject of a general representation made to your Lordship, by His Highness the Nabob of depredations Committed on the borders of his Country by Thieves and Colleries, who take refuge in the neighbouring Districts —

From Major General Floyd states that the Country complained of by the Nabob are excited actually by his own subjects and that a dreadful formidable Combination against His Highness's authority now exists between the Rooky and Polygars of Warriore and Arialore & recommends the Measures for its suppression.

your Lordship's Commands shall be Completely obeyed, as far as they go — I beg however to be allowed to remark, that the mischief exists in the heart of the Nabobs Country — and the Chief performers are his Highness's own Subjects or Vassals, Combined in Rebellion, around whom Rogues and Colleries Collect from all quarters for Plunder. There is reason to believe their numbers amount to four or five thousand persons, and that they have two Guns — Or, as some say, four. The Combination is between the Rooky of Terriore and the Polygars of Warriore, and Ariolore — Tombo Goinden has joined them — and I have also heard

that

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That Chief Naig is of the party — the Range of these people is between Seringa Patam, by Satalore, and Warriapollam, your Lordships instructions point to watching the limits of the Sanjore Country and those of the ceded Districts, and probably meaning those ceded Districts South of the Colroon those on the North side being beyond the limits of my Command. —

I have only to say that if your Lordship should be inclined to authorize me to put an end to these disturbances, I have no doubt but it would immediately be done by a Detachment Consisting of one Battalion of Sepoys, a couple of Guns and about fifty Horse drawn from Chittoor Arcot and Vellore, in the hope of seizing some of the Ring Leaders. —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
/Signd/ J. Floyd
m. G.

Trichinopoly
March 19th 1797.

Resolved

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Resolved that one troop be
immediately ordered from the Regiment at P.
Chemundalam to Trichinopoly, and that General
Floyd be directed to detach one battalion with
two guns, as he proposes, for suppressing
the disturbances in the Tinnivelly district.—

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter
from Trincomale.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c. &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord,

We have the honor to acquaint
your Lordship that We have taken up the P.
Ship Greenwich, Benjamin Brown Master, for
the purpose of conveying to Pondicherry Two P.
Hundred Men of His Majesty's 72d Regiment
that could not possibly be accommodated
on the Bellona, engaging that He shall
be paid at the rate of four Pagodas for
each man, of which We hope Government
will be pleased to approve, as there are no
Barracks for them here, and the full Batta

From Lieutenant Colonels Champagne and Fraser stating the terms on which they have engaged the Ship Greenwich to convey a part of the 72d Regiment from Trincomale to Pondicherry.—

to

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the men and officers of left behind would in a very short time amount to more than the whole sum agreed to be paid for the Greenwich, besides the expence of hiring another Vessel at some future period.—

Trincomalee 16th March 1797.

We have the honor to be, &c &c

/Signed/ J. Champagne
Lt. Colt. 80th Regt.
H. Fraser
Lt. Colt. Comg 72d Regt.

Minute thereon.

Though the Board think the terms demanded by the master of the Greenwich exorbitant, they approve the resolution of Lieutenant Colonels Champagne and Fraser for taking her up.—

The Secretary reports the following casualties.—

Death of Lieut.t Colonel George Stewart and captain William Stevens of the Infantry Lists.

Lieutenant Colonel George Stewart of the 2d Battalion 9th Regiment.—

Captain William Stevens of the 1st European Regiment.—

Read

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Read the following letter

from the adjutant General. -

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the adjutant General recommending Promotions to fill Vacancies occasioned by the Death of Lieutenant Colonel Stewart and Captain Stevens. -

The Commander in Chief has desired me to request you will signify to the Right Honble the President in Council his recommendation, that the following promotions may be ordered to take place to fill Vacancies on the Establishment. -

Captain Lieutenant Edd O'Reilly to be Captain of a Company vice Stevens deceased - date of rank 4th. March 1797. -

Brevet Captain Charles Henry Keay to be Captain Lieutenant vice O'Reilly promoted - date of rank 4th. March 1797.

Major Thomas Malcott to be Lieutenant Colonel - vice Stewart deceased - date of rank 18th. March 1797. -

Captain Edward Ferguson to be Major - vice Malcott promoted - date of

rank

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the men and officers of left behind would in every short time consent to more than the whole sum agreed to be paid for the Greenwich, besides the Expence of hiring another Vessel at some future period.—

We have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

/Signed/ J. Champagne
Lt. Colt. 80th. Regt.
H. Fraser
Lt. Colt. Comg 72d. Regt.

Trincomalee
16th. March 1797.

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Lieutenant Colonel George Stewart of the 2d. Battalion 9th. Regiment.—

Captain William Stevens of the 1st. European Regiment.—

Read

1435. Fort St. George 24th March 1797

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Brevet Captain Philip Henry Keay to be Captain Lieutenant vice O'Reilly promoted—date of rank 4th March 1797.

Major Thomas Malcott to be Lieutenant Colonel—vice Stewart deceased—date of rank 18th March 1797.—

Captain Edward Ferguson to be Major—vice Malcott promoted—date of

rank

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rank 18th. March 1797. —

Captain Lieutenant James Archibald Kirkpatrick to be Captain of a Company vice Ferguson promoted — date of rank 18th. March 1797. —

Brevet Captain David Blair to be Captain Lieutenant — vice Kirkpatrick promoted — date of rank 18th. March 1797. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) G.J. Close

adjt. Genl. of the Army

Fort St. George
23d. March 1797.

The promotions to be published in general orders. —

Ordered that the promotions recommended by the Commander in Chief be published in General Orders. —

Read the following letter from the Resident at Tanjore

The

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The Right Honorable

Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Resident at Tanjore enclosing attestations tending to shew the part taken by Shivaia Moodely and Tanjore Servatachella Pilly in the Disturbances now prevailing in the Warriorpollam District — recommends that the whole of Servatachellas Papers be secured —

I have the honor to lay before you, some Declarations which appear to me very important regarding the Proceedings of P Veneata Chittaun in exciting the Outrages in the Nabob's Dominions. —

His Highness's Amildar who has been forced to quit the Districts of Warriorpollam &c. has been with me — the force collected to resist the Nabob's Authority is Considerable, and compared with the means employed by his Highness for its Suppression very formidable. —

I have had information thro various Channels that the General P Depredator Tombee Goundun with four Guns, and part of their Highs force have joined the Insurgents. —

The

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The Amildar informed me that his orders were to raise a thousand men At the same time one of his Captains a Portuguese not long since in the Rajah of Tanjore's Service, applied to me for protection against the very man whom the Amildar had placed under his Command and who refused to obey his orders in the most pointed manner - These are the Lengths to which his Highness's Servants trust for quelling a formidable Poligar force and which can answer no end but that of strengthening the Poligar Confederacy and drawing on his Treasury an useless Expence. -

The Amildar is at Tanjore Country. The man me word yesterday that he heard distinctly the firing of Cannon which continued during a great part of the Day: and several Reports which I have received this Day speak of an Engagement between the Poligar people and his Highness's Troops. -

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It occurred to me that important Intelligence regarding the Conduct of P Cancatachellum might be obtained by an inspection of Cadjans, Papers &c. that might be in his House with this View I have judged it for the Eventual good of the Service to give orders that no Cadjans &c. should be allowed to be carried out until I receive your Lordships instructions upon this Head.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/Signed/ Alex.r Macleod

Asst.

Tanjore
20th. March 1797.

Translation

Deposition of Coduderam Nenier on Oath at the Great Pagode of Tanjore, with the attestation of the Proper Officers of the Pagode the same being duly Sworn in their Presence.—

Coduderam Nenier brother in Law of Lechmy Wubdiar / commonly called Chinny Dor / who is uncle of the Warriodpollam Poligar, deposes, that during the residence of the Warriorpollam Poligar at Madras Chinnia Moodely had written very often exciting them to resist the Nabobs

managers.

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Managers in the Warriorpollam. & himself
concealed the Poligar in his House; in Consequence
the Nabob sent / six months ago / to seize his
Family at Warriorpollam, the Nabobs people
surrounded the Chinna Dorys family and the
Deponent and his family in a fort in Warrior-
-pollam. At that time Venkatachellum sent
500 Coss in the night time with scaling
Ladders; they scaled the fort released them
and their families, and sent them away to
the Poligars family to the Village a Village
in a Jungle in Shandy, and the Chinna Dorys
and Deponents families to Combaconum. the
Deponent says, that He knows that two
Venkatachellums People from Conversation
with them when they came into the Fort
and with Wadamogum Allagappa Mongan
a friend of Venkatachellum commanding part
of the 500 Coss, also from Conversation with
another Sheriegar or Commander of the Coss
Pallaney Venkatachellum Peraaby / Cowelgar
of Warriorpollam Carbats, with the
Cowelgar of Erigandy / in Warriorpollam
and

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and with moorgapak Periachy Powlgar
of the eight Maganams / viz Warriorpollam /
Five Four months after their arrival at P
Combaconum the Deponent heard nothing
from Vencatachellum; then his Relation the
Chinny Dory gave him a Cadjan letter for P
Vencatachellum requesting money for his P
Support. Vencatachellum Replied Verbally /
to the Deponent that the Chinna Dory should
have patience that He / V- / would write to
to mootia Pilly, Gomastah of the Warriorpollam
Odeyar and get Orders to advance something
Vencata Chellum also gave an answer in
writing to the same effect which answer P
he / the Deponent carried to the Chinny Dory
at Combaconum Nothing however has been
at any time given them for their Expences. -

One of the Peppal men which
Vencatachellum Kept regularly between P
Tanjore and Warriorpollam, told the P
Deponent that He carried Cadjans regularly
that his station is at the Village of Tanny
mayky and that He is a native of Dostamally

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a Warriorpollam Village.—

/Signed/ Condanderaum Maniar brother in

Law to Chenna Doss of Warriorpollam

/Signed/ Sawmad Gorrookal

Church warden of the Great Pagode in Tanjore

/Signed/ Dondaroff Do

Moniger of the said Pagode

/Signed/ Alexr. Macleod

Rect.

Tanjore
17th. March 1797.

To Alexander Macleod Esqr.

The humble Representation of the
Inhabitants of Arialore and
Warriar Pollam.—

That Cumatachellum Pilly a spirit the
Warriar Pollam Poligar who destroys the whole
Talook by which we are all Dispersed in sundr
Places, being unable to pay the Taxes and having
no Protection and part of the Inhabitants having
been caught by the said Poligar's People—now
we understand the Hostile Company will—
joint against the Poligars—We declare all
the troubles have happened by the Poligars;

we

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we pray for the Prosperity of the Honble & Company: We give the following Statement of the assistance afforded by Vencatachellum to the Poligars.

1st He wrote to Moorugapah Padiauchee and Palany Padiauchee to carry into the Jungell and kill Soubiah the Amildar from a feared of Bundacaun aly; they accordingly carried him; the said Soubiah intreated for his life Promising that he will come to Vencatachellum Pilly. -

Accordingly 200 People brought the said Soubiah near Colleroon & of that number carried and Delivered him to Vencatachellum, the having kept one of his people as a Hostage & dismissed Soubiah. -

2d Vencatachellum wrote a letter to the Son of moorugapah Padiauchee and Palaney Padiauchee to seize the Son of the late Amildar Comaraamy Pilly and the 2 Brothers of Present Amildar, & of Palamoney Pilly, directing to keep them in the Jungle; certain by the said Vencatachellum is the man who destroyed all artillery and & Warrier Pollams. -

3d Vencatachellum excites the Poligars of the

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two Talookes to destroy the Country; most of the Inhabitants are gone beyond the Colleroon.—

4th. The Vaqueel of Wannia Pollum Polegar, & Kistnaick brother of Soubaick—the Vaqueel of Arracaloor named Pyanoor. Wodiagapen, the Vaqueel of Turriore named Soondra Deekedah are constantly attending on the said Vencatachellum

5th. By the said Vencatachellum orders, Nellandy naig a Tanjore Cowalgar, assisted the Arracaloor Poligar by sending to him the People of chowry Appoo naig, and Parandaman Appoo naig to the Amount of One hundred fighting Men who went by the Road of Tavangody; 50 of these returned again, and 50 Still remained, the said Nellacoutta Naig was raising 200 more people but on Vencatachellum being Confined, he dispersed them.—

6th. That Vencatachellum wrote a Letter to the Poligar to come with 2000 People round by the privaty Road where some other forces should Join both together to proceed to catch Monthiah Mooppen at Kanistakum. On hearing that Monthiah Mooppen said Vencatachellum

may

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may do what lies in his power I dont fear it
hurt. –

As we see that the Company is
inclined to assist against the Poligars We make
application to Mr. Macleod – but we are afraid
to go to Tanjore. –

The Amildar of our Country is at
Andoo Tooay in the Tanjore Country whom he
comes back – we may go on explain whatever
we have wrote. –

The above Vencatachellum the
Gomastah of Chinnia moodely stirs up the
Poligars, by his assistance – Chinniah moodely
gave a Pattengreen to Nellaretta Naig, that he
may assist the Poligars and he /Chinnia/
is endeavouring to establish the authority of
of Poligars in the Tolooks – This the whole
Country knows. –

Attested to be a true copy of the
Cadjan sent by the Inhabitants of Annialoor

Witness my hand
/Signed/ Opalamoney Pelly
Amildar of Annialoor and
Warrior Pollams
/Signed/ Alex^r. Macleod
Resd.
Deposition

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Deposition of Verana Tanjore in Oath at the great Pagoda of Tanjore, with the attestation of the proper officers of the Pagoda, the same being sworn in their Presence. –

The Cowlgar of Ilpaconj of Tayoungooty and Mannelore, named Chinna Moopen / or Verana Tayoure / has also a Cowl of the three Villages called Illaconchy Nutter Pollum and Colon, in the Trichore Country He declares that thirty Days ago He saw about Fifty armed men belonging to Nella Cotta Naig the going to join the Trichore Poligar / now in arms against the Nabob / He saw the above people at Tayoungooty and Mannelore / Tayoungooty has only the Colcoon between it and Trichore / they told them they were going from Nellacotta Naig, Chinny Appa Naig, and Pennagone apa Naig / Tanjore Cowlgars / and that fifty more Men were following. –

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The Deponent asking them how they could go to assist the Rebels they replied that Nella Cotta Naig had come from Chinnia moodely at Madras, who had given them a Palanqueen and ordered them to assist the Rebels The Deponent saw these fifty Men cross the Coleroon into the Arnelore District - The name of one of the Sherigars of the said 50 men is Sellapen, / the son of Vellauda Sherigar / They were all armed with Sebendy Firelocks - of the 50 Men 20 remained with the Arnelore Mans forces and thirty in another part of the District. This was told the Deponent by Sellapen who was a friend of his and who came over sometimes to Murmelore. The same Sellapen said also that he had been directed to raise one hundred

Men

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Mem bit could not get so many.—

/Signed/ Verona Tayoon Chinna mudr

Sawmada Goorookul

/Signed/ Dondawsa Das

/Signed/ by the Church wardens managers of the Pagoda

of the Great Pagoda

in Tanjore /

/Signed/ Alex. Macleod

Resd.

Tanjore

27th. march 1797.

Read also the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob which is entered in 66 No. 31.—

Translation of a Letter

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

to the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor of

Fort St. George

Without Date

Received 28th. march } 1797

I formerly apprized your Lordship of the Conduct of Vencatachella Pelly in instigating the Theives and

Collecting

From the Nabob stating that Chinnia modely the Master of Vencatachella Pelly is the principal Instigator of the Tobaks in the Warriore pollam & District and recommends that his Person and Papers be secured.—

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Colleries to destroy and plunder the P
Ryotts, as with my Travellers, in P
my Districts, and requested of you P
to imprison the Rascal — I have P
once again to inform your Lordship,
that the Principal of all these Disturbers
are their advisers if chinniah modelly P
the master of Vanatachelle Pilly — If
your Lordship would keep Chinniah P
modelly in perpetual Confinement P
the Disturbances which distract my P
three Districts Viz.t Tirrore, Velanore P
and Wadeir patlam would be suppressed

I am convinced therefore by the
Accounts I receive that, if your Lordship
will confine him, and secure his P
papers, you will by these means P
discover that this Individual is the P
author of all the mischief, P
and of the Distruction of P

my

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my poor subjects. –

What more shall I write

a true Translation

/Signd/ A. Falconar

Pro. Fr. to Govr.

Minute on the two foregoing Letters.

Upon mature consideration of the foregoing papers, and after communication with the Attorney General the President proposes that the person of Chinnaiah Moodely be put under immediate restraint and his papers secured. –

Agreed to and ordered accordingly that this order be carried into effect by the Town Major

The Town Major in company attends the Board and the following order is delivered to him. –

To

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Fort St. George 25th March 1797.

To Major Alexander Allan
Town Major

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to desire that you will proceed with a sufficient party of sepoys to the house of Chinniah Modely, put his person under restraint, and secure his papers.—

To the Town Major directing him to place the person of Chinniah Modely under restraint and to secure his papers

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25th March 1797.

I am,
Sir,
your most Obedient Servant,
/Signed/ J. Webbe
Secty to Government

Ordered

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Advances of Cash ordered to be made to the Commanders of the Queen and Europa on account of the Subsistence of the French Officers embarked on their respective Ships

Ordered that the Sum of £90 or 225 Pagodas be advanced by the Military Paymaster of Fort St George to the Commanders of the Queen and Europa on Account of the Subsistence of the 22 French officers embarked on their respective Ships.—

" Hobart

" Gle: Harris

" Con: Saunders

"

" C Wallscheid

P Sullivan Esq

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Diary

Sent the following Letters

To Lieut Colonel Orr

or Officer Commanding the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry at Chemendalum

To Lieut Colonel Orr directing him immediately to detach a Troop of his Regiment to Trichinopoly there to follow the orders of Major General Floyd—

Sir,

Upon receipt of this letter you will detach one troop of your Regiment to Trichinopoly with orders to put themselves under the Commands of Major General Floyd

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I am,
Sir, &c &c
(Signed) J. Webbe Secy to Govt

To Major General Floyd

Commanding at Trichinopoly

To Major General Floyd with instructions for quelling the Disturbances in the Marine Pollam &c District

Sir,

In consequence of your letter of the 19th Instant, a Troop of Cavalry has been ordered from Chemendalum to put themselves under your orders and the Right Honble the President in Council desires

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desires that you will detach one Battalion of Sepoys with two Guns and such orders as you may judge necessary for quelling the disturbances excited by the Poligars in the territories of His Highness the Nabob if any additional forces should be necessary you will of course employ it.

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

25th Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Mis. Nos. 137 & 138.

From the Commander of the Suffolk's Tender — From Lieut Collier - inclosing Bills for Batta to Artificers employed on board the Suffolk's Tender, and for dieting fourteen French Officers from Pondicherry to Madras.

From Captain Grant of the Cavalry — From Captain Grant requesting permission to proceed to England on Furlough for the Benefit of his Health, and that the Memorial which he addressed Government on the 22d July last relative to the loss he suffers in consequence of the Introduction of the New Arrangements may be recommended to the favorable attention of the Honble Court of Directors.

Dispatched

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in MB Nos. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146 147. 148. 149.

To the commandants at Arcot. Velanjambad and To the Collector in the Saghire

To Lieut Colonel Murray, Colonel Baird, and Mr L. Place - desiring them to take means for discovering and apprehending the Person of Cheinniah Moodely.

To the Officer Commanding the Bengal Detachment

To Major General Erskine - inclosing a return of Lieutenant Colonel Roberts Detachment the whole of which is to be relieved from the Troops under his Command except the Engineer

To the Officer Commanding the Nizam's Detachment

To Lieutenant Colonel Roberts advising him of the instructions sent to Major General Erskine and desiring him, in consequence to bring off with him, as soon as relieved the whole of the Detachment with the exception only of the Engineer.

To the Officer Commanding the Detachment of Bengal Sepoys embarked for Fort Marlboro.

To Lieut Dare desiring him to detach Lieut Simson with half the Sepoys under his Command on board the Queen

To the Commander of the Ship Europa

To Captain Jones - desiring him to serve out Spirits from his own Stock to the Malays - embarked on his Ship charging the value to the Bencoolen Government.

To the Resident at Hyderabad -

To Major Kirkpatrick - transmitting for his information Copy of the Letter to Lieut Colo

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Colonel Roberts before mentioned.

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham on authorizing advances of Passage Money on Account of Captain Lieut Morgan, and Lieut Wade.

To the Commanders of the Ships Princess Charlotte and Airly Castle

To Captains Coplin and Prescott — desiring them to receive Captain Lieut Morgan and Lieut Wade on board their Ships as Passengers for England.

To the Commanders of the Ships Rockingham and Princess Charlotte

To Captains Lindsay and Prescott — desiring them to receive Captains Burke and Bailey on board their Ships as Passengers for England

To the Commander of the Ship Sir Stephen Lushington —

To Captain Gooch desiring him to convey to Bengal on his Ship Thomas Young a private in his Majestys 76th Regiment.

To the Commanders of the Ships Noticed in the Margin inclosing Lists of Charter Party Passengers ordered to embark for England on their respective Ships

To the Commanders of the Ships Airly Castle, Princess Charlotte, Melville Castle, Fort William, Rockingham, Berwick, and Princess of Wales —

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Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

Receives Letter from the Nabob entered in C.C. No. 32 inclosing a Sett of Bills on England for £ 1500 the Amount of Lacy Campbells Salary for the Year 1797.

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From the Military Paymaster General

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in MB Nos 150. 151.

From Mr Roebuck inclosing an Estimate

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additional Estimate of Cash required by the Deputy

Kings Paymaster General for the ensuing

Month. —

From Do. Do.

From Do enclosing a Statement of

Cash advanced on account of the Subsistence

of the French officers embarked on the different

homeward bound Ships. ——

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Tuesday 28th March

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders

and

Ernst William Talbot Esqres

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved

Read the following letter from the

Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the

Moluccas expedition.

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From the committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Moluccas Expedition - enclosing a statement of charges made against the Company for Provisions and Stores procured in China by Lieut. Dobbie - and requesting instructions relative to the proportion thereof to be charged respectively to the King and Company

My Lord,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Webbs letter under date the 2d Instant, intimating that your Lordship in council had been pleased to appoint us a Committee for inspecting & adjusting the Accounts of the Moluccas Expedition, and desiring that we would meet such person or persons as should be nominated by His Excellency Rear Admiral Rainier, by whom the Accounts would be laid before us: In consequence of which we have the honor to inform your Lordship, that Mess.rs Cochrane, Brownker and Lieutenant Dobbie appointed on the part of the Admiral, have laid before us Accounts of Money taken up and expended by His Excellency's Order viz

providing

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providing a Vessel at Macao for the purpose of
conveying Stores and Provisions purchased at
that place by Lieutenant Dobbie for
the Army and Navy at Amboyna — These
Accounts comprise a variety of Articles —
which, with the Freight of 1000 Dollars
paid for the Vessel and Sundry charges,
amount to Spanish Dollars 68,117. 86 of which
it appears by the accompanying Statement
Dollars 53,895. 68 are chargeable on the
Navy including 18,504. 50 Dollars paid to
Admiral Rainier and 14,222. 18 to the
Company for Provisions and Stores
delivered to the Commissaries at Amboyna
The Amounts of Purchase
Freight, and all other charges are
supported by clear and Satisfactory
Vouchers, and the rates certified by the
Honorable Company's Supracargoes at
Macao, to be the lowest at which the
Provisions Freights &c could be obtained. —
Bills

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Bills for the whole Amount including one for Spanish Dollars 6000 or Pagodas 5333⅓ referred to our Inquiry in Mr. Secretary Webbs letter of the 9th Instant, have been drawn on your Lordship in Council by Lieutenant Lobbie in consequence of Instructions from the admiral, with the exception of a Balance of Dollars 917-80 which appears to be still due to that Officer. It will rest with your Lordships to determine whether his Majesty or the Honorable Company are to be considered as the Principal in these Transactions. From the Bills for the Amount having been drawn on this Government, it appears to have been the Admirals wish that the Company should take upon themselves the payment of the whole, and receive from him Navy Bills for such proportion of the Provisions and Stores, as have been received for the

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the use of the Squadron under his Command.

As it will probably take a considerable time before all the Accounts of the Moluccas expedition, which from the information we have obtained are of a very extensive nature, can be adjusted, we have thought it best not to delay our report on the Accounts already submitted to us, as Bills for the amount have been drawn on this Government, and it therefore becomes expedient to decide in what manner they are to be discharged.

We have the honor to be,
with the greatest respect,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient
humble Servants,

Fort St George
24th March 1797

Signed { W.m Sydenham
J.n W.m Scardon
Robert Woolf
&c.

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D.r The Honble East India Company in

		charged to the Company	charged to the Navy
To Amount Provisions delivered at Amboina for the use of the Army as ℔ Bill	N.1	12387 93.	
To do do do	N.2	1592 63.	
To Amount Marine Stores do	N.3	241 72	
To Amount Provisions delivered to Mr Broucher for the use of the Navy as ℔ Bill	N.4	"	22647 75.
To Amount Marine Stores do do	N.5	"	7769 59.
To Amount Provisions supplied his Majesty's Armed Brig Amboina as ℔ Bills	N.6	"	654 45"
To Amount Marine Stores do do	N.7	"	657 "
To Amount Sick Quarters and Medicines do	N.8	"	217 25.
To Amount Repairs do do do	N.9	"	2103 87.
To Amount charges for Confinement of Rowe	N.10	"	59 87.
To Amount Sale Stores and Provisions sold by Mr Broucher on Account of the Honble Company	N.11	"	1321 71.
To Amount Cash paid Admiral Rainier	N.12	"	1350 56"
	Sp. Dr.s	14222 18.	63895 65.
		14222 18.	
	Sp. Cr.s	63895 65.	

(Signed) W. H. Dobbie

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Account with William Hugh Dobbie ..... Cr

By Cash for Bills drawn on the Madras Government dated August 2d 1796 in favor of Lt. M'Intosh Engr	2000	" "
By Do. Do. Do. Do Saml M Morat Esqr	2000	" "
By Do. Do. Do. Do W.C Lenson & Thos Huckle Esqr	5,000	" "
By Mr Broucker's Commission	1200	" "
By Balance due W. H. Dobbie	91780	"
Sic D.r	62,11780	

Signed { Wm Sydenham / J. F. Skardon / Robert Wolfe

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The Honble East India Company Dr.

To Provisions delivered at Amboina as p Vouchers—

To Bread	Pounds	1,652	209	24
To Salt Beef	do	15,110	2,115	58
To Salt Pork	do	2456	1831	25
To Rice	do	17,160	3495	61
To Wheat	do	295	14	57
To Calavances	do	6954	378	7
To Arrack	Gallons	3,424	2664	31
To Madeira	do	312	652	53
To Live Bullocks in N		2	226	77
			Dollars	12357 93

Errors Excepted
(Signed) W.H. Dobbie

The Honble the East India Company— Dr.

To Provisions delivered at Amboina for the Army as p Vouchers—

To Salt	Pounds	6667	p Bill Lost
To Chillies	do	463	
To Garlick	do	238	
To Tumareek	do	257	
To Pepper	do	523	
To Betle Nut	do	1142	
To Onions	do	47	
To Tobacco	do	2492	

The whole Amounting to Dollars 1592 53

Errors Excepted
(Signed) W.H. Dobbie

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The Honble the East India Company Dr.

To Marine Stores delivered at Amboyna as pr Vouchers

To 4 Barrels of Tar and 100lbs of Twine — Sp Dollrs 241 – 72 Cents

Errors excepted

(Signed) W. H. Dobbie

Minute thereon

The Board would be happy to take any measure that would tend to accommodate his Excellency the Admiral; but by the express orders of the Court of Directors this Government is instructed to keep Separate accounts of the Money which may be advanced for the expeditions against the Dutch Settlements, with a view to an adjustment hereafter, and as the Forts and Places have been taken possession of in the Name of the King agreeably to the orders from his Majesty's Ministers, the Board are not at liberty to consider the Company as the principal in these transactions. Resolved therefore that such part only of the expences be defrayed as have been incurred on account of the Company's Troops —

Ordered

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A Dividend ordered to be made to the Registered Tanjore Creditors.

Ordered that two thousand two hundred and seventy six Pagodas, seven fanams and seventy two Cash (2276. 7. 72) be advanced from the Treasury, to Mr Thomas Cockburn Register, to be issued by him on the 1st of Next Month, being the proportion of thirty thousand Pagodas to the Registered European Creditors of his Excellency the Rajahs of Tanjore who have not yet accepted the proposed Arrangement.

" Hobart

" Geo. Harris

" Chas Saunders

" C Macaulay

Sutherland

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Substance of a letter from the Nabob

Received Letter from the Nabob & entered in f. C. No. 33 requesting that the Letters from the Court of Directors may be delivered to him on Monday the 3d April at 10 Oclock in the forenoon. —

The undermentioned Letters entered in Mn B No. 152. 153. 154. 155 / having laid over for Consideration in consequence of the press of Business attending the Despatches were at present in circulation this Day. —

From Captain Wood Engineer at Arnee. —

From Captain Wood acknowledging receipt of the Board's order for allotting an additional Spot of Ground to the Jaghiredar of Arnee. —

From the Commandant at Angole. —

From Major J. Price advising of his arrival at Angole. —

From the Commandant at Nellore. —

From Captain Forbes stating that previous to his receipt of the Boards orders Prince Humain Bucht had proceeded on his Journey through the Nabob's Country under an Escort of the Companys Troops furnished from Angole.

From

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From the Commandant in the Gun Room Barlas

Fort St. George March 5th 1797.

From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton enclosing Major Malcolm's Bills for procuring Intelligence amounting to Pagodas 7 ₰ 13. 16. —

Sent the following Letter. —

To Major General Craig
Commanding at the
Cape of Good Hope

Sir,

To the Commandant at the Cape of Good Hope the Commanders of the Homeward bound Ships furnished with Copies of this private & Signals. —

We have had the honor to receive your letter of the 7th December last enclosing copy of the signals established by yourself and Admiral Pringle for the ships at the Cape of Good Hope and have furnished the Indiamen now bound thither with copies of them, with directions to deliver them up to you upon their arrival. —

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28th March 1797.

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

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To Sohn Pringle Esq.

Agent at the

Cape of Good Hope

Sir.

We have received your letter

of the 7th December inclosing duplicate of your

letter of 7th November

The bill which you drew upon

us on account of the advance made by you

to Lieutenant Rufsel has been duly honored.

We now despatch the Honble

Company's Ships Fort William Rockingham &

Melville Castle, Airly Castle, Princess Charlotte,

Berwick, and Princess of Wales, under convoy

of Rear Admiral Rainier these Ships will &

be joined at Trincomale by a fleet from

Colombo, and another from Bengal, and as they

will carry property of immence value, we

request that a convoy adequate to their protection

may be obtained upon their leaving the Cape. —

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We are &c &c

/Signed/ Hobart

&c Council

To the Company's agent at the Cape acknowledging receipt of advices from him and requesting that the homeward bound fleet may be sent or under an adequate Convoy. —

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To the Honble Robert Brooke Esqr.

Governor &c. &c. &c.

St. Helena

Honble Sir

To the Government of St. Helena. Postage Money to be paid there eventually to Captains Sargent and Palmer Lieut. Wright will be found to his Station by the first opportunity

Enclosed we transmit to you a Triplicate of our Letter of the 9th January last.—

We have not heard from Columbo of the arrangement that has been made for conveying to your Island the Troops sent thither on the Canton and Boddam but we presume Major General Doyle will have addressed you on that Subject.—

Should it appear that Captains Sargent and Palmer did not receive any Allowance at Columbo on account of the Accommodation of the Officers of your Establishment from this Port to Columbo—we request they may be paid this Sum usually allowed here viz: One Pagoda per Day for each Officer during the time they were on board

Lieut. Wright not having sufficiently recovered at present will proceed

to

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to his station by the next opportunity.-

We have the Honor to be,

&c &c

Fort St. George

27th March 1797.-

/Signed/ Hobart

&c Council

To Major General Sydenham

Mr. S. H. Shardon

and

Mr. Robert Woolf

Gentlemen,

To the Committee for investigating the accounts of the Molucca Expedition informing them that the King and not the Company is to be considered as the Principle in the Eastern Expedition

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 24th Instant, in which you request the determination of Government whether his majesty or the Company is to be considered as the principal in the expedations against the Dutch Settlements.-

The President in Council would be happy to take any measure that would tend to accomodate his Excellency the Admiral, but by the express orders of the Court of Directors this Government are directed to keep separate accounts of the money that may be

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28th be advanced for this service with a view to the adjustment hereafter, and as the forts and places have been taken possession of in the name of his majesty, the President in Council is not at liberty to consider the Company as the persons to do this transaction

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

Duty to Government

Received the following Letter.—

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General stating the Period to which Lieutenant Charles Sheridan who embarked for England from Bombay has received his pay.—

In consequence of the intention conveyed to me in Mr. Secretary Saulez's Letter under date the 25th January 1797, regarding the advances of cash made by the Government of Bombay to Lieutenant Charles Sheridan of this Establishment I have the honor to state to your Lordship for the information of the Honble the Court of Directors, that on the

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the departure of that Officer from this Presidency in February 1796, six months not Pay up to the 31st of August following, had been issued to their Crew, and as the Ship on which he embarked had been under the necessity of going to Bombay to refit he there received his Subsistence from the 1st September to the 31st December last and on his embarkation at Bombay for England a further advance of Six months pay Sig.t from the 1st January to the 30th June 1797 was made on his passing a receipt for the amount, his Pay will therefore commence in Europe from the 1st of July ensuing, agreeably to the Certificate which I presume he must have received from the Military Paymaster General at Bombay testifying the period to which he was Subsisted in India.—

I have the honor to be with the highest respect.—

&c &c

/Signed/ W. Sydenham

Mil.y Aud.t Gen.l

To

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
27th March 1797.

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

Sir,

From Major Dowlton Tippoo on the Neighborhood of Chandergpatam two Frenchmen from Mangalor arrive at Seringapatam

I have that honor to acquaint you that two of my people arrived this morning from Seringapatam which they left on the 19th Instant. —

At that time the Sultaun was in camp at Rekery near Chunnagpatam — He was employed in examining the accounts, and making inquiries into the management of his Annuity, — two of whom the Annuity of Hokeatal and Chunnagpatam he had put into irons. —

On the 17th Instant Monsieur Chevalleau who had proceeded, some time ago to Mangalore, returned from thence in company with another Frenchman — a Stranger who has lately arrived at Mangalore — It is reported that he has come to Seringapatam for the purpose of soliciting permission from the Sultaun to establish a Trade

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28th Factory at Mangalore.-

I have the honor to be,

Rycota
March 24th 1797.

&c &c &c
/Signed/ G. Dovetone
Major

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

My Lord

I have the Honor to present your Lordships my best Acknowledgements for your Secretary's Letters to Sir Charles Malet dated 25th and 27th Ultimo, and 5th and 6th Instant, inclosing Intelligence from the Mysore Country.-

From the Assistant Resident at Poonah Matters still continue in a very unsettled State Major Kirkpatrick arrived at Poonah on his way to Bombay.-

I cannot discern any Progress towards the Settlement of Affairs here, nor to the Departure of Azeem ul Omrah or Regoje Bhonsla. Bajaj Row, Chinna Appa, Immaut Row, and Nanna Furnauvese, reside in Town, and the other Chieftains are encamped in the Neighbourhood.-

Major Kirkpatrick arrived here from Hyderabad on the 14th Instant, for the Benefit of his Health, and proceeded this morning.

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Morning towards Bombay, where She will probably arrive on the 25th. or 26th. Instant. -

I have the Honor to be with respectfully. -

Poona
20th. March 1797.

E.E. E.E.
/Signed/ J. Shulkhoff

Josia Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir.

From the Resident at Sanjore stating that the Person of Sinnatchella the Polliyr under restraint

I have been honored with your letter of the 8th. Instant, relative to the seizure of Sinnatchellum, and beg you will acquaint the Right Honorable President in Council that the abovenamed Person is now under confinement as directed. -

Sanjore
17th. March 1797.

I have the honor to be &c.
E.E. &c.
/Signed/ Alex. Macleod Resd.

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To The Right Honorable Lord Mobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Major General Erskine enclosing a Return of the Detachment under his Command

I have the Honor to inform you, that I this day entered the District of Palacapore, and agreeable to my Instructions I shall proceed to Ganjam, and wait there for your Lordship's Orders Accompanying this I beg leave to enclose Present State of the Detachment under my Command. –

I have the Honor to be &c with the highest respect. –

My Lord;

Your most Obedient,

Humble Servant,

[Signed] J. Erskine

M. G. Commanding Detach.t

Camp.t near Peaghy

March 14.th 1797.

Present

Present State of the Detachment of Bengal Troops

Commanded by Major General John Erskine Camp Pingby 14th March 1797.

	Commissioned Officers	Staff	Non Commissioned & Privates Effective	Non Effective	Sick & Absent	Quarter Masters Establishment	General & Detachment Staff
European Artillery							Major John Erskine Commanding
3d Company 1st Batt.							Captains Alex. Grand Brigade Major
							John Thomas Engineer
							James Price Field Engineer
Present fit for Duty	1	1	2	1	2	4	8	2	8	2	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	6	Lascars
Sick present					2			5				3											Pioneers
Sick at Midnapore								2															Bullocky
Supernumerary	1																						
Total	2	1	2	1	4	8	2	8	2	4	4	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	6	1	2	4	2	6	1	3

Native Infantry. —

	European Commissioned officers	Staff	Native Commissioned Effective	Native Commissioned non Effective	Native non Commissioned Effective	Native non Commissioned non Effective	Quarter Masters Establishment
							Serjeants
							Havildars
							Naigues
							Corporals
							Drummers
							Fifers
							Privates
Present fit for Duty	4	1	22	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	16	1	1	1	87	9	2	3	7	1	4	25	Serjeants
Sick present													1										Havildars
Sick absent																	1	1	9	3	2	1	Naigues
Superintd not Joind					1																		Corporals
Absent by Leave		2	2	1		4								2	1	2							Drummers
Prohibited from Joining	1			2		3																	Fifers
																							Privates

	Surgeons Establishments
Surgeons Mates	1
Total	2

Pay Abstract

Muster Roll

4th Regt Lt Cavy

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Right Honble Lord Mobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Rear admiral Rainier on the subject of Captain Lennons account current for works executed at Amboine & Banda.—

I have the honor to lay "Captain Wm. Caulfield Lennox late Chief Engineer to the Eastern Expedition under my orders, having presented me with an account Current dated the 12th instant between Himself and the Honble Company for work proposed to be done at Amboine and Banda making abatements for such part of them as were countermanded & not executed, I have audited and approved the same under my Signature, conceiving there can be no exception to the mode of settling the balance, & credit as therein stated.—

Suffolk Madras Road
March 23d 1797.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Peter Rainier

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Sir,

From the admiral's Secretary - ordering a bill for Gratuity on account of Extra Services performed by the Officers and Men of the Fleet at the Seige of Trincomale. -

A Minute having passed in Council resolving to pay a Gratuity to the Officers and Seamen of His Majesty's Squadron for extra work performed by them at the seige of Trincomale, upon the return of Admiral Rainier from his eastern Expedition. -

I am directed by the Admiral to present you the accompanying Bill for the same. -

I remain,

Sir

Your

Obt. Hble Servt.

/Signed/ Jos: Bonnemaison

Secy

Suffolk Madras road

March 24th 1797. -

The Honble Company To the Officers and Seamen of His majesty's Navy for Extra work performed by them, at the Seige of Trincomale, in August 1795.

		£	s	d
To 335 Lieutenants at 5s/ per day for one day		83	15	0
1455 Petty officers 2/6	Do.	181	17	6
5053 Seamen 2/10	Do.	710	10	10
	£ Sterlg	976	3	4
	Star Pagodas	2440	7	0

E E /Signed/ Jos: Bonnemaison

Mem.

The original of this Bill countersigned for Payment by Mr. Secretary Webbe by order of the Right Honble the President in Council. -

/Signed/ George Peony

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Dispatched the undermentioned

Letters entered in M B R. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham

-referring an additional Estimate of Cash Rs required by the Deputy Kings Paymaster & General for the ensuing Months. -

To the Commander of the Chartered Ship Berwick.

To Captain Wauchope enclosing a return of the French officers ordered to embark on his Ship for England - directing him to pay particular attention to their Diet as well as to their accommodation and General Treatment and not to allow them to land in England unless authorized so to do by orders from the Court of Directors. -

To Rt. Hon. Ship Princess of Wales.

To Captain Marsh to the purport above mentioned. -

To the Commanders of the Ships Melville Castle Rockingham Airly Castle Princess Charlotte and Fort William

To the Commander of the Ship Fort William

To the Commanders of the Ships noted in the margin to the same purport & as to Captain Wauchope. -

To Captain Lawson - directing him to take charge of a Box of unserviceable Surgical Instruments addressed to the Inventory to the Honble Court of Directors. -

Received

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Received the undermentioned

Letters entered in M B. N.o 161. 162. 163. &

164. 165. –

From Major General Braithwaite

From Commandant at Pondicherry.

requesting permission to visit the Presidency.

From Mr. Brodie – recommending

From the Garrison Storekeeper

that he be authorized to lay up, and to

keep constantly in store, a Stock of Provisions

of every kind equal to two Months Consumption

for 1000 Europeans and two thousand Natives. –

From Mr. Place – advising

From the Collector in the Jaghire.

of his having taken Measures for the Discovery

and Seizure of Chinnaeah Moodely. –

From Major General Lydenham

From the Military Auditor General

enclosing Statements in Continuation of

Subsistence paid to the Kings Troops serving

under this Presidency from the 25.th June to

the 24.th December 1795, and Company's

allowances from 1.st July to the 31.st December

1795. –

From Lieutenant Colonel

From the Commandant of the 72.d Regiment. –

Fraser advising of the safe arrival of the

72.d Regiment at Pondicherry on the 17.th March. –

Sent

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Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M B Nos. 166. 167. 168. -

To Commandant at Trincomalee.

To Lieutenant Colonel Champagne desiring him to comply with the requisition of Rear admiral Rainier for a party of Troops to act as Marines. -

To Commandant at Pondicherry. -

To Major General Braithwaite granting him permission to visit the Presidency.

To the Military auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham desiring his opinion on a Bill for full Batta presented by Captain Hamilton Hall

Received the undermentioned 4 Letters as entered in M B Nos. 169. 170. 171. -

From Lieutenant H. Evans. -

From Lieutenant Evans requesting Compensation for repairs made by him to the Commandants Quarters whilst stationed at Rajahmundry. -

From the Military Auditor Genl.

From Major General Sydenham submitting his audit on the accounts of the Deputy King's Paymaster General and of the Deputy Paymaster on Ceylon from 25th December 1796 to 24 January 1797 also his Remarks on Lieutenant Colonel Beresford's accounts

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30th accounts from 24th August to 24th September 1796.–

From the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provision.–

From Mr. Skaston – inclosing the Proceedings of the Committee appointed to examine the Grain at Arnee – and recommending that the Quantity reported altogether unserviceable be written of to Profit and Loss. –

31st The following Letter from Rear admiral Rainier sent in circulation for the Perusal of the Members of Council. –

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Rear admiral Rainier requesting that Mr Underwood may be allowed to attend the Sick of the Fleet.–

As I have from time to time been much dissatisfied with the treatment of the Sick and Hurt Seamen and marines sent on shore to the General Hospital here, I have to Request your Lordship will please allow Mr. John Underwood assistant Surgeon on the Honble Company's establishment here to undertake the care of them in future on such terms as

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31st as I may agree upon which when settled shall be duly laid before your Honble Court permitting him to make use of a part of the General Hospital for that purpose till such time as a proper mansion can be procured and also to indent for Medicines on the Honble Company's Dispensary as has been the practice in the General Hospital hitherto.—

Suffolk Madagascar March 17th 1797.

I have the Honor to remain &c &c &c

/Signd/ Peter Rainier

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in Mb Nos 172. 173. 174. 175. 176.

Letter covering ditto Bengal.— To Mr Secretary Barlow transmitting Copies of the Letters to the Honble Court of Directors and Secret Committee in the Military Political and Secret Departments for Bombay Coast.—

Do Do Do To Do forwarding by the Ship Packet for the Supreme Government Copies of Letters from the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast.—

Do Do Do To Do advising Arrival of the Dispatches

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31st Dispatch of the Fly Cruizer to Calcutta for the purpose of undergoing some Repairs.

To Lieutenant Fortescue —

To the officer commanding the Fly Cruizer

enclosing a Packet for the Supreme Council, desiring him on his arrival at Calcutta to put himself under their Orders. —

To the Medical Board —

To the Medical Board

advising them of Mr. Underwood's appointments by Rear Admiral Rainier to take charge of the Sick and wounded Seamen of His Majesty's Ships and desiring that their Indents for Medicines and Instruments upon the publick Stores may be complied with.

Received the following Letter

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

Having Examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the month of April 1797 I have the honor to report, that the sums of three Lacks sixteen Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty eight Rupees Thirty Six fanams, and Two Cash (Rup. 3,16,238.36. 2 c) is

Auditors Report on the Military Paymaster Generals Estimate of Cash for the Month of April —

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it required for the payment of such Military charges as become due on the first of the ensuing Month.—

From the General Treasury — — 2,51,139. 36. 33

by bills on the Mily Paymr Genl. 65,099 — 9 — 69

Pagodas 316,238 — 36 — 2 —

The only deduction which it became necessary to make from the General Estimate for the next months, is a Balance of Cash on hand stated in the Finishing Estimate equal to Four Thousand Pagodas /4000/—

In the Gross Sum herein reported upon is included, Seventeen Thousand Pagodas /17,000/ required by the Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies on Account of the Famine of Grain, for which I apprehend he must have received the Sanction of your Lordships in Council— the Amount likewise Estimated for by the Military Paymaster General Sicca Forty Four Thousand, Six Hundred and fifty Seven Pagodas fourteen fanams and twenty Nine Cash /Pagodas 44,657. 14. 29/ for Payment of Bills drawn by the Military Paymasters at Colombo, Trincomalee & Jaffnapatam

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Amboyna, and Malacca, has been prepared on the same principal as former Drafts from those pay Offices.—

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webb's Letter of the 27th. instant, enclosing an additional Estimate of the Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops for the ensuing Month, I have the honor to report, that the Amount contained therein Sicca Rs. Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Pagodas /3,790/ will fall to be advanced from the Treasury being required for the payment of Two months Subsistence to His Majesty's 72d. Regiment from the 25th. of the current Month to the 24th. of May ensuing, as that Corps has not been included in the Military Paymasters Estimates for the foregoing period.

I have the honor to be with the Greatest Respect.—

&c. &c.

/Signed/ W. Sydenham

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Military Auditor
Generals Office
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To The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of

Fort St. George

My Lord,

Auditor's Report on the Estimate of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for the Month of April.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter dated the 23d instant, with the Estimate of the expected Disbursements in the Department of the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for the months of April 97, and to report thereon as follows.—

	P	F	D
Expected Disbursements at Madras	930	2	28
Chingleput	193	—	—
Vellore	71	12	—
Tanjore	12	30	—
Madura	22	—	—
Palamcotah	23	22	60
Baramahl	126	—	—
Ongole	105	33	68
Trincomalee	887	30	—
Pagodas	2,366	6	36

From the total Amount of the expected Disbursements as above stated of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

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Provisions deducts the following sums as not issuable from the Treasury at the Presidency but payable from the subordinate treasuries for which Bills will be drawn upon them and transferred through the General Treasury.—

		℘	f	℘
Chingleput		193	—	—
Vellore		71	12	—
Tanjore		12	30	—
Baramahl		125	—	—
Angola Dº		184	33	48
Trincomalee		887	30	—
Pay.ts		1.390	21	48

Consequently the amount issuable at the Presidency on account of Disbursements in march 1797, as per Estimate of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, is Nine Hundred and Seventy five Pagodas Twenty four fanams and sixty eight Cash / Pagodas 975–24.68./

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

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
30th March 1797.

Dº Dº
/Signed/ W. Sydenham
Mty. Aud. Genl

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The 31st Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

Auditor's Report on the Estimate of Cash for the Bullock agency for the Month of April.

I have the honor to report as follows upon the General Estimate of the Acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for the Month of April 1797, accompanying Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 23d instant.

Estimated Disbursements at Madras		1575	22 68
Vellore		124	— —
Baramahl		300	— —
Masulipatam		220	— —
Chicacole		350	— —
Lieut Col. Roberts's Detachment		877	39 —
Pagodas		3647	25 — 68

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

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31st upon him, and transferred through the General Treasury.-

	P	F	C
Baramahl	300	"	"
Masulipatam	220	"	"
Chicacole	350	"	"
Lieut. Col. Roberts Detachment	877	39	"
Pagodas	1747	39	"

Consequently the amount is payable at the Presidency as per Estimate of the acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage of Bullocks for April 1797 viz One Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Nine Pagodas Twenty eight fanams and Forty eight Cash [Pag.s 1699. 28. 48.]

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect.-

&c.a &c.a

[Signed] W. Sydenham

Mily Aud Genl

Military Auditor Genls Office
Fort St. George
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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart &c

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From the Military Board reporting their opinion that very great advantage is likely to accrue from the introduction of the Bengal artillery.—

In obedience to your Lordships Commands signified to us in Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 17th Instant, We have taken into consideration the Letter of Major General Giles to the Commander in Chief, accompanied by a Memorial on the subject of Horse Artillery, and have the honor in reply thereto, to state to your Lordship in Council, our opinion of the very great advantage that may accrue to the Service from its introduction, and accordingly recommend the subject may at an early period, be submitted to the Honorable Court of Directors, that in the event of its meeting their approbation, application may, with as little delay as possible be made to the Board of Ordnance for four 12 and eight 6lb Field Pieces, with their Carriages, Limbers, Tumbrils or Ammunition Carts, Harness &c. complete, upon the latest, and most approved Construction, and that the Honble Court may be pleased to submit to that Board the propriety

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of sending leathern Harness, or substituting Harness of the patent plaiting Manufacture, as they may deem best adapted to the Service, and Climate of India. -

We have the honor to enclose the Memorial, and to be. -

Fort St. George
30th March 1797.

&c &c &c
/Signed/ Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
Thomas Guilby
W Sydenham
Jn Richardson
B.J Close
George Hall

At a Consultation
Present
The Right Honble Lord Mobart
Governor - President
Lieutenant General Harris
Edward Saunders and
Ernest William Talbot field } Esqrs.

Friday
31st March 1797

Minutes of the last Consulta-
tion read and approved

Read

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Read the following letter from the commissioners in the Malabar Coast.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart.

President and Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast advising of the unsuccessful operations of their Troops against the Pyche Rajah Tippoo Sultaun's Servants keep claim to the Wynaad District as a Dependency on the Mysore Carkar enclose a packet for the Supreme Government.

1 Under the 3d Instant we had the honor of Communicating to your Lordship, by an Express, the information we had procured through the mediums of the Coorga Rajah, and Regard to the assemblage of a Considerable body of Tippoo's forces and the grounds we had for suspecting that the latter was far from backward in Countenancing and even aiding with supplies the Pyche Rajah in his present Rebellion against the Company's Government.

2 Since the period of our above mentioned address, Colonel Dow, who had been appointed by Government, to the Command of the Troops serving against the Rebels proceeded with a Detachment of that force through the Wynaad District, as far North from Canchenaroy as the Paniel Hoss, which latter place he

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reached without molestation, but a small party of two Companies of Sepoys under the Command of Lieutenant Mealy who was following Colonel Dow, with the View of effecting a junction with the main body, was attacked for three Successive days in its march, and at length effected a retreat down one of the passes after having sustained a Considerable loss - a few days after this Occurrence, the Colonel himself being straitened for provisions, was obliged to return also from Peria - but previous to his quitting this post, he had received sundry Letters from Sipahee's officers remonstrating against his, the Colonels, marching with a force through the Wynaad, which the letters intimated to be a part of the Sultaunes territories - These Letters Colonel Dow, it appears had transmitted to us, but as they have been intercepted by the Enemy, we Can only now furnish your Lordship with the Substance thereof, in the accompanying Extracts and Copies of the Colonels Subsequent Communications to the Commissioners and to General Bowles to which the Colonel has verbally added to us, that during an attack

made

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made upon him on his returning march from
Poria to Illacherrum, he could easily distinguish
men in the dress of Sepoys, intermixed
with the Rebels, in arms – Shortly after Colonel
Dow's arrival at Illacherrum, he demanded of
that Chief leaving the major part of his
Detachment at the Tope under the Command of
Major Cameron – who from the want of provision
was obliged to force his way down the river
Chout a few days afterwards, in which a very
Considerable and melancoly loss has been
sustained from the Enemy who occupied the
Jungle on either side of the Retreat – The loss
in killed and wounded is not yet ascertained
further than that Major Cameron with three
other officers is known to have fallen, besides
two officers wounded, and the Guns, Most of
ammunition and baggage of that Detachment
entirely lost. –

3 As the Wynaad District has
been some time since declared by the Governor
General to be a part of the Company's territories
for revenue purposes, in which we were enjoined to

collect

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establish their Government, in like manner as it prevailed over the rest of the province, we beg leave to request your Lordships will order the accompanying address to be forwarded with all expedition to the Governor General in Council, whom, in the present instance we have thought it incumbent on us to advise of the aid, and encouragement which Tippoo affords to the Rebellion of the Pyche Rajah and of the new, and unexpected claims which he makes to the Ceded Country of Wynaad

We have the Honor to be very respectfully. —

&c. &c.

/Signed/ Jam. Rivett

Thos. Welkinson

R. Rickards

Mahe

21st. March 1797.

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Dow to the Commanding officer in the Provice. Dated 18th. March 1797. —

In reply to your favor which I have just received I have the honor to inform you that, on the Evening of our return to H

Ebacheeram

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Whereas I forwarded to you a Letter stating the reasons which I thought rendered my repairing to the Sea Coast necessary, of this Letter I have not been able to procure a Copy it being lost together with my Baggage. But the Substance was that, in Consequence of three Letters delivered to me by some of Tippoo's people, from his Brother at Kalicut, and the appearance of several of them among the Pyake Rajahs at Beyrnbe, I was led to imagine that some important Negociation must necessarily follow, and that on these & Considerations after placing the Detachment in a situation I hope above insult from the Enemy, I should in the Course of the following day, repair to Mahe or Tellicherry to be first with yourself and the Commissioners, on the measures most eligible to be pursued under the existing Circumstances, one of the Letters the Officers at Kalicut accompanied this Despatch as well as a Copy of my Answer

Regarding the Corporation of Tippoos People with the Rajahs adherents I have only to say that their appearance among

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among them is undoubted as the Letters from the A
Sultan's officer were delivered by Six Sepoys, who A
declared themselves to be in his Service, and the Letters
avowed the Right which their Sovereign professed
to the Country above the Ghauts in which we
were then Acting, and the impropriety of our A
intrusion, which had given rise to considerable alarm
and for my own part, I have now little doubt but
there is a friendly intercourse between the parties
the result of which, time must declare. But I am
decidedly of opinion that, with our present resources
our maintaining ourselves above the Ghauts will
be attended with the most imminent hazard if
not totally impracticable, in the event of such A
accooperation. —

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Dow to
the Commr Date 19th March 1797.

I Shall the honor to address you under
the 15th Instant the day of my return to Chacherum:
but as it appears that the Subject of that address A
hath never reached you, I deem it necessary, as well
as the loss of my Papers will permit me lay
a recapitulation of it before you. —

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2 After expressing my regret at the necessity which had occasioned my return from Pooria, I thought it material impertinent to inform you of some circumstances which had arisen respecting the appearance of Tippoo's people among the adherents of the refractory Rajah. -

3 The Evening preceding my march from Pooria 6 Men armed, declaring themselves to be in that persons service, came into our encampment and delivered me Letter from the Pallaun officer at Nakena Colla avowing the right which their Sovereign professed to that part of the Country above the Ghauts in which we were then acting and enduring the intrusion of our troops, which had given cause to considerable alarm, the Letter was conveyed in the same terms, and I enclosed to you one of them together with a Copy of my answer; which was only advisement of any hostile designs against his Diwan, and that I had entered the Country in pursuance of the orders of Government to whom his Letter should be forwarded. -

4 From the appearance of these people at such a time among the rebels, in addition to

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several reports which had been communicated to me I was led to suppose, that Tippoo gave countenance at least to the Rajahs revolt, if indeed he did not absolutely assist him with men in arms. -

True Extracts
Signed/ R. Rickards. -

Secy.

To Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Dow
&c &c

Sir,

As the seizure of your Firmaun takes leaves us no longer a hope of receiving the original Letter, which you notice, in your address to us of the 19th to have been written to you in the Wynaad by persons calling themselves officers of Tippoo Sultaun, it becomes matter of infinite importance that you should, as soon as possible, favour us with as circumstantial an account of their contents, as your recollection will allow you to detail. -

We are &c &c
Signed/ Robert Rickards

Mahe 28th March 1797. -

To

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To James Rivett Esqr.

President &c. &c. &c. Commissioners

Gentlemen

I am answer to your Letter of this date, I have the honor to acquaint you that the passport of the Letter, mentioned in my address of the 19th was that our Entrance into the Districts above the Ghauts had created considerable alarm that it was improper, or perhaps derogatory to the Dignity of the writer Sovereign, whose territory that was, in which we were then acting, and that the writer desired to be informed of the objects we had in view in so doing. The reasons was entirely complimentary the letter bore the Seal of Budhoo the Son of Mahomed Iswmude - said by the Messengers to be Bukshee of the Empire at Kalna Colan there are the circumstances which left that strongest impression on my mind, nor is it in my power to recall any thing further to my recollection -

I have the honor to remain

&c &c

Signed/ Alexander Dow

True Copy

Signed/ R. Rickards Jr.

Secretary

Mahé 25th March 1797.-

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the packet for the Supreme Government be forwarded this evening to Bengal by the Sly cruizer.

The President informs the Board that in consequence of information which his Lordship had received he had sent the following order to the Resident at Tanjore for the seizure of Vencatachellum's papers, & which the time did not admit of his sending in circulation.

To W. Alexander Macleod
at Tanjore

Sir,

Having this day received information which leads me to believe that the seizure of Vencatachellum's papers would afford the most important intelligence respecting those insurrections by which so many lives have been already sacrificed upon the borders of the Tanjore country I must desire that, upon the receipt of this letter you would cause the Papers abovementioned to be laid hold of, and that you would have them carefully sealed up, and immediately forwarded

Letter written by Lord Hobart to the Resident at Tanjore directing him to receive the Papers of Venkatachellum fully and forward them to the Presidency.

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forwarded to me by the most secure conveyance,
It may be proper for me to apprize you, that
Vencatachellum has two Houses, and that it will
be necessary for you to have them both
searched. —

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I am &c &c
(Signed) Hobart

Read the following Letter from
the Resident at Tanjore,

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

My Lord,

From the Resident at Tanjore stating of an Assault made on the Person of the Lieut. of the 19th Dragoons by some armed rebel Polygars in the Neighbourhood of Wandiwash

I am concerned to Communicate a very daring Outrage that has been offered to a Gentleman of His majestys 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons, by the Rabble who are assembled in a sort of fortified Camp near Wandiwash. —

Lieutenant Little of that Regiment being on his Journey to Trichinopoly at the little Fort of Palamcotta was informed by

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by the Serjeant stationed there that if She intended to go thro' the Pollams direct to — Travancore she ought to be on her guard, as there had been disturbances in the Pollams — there several months, but he did not think — they would interfere with her — upon which Lieutenant Lisle proceeded. She had not gone many miles when She found the road crossed by Traverses thrown up at the Distance of three or four hundred yards from each other — She nevertheless continued her Route till within — about a mile and a half of Warriorpollam — when She was challenged but on returning no answer two Shots were fired at her from Guns called Ground Pieces, after which, at Dawn of Day, She was surrounded by a number of armed People who carried her backwards and forwards thro' the Jungle till eleven o'clock when She was taken by them to a Person whom they called their Commander, two or three Miles off. The Commander detained her till ten o'clock that night at which time She ordered her back to Palamcotta and sent a guard with her to

see

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we that We left the Jungle. —

Lieutenant Lisle had expected
to reach Trichinopoly on Sunday last; instead
of which He only arrived here last night (
Friday) after undergoing great Distress for
want of Conveyance and for want of Food the
whole Jungle is full of armed Polygar Peoples.

Tanjore
25th March 1797.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed J. Alex. Macleod
Asst

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor
Fort St. George

My Lord

I have the honor to acquaint
your Lordship that I have this day dispatched
under a very strong Guard the Papers &c found
in Vencatachellums two Houses at Ivoiyad
there in Consequence of your Orders dated the
27th Instant. —

I have found Concealed in a Well

From the Resident at Tanjore under the whole of Vencatachellum's Papers to the Presidency — finds secreted in Vencatachellum's House Thomas under articles of Military Stores & Gunpowder &c.

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of loft/ts which the passage is thro' a Trap Door/ in Venatachellum's House, a number of muskets and Matchlocks with some of the P small species of artillery called Ground Piece Jewral Pouches, and a Kedjeree Pot containing 100 rounds of Ball Cartridges.—

In the same loft were also five other Kedjeree pots which from their appearance and similarity to the first seem to have contained musket ammunition.—

The Papers are contained in a Chest which will be delivered to your Lordships by the Office Commanding the Guard. The contents of the Chest are Bundles of Papers from N.o 1 to N.o 10 inclusive.—
An Escritoire/ containing Papers/ marked A
2 Parcels of Maratta Papers marked B & C
Bundle of Cadjang N.o 1.
do. — do. — — — N.o 2
do — do. — — — N.o 3
one book marked Y Z
One Parcel of Papers in muslin marked G
15 Rolls of Cadjang. I have the honor to be &c &c
Signed/ Alex.r Macleod

Ordered

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the two foregoing Letters ordered to lie on the table.—

Ordered to lie on the table.—

Read the following Letter from the Assistant at Hyderabad,

The Right Honble Lord Mobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit for the information of your Lordship in Council, Copies of two Letters addressed by me to the Collector of the Masulipatam Division, and to be.—

With the greatest respect

&c &c

Hyderabad
20th March 1797.

Signed J. B. Kirkpatrick
Assistant & Officiating Resident

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad enclosing Copies of his Letters to Mr. Wrangham in which he charges him with a very extraordinary inattention to his public requisitions relative to a remittance of bills on which he applied for the Payment of Subsistence to Colonel Roberts Detachment.—

John Wrangham Esqr.
Collector at
Masulipatam

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 10th instant to Major Kirkpatrick

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Kirkpatrick proposing a remittance for Bills on this place to the amount of One Lack and fifty thousand Rupees.-

In requesting of you as he did, in his letter of the 3d. instant to use your endeavours to procure Bills of Exchange on Hyderabad, Major Kirkpatrick's object was solely confined to the realization of the Assignment for two months subsidy granted to him by the Nizam on the Balance due for the 2d. Kist of the Fusle year 1205.-

For the above purpose therefore I shall be obliged to you, to procure upon the best terms possible, a Bill on this Place payable at a short sight for the sum of Seventy thousand & four hundred and twenty six Rupees, four Annas & six Pice, being the Balance still due on the last assignment for two months subsidy- I am aware that the terms offered are unfavourable when compared with those obtained lately by Major & Kirkpatrick and myself, for three different Drafts upon you, amounting in the aggregate to thirty seven thousand Rupees; yet I am of

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of opinion that a loss of one, or even two per
cent per annum supposing that our Government it
would eventually be sustained it is still favourable
to drawing our Territories of its Specie, and the
alternative which, had not Bills on this Place
been favourable by you, I should shortly or
perhaps have been under the necessity of
having recourse to. -

I am just favoured with your
Letter of the 16th Instant and shall make the
necessary representation to this Board, on the
subject of the aggression stated in it to have
been committed by a Servant of this State on
the village of Cavaroor, and make known to
you in due time the result to you - It is proper
however to remark, that my representations on
this head would be more likely to be attended
with some weight, had I been furnished with any
specific Statement of the Loss sustained in consequence
of the robbery in question. -

Hyderabad
16th February 1797

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
obedient
humble Servant
Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick

True Copy
Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant
Resident

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John Wrangham Esqr.

Collector at

Masulipatam

Sir,

I had the honour of addressing you on the 16th. ultimo expressing my hopes that you would be able / agreeable to the expectations you had yourself previously held out to Major Kirkpatrick / to remit me by Bills on this place, the balance of Seventy Thousand, four hundred, and twenty six Rupees D. twas, still remaining in your hands of Assignment on the Paishcush for the Months of December, and January last. -

your subsequent silence towards me of a month and upwards, I confess myself utterly at a loss to account for; as though you might after all, no doubt, have been disappointed in your expected remittance, I had flattered myself that Public considerations would have induced you to apprize me either in person, or by Deputy, of such disappointment, with a view of enabling me

to

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to devise some other method of obtaining the
required supply with the least loss of time
possible.

The state of uncertainty I have
been kept in, for so considerable a period,
and the ignorance in which I still am as to their
views, of the issue of your negociations with the
Durbars, has been productive in more than
one respect of inconvenience to the public
service, and to these circumstances it is in
a great measure to be ascribed, that the Detach-
ment of our Troops serving on the Carnatic
is as yet unpaid for the month of February
as in a late Address to the Governor General
I have unavoidably been led to state more at
large.

I have now the honour to enclose
you for transmission, a letter from his Highness
the Nizam to gather with Copy and Translation
of the same; to which I beg leave to solicit
Your immediate directions how to act in
enquiry immediately on foot, regarding
the Robbery stated in your letter of the 8th
ultimo

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ultimo, to Major Kirkpatrick, to have been
committed in the Village of Cunnacoor by the
Desmook of Kunnackykerry.—

I have the honour to be,

&c. &c.

/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant and officiating
Resident

Hyderabad
19th March 1797.

True Copy
/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Minute thereon.

Ordered that the Surprize of the
Board be expressed to the Collector at
Masulipatam, at his silence upon their
important subject.—

The Embarkation of the French
officers having been completed and the Ships
finally despatched, the President lays before
the Board, agreeably to the Intimation
recorded in the minutes of the 8th Instant,
the following Correspondence with major
General Brathwaite on the Subject of sending
home the French officers.—

The President lays before the Board copies of the Correspondence which passed between him and Major General Brathwaite on the Subject pending, home the French officers.

Major

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Major General Braithwaite

Sir,

By the last Ships we have received orders from the Court of Directors to send the French Officers, who are Prisoners, to Europe provided it should not be inconsistent with the terms of their Capitulation. —

I am thoroughly aware that the execution of the order must be productive of considerable inconvenience, and perhaps severity to many Individuals, tho' the Policy of the measure cannot be questioned. —

The impracticability of removing all, at once, is sufficiently obvious, whilst the necessity of sending away a large proportion is equally so. —

In making a selection, upon such an occasion, we must, in the first instance, be governed by the real interests of the Public Service which would lead to our embarking for Europe those Persons who may be most likely to enter into the Service

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of any of the Country Powers, and most competent to improve the state of their Armies. –

With respect to those whose democratical Principles would make them dangerous any where they are deserving of no other consideration than such as we may find it expedient to give, an account of the means of their conveyance. –

Those who have proved their attachment to the former Government or whose premature return to France might involve them in ruin, must be entitled to some share of compassionate attention, and so far as may be consistent with perfect security against their entering into the Armies of the Native Powers, I should have every disposition to meet their wishes. –

You must have heard that we have the best founded expectations of a speedy conclusion to the War, an event which would close the Question upon which I now trouble you, and, possibly, might be the means of dispersing Frenchmen and French Principles through

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through every part of the Peninsula. Having
said thus much I need only urge the necessity
of an early reply to this Communication. –

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27th February 1797.

I am &c &c
Signed J. Abbott

My Lord,

I was this morning at four o
Clock honored with your secret and Confidential
letter as the Expect for madras was to go from
hence as soon as seven o'Clock – I for a moment
thought deferring to reply to it till tomorrow
– but having since considered the subject will
I do not think that any thing can occur to
my mind upon it, that has not allready
occurred, and that therefore as your Lordship
desires an early reply, it can answer no good
purpose for me to delay that reply for twenty
four hours. –

There is nothing expressed
in the Capitulation, or in rather terms dictated
by

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by me to the Garrison of Pondicherry that I
opposed the immediate Execution of the orders
your Lordship had received - on the contrary
the 3d. Article Expressly allows that the Garrison
shall be sent to Europe by the first
convenient opportunity I remember however
that when these terms were brought back to
me acceded to and signed by Monsieur Chasmont,
It was observed to me I think by the Tonneville
that it would be worse than Death to many
of the officers under Existing circumstances to
be sent to France, and that he hoped their
situations would be candidly considered - my
reply to the best of my recollection was - that,
that Consideration had not Escaped me
when I framed that article - and that I
therefore avoided saying they should be sent
to France - but having carefully from every idea of
sending any of them to the Islands - I had
said they should be sent to Europe - evidently
meaning that they should be sent
from their Country and so as to be at the
disposal of the British Government from
which

which they were sure to meet with every
mark of merited Consideration - I believe he
said he had no doubt and there the matter
rested — from this statement, which it I believe
exact your Lordship will see that there is
nothing in the Capitulation to bar the H
Executive of the Order and that were the H
humane Consideration of the situation of H
many of the Officers usually spoken of was in
their Conversation reposed
to the British Government in England
and it is clear from the Conversation which
passed then the officers were supposed
to be included in this Article although
they are separately mentioned in the next
which allows to them to wear their arms and
to preserve their property as Prisoners on
their Parole - it is not said they shall remain
in India as Prisoners on their Parole and
as the plea of their residence is not named
they like the rest must be supposed

to

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to be at the disposal of the British Government
in like manner with the rest of the Garrison
but with the indulgence of keeping their Arms
and property, and of not being subject to close
confinement but on their Parole so long as they
adhere to it.—

I must agree with your Lordship
that the Execution of the orders you have received
/particularly as so much time has elapsed
since the Capture of the place, and that a
peace is now so immediately spoken of here/
will be attended with Considerable general
inconvenience — and with an appearance of
great Severity to many individuals, and
I have not the smallest hesitation in
declaring that the policy of the measure
cannot be questioned — I have long been of
opinion that the measure was necessary, and
I am the more confirmed in this opinion
since my Return to this place, by some
Conversations I there had with well informed
Persons particularly Mr. Mollet — I know
from them that the shaking to the very
foundation

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foundation if practicable our power and
influence in India is as firmly rooted
as by the French Republick at the "Dissolution
Carthage" was by the roman Senate but there are
but few of them who are so chimerical as to
suppose that any thing can be done in the first
instance by open force - but most of them
think that it will not be difficult to prepare
for the introduction of force by endeavouring
by every underhand means to corrupt and
debauch the Principles of our Army both European
and Native, and by rousing the Native Princes
to a jealousy of our encreased and encreasing
power and by persuading and assisting them
to put their own forces on such a state as
will enable them to shake off our Tyranny - this
I know was a part of the secret instructions
given to the Commissioners who were on the
place when I took it, and I have reason to
believe, that the idea has neither been lost
sight of, or ever supposed to lay totally dormant
notwithstanding the State the French are at
present reduced to in this Country - and I
trust

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that Consequently it would be good policy in as if it were practicable not to allow a Native of any denomination or description to remain in India, except as Comercial factors or Agents, a number of whom perhaps it would be wise to allow to have factories immediately in and under our respective principal Settlements with certain national privileges, but without any one Establishment which they could call their own. -

The Impracticability however of removing at once all of the military men as your Lordship observes sufficiently obvious, so is equally so the necessity of sending away as large a proportion of the military as is practicable. -

It occurs to me upon your Lordships principle of reasoning, that in making a Selection - those of the most active dispositions, and enterprising characters and particularly such as have made the Country languages their study should be first & selected perhaps the whole of those who were

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remain in India, except as Commercial factors
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attached to the Sepoy Corps should be the
first sent but as these are most of them
the most attached to the Country both
from their Cast of mind and Connections -
your Lordship must place it to your
Account that every means will be Employed
to divert you from a measure which must
be severely felt, I am therefore of opinion
that the rule must be general and without
any Exception in regard to the Sepoy officers
while more gradual measures may be
taken with the officers of the European Corps
selecting such as are Considered as the most
dangerous for the first Embarkation, there are
Certainly some who have in every Extraordinary
degree proved their attachment to the former
Government and such it may be presumed
will never seek to be actively Employed, or
even be trusted as agents for the republick -
- but many of these I am apt to think will
nevertheless prefer entering into the service
of any of the Country powers to returning
to Europe so long as the republick Exists

and

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and may therefore if the means of doing so is
allowed to them prove almost equally dangerous
to us, as such men are likely to do their duty
from Principle, and therefore endeavor greatly
to improve the discipline of such forces as they
may have the Command of, and I own I can not see
how it will be practicable to prevent them
unless it be by Continuing the Subsistence of such
men to them, so long as they Continue to bind
themselves by their parole - much vigilance may
prevent their getting through their Country - but it
will scarcely be possible to prevent their Imbarking
after a peace, and landing again in some of the
Ports of Tippoo or the Marahattas - that this is
the plan of many of this description of officers
I have no doubt, so soon as they shall find
themselves by a peace deprived of the Subsistance
they receive from us, and a sort of proscribed
Characters by the Existing Government of their
own Nation. -

There are also here my Lord
many men of strong Republican principles
with whom it will be difficult to deal - because

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they are not now military men having received their dismission before the Capture of the place to be enrolled as officers or non commissioned officers in the National Guard or militia - they therefore never become our Prisoners of War, & being considered as Citizens whose Persons and property were to be held sacred so long as they were obedient to the British laws and Government - If they are so, we cannot with molest them while we have possession of the place - and if we are to restore it some of them will turn out perhaps some of the most dangerous agents that can be employed -

I have thus my Lord, laid before you every thing that occurs to me on the Subject - I am conscious that what I have written will not come before you in so Correct and polished a manner as I could wish, & but I think I shall conform more immediately to the Spirit of your Lordship's letter by sending this as it is, than by delaying twenty four hours to reply - that your Lordship may without any trouble have it before

you

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you I have the honor to inclose a Copy of the Capitulation, and to remain. –

Pondicherry
February 27th. 1797.

&c. &c.
/Signed/ John Brathwaite

To Major General Brathwaite.

Sir

Without entering into any further reasoning upon the subject of your letter of yesterday, I shall proceed to the sole object which now remains for discussion the mode of carrying the late orders of the Court of Directors into execution. –

The outline you have given I think perfectly good to embark, in the first instance the Sepoy officers together with a selection from the European Corps of those whose Principles and talents may render them the most dangerous – and I must request of you to send me a list of their Names, Rank, and the extent of their Families as well as your ideas with regard to the best mode of accomplishing the business. –

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It may be necessary for me to apprize you that their imbarkation for Europe will probably take place in a Fortnight from this date - and Consequently altho' we must not suffer any obstacle to arise to the measure, by an early Arrangement on account of the Situation of Individuals will press upon us. -

The list which I should hope you will be able to transmit, in a very few days, will be my guide in fixing the necessary accommodation, and as far as may be practicable I shall take care that every attention is paid to those who are incumbered with Families - and I shall find some means either of their being embarked for Europe at Pondicherry, or brought by Sea, from thence to Madras. -

Owing from home, and the evident Political wisdom of the measure we are adopting, precludes the admission of our feelings upon this occasion, except as much as possible to alleviate distress, and under that impression, I must desire you to enable me to state to the Court of Directors any particular

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peculiar circumstances relating to the Individuals
who may be concerned, in order that no premature
step may be taken with respect to their being
sent to France - and any other information you
may think proper to furnish upon that head
will be most acceptably received - There is an
Agent of Raymond's, La Faye, at Pondicherry &
and a man recently arrived there, by name &
L'Empereur whose papers may throw light &
upon the intentions of the French officers - I must
therefore desire you to consider this letter as &
sufficient authority for seizing their Papers &
and keeping their Persons under restraint &
until you hear from me upon the subject -
L'Empereur went to Pondicherry not long ago
without a passport, and under suspicious &
circumstances; and I have long had in contempla-
-tion, from letters in my possession to order &
La Faye's Papers to be laid hold of. -

The stir which will be made
respecting these men will not only cover &
the measure, as far as it affects the officers,
but probably, afford us useful Information

connected

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connected with that, as well as other important affairs. –

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31st February 1797.

Sam
Va Va
Signed Hobart

My Lord,

About an hour ago I had the honor to receive your Lordship's letter of the 22d ultimo sent by Express in consequence of which I instantly gave orders to my Secretary and the Town Major of which I enclose Copies and which orders are at this time carrying into Execution as soon as I shall receive the papers they shall be transmitted Express to your Lordship. –

I will not lose any time in preparing such a list as your Lordship requires of me and such information as I shall be able to give to you. my meaning chiefly in writing this, is to request of your Lordship to inform me whether I may hold out to officers who [illegible] may be ordered to Embark that they will

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have, as some mitigation of their distress, a permission to leave orders with their families to receive a part of their subsistence in this Country — many of them I fear are Creoles who never were in Europe and have no connections there — many of them also I fear have families that they will find it Impracticable to carry thither with them or to dispose of them. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

/Signed/ John Braithwaite

Pondicherry
March 1st 1797
11 o'clock P. M.

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that in obedience to your orders yesterday Evening caused the Persons and papers of Mons.r de la Faye and L'Empereur to be secured. —

The whole of the papers of the latter were contained in one black leather portfolio which I have the honor to send to your Lordship by this Express, sealed as it came into my hands. Mons.r de la Faye is settled here as a man of business and has an office or

Counting

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Counting house, Containing as many papers as would fill two or three Trunks — This office has been secured by putting Seals upon all the doors and windows, and as many loose papers found in it as filled a Palankin have been brought to me sealed up in seven packages, these I shall not trouble your Lordship with, until I receive your further Orders. I have been reading some Letters by which I find that Monsr. Raymond was in the month of March 1795, in Correspondence with some French Officers here whom he was desirous to employ in his Corps, and who it seems were desirous of serving with him, but Considered it as a thing not practicable in their present Situation, and the result seems that they resolve themselves to wait for a Peace —

Neither Monsr. de la Faye or Monsr. L'Empereur Expressed any Concern for any mischief happening to either of them from my present measures, they submitted to every thing with great Resignation nor did they either of them ask a single question, they said it was their duty to obey and that they

had

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had no wish to evade or Counteract by any means your Lordship's orders or mine. –

Mons.r Raymond has long since discontinued to Employ Mons.r de la Faye, and has charged him with a deficiency of near six Thousand Pagodas, and had directed a process to be instituted against him here, but after much Correspondence it has been agreed by both parties to submit the matter to arbitration, and the arbiters are actually to meet this day by an agreement made many days since. –

Monsieur Combemalle has I believe for some time past been considered as the agent of Mons.r Raymond at least it is to Mons.r Combemalle that Mons.r de la Faye has been ordered to render an account the arbiters are. –

For M.r Combemalle as the attorney of monsieur Raymond

M.r Julius Griffith
and
M.r Johannes

For Mons.r de la Faye

Lt. Colonel marchand
Captain Fromento

Those

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These two last, being officers, have been with me to know if they shall commit themselves in any shape by proceeding in this business, and I have apprized them that I do not think they will, and I understand the arbiters have no objection to my seeing any thing that comes before them. –

I have been lately informed that Mr. Combemalle and Mr. Griffiths are so closely connected in business, that it will not be an easy matter to trace any thing home to Mr. Combemalle, as the name of Griffiths only appears on many occasions when both are concerned. –

From a former Communication made to me by your Lordship it appears that the Supreme Government has cause to suspect Mr. Combemalle – I have caused him to be as strictly watched as I could since that period, but unfortunately reposed myself to Mr. Griffiths who as master attendant I considered as the most likely man to know every thing imported here or Exported from

hence

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hence, but Lately; I have been informed that they are but as one man, in short that there Exists a Secret partnership and Firm of P Combernalle Griffiths and Monavon. –

As far as I can judge from P appearance Mons.r L'Empereur, whatever P other views he may have had, had and ateis has the strong plea of ill health to induce P him to seek advice and a change of air, He looks much broken down, and his Skin is perfectly jaundiced, and I find he labours under obstructions in almost all his Viscera I am preparing a list of all the officers Prisoners here so as to convey to your Lordship opposite to each name such information regarding them as I can procure. This list will of Course be P confined to the Prisoners of War only, I cannot but however observe to your Lordship, that as far as I can learn, two french officers Lately arrived from Europe are in distress and P have their fortunes to seek namely Mons.r Konjeumy late Colonel Commandant of P Sepoys here and Mons.r Beaufsett an emigrad captain of Dragoons. The former should he be

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be so disposed, I conceive to be a man Extremely well calculated to render essential Service to any of the Country Powers, It is however been universally said that his intentions were if he could realize some funds he had in the Isle of France, to enter into Trade but there seems to be little probability of his raising any Capital at Ceylon [illegible] your Lordship has directed me only to lay the Persons of Mons.r de la Faye and L'Empereur under restraint, I shall now take Security for their Conduct and appearance, and will draw the Guard from their houses Mons.r de la Faye has desired leave to address a letter to your Lordship and I have signified to him that I have no objection to his doing so, and when I receive it I shall have the honor to forward it to your Lordship by the Course of Post.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
[Signed] John Braithwaite

Pondicherry
March 2d 1797
10. A. M.

P.S.

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P.S. I discover that Raymond and indeed all the French in our Northern Circars are in the habit of employing Mircarrahs of their own not choosing to trust to our Sepahs.—

To Captain Blair

Town major

Sir,

In consequence of orders I transmitted to me by the Right Honble the Governor of madras, I hereby direct you to proceed without loss of time to the house or Apartments of Monsr de la Faye of this Town commonly stiled agent for Monsr Raymond or officer Commanding a body of Troops in the interior part of the Country, and taking a guard with you, I hereby direct you to seize and seal up the Papers of the said Monsr de la Faye and to put a guard upon his person till further orders.—

/Signed/ John Braithwaite
major General Comg

Pondicherry
march 1st 1797.

a true Copy
/Signed/ David Blair
Town major

To

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To Captain Wilson

Secretary

Sir,

In consequence of orders transmitted to me by the Right Honble the Governor of madras, I hereby direct you to proceed with the first loss of time to the House of Monr. L'Empereur lately arrived at this place from Mauritius, and taking an Guard with you, I hereby direct you to seize and seal up the Papers of the said Monsieur L'Empereur, and to put a Guard upon his person till further orders.

Pondicherry
1st March 1797.

/Signed/ John Braithwaite

A true Copy

/Signed/ Wm. Wilson
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The Right Honble Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

My Lord,

I have now the honor to forward to your Lordships per express the list of French officers who are Prisoners here as required by your Secret letter of

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the 28th ultimo. I have made diligent enquiry of proper persons Concerning those of whom I myself know but little or nothing, and I have adjoined to each name the best information which it is in my power to furnish your Lordship with. Further than this I can say but little, the distress will be very generally felt when it is announced to them that they are to go to Europe, but most severely by those borne in India, or who have married and have Connections here, however it may be held out to them that they will be well accommodated and treated on the passage, the distress will be equally felt, because I believe them to be in general very poor, and without the smallest prospect of recourse in Europe.—

Few of them will be able I believe to induce their Country born wives to Embark with them or prevail on them to part with their children, and Husband and Father at a loss how to subsist himself will be ill still more so to subsist the family &

* already ordered in the Minutes of Council: 8 March

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family he leaves behind unless the British Government, should charitably enclose to a pension them which may perhaps be done at a small Expence as they are the most frugal people I have ever known. —

I can scarcely think this Report must give to your Lordship much pain, and the more so as the greater the Destress of these Officers the greater is the greater is the probability of their being obliged as soon as the peace shall cause the Subsistence we give to them as Prisoners of War to be discontinued to enter into the Service of the Country powers which may lead to much inconvenience to us hereafter.

The French Officers who were attached to the Depot Corps, are almost all of them, so Circumstanced, and so Connected in this Country, and so devoid of any connection or resource in Europe, that the information that they are to Embark for Europe will be worse than a Sentence of Death to them, & yet I feel it necessary to say that they

are

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are those whom we ought to wish soonest to
get rid of, as they are Certainly the most likely
as soon as peace takes place, to enter into the
Service of the Country powers from necessity, if
not readmitted into the French Service, and
from the policy of the Government if they are
most of them from their birth and Subsequent
Connections being well versed in the Languages
and Customs of the Country. —

Circumstanced as they are &
your Lordship must Expect that as soon
as notice is given to them that they are to
Embark, every means will be employed to &
move your Lordship from your purpose &
and the representation of their distress will
be the more heartfelt to your feelings as &
it will be true. —

If the removal of these &
officers from India is one of those greatly &
necessary political measures which precludes
all yielding to private feeling, as I am &
inclined to think it is, it will shield your
Lordship from a repetition of pain if it is at

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once signified that the order is so positive that
every application to evade or retard the Execution
of it must be rejected —

I should suppose it will be
much more convenient to those unfortunate
people, that the only and final embarkation
of them should take place here, and in that
case I solicit your Lordships that the orders
sent to me, may be made as large me without
any power whatever but that of carrying them
into Execution, and that the officers destined
for the first Embarkation as well as for
Specifick Ships / which your Lordships /
will determine from the accompanying /
List / may be so Specified that no one can
entertain the hope that by the pathetick
representation of owning peculiar distress
any change can take place. They must
and will all be so equally distressed that
I am led to believe that though a better /
told tale might operate in favor of any
particular there would be no real humanity
in any partiality that could be shewn

on

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on account of pleas of small outstanding debts &
&c. &c. I of Course am now speaking of those that
are married and have numerous Connections here,
chiefly perhaps supported by the subsistence at
present drawn from the Company, and from all
whom most distressing applications will be &
made if any can be received. —

The description I have adjoined
to each Name, speaks so fully as to each &
character &c. whether attached to European or
Sepoy Corps, or otherwise Employed that I hope
it will enable your Lordship to decide at once,
In Regard to the declared Royalists Knowing &
your Lordships humanity as well as I do, I am
sure I need not represent to you, how necessary
it is to plead to the British Government for
some particular attention to them if the &
Republican form of Government continues in &
France or the hastily sending them thither in
that case will be worse than Death to them. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
/Signed/ Isaac Braithwaite

Pondicherry
March 5th 1797
3 D. inv.

To

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To Major General Braithwaite

Sir,

I had the honor of receiving your letter of the 5th. instant, and having communicated with the members of Council upon the subject I have been desired to acquaint you, with our final determination Respecting the execution of the orders from Europe with regard to the French officers.—

Considering your last as the Guide by which our decision was to be formed we have come to the Resolution of sending home those of whose Names you will find entered in the * accompanying paper, and I must request you would take such measures as may seem to you most advisable, with a view to their being ready to embark when the Ships which are to convey them to Madras shall arrive at Pondicherry—I should have wished to have sent them direct to Europe but I understand the delay that it would occasion to the whole Fleet must render that arrangement wholly out of the question.—

Extract from the Minutes of Council 8th. March 1797.—

Harold

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Should you have reason to apprehend that any of the Persons destined to leave India, are likely to attempt to make their escape, you will no doubt, adopt the necessary precautions to prevent them. —

Having given the most minute attention to the list you transmitted I have the satisfaction to believe that amongst those who are to proceed to Europe, there are not many who will be likely on that account to suffer any serious distress for instance those who were born in France and are unmarried can have no Ground of Complaint provided the professed Loyalists are not sent to France and I shall represent their situation to the Court of Directors in so urgent a manner that I am satisfied no apprehension need be entertained upon that Subject there are some cases however that are distressing, as I feel they are irremediable and I particularly advert to those of Lieutenant C. Isfort, and Captain Quentin but you may assure them that I shall have much satisfaction in providing every reasonable accommodation for their Wives

and

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and Children, and shall feel it my Duty to
make that sort of representation to the Company
which may be most calculated to promote their
Comfort, on their arrival in England. —

I must desire you would lose
no time in informing me of the Names of the
Officers whose Wives are to accompany them &
that the arrangement may be made accordingly
the officers who leave their Wives, or Children
at Pondicherry, will be allowed to appropriate
a part of their Subsistence, to be paid in that
Country, for their maintenance In about ten
days from this date, a Ship of War may be
expected at Pondicherry to bring round the
officers to their Stations — the Suffolk Cruiser will
also touch there for the same purpose — and you
will detain the Ships which is to carry the 72d
Regiment from Trincomalee — Should she
arrive before the Privateers have all left you
for fear of accidents, it will be proper to order
a Guard on board of the unarmed Ships. —

Mrs. La Motte's name would
have been added to the List but for the
circumstance

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Circumstance of his holding no military Rank which it is conceived might suggest a doubt of how far he could be sent away consistently with the terms of Capitulation. I should be glad to know your sentiments upon this point. –

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9th. March 1797.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
[Signed] Hobart

P.S. all the officers must expect to be embarked in ten days after the receipt of this letter. –

My Lord,

I had the honor yesterday evening to receive your Lordship's letter of the 9th. Instant, with the list of French officers enclosed. –

This morning I waited upon General Chermont with an Extract of the letter which I caused purposely to be made and of which I enclose a Copy under No. 1, It was accompanied with an authenticated french Translation made by Mr. Griffith, and I left it

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it with him desiring him to Communicate it to such officers as he thought proper and p particularly to Lieutenant Colonel Isjet and Captain St. Leuinton which he promised to do. I then p immediately prepared an Order and a declaration of which I enclose Copies under No. 2 and 3, and I directed the Town Major to present them p accompanied by a french translation to every officer included in your list, for his information and signature, and he was immediately p dispatched on that service. –

I thought it necessary to p declare in the order that I could not receive any representations on the subject, as mons. Charmont, who appeared quite thunder struck when I made the Communication to him, said that this blow was so unexpected and the case of these Gentlemen so singularly hard, that I must expect many representations, and he hoped I had it in my power to waive the sentence in case when it would be so keenly felt, and he then entered into long details in regard to Lieutenant Colonel Isjet and p

Captain

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Captain St. Quentin to whom he said it would be as well to sentence death at once, stated to him he would observe that your Lordship had incessantly adverted in particulars to the Case of these officers, as far as your could with propriety do it that your Lordship however declared if your fears that they were without remedy & and that it would be impossible to receive or forward to your Lordships any representation on the subject. -

Lieutenant Colonel Ogilvie and Captain St. Quintin were soon with me before the Town Major could be with them & and I had the same ground to go over again & with them Lieutenant Colonel Ogilvie in & particular said that being a native of Bourbon and having never been in Europe he had no sort of resource or prospect there, and he & pleaded hard to be sent to Bourbon, said he would willingly forgo his subsistence & because there he had relations to help him but how to abandon his wife and family he knew not We pleaded also that it & had been offered to officers Prisoners there

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to go to the Isles of France / abandoning their Subsistence / if they chose it, and that hoped that would not now be refused Captain St. Quintin said much thereon to all this I answered that nothing rested with me but to carry your orders into Execution as they stood.—

Lieutenant Colonel Josiah took his leave of me saying that he thought it singularly hard, that he who had never been in Europe, and who had a wife and 8 Children should be the only Field officer singled out to be sent to Europe.—

I hope I shall embark them all, but I foresee that your Lordship will be assailed on their arrival at Madras as your Lordship is pleased to permit me to detain the Ships which bring the 72d Regiment here if the services in which I shall for their greater convenience engage them to carry some of them to Madras, as I know it is much desired by those who have near white Cockades to be sent in the same Ships with the republicans, and their wishes it is my intention to indulge them as much

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as much as I can, and I take the liberty to
recommend it as a matter worthy of attention
when they are to be embarked for Europe, as a
means of preventing much discord, and perhaps
fatal consequences on the passage. -

your Lordship is pleased to
say that the name of Monr. La motte would
have been added to the list but for the
circumstance of his holding no military rank
which suggests a doubt how far he can
consistently with the terms of the capitulation
be sent away and you desire my sentiments. -

I believe the person your
Lordship means is Monr. Lamotte, who was
Secretary to the Governor if so, I have no doubt
that he may be sent away agreeable to the
terms of the capitulation, as he always was
and must be considered as one of the state
major or Staff of the Garrison, and has
been subsisted as a military officer - and
he came to this Country though a man well
educated and informed, as a private Soldier
under this idea, I have caused it to be signified

to

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to that Gentleman that there was one more
written La motte which I believed was meant
for Danette but being uncertain I did not
publish it as yet, but advised him to be
prepared, as I had no doubt when the matter
came to be explained it would turn out that
he was the person meant I saw just now
told that he alledges that he never gave
any parole whatever that if no Officer here
who does not think him as much included
in the terms of the capitulation, as any one
of themselves, and here certainly as likely
a man to do mischief in India as any
man I know, and if he does not sign a
declaration to morrow, at Captain Blair's
fixed one hour to see him I shall send him
under restraint. -

Since Captain Blair return'd
I have caused him to annex to the Copy of the
declaration No 3 the Names of all those who
have signed it, which was all that he
met with at home, and at a time if
fixed for seeing the others to morrow I shall

go

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no doubt they will all sign it and prepare ℔
accordingly. —

Upon enquiry from Captain
Blair I find, that the Loyalists in general ℔
seemed much hurt at the idea of going to ℔
Europe — the republicans were in general ℔
contented, and some of the down right ℔
Democrates triumphed, and had the indecency
to say that it would not be long now, before
they should see the heads of those who have
worn white Cockades there taken from their
shoulders, Captain Blair found in the ℔
houses of most of them of their description ℔
a large National Cockade stuck up against
the Wall as Ornamental, furniture with
suitable inscriptions as Crucifixes and ℔
Saints used to be heretofore. —

I wished to make the ℔
descriptive list I had the honor to send to ℔
your Lordship as much to the point as ℔
possible, and as yet I see but little to ℔
mend in it, but I think it necessary to ℔
say that though the characters of Signal

and

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and Dovist Ensigns of Artillery are such as I
have stated, I might there if I had been better
informed have added that they are very old men
have been three times taken in this place and
have on account of their age been sent
sent away when the place was taken in 1793
It will now remain with your Lordship to
determine whether they shall be sent to Europe
I have not a doubt of their will to do any thing
they thought would agrandize the Republick
and lessen our consequence, but I doubt
whether they are now equal to any active
mischief and it may be humane to consider
rather the disabling effects of their age than
the malignant quality of their disposition
and I believe there are two or three more under
similar circumstances. —

I have this moment heard that
Mrs. Sofoot has taken the resolution to set
out instantly with her children to Madras
and to throw herself at the Feet of your
Lordship — If I can prevent their sleep, I entirely
will, though I have declined seeing her myself

Yours

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This evening Mrs. St. Quintin is very ill and confined to her bed,

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

/Signed/ John Brathwaite

Pondicherry
March 11th 1797.
6 P.M.

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Cantonment Orders.-

Major General Brathwaite having yesterday evening received a letter from the Right Honble the Governor of Madras intimating to him that Government had come to a final resolution in regard to sending a Portion of the French officers & prisoners of War by the Fleet now about to depart to Europe conformable to the terms granted to this Garrison at the time of its surrender enclosing a list of the names of those who were now to embark.-

Such of the French officers therefore whose names are hereunto subjoined, must hold themselves ready to embark in eight days from the date hereof, on such Ships as will arrive from Madras to receive them

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them and convey them to that Port where they are to be embarked on the Ships that are to convey them to Europe. The General finds it necessary to signify at the same time that this resolution of his Lordships in Council being found no application tending to effect any change or alteration whatever in it can be received, but he has at the same time great pleasure in assuring those Gentlemen that every attention will be paid to procure reasonable accommodation for them, and in particular such as have Wives and Children during the Voyage and that they may rest happy in the firm hope that Letters will be written to attract the attention of the Directors to the peculiar Situation of Individuals.

Such Gentlemen as have Wives and Children who are to embark with them, must with as little delay as possible send to the Government House a List of them, that timely provision may be made accordingly. And such as find it more convenient to leave their Wives and Children

in

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in this Country must also with as little delay as may be signify the same to the General & by Letter, stating what portion of the subsistence they receive from the Company they are willing to appropriate for the maintenance of their Families in this Country, and they may rest assured that such allotted portion will be & regularly paid to their Families here and & deducted from what they are to receive in & Europe. —

True Copy
/Signed/ W.m Wilson
Secy.

Pondicherry 11th. March 1797

We whose names are under written acknowledge to have seen the Order of this date relative to our embarking for Europe — and in conformity to the terms granted to this & Garrison at the time of its surrender and the Parole of honor we have given, will hold & ourselves ready to embark, and will embark according to the order we shall receive. —

True Copy
/Signed/ W.m Wilson
Secy

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The undermentioned officers have already Signed their Names to the above P
De macon, St. Quantin, Scannell, La Salle, P
Degout, Chenot, Sommet, Willmard, Gilbert
mont, A. Gatty, St. michael, Lefort Degouet
Buzelet, De Lafosse, Elie Lefort, Daniel pere
Villant Le Brun Rogier Bonnet P. Perujet
Desjardins, Le chevr Perujet Guiguet Fr. Dubile
Gardet, malaise, Bonahet.—

[Signed] David Blair
Lieutenant

My Lord,

I had the honor to address a
letter to you yesterday by express, Communi-
cating the steps I had taken toward carrying it
into Execution your Lordship's orders of the
9th Instant.—

I send them all the officers
mentioned to Embark, have signed the
declaration Except three, who are out on a
shooting party, I expect them in this A.
evening and I am told they are desirous to
go to Europe.—

Endorsed

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Indeed I find them in general now pretty well reconciled to the Order and perfectly sensible of your Lordships humane attention in the Execution of it, and I understand that those here who are not as yet ordered to Embark expect it will be their turn very soon. —

Those who are to go, have in general applied to me to know if any advance will be make to them and state themselves to be in much need of it, not only to enable them to purchase a sufficient Stock of linnen for the Voyage, but to discharge some small debts they also desire to know if they are to be furnished with sea Cotts at madras, and whether each of them will be allowed to carry a Native Servant with them to these requests I could only reply that I would immediately lay them before your Lordship, and that if your Lordship requiesced in their receiving any pay in advance, I had no doubt that early instruction would be sent to the Paymaster on that head Captains St. Michiel Parrejut Lavine and Parrejot le Cadet request to go in the same Ships to Europe. —

Captain

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Captain Macan, and Lieutenants
Bourcett and Dubois have made a similar
Request, and in general the Loyalists are a
very urgent that they may not be sent in
the same Ships with Republicans, to these
requests I replied that where they go to make
Captain Blair will write to major Allan, and
that I have no doubt of your Lordships incli-
tion to cause every thing to be made as
convenient to them as will be practicable.-

Monsr Lamothe whom since
your Lordship to have meant under the
name of La motte has a brevet of Lieutenant
of Artillery, but concerning him if your
Lordship meant to send him, there can be
now no doubt as he has not only signed
the declaration, but has surprized me with
a Request, that if he was not originally
meant he may be included in the list of
those now to be sent to Europe. -

Lieutenant Bellanne of the
Chandernagore Sepoys has preferred a
similar Request, and I am told that Abbé

Ignorant

Egmont and some others would do the same if
they thought it would be attended to. –

Lieutenant Dev Sarding of the
Artillery wishes to carry his wife, (who is an
European) and a child of fourteen months old
I have not as yet heard of any other Indeed
I believe she is the only European Lady married
to any in the list, the rest are I believe all
natives of India or the french Islands, and
will not I think be prevailed upon to go to
Europe. –

These officers who are married
and are to go, will I have no doubt, in general
be desirous to leave a portion of their pay to be
received by their families, and I request your
Lordship will be pleased to direct the Paymaster
to send hither as soon as may be convenient the
form of such a declaration as they should sign
to that end, which will be very satisfactory
to them. –

Captain St Quintin (who is
certainly the most distressed, and the most
to be pitied as his wife has not a relation

here

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persons from that Indulgence, unless upon lodging fifty pounds in the Treasury, as Security for the Return of the Native to this Country. -

In allotting the Officers to the different Ships every attention will be paid to their convenience as far as may be practicable. -

I have already apprized you of our Intention to include Mons. Lamotte in the List Lieutenant Balleine cannot be allowed to embark but if Captain Egmont wishes it, he may. -

Madame Des Jardins and her Child shall be accommodated in the best manner we can arrange it. -

The Civil Paymaster will send the Form of Declaration for those to Sign, who leave a part of their pay for the Subsistence of their Families but you are to let them understand that it is not to exceed one half.

If Captain St. Quintin will enter into a Satisfactory Engagement not to serve with any Native Power in India for three or five years after a Peace between Great

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Great Britain and France, I will consent to his remaining in Pondicherry, but as there is no time for reference, I must leave the terms to your discretion.—

We must embark no Person at the hazard of his life, but I should be very sorry that either Lieutenant Gaudet or Ensign St. Croix were left behind.

The Officer Commanding the Centurion has been directed by the admiral to receive on board his Ship any Persons or Baggage that you may think proper to send and you will signify to the Officer Commanding the Suffolk's tender that he is to Consider himself under similar Orders.—

I must Request that no time may be lost in embarking the officers, as the Fleet will be ready to sail on the 23d and they ought to be here before that time you may take the Oath of Mr. La Fayet's Papers and release his Person from restraint.—

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
[Signed] Hobart
P.S.

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P.S. I am speaking of a part of the pay to be left for the subsistance of the Families of those who are to go home, upon which I perfectly understand, Wives and legitimate Children. —

My Lord,

I was yesterday morning honored with your Lordships letter of the 11th. —

In Consequence of the information that your Lordship had ordered three months pay in advance to be issued to the officers about to embark, at time and their necessities perfuaded — I immediately set about to procure the money here that would be necessary, and succeeded, so that they will all be paid their morning, and as soon as the money arrives from Madras I shall repay that which I have borrowed from the house of white and Maxwell here —

The only terms on which the Female officers can be allowed to carry native Servants with them has been announced to them, and I fancy there will be few if any who will carry them and such officers

if

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is restricted to two Trunks at the most. —

your Lordship's goodness in
regard to an attention in allotting Room to
Ships that may signified to them and they are very
thankfull. —

It has been signified to Mr
Lemeth that he is to go and he is prepared &
Lieutenant Ballantine Seems disappointed that
he cannot go, and Captain Egmont thought very
anxious to go, says that not Expecting to be of
the number he cannot be prepared on so short
notice but will be much obliged to your Lordship
to send him by the next opportunity and
Captain Law, who has some wealthy relations
in England has told me that he should be
glad to be sent to Europe by a future opportunity.

It has been signified to the
French officers about to go that they will be
allowed to leave a portion of their pay not
Exceeding one half, to be Received by their wives
& legitimate Children, and in Consequence of
a letter I have this instant Received from
Mr. Parry they shall be told that their
matter

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matter must be arranged on their arrival at the
modest if any one go thither who have families. -
I have made the families of the
Lieutenant Colonel Lofeat, and Captain
St. Quintin, and intend all Pondicherry every
happy by announcing to these officers the
terms on which they may remain with their
families, and these officers will most cheerfully
make oath before me that they will not enter
into the service of any of the Country powers for
the terms of five years after a Peace shall have
been concluded between England and France, the
which Oath shall be made in the presence
of, and signed by two witnesses and then be
transmitted to your Lordship. -
This indulgence as I foresaw
has brought on me a number of applications
in which many of the families have interest
themselves very much namely the
of Lieutenant Colonel Lefeat, the Captains
Poniset, and St. Michael and some others to
all which I returned a deaf ear although they
all professed to enter into the same Engagements
because

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because I consider them as idle young men, who must soon in all probability be in this Country without subsistence - and to whom it is in fact an advantage to be sent to Europe whatever light they may at P present Consider it in. There is one application P however which I should have referred to your P Lordships had time permitted, and that is on the P part of Lieutenant Chemot the late Fort adjutant who has a wife and five children here this officer who though represented to me as a democrate P which Character he has assumed is I am now P confidentially assured a Staunch loyalist - and though he certainly meant to seek service P wherever he could find it, rather than eat the bread of idleness, is ready now to abandon every idea of the kind on the assurance of his wives P Father - a Country born Portuguese who is worth thirty thousand Rupees and is in the house of Barry Johanney Simon and Co and is willing to P make a Settlement on his Daughter leaving no other child many of the principal families here interest themselves about this Officer, and offer to enter into pecuniary engagements that he

never

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never will enter into the Service of any Country Power - Among the rest a very respectable Lazy, old Madam St. Pol addressed a letter to me which I enclose to your Lordship - my reply to all, but Jean, that it is now too late, that he must embark for Madras on Sunday, but that I would address your Lordship on his behalf, and give him a few lines to major allan, for which they are all very thankfull. -

Lieutenant Gardet will undoubtedly embark and I hope that the Situation of Ensign St. Croix thought bad, will tomorrow be determined to be such as need not prevent his Embarking also His Majestys Ships Centurion arrived here some days ago, and the Suffolk's tender yesterday and the officers Commanding in Consequence of the orders they have received from Admeral Rainier manifest the most accommodating disposition and will remove the whole and I am convinced treat them with every attention. -

I trust the Ships will be in good time at Madras as the whole of the French officers shall be Embarked early

in

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the morning of sunday the 19th and the Ships may sail by Noon - as the 19th is precisely ten days after the date of your Lordships letter of the 9th and it therefore Conformable to the Notice I published to the French officers, I have thought it better to adhere to that day, rather than press the Embarkation to an earlier period, which would greatly distress the Prisoners, and could not be material to the Service, as there can be no doubt of his majesty's Ships being at Madras, at least two days before the time fixed by your Lordship for the departure of the Indiamen namely the 23d. The Lately have been taken off from the Counting house, and parpert of Monr. de la Faye and restraint off from his Person, and he enjoys perfectly satisfied. -

The officers who will embark on Sunday Morning will be Exactly Conformable to your Lordship's list including Monr. Lanette with the Exception of Lieutenant Colonel Josat and Captains St. Quinton, and Monr. Davidot and Gignet whom your Lordship has authorised me to detain unless it should happen that

Ensign

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Ensign St. Croix cannot imbark on Account of the State of his health, which however I hope and believe will not be the case. -

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ John Braithwaite

Pondicherry
March 27th. 1797.

To Major General Braithwaite

Sir,

Having just heard that you had been pleased to grant permission to Mons.r St. Quintas and Jan Jost to remain at this place, I take the liberty to solicit a similar Indulgence in favor of Mons.r Chenot who, as well as the Gentlemen above mentioned is the father of a large family of five children, as also an old inhabitant of this city - He is willing to furnish proper Security for his good Conduct, to relinquish his claims to Subsistence from the English Company and to engage, on his parole of honor not to take Service with any of the foreign P.s inimical to your compliance with this request, in favour of Mons.r Chenot

will

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will much oblige.-

Sir

Your &c.

Pondicherry
16th. March 1797.

/Signed/ Lamotte de St. Paul

A true Translation

/Signed/ George Parry.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform you that the French officers Prisoners here ordered by your Lordship to be embarked on board his Majesty's Ships Centurion and Suffolk, Under have been all embarked agreeable to your Lordships list, with the exception of Lieutenant Colonel Josset of whose desertion I have already informed your Lordship all that I know, except, that it is now reported that he has been in a negotiation for service with the Mahrattas these four months, and that he received a few days before he went off an appointment from them of two thousand five hundred Rupees

per

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per month. That this was delivered by an Shikarrah who told him he had an Horse posted at a certain place, that ten other Shikarrahs were posted at with ten Horses who would convey him from one to the other, and so to the first body of Mahratta Troops consisting of Nine thousand men, Sir I threw out by Mr. Jozat to mislead I am decidedly of opinion that he is gone near to Tranquebar to embark on some Vessel there either for the Islands or the Malabar Coast

Captain St. Quintin is also by your Lordships permission excepted from your list the Oath he has taken I have now the honor to enclose, and I really believe him to be a man of strict honor, and well worthy of the indulgence shewn to him. -

Messrs Dorsit and Gignac have also in consequence of your Lordships indulgence been permitted to stay - and Mr. Lamette has been embarked. -

I have the honor to enclose the Receipts of the Commanders of the Ships for

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for the several Prisoners embarked on board of their Ships, as also the Receipts of the French officers for the three months pay advanced to them. —

All the Loyalists are on board the Suffolk & Tender, all the Republicans on board the Centurion, and I have hinted to Lieutenant Batt Commanding that Ship that it will be well to keep a good look out as some of them are desperate men. —

As Captain Blair the Town major here will address major Allan and will enclose to him the following Lists I will not now further trouble your Lordship — List of the Prisoners sent on each Ship List of those who leave wives and legitimate Children now here. —

List of those who desire to sail in the same Ships. —

I cannot however conclude this Letter without expressing the satisfaction I have derived from the very accommodating and humane disposition manifested by Lieutenants Batt and Collier the officers Commanding

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Commanding the two Ships who have been so
assiduously active to forward the Service, and to
give every possible satisfaction to the Prisoners
and shall be much obliged to your Lordship
if you will be pleased to mention this to
Admiral Rainier

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
/Signed/ John Braithwaite

Pondicherry
19th March 1797.

Received on board his majesty's
Ship the Centurion under my Command
from major General Braithwaite the
undermentioned French officers Prisoners
of War

Road at Pondicherry 19th March 1797.

Captain Bugelet, Deputy Dupuis
Dalauvent Sent Vellard.-
Lieutenants Le Brun Des Sardons - Lamette
Malaise Degout Wilmard Gilbert Bubard
Ensigns Jeannet Roger St Croix Le Sag-mouth
Labatte Desgoys Girodon - Bouche Joannes
Colonist Gatty - Lehemann - Horaret.-
madame Des Sardons and child.-

/Signed/ Jno Batt
Lieut & Comm
Penrice

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Received on board his Majesty's Ships the Suffolk's Tender, under my Command from Major General Braithwaite the undermentioned French officers Prisoners of War —

Road at Pondicherry 19th. March 1797

Captains St. Michel - Parejet Senr. & Parejet Junior Lafosse Mayeur - de macor. -

Lieutenants Charley Garde - Kervegueun & Bouvatt Jerome de hita Elie Josset & Chinot. - Ensign Arnauld. -

Signed / G. R. Collier

Lieut. & Comdr.

Return

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Returns of French officers Prisoners of War to be embarked on board the aftermentioned Ships.—

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Distribution of the French officers on the different Ships shewing the amount which some of them have requested may be paid Monthly to their Families.—	Names	Rank	Corps	Ships embarked on	Officers who have left part of their pay to their wives and legitimate children
	Villart	Captain	Sepoys		
	Jouvenet	Ensign	Dt. Lascars	Fort William	2 Rupees
	Johannon	Ensign	Dt. Lascars		
	Flores				
	Boroche			Fort William	to his Wife per Month for 6
	Pegoet	Lieut.			
	Colonet	Ensign	Dt. Lascars		
	Pasgoet				
	Desclardieux	Lieut.	Artillery	Melville Castle	to his Wife per Month for 6
	L'Brun				
	Roger	Ensign			
	Dulaurens	Captain	Dt. Lascars	Rockingham	
	Dewaux		Artillery		
	Bubard	Lieut.	Dt. Lascars		to his Legitimate Child per Month for 6
	Lucy	Ensign			
	Bugetet	Captain	Artillery	Kirkby Castle	
	Dugenet				
	Adeline	Lieut.	Dt. Lascars		
	Daniel	Ensign			
	Gillart	Lieut.			
	Morelle	Ensign			
	Girandon				
	Gally				
	Wailmard	Lieut.		Princess Charlotte	
	Le Salle	Ensign			
	Lamoth	Lieut.			
	Jeannet	Ensign	Artillery		
	St. Michiel	Captain	Dt. Lascars	Berwick	to his Legitimate Child per Month for 12
	Lupons				
	Parigot Capt.				
	Parigot Lieut.				
	Arnauld	Ensign			
	Godet	Lieut.			
	Chalus				
	De Macon	Captain		Princess Charlotte	
	Bourcald	Lieut.			
	J Deloita				
	J Sopat				
	St. Croix	Ensign	Attached to the Artillery		
40	Rerequin	Lieut.	Dt. Lascars		

NB. Madame de Sardin, Wife of Lieut. Sardin imbarked on the Fort William

NB. The above Officers have received their Pay in advance for the Months of Sept. Oct. Nov. & Dec.

	Pr.	F	C	
Captains	37	21	"	For a Month of 30 Days
Lieutenants	18	31	40	
Ensigns	16	"	"	

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The President informs the Board that he has allowed the Officers originally intended to have been sent home to remain in the country.—

The President requests the Board that at the earnest Solicitation of Captain Mayne and Lieutenant Chenat two of the Officers whom it was originally determined to send to England, he has permitted them to remain in India, on their entering into an Engagement not to take Service with any of the Native Powers for five years after the Conclusion of Peace between England and France — The promise on oath of those Officers to the above Effect the President now lays before the Board —

Engagements of Captain Mayne and Lieutenant Chenat not to serve with any of the native Powers.—

Je soussigné jure et m'engage sur ma Parole d'honneur en presence du Major A. Allan and S. Sutton de ne point entrer au service d'aucuns Princes Indiens pendant l'espace de cinq années après la conclusion de la paix entre la Grande Bretagne et la France —

Fact a Fort St. George 27th March 1797

En presence de
(Signed) A. Allan
Second Major

(Signed) Mayne
Capt. de Sipahis

Sec.d Sutton

Signed

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Signed and Sworn to at the Public

Office of Justice before me.—

[Signed] J. H. Sherson

Justice

Je Soussigné Jure et P

m'engage sur ma parole d'honneur en

presence du Captaine Blair major P

de place a' Pondicherry et deux Captains

Seguin ey devant Major de place P

de ne point entrer au Service P

d'aucune puissance Indienne pendant

les trois années a' proscrite P

conclusion

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Conclusion de la paix entre la Grande

Bretagne et la France. -

Sact Soutte a Pondicherry a 18 March 1797

/Signed/ St. Quantin

Capitaine D'artillerie

Jureisconsulte de guerre a Pondicherry

Sworn and declared before me in the

Government house at Pondicherry this 18

eighteenth day of March in the year of

of Our Lord 1797.

/Signed/ John Braithwaite

Major Genl Commg

In the presence of

/Signed/ David Blair

Town Major

Auguste Seguen

aide de camp major de place

Je

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Je soussigné jure et engage sur ma
Parole d'honneur en presence du Major A Allan and
S. Sotton de ne point entrer au Service d'aucuns
Princes Indiens pendant l'espace de cinq années
après la conclusion de la paix entre la Grande
Bretagne & la France —

Sealed Fort St George ce 27th March 1797

(Signed) Chenot Second aide de Camp Pondichery

En presence de

(Signed) { A. Allan Town Major
Sev. Sotton

Signed and Sworn to at the Public
Office of Justice before me

(Signed) J. H. Shardon Justice

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" Geo: Harris
" Edw: Saunders
"
" W Fullerfield

Sutherton Ed.

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Diary

The undermentioned Letters (entered in MB. Nos 177 to 189) having been kept apart — in consideration of the Business attending the late dispatch of the Ships, were read in Council in — Friday the 31st March —

From Major General Nixon —

From Commandant at Arnee

reporting that the Quantity of Paddy found on inspection by the Committee, to be damaged is — two hundred and fifty six Morcals —

From Captain Mueth requesting

From Captain Thomas Meuth.

that his allowances from the period to which he was paid at Amboyna may be discharged by the Pay master of Fort St George &c —

From Mr Torriano — advising

From the Resident at Nagore

of his having Shipped 30 Madras Garce of Rice for Trincomale — and of his having 20 Garce more in readiness, which he means to dispatch as soon as he can procure freights —

From Lieutenant Colonel Murray —

From Commandant at Arcot

Making

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stating that he has been unable after a deligent search to discover the person of Chinniah Moodely.

From Major Dallas — requesting

From the Commandant 4th Regiment of Native Cavalry

to be allowed the same sum on account of Horses — as is granted to other officers Commanding Corps of Cavalry.

From Lieutenant Colonel Fraser

From Lieutenant Colonel Fraser at Pondicherry

advising of his having drawn on Government a set of Bills in favor of Captain Benjamen Brown for 800 Pagodas on account of the Conveyance of the 72d Regiment from Trincomale to Pondicherry —

From Major General Braithwaite

From the Commandant at Pondicherry

advising of the arrangements he has made for quartering the 72d. Regiment —

From Mr. Place — urging the

From the Collector in the Soghira.

Eligibility of furnishing a part of the White Sumbah Paddy required for Stores at Arnee from the Districts of Carangoody and Outramalore —

From Lieutenant J. L. Jones

From the Fort Adjutant at Pondamalle.

requesting that Government will grant him some allowance for performing funeral and baptismal services in the Garrison of Pondamalle — From

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From Mr Skardon — requesting that

From the Principal Agents for Cavalry Supplies.

a Committee may be appointed to examine 3,534 Bullock Bags provided by him agreeably to the orders of Government.

From Captain Ridge — requesting

From the Commandant at Rampore.

that Surgeon Mackay may be ordered to give occasional attendance on the Sick at Rampore as well as at Nellore.

From Captain Mackenzie —

From Captain Mackenzie of the Engineers.

enclosing a Bill amounting to Pag 210..35..29. for extra Expences incurred in examining the different forts in the Gunloor Circar.

From Mr Surgeon Norman —

From Mr Surgeon Norman.

with a Letter for the Board, appealing from a Retrenchment made on his Medical Charges by the Auditor General.

The following Letters having been also Kept apart, in consideration of the Business attending the late Dispatch of the Ships were read in Council on Friday the 31st March.

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President in Council &c &c
Fort St George

My Lord,

I have been honored with your letter of the 30th of December, which having been unfortunately mislaid by the Gentleman who took charge of it prior to my arrival at this place, was only put into my hands a few days ago and was the means of preventing me embracing a more early opportunity of replying to it.

From Major General Stuart on the subjects of Major Bowsers charges for transporting troops by water from Manar & to Colombo. The vouchers produced by Major Bowser returned.

I have the honor to transmit the following information on the points concerning which you have been pleased to request my opinion.

The Troops transported by water from Manar to Columbo, Major Bowsers own Battalion excepted, Salways understood were embarked on Boats freighted by Major Barbut at Jaffnapatnam; but on this circumstance I shall not positively take on me to decide and as the Boat Department was placed under the immediate direction of

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31 of the Quarter Master General, I beg leave to refer you to him, who being appointed to conduct this branch of Service is the proper person to elucidate the subject in question. I am sorry it is not in my power to speak more accurately on this matter, and I am also unable to declare, whether the Boats as charged, were actually provided and employed on the Service, or that the rates specified in the several vouchers or receipts were bona fide encurred — I shall only observe, that in general Major Bawsers accounts were made out in a manner so as to be almost incomprehensible to me, and that such as I understood or thought myself warranted in approving, received my Countersignature previous to my relinquishing the Command on Ceylon — I herewith return that officers vouchers and accounts as directed by your Government —

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

Bombay
5th March 1797

(Signed) J Stuart

To

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To Lieutenant General George Harris
Commander in Chief of the Troops
on the Coast of Choromandel
&c &c &c

Sir.

I have the honor of forwarding
an application from Major Robert Cameron,
to be relieved from the command of Salem,
that he may join the 2d battalion 4th regiment
to which he has been lately appointed, and
beg leave to inform you, that Captain
James Innes, the next senior officer of that
garrison, who is very active and deserving,
solicits your interest to be appointed his
successor.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) Alex.r Read
Lieut.t Colo. Comg
Ceded Districts

From Lieutenant Colo Read. Major Cameron requests permission to resign the Command of Salem recommends Capt.n James Innes to succeed him.

Tripassore
11th March 1797.

Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Read
Commanding 2d Batt.n 4th Regt N.I.
and the Troops in the Ceded Districts

Sir

The Commander in Chief having
appointed me to succeed you as Major to
the 2d Battalion 4th Regiment and your official
situation

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31 situation as Superintendant of the Revenues often preventing you from being present with the Corps, I consider it as my Duty to be at the Head Quarters of the Corps, to attend to its discipline

I have to request you will — make application to Government to exonerate me from the Command of the Fort and Garrison of Selum, and be permitted to join the Head Quarters of the 2d Battalion 4th Regiment at Kistnagherry. . . I have the honor to be &c &c

Selum
9th March 1797

(Signed) R. Cameron
Major 2 B 4 R.
Comg Selum

49 To Josiah Webbe Esq^r
Secretary to Government
For St George

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 14th and apprehend from the intimation therein given, that his Highness the Nabob has been misinformed in regard to the colonies from whose depredations the revenues of his country is said to have

From Lieutenant Colonel Read — states that the Nabob is misinformed as to the point of Robbers from the Namcul District making Inroads on his Country — and that he is actually obliged to post Guards on the skirts of the Ceded District to prevent their being plundered by Colleries belonging to the Carnatic &c

received

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received such injury; for there are no polegars or colories dependant on the Company within an hundred miles of Namcul, and as stated in my letter of the 13th and its accompaniments, my attention has been particularly directed of late to the protection of the districts under my charge against colonies and thieves from the countries of His Highness and Tippoo Sultaun. As in support of this I have enclose letters I have received this morning from Captains Irton and Ogilby, which contain further information of measures taken since, (in the very district of Namcul, whence His Highness supposes these members to enter his country) for apprehending them.

I cannot omit this occasion of repeating (what I have formerly stated to the Right Honorable the Governor) that I am under the necessity of posting guards all along the eastern frontier to keep out bands of robbers that range about the Carnatic

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35 Carnatic with impunity, while the western frontier is secure without arm.

It is not my wish to have it thought there are not thieves among the Companys ryots, but I am intirely of opinion that an account of there being only one poligar (the Cangoondy man) and no accouldars, who commonly screen and countenance them for a share of their booty there are fewer in these districts than others in general; and were justice duly administered by bringing offenders to condign punishment, I trust their present number would very soon be greatly deminished.

By last months returns of them there are 341 of them in custody, all of them are in irons, and employed in the plantations manufactures, and other public works.

Trichinopoly
19th March 1797.

I am
&c &c
(Signed) Alexr Read
Lt Colo Comt
Ceded Districts
Lieutenant

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To
Lieutenant Colonel Read
Commanding H.M. Forces
Tripatore

Dear Sir,

I have had a Chitt from Captain Ogilby expressing his apprehension, that his receiving no answer to his note, informing you of my having made a requisition of Troops from his Garrison, has met with your disapprobation, and has doubts of complying with any further I may make, he wishes to have your sentiments on the subject

Having got fresh Information of Tombo Gour have made a fresh requisition, and shall try my Fortune once more to Night, if no counter Information arrives.

Yerambapatty
16th 1797

Sam.
H.M. Forces
(Signed) Irton

P.S. It is but for a Night and Day I require them, the last Sent into Garrison having had them two Days.

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Read
Commanding the Ceded Districts
&c &c

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that on a second requisition made to me this day by Captain Ireton Commanding the Detachment Eastern Frontier for a force to assist him in an attempt he intends making this Night to apprehend the Person of Tombo Gourndoo – I have directed in consequence a party consisting of 1 Subidar 2 Havildars 2 Naigs 1 Drummer 1 Puckally and 40 Sepoys to join him this Evening at the Village of Arroor

I shall be thankful to know Sir whether my thus complying with the requisition of Captain Ireton, without previous permission from you meets your approbation – that it may serve for my guidance in such cases in future.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) D. Ogilby
Capt Comm Jr Namcul

Namcul
March 16 1797

Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esq

Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colo Read - with the a Letter from Capt. Ireland containing Intelligence of the Situation of Tondo Gounden - of the League existing between him and the Kotdy of Tenore - and of the Progress of the Disturbances on the Warriorpollam and Tenore District.

I herewith enclosed contains some additional information on the robbers in the vicinity of Namcul which it may be proper to communicate to the Right Honorable the Governor.

I am &c &c

Trippatore
22d March 1797

(Signed) A. Read
Lieut Colonel Comt
Cdeid District

Lieutenant Colonel Read

Sir.

I am just now favored with a Captain Munro's Official Dispatch of the 13 Instant expressive of your approbation of my calling on the Namcul Garrison for assistance which am happy to receive, as Captain Argilby by his private Letter to me of the 15 Instant. seemd to form doubts of complying with, and which Letter I enclosed you yesterday, in order that you might dispell them — I this morning made a fresh requisition from that Garrison on

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31st in order to make a fresh attempt on Toimba Gowrs
residence this Evening, who lays agreeable to my
present Information, at Gadasam; in the —
Tolcum. District belonging to his Highness the
Nabob — am not so sanguine as before. he being
now more upon his Guard, and the Nights —
Unfavorable; but Delays might be the cause
of my missing him altogether, and from the
conversation my people had with some of his
Peons, they talk of retaliation on the Cuaba Village
of Moganoor.

The Country he lays in, being
favorable for Cavalry, and free of Jungle, have
it in India, that in case I should not succeed
and he does not leave these pasts, of sending —
Information to General Floyd, a party of Horse
by a forced march coming up along the S. Banks of
the Cauvery, must effectually destroy his party,
and secure him. He is in close correspondence
with the Terriore Reddy, and when I surprised
him the Night of the 8th Instant, a Man of the
Reddys. Rangapa Naig Cauligar of Calakaboot,

was

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was with him with 30 Peons, and now send him
Information of the movements of the Company's
Troops in this Quarter.

In respect to the Terrore Country
it is still in a disordered state the Reddys Peons
plundering and burning the Villages. The Reddy
himself is Resident in the Tanjore Country — The
Beginning of the Month and the Terrore Peons
drove the young Nabobs people to take refuse
in our Bounds, but after having got a —
reinforcement from Tschimpoly they advanced
again, and drove the Terrore Peons into the
Palchamalla — The Nabobs Detachments have
been since called off to quell some disturbances
in the Arialoor and Warriorpollium — Countrys
and as the Young Nabob employs none but Peons
from all the Information I can get his Power
is unequal to reducing the Reddy to Obedience
without assistance from the Durbar or Company's
The Company Bounds exhibit
a strong contrast to the Neighbouring Districts

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31 of Terrore, nor are the Inhabitants under any apprehension of disturbances. The Village of Tarlingaarpetty, large in itself, is nearly doubled in size from the Influx of Inhabitants who have built themselves substantial Habitations, and by a little encouragement. I dare say Numbers might be induced to become residents altogether.

Tomorrow I hope to be able to send you Information of my success.

I am &c &c

Yerambapetty
16th March 1797

(Signed) S. Irton Capt

To Josiah Webbe Esq
Secretary to Government

From Lieutenant Colo Read. with Letter from Captain Irton reflecting the Complaint made by the Nabob of Plunderers finding Shelter and Protection in the Ceded Districts — and giving some account of the Dispute between the Nabob's Government and the Terriore Zeddy.

Sir.

I herewith forward for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor, a letter I have just received from Captain Irton conforming the opinion I ventured in my last regarding his Highness the Nabobs representations on the subject of depredations committed on

his

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31st this country by robbers from the Ceded Districts,
and accounting in some measure for the
mistake.

Trippatoor
24th March 1797

Sam Z. Z.
(Signed) Alex. Read
Le. Colo. Comdt
Ceded Districts

Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Read

Sir,

I have been this morning favored with Captain Munro's Dispatch of the 17th Instant, inclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Webb of the 14th March 1797. and must beg leave to remark thereon. that the Information of the Servants of his Highness the Nabob, to the Dubar, are entirely without foundation.

On my arrival in these Districts the beginning of the present month. I made every enquiry from the Inhabitants in my Neighbourhood as well as from his Highness people, who were obliged to take refuge within the Company's Bounds from the Reddy's Poons, and never heard of a Complaints of the kind, and which if existing, Balaventrow the Phousdaar of Penicondah on the

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31 the part of this Highness the Nabob, who lay within
2 and 5 miles of me, for some days, would certainly
have informed me of, as knowing me to be possessed
of the power of giv a great measure putting a stop
to such Proceedings.

What has given rise to Complaints
of the Nature mentioned, is I suppose as follows.

The Perriore Reddy, a Zemindaar,
possessing his Country, by paying a Subsidy to his
acknowledged Lord some how or other, incurred
the displeasure of the Durbar, who has in —
consequence sent Troops into the Reddys Country,
which have been opposed — during these —
disturbances which have subsisted now for
near these 11 Months. the peaceful Inhabetants
being oppressed by both Parties, naturally left
the Country, and took refuge, principally within
the Companys Bounds, where they have peaceably
resided since the Commencement of the troubles
and have built themselves comfortable —
habitations, waiting the issue of the contest

The Reddys armed Peons
being drove into the Patchamalla by the
Nabobs

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Nabobs Detachment, and part of which Hills are attached to the Terrore Districts, make incursions into the open Country, not to plunder, but to prevent the Inhabetants from Settling. — This has been I fancy the cause of Complaints as I presumed, for what Inducement can any people have to go and plunder a Country, almost now depopulated and burnt, but perhaps to seek for some hidden Grain, their own property, merely to answer for their own Subsistence

The Companys Bounds have been much respected by both parties during the present dispute. and it would certainly lend much to the advantage of both the Countries, if the same attention was paid by his Highness Servants in respect to seizing on Marauders, as is done by the Company's Government in these Countries.

As an Instance of attention paid by his Highness's Servants to the taking up Marauders, I need but mention this one in exclusion of many others that might be brought

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35 brought forward — viz. Tombs Gowrs arrival and residence in the Tolcum District, from the 23 February to the 19th March, without a single Line, or word of Information, being either given or sent me, or a Step apparently taken by any of his Highness's Servants to do it, but on the contrary had frequent reports during that period, of — assistance and Information being given to him by Individuals of that District particularly by the Village of Ballanaigenpetty near to the place where I surprised him the 3d at Night, and who were Spectators of the scene, of the Sepoys pursuing him up the Hill, yet that same Evening he came down to their Village, much fatigued, with his People, where he received Cloathes, Rice &c. and was forwarded on to the Banks of the Cauvery tho' I then lay but Nine Miles from them.

He (Tombs Gowr) crossed the Cauvery on the 17th Instant, and have not as yet learned the direction he has taken, generally supposed either to Veraputchy or

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37 Samy Naigs Polliam, have wrote to Captain — "
Macleod requesting him to forward the —
Intelligence to Mr. Flindes at Dindigul and
any other place where he may conceive the —
Intelligence may be useful — They leave to
put you in mind of the Shot and Iron
crows found at Tumumpetty which have been
laying there this some time the Expence of throwing
them into Store at Ahtoor would be but about
3 Pagodas. by hired Bullocks.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) S. Lyton Captain

Toshoor
21 March 1797.

My Lord

In consequence of the letter, I received
this morning from Government, I feel myself
much distressed, that I should have in the
smallest degree, incurd your Lordship's displeasure
or disapprobation of my conduct, which I am
well convinced of (from the very strong language

of

From Major Thomson — expressive of his Concern at the Boards disapprobation of his Conduct — states the Circumstances, which induced him to recommend the Person of Venkatachalum — at the Nabob's Requisition —

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31st language of the Boards letter) is the case —

Having no doubt from His Highness the Nabob's letters, that Government had sent an order, for seizing the person of Vencatachelum, and knowing the moment it was become Public, that Vencatachelum was to be made prisoner, he would endeavour to effect his escape, and knowing from his influence, the probability there was of putting his intentions into execution —

I took the decided step I did, of seizing him, that so notorious an instigator of Depredations should not get off — I was actuated solely for the Peace of Government — For these last two months, this Country has had more the resemblance of an West India Island in Martial Law than a Country in profound Peace, and this arising from that Incendiary Vencatachelum, at least so well founded report says:

To say I would do my duty, is saying nothing, for that I should be made to do, but be assured my Lord, my conduct is guided

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guided by the most rigid observation of propriety. for they can little tell what I feel at the reflexion that I should do any thing to meet your censure. Honorable and advantageous as the Command of Tanjore is, the losing of it, would have little weight, — comparatively, with the Idea of my measure having merited such a treatment. I had flattered myself, my conduct had been such, that would have induced your Lordship, to have called me forth, in Command of a detachment, which Government may think advisable to order, to quell these refractory Polygars, and I have still my hopes, that will be the case - as I assure your Lordship, on my honor, I have no one thought, but for the honor and prosperity of your administration - I have the honorable &c &c &c

Tanjore
March 4th 1797

(Signed) M Monson
Senr

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31 Josiah Webbe Esq.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

We have the honor to inclose

From the agents for the Ship Greenwich requesting an adjustment of their claims on Government on account of Rice delivered at Trincomalé and Troops transported from that port to Pondicherry.

you a Certificate of the quantity of Rice delivered to the Storekeeper at Trincomalle for which we request a Setl of Bills on the Bengal Government to the Amount of the enclosed Bill being Pr 4,721. 28. 28 being for 67 Garce and 181 Mercalls of Rice at 70 Pagd ₱ Garce as Stipulated in our engagements with Government —

We request you will receipt the enclosed Bill on Government for 1 Pr 800. on account of the Transportation of a part of His Majesty's 72d Regiment from the Garrison of Trincomalle to Pondicherry, but as 13 men beyond the Complement originally intended were shipped on board the Greenwich, — which are not included in this present — Bill, we request you will also please to Order the amount of their Passage Money to

be

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35 be discharged being Pags 52 -- as p agreement herewith of Colonel Fraser at the rate of 4 Pags p men

We also enclose a Certificate of Captain Whittier that the Number 213 men were embarked onboard the Greenwich.

We have the honor to be &c &c

Madras
23 March 1797

Signed Chase Sewell & Chase

Papers enclosed
No 1 Storekeepers Certificate
2 Capt Browns Bill
3 Coll Frasers dft
4 Coll Frasers agreement
5 State of the Detachment embarked on board the Greenwich

Signed C. H.

Duplicate

Received from Captain Brown Commanding the Ship Greenwich four Thousand Bags of Rice containing Sixty Seven Madras Garce and one hundred and eighty one Merkalls.

15 March 1797
Trincamallee.

Signed Struck. Kingston
Comy of Provisions

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I Lieutenant Colonel Fraser of
His Majesty's 72d Regiment and Commanding at
Trincomalle — do hereby agree with Benjamin
Browne Master and Owner of the Ship Greenwich
to freight the said Ship from this place to
Pondicherry on the Coast of Coromandel — with Two
Hundred men (Officers included) at the rate of
four Star Pagodas for each person — and to send
on board Provisions Wood and Water - Sufficient
for Ten days — and in the event of the said
Ship being detained beyond the Seventh day
from the date hereof — I agree to allow the said
Benjamin Browne a demurrage of Thirty —
Star Pagodas for each day during the time of
detention.

(Signed) H. Fraser
Lt Col 72d Regt

Witness

Trincamalee
March 13th 1797

State

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1808 No 11 For Ord. 31

State of a Detachment of His Majesty's 72d. Regiment on Board the Ship Greenwich

March 6th 1797

	Captain	Lieutenants	Surgeon	Sergeants	Corporals	Drummers	Privates	Buckallies	Grand Total Commissioned Officers included	
Total on Board	1	4	1	12	15	5	169	6	213	

N.B. One man belonging to the coast Artillery not included above

I do hereby Certify that the above number of Commissioned Non Commissioned Officers Drummers and Rank and file of His Majesty and the Honorable Company's Service; and followers attached: imbarked this day on board the Ship Greenwich Benj. Brown Commander

(Signed) W Whittier Capt. 72d Regt Comdg

Portsmouth March 1797

Ship

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord

In answer to Mr Secretary —

From the Military Auditor General — reporting his opinion on the different Claims advanced by the Pursers and Surgeons of His Majesty's Ships — on account of victualling, and Medical attendance on the Troops at the Eastward.

Webb's letter of the 9th Instant referring for my opinion and report, the accompanying Bills — presented for Payment by the Purser of His majesty's Ship Centurion, for Provisions supplied on account of the public Service to the Eastward, as also a Bill from the Surgeon of His Majesty's Ship Resistance for Medicines and attendance on Detachments of the Honorable Company's Troops embarked on board that Ship on the Expedition to Malacca, I have the honor to state that the Bills for Victualling the Troops on board His Majesty's Ships are made out conformably to the printed Regulations, and the Bills for Supplies furnished are supported by Vouchers under the signatures of the proper Officers authorised to receive those Supplies — The article of Beef,

and

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State of a Detachment of His Majesty's 7th Regiment on Board the Ship Greenwich

March 7th 1797	Captain	Lieutenants	Surgeon	Sergeants	Corporals	Drummers	Privates	Bucksellers	Grand Total Commissioned Officers included	Grand Total Non Commissioned Officers Drummers & Rank & file & followers included
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N.B. One man belonging to the coast Artillery not included above

I do hereby Certify that the above number of Commissioned Non Commissioned Officers Drummers and Rank and file of His Majesty and the Honorable Company's Service; and followers attached: embarked this day on board the Ship Greenwich Benj.n Brown Commander

(Signed) W Whittier Capt.n 7th Regt Comd.g

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and

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and Casks sent on board the many Transport are not supported by the receipt of the Commander of that Vessel there is however a Certificate under the signature of Captain Osborne, stating that two Casks of Beef containing 1376 lbs were sent on board the Transport. and that they were never replaced or paid for by any of the Honorable Company's Commissaries — This Certificate has a Postscript purporting that seven other Casks with provisions had been sent on board, which Casks are charged at 2 Pag each or Pagodas 14 in Mr Grant the Purser's Bill, who explains that they were originally Water Casks dryed to hold rice, that they were sent on board the many at Penang full of that article, that the rice was afterwards returned by the Superintendant of that Settlement but that the Casks were kept.

The Bills for what is termed "Necessary Money" Sam of opinion are inadmissible, as well because no charge of this nature has ever been before sent to my Office; as that the allowance

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31 allowance of 6 Fanams ~~p~~ Day for Kings Provisions according to every Information I can obtain, is in full for every expence on that account and as no charge is made for Victualling the Detachment of His Majesty's 74 — Regiment from its having been sent on board for the Service of the Squadron. The Purser I presume will be indemnified for — "Necessary Money" on account of that Detachment in the same manner as for Victualling it.

The Bill of the Surgeon of the Resistance for Medicines and attendance on a Detachment of the Honorable Company's Troops during the time they were on board that Ship is conformably to the printed Regulations and properly Certified — The whole Amount of the Bills reported upon is 1274 Pagodas — 25 Fanams 25 Cash and when Sanctioned by Your Lordship will of course be carried to the head of "Expedition against the Dutch Settlements"

The

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The Bills presented by Mr Arnold

Purser of His Majesty's Ship Suffolk amounting to

Pagodas 668 .. 21 .. 7. are supported by proper

Vouchers. and include a charge of Pags 29 .. 12 ..

for Kings Provisions to Commissioned Officers

embarked on His Majestys Ships Suffolk on the

Expedition to the Moluccas, objected to by Mr.

Commissary Jones until the pleasure of Government

should be known on the subject. I beg leave to

state to your Lordship, that the Pursers of His

Majestys Ships have always been allowed to

include Officers, in making Charge for Kings

provisions served out on board of Ships at the

rate of 6 Fs each p Day the Pagoda is accounted

for at 8 Shillings and at 42 Fs for each Pagoda.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Military Auditor

General's Office

Fort St George

25 March 1797

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Mily Auditor Genl

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St George

My Lord

From Major Popham requesting that the Court of Justice at Patna may be instructed to institute certain Processes in order to enable him to procure a legal Divorce from his wife.

I take the liberty to trouble your Lordship with the enclosed Certificate of Major General

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Fort St George — March 1797

31 General Stuart. by which your Lordship will be
pleased to observe the Reasons why I could not
obtain Justice at Colombo in a very delicate
Matter of Law; and being now informed that
the Court of Justice at Pulicat is authorised to
act in their official Capacity as they were
before the Surrender of the said Place. and also
that they are not averse to admit my Case,
I beg leave to request your Lordship will
grant me an Order to the said Court to do
me Justice upon my Request and according
to such Proofs as I shall lay before them in
this affair in order to obtain a Divorce agreeably
to the Laws of the Dutch Nation to which —
I belong. The said order which I beg leave to
request of your Lordship seems to be necessary,
because I belong not to the Coast, but to another
Establishment, and if a sealed Order or Licence
be given, it will be most satisfactory to the
Pulicat Court of Justice. Your Lordship will be
pleased to order that the inclosed Certificate
be returned to me. I have the honor to be

March
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&c &c

(Signed) Baron Prophalow

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This is to Certify. to all whom it does or may concern that Hieronimus Casimirus Baron Prophalow. Major in the Service of the Dutch East India Company. has applied time, and Stated circumstances relative to the Conduct of his Wife supported by the testimony of respectable Witnesses which induce both Parties to solicit a Divorce; which appears absolutely necessary to prevent fatal consequences and that in answer to this application I. Major General James Stuart commanding on the Part of His Brittannic Majesty in the Island of Ceylon. have declared the Powers vested in me, and those under my authority incompetent legally to decree the divorce of the Parties abovementioned — and that the late Courts of Justice of the late Dutch Government formerly possessing the necessary Powers to that Effect. have positively refused to act in their Judicial Capacity under the British Government — For these Reasons. I do hereby Certify

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Certify, that it has not been possible for the aforementioned Major Baron Prophalow to obtain a Divorce from his Wife in this Island, owing to the temporary suspension of all Law consequent to it's conquest, to the end that the said Major Baron Prophalow may be admitted to sue for a Divorce in the Courts, and agreeably to the Forms of Law in his Native Country — Given under my Hand and Seal in the Fort of — Columbo in the Island of Ceylon, this fifteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Ninety six.

(Signed) J. Stuart.
Major Genl Comg

By order of Major General Stuart
T. A. Agnew
adjt Genl on Ceylon.

A true Copy of the original which has been returned to Major Prophalow

(Signed) George Parry
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Mr Edward Hand Confession of
the Examination and Confession of
Mrs Prophalow before W. F. Lewis Surgeon, who
prescribed for Major Prophalow after having
drunk the Cup of poisoned Coffee. and before
Lieutenant I. B. Kenning, who was at the
Major's House when the Fact happened that
was examined and confessed.

2 a Declaration of B. P. C. Do Hand
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confessed the Fact stated in the Examination

3 a Declaration of Mrs Prophalows
in which she gives her Consent to the Divorce and
renounces all Right to the Majors Estate, and
confesses to have received back her Goods which
she had brought into the Majors House,
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Merchant and Uncle to Mrs Prophalow,
and Lieutenant J. B. Kenning

4 a Certificate of the late Governor

31st of Colombo I. G. Van angelbeck given for the same Purpose Major General's Certificate was — given.

Major Prophalow unwilling to give me the Trouble of translating the above — uncomfortable Papers has requested of me to — certify by these, that I have read them, and that the above are the general Contents of them, which by these I do.

(Signed) C W. Gericke

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

From the Military Board - desiring the Decision of Government on a Matter of difference between their Board and the agent for the Gun Carriage Contract, in regard to the Prices to be charged for some Gunpowder Presses made up by him - a Bill of the Contractor for Tents recommended for Payment - -

My Lord,

We do ourselves the honor to forward herewith two Bill Nos. 1. and 2 from the Gun Carriage &c. Contractors Agent, for the — construction of the like number of Gun Powder Presses - which, on examination by a Committee of our Board, have been found to be made of good materials - the Work well executed, and in every respect fit for the Public — Service -

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Service - but as an opinion seems to be entertained by the Agent different from what we conceive - Ourselves authorized to recommend, in regard to the rate at which the charge for those Presses should be admitted, We think it necessary, as well in justice to the Honorable Company as to the Agent, (who declares his readiness to certify the Bill No. 2. on Oath if required) and with a view to assist your Lordship in forming a judgement thereon, to accompany those Bills, the former whereof is conformable to a corrected Estimate of the cost of a Press which we are ready to allow, and the latter at an increased rate, by copy of Correspondence that has passed on the subject, together with the following enumeration of circumstances attending the transaction from its commencement, and which led to the Opinion that your Lordship will observe we in consequence caused to be communicated to the Agent

The circumstance of a number of Guns

1619 Fort S George 11 March 1797.

31 Gun Powder Preses being required at the Honorable Company's Powder Mills having been made known to the Agent, he in a Letter of the 29th April 1796 to Our Board (N°3.) forwarded a Statement of the prime Cost of materials and workmanship necessary to construct a Gunpowder Pres, amounting to Pagodas 261, with an offer of undertaking to make the number wanted, provided we should think proper to allow the Contractors 25 ℘ Cent on the cost thereof. The Board consent to his Proposal was signified to him in Letter N°4. under date the 13th May; and on the 29th June following, a period of more than a Month, We received from the Agent a Letter N°5 accompanied by a corrected Estimate for the same purpose, amounting to Pagodas 313.. 2.. 40 — which, for the reasons adduced in support thereof by him, We judged but reasonable to admit — The preses being so far completed as to be in readiness for inspection, the Agent intimated the same to Our Board by Letter (N°6.) on the 16th of November, and transmitted a Bill for them amounting to Pagodas 853.. 6.. 10. being an excess

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of Pagodas 22. 8. 30 for each beyond the corrected Statement — A Committee of Our Board was accordingly appointed to Survey, and Report on, the component parts of the Presses, and it occurring to them, as suggested in their Report No 7. that the Agent could in propriety be entitled to payment agreeably to the corrected Statement, in which opinion we perfectly coincided; We in consequence directed his being addressed (N° 8.) under date the 13th ultimo, and have received in answer N°9. with two Bills N°1 and 2 enclosed, either of which he has desired to be forwarded for payment, to Your Lordship in Council, according as he may appear entitled.

We have likewise the honor to transmit the accompanying Bill, amounting to Pagodas 9923.. 42.. 56. from Mr Contractor Bowie, for Tents delivered by him into the Arsenal, which are found on Survey, by a Committee of Our Board, to be of the proper dimensions, good Materials, and

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and Workmanship, and in every respect fit for the Public Service, and to recommend that it may be accordingly passed for payment.

We have the honorable
&c &c

Fort St George
13th March 1797

(Signed) Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
Thomas Geils
W. Sydenham
Jn. Richardson
B. Close
George Hall

Honorable Company ..... D.

To 2 Gun Powder Presses @ 391.13.50 Fors Pags 782.27.00

Fort St George
1 March 1797

(Signed) Cecil Smith
agent to the Constr
for Gun Carriages

Honorable Company &c p. o. ..... D.

To 2 Gun Powder Presses @ 426.24.5 Fors Pags 853.6.10

Fort St George
16th November 1797

E. E. (Signed) Cecil Smith
Agent to the Contractors
for Gun Carriages

Major

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Major General Alured Clarke

President &c Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen

I have the honor to enclose —

Statement of prime Cost of Materials and Workmanship

necessary to construct a Gunpowder Press as per Master

at the Powder Mills of the large sort. — Viz. Pag 241.

on which if the Board think proper to allow the

Contractors 25 ℔ Cent — they will undertake to make

up the number required with as little delay as

possible.

I take the liberty to inform you that

the Component parts of two Transporting Carriages

large are ready for the inspection of the Board

at the Gun Carriage Yard.

Fort St George

29 April 1796

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Cecil Smette

Agt to the Contractors for

Gun Carriages &c

True Copy

(Signed) Fred. Pearce

Sec.y Mil.y Board

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31 Statement of the Cost of constructing a new Screw for making Gunpowder as per muster at the Gunpowder Manufactory

Materials

Duggy — 56 Square feet at 2 feet ℔ Pagoda	28	"	"
Shumbean 32 feet long at 4 feet ℔ Pagoda	8	"	"
Iron 5 Candies at 15 Pagodas per Candy	75	"	"
Steel	3	"	"
Charcoal	18	"	"
Beefs 81 ℔ at 4½ ℔ per Pagoda	18	"	"
Paddy Husk	3	"	"
Files	4	"	"
	157	"	"

Artificers

Carpenters and Sawyers	9	22	40
Black Smiths	30	"	"
Hammermen	28	"	"
Bellows Boys	8	"	"
	75	22	40

Sundries

For Oil, Firewood, Straw, Brattees, and Canvas	8	22	40
Pagodas	268	"	"

Fort St George
29th April 1796

E E Signed Cecil Smith
agt to the Contractors
for Gun Carriages &c

True Copy
Signed Fred Pierce
Secy Mily Board

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1624 Fort St. George — March 1797

31 To Mr. Cecil Smith
Agent to the Gun Carriage Contractors

Sir,

In answer to your letter under date the 29th ult. I am directed by the Military Board, to desire, you will make up the Gun Powder Presses wanted at the Company's Powder Mills, under the inspection of the Chief Engineer, and you will be reimbursed the actual expence that may be incurred in the completion of them, with an allowance of 25 ℔ Cent thereon, on its being certified to the Board that, the charge is reasonable and the work is executed in a substantial and proper manner.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Thomas Wallace
Sec.y to the Mil.y Board

Fort St George
13th May 1796

True Copy
(Signed) Fred.k Pierce
Sec.y Mil.y Board

To Major General Alured Clarke
President and Members of the
Military Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform you that

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That the Component parts of the following Gun Carriages

&c. are ready for inspection.

18 Pdr Garrison Trail ——— 3

12 Pdr ... do ... do ... 3

6 Pdr Field new Muster with Limber — 1

13 Inch Mortar Bed Bengal Pattern 1

Powder Presses ... 2

In the Estimate I forwarded to the Board in my letter of the 29th April last, for the construction of Powder Presses, a mistake arose both in the quantity of Timber and Brass — the first from a Beam which is let into the ground, and which was omitted to be explained to my People when they inspected the work, the last from the female Screw which (when I saw the Press) was of Iron having been since changed for one of brass — I now enclose a corrected Estimate amounting to Pagodas 313. 2. 40 P. f. C.

Fort St George
29th June 1796

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Cecil Smith
Agt to the Contractors for
Gun Carriages &c.

True Copy
(Signed) Fred Pierce
Secy Mily Board

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Corrected Statement of the cost of constructing a new Screw for making Gunpowder at Permaulen at the Gun Powder Manufactory.

Materials

Duggie 86 Square feet at 2 feet ℔ Pag^a	43	" "
Shinbeam 32 feet long at 4 feet ℔ D^o	8	" "
Iron 5 Candies at 15 Pag^s ℔ Candy	75	" "
Steel	3	" "
Charcoal	18	" "
Bricks 286 ℔ @ 10/2 ℔ ℔ Pagoda	63	25 "
Paddy husk	3	" "
Files	4	" "
	247	25 "

Artificers

Carpenters and Sawyers	21	" "
Black Smiths	30	" "
Hammermen	28	" "
Bellows Boys	8	" "
	87	" "

Sundries

For Oil, Ironwood, Straw, Baskets and Canvas	8	22 40
Pagodas	343	2 40

Fort S^t George
29^th June 1796

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(Signed) Cecil Smith
Ag^t to the Contractor
for S^t Carvings &c

True Copy
(Signed) Fred: Pierce
Sec^y Mil^y Board
Captain

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Captain Frederick Pierce

Secretary to the Military Board

Sir,

I request you will inform the Military Board that the two Gunn Powder Presses are ready for delivery to the Military — Storekeeper, who, having Artificers of his owne, will be able to put them up — I enclose a detailed account of the same, and my bill with 25 P Cent. added to the prime cost, as agreed upon by the Board amounting to Pagodas 853. 6. 10. —

I request the Board may also be informed that the following Articles are delivered into the Arsenal.

Mortar Platforms complete	5
Gunn D° D°	2
Yokes single	50
Pickers Musket	1,000

a bill for the same accompanies amounting to

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to Pagodas 916. 9 .. to be forwarded to the ...
Supreme Board for payment agreeably to
the terms of the Contract

The condemned Stores upon
which subject, I had the honor of addressing the
Board, I perceive remain still in the same place;
if broken up they never can sell or be turned
to account any way to equal the sum of —
Pagodas 500. which I now beg leave to offer
including the six condemned Europe Carriages
laying near the Arsenal.

Fort St George
16th November 1796

I am
&c &c

(Signed) Cecil Smith
Agent to the Contractors
for Gun Carriages &c

True Copy

(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy Mily Board

Detailed

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Detailed Statement of Prime Cost of a

Gunpowder Press

	P	F.	C
101/16 Square feet of Buggy at 2 Sq.re feet ₰ Pagoda	50	22	40
16 Feet Shumbean Plank	4	"	"
Iron 5.C 6.Qrs 6 3/4 at 15 Pag.s ₰ Candy	79	30	"
Steel 1.1/2 Maund	2	11	"
Brass 303 ~~Lb~~ @ 4.1/2 ₰ Pagoda	67	14	"
Charcoal	23	"	"
Carpenters	17	41	50
Sawyers	3	19	"
Black Smiths	36	40	30
Hammermen	36	18	30
Bellows Boys	7	32	40
Sundries			
Files, Oil, Firewood, Straw, Brattices, Paddy husks, Canvas, and Gonies	11	33	40
	341	10	70
@ 25 ₰ Cent	85	13	15
Pagodas	426	24	5

Fort St George
16th November 1796

E. E.

(Signed) Cecil Smith
Agt to the Contractors
for Gun Carriages &c.

True Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy Mily Board

Report

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Report of a Committee of the Military Board

consisting of

Major General Gubs

Lieutenant Colonel Gent

Lieutenant Colonel Hall

appointed in Meeting of the Board 7th November, to

Examine, and report upon, the following Articles made

up by the Gun Carriage Contractors.

Articles delivered at the Arsenal

Platforms Mortar ——— 5

" " Gun ——— 2

Yokes Single ——— 50

Pickers Musket ——— 4,000

The Committee having examined

the Articles abovementioned, find them to be made

of good materials - agreeable to musters, and in

every respect, fit for the public service.

Gunpowder Presses ——— Completed 2

ready for delivery to the Military Storekeeper.

The Committee having examined the

Powder Presses, find them made of good Materials

and the Work well executed, but with respect to

the

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31 the charge made by the Agent to the Gun Carriage Contractors for the above Presses, they find that in April 1796 a Statement of the Cost was transmitted to this Board, amounting to Pagodas 241 " " in the Month of June following, another Estimate came before the Board, which the Agent called a "Corrected Statement" this, Statement amounted to Pagodas 313. 2.. 40. the detailed Statement now before the Board accompanying his Bill amounts to Pagodas 341.. 10.. 70. The Committee are therefore of opinion that Mr Cecil Smith should be paid according to his "Corrected Statement" given in to the Board in June last, amounting to Pagodas 313.. 2.. 40.

December 22d 1796

(Signed) W. Gent. Lt Col & Chief Engr
for Major Genl Giels Indisposed

True Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy mily Board

To Mr. Cecil Smith
Agent to the Gun Carriage &c. Contractors.

Sir,

The Bill, amounting to Pagodas 853.. 6.. 10.. which you transmitted to the Military Board on the 17th of November last, for two Gun Powder

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Powder Presses constructed by you in consequence of the Board's order to that effect, being found, on comparison with two Statements of the Cost of a Press submitted by you to the Board at different periods, to exceed them both to a considerable amount; and the Board deeming it highly improper to admit of any excess in the charge beyond what was detailed in the Statement last forwarded, and which you termed a corrected Statement, decline recommending to Government payment thereof, and accordingly direct it to be returned to you herewith.—

On adverting to the time that elapsed between your forwarding the original detailed Statement of the expence of a Gun Powder Press, and a corrected Statement for the same, a period of two Months, during which time it is to be supposed that every requisite information on the subject might have been obtained; it could not but be matter of surprize to the Board that any circumstance should afterwards have

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31st have occurred, from which you could have been led to imagine yourself warranted in making a charge to so encreased an extent, and particularly without a communication to them of the cause that could have induced such a proceeding. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy Military Board

Fort St George
13th February 1797

True Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy Mily Board

Captain Frederick Pierce
Secretary to the Military Board

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th. Instant, returning the Bill for the Gun Powder Presses, and as I expressed my sentiments on that subject in a private letter to you, I shall here only say, that I declare upon my Honor, and if required I will upon Oath to the justness of my bill, — after this the Board will forward that of

the

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the two accompanying bills which they may think I am entitled to receive.

I request you will inform the Military Board that the Component parts of the following Carriages are ready for inspection.

Carriages Garrison Trail

24 Pdr. ——— 1
18 ——— 1
12 Pdr ——— 1
9 Pdr. ——— 1/5

Mortar Beds

8
5 1/2 Inch ——— 5
4 1/2 Inch ——— 13

and that the following Article are delivered into the Arsenal.

Tumbrils Ammunition ——— 10
Artificers Cart ——— 10
Platforms Gun ——— 60
Yokes single ———

for which I enclose bills to be passed for Payment agreeable to the terms of the Contract, amounting to Pagodas 2,864 - 41 - 30

As the Artificers Carts are not

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not in my Contract. I have charged them with the 25 ℘ Cent allowed on all work executed out of the Contract.

Fort St George
1st March 1797

Sam. Ch. Sw
(Signed) Cecil Smith
Agent to the Contractors for Gun Carriages &c

True Copy
(Signed) Fred: Pierce
Sec.y Mil.y Board

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

My Lord

I have the honor of laying before your Lordship copy of a List of Stores received from, and issued to, the Bombay Detachment serving on the Island of Ceylon, for the purpose of being forwarded to Bombay as suggested in a Letter addressed to your Lordship by the Governor in Council of that Presidency under date the 7 of last December.

From the Military Auditor General with Lists of Stores furnished to and received from the Bombay Detachment serving on Ceylon — suggestion on the subject. —

To the List of Stores issued to the Detachment I have annexed the Madras rates, and beg leave to propose that it be recommended to the Bombay Government to direct the proper Officer to annex the Bombay rates to the List of Stores received from the Detachment, in order that the public Offices at this Presidency may be apprized how much is charged in the Bombay Books on that account.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c &c
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil.y and Gen.l Accountant

Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St George
25 March 1797

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31st Received from Lieutenant R Blackall Deputy Commissary of Stores to the Bombay Detachment the undermentioned Ordnance and Military Stores Columbo 21st March 1796

			No.	P.	F.	C.
Ordnance Brass Mortars		13 Inch	1			
" " "		10 "	2			
" " "		8 "	4			
Beds Mortar		13 "	1			
" "		10 "	2			
" "		8 "	4			
Ordnance Howelzers		8 "	2			
Carriages with Limbers and Boxes		8 "	2			
Ordnance Brass Guns		6 pr. "	2			
Carriages with Limbers and Boxes		6 "	2			
Aprons Canvas		"	4			
Tompions Mortars and Guns		"	11			
Yokes		Double	16			
"		Single	8			
Sponges Mortar		13 Inch	2			
" "		10 "	4			
" "		8 "	8			
" How[r]		8 "	3			
" Gun		6 pr.	4			
Ladle		"	2			
Linolocks			2			
Buckets Gun Leather			2			
Hammers Claw			2			
Pincers		Pair	2			
Portfire Mocks		"	2			
Irons Priming			2			
Bells Steel			2			
Shell fills		8 Inch	200			
Grape		"	100			
Boxes Small for Ammunition		"	150			
Gun Powder 100 lb Barrels		"	950			
Baskets Rattan		"	560			
Cartridges			2			
Pins yoke			37			
Tarpaulins 6 pr. Limbers			2			
Portfires			500			
Short round fixt to Serge Cart[s] 6 prs			720			
" Grape		"	240			
Tubetin fill'd			2000			
Gun Powder 60 lb Barrels		Dutch	250			

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Serviceable P & C

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1796 Issued to the Bombay Troops in February 1796

Feby 6th To H. M. 77th Regiment

Cartridges Musquet Shotted . 10,000

29th To Serjeant Hooper of the 77th Regiment acty Provost Marshal

Tents officers ——— 1

Issued in March

March 29th To the Left Wing of H. M. 77th Regiment

Cartridges Musquet Shotted . 10,000

Issued in June

June 1st To the Bombay Grenadier Battalion

Cartridges Musquet Blank 1,800.

22d For the use of Lieut Colonel Petrie

Tents officers ——— 1

" Necessary ——— 1

Mantles ——— 1

Issued in July

July 12th To a Party of the Grenadier Battalion

Cartridges Musquet Shotted . 200

For the use of Lieut Col Petrie

Wax Bees Lbs. 6

Pitch ——— 11

23d To a Party of Grenadier Battalion

Cartridges Musquet Blunt 200

25th To a Party of the Grenadier Batt ordered on Command

Tents Sepoy ——— 2

Cartridges Musquet Shotted . 1000

" " Blunt . 1000.

Issued in August

Augt 1st To the Grenadier Battalion

Cartridges Shotted Musquet 30,000

Flints, ——— 2000

3 To the Grenadier Battalion

Targets Complete ——— 8

6 To the Grenadier Battalion

Targets Complete ——— 8.

September

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Serviceable P 1 C

Issued in September

Sept.r 29.th To the Grenadier Battalion

Axes Pickwith Helves 8
Mamoties ——— 16
Axes Hand ——— 16
Tents Private ——— 2

Issued in November

Nov.r 13.th To the Grenadier Battalion

Cartridges Musquet Blank 19,000

27.th To the Bombay Artillery

Scabbards Fuzee Bayonet 15.

Issued in December.

Dec.r 9.th For the Service of 2 Companies of Bombay Sepoys

Tents Private ——— 2

15.th To the Grenadier Battalion.

Fuses of Sorts ——— 10.
Drums Complete ——— 4 –
Log Line — Skains — 6 –
Hand Line ——— 4 –
Sailthorns Horn ——— 1 –
Snares Drums Sett 10 –
Braces ——— 10 –

20.th To a Detachment of the Grenadier Battn.

Cartridges Musquet Shotted 4608
Flints ——— 192

30.th To the Grenadier Battalion

Cartridges Musquet Blank 19,000

Issued in January 1797

1797 Jany 3.d To the Grenadier Battalion

Cartridges Blank 30,000

12.th To the Grenadier Battalion

Musquet Cartridges Shotted 1000

30.th To the Grenadier Battalion

Turnkeys Musquet 480
Brackets 480
Worms 260

A true Copy
(Signed) W Sydenham
Mily. Aud.r Genl

(Signed) J. G. Scott
Comp.y of Ft St George
on Ceylon

Account

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Fort St George March 20 1797

Account of Stores issued by Captain Scott Commissary of Stores on the Island of Ceylon to the Bombay Troops employed on the service against the Dutch Possessions on that Island with the Rates annexed.

Articles			N°		Price P. F. C.	
Axes	Hand		16	@ " 14 50 ea	5 24 "	
"	Pick		8	@ " 25 10 ea	4 33 "	
Cartridges	Musket	Ball	53200	@ 2. 22. 40 ₱1000	134 37 64	
"	"	Shotted	56108	@ 5. 18 ₱D°	304 22 77	
Drums	Braces	Sets	10	@ " 4. 16 ₱Set	1 " "	
"	Braces	D°	10	@ " 3. 40 D°	" 35 "	
Drums	Brass	Complete	4	@ 5 ea	20 " "	
Fifes	Sets		10	@ 23. 25. 50 ₱%	2 15 13	
Flints	Musket		2192	@ " 7. 40 D°	3 38 32	
Lanthorns	Horn		1		" 19 20	
Line	Hand	Skl.	4	@ " 5. 50 ea	" 22 40	
"	Log	D°	6	@ " 4. 40 ea	" 27 "	
Monatties			17	@ " 8. 32 ea	3 16 64	
Pitch		M.	11		" 5 40	
Pricthers	Musket		430	@ 6 " ₱%	" 28 64	
Scabbards	Buyonet Fuzil		15	@ 4. 26. 20 D°	" 29 11	
Targets	Musket		16	@ 1. 1 " ea	16 16	
Tents	Officers		2	@ 46 " " ea	92 " "	
"	Private		4	@ 22. 21 " ea	90 " "	
"	Sepoy		1		26 " "	
"	Necessary		1		12 39 40	
Turnkeys	Musket		480	@ 1 " " ₱%	4 33 48	
Wax	Bees	M.	6	@ 105 " " ₱M	1 10 74	
Worms	Musket		200	@ 1 " " ₱%	2 " "	

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad communicating Intelligence collected from the Durbar & sundry Letters

Inclosed I have the honor to transmit for the notice of your Lordship in Council extracts of Letters of Intelligence received from Mahomed ameen Khan Arab, and communicated to me yesterday by this Durbar.

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

Hydrabad
11th March 1797

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant & officiating
Resident

Translate of Extract of a letter from Mahommed Ameen Khan Arab, to his Vakeel Amoolukram, at Hydrabad dated the 1st Ramzan; received here on the 5th and Communicated on the 10th

Mahommed Ameen Khan Arab after detailing to Amoolukram for the information of his Highness, the measures he has taken for putting the Fort of Bulhari into a respectable State of defence; such as Causing Cannon, Shot, Powder, and Lead

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Lead &c to be transported there from Rachore, and Pâglour. proceeds as follows;

"Independant of the force of — "Tippoo Sultan Collected at Goote, there is likewise "an advanced Detachment of Troops both Cavalry "and Infantry stationed at Kundee, on the Banks of "the Kaulwah — Nuddy, and a party of horse and "foot detached from them again, close to the — "borders of Kurpah. — This last Party have * 10 Guns "with them, they have not as yet however transgressed "their own limits."

A Band of free-booting Peons belonging to Hurry Naik coming to Gunjicotta, and watching their opportunity, enter, and plunder the Talooks of this Sirkar, and carry off their Booty into the Talooks of the opposite Party (meaning Tippoo's) — They have Conducted Hurry Naik himself to Seringapatam; where it is said, this Robber has entered into Engagements with them (meaning with Tippoo) to take the Fort of Buchanelly by surprise — But the Days of — the

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35 The P. Aumil Ali Hufsain Khan are past, and this
the good fortune of my master (meaning his Highness)
the Garrison of Bulhair is now well appointed, and
that Robber's opportunity is gone by — I herewith
enclose for your notice a letter I have just received
from the Brother of the late Iftakhar Khan at P.
Kurpah, Containing Intelligence relating to Madras &c

P This person who was formerly aumil in that Country now held by mahommed Ameen Khan, was it may be presumed notorious for his want of care and vigilance.

Translate of Extracts of a letter from Ikhladar Khan
to Mahommed Ameen Khan Bahaūder — dated
Kurpah the 21th Shābān, making Inclosure of the
above letter.

"I have learnt from a Credetable person
"recently arrived here from Seringapatam, that in
"Consequence of it having been reported to Tippoo,
"that a white Elephant had been seen in a Jungle
"about 24 Cos distant from Seringapatam at a place
"bordering on the English Territory, the Sultan
"proceeded thither in Person, and having Caught the
"Elephant, Carried it back with him to his
"Capital"

"A number of merchants subjects
"to the Madras Government, having entered Tippoo's
"Territories, with four or five thousand Bullocks
which

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"which they intended lading with such merchandize
"as they should purchase. Tippoo ordered both men
"and Cattle to be surrounded, and seized. — He —
"hung up several of the Merchants, and Confiscated
"the whole of the Cattle to his own use — A
"Vakeel having in Consequence been deputed
"to him from Madras, he did not for a whole
'month after the English Vakeels' arrival at
"Seringapatam, give him an audience, at length
"however, when he admitted him to his presence,
"the Vakeel represented that the merchants of
"the Mysore Country were in the practice of
"trading to the Carnatic, as well as the merchants
"of the Carnatic in the habit of frequenting —
"Mysore; and that it was therefore highly —
"improper in the Sultaun, between whom and
"the English friendship existed, to put as he
"had done, the Carnatic Merchants to death,
"and seize upon their Cattle. — Tippoo however,
"paying little or no attention to these remonstrances,
replied (sneeringly), I have now not even the

resource

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31 "resource of a well fortified Capital to depend upon,
"Come on then, (and attack me)" "without fear or
"reluctance" — — "My Lord, and my refuge" —
"Tippoo is most inveterately bent against the —
"English. We shall see what his enmity against them
"will terminate in — The English themselves indeed
"have now no longer any hopes of keeping on any
"terms with him, since on board some French —
"Vessels which they lately took they found letters
"from the Sultaun inviting the French to bring
"a force to Mangalore, where he informs them, he
"has laid up Magazines and Granaries for their
"use; and that when joined by a Body of their
"Troops, he proposes invading the Carnatic, and
"attacking even Madras itself —

"The English forewarned hereby,
"are on their part preparing him a warm —
"reception — They are calling in Troops from the
"adjacent Countries, and as fast as they come
"on they dispatch them above the ‡Ghâts — "
"My Lord, and refuge. Tippoo Saheb is a man
"of most over weening pride and ambition;

‡ meaning most probably to the Bara Mahl District.

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"In these times he has demanded
"a Nuzzeranah from his Subjects independant
"of the fixed annual Summa-bundy and in
"order to enforce Payment of the same, he sends
"Troops to different parts of his Country — Twelve
"hundred horse and foot, with 3 Guns, he at
"known to you, have for instance, arrived —
"recently for this purpose, near Rajooty, which
"is only 5 Cos from Kurpah — A Cauzzy who
"lately attempted to make his escape from —
"Seringapatam with his Family, being pursued
"by Horsemen who were sent after him in
"all directions, was soon overtaken; brought
"back, and Condemned to loose his hands
"and feet which were Cut off accordingly. —
"Tippoo, in Consequence of this attempt of the
"Cauzzy's, has issued the most strict orders
"prohibiting all egress as well as ingress
"to his Country; the Consequence of which is
"that all the Roads and Passes leading —
"thereto are guarded most vigilantly."

True Extracts &
Translates
(signed) J A Kirkpatrick C
ajutant

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St George

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad with Intelligence of the encreasing Strength of Tippoo's Camp in the Neighbourhood of Gooty.

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit for the notice of your Lordship in Council, Translate of the latest Intelligence from Gooty and to be &c &c

Hyderabad
13th March 1797

(Signed) J A Kirkpatrick
Assistant & Officiating Resr

Translate of intelligence from Gooty, Communicated by a pair of Kirkarrahs who arrived at Gooty on the 25 February, and remained there and in its Environs till the 1st March 1797.

They Reports as follows; That Syed Ghuffaar, Bontooree Hussain Saheb, Soobah of Mûhtaj and Bishnopah, &c were encamped at Buswun-pully, with a force consisting of 2000 Horse, 5000 Infantry, and 14 pieces of Cannon — That from the Number of huts that were reaming in every part of the Camp, it would appear there was no probability of its moving any where (at present).

Mustaun

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Mustafum Saheb had left Rungoondy and arrived on the 23d. February at his house in the Pettai of Gooty, with an Escort consisting of — 50 Horse, 200 Infantry and 200 Matchlockmen, whence he immediately issued a month's Pay to the Troops, in Camp. — They also report that Pasah — Nair was lying at Roy Drooy at the point of Death.

Budderud Dien Khan, the Koompully — wallah had lately arrived from Seringapatam at Kootoor, where he was employed by direction of the Sultaun in raising Troops; and had sent Cowls for this purpose into the Talooks of Adoni, such as Koultal, Bhanoo &c. from whence recruits were flocking to him in great Numbers.

The Harkarahs report further, that they proceeded 20 Cos beyond Gooty, to Dhurmum — vaurum but had neither seen or heard of any other Troops in the whole of their Route

A true Translate

(Signed) J. A Kirkpatrick
Assistant

To

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To Josiah Webbe Esq.
Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir,

From the dpt President Resident at Hydrabad. promising to procure orders from the Nizam to his Manager at Kurpah as solicited by the Nabob

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 4th Instant addressed to Major Kirkpatrick who left this upwards of a month ago, agreeable to the intimation he had the honor of conveying to that effect to your Presidency. They leave at the same time to assure you for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, that I shall lose no time in making application to his Highness the Nizam, for such a Letter to his Manager of Kurpah, as shall meet his Lordships wishes.

Hydrabad
25 March 1797

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) J A. Kirkpatrick
Asst & officiating Pay.
Josiah

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To
Josiah Webbe Esq
Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 15th Instant to Major Kirkpatrick signifying it to be the wish of the Right Honble the President in Council, that an application should be made to the Nizam for an increase of allowance to the Officers belonging to the Detachment of our Troops in the pay of his Highness.

I beg you will assure his Lordship in Council, that though I do not feel myself authorized to make any formal proposal to this Court, of the nature suggested in your Letter, without the previous sanction of the Supreme Government, yet I shall lose no time in soliciting their Instructions on the occasion.

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad intends to apply for the sanction of the Supreme Government to make application to the Nizam for granting an increase of allowances to the officers attached to the Corps in His Highness's Pay.

I have the honour to be
&c &c
(Signed) J A. Kirkpatrick
Asst & Actg Resy

Hydrabad
24th March 1797

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

I have the honor to send you a report of a Committee of Survey I ordered to inspect the Public Buildings at Columbo. The only places where works are actually carrying on are the Barracks at Galle Gate and Zeeburg Bastion the Naval Store House converting into a Barracks and the Government House now under repair. The advanced season made these indispensably necessary — this Joined to the want of Money prevents our proceeding with the Hospital — which is much wanting — the other buildings will remain on their present State — I shall receive further Instructions — Nothing but absolute necessity forced me to direct any of those repairs without the regular authority for that purpose — but when the distance of this Island and the insufficient State of all Public Works and Buildings are considered I

From Major General Doyle — enclosing the Proceedings of a Committee — appointed to survey the different publick Buildings at Columbo — and stating the repairs he has thought it necessary to order without waiting the sanction of Government

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I have no doubt your will agree that some discretionary power is necessary in the Commanding Officer — Where the Health of the Troops are concerned I have no difficulty in taking all responsibility on myself, and am confident of your Lordships approbation — I have directed the acting Barrack Master to purchase some Furniture for the Government House, which is destitute of every Article of that sort — — as General Stuart lived in a Country — House of his own, where I have hitherto resided, this now to be sold, — I have therefore come into the Fort; — Nothing but what is absolutely necessary to make the Government House — Waterproof and otherways habitable shall be expended.

Head Quarters
Columbo 13 March 1797

I have the honor to be
My Lord,
&c &c
(Signed) Wellbore Ellis Doyle
Major Genl.

Report

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Report of a Committee of Survey assembled by order of Major General Doyle on the 19th of January 1797. to examine the State and condition of such of the Public Buildings as require immediate temporary Repairs for the accommodation of the Troops and preservation of Stores —

Columbo January 25 1797.

President

Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple

Members

Major Barton — Lieut Kerr

Lieut Castle — John McDonald Esq

Description	State	Repairs requisite
Artillery Work Shop	The Roof in a very decayed State, most of the Beams supporters Rafters &c broke and worm eaten, many of the Tiles are likewise broke and the walls much out of repair	New Beams Rafters Joists &c are required to Repair the Roof The Tile want Shifting and walls repairing
Adjoining Building	Without a Roof and the walls in some Places cracked and decayed	A Temporary Roof is required to be constructed of Timbers Bamboo's and Cocoa nut Leaves — a new window made and the walls repaired for the preservation of the Public Stores
Four Arched Powder Magazines	The arches of two have large Cracks — and the others are extremely damp none of them Bomb proof —	
Center Range of Artillery Store Godowns	The walls and Roof in a very decayed State many of the Timbers broke and worm eaten — Props appear to have been frequently applied to prevent the Roof falling in The walls of the whole are very bad and can scarcely be expected to stand another — monsoon —	As a temporary Repair some new Timbers Rafters &c are required to prevent the Roof falling — New Tile are wanted and the walls must be repaired

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Description	State	Repairs requisite
Arsenal.	The upper Floor where the arms are deposited, in a very bad State, The Timbers having given way. Props have been applied to prevent its falling many of the Beams Rafters Joists &c are decayed and broke and the walls out of Repair.	Some new Timbers Rafters &c are required as a temporary to the Roof. Tiles want shifting and the walls Doors and Windows repairing.
Laboratory	The Roof of some of the back apartments in a dangerous State of falling the first heavy Storm of rain. the Timbers being entirely decayed.	As it appears no temporary Repairs can be of service to the Roof of these back apartments we recommend its being pulled down and rebuilt.
	A large Shed where many valuable Stores are deposited is likewise in a very bad State, many of the Timbers decayed & broke and the walls out of Repair.	The Shed will require some new Timbers Tiles &c as a temporary Repair to the Roof.
Thirty Expence Magazines	These magazines are by no means fit for the reception of Ammunition or other perishable Stores. — The whole of them much out of Repair.	Some new Timbers and Tiles are requisite to repair the Roofs the Doors and windows also want repairing.
Artillery Barracks No 1	Pretty Good	wanting some trifling Repairs to Roof, Doors and windows.
No 2	The Roof in an indifferent State — The Timbers decayed and worm eaten.	Some new Timbers Tiles &c required to the Roof — the Doors want repairing.
No 3	Very bad — Timbers of the Roof decayed and the walls cracked and out of Repair.	New Timbers Tiles &c are required to Repair the Roof — the walls want repairing & white washing.
No 4	Pretty Good	The Roof wanting some little Repairs — and the walls white washing.

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Description	State	Repairs requisite
Hospital	The Roof of one of the principal apartments is so very Ill constructed as to render every attempt to make it water proof fruitless — some of the Beams are broke and decayed, and props have been applied to prevent one end of the Roof falling in — The other apartments are in a pretty good State of Repair	As no temporary Repairs can be of service to the Roof of this apartment we do recommend on consideration of its great utility for the Sick — the Roof being taken down and rebuilt
Government House	The Roof in a very indifferent State of Repair, and required to be Completely new Tiled to make it water proof some of the Timbers Rafters &c are decayed, the windows broke and nearly the whole of them without Shutters	Some new Tiles and Chunam are requisite for a temporary Repair to the Roof the walls want white washing Doors and Windows painting and Several new window Shutters are required to make it habitable
Barracks at Galle Gate	Pretty Good	The Roof and wall require some little repairs — Two window Shutters wanting and the wall requires white washing
Rotterdam Barracks	The Timbers of the Roof decayed and the Walls out of Repair	Tiles want shifting and the wall repairing and white washing some window Shutters wanting and others repairing
Woorn Barracks	Pretty Good	Some trifling Repairs required to the Roof
Barracks at Delft Gate	Pretty Good	D° D°
Leyden Barracks	D°	Tiles want shifting and some windows require to be broke open through a back wall to admit more air into the Barracks

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Description (31)	State	Repairs requisite
Amsterdam Barracks	Pretty Good	Tiles require Shifting
Flag Staff Barracks	Fallen down	The Situation of this Barrack being particularly healthy and accommodation for Troops much wanted we recommend its being rebuilt
Leeburg Barracks	Pretty Good	The Roof will require some little Repair and the walls white washing
Barracks near the wharf	The walls and Roof in a very indifferent State many of the Timbers decayed and the Doors and Windows out of Repair	Some new Timbers are required to repair the Roof the walls likewise want repairing and white washing
Arched naval Store House	Some of the Beams of the upper Floor broke and the Center Piers of Masonry cracked the Floor out of Repair	Some Timbers Bricks Cheunam &c required to repair the upper and lower Floors the Pillars must be repaired and the wall white washing
Provost Guard	Pretty Good	Some trifling repairs wanting to the Roof and a Door
Material House	This range of Buildings was during the Dutch Government a Depot for materials of every description required for the Public Works — the Convicts were confined in some of the apartments many of these buildings are out of repair and the Roofs of some decayed and fallen down	If some of these apartments were repaired they would afford good accommodation for the Troops
Arched Store Godowns No 1	The Piers of one end of this Godown having given way from the great pressure of Rice within the arch for upwards of 60 feet in length has fallen down	No temporary Repair can be made to this Godown the Piers must be pulled down and rebuilt
No. 2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10.11. & 12	These Store Rooms are very much out of repair, the Timbers decayed and rotton and some of them totally unfit for the reception of Cinnamon Spice or other perishable articles	These Buildings require firmanent Repair

(Signed) Geo: Dalrymple Lt Col Presidt
J. Barton Major
W. Hart Lt & Fort Mr
W. Castle Lt of Engrs
John Mc Donall Pay Mr
Received

NB. Most of the Barracks are without Cook Rooms and necessaries
The walls of a new Barrack nearly finished by the Dutch would if completed and covered in afford good accommodation for one hundred men.
A wooden Bridge across the Canal which nearly divides the body of the place having lately fallen down the Timbers being entirely decayed, we recommend from the ready communication it afforded to the works a new one being Constructed.

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Received the following Letters

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter of the 15th Instant from Government, with copy of Correspondence between Lieutenant Colonel Read and the acting Commissary of Grain and Provisions in the Ceded Districts

From the Military Board stating the orders they have given to Lieutenant Colonel Read on the subject of lodging the Raggy and Wet Stores ordered to be laid up in the different Forts in the Barramahaul — Bills of the Contractors for Repairs and agent for the Gun Carriage Contract recommended for Payment.

Communication of the order of Government, for bidding him to involve the Company in any future expence on account of the Buildings and Fortifications in the Ceded Districts without authority, has been accordingly made to Lieutenant Colonel Read — as well as the necessary orders given for the execution of the Repairs to the Commanding Officers, and Pay Masters, at Madurah; and as the Correspondence, referred to the consideration of Our Board, has already been communicated by Lieutenant Colonel Read to us at different periods, and Our Sentiments signified to that Officer, after the Subject undergoing a full and ample discussion, We therefore take the liberty

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liberty of forwarding herewith to Your Lordship in Council, copy of a Letter of Instruction addressed to Lieutenant Colonel Read, as containing Our opinion in regard to the measures to be adopted for lodging the Raggy, and Wet Store, directed to be laid up in the several Forts therein mentioned

Having received from the late Contractors for Buildings and Repairs a Bill, — amounting to Pagodas 3397. 23. 36 for Stables erected by them at the Cavalry Cantonment near Arcot, which Bill, in consequence of the Work being performed during the time Colonel Gent was Chief Engineer, is duly Certified by that Officer, We accordingly do ourselves, the honor to forward it to Your Lordship, and to recommend that it be passed for payment

We have likewise the honor to forward the accompanying Bills, amounting to Pagodas 2864. 41. 30 received from the Agent to the Gun Carriage &c Contractors for — articles of Military Store delivered by him into the Arsenal of Fort St George, which on Survey,

by

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35 by a Committee of Our Board, have been found to be of good Materials and Workmanship, and in every respect fit for the Public Service, and to recommend that it be accordingly passed for payment -

We have the Honor to be
&c &c

Fort St George
27th March 1797

(Signed) Geo. Harris
Patrick Ross
Thomas Pells
Wm Sydenham
Jn. Richardson
BT Close
George Hall

To Lieutenant Colonel Read
Commanding the Troops in the Ceded Districts

Sir

The Military Board having taken into consideration your Letter to them of the 4th Ultimo, and Correspondence which accompanied it, directed me to communicate to you their Sentiments in consequence, as follows - It

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It appearing from the acting Commissary's representation to you on the state of the Granaries at Ahtoor, that the Buildings No 2 and 3, the former of which is appropriated to the purpose of covering Pots and Chatties, and the latter to holding the Garrison Store of Firewood, may upon receiving certain repairs be rendered fit for the reception of wet stores and Raggy. the Board accordingly authorize the removal, from those places respectively, of their present Contents, that of the latter being stacked in any part of the Fort that you may deem convenient to order, when the Engineer will be enabled to form the necessary Estimates for the required Repairs, and which must be transmitted to the Board.

In consequence of Captain — Comer's Statement of the condition of the Grain in Store at Sanklydroog and Kistnagerry, the Board recommend that a Committee of Survey be directed to inspect the Paddy at each Station, and report the state thereof, for the information of the Board, so as they may be enabled to judge

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judge of the expediency of adopting the measure of
disposing of the quantity surplus to the allotted
Stock at both Places, agreeably to the suggestion
of Captain Corner in regard to that at the former,
and by doing which, the Board would hope
that sufficient room will be afforded at
Kistnagerry for the reception of the wet Stores to
be laid in at that Station, without incurring
to the Company any additional expence on that
account.

An Estimate for the construction
of a Wet and Dry Store House at Pycotah
having been authorized under date the 16th
December last, the Board cannot doubt but
that the Commanding Officer will be able to
adopt measures for the security and preservation
of such quantity of those Articles as may be
received prior to the completion of the Store
Room, having regard to its being attended
with the least possible expence to Government

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Fort St George
13th March 1797

True Copy
(Signed) Fred Pierce
Sec. Com. Bd.

(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Sec. Mil. Board

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord,

I have the Honor to lay before your Lordships Copy of a Correspondence that have lately passed between Lieutenant Colonel Fraser Commanding Trincomalle, and Captain Norris, the Engineer at that Station, relative to a right the Commanding Officers claims to demand from the Engineer, Copies of any plans or Surveys, that he may be employed on, at that Station, and I have also the Honor to lay before your Lordship, Copy of a resolution of Government 20th July 1775, on the same Subject, and to request that your Lordship will be pleased to determine in the present Instance.—

From the Chief Engineer — desiring the Decision of Government on a point in Discussion between Lieutenant Colonel Fraser and Captain Norris as to the Right of Commanding Officers to require Copies of Plans &c. from the Engineers under their immediate Command. —

I have the honor to be
&c &c.
(Signed) Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer M. G.

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To Major General Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the Honor to send your
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38 Copy of a Public Letter addressed to Colonel Fraser &c which I enclosed to Colonel Gent on the 30th December last. and Therewith enclose a Copy of the answer to it dated February 21 On the 23 I received a Short Note from Colonel Fraser why which also accompanies this, I then waited upon him with the Plan of Trincomale and the adjacent heights. He wished me to allow a man of the Regiment to copy it but I preferred doing it myself, must therefore keep the duplicate plan which I intended to send you until I have made one for Colonel Fraser

Excuse my giving you so much trouble as I am unwilling to part with my Survey plans without letting you know it and I was sorry Colonel Gent did not communicate a sufficient answer on the subject, when informed me of laying my Letter before you, for his came to hand previous to Colonel Fraser's reply to mine

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) J Norris Capt Eng.r &c

Trincomale
February 24th 1797

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35 To Lieutenant Colonel Fraser
Commanding Trincomalee &c.a

Dear Sir,

As you was pleased to expect your wish for me to give you plans of my survey of these places, and my situation requiring me to send all to the Chief Engineer which I understood is the proper Channel for all official plans to be forwarded either to Government or the Commander in Chief through the Military Board. I feel myself sorry in representing to you that I am apprehensive of incurring the displeasure of Government in giving Copies of my Survey.

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

Trincomalee
December 11th 1796

(Signed) J Norris
Capt Engrs

Copy of Note sent with the foregoing Letter

Dear Sir,

When we were last at Ostenburg you desired me to write you on the subject of plans to which you was pleased to say you would make a reply, and I hope the accompanying will meet your approbation being very busily employed I hope you will excuse

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I am excuse my not waiting on you this morning.

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

Trincomale
December 14th 1796.

(Signed) J Norris
Capt.n Comm.r

Copy Note to Colonel Fraser

Dear Sir,

Enclosed are Copies of my Letters to you
on December last which you desired me —
yesterday to send you.

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

Trincomalle
February 18th 1797

(Signed) J. Norris
Capt.n Eng.rs

Copy Letter to Captain Norris

Dear Sir.

Your Note inclosing Copy of a Letter
addressed to me on the 14th of last December I
received when busy writing by the Sec.ry Holdo Tender
— as you express a wish to have a written
answer to the Letter referred to, I have only to
repeat what I frequently mentioned to you
several Months ago. that so far from interfering
with your sending Plans of these places to the
Chief

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31 Chief Engineer. I was all along very anxious for your compleating the Survey with the least possible delay. so that the plans might be ready to be forwarded through the official Channel — you will however incur no displeasure by letting the Commanding Officer of these Garrisons have such plans of your Survey as he may judge proper or necessary to call for. but this is by no — means to interfere in the smallest degree with your sending plans to the Chief Engineer or your complying with such directions as you may at any time receive from him on the subject

Jam. &c. &c.

(Signed) H. Fraser

Trincomalle
February 25th 1797

True Copy
I Norris
Capt Eng.

Copy Letter to Lieutenant Colonel Fraser
Commanding Trincomalle

Dear Sir

I have received your Letter dated 21st Instant in answer to mine of the 14th Dec.r last on the Subject of plans and as you — express

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31 expect I shall incur no displeasure by giving you
plans. I shall be happy to present you with
any in my power I have already laid my
Letter to you on this Subject before the Chief
Engineer and expect every day an answer
In the mean time I shall make the —
drawing of the Fort Ostenburg and the adjacent
heights which you mentioned the other day —
you wanted.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) J Norris
Capt Engrs

Trincomalle
February 22 1797

Copy Note to Captain Norris

Dear Sir

I'll thank you to let the Bearer
of this Note have the plans of Ostenburg and
Adjacent heights which will be returned
to you

Yours
(Signed) H Fraser

February 23

True Copy
Feby 24th (Signed) J Norris Capt Engrs

a true Copy
(Signed) W. Gent

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31st To Lieutenant Colonel Ross
Chief Engineer

Sir,

The President and Council having taken into Consideration your Letter of the 10th Instant touching the Inconveniency and delay which will unavoidably be occasioned if the Plans and Reports of the Engineer Surveyors are to pass to the respective Chiefs and Councils thro the Military Commandants, and the same appearing irregular as well as unnecessary, considering that the Surveyors are immediately under the orders of the Chiefs and Councils I am directed to signify to you that it is the pleasure of the Board, that the Plans and Reports do not pass thro the Military Commandants nor that the Engineer Surveyors be looked upon, as acting under their Orders but that every paper, Plan, and Information concerning the Survey be transmitted to the Chiefs and Councils, who are the power during that Service under whom the Surveyors are placed. And this you will signify to all

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the Engineers who present are, or may hereafter be employed on Survey.

Fort St George
20th July 1775

Sam & Jno &c
(signed) R. J. Sullivan
Secy

Josiah Webbe Esq
Secretary to Government

Sir

In the Month of December last Mr Ram the Collector at Guntoor was ordered by Government to furnish upon the Indent of the Commissary of Grain and Provisions in the Guntoor Circar as much Paddy as might be procurable for the purpose of a Store in the several Garrisons and to complete the quantity required with small Grain. — Mr Ram on application being made to him writes as follows.

From the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — communicating Mr Ram's opinion — regarding the best Mode of procuring the Paddy required for Store in the Guntoor Circar — and requesting orders on the Subject.

Extract of a Letter from Mr Ram Collector of Guntoor Circar to Captain Darley Commissary of Grain and Provision dated Guntoor 23d March 1797

"I do not comprehend what Mr Skardon means by my accompanying the

35 "the Grain by regular Invoice but any other way of
"furnishing the Grain to you than that which I
"now propose, will be attended with a loss to the
"Company equal at least to the whole Value of
"the Grain, that is to say, in any other mode the
"Grain will stand them in double the Value
"of this. I wish you to inform Mr. Skardon that
"he may Commission you to buy the Grain at
"the market Price. I can inform you where
"the Grain is to be had and this will be
"the readiest and cheapest way of getting the
"Grain which as I said before will otherwise
"cost the Company double the Value".

I therefore request I may be informed if it is the intention of His Lordship that Mr. Ram should deliver the Grain to Captain — " Darley, or that Captain Darley should be permitted to purchase it in the manner proposed by Mr. Ram.

Madras
Commissary Genls
Office 36th March 1797.

I am
&c &c
(Signed) J. H. Skardon
- acting Comy Genl G & P.

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of

Fort S.t George

My Lord,

I have had the honor to receive yesterday from your Lordship in Council, respecting the unadjusted reburnchments from the Accounts of Mr. Hugh Vaughan late Paymaster and Commissary at Madras and Dindigul for which he was required to give security previous to permission being granted him to proceed to Europe— I have had the necessary Communication with Mr. Vaughan on the Subject, who accordingly agreed to grant his Bond to Government for the amount of the Reburnchments against him, and to give good Security on Company's Bonds &c.a for the payment of the Sums that may ultimately be due from him after the final audit of his Accounts. In Consequence of which, I addressed a Letter to the Military Paymaster General. Copy of which with the Paper referred to therein I have the honor

From the Military Auditor General— stating the Nature and amount of the Security taken from Mr.t Hugh Vaughan, to answer the Eventual Demands of the Company upon him in his Capacity of Paymaster and Commissary at Madura and Dindigul previous to his Departure for England.

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I have the honor to enclose for your Lordship's information

Military auditor
General's Office
Fort St George
29th March 1797

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) W Sydenham
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To
Benjamin Roebuck Esq.
Military Paymaster General

Sir

Mr Hugh. Vaughan late Paymaster and Commissary at Madura and Dindigul — having requested permission of Government to return to Europe by a Ship now in the road — The Right Honorable the President in Council has been pleased to consent thereto, provided Mr Vaughan makes arrangements for the liquidation and adjustment of the claims which the Honorable Company have against him for the period he held those offices the Amount of which extracted from the Books of my Office as per annexed Statement is Pag 35.257.37.66.

Mr Vaughan has accordingly agreed to grant his Bond payable to the Honorable Company for that Sum, and to give as a Collateral Security Bonds on the New Consolidated Debt of His Highness

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Highnes the Nabob of the Carnatic Company's Certificates
and 8 p Cent Bonds as p accompanying List to the
Amount of Pagodas 23.361. 12. 75. which will
probably be equal to the claims that will stand
against him after the final Audit of his accounts.
and the Right Honorable the President in Council
having consented to receive these Securities
I have the Lordships Directions to desire that
you will be pleased to receive from Mr Vaughan
his Bond to Government for Pagodas 35.257.37..66.
and the several original Bonds and Certificates
specified in the accompanying List as a Collateral
Security for the same, with the necessary Conveyance,
and Powers to enable you on the part of
Government to realize the same, if necessary, for
the payment of the Sums that may ultimately
appear due by Mr Vaughan to the Honorable
Company.

Sam. L. Ls

Military auditor
Generals Office
Fort St George
29th March 1797

(Signed) W Sydenham
Mily and Genl

A true Copy
(Signed) W Sydenham
Mily and Genl

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Pay Department

1792/3	12,291. 26. 71
1793/4	6424. 41. 46
1794/5	8478. 34. 18
1795/6. to Sept. 1795	1833. 13. 48
	29,028. 32. 21

Commissary's Department

1792/3	143. 24. 47
1793/4	360. 16. 42
1794/5	962. 30. 18
1795/6	823. 8. 35
	2,289. 37. 62

Department of Agents for Draught and Carriage Bullocks

1793/4	225 35. —
1794/5 & 1795/5. } Replies not received	3,713. 16. 63
	35,257. 37. 66

A true Copy

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Mily and Genl

New

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New Consolidated Bond N° 226

remaining principal 31 august last 5547. 24. 75

D° ..... N° 227 D° 2927. 16. 41.

D° ..... N° 281 D° 1165. 12 "

10. 346. 20. 73

Deduct Dividend 15th Sept. 269. 4. 55

D° ..... 15 Nov. 212. 41. 29.

D° ..... 15 Jany 212. 41. 29

D° ..... 15 March 266. 6. 57

961. 4. 10

Remains Pagodas 385. 16. 63

Company's Certificates received in part of

Colsel Cl's.

N° 345 ..... 3770. 15. 62

449 ..... 1989. 22. 26

358 ..... 480. 00. 13

68 ..... 792. 00. 23

7032. 2. 44

Deduct received in part 1793. 6. 32

Remains 5238. 11. 12

Company's 8 p C^t Bonds

N° 125 - 1000 " "

126 - 1000 " "

127 - 1000 " "

161 - 4237 " "

A true Copy 210 - 1500 " "

8737 " "

Signed W. Sydenham
Mily and Genl

Pagodas 23,361. 12. 13

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir.

I had the honor on the 18th Instant of receiving a Letter from Mr Deputy Secretary Lucas enclosing copy of an address from the Commissary of Trincomale to Mr Skardon on the subject of supplying fresh provisions to the European Soldiers and representing the difficulty of procuring Cattle for such supply. and I have been directed to give an opinion on the plan suggested by Mr Kingston for establishing and keeping up a stock of Sheep that the breed might be extended to any degree by the precautions being taken which the Commissary suggests I have little doubt, but a stock must be first had from the Coast and that should be furnished from the Jungle and hilly parts of the Southern Countries as most likely to correspond with this climate but years must elapse before the encrease would be such as to admit of the daily slaughter necessary

From the Superintendent of Revenue on Ceylon stating his opinion as to the Means most likely to afford relief to the Troops at Trincomale in the Article of Fresh Provisions

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necessary for the supply of the Troops —

For immediate relief I can devise no other means than Government admitting an advance of price for it is to be considered that altho the consumption of Cattle has been great the purchase money has been still the same from six to eight Rix Dollars ℔ Bullock — and it may be worthy consideration as fish and swine are in plenty on most parts of the Island whether advancing what is termed dry Batta or money once or twice in the Week whereby the Soldiery might purchase their diet of the above two Articles would not relieve the present heavy demand for slaughter cattle which the Island can so ill afford —

I have the honorable
&c &c

Manar
25 March 1797

(Signed) R Andrews
Rev. & Inspect.
Recd

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Fort St George — April 1797

April 1st

Received the undermentioned —

Letters entered in A.B. Nos 1-2-3-4-5.

From the Commandant at Trancal

From Captain Ogilby — advising of his having received Intelligence of the Seizure of Tornboo Gounden and Seeree Gounden by a Party of Tippoo's Troops on the Caroor District.

From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell —

From Ditto at Chengleput

requesting that the establishment of Cash formerly allowed for cleaning the Fort may be continued — and recommending that Serjeant Johnston of Invalids may be allowed Full Batta in consideration of the Trouble attending the Charge of Malay Prisoners in that Garrison.

From Brevet Captain Douse —

From Brevet Captain Douse Commanding the Pioneers.

requesting to be appointed Captain Commandant of the Corps of Pioneers

From W.m Shardon — recommending

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

that the Granary at Chengleput called the Cotton Godown may be repaired previous to it's being stored with Grain

From Colonel Baird — stating

From the Commandant at Wallajanabad —

that the endeavours he has made to discover the Person of Chinniah Moodely have proved ineffectual

Received

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Received the following Letter.

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

From Lieutenant Roberts with a Letter from Lieut Shaw soliciting the attention of Government to his Claim to field allowances from the Period of his leaving Vizagapatam to join the Detachment.

Sir,

I do myself the honor to forward to your a Letter addressed to me by Lieutenant Robert Shaw of the 5th Battalion 11th Regiment which he requests may be laid before the Honorable Board.

His Letter to me of the 2d instant and which I forwarded to the Commander in Chief accompanied by a Letter from me, were so fully explanatory of his case, that in the present instance I can add no more to it, than by observing as his situation was particular and his circumstances rather unfortunate, to request you will be so good to present his application under as favourable mention as possible; so that some indulgence may be procured for him.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) George Roberts
Lt Colo

Camp near
Hydrabad
26th March 1797

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel George Roberts
Commanding 1 Battalion 11th Regiment

Sir,

I have been favored with your letter accompanied by one to you from Mr. Secretary Webb in reply to my letter of the 2d Instant stating my Claims for field allowance from my appointment to the 1st Battalion 11th Regiment

I must beg leave to observe that in Mr Webb's letter no notice whatever is taken of my claims to any field allowance but that of the monthly allowance of Tents, not even to the allowance of Purchase money for that article, or full Batta; —— as I had twice set out on my march from Vizagapatam to Join my Corps, tho' both times obliged to return for medical assistance it is evident I must have been at the same expence as if in the Field the whole time, — and I have further to observe that I was not provided with Quarters or House Rent, considering myself in every respect Justly entitled to full batta and Tent allowance.

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I believe it is the invariable rule
of the Service to provide Officers either with Quarters
House Rent, or full field allowance none of which
I received since my removal to the 1st Battalion
11th Regiment in September last.

Though I could wish to avoid again
troubling Government on the Claims of any Individual
Yet in Justice to myself I cannot help requesting
you to make my sentiments known to the
Honorable Board, as I cannot help thinking that
in the multiplicity of more important affairs some
part of my letter have been overlooked as the
Honorable Board on the representation of Captain
Mackay in September 1796 was pleased to allow
the Officers of the 25th Battalion now the 1st Battalion
11th Regiment remuneration for the expence of
again equiping themselves with Camp equipage
when that Corps was ordered to the Field from
the Garrison of Masulipatam, and were of
course in respect to Tentage in a similar
situation with myself at present; I can not
therefore have the least doubt but the same
indulgence

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indulgence will be extended to me which have upon all occasions been granted to others. —

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Camp near Hydrabad
25th March 1797

(Signed) Robt Shaw
Lieut 1st B. 11th Regt

To
Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad acknowledging receipt of the Board's communication of the intended Relief of Lieutenant Colt Roberts's Detachment by an equal Detail of Bengal Troops.

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 25th Instant to Major Kirkpatrick on the subject of a Relief of the native part of the Detachment of our Troops serving this State, by an equal proportion of Troops from the Bengal Detachments under the command of Major General Erskine; and beg you will assure the Right Honorable the President in Council, that I shall in due time apprize his Highness the Nizam of the proposed measure —

Hydrabad
27th March 1797.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) J A Kirkpatrick
Aid de Camp to the Resident

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To the Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor and President of
Fort St George

My Lord,

From the late Governor of Pulicat - with a Letter for the late Government of Columbo respecting an adjustment of accounts of the two Factories. —

I take the Liberty to send to your Lordship a Packet from me and the late Members of the Council of this place to the Honorable Governor and late Members of the Council of Colombo, & humbly requesting, that by your Lordship's order it may be sent thither officially to obtain that which, as the Copy of the Letter sent thither & shews, is necessary to be observed there to make the Books of Trade of both the Governments of the Year 1794/5 agree. For which reason I also will take it as a particular Favor, if your Lordship will be pleased after having received an answer to this to acquaint with it

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Pulicat
31st March 1797

(Signed) Jacob Eilbracht

(Signed) C W Gericke
Secret.

To

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To the Honorable

John Gerard Van Angelbeck

Ordinary Counsellor of Netherland India and late

Governor of the Island Ceylon and its Dependencies now

in the Possession of the English, and the Council at Colombo.

Honorable Sir and Worthy Friends.

Having received from Madras in the Course of this Month the definitive Sentence, which is come from England to the appeal against the Insurers of the Snow the Crofts, dated St James 20 July 1796, we cannot omit sending a Copy of it annexed to this, in order to shew that the Suit is lost in England too with Costs in all Instances.

When the Reimbursement of the Costs made by the opposite side was demanded at Madras, we have endeavoured to evade it on account of the present Situation of Affairs between the two Nations, especially that of the Company here in the Country, and have requested a Suspension of it until after the Peace, but that has not been admitted. we have, say they, nothing to do with

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1r the Company; they who are known in the Mayor's Court
as the Substitutes must answer for their Constituents,
so that in this manner Mr. Mekern, as the
Principal Constituent is to be made answerable
for the Payment of Pagodas 2172. 40 — so as he
this Day is written to by his Substitutes The
Estate of the late advocate Popham being —
insolvent, who died before this Sentence was —
received, there is not the least Hope of recovering
any part of the Thousand Pagodas, which he has
lost by the Wager he laid, well known to —
Your Honor. we request therefore that the —
accompanying account of the Costs of the Suit —
paid to him in the Sum of Pagodas 2473.9.70
may be duly paid, as we cannot let it run
on the Books of Bulicat, and they of 1794/5 are
now to be brought up and to be cleared of such
and other articles that belong not to us. The
Balance of Fifty Pagodas which you find in
the Letter of 15th april 1795 is cleared up by
the Extract Resolution of the 30th March.
preceding

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[illegible] preceding annexed to the Memorial.

Pulicat
31 March 1797.

We have the Honorable
&c &c

(Was signed) Jacob Eilbracht
Casp.r Leon Eilbracht
Jn.o Jn.o Hasz
S.r S.r Cantervischer

Agrees

(Signed) Jno Odam
first sworn Clerk

Right Honorable The Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Major General Floyd — with a plan for strengthening and improving the Fortifications at Dindigul drawn out by Lieutenant De Havilland of the Corps of Engineers —

In consequence of directions You were pleased to give while on the spot, at Dindigul, Lieutenant de Havilland was immediately employed in preparing a Plan and estimate of various — operations, most of which appear to be indispensably necessary.

Lieutenant de Havilland having — now completed his work, I have the Honor to forward it, with Mr de Havilands Letter on the subject, which, with the other pieces, is so full, that I need not trouble your Lordship further

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i further on the Head of Dindigal.

Trichinopoly
March 31 1797.

Shaw the Honorable
& & &

(Signed) J. Floyd Maj. G.

To Major General John Floyd
Commanding the Southern Division of the
Army & & Trichinopoly

Sir,

In Compliance with your orders I have made out Plans, and Estimates for widening the Rampart of the North Face of the upper Fort of Dindigul: with Cazemates underneath for 998 Men; and at the East End of this Rampart, Shaw also proposed raising a Cavalier, with — three Guns on it, to command a Rock to the Eastward; from whence in its present State the whole face is much exposed to an Enfilade; This Cavalier being raised considerably high will also answer the purpose of a Traverse against — Enfilading Fire. —

The Number of men here — mentioned, is perhaps more than the Garrison will ever Consist of: But as appartments for Officers

1st Officers, and probably More Rooms for Provisions,
will be required; such Parts of the Bombaprofs
as may be deemed most convenient after they
are completed. may be divided off. for that
purpose.

With regard to the Demi-Bastion
to the west-ward: which I beg leave to observe
is in its present state rather too low; and thereby;
(favoured likewise by a water Course in the
Rock). is in some measure exposed to a surprize;
I have proposed to raise it 5 feet, and convert it
in to a Barbet Battery; and by carrying the
extremity of the Face beyond the water Course. it
will render it Secure — In that Part of the
works there is a Sally Port, near which a small
Guard Room is wanting: of these I have also
made Plans and Estimates as likewise for a
Necessary; and for a Cook Room for Officers and
Europeans; there being at present no accomodations
of that discription in the upper Fort. -

But what would add very
much to the Strength of the Fort would be to
scarp

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I scarp the Rock, in front of the North face of the works.
and part of the west face; where alone the Rock
is accessible; this being done 10 or 12 feet deep, would
in some measure answer the Purpose of a Ditch;
it is not Possible to ascertain the expence of this work;
it must therefore be done upon Trust; I have
however made a rough Evaluation of it, to the Best
of my Judgement; and what I think it may be
done for, by using Gun Powder in blowing it up.

I beg leave further to observe, that
Part of the North face of the Rock affords Cover to an
Enemy not being sufficiently commanded by the works
above; to remedy this I would recommend to
enlarge and rebuild the Tower at the Extremity of
the Lower Fort which at present is only of Stone
and Mud, and is partly fallen down; this would
Flank that part of the Rock which is undefended
by the upper works; I have made a Plan of these
improvements likewise and have also made a
seperate Estimate for them

As to the Lower Fort from its ill
judged situation it affords no assistance to the upper
(except the Tower abovementioned) as it does not
cover

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1 cover. or defend that part of the Rock which is accessible

The Rampart is too narrow and the

Towers too small to admit of Guns; neither are the works well defended by the upper Fort, the Rampart is only faced with Stones and mud & in some Places fallen down — the Ditch tho' in some Parts pretty broad and Deep, is in others quite shallow and dry; and it has besides, the disadvantage of being commanded by the above mentioned Rock to the Eastward — I therefore do not conceive it worth a through repair.

But as however it might be of some use during a Siege, for the Purpose of keeping Cattle, and affording Shelter to the Inhabitants against the Incursions of Horse; it might be temporarily repaired with Sod or Mud work; so as to oblige an Enemy to erect Batteries against it before they could take it.

No regular Estimate can be made of this Expense, but if done upon Trust, I should conceive that 2000 or 2500 Pagodas would go a Great way in repairing it as above proposed

I have the Honor of enclosing you the Plans and Estimates, for these improvements.

Trichinopoly
March 30.th 1797

I am &c.a &c.a

(Signed) Tho.s F. De Havilland
Aff.d Eng.r & Dep.y Lieut.
Fo

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

From Major General Doyle - relative to the pressing Demands of the Troops in general - particularly the 19th Regiment of Foot for arrears of Pay. -

My Lord,

I am sorry to be forced to address your Lordship again on the wants of the Troops on this Island. The necessity of an immediate supply of Cash was stated as fully as possible in my Letter of the 6th Instant I have now the honor to transmit a letter from the Officer Commanding the 19th. Regiment with enclosures and one from Mr. Mc Dowall in reply.

Mr. Andrews gave me no reason to expect any efficient aid from the Pearl Fishery as will appear from the enclosed Copy of his Letter of the 12th Instant. a part only of the 30,000 Pagodas promised in February is as yet received in Columbo and the further advances he may obtain from the Renter are anticipated by the order of Government for the prior supply of Trincomale.

It is extremely unpleasant to me to trouble your Honorable Board with such repeated applications on the same Subject, but my Duty requires it, and the urgency of the case must plead my excuse.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) Wellesley Ellis Doyle
Major Gene
maior

Head Quarters
Columbo 25 March 1797

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Major General Doyle
&c &c &c

Sir,

Enclosed are two letters from the Paymaster complaining of the want of money, and have only to add that the officers and men are making hourly applications to me; and complaining of their distress for the want of money — The officers having received none for some time, cannot realy procure the necessaries of life.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Columbo
19th March 1797

(Signed) Geo. Dalrymple
Lt Col Comm.g 19th foot

Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple
Commanding 19th Regiment

Sir,

I am sorry to be again under the disagreeable necessity of representing to you as Commanding Officer that I am totally destitute of money as Paymaster and cannot subsist the Non Commissioned Officers and Men. — my applications for money to Mr Mc Doual Paymaster General have been in vain. and, had I not borrowed money on my private account. I could not have subsisted the Regiment so long as I have done

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Columbo
6th March 1797

(Signed) James La Fley
Ens.n & Paymaster
19th Foot

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Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple
Commanding 19th Regiment

Sir,

Having received no pecuniary assistance whatever from Mr. Mac Donall Dy. Paymaster General since my letter to you of the 6th instant and finding it totally impracticable to raise money on public or private bills on Madras, the Regiment are become seriously distressed for want of money. The Officers are considerably in Arrear and the men are actually become clamorous for their Pay, particularly as their Cooks and Washermen are daily deserting them.

I beg leave further to observe that the Balance owing to the Regiment by account furnished Mr. Mc. Donall the 6th March inst. is Ten thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Five Pagodas

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) James La Fley
Cns. & Paymr 19 Foot

Columbo
19 March 1797

To Major General Doyle
&c &c &c

Sir,

In reply to the question you put to me this morning, I beg leave to state to you that the

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the Abstracts of Several Corps and the greater part of the Staff for 1st January are still unpaid—

All have received a proportion of the money furnished to me and such as could make use of my drafts on the Paymaster General have received them on Account of the Payments due for 1st February and 1st March—There is now due to the Troops in Garrison at Columbo not including His Majesty's 73d Regiment and Bombay Grenadiers who are paid up to the 28th February about Pags 42000— The Garrison of Point de Galle are paid up to 31st January and in the course of a few days I hope with the assistance of Bills on Madras to pay them to 28th February

my drafts not being regularly paid and the holders losing about 3 ℔ Cent on the Exchange of Certificates on Bengal prevents any receipt of Cash for them so that at present they can only tend to the accommodation of Officers in settling their account with Madras Butlers and only amounted in the months of February to Pagodas 13000 while my disbursements will exceed (I suppose) 40000 Pagodas— the difference will fall to be paid in money and must be

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be provided for, either out of the Revenue by
Remittance from the Coast.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Columbo
20th March 1797

(Signed) John McDonall
Paymr.

To Major General Wellbore Ellis Doyle
Commanding the British Forces &c on
Ceylon

Sir,

I had this day the Honor to receive your
Letter of the 6th Instant and in consequence shall make
application to the Renter of the Pearl Fishery for another
advance of Cash. He lately paid into the Treasury at
Jafnapatnam 35000 Porto Nova Pagodas. a part of which
was sent to Mr Paymaster Kingston and the
remainder to Columbo. I have received the orders of
Government under date the 17th Ultimo to furnish the
Paymaster of Trincomale with 30,000 Pagodas a part
of which only has yet been supplied — I shall
however from the first Receipts of Cash send off a
supply to Columbo. But as the Renters engagements
with the Company stipulate to pay his Rent in
two Months after the completion of the Fishery
tis

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'tis at his option to make advances prior to that period.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Strippo
12th March 1797

(Signed) R. Andrews
Asst. & Super. Revt.

a true Copy
(Signed) J Wilson
acty Secy.

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

My Lord,

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of

From Major General Doyle — receives the Board's orders for embarking the Bombay Grenadier Battalion and the 73d Regiment to the Malabar Coast on the Eliza Ann and Harriet Chartered Ships.

the Order for sending the Bombay Grenadiers and the 73d Regiment to the Malabar Coast —

The first Division of the Grenadiers

Battalion Embark tomorrow on Board the Eliza Ann, the second will be in readiness as soon as the Harriet arrives.

With respect to the 73d Regiment

a Sum of Four thousand, five hundred and seventy two Pagodas are stated to me by the Commanding Officer as indispensably necessary before the Regiment can move, it is probable that Sum may be procured in time as no part of that Regiment can Embark on the Harriet and Eliza Ann, there being only

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5 only sufficient Tonnage for the Grenadier Battalion whose Embarkation Return is 13 Officers and 930 Rank and File and Followers: the Eliza Ann can carry only 450. the Hawke is Junderstand smaller.

I have the honor to enclose you a Copy of a Mr Paymaster Mc Douall's Letter to me on my ordering him to demand the Treasure mentioned in your Letter of the 10th Instant.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Head Quarters
Columbo 22 March 1797

(Signed) Wellbore Ellis Doyle
Major General

To Major General Doyle.
&c &c

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the Money lodged in my Office by Mr Bebb being for the use of my employ by leave to state for Mr Bebbs the information of Government that Mr Bebb has already had occasion to issue 8.000 Dollars on account of the Bengal Government and will I suppose require 1 or 2000 more on that account so that there will only be 9 or 10,000 Dollars to issue to that Troops.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Columbo
22 March 1797

(Signed) J Willson
Actg Secy

(Signed) John Mc Douall
Pay
Dmk

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Sent the following Letter by Express.

To Major General Doyle
Commanding the troops on Ceylon

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21 Instant and to inform you that fifty thousand Star Pagodas together with a considerable supply of copper money will be immediately sent to Columbo on his Majesty's Ship Carysfort.

To Major General Doyle advising him of the supplies of Gold and Copper Coin intended to be sent on the Carysfort the 73 Regiment and Corps of Pioneers to proceed forthwith to Point Pedro in order to embark from thence for the Coast — the Copper Coin in the Possession of men about to leave Ceylon to be paid into the Hands of the Columbo Paymaster for Bills on the Military — & Paymaster General — assuring them that Mr. McDowall's Bills will be punctually discharged in Cash on Bengal Bills at the Discount of the Day. —

Immediately upon the receipt of this letter you will order the 73d. Regiment to proceed to Point Pedro — if Water Carriage can be provided to convey them to Manar, the President in Council directs that this mode may be adopted: if not you will order them to march the whole way — Shipping will be ready at Point Pedro to convey them to the Coast. Their baggage however must at all events go by water; and the Superintendant of Revenue has been instructed to afford the regiment every assistance in his power during their march.

The President in Council desires that whatever copper money the officers and men of the 73d Regiment may have in their possession should be paid into the hands

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hands of the military paymaster. for the advance of which as well as for the arrears which may be due you will authorize the paymaster at Columbo to draw bills upon the Paymaster General at Madras payable in cash and at sight. and I am directed to aſsure you that such bills will be punctually honored.

The President in Council is further pleased to direct that the pioneer may at the same time be ordered to Point Pedro, leaving fifty men behind them according to your desire: but Lieutenant Fitzpatrick must accompany them.

With a view to aſsist the treasury at Columbo I am further directed to inform you that whatever bills may be drawn on the Paymaster General will be discharged in cash, or if the exigencies of this Government should require it in the Company's paper at the discount of the day.

I am &c &c

(Signed) I Webbe Secy to Govt

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2 April 1797

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To Mr Robert Andrews
Resident and Superintendent of Revenue
on Ceylon

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble

To Mr Andrews — desiring him to afford every assistance in his Power — toward facilitating the Removal of the 73. Regiment and Corps of Pioneers from Columbo to Point Pedro — and to send immediately as large a supply of Cash as possible to Columbo. —

the President in Council to inform you that his — Majesty's 73. Regiment and the pioneers from — Columbo are under orders to proceed immediately to Point Pedro, where shipping will be provided to bring them to the Coast — If water Carriage can be provided the President in Council has directed that mode to be adopted to convey them as far as Manar —

In communication with General Doyle you will take the necessary measures for — furnishing them with Supplies, Carriage or money. —

I am further directed to — inform you that the most pressing application has again been made by the commanding officer at Columbo for a supply of money, and to desire that whatever sum it may be possible for you to collect may be immediately dispatched for the relief of the troops

at

1700. Fort St George 2 April 1797

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at that place.

Fort St George
2 April 1797

Sam
&c &c

Signed J Webbe Secy to Govt

Despatched the undermentioned

Letters as entered in MB Nos 6.7-8-9-10

To the Secretary at Bengal and Residents at Poona and Hyderabad.

To Mr Secretary Barlow Sir

Charles Warre Malet and Major Kirkpatrick —

communicating the latest Intelligence received from the Mysore Country —

To the Collector at Masulipatam

To Mr Wrangham — expressing the Board's Surprize at his total Inattention to a late communication made to him by Captain Kirkpatrick, of Considerable Importance, on the subject of Liquidating the Arrears due on account of the Nizams Peishcush

To the Clerk of the Treasury —

To the Clerk of the Treasury.

directing the usual Monthly Issues of Cash to Majors Roebuck and Skardon for April

To the Military Pay Genl.

To Mr Roebuck — informing him of

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of the Sum ordered to be issued on account of this —
Estimates of Cash for the Current Month
To Mr Skardon to the purport —
abovementioned.

To the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

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Received the following Letter.

To Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor through you, to —
transmit to the Right Honorable the President in
Council, the enclosed List of the Thieves and Robbers,
who in consequence of Government orders in Letter
to me under date the 5th Ultimo have been apprehended
and are now in custody here. Most of them
in the course of examination which they underwent,
confronted with their accusers in the Nabob's Cutcheree,
or in my presence, have acknowledged to their own
Guilt and criminated one another. In consequence
of the permission of Government contained in the
said Letter of the 5th Ultimo, I have employed four
men of this Country, on the side of Harcarrahs to
find out and give intelligence of the places of
Residence &c &c &c of the Thieves, which
my own Sepoys could not have effected. I
agreed

From the Commandant at Amboor — with List of Robbers &c now under Confinement and an account of the Crimes committed by them — enclosed Bills for extra Charges incurred on this Business as also for subsisting the Prisoners — Sepoys People do not reply to the Invitation sent them to meet him (Colonel — Macpherson) and Meer Ally Cawn in order to make an adjustment of the Boundary &c Disputes —

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agreed with one of those men and have paid him, at the rate of four Pagodas and with the other three, at two Pagodas each P month, while employed, which Hope may meet with the approbation and sanction of his Lordship, as the expences will be only temporary and they will be retained no longer than he may direct.

There being no publick Native Writer or interpreter allowed to this Garrison, I have also employed since receipt of the said Orders, a man in that Station, at the rate of three Pagodas P month, which I hope may be also sanctioned.—I am in hopes that all which can be caught, of those Plunderers, will soon be apprehended and that the expences of Batta &c now incurred, will not come to any thing comparatively great, with the objects which will have been effected.—I therefore have taken the liberty, to enclose Bills to obtain the Right Honorable the President's sanction for the Pay master of this place discharging the same. Agreeable to the Printed Regulations, the signature of the Commander in Chief, or his Secretary, is necessary, to Bills for Intelligence, but I humbly conceive that only relates to Military Intelligence of

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of the Enemy and does not respect such matters as more properly appertain to the interior Police of the Country — Since my Return from Kistnagerry, on the 24th Instant, I have anxiously expected answers to Letters, which Meer Ally Cawn the Nabobs' Renter of this place had written to the Sultan's people, endeavouring to fix time and place, for our meeting such persons, as might be deputed by them, with intention to conform to the instructions of the Right Honorable the President, but as none have been received, I humbly conceive, that if such meeting is deemed absolutely necessary, for putting a stop to these disorders and for making what reparation may be possible, for what is past, that in this case, an order of the Sultan's to his people, will be the speediest mode of getting his people to meet us and I beg leave further to add, that in my opinion such a meeting will be the most likely way to satisfy the Sultan's and quiet the minds of this Highness's people —

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Amboor
the 31st of March 1797 —

Signed A. Macpherson
Lt Col Comdg at Amboor

List

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List of Persons now in Confinement in the Fort of

Names.	Occupation and Cast	Place of Residence	When Confined in the Fact of amboor	
Chinnoo Hewn	Weaver	Paria	Chenakapilly	X 12th March 1797
Shaick Bodda		Moor	Chargull	X 12th D°
Shaick Emmom		D°	D°	X 12th D°
Shaick Esmall		D°	D°	X 12th D°
Gandadoo	Plowman	Paria	Kidnavaram	15th D°
Sumalie Gadoo	D°	D°	D°	15th D°
Kistnah	Sheep Man	Gentoo	Narienpettah	15th D°
Ammamunta Gadoo	Weaver	Paria	Meerdenah	25th D°
Padavatan	Tolee	D°	Baloor	24th D°
Kistnapah	Farmer	Boder	Boroogamanapilly	25th D°
Goindoo	Colley	Malabar	Collachanoo	25th D°
Venket Samie	Plowman	Gentoo	Arrakah	25th D°
Buchee Gadoo	D°	Boder	D°	26th D°
Sumalie Gadoo	Ballockman	D°	D°	26th D°
Marie Chetty	Buzarman	Banechilly	D°	26th D°
Samiah	Conicopoly to Verapah Naidoo Ramapah & Naidoo and Gnanapah Naidoo Head Poligars at arrak	Brahmin	D°	28th D°
Changan	Smith	Malabar	D°	29th D°

N.B. Those Villages Marked † thus, are in the Sultans Dominions.

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Crimes

Plundering and Robbing in the Arnee Districts —
Known to be a Plunderer and Robber by Shaick Nuttur Hircarrah —
D° —— D° —— D° —— D°
D° —— D° —— D° —— D°

Corne expected to Arrive } They having been sent from Chatriavaram —
D° —— D° }

Murdering a Vellager of Wallajanah Ghurr near Annanellore Robbing him
of about 40 Pag.as Rd of which he restored and owned to the Crime. —

Plundering and Robbing in the Arnee Districts —

Plundering and Robbing in Amboor and Vellore Districts along with some Peons
that came from Chargull. —

Commanded a Party of Peons that Plundered in the Arnee Districts D°
Was one of the above Hianaiah's Party that Plundered in D° D°
D° —— D° —— D° —— D° —— D°

Plundering and Robbing in the Arnee Districts along with some Peons that
came from Mallianaigpilly —
D° —— D° —— D° —— D° —— D°

Giving protection and Provisions to some Plunderers who had been plundering
in the Arnee Districts and for having part of the plundered property now
in his possession. —

For receiving into his House Plundered property keeping it for a Day or two and
afterwards sharing with the Plunderers.

Plundering and Robbing in the Arnee Districts and for furnishing arms to other
Peons to Plunder with. —

(Signed) A.r Macpherson
Lt Col.l Comg.

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My Lord.

Having received instructions from Major General Floyd of his having received orders from Government to form a detachment against certain marauders in the neighbourhood of Tenore and Namcul, and of his intending to send out a battalion, or brigade of guns, and 5 or 8 native cavalry in consequence, which he has requested I will co-operate with I take the liberty of stating my humble opinion, that his highness the nabob, seems to be as much misinformed in regard to the force of these marauders as he was in respect to their residence where he represented that they came out of the Company's districts, and that he is in consequence misleading Government. — I can assure your Lordship that they will never stand to oppose a Zemindars guard, much less a troop of cavalry or a gun, and that it is rather by posting small guards in the parts infected by them, as

From Lieutenant Colonel Read stating that the Nabobs account of the strength of the rebellious Bandittie in the Warriorpollam Country is much exaggerated — enclosed an accounts of the Grievances of the Tenore People, furnished by Captain Macleod — and Intelligence of the seizure of Tombo Sounder, received from Captain Sotor

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on the eastern frontier of these districts, that they are to be caught.——— As containing a true statements of the affairs of the Terriore Country. I enclose your Lordship a private letter from Captain Macleod on the subject. The other enclosure is from Captain Irton advising of the robber Tomby Gounden's being in custody and on his march to Seringapatam apprehending that in consequence of that there will be no occasion for the additional Company lately ordered to join Captain Irton, I have desired him not to require it, unless there should appear to be real necessity for his co-operating with Major Cuppage as General Floyd has requested He is to correspond with the general, and with the major and will be able to give them good information of the quarter he is in

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Alexr Read

Seringapatam
4 April 1797.

Dear Read

I am waiting for the amount of the Calle Coming in from the Districts to send you the

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3d Statistical Statement

Irton who is now with me tells me that you had a grievous complaint from the Nabob about our harbouring thieves — His Highness does not in this instance stick to the naked — the fact is that a vast number of the Inhabitants of Terriore have removed within our bounds on account of the unsettled state of the Terriore — or district — to avoid the persecution of both the Reddy and Nabob's Mirmidons — The Nabob — rumpts because we don't allow his Troops to come and seize all the reyots of Terriore within our bounds. The Terriore country is alternately plundered by the Reddy's people and the Nabob's — Many of the Inhabitants take could from the Nabob's people their Houses are set in fire by the Reddy's people — and the Nabob's servants again retaliate by burning the Houses of such as they suppose are in the Interest of the Reddy — Several ridiculous — skirmishes have taken place between the contending parties — and the vanquished commonly retreats into our country as being neutral — as the victor is

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3d is obliged to give up the chase as soon as he comes within due bounds —

The Nabobs managers have made out a long account against the Reddy — of debts due to the Sircar — either fabricated or real — probably both and on the Reddy failing to pay off — the amount a party of ragged sepoys were sent to turn out the Reddy and establish the Sircars Mandabust — but as the leading inhabitants are attached to the Reddy they have taken his part and fled from their villages — with the view of keeping the — District in a perpetual confusion and thereby obliging the Nabob to grant terms at length to the Reddy — such is the nature of the present — disturbance.

Many of the Inhabitants will I believe remain in our Districts of Nanneal and — — Shendamungulum some of them are taking lands and building houses — several Shetties and Weavers have built houses in Tattingarpet — which is a thriving village of Considerable Trade near the borders of Tonore — in the Cargoorie Hobly.

Yours truly

(Signed) W. Macleod

Lieutenant

Wilda
26th March 1797.

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Lieutenant Colonel Read.

Sir.

The Report of the Country hereabouts has been for these two Days past that Tombo Gowr has been seized, and which has been in a great measure confirmed by People whom I had despatched for the purpose of ascertaining the reality of the report —

Their Intelligence is as follows. That having discharged his Peons in the Polium District on the 19th of this month, and which agrees with his disappearance, as formerly mentioned, he went to the Permutty District near to Permaulmalla, where a Relation of his resided, and with whom he had formerly a quarrel, when he declared his Intention of going to Ramiseram Pagoda. During his residence Information was sent by his Relation to the Killidar of Erroad of the forlorn condition of Tombo Gowr, and wishing to know what reward would be given for his person, the answer returned was 1000 Rs. which being accepted he on the 23d at Night was brought down to the Banks of the Cauvery where a party from Erroad was ready to receive him. — From the circumstantial

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circumstantial detail given me, backed by the reports of that Division, near to which the circumstance happened, gives me reason to suppose that there is a deal of credit to be given to it, a few Days must determine positively.

In case of the seizures of the above personage, would be glad to know if you wish the further detention of the Guards of the abtoor and Veraganoor Districts in this Neighbourhood — or if they will be any further necessity for my remaining in this Neighbourhood.

I am &c &c

Signed A. Irton Capt.

Toshoor
28 March 1797

To William Collins Jackson Esq
Secretary at
Fort St George

Sir,

I am directed by the Vice President in Council to acquaint you, for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, that the Detachment of His Majesty's 25th Regiment of Light Dragoons has embarked on the Hemaun Shaw for Madras.

I am

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal — with — advice of a Detachment of the 25th Dragoons and Supplies of Rice and Salt Provisions having been embarked on the Hemaun Shaw for Fort St George.

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I am also directed to transmit to you the accompanying Invoice of rice and Salt Provisions shipped on board the Hermaun Shaw, and Consigned to the Right Honorable the President in Council

Fort William
15th March 1797

I am &c &c

(Signed) J Thornhill Sub Secy. —

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Received also the undermentioned

Letters entered in M B. Nos 11. 12. 13.

From Lieutenant Colonel Murray —

From the Commandant at Arcot — stating that the Party he had detached in Search of Chinniah Moodely has returned without having been able to obtain any account of him —

From Mr Sheardon — enclosing

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provision — Mr Corbett's Explanation of the cause of the bad State of the Paddy sent by him for the Stock of the Garrisons in the Guntoor Circars —

From Lieutenant Colonel —

From the Commandant at Vizagapatam — Fotheringham — expressive of his Satisfaction that his Conduct in regard to the Disposal of the French Prisoners captured on the Modeste should have met the

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3d the approval of Government

4th Despatched the undermentioned Letters

as entered in MB. No. 14–15.

To Lieutenant Matthews extending his

To Lieutenant R. Matthews. Leave of absence from four to six Months from the

27th January last.

To Mr. Brodie enclosing an

To the Garrison Storekeeper. Invoice of Rice and Salt Provisions shipped in

Bengal for the use of this Presidency on the Hermaun

Straw Captain Wiltshire.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders ..... } Esqrs

and

Ernst William Fallofield }

Tuesday 4th April. Minutes of last consultation read

and approved.

This

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This being the day appointed for

The Proposals for Clothing the Army opened.

taking into consideration the proposals of contract for clothing the Company's european and native troops on this establishment, the following proposals are opened and read.

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

My Lord,

In consequence of Advertisements

Mr. J. Grants proposals for Clothing the army.

Published in the Madras Papers, requiring such persons as are desirous to Contract with the Honble Company for Clothing their Army under this Presidency, to tender proposals to Government for that Purpose, I do myself the honor of submitting to the consideration of your Lordship in Council, the accompanying Schedule of rates, and at which I am willing to engage, in terms of the Advertisements, to prepare, and deliver Cloathing to the different Ranks, and Corps of the Army.

I have, after Particular enquiry, ascertained, and stated, as nearly as Possible, the

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the quantities of Cloth requisite for the different descriptions of Coats; and I will bind myself not to draw more than the proportions specified in the Schedule. —

As a fair and reasonable compensation for the trouble and attention, which a Public trust of such importance requires, is the only object I have in view; I beg leave to state.

That, agreeably to the advertisement, advances are to be made, on account of the Cloathing for Europeans, to the extent of 45 \% cent; and on account of that for Natives, to the extent of 55 \% cent. which, upon an average, will be nearly half the aggregate of the Contract.

But as the Cloth and Hats are to be furnished from the Honorable Company's Stores; and only accounted for by the Contractor at a final settlement; and as receiving more money than may, in all Probability, be sufficient to defray contingencies and Pay the amount of articles which cannot be furnished by the Company, it would, altho Perhaps calculated to suit Private Purposes and consequently an inducement

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inducement for the Contractor to Propose lower rates than he could otherwise do, be a measure Productive of no Solid advantage to him; but on the contrary accumulating responsibility upon himself and drawing a superfluous sum of Money out of the Company's Treasury, which, as has hitherto been the case, must be returned on closing the accounts of the Contract—Permit me, therefore, to say that an advance of 30 ℔ Cent upon the rates ad Valorum, will be sufficient, and which I shall agree to receive, and complete the Cloathing for.

With regard to the Exchange, in converting the fanams into Pagodas, as a great part of the expence will fall to be paid in fanams, at the Buzar Exchange, of the day, which is very fluctuating, generally above 42, but seldom, or never at 45, I beg leave to Propose that the accounts of the Contract should be kept at the

medium

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medium exchange of 43 fanams of Pagoda,
and credit given to the Honorable Company
when it exceeds that exchange.

The usual allowance of Godown
rent, will, I Presume, be made to me;
and I engage to Pack up, and transport
the Cloathing contracted for, to the different
Stations on the Coast. for an allowance of —
4½ ₰ Cent.

Should the foregoing Proposals
meet the approbation of your Lordship in
Council — I beg leave to offer as my
Securities for a due Performance of the
Contract — Mr. Henry Burnaby and
Mr. Robert Henderson Merchants
in Madras. —

Madras
30th March 1797

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed J Grant.
Schedule

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Schedule of Rates

Rank	Corps.	Rate				Quantity of Cloth required for each Jacket
Effective Europeans		P.	f.	C		
Serjt Majors	Artillery	5	35	30	1 3/4	D°
	European Infantry	4	13	10	1 1/2	D°
Quarter Mr Serjts	Artillery	5	35	30	1 3/4	D°
	European Infantry	4	13	10	1 1/2	D°
Serjeants	Artillery	5	17	"	1 1/4	D°
	European Infantry	2	16	60	1 1/4	D°
Corporal	Artillery	2	34	50	1 1/8	D°
	European Infantry	1	24	10	1	D°
Drum & Fifers	Artillery	7	10	70	1 3/8	D°
	European Infantry	6	18	40	1 1/4	D°
Drummer & Fifer	Artillery	2	17	"	1 1/8	D°
	European Infantry	1	35	"	1 1/4	D°
Gunner	Artillery	1	38	"	1 3/8	D°
Matross		1	37	"		
Private	European Infantry	1	27	50	1	D°
Trickatty drivers	Artillery	"	41	10	1	D°
	European Infantry	"	41	10		
Invalid Europeans						
Serjt Major	European Infantry	3	30	"	1 1/8	D°
Quarter Mr Serjt	D°	3	30	"	1 1/8	D°
Serjeants	Artillery	2	25	"	1 1/8	D°
	European Infantry	2	16	"	1 1/8	D°
Corporal	Artillery	1	26	"	1 1/8	D°
	European Infantry	1	16	"	1	D°
Gunner	Artillery	1	25	"	1 1/8	D°
Matross	D°	1	25	"	1 1/8	D°
Private	European Infantry	1	20	50	1	D°
Drum or Fifer	D°	3	20	"	1 1/8	D°
Drummer or Fifer	Artillery	1	40	10	1 1/4	D°
	European Infantry	1	17	"	1 1/8	D°

Facings included.

Rank

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Rank	Corps	Rates P	Rates f	Rates C	Quantity of Cloth to be given for each Jacket
Effective Natives					
Serjt Major	Native Cavalry	8	20	"	1 Yd.
	Native Infantry	1	"	10	1 1/8 Do.
	Madras Battalion	1	"	10	1 1/8 Do.
Quar Mr Serjts	Native Cavalry	8	20	"	1 Do.
	Native Infantry	4	30	10	1 1/8 Do.
Serjeants	Native Cavalry	8	20	"	7/8 Do.
	Native Infantry	2	30	10	1 1/8 Do.
	Body Guard	10	"	"	7/8 Do.
	Pioneers	2	30	30	1 1/8 Do.
Subidar	Native Cavalry	8	20	"	7/8 Do.
	Native Infantry	3	6	50	1 1/8 Do.
	Body Guard	10	"	"	7/8 Do.
	Madras Battalion	3	6	50	1 1/8 Do.
Jemidar	Body Guard	10	"	"	7/8 Do.
	Native Cavalry	8	20	"	7/8 Do.
	Native Infantry	1	35	10	1 1/8 Do.
	Pioneer Corps	2	18	40	1 1/8 Do.
	Madras Battalion	1	35	10	1 1/8 Do.
Havildar	Body Guard	1	30	"	7/8 Do.
	Native Cavalry	1	18	"	7/8 Do.
	Native Infantry	1	1	"	7/8 Do.
	Pioneer Corps	"	39	60	7/8 Do.
	Madras Battalion	1	"	"	7/8 Do.
Naigue	Body Guard	1	29	"	7/8 Do.
	Native Cavalry	1	4	"	7/8 Do.
	Native Infantry	1	1	"	7/8 Do.
	Pioneer Corps	"	42	"	7/8 Do.
	Madras Battalion	"	42	"	7/8 Do.
Private	Body Guard	1	6	"	7/8 Do.
	Native Cavalry	1	4	"	7/8 Do.
	Native Infantry	"	41	10	7/8 Do.
	Pioneer Corps	"	40	60	7/8 Do.
	Madras Battalion	"	41	10	7/8 Do.
Doctor	Body Guard	1	6	"	7/8 Do.
	Native Cavalry	1	4	"	7/8 Do.
	Native Infantry	"	41	10	7/8 Do.
Drum Fife or Trumpet major	Body Guard	8	30	"	1 1/8 Do.
	Native Cavalry	8	"	"	1 1/8 Do.
	Native Infantry	6	18	"	1 1/8 Do.
	Madras Battalion	6	18	"	1 1/8 Do.

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Ranks	Corps	Rates			Quantity of Cloth requisite for each Jacket	
					P	F C
Effective Natives						
	Body Guard	1	28	"	1 1/8	Yd.
Drummer, Fifer, or Trumpeter	Native Cavalry	1	23	"	1 1/8	D°
	Native Infantry	1	20	"	1 1/8	D°
	Madras Battalion	1	20	"	1 1/8	
		8	23	"	1 1/8	D°
Farrier Major	Native Cavalry	1	13	"	1 1/8	D°
Farrier	Body Guard	1	5	"	1 1/8	D°
	Native Cavalry	1	6	"	1 1/8	D°
	Body Guard	1	5	"	1 1/8	D°
Puckally driver	Native Cavalry	"	41	10	1 1/8	D°
	Native Infantry	"	38	"	1 1/8	D°
	Pioneer Corps	"	41	10	1 1/8	D°
	Madras Battalion	1	20	"	1	D°
Syrang	Gun Lascar	1	"	70	7/8	D°
First Tindal	D°	1	"	"	7/8	D°
Second Tindal	D°	"	42	60	7/8	
Lascar	D°					
Native Invalids						
	Infantry	3	10	"	1 1/8	Yd.
Serjeant Major	D°	3	10	"	1 1/8	D°
Quarter M^r Serjeant	D°	2	6	"	1 1/8	D°
Serjeant	D°	3	"	"	1 1/8	D°
Subidar	D°	1	18	"	1	D°
Jemidar	D°	"	41	"	7/8	D°
Havildar	D°	"	41	"	7/8	D°
Naigue	D°	"	40	10	7/8	D°
Private	D°	"	40	10	7/8	D°
Doctor	D°	1	16	70	1 1/8	D°
Drummer or Fifer	D°	"	40	10	1 1/8	D°
Puckally driver	D°	1	15	"	7/8	D°
Syrang	Gun Lascar	1	"	"	7/8	D°
First Tindal	D°	1	"	"	7/8	D°
Second Tindal	D°	"	41	60	7/8	D°
Lascar	D°					
Malay Corps						
		4	41	"	7/8	Yd.
Captain		3	42	"	7/8	D°
Lieutenant		2	42	10	7/8	D°
Ensign		3	36	"	7/8	D°
Serjeant Major, Quarter M. Serjt, Drill Serjeant		1	5	"	7/8	D°
Serjeant		1	"	"	7/8	D°
Corporal						

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Rank	Corps	Rate	Quantity of Cloth required for each Jacket
		£ s d	
	Malay Corps		
Drummer		1 8 ½	7/8 Yds } Facings included
Private		1 . 10	7/8 D°
Doctor's Mate		. 19 7½	7/8 D°
Sergeants		. 10 4½	—
Private	D°		—

Revenue Corps not detailed, but the Clothing for them will be furnished upon the same terms as that for the effective Native Infantry.

N.B. — As the quantity of Cloth specified for each Jacket, is an average calculation for ordinary men, a surplus allowance, not exceeding half a yard to every twelve Jackets Indented for, may be necessary to enable the Taylor to make a sufficient number for large men; and this, I hope, will appear reasonable, when it is considered that the quantities mentioned in the Schedule are barely sufficient to make Coats and Jackets of an ordinary size. (Signed) J Grant

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

May it Please your Lordship

Messrs Brown and Ashton's Proposals for Clothing the Army.

We have the honor to submit for your Lordship's Consideration our "Rates for furnishing Clothing for "the Honorable Company's European Troops for the year 1798 and "for the Native Troops for the year 1797. and we beg leave to offer Frank Day Esquire & Chetty (generally called Pollee Chetty) and Sudoo Condapah as our Securities for the due Performance of the Contracts.

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

(Signed) Brown & Ashton

Rates

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Rates for furnishing Cloathing for the Honorable Company's European Troops for the Year 1798 and for the Native Troops for the Year 1797

Long Coat for the 1 Battalion of European Artillery

No 1 Serjeant Majors Coat & Hatt			6	10	32	is 1/2	Yard	and 9	Inches	for	Facing & Cuffs
1 Quarter Major Serjeants Coat	D°		6	10	32	D°				D°	
1 Serjeants Coat	D°		5	34	4	D°				D°	
1 Corporals Coat	D°		2	32	37	is 1 3/4	Yard	89	Inches	D°	
1 Gunners Coat	D°		2	5	12	D°				D°	
1 Matrosses Coat	D°		2	5	12	D°				D°	
1 Puckalee Ditto	D°		2	5	12	D°				D°	
1 Drum Major D°	D°		7	15	34	1 3/4	D°			D°	
1 Drummers D°	D°		2	38	68		D°				

Jackets for the 2 Battn of European Artillery

No 1 Serjeant Majors Coat and Hatt			5	31	50	is 1/4	D°	& 7		D°	
1 Quarter Major Serjeants	D°	D°	5	31	50		D°			D°	
1 Serjeants Coat	D°		5	1	78		D°			D°	
1 Corporals	D°	D°	2	16	39	1/8	D°			D°	
1 Gunners	D°	D°	1	23	30		D°			D°	
1 Puckalee	D°	D°	1	23	30		D°		9	D°	
1 Drum Majors	Ditto	D°	6	37	78	1/2	D°			D°	
1 Drummers	Ditto	D°	2	7	58		D°		& 7	D°	
1 Matrosses	Ditto	D°	1	23	30	1/4	D°				

Coats for the Invalids of the European Artillery

No 1 Serjeant Majors Coat & Hatt			3	23	40	is 1/4	Ditto	& 6		Ditto	
1 Serjeants	D°	D°	3	23	40		Ditto			D°	
1 Gunners	D°	D°	1	22	50		Ditto			D°	
1 Matrosses	D°	D°	1	22	50		Ditto			D°	
1 Drum Majors	D°	D°	3	16	30	1/2	D°	& 9		D°	
1 Drummers	D°	D°	1	38	38	1/2	D°				

Coat

1723

Fort St. George 1st April 1797

Coats for the European Infantry												
To 1 Serjeant Majors Coat	& Hatt	—	—	4	32	38.	is 1/4	Y. and 6	Inches			
1 Quarter Master Serjeants	Ditto	D.	D.	4	32	38.		D.	—	—	D.	
1 Serjeants	Ditto	D.	D.	1	40	"		D.	—	—	D.	
1 Corporals	Ditto	D.	D	1	19	12	1/8	D.	—	—	D.	
1 Privates Coat	Ditto	D.	D.	1	17	40		D.			D.	
1 Drum Majors	Ditto	—	D.	7	16	78	13/8	D.	—	& 9	D.	
1 Drummers	Ditto	—	D.	1	34	28		D.	—	—	D.	
1 Buckalies	Ditto	—	D.	1	17	40	1/8	D.	—	& 6	D.	
European Invalids												
To 1 Serjeant Majors Coat	& Hatt	—		3	17	50	1/4	D.	—	6	Ditto	
1 Serjeants	Ditto	D.	D.	1	41	"		D.	—	—	D.	
1 Corporals	Ditto	D.	D.	1	16	38	1/8	D.	—	—	D.	
1 Private	Ditto	D.	D.	1	14	66.		D.	—	—	D.	
1 Drum Majors	Ditto	D.	D.	5	2	50.	13/8	D.	—	9	D.	
1 Drummers	Ditto	D.	D.	1	22	20.		D.	—	—	D.	
Governors Body Guards												
To 1 serjeant Majors Coat	& Hatt	—	—	9	34	35	1	Ditto	—	& 4	D.	
1 Quarter Major Serjeants	Ditto	D.	D.	9	34	35		Ditto	—	—	D.	
1 Subadars and 1 Lemindars	Ditto	—	—	9	15	62		Ditto	—	—	D.	
1 Havildars Coat	—	—	—	2	8	8	15/16	D.	—	—	D.	
1 Naigs	D.	—	—	2	8	8		D.	—	—	D.	
1 Schoys	D.	—	—	1	14	48	7/8	D.	—	—	D.	
1 Puckallees	D.	—	—	1	14	48	—	D.	—	—	D.	
1 Drum Major	D.	and	Hatt	16	31	30	1	D.	—	6	D.	
1 Drum beater	D.	D.	—	1	21	18		D.	—	—	D.	
Native Cavalry												
To 1 Serjeant Majors Coat	and	Hatt	—	8	37	25	is 1	Y. and 4	Inches			
1 Serjeants	D.	D.	—	8	37	25		D.	—	—	D.	
1 Subadars	D.	—	—	8	28	55		D.	—	—	D.	
1 Lemindars	D.	—	—	1	33	70		D.	—	—	D.	
1 Havaldars	D.	—	—	1	13	68	15/16	D.	—	—	D.	
1 Naigs	D.	—	—	1	13	68	7/8	D.	—	—	D.	
1 Seroys	D.	—	—	1	13	68		D.	—	—	D.	
1 Buckalies	D.	—	—	9	34	40	1	D.	—	—	D.	
1 Drum Majors	D.	—	—	1	20	13		D.	—	—	D.	
1 Drummer	D.	—	—	8	28	55		D.	—	—	D.	
1 Farrier Majors	D.	—	—	1	13	68		D.	—	—	D.	
1 Farriers	D.	—	—									

Native

1724. Fort St. George 4th April 1797

Native Infantry

To 1 Serjeant Majors Coat & Hatt				4	32	15	is 1 yd 2 and 6 Inches.				
1 Quarter Majors Serjeants Coat	D°			4	32	15	D°				D°
1 Serjeants Coat		D°		2	25	65	D°				D°
1 Subadars	D°			3	33	20	D°				D°
1 Jemedars	D°			1	36	60	D°				D°
1 Havildars	D°			1	34	50	1 1/16	D°	& 5		D°
1 Naigs	D°			"	36	70	3/4	D°			D°
1 Sepoys	D°			"	31	60		D°			D°
1 Drum Majors	D°			1	24	35	1	D°	& 9		D°
1 Drummers	D°	& Cap		1	24	35		D°			D°
1 Puckallies	D°			"	37	"	3/4	D°		5	D°

Native Invalids

To 1 Serjeant Majors Coat & Hatt				3	26	45	is 1 yard & 3 p	Inches			D°
1 Serjeant	D°		D°	1	34	58	15/16	D°			D°
1 Commandants	D°			3	21	45	1	D°		4	D°
1 Subadars	D°			2	36	60		D°			D°
1 Jemidars	D°			1	20	53	7/8	D°		3 p	D°
1 Havildars	D°			"	39	60	3/4	D°			D°
1 Naigs	D°			"	34	50		D°			D°
1 Sepoys	D°			"	31	40		D°			D°
1 Packallies	D°			"	34	10		D°			D°
1 Drum Majors	D°			1	24	20	1	D°	& 4		D°
1 Drummers	D°			1	16	20		D°			

Pioneers

To 1 Serjeants Coat & Hatt				1	30	7	is 1 yard & 4	Inches			
1 Jemidars	D°			1	11	38	7/8	D°	& 3 p		D°
1 Sepoys	D°			"	31	60	3/4	D°			D°
1 Drummers	D°			1	23	40	1	D°	& 6		D°
1 Puckallies	D°			"	36	"	3/4	D°	& 3 p		D°

Artillery

1725 Fort St George 4th April 1797

Artillery Lascars.

To 1 Syrangs Coat of 1st Sort	1	25	23	is 1 Yard & 5 Inches	
1 Jindals Do Do Do	1	3	2	Do	Do
1 Second Jindals Coat	1	2	22	Do	Do
1 Lascars Coat	1	15	"	7/8 Do	Do
1 Packallies Do	1	15	"	Do	Do

Lascars of the Artillery Invalids

To 1 Syrangs Coat	1	20	65	1 Yard & 4 Inches	
1 Lascars Do	"	40	20 7/8	Do	3/2 Do

Pioneers

To 1 Subadars Coat	3	21	40	1 Yard & 4 Inches	
1 Jemidars Do	3	21	40	5/8 Do	3/2 Do
1 Havildars Do	1	10	65	7/8 Do	Do
1 Sepoys Do	"	41	"	13/16 Do	Do

With the Additional allowance for House Rent packing Charges &c &c as allowed to the former Contractors.

Fort St George 31st March 1797

Signed Brown & Ashton

Josiah

1726 Fort St George 4th April 1797

Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government &c &c &c

Sir,

Mr George Ley's Proposals for Clothing the army.

I beg leave to offer Proposals for providing the Clothing of the Honorable Company's European Troops under this Presidency for the Year 1798. and of the native Troops of every description for the year 1797. subject to the stipulations of the Government advertisement bearing date the 24th of February 1797.

The enclosed Paper mentions the Prices at which I engage to deliver the Clothing and also specifies the quantity of Cloth that will be requisite for a given number of Coat or Jackets of three different Sizes both for Europeans and Natives.

I offer as Securities for the fulfilment of the Contract Mr Edward Watts and Mr Henry Burnaby — I have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
March 30th 1797

(Signed) George Ley
European.

1727 Fort St George 4th April 1797

European Artillery Effective

	P	F	C
Serjeant Major	5	"	"
Quarter Master Serjeant	5	"	"
Serjeant	4	20	"
Corporal	2	5	60
Gunner	1	16	"
Matross	1	16	"
Drum and Fife Major	7	"	"
Drum and Fifer	1	36	"

European Artillery Invalid

Serjeant	1	36	"
Corporal	1	5	"
Bambardier	1	5	"
Matross	1	5	"
Drum and Fifer	1	8	"

European Infantry Effective

Serjeant Major	3	3	"
Quarter Master Serjeant	3	3	"
Serjeant	1	35	"
Corporal	1	1	40
Private	1	1	"
Drum and Fife Major	5	11	20
Drum and Fifer	1	12	"

European Infantry Invalid

Serjeant Major	2	30	"
Quarter Master Serjeant	2	20	"
Serjeant	1	25	"
Corporal	1	"	40
Private	1	"	"
Drum and Fife Major	2	18	"
Drum and Fifer	1	3	"

Native

1728 Fort St George 4th April 1797

Native Cavalry Effective

Serjeant Major	1	10	"
Quarter Master Serjeant	1	10	"
Serjeant	1	8	"
Subadar	1	8	"
Jemidar	1	8	"
Hevaldar	1	12	"
Naig	"	43	"
Private	"	43	"
Trumpeter Major	1	"	"
Trumpeter	"	43	"
Farrier Major	1	"	"
Farrier	"	43	"
Puckallie	"	43	"

Governors Body Guard

Serjeant	1	"	"
Subadar	1	"	"
Jemidar	1	"	"
Hevaldar	1	24	"
Naig	1	"	"
Private	9	"	"
Trumpeter Major	1	8	"
Trumpeter	1	8	"
Farrier	1	8	"
Drum and Fifer	1	24	"
Native Doctor	1	"	"
Puckallee	1		

Native Infantry Effective

Serjeant Major	3	11	20
Quarter Master Serjeant	1	30	"
Serjeant	2	11	20
Subadar			Jemidar

1729 Fort St George 4th April 1797

	P.	f.	C
Jemidar	1	13	"
Havaldar	"	41	"
Naig	"	32	60
Sepoy	"	32	20
Drum and Fifer	1	12	20
Native Doctor	"	31	"
Puckalle	"	31	"

Native Infantry Invalid

Serjeant Major	1	33	60
Quarter Master Serjeant	1	33	60
Serjeant	1	33	60
Subadar	2	15	"
Jemedar	1	8	"
Havalder	"	35	"
Naig	"	32	60
Sepoy	"	32	20
Drum and Fifer	1	12	"
Native Doctor	"	31	"
Puckalle	"	31	"

Pioneer Corps

Serjeant	1	33	6
Subadar	2	11	20
Jemedar	(1)	30	"
Havaldar	"	33	"
Naig	"	33	"
Sepoy	"	33	"

Artillery Lascar

Syrang	1	12	"
1st Lindal	"	42	"
2d Lindal	"	39	"
Lascar	"	36	40
Puckalle	"	36	40

Artillery

1730 Fort St George 4th April 1797 P P C

Artillery Invalid Lascar

Syrang	1	8 "
1 Tindal	"	38 "
2 Tindal	"	36 "
Lascar	"	33 "
Lascar	"	33 "
Puckallee	"	33 "

N.B.

One Piece of Red or Blue Cloth of 22 yds will make

7 Long Coats. or 23 Jackets of Three Different Sizes, for

European Artillery. or Infantry. and a Piece of Red

Cloth of 22 yards will make 30 Jackets of three

different Sizes for the Sepoys Clothing

Exchange at 45 fanams p Pagoda

Fort St George
31st March 1797

Signed George Lys

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council of

Fort St George

My Lord

Mr A. Melvin's Proposals for Clothing the army

A Government advertisement having appeared in the Public Papers Dated the 2d of February last. holding out; that any Individual or mught Propose their Terms. to Contract for Clothing the

1731 Fort St George 4th April 1797

The Honorable Company's Troops under this Presidency
the Clothing Europeans for 1798 and of the Native
Troops for 1797.

I take the liberty of Submitting to —
your Lordship's Consideration, the following Terms
and the Rates of each Description of Clothing as Computed
in the annext List of Rates, distinguishing the —
Different Corps:

And I Engage to fulfil the 1st. 2d 3d 6th 7th
8th and 9th Article of the Advertisement: Government
Engaging to furnish the Cloths of the Different Kinds
and Qualities and Hats for Europeans, from the
Honorable Company's Ware Houses at the Invoice —
Prices Received from England, should these Terms
meet your Lordship's approbation. An advance in
Cash of Twenty Per Cent will be Required on the
Execution of the Contract, on the Numbers of Suits of
Clothing to be furnished and Twenty Per Cent on
the 15th of July next on both the European and Native
Clothing and no further Advances or Payments to be
Required till after the final adjustment of the
Contractors accounts.

I propose for my Securities, Jointly
Severally, for the True Performance of my Contract
Mr. Robert Hinderson and Collah Singanah Chitty
of Madras Merchants. I have the honor to be
&c &c

Madras
30th March 1797

(Signed) A. Melvin

1732

Fort St. George the 4th April 1797

A List of Rates for Clothing the Honorable Company's Troops for 1797 & 1798

European Artillery Effective

Sergeant Major	5	23	52
Quarter Master Sergeant	5	23	52
Sergeant	5	2	56
Corporal	2	25	52
Gunner	1	29	60
Matross	1	29	60
Drum and fife Major	7	25	24
Drum and fifer	2	11	"

European Artillery Invalid

Sergeant	2	7	40
Corporal	1	14	50
Matross	1	14	50
Drum and fifer	1	18	"

European Infantry Effective

Sergeant Major	3	37	64.
Quarter Master Sergeant	3	37	64
Sergeant	1	14	20
Corporal	1	12	"
Private Jacket Red ordinary	1	11	40
D° Long Coats D°	1	29	20
Drum & fife Major	5	42	"
Drum & fifer	1	21	56

European Infantry Invalid

Sergeant Major	2	38	30
Quarter Master Sergeant	2	38	30
Sergeant	1	39	60
Corporal	1	9	"
Private	1	8	"
Drum and fife Major	2	37	"
Drum and fifer	1	13	"

Native Cavalry Effective

Sergeant Major	7	23	40
Quarter Master Sergeant	7	25	40
Sergeant	7	25	40

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1733 Fort St George 4th April 1797

	7	23	40
Subadar	1	14	"
Jemadar	"	44	"
Havaldar	"	44	"
Naig	1	12	64
Private	1	"	"
Trumper Major	1	12	64
Trumper	1	"	"
Farrier Major	"	44	"
Farrier			
Buckallee			

Governors Body Guard

	9	9	"
Serjeant	1	25	60
Subadar	1	25	60
Jemadar	1	1	"
Havaldar	9	9	"
Naig	1	8	40
Private	1	8	40
Trumper Major	1	8	40
Trumper	1	25	60
Farrier	1	1	
Drums and fifer			
Native Doctor			
Buckallee			

Native Infantry Effective

	3	30	50
Serjeant Major	1	44	"
Quarter master Serjeant	2	34	16
Serjeant	1	17	40
Subadar	"	41	30
Jemadar	"	34	"
Havaldar	"	33	40
Naig	1	14	"
Sepoy	"	33	40
Drum and fifer	"	35	"
Native Doctor			
Buckallee			

Native Infantry Invalids

	1	37	64
Serjeant	1	37	64
Quarter Master Serjeant	1	37	64
Serjeant	2	34	16
Subadar			

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Fort St. George 4th April 1797

Jemadar	1	6	40
Havildar	"	35	40
Naig	"	34	"
Sepoy	"	34	"
Drummer & fifer	1	13	"
Native Doctor	"	34	"
Buckallee	"	34	"

Pioneers Corps

Serjeant	1	41	60
Jemadar	1	41	60
Havildar	"	35	40
Naig	"	35	"
Sepoy	"	35	"

Artillery Lascars

Syrang	1	11	"
1 Tindal	"	43	30
2 Tindal	"	40	"
Lascars	"	39	"
Buckallee	"	39	"

Artillery Invalid Lascars

Syrang	1	5	40
1 Tindal	"	39	"
2 Tindal	"	37	"
Lascars	"	35	"
Packallee	"	35	"

The Rates for Europeans include Hats

I Engage to make out of every Piece of ordinary Red or Blue of 22 Yards

16 Long Coats for Europeans Artillery Infantry or 22 Jackets

Sepoys Jackets of three Sizes Red ordinary Cloth 29 Jackets

Revenue Corps not composed of Invalids and Clothed by the Company to be Paid by the Revenue Board at the Contract Prices for Native Infantry but without any advance the Cloth Required for this Clothing to be included in the Indents

(Signed) A. Melvin

Madras
30th March 1797.

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Fort St George 4th April 1797

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

My Lord Fort St George

In consequence of the Public Notice that Proposals of Contract will be received by Government for providing the Clothing of the Honorable Company's European Troops for the year 1798 and of the Native Troops for the Current year. I beg leave to propose the rates set down in the enclosed List computed at 45 fanams to the Pagoda at which rates I will Contract to furnish the whole Clothing of the Army, under the Stipulations contained in the Government Advertisement Provided I be allowed Godowns for the Clothing or House Rent in lieu thereof, with such other allowances as may have been granted to the late Contractor.

Mr Arthur Anderson's proposals for Clothing the Army

Such quantity of Cloth as shall be found absolutely necessary will only be required from the Honorable Company's warehouse

I have to offer as Securities for my due performance of the Contract Messrs John Tulloh and John Hunter.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Arth Anderson

Rates

Fort St George
27 March 1797

1736. Fort St. George 4th April 1797

Rates of Contract for furnishing Clothing for the Honorable Company's European Troops for the year 1798 and Native Troops for the Year 1797

European Artillery Effective			
Serjeant Major	5	31	40
Quarter Master Serjeant	5	31	40
Serjeant	5	7	60
Corporal	2	29	40
Gunner	1	32	20
Matross	1	31	60
Drum and Fife Major	7	36	40
Drum and Fifer	2	10	40
European Artillery Invalid			
Serjeant	2	6	60
Corporal	1	16	60
Bombardier	1	16	60
Matross	1	16	60
Drum and Fifer	1	19	40
European Infantry Effective			
Serjeant Major	3	36	"
Quarter Master Serjeant	3	36	"
Serjeant	2	2	"
Corporal	1	13	60
Private	1	13	30
Drum and Fife Major	6	15	40
Drum and Fifer	1	24	20
European Infantry Invalid			
Serjeant Major	2	43	"
Quarter Master Serjeant	2	43	"
Serjeant	1	42	20
Corporal	1	13	"
Private	1	10	"
Drum and Fife Major	2	36	"
Drum and Fifer	1	14	60
			Native

1737 Fort St. George 4th April 1797

Native Cavalry Effective

Serjeant Major	7	36	40
Quarter Master Serjeant	7	34	40
Serjeant	7	34	40
Subadar	7	34	40
Jemadar	1	15	60
Havaldar	1	.	40
Naig	1	.	40
Private	7	27	.
Trumpeter Major	1	1	40
Trumpeter	7	27	.
Farrier Major	1	1	40
Farrier	1	.	40
Buckallie			

Governors Body Guard

Serjeant	9	22	40
Subadar	9	22	40
Jemadar	9	22	40
Havaldar	1	26	20
Naig	1	26	20
Private	1	2	40
Trumpeter Major	9	22	40
Trumpeter	1	10	.
Farrier	1	10	.
Drum and Fifer	1	10	.
Native Doctor	1	36	20
Buckallee	1	2	40

Native Infantry Effective

Serjeant Major	3	36	.
Quarter Master Serjeant	3	36	.
Serjeant	2	2	10
Subadar	2	38	20
Jemadar	1	19	40
Havaldar	"	42	60
Naig	"	34	20
Sepoy	1	33	60
Drum and Fefer	"	15	60
Native Doctor	"	33	60
Buckallee	"	34	.

Pioneer Corps

Serjeant	2	9	60
Jemadar	2	9	60
Havaldar	"	37	.
Naig	"	36	.
Sepoy	"	36	.

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Fort St George 4th April 1797

Revenue Corps

Serjeant	1	40	40
Subadar	2	38	20
Jemadar	1	8	"
Havaldar	"	37	"
Naig	"	35	40
Sepoy	"	35	"

Artillery Lascars

Syrang	1	12	60
first Lindal	"	43	40
Second Lindal	"	41	60
Lascar	"	39	70
Puckallee			

Native Infantry Invalid

Serjeant Major	1	40	40
Quarter Master Serjeant	1	40	40
Serjeant	1	40	40
Subadar	2	38	20
Jemadar	1	8	"
Havaldar	"	37	"
Naig	"	35	40
Sepoy	"	35	"
Drum and Fifer	1	14	60
Native Doctor	"	35	"
Puckallee	"	35	"

Artillery Invalid Lascars

Syrang	1	7	20
first Lindal	"	39	70
Second Lindal	"	38	"
Lascar	"	36	"
Puckallee	"	36	"

Fort St George — Exchange @ 45 fanams ℳ Pagoda

27th March 1797 — Signed Arthr Anderson

Europeans

1739 Fort St George 4th April 1797

European Artillery

Largest size Private Coats 14 from a Piece of Ordinary
2d ... Ditto . 16 ... Ditto . . "
3d ... Ditto . 18 ... Ditto . . "
facings 8/4 for 5 Coats 1 Yard

European Infantry

Largest size Private Jackets 20 from a Piece of Ordinary
2 ... Ditto . 22 ... Ditto . . "
3 ... Ditto . 24 ... Ditto . . "
facings 8/4 for 7 Jackets 1 Yard

Native Cavalry

Largest size Private Jackets 26 from a Piece of Aurora
2 ... Ditto . 28 ... Ditto . . "
3 ... Ditto 30 ... Ditto . . "
facings 8/4 for 16 Jackets 1 Yard

Native Infantry

Largest size Sepoy Jackets 30 from a Piece of Ordinary
2d ... Ditto . . 32 ... Ditto . "
3d ... Ditto . . 34 ... Ditto . . "
facings 8/4 for 8 Jackets 1 Yard.

(Signed) Arth.r Anderson

To

1740

Fort St. George 4th April 1797

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

Fort St George

My Lord

Mr W. H. Gordon's Proposals for Clothing the army.—

Conformable to the Government —
Advertisement under date the 24th February —
last I beg leave to submit the accompanying
Proposals for clothing the army and Should
they be approved of I have to offer as
Securities Mr Stephen Rumbold Lushington
and Mr William Doring —

Madras
March 31 1797

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) William Hesse Gordon

Proposed

1743

Fort St George 4th April 1797

Proposed Rates of Contract for furnishing Clothing for the Honorable Companys European Troops for the Year 1798 and Native Troops for the Year 1797

European Artillery Effective

Serjeant Major	5 43 ″ —
Quarter Master Serjeant	5 43 ″ —
Serjeant	5 ″ ″ —
Corporal	2 30 ″ —
Gunner	1 34 ″
Matross	1 34 ″
Drum and fife Major	7 ″ ″
Drum and fifer	2 9 ″

European Artillery Invalid

Serjeant	2 10 ″
Corporal	1 19 ″
Bombadier	1 19 ″
Matross	1 19 ″
Drum and fifer	1 20 ″

European Infantry Effective

Serjeant Major	3 41 ″
Quarter Master Serjeant	3 41 ″
Serjeant	2 3 ″
Corporal	1 16 ″
Private	1 15 40
Drum and fife Major	5 33 ″
Drum and fifer	1 28 ″

European

1742 Fort St. George 21st April 1797

European Infantry Invalid

Serjeant Major	3	2	"
Quarter Master Serjeant	3	2	"
Serjeant	2	"	"
Corporal	1	13	"
Private	1	12	40
Drum and fife Major	1	16	40
Drum and fifer			

Native Cavalry Effective

Serjeant Major	8	2	"
Quarter Master Serjeant	8	2	"
Serjeant	8	"	"
Subadar	8	"	"
Jemidar	8	"	"
Hawaldar	1	14	"
Naig	1	2	"
Private	1	2	"
Trumpeter Major	7	40	"
Trumpeter	1	4	"
Farrier Major	7	40	"
Farrier	1	3	"
Puckallee	1	2	"

Governor's Body Guard.

Serjeant	10	"	"
Subadar	10	"	"
Jemadar	10	"	"
Hawaldar	1	28	"
Naig	1	28	"
Private	1	4	40
Trumpeter Major	10	"	"
Trumpeter	1	11	"
Farrier	1	11	"
Drum and Fifer	1	11	"
Native Doctor	1	28	"
Puckallee	1	4	40

Native

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Native Infantry Effective

Serjeant Major	3	29	"
Quarter Master Serjeant	3	29	"
Serjeant	2	4	"
Subadar	2	39	"
Jemedar	1	23	"
Havaldar	"	42	"
Naig	"	35	20
Sepoy	"	35	"
Drums and fifers	1	15	"
Native Doctor	"	35	20
Puckallies			

Pioneer Corps

Serjeant	2	3	"
Subadar	2	25	"
Jemidar	1	22	"
Havaldar	"	37	"
Naig	"	36	"
Sepoy	"	36	"

Artillery Lascars

Syrang	1	10	"
1st Lindal	"	41	"
2d Lindal	"	39	40
Lascar	"	37	"
Puckallie	"	37	"

Artillery Invalid Lascars

Syrang	1	8	"
1st Lindal	"	37	"
2d Lindal	"	36	"
Lascar	"	35	"
Puckallie	"	35	"

Native

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Native Infantry Invalid

Serjeant Major	1	42	″
Quarter Master Serjeant	1	42	″
Serjeant	2	38	″
Commandant	2	41	″
Subadar	1	9	″
Jemadar	″	36	″
Havaldar	″	36	50
Naigues	″	35	″
Sepoy	1	7	″
Drum & fifer	″	35	″
Native Doctor	″	35	″
Buckallies			

Revenue Corps: same priced as native Infantry Effective

Cloths of the finest pieces of the two last years.

Chintz at the Price Specified in the advertisement.

The usual allowance for Godown Rent and the customary charges for Packing and Transporting

(Signed) William Kelsall Gordon

Quantity

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Quantity of Cloth Required for the following Numbers of Jackets of the following Corps Viz.t

European Artillery Effective		18	Coats to a Piece
D.o	D.o Invalid	24	Jackets D.o
D.o Infantry Effective		24	D.o D.o
D.o	D.o Invalid	24	D.o D.o
Native Cavalry Effective	1 Size	28	D.o D.o
D.o	2	29	D.o D.o
D.o Infantry Effective	Havaldars	28	D.o D.o
	Sepoy 1 Size	28	D.o D.o
D.o	2	30	D.o D.o
D.o	3	31	D.o D.o
Gun Lascars		29	D.o D.o

(Signed) William Hepse Gordon

To

1746 Fort St George the 4th April 1797

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

Chinna Meenala Saeb's Proposals for Clothing the Army

The proposal of Chinna Meenala Saeb

I proposes to furnish Clothing by Contract for the use of the Company's European Troops for 1797 and 1798 and to the Company's Native Troops for 1797 on the Conditions specified in the inclosed accounts.

That the Honorable Company make me a Monthly allowance of (Pag.s 1,000) One thousand Pagodas, Madras Currency, for ten successive Months from the date of the Contract, as an advance to enable me to make up the Clothing, which Clothing shall be delivered according to the Indents

The Payment for the Europe Cloths also the advance of Money for the Corps to be deducted from the whole Amount and whatever may be the Balance shall be paid to me

The Clothing shall be made according to the Muster that may be furnished by the Honorable Company in every respect

The sureties names are Moorkenn Pomapilley Dubash and Veerasang Pillay Campbell Dubash.

(Signed in Malabar Language) Chinna Meenalachit
Pillay

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Rates of Contract for furnishing Clothing for the Honorable Company's European Troops for the year 1798 and Native Troops for the Year 1797

European Artillery Effective

Serjeant Major Long Coat and Hatt			5 22 40
Quarter Master Serjeant	D°	D°	5 22 40
Serjeant	D°	D°	4 33 60
Corporal	D°	D°	2 11 20
Gunner	D°	D°	1 33 60
Matross	D°	D°	1 33 60
Drum and Fifer Major	D°	D°	1 11 20
Drum and fifer	D°	D°	2 11 20

European Artillery Effective

Serjeant Major Jacket and Hat			4 2 65
Quarter Major Serjeant	D°		4 2 65
Serjeant	D°		3 39 30
Corporal	D°		1 39 30
Gunner	D°		1 8 35
Matross	D°		1 8 35
Drum and Fifer Major	D°		6 8 35
Drum and Fifes	D°		1 14 5

European Artillery Invalid

	2 2 65
Serjeant	1 8 35
Corporal	1 8 35
Bombardier	1 14 5
Matross	1 14 5
Drum and fifer	

European Infantry Effective

	3 39 30
Serjeant Major	3 39 30
Quarter Major Serjeant	1 39 30
Serjeant	1 8 35
Corporal	1 8 35
Private	6 8 35
Drum and fife Major	1 14 5
Drum and fifer	

European

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European Infantry Invalid

Serjeant Major	2	39	30
Quarter Major Serjeant	2	39	30
Serjeant	1	39	30
Corporal	1	8	35
Private	1	7	35
Drum and fife Major	2	39	30
Drum and Fifer	1	14	5

Native Cavalry Effective

Serjeant Major	7	2	65
Quarter Major Serjeant	7	2	65
Serjeant	7	2	65
Subadar	7	2	65
Jemadar	7	2	65
Havaldar	1	11	20
Naig	"	42	15
Private	"	42	15
Trumpeter Major	7	2	65
Trumpeter	"	42	15
Farrier Major	7	2	65
Farrier	"	42	15
Puckalley	"	42	15.

Governors Body Guard

Serjeant	7	5	50
Subadar	7	5	50
Jemadar	7	5	50
Havaldar	1	14	5
Naig	1	5	50
Private	"	42	15
Trumpeter Major	"	5	50
Trumpeter	7	2	65
Farrier	1	2	65
Drum and Fifer	1	2	65
Native Doctor	1	2	65
Buckallee	"	42	15
	"	42	15

Native Infantry Effective

Serjeant Major	3	39	30
Quarter Major Serjeant	3	39	30

Serjeant

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Serjeant	1	39	30
Subadar	2	36	45
Jemadar	1	14	5
Havaldar	"	39	30
Naig	"	33	"
Sepoy	"	33	"
Drum and fifer	1	2	65
Native Doctor	"	33	"
Buckallie	"	33	"

Revenue Corps

Serjeant	1	39	30
Subadar	2	36	45
Jemadar	1	14	5
Havaldar	"	39	30
Naig	"	33	"
Sepoy	"	33	"

Artillery Lascars

Syrang	1	2	65
1 Tindal	"	42	15
2 Tindal	"	42	15
Lascars	"	36	45
Buckallie	"	36	45

Native Infantry Invalid

Serjeant Major	1	42	15
Quarter Master Serjeant	1	42	15
Serjeant	1	42	15
Subadar	2	36	45
Jemadar	1	14	5
Havaldar	"	39	30
Naig	"	33	"
Sepoy	"	33	"
Drum and fifer	1	2	65
Native doctor	"	33	"
Buckallie	"	33	"

Artillery

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Artillery Invalid Lascars

		1	2.65
Syrang		"	42.15
1 Tindal		"	42.15
2d Tindal		"	36.45
Lascars		"	36.45
Buckallie			

Pioneer Corps

		1	39.30
Serjeant		2	36.45
Subadar		1	5.50
Jemadar		"	36.45
Havaldar		"	33.60
Naig		"	33.60
Sepoy		"	

Fort Lascars

		2	5.50
Syrang		1	5.50
Tindal		"	36.45.
Lascars			

Exchange 45 fan.s cur Co.s

125 Yards each Long Coat
112.1/2 D.o each 2d Sort
106.1/4 D.o each 100 3d Sort
87.1/2 D.o each 100 Jacket
81.1/4 D.o each 100 2d Sort
75 D.o each 100 3d Sort

Godown Rent Coolys from Carrying to the out Garrison as for Last Year Invoice Cloth Price 3d Sort Will give which Paid according the Last year. — Ordered

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Fort S.t George 4.th April 1797

Minute on the foregoing Proposal for Clothing the Army.

Ordered that the foregoing proposals be sent to the accountant General with directions to furnish a comparative Statement showing which of the proposals it may be most advantageous for the Company to accept.

Read the following letter from the Military Board.

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

My Lord,

From the Military Board recommend the removal from Ongole of some Gunpowder there belonging to the Nizam and the Repair of the Store House at that Place — also that House rent be allowed Officers at Vellore — propose that a Check be placed on Issues of Tents for the use of Revenue and commercial officers. — Bills for Works performed by Colonel Gent at the Presidency recommended for Payment.

We are honored with your Lordships Commands under date the 9.th Instant, as well in regard to the Enclosures which accompanied them, as to Reports made by our Board to Your Lordship on different subjects, and have accordingly the honor to state, that Orders have been given for the performance of the repairs at Cuddalore, and the construction of the Terrace for drying Gun Powder at Tuticorin — as likewise the necessary communication made to Major Dallas of the period from which he is permitted to draw the Monthly Allowance for keeping in repair the Saddles

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Saddles and Horse Accoutrements of the late
Temporary Corps of Cavalry.

Observing on examination of the
Ordnance and Store Return from Ongole, that five
hundred and eleven (511) Barrels of Gun Powder,
besides many other articles of Military Store,
belonging to His Highness the Nizam, are lodged
at that Station, which, in the event of a War, it
appears to Us would be in a very exposed Situation,
We in consequence beg leave to suggest to Your
Lordship the propriety of those Stores being removed,
as also to recommend, that authority be granted
for the execution of the Repairs represented to be
wanting to the Store House at Ongole by Captain
Berkley, conformably to the Estimate, amounting to
Pag.s 1141: 6 —.

We find on reference to the Proceedings
of Our Board under date the 5th May 1796, that the
whole of the Officers Quarters at Vellore are condemned,
and therefore recommend that Major Conran, and
the Officers stationed there, be allowed to draw House
Rent, upon the usual Monthly Certificate The

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Fort St George 4th April 1797

The Committee of Stores at Masulipatam having transmitted to us copy of an application made by Mr Collector Wrangham for Camp Equipage from the Stores at that Station, and which, to prevent any obstruction to the Service of the Revenue being imputable to them, it appears from their Letter they have been induced to supply on the mere authority of such applications, We in consequence think it necessary to lay the same before your Lordship in Council, and to submit to your consideration, whether Tents, Lascars, and Carriage, applied for by Collectors, and other Persons, employed in the Revenue, and Civil, branches of the Service, should hereafter be supplied from the Military Stores; and if so, by what rule such issues shall be checked and limited - as also, - in the event of those issues being allowed, whether the charge attending them, should not be deducted from the Military, and carried to the account of the Revenue and Civil Departments.

We

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We have likewise the honor to forward herewith to your Lordships in Council, six bills amounting to Pagodas 232:30:35. for works and Repairs performed by Colonel Gent at this Presidency, and beg leave to recommend that, with the allowed Commission to that Officer of 8 ℔ Cent on two hundred (200) Pagodas the amount, the Bills may be passed for payment.

We have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signed Geo. Harris
Patrick Ross
Thomas Reid
W. Sydenham
Jn Richardson
Jn Close
George Hall

Fort St George
20th March 1797

To Major General Alured Clarke
President &c Members of the Military Board
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

We have the honor to transmit to you Copy of a Letter, and Indent, from Mr

1755

Fort St. George 4th April 1797

Mr. Wrangham, Collector, addressed to us, and to inform you, lest any Impediment to the Service of the Revenue should be Imputable to us by a non-Compliance with his request, We have for the present supplied him with Tents, and Lascars, and have to hope our conduct will meet your approbation. We request, however, you will be pleased to furnish us with your instructions how we are to act on similar occasion.

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

(Signed) J. Bilcliffe M. Genl
Ven.r Corbett
W. Prescott
Lt Col Engrs

Masulipatam
9th March 1797

True Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy. Mil.y Board

To General Bilcliffe
Commanding the Northern Army
Masulipatam

Sir

Having occasion to make a tour
on

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on duty throughout the distructs entrusted to my management. I beg the favor of you to Comply with the following Indent for Camp & Equipage

1 Field officer's Tent for my own accommodation
1 Captain's — Do for my assistants
1 Field officer's — Do for my Cutcherry
2 Baggage Tents — and
1 Necessary Tent together with Sascars and Carriage, for the Tents — I propose leaving — & Masulipatam on my tour the day after tomorrow.

Masulipatam
Cutcherry 4th March 1797.

I have the honor to
&c &c

(Signed) John Wrangham
Collector

A true Copy
(Signed) Ven Corbett

True Copy
(Signed) Fred Pierce
Secretary Mil Bd

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General

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Fort St. George 4th April 1797

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the

receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter under date

the 9th instant enclosing Copies of Letters from Mr.

Head Surgeon Gahagan and Mr. Surgeon Harris.

On the commencement of the late

War it was judged necessary to compile new

Regulations for establishing a Field Hospital

which were published in Orders the 22d March

1790. and in which an allowance of two fanams

and forty Cash per day was granted for such

Sepoys as were put under care of the Surgeons

in the Field Hospital, for providing Medicines

and Bandages; this rate was evidently meant

to be confined to Sick treated in the General

Field Hospital, nevertheless the Surgeons of

Hospitals in the Carnatic to which Sick and

Wounded Sepoys were occasionally sent from

the

From the Military Auditor General reporting his opinion on the claims lately advanced by Surgeon Gahagan - is of opinion Mr. Harris may be permitted to draw his Pay and Allowances at Madras till an opportunity offers of joining his Corps on Ceylon. -

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the Army (with the exception of Mr Gahagan who confined his Bills to the rate stipulated by the orders of 3 November 1791 of one fanam per day) drew for all cases agreeably to the foregoing — Regulations particularly the Head Surgeon at — Trichinopoly as alluded to in Mr. Gahagans letter, until the publication of the Order issued by — Government of the 3. November 1791 from which period only one fanam per day for each sick Sepoy was charged and passed in the accounts, and altho this order declared the Charge of Two — fanams and forty Cash per day heretofore drawn by the Surgeons of Stations to be improper, it was not then supposed to affect the charges that had already been paid, but meant merely to invalidate all existing claims to that allowance, and to prevent a repetition of them in future, and under this construction no retrenchment was made of the difference between the rates — received by Mr. Adams and that allowed by — the

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the orders of the 3d November 1791. Copy of which — together with an Extract of the orders of the 22d march 1790. are herewith enclosed in order that your Lordship may be enabled to determine, whether under the particular circumstances Stated in Mr Gahagan's Letter he is entitled to any and what relief

The orders of Government under date the 29th January 1794 having directed the Head Surgeons on the Establishment, to visit the European and Native Hospitals, within their respective limits, as often as it may be practicable, a Charge of Majors full Batta was made by Mr Gahagan during his tour thro the Vellore and Baramahal Districts, — which was Retrenched on the grounds of his being in the receipt of a Salary of One thousand Pounds sterling per Annum in lieu of all pay & allowances (Quarters excepted) and as a — compensation it would appear for all the Duties incident to the Situation of Head Surgeon including the Duty upon which the claim to full Batta is

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is founded — a similar charge for visiting Hospital
was Retrenched from the late Head Surgeon at
Trichinopoly and confirmed by Government on a
reference made by Colonel Malcolm. I have therefore
not considered myself authorized to dispence with
the Retrenchment against Mr Gahagan, unless
sanctioned by your Lordship in Council — Copy of
Mr Gahagan's Letter on the subject, is herewith
enclosed.

The charge of Batta drawn by
the late Mr Binny Head Surgeon at Masulipatam,
as noticed in Mr Gahagans Letter, was not
claimed for visiting the Hospitals within his
District, but for attendance on the late Mr
Sadlier chief of that place, who countersigned
the Bill which was considered the regular
Vouchers for passing the same on audit.

There can be no objection I
presume in permitting Mr Surgeon Harris to
draw his Monthly pay and allowances from
the period up to which he may appear to
have

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have been paid by the Paymaster of the Expedition to the Eastward, until an opportunity offers of his joining the 5d Regiment of European Infantry Stationed at Point de Galle. to which he stands attached.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily and Genl

Military Auditor
General Office
Fort St George
21 March 1797

Extract from the Field Hospital Regulations published
22d March 1790.

"For Sepoys who are put under the
"care of the Surgeons in the Field Hospital only
"2.8C. is to be allowed for Medicines and
"Bandages, and as they will not be victualled,
"Batta is to be drawn for them by the Commanding
"officer of the Corps in the same manner as for
"the other Sepoys who are in health."

a true Extract

(Signed) Patrick Bruce
Asst M.A.G.

G.O.

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Fort St George 3d November 1791

G.O.

An Irregular Charge having lately been made by some of the Surgeons of 2 fanams and 40 Cash for every Sepoy in Sick Quarters in Consequence of the General order of the 22d March 1790 directing that for Sepoys who are put under the Care of the Surgeons in Field Hospital only 2. 40. is to be allowed for Medicines and Bandages, and as they will not be Victualled Batta is to be drawn for them, by the Commanding Officer of the Corps, in the same manner as for the other Sepoys, who are in health; the Governor in Council in order to invalidate all such claims and to prevent similar Charges in future takes this opportunity of Declaring that the allowance of two fanams and Forty Cash was never intended to be given for Sick Sepoys, but solely for those who are wounded upon actual Service and whose Cases must necessarily require being treated by European Surgeons, when Sepoys are left in Sick Quarters they are of course to be put under

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under the Charge of some officer belonging to their own Corps, or some other officer of the Garrison, who must draw their Pay keeping a Copy of the account so drawn to be forwarded by the first favorable opportunity to the Officer Commanding the Corps, nevertheless it is expected that the Surgeon should afford the Sepoy every necessary Medical assistance and any moderate Extra charge incurred on that account not exceeding one fanam Pday for each Sepoy on account of matts, Straw, Earthern ware, Coolies and Buzar medicines will be allowed, having been previously Examined and Certified by the Committee of Stores agreeably to the General Order of the 23 of March 1791, respecting Buzar Medicines, and the Committee are directed to require from the Surgeon, the Name and Cast of the Sepoy the Corps to which he belongs, his disorder and the time he has been sick — Situations where no Regular Committee of Stores can be assembled, the Senior officer on the Spot with any other two officers he may judge necessary, must Examine and the Presidency Certify the Bill before it is Discharged.

By order of the Honble the Presidency in Council (Signed) W C. Jackson Secy

(A true Copy) (Signed) J Brunton Depy Mag. Gen.

A true Copy (Signed) Geo. Parry Actg Dep. Secy.

To

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

My Lord,

It gives me much Concern to be thus Reduced to the Necessity of troubling your Lordship in Council with an appeal against a Retrenchment which the late Auditor General has been pleased to mark against me, on account of Batta, which with all due deference to his opinion, may have happened from his having in some measure misconceived the Real situation of a Head Surgeon whenever it may be the pleasure of Government to Detach him from his situation upon publick Service

In February 1794 orders were Issued by Government for the Head Surgeons to Visit all the European and Native Hospitals in their Respective Districts, and as I happened to have occasion to Visit the Presidency soon after. Sir Charles Oakeley was pleased to intimate to me that it was his wish I would Commence those Visitations which all

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all Convenient speed. to which I most Readily. assented,
and upon my taking leave of Sir Charles. I took the
liberty to suggest to him, that I hoped it was not his
wish that I should undertake a Tour of publick duty
that might include a space of perhaps six hundred
miles without a Tent to shelter me from the intense
heat of the approaching season, and such other —
Conveniencies as my situation might require. To which
Sir Charles was pleased to observe that Vellore would
be the most proper place to apply for such Requisites.
through the usual Channel, and I was supplied —
accordingly and made my Tour throughout the Vellore
and Baramaul Districts. to the satisfaction of the —
Governor and the Hospital Board, for which I drew Batta,
an allowance I conceived myself as Justly entitled to,
as I was to my Salary, since which the Auditor
General has been pleased to direct my Batta &a —
to be Retrenched, under an Idea, that the Head
Surgeon is allowed a Salary for the performance of
his duty in lieu of all Charges.

The First Article of the Subsisting
Regulations

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Regulations brought out by Sir Archibald Campbell commences as follows.

"With a View to give every encouragement "to Men of Professional abilities and Integrity to — "prosecute the Medical line, we hereby direct, that "in Bengal and Madras there shall be a Physician "General or Director of the Hospitals, with a Salary "of 2500 £ ℔ annum and a Chief Surgeon with a "Salary of 2000 £ ℔ annum, and the Head Surgeon "of every General Hospital where 8000 Men may be "stationed a Salary of 1500 £ ℔ annum in Peace "or War and the Head Surgeons of all other General "Hospitals are to Receive 1000 £ a year &c &c.

Therefore humbly Conceive that the foregoing Article (so fully expressive of ample — encouragement.) does not bear so limited a meaning as to institute a Contrary Effect which must be eventually the Case if it is expected that a Heads Surgeon is to be occasionally ordered, or called from his Station upon publick duties, in the performance of which his expenses may far exceed his Salary, and

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and so far from such an interpretation being applied to the above Article, at Bengal, That the Head Surgeon at the Presidency and Head Surgeons of all General Hospitals have been allowed standing Batta and have continued to draw the pay and allowances of a Captain exclusive of their Salaries. and I flatter myself that it is not your Lordship's opinion, that the Head Surgeons upon this Coast, are less deserving of encouragement, than those on the Bengal Establishment several instances can be adduced of even acting Head Surgeons upon this Establishment having been allowed Batta when called from their fixed Stations. — The late Mr. Binny who was stationed at Masulipatam drew Batta whenever he was summoned to attend any of the Company's Civil or Military servants in the Vicinity of his Station, and I beg leave to assure your Lordship, that although I have been often called from Vellore to Visit particular cases in my District, I have not drawn Batta upon these occasions, yet I have been put to an Extra expense thereby, and as I have been always ready to exert myself to the utmost of my power

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power, wherever my attendance has been required. I trust and hope that it is not your Lordships intention that I should be denied the accustomary previleges of the service or particularized with any mark of discouragement, and that you will be pleased to take the matter into consideration and allow me to retain the Batta I have drawn, for a service that I have performed to the entire satisfaction of Government and that of the Commanding Officers at all the Medical Stations in the Vellore and Baramaul Districts which they fully Certified at the time.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) T. Gahagan
Head Surgeon

Vellore
November 10th 1796

A true Copy
(Signed) J Brunton
Dept M.A.G.

Minute thereon.

The Board confirm the interpretation of the Military Auditor General upon the order of the 3d November 1791; and consequently deem Mr. Gahagan's claim inadmissible. The Board also approve the retrenchment of Major's full batta drawn

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Drawn by Mr. Gahagan during his tour through the Baramahal

Read the following letter from the Commanding Officer at Malacca.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord, Fort St. George

I had the honor of writing you on the 13th Ultimo since which nothing particular has occurd in this Quarter.

Admiral Rainier having passed these Roads yesterday without stopping, sending in for a few hours the Honorable Company's Brig Seahorse — I avail of the opportunity to Transmit you the — accompanying Papers Nos. 1. 2. 3. and 4 which contain a Statement of the Revenues and Treasury of this Settlement for last year, made up to the 3d Instant shewing the Balance remaining in the latter on that day.

From the — Commandant at Malacca — — enclosing Statement of the Revenue and Treasury accounts made up to the 3d January 1797 — encloses application from Lieutenant McKerras receiver of Revenues for an allowance for publick — Servants and from Mr Beggle the Dutch — Interpreter for an Increase of Salary — Detains assistant Surgeon Shuttleworth to attend the sick of the Garrison — advances 4000 Dollars on account of the Naval Hospital

No. 5. is a Statement of the several Farms as Rented on the 27th Ultimo for the first six Months of this year, by which your Lordship will be

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be pleased to observe a Considerable encrease in our

Slender Resources —

No 6. is a Letter from Captain McKenna

Receiver of the Revenues and Joint Treasurer, having

observed that an Establishment of Servants is —

Duties required in that Station together with the

various accounts which are necessary to be Kept, —

I am induced to give every support in my Power

to his application which I hope will meet with

your Lordship's Concurrence by granting him such a

Monthly allowance as you may deem adequate to

the trouble and Responsibility he has in these

Departments.

No 7. is a Letter from Mr Beggle

Dutch Interpreter. his Constant assiduity in —

Translating and attendance which is absolutely

necessary for Carrying on the business of the —

Settlement. induces me to recommend it to

your Lordship's attention.

Admiral Rainier having sent

Orders for the Naval Hospital Established here to be

withdrawn

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Withdrawn I have, in consequence of our having only one
Assistant Surgeon, Detained Mr Shuttleworth who had
Charge of it to assist in attending the Military Hospital
until your Lordship's pleasure is known.

I have further to observe that the
Sum of Spanish Dollars, 4000, has been advanced
out of this Treasury to acting Assistant Surgeon —
Shuttleworth for the Support of the Sick Seamen of
His Majesty's Squadron as stated in the Treasury
Accounts —

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

Malacca
21 January 1797

(Signed) Rich'd Tolson
Col Commanding
the Troops

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1772 Fort St. George 4th April 1797

D. Statement of the Revenue Farms of Malacca as rented by Admiral Rainier

1796	To the Boom Farm received by monthly payments for one year, from January to December both inclusive Spanish Dollrs	3365	2 "
	" the Pork Farm received by monthly payments for one year, from January to December, both — inclusive	1230	" "
	" the Beetle Leaf Farm received by monthly — payments for one year, from January to December both inclusive	739	64
	" the opium Farm received by monthly payments, for one year from January to December both inclusive	3799	64
	" the Gaming Farm received by monthly — payments, for one year, from January to December both inclusive	2599	64
	" The arrack Farm received by monthly payments for January, February, March and April 1796	1600	" "
	" The arrack Farm received by monthly — payments for May, June, July, and august 1796	2600	"
	" The arrack Farm received by monthly — payments for September, October, November, and December 1796	2800	"
Dect 31	Mr. Hamet Secretary to the College of Justice received from him at different times during the year 1796, duties and Fines as established under the Dutch Government amounting to	1468	45
	Total amount collected by me in 1796 Sp. Dollrs	50,488	35 "
	" Amount lost by fractions during the year	"	10 "
	Spanish Dollars	50488	45 "

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for the year 1796 — . . . . . .

1795 Dec.r	31	By the Boom, or Import and Export, Farm sold by Public auction for 12 months at 2,804 - 11 Sp. Stivers P.r month, which for one year is Spanish Dollars	33650	"
"	"	" The Pork Farm sold by Public auction for 12 months at Sp: D.s 102,34 P.r month which for one year is	1230	"
"	"	" The Beetle Leaf Farm sold by public auction for 12 months at Sp. D.s 61-45 P.r month, — which for one year is	740	"
"	"	" The opium Farm sold by Public auction for 12 months @ Sp D.s 316-45 P.r month, which for one year is	3800	"
"	"	" The Gaming Farm sold by public auction for 12 months @ Sp. D.s 216-45 P.r month, which for one year is	2600	"
"	"	" The arrack Farm sold by public auction for January, February, March, and april, four months, at Sp. Dolls 400 P.r month is	1600	"
1796 april	25	" The arrack Farm sold by Lieutenant Colonel Tolson's order, by public auction for may, June, July and august at Sp. Dolls 650 P.r month is for four months	2600	"
august	30	" The arrack Farm sold by Colonel Tolson's order by public auction for September, October, — November and December at Sp. D.s 700 P.r Month, for four month is	2800	"
Dec.r	31	" M.r Hamel, Secretary to the College of Justice, the Customary Duties and Fines as established under the Dutch Government which — depending on accidental Sales &c cannot be estimated but during the year 1796 have amounted to	1468 45	"
			50488 45	"

(Signed) J. McKerras
Receiver of the Revenue

Spanish Dollars

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Fort S.t George 14th April 1797

Dr. Cash Accounts of the Revenue Farms of Malacca

1796 July	7th	To Balance remaining in the Receiver of the Revenues hands as stated in the accounts of this date forwarded to Government	Spanish Dollars	1 23
	11th	" Mr. Harnel Secretary to the College of Justice received from him the amount of the duty of 5 ℔ Cent levied on the fixed property sold as ℔ account signed by two of its Members		104 19
August	1	" Houan Souan received the amount of the Pork Farm for July 1796		102 34
		" Khoe Sianko received the do of the Gaming do for do do		216 45
		" Tjoa Kiaunko received the do of the Opium do for do do		316 45
		" Le Koako received the do of the arrack do for do do		650 "
		" Houan Souan received the do of the Betle leaf do for do do		61 45
	2	" Le Kanko received the do of the Boom or Export and Import Farm for July 1796		2804 11½
	6th	" Mr. Harnel Secretary to the College of Justice received from him the amount of the duty of 5 ℔ Cent levied on the sale of fixed property as ℔ account signed by two of its members		32 22
Septembr	1st	" Houan Souan received the amount of the Pork Farm for August 1796		102 34
		" Khoe Sianko received the do of the Gaming do for do do		216 45
		" Tjoa Kiaunko received the do of the Opium do for do do		316 45
		" Le Koako received the do of the arrack do for do do		650 " "
		" Houan Souan received the do of the Betle leaf do for do do		61 45 "
		" Le Kanko received the do of the Boom or Import and Export Farm for August 1796		2804 11½
	3	" Mr. Harnel Secretary to the College of Justice received from him the amount of the duty of 5 ℔ Cent levied on the sale of fixed property as ℔ account signed by two of its Members		60 20

Carried over Spanish Dollars

1775 Fort St George 4th April 1797

1796 from the 7th of July

1796				
August	2.	By Treasury of Malacca paid in	Spa. Dollars.	4256 12
September	2	" Treasury of Malacca paid in		4182 "
"	3	" Treasury of Malacca paid in		63 25
"	5	" Treasury of Malacca paid in		191 44
October	1	" Treasury of Malacca paid in		1,208 12

Carried over Spanish Dollars ---- 12,901. 25

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D° Cash Account of the Revenue Farms of Malacca for 1796.

1796		To amount brought forward Spanish Dollars		
September 5		To Mr Harried, Secretary to the College of Justice received the amount of a duty arising from the Seal of the College being affixed to Deeds and other publick papers from the 1st of March to 31st August 1796 as p account	191	44
"	6	" Mr Harried Secretary to the College of Justice received the amount of Fines for one year as p account Signed by two of its members	6	36
October	1	" Khoe Sianko received the amount of the Gaming Farm for September qb	216	45
		" Kouan Louan received the D° of the Betle Leaf do for do do	61	45
		" Codja Mustapha received the do of the Arrack do for do do	700	"
		" Kouan Louan received the do of the Pork do for do do	102	34
		" Tjoa Kiaunko received the do of the Opium do for D° D°	316	45
		" Le Kanko received the do of the Boom or Import and Export Farms for September 1796	2804	11½
		Carried over Spanish Dollars	1290	25½

1777 Fort St. George 4th April 1797

From the 7th of July ——————————————— Pr

1796	By amount brought forward	Spanish Dollars	12,901,25
October 3	" Treasury of Malacca paid in		40 26
November 1	" Treasury of Malacca paid in		4,201 46½
December 2	" Treasury of Malacca paid in		4,333 22
1797 January 3	" Treasury of Malacca paid in		4278 13½
			12,853,38

Carried over Spanish Dollars ——————— 25,754,63

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Fort St. George 4th April 1797

D Cash Account of the Revenue Farms of Malacca for

1796		To Amount brought forward ... Spanish Dollars		12901.25/p
October	3	Mr. Harnel Secretary to the College of Justice received from him the Amount of the duty of 5 ℘ Cent levied on fixed property sold as ℘ account signed by two of its Members	40	26
Novr	1	" Khoo Siaunko received the Amount of the Gaming Farm for October 1796	216	45
		" " Codja Mustapha received the do of the Arrack do for do do	700	"
		" " Khouan Souan received the do of the Betle Leaf do for do do	61	45
		" " Tjoa Kiaunko received the do of the opium do for do do	316	45
		" " Houan Souan received the do of the Pork do for do do	102	34
		" " Li Kanko received the do of the Boom or Import and Export farm for October 1796	2804	11/12
	28	" Mr Harnel Secretary to the College of Justice received from him the amount of the duty of 5 ℘ Cent levied on fixed property sold as ℘ account signed by two of its members	131	44
Decr	1	" Khoo Siaunko received the amount of the Gaming Farm for November 1796	216	45
		" " Codja Mustapha received the do of the arrack do for do do	700	"
		" " Khouan Souan received the do of the Betle-leaf do for do do	61	45
		" " Tjoa Kiaunko received the do of the opium do for do do	316	45
		" " Houan Souan received the do of the Pork do for do do	102	34
		" " Li Kanko received the do of the Boom, or Import and Export Farm for November 1796	2804	11/12
		Carried over Spanish Dollars		

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16. from the 7th of July ..... G.B.

1777	By amount brought forward Spanish Dollars	₹	25,754	63

Carried over Spanish Dollars ..... 25754 63.

1798 Fort St. George 4th April 1797

D Cash Account of the Revenue Farms of Malacca for

1796		To amount brought forward Spanish Dollars		12901.25p
October	3	Mr. Harnel Secretary to the College of Justice received from him the amount of the duty of 5 p Cent levied on fixed property sold as p account signed by two of its Members	40	26
Novr	1	" Khoo Siaunks received the amount of the Gaming Farm for October 1796	216	45
		" " Codja Mustapha received the do of the Arrack do for do do	700	"
		" " Khouan Souan received the do of the Betle Leaf do for do do	61	45
		" " Tjoa Kiaunks received the do of the opium do for do do	316	45
		" " Houan Souan received the do of the Pork do for do do	102	34
		" " Li Kanko received the do of the Boom, or Import and Export farm for October 1796	2804	11.½
	28	" Mr Harnel Secretary to the College of Justice received from him the amount of the duty of 5 p Cent levied on fixed property sold as p account signed by two of its members	131	44
Decr	1	" Khoo Siaunks received the amount of the Gaming Farm for November 1796	216	45
		" " Codja Mustapha received the do of the arrack do for do do	700	"
		" " Khouan Souan received the do of the Betle-leaf do for do do	61	45
		" " Tjoa Kiaunks received the do of the opium do for do do	316	45
		" " Houan Souan received the do of the Pork do for do do	102	34
		" " Li Kanko received the do of the Boom, or Import and Export Farm for November 1796	2804	11.½
		Carried over Spanish Dollars.		

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16. from the 7th of July ..... £

1797 By amount brought forward Spanish Dollars ---- 25,754 63

Carried over Spanish Dollars ---- 25754 63.

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Fort S^t George 4^th April 1797

D^r. Cash Account of the Revenue Farms of Malacca

1796	To Amount brought forward	Spanish Dollars	
December 31	" Mr Hamet Secretary to the College of Justice received from him the amount of the duty of 5 P^r Cent levied on fixed property sold during the Month of December 1796 as P^r account signed by two of its members	76	38
1797			
January 7	" Khee Siankes received the amount of the Gaming Farm for December 1796	216	45
	" " Codja Mustaffa received the d^o of the arrack d^o for d^o d^o	700	
	" " Kouan Souan received the d^o of the Betle leaf d^o for d^o d^o	61	45
	" " Tjoa Kiaunko received the d^o of the Opium d^o for d^o d^o	316	45
	" " Kouan Souan received the d^o of the Pork d^o for d^o d^o	102	34
	" " Le Hankes received the d^o of the Boom or Import and Export Farm for December 1796	2804	11½
		17853	37½

Total Amount received since 7^th July 1796 Spa^h Dollars 25754.63

1781 Fort St George 4th April 1797

1796 from the 7th of July ..... £

1797	By Amount brought forward .. Spanish Dollars		25,754 63

Total amount paid into the Treasury since the 7th July 1796 Spanish Dollars 25,754 63

Malacca 3 January 1797

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(Signed) J M Kerras Receiver of the Revenues

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1782 Fort S. George 4th April 1797

D. Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Malacca-

1796				
February	2	To Captain McKerras receiver of the revenue paid in by him	3914	..
		do of the do paid in by him	4083	..
March	2	Captain McKerras do of the do paid in by him	190	40
"	16	Captain McKerras do of the do paid in by him	3902	..
April	1	Captain McKerras do of the do paid in by him	164	..
	2	Captain McKerras do of the do paid in by him	3963	34
May	2	Captain McKerras do of the do paid in by him	196	..
	10	Captain McKerras do of the do paid in by him	4169	..
June	5	Captain McKerras do of the do paid in by him	4157	34
July	1	Captain McKerras do of the do paid in by him		
		Carried over		24733 40

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...sury from the 1st of January to the 5th July 1796 ...

1796 February	4th	By Mr Buchan Paymaster advanced him for his Disbursements as p receipt ... Sp Dollars	100 — "
"	6th	" Mr Buchan Paymaster advanced him for his Disbursements as p receipt — ...	1,500 "
"	8	" Mr Buchan Paymaster advanced him for his Disbursements as p receipt ...	500 "
March	4th	" Mr Buchan Paymaster advanced him for his Disbursements as p receipt ...	3,400
"	24	" Mr Buchan Paymaster advanced him for his Disbursements as p receipt ...	700 "
"	25	" Mr Shuttleworth acting Assistant Surgeon advanced him for his Majesty's Naval Hospital as p receipt	1,000 "
April	1st	" Mr Buchan Paymaster advanced him for his Disbursements as p receipt ...	3,000 "
May	2	" Mr Buchan Paymaster advanced him for his Disbursements as p receipt ...	3,000 "
"	10th	" Mr Shuttleworth acting Assistant Surgeon advanced him for his Majesty's Naval Hospital as p receipt ...	500 "
June	2	" Mr Buchan Paymaster advanced him for his Disbursements as p receipt ...	3,800
"	13	" Mr Buchan Paymaster advanced him for his Disbursements as p receipt ...	1,200
July	1st	" Mr Shuttleworth acting Assistant Surgeon advanced him for his Majesty's Naval Hospital as p receipt ...	500 "
	6th	" Mr Buchan Paymaster advanced him for his Disbursements as p receipt ...	2,500
"	"	" Captain McKerras paid him his Salary as receiver of the Revenue from the 6th of Jany to the 6th July, six months, at Pagodas 75 or Sp. Dollars 112.½ p Month ...	675 — "
		Carried Over ...	22,375 "

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Dr Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the —

To Amount brought forward Spanish Dollars	24,733	40

Total received Spanish Dollars	24,733	40 —

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Malacca Treasury from the 1st of January to the 7th July 1796 ---- G.

1796		By amount brought forward ----	Spanish Dollars	----	22,375 "
July	6th	" Mr. Buchan Paymaster advanced him for his Disbursements as P receipt ----	1000		1000 "
"	7th	" Balance remaining in the Treasury as stated in the accounts of this date forward to Government ----			1,358 40
		Total Spanish Dollars ----			24733 40

(Signed) Richard Jolson
Colonel Commanding

" J. M.cKerras Joint Treasurer

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1786- Fort St. George 1st April 1797

D.^o Account of the Receipt and Disbursement of the

1796 July	1st	To Balance of Cash remaining in the Treasury this day as stated in the account of this date forwarded to Government	Sa Pagodas	1,358	10	
August	2	" Captain McKenras receiver of the revenue paid in by him		4,256	12	
September	2	" d.^o d.^o d.^o d.^o paid in by them		4,182	"	
"	3	" d.^o d.^o d.^o d.^o paid in by them		63	25	
	5	" d.^o d.^o d.^o d.^o paid in by them		191	44	
October	1	" d.^o d.^o d.^o d.^o paid in by them		4,208	12	
"	3	" d.^o d.^o d.^o d.^o paid in by them		10	26	
November	1	" d.^o d.^o d.^o d.^o paid in by them		4,201	44½	
December	2	" d.^o d.^o d.^o d.^o paid in by them		4,333	22	
1797 January	3	" d.^o d.^o d.^o d.^o paid in by them		4278	13½	

Total Spanish Dollars 27113 35

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Malacca Treasury from the 7th July 1796 — . . . . . C R

1796 August	9th	By Mr Buchan Paymaster advanced him for his Disbursements as p receipt — Spanish Dollars	1,600	.	
"	12th	" Mr Shuttleworth acting Assistant Surgeon advanced him for his Majesty's Naval Hospital as p Receipt	1000	,	
September	1st	" Revenue Charges paid for publicly announcing two different time the Sale of the Arrack Farm	1.	28	
"	5th	" Mr Buchan Paymaster advanced him for his Disbursements as p receipt —	1,600	.	
October	3rd	" Mr Buchan Paymaster advanced him for his Disbursements as p receipt —	4,000		
"	6th	" Captain McKerras paid him his Salary as receiver of the revenue from the 6th of July to the 6th of October, three months. at 75 Pagodas or 112 p Spanish Dollars p month —	337	34	—
"	24th	" Mr Shuttleworth acting Assistant Surgeon advanced him for his Majesty's Naval Hospital as p receipt —	500	"	
November	3	Mr Buchan Paymaster advanced him for his Disbursements as p Receipt —	7,000		
"	19	" Mr Buchan Paymaster advanced him for his Disbursements as p receipt —	500	"	
December	15th	" Mr Shuttleworth acting Assistant Surgeon advanced him for his Majesty's Naval Hospital as p receipt —	500	"	
"	19	" Mr Buchan Paymaster advanced him for his Disbursements as p receipt —	500	"	
			17,538	62	—
1797 January	3	" Balance of Cash remaining in the Treasury this day, the 3 of January 1797 —	9,574	41	
		Total Spanish Dollars —	27,113	35	

Malacca 3 January 1797

(Signed) Richard Tolson Colonel Commy (Signed) J McKerras Joint Treasurer

Statement

Statement of the Several Farms as sold by Public auction on the 27th December 1796 for the first six months in the ensuing year, that is from the 1st of January to the 30th of June 1797 inclusive, shewing the sums each sold for——

The Boom Farm or Import and Export duties for six month			Sp. Dollar	21,800 "
" Opium do	for	do	do	1,500 "
" Arrack do	for	do	do	3,480 "
" Gaming do	for	do	do	2,435 "
" Beetle leaf do	for	do	do	460 "
" Pork do	for	do	do	1,045 "
Total Rent for Six Months Spanish Dollars				33,720. "

(Signed) Richard Tolson
Colonel Commanding

(Signed) J. McKerras
Receiver of the Revenues

Colonel

Copy of Agreement with Sangoh Appoh

1789 Fort St George 4th April 1797

Colonel Tolson
Commanding the Garrison and Settlement of
Malacca

Sir.

Accompanying this I have the honor to transmit you N°1 a Statement of the Revenue Farms for last year, shewing the sum each rented for, with what has been received — N°2 is the Cash account since the 7th of July last, when I delivered you the several Accounts made up to that day, it shews the sums received from each Individual since that period, when, and on what account; with the amount paid into the Treasury from time to time — N°3 and 4 the receipts and Disbursements of the Treasury with the balance remaining in it, the former from the 1st of January to the 7th of July 1796. the latter from the 7th of July 1796 to the 3d of January 1797 - although they may not be made out perfectly conformable to the rules of Office yet I trust they will be sufficiently explanatory, the more so as I am Confident of their being correct, in so far as containing a just Statement of every Sum entrusted to my Charge.

In the letter I had the honor

of

1790 Fort S. George 11th April 1797

of addressing you of the 7th of July I took the liberty of
stating to you the necessity there was of my having
some Allowance for an Establishment of Servants, as
without them it is utterly impossible for any one
Individual, however great his Zeal and ability,
to perform the duties of receiver of the revenues,
in a Country the Language and manners of those
Inhabitants he must be a stranger to, and which
Circumstance renders a Linguist absolutely requisite
and from the revenues being paid monthly, in
a Variety of Coins, a Shroff is no less so, to
examine the money I receive, which being entirely
from the Chinese, whose ingenuity not only
in Circulating base money, but in Coining it,
is proverbial — and I trust I shall not be thought
too far in entreating to be indulged
Aid of a Writer to assist in keeping the
Accounts &c. which during last year have
exceeded half a Lack of Dollars, and from
the Statement, No 5. of what the Farms have
been rented for during the first six months of
this year, it is evident that a very considerable
encrease

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encrease in the revenues will ensue.

Confident in the Liberality of Government to every just and reasonable Claim, (as well as your support, which permit me to solicit as from your knowledge of its expediency it will have much weight towards its success.) I have hitherto not made the least Charge of any kind whatever, either for Servants Stationary &c but trust that the necessity of some such an Establishment will appear fully to the right Honorable the President in Council, and that whatever allowance he may be pleased to deem adequate, to the situation, may have a retrospect to my original appointment

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Malacca
4 January 1797

(Signed) James McKerras
Receiver of the Revenues

To Colonel Richard Tolson
Commanding the Forces and Town of
Malacca

Sir,

I trust you will excuse the great liberty I take in laying the following application before you, and hope, that a young and numerous family

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family and therefore meane Shave of supporting
it, will plead my apology for intruding upon you.
Government on our leaving Madras.
settled on me as Dutch Interpreter to the Expedition
sent to Malacca on allowance of fifty Pagodas a
Month but besides the duties of Dutch Interpreter,
which from the variety of papers that I have
to Translate from that language into English are
of themselves heavy, I am called on, as you already
know, almost every day to make translations from
the Portuguese and Malay Languages; I therefore
humbly hope, Sir, that you will Conceive, that
I have some Claim on account of that additional
Employment to have some addition made to
my Original allowance — It does not belong
to me to take upon me to name any sum — I
depend entirely on your Goodness and will be
satisfied when you only will be pleased to —
recommend my humble claim to Government
of Madras, how far my services have been of use,
you can best judge, I have made to my Constant
Endeavour by Deligence and faithfulness to
merit

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ment, your approbation, and I shall ever esteem myself happy, if you consider me deserving of being honored with it.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Malacca
14.th January 1797

(Signed) J. L. Beggle

The foregoing Letter from the Commandant at Malacca ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letter from the Secretary.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council Fort S.t George

My Lord,

From Mr Secretary Wilbee - on the subject of his Claim to Fees on the Commissions with the antedated rank of 8.th January 1796 - which are now ordered to be issued to Officers promoted by the orders of the 12.th July with rank from the 1 of June 1796 - Suggestions respecting the Mode by which his Fees should be paid -

Previous to the publication in General orders of the resolution contained in the 2.d and 3.d Paragraphs of the Military Letter from the Court of Directors I take the liberty of addressing your Lordship upon the subject of the Commissions, which are to be issued to the Officers giving them retrospective rank from the 8.th January 1796.

In respect to the Officers themselves I must observe that having already paid fees upon

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upon the Commissions issued to them on their promotion in consequence of the general orders of the 12th July last. They may have reasonable ground to object to the payment of fees upon the antidated Commissions, because of the whole compleat form, they could not have been received in a double demand for the promotion which they have gained by that arrangement;

In respect to myself, I must remark that the Commissions now to be issued accede all intents and purposes now — as Commissions; and consequently involve me in all the trouble and care, which it was — intended to reward by the Establishment of regulated fees upon the form of — upon this same ground therefore, that any fees are paid, I think myself entitled to fees upon the issue of these new commissions —

The difficulty, which now remains is to suggest the mode, by which my fees may be paid, and this I shall endeavour to do — They have to remind the Board that by the

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the last General letter from the Military Department, the Honorable Court of Directors are requested to decide whether officers promoted according to the new Establishment of the army are to be entitled in future on this Coast, (as has hitherto been the usage in Bengal) to pay and allowances from the date of their Commissions – If the Honorable Court should Consent to grant this indulgence with reference to the promotion in question, the officers about to be promoted will derive such a pecuniary advantage by the antidating of their Commissions independent of the actual increase of their rank, as I should hope would remove all objection to the payment of my fees – on the other hand, if the orders of the Court of Directors should not have this retrospect, there will be such a saving to the Company, that I can have no doubts that they will approve the payment of my fees on the Commissions to be issued in consequence of a revision of their own orders, upon the same principle that the Military Secretary has hitherto been permitted to draw

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draw fees on the Commissions of Officers, who may have died without taking them up. Vizt. as the issue of a Commission involves a certain degree of trouble and care which has been thought — a reward, the Company have been — indulgent enough to take upon themselves the expences in those instances, where the individuals promoted could not reasonably be called upon.

Upon these grounds therefore I solicit that the Military Paymaster General may be authorized to discharge my fees in the first instance, and that, whenever the determination of the Honorable Court upon the present — reference may be received, the amount may either be recovered from the Officer on the Company's account, or written off to "Military Charges" as is now the practice in the case of officers defunct.

I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed J Webbe

Fort St George
31 March 1797

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Minute thereon

The Board fully acquiesce in the justice of the Secretary's claim to the usual fees upon the commissions about to be issued in consequence of the late order from the Honble Court of Directors and think the mode, which he has suggested for the payments of them the most fair and unexceptionable that can be adopted:— Ordered therefore that the Military Paymaster General do in the first instance discharge Mr Webbes fees.— that, if the Honorable Court of Directors should grant the arrears of pay to the officers now promoted from the date of their commissions, the amount of the Secretary's fees be deducted from the arrears, which will have become due to the officers respectively.— but that, if the Honorable Court should determine not to grant the pay and allowances according to the present establishment previous to the publication of the promotions in question, the amount of the Secretary's fees be written off to Military charges, as in the case of deceased officers.— Ordered

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draw fees on the Commissions of Officers, who may have died without taking them up. Vizt. as the issue of a Commission involves a certain degree of trouble and care which has been thought a reward, the Company have been indulgent enough to take upon themselves the expences in those instances, where the individuals promoted could not reasonably be called upon.

Upon these grounds therefore I solicit that the military Paymaster General may be authorized to discharge my fees in the first instance, and that, whenever the determination of the Honorable Court upon the present reference may be received, the amount may either be recovered from the Officers on the Company's account, or written off to "Military Charges" as is now the practice in the case of officers deceased.

I have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
31 March 1797

Signed J Webbe

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Minute thereon

The Board fully acquiesce in the justice of the Secretary's claim to the usual fees upon the commissions about to be issued in consequence of the late order from the Honble Court of Directors and think the mode, which he has suggested for the payments of them the most fair and unexceptionable that can be adopted:— Ordered therefore that the Military Paymaster General do in the first instance discharge Mr Webbes fees.— that if the Honorable Court of Directors should grant the arrears of pay to the officers now promoted from the date of their commissions, the amount of the Secretary's fees be deducted from the arrears, which will have become due to the officers respectively.— but that if the Honorable Court should determine not to grant the pay and allowances according to the present establishment previous to the publication of the promotions in question, the amount of the Secretary's fees be written off to Military charges, as in the case of deceased officers.— Ordered

1798

Fort St George 14th April 1797

Ordered that the 2. 3. 16th 17 & 18th

paragraphs of the letter from the military department from the Honorable Court of Directors dated 27th July last be published for the information of the army.

* Particular Para 7 this Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors in the Military Department dated 27th July 1796 taken into Consideration and orders taken thereon

Ordered that the Adjutant General of the army be called upon to furnish a list of the officers to be promoted in compliance with the directions contained in the 7 paragraphs, and as the officers promoted between the 8th of January and 8. June would be superceded, if the orders of the Honorable Court should be litterally adhered to for antidating the commissions of the officers promoted upon the adoption of the new plan. Ordered that the Adjutant General of the army do furnish a list of the officers promoted between the above mentioned periods and that commissions be issued to them bearing date the 8th January 1796

Read

1799 1

Fort St George 4th April 1797

Read the following letter from

Captain Binny

To William Collins Jackson Esq

Military Secretary.

Sir.

Having been favored with the
from Captain Binny
exculpating Captain
Walker from the
charge laid against
him of having
wantonly failed on
the execution of
Admiral Rainiers
Orders for bringing
supplies of Provisions &
from Canton to
Anabyna - States
the grounds on
which he rests
his Demand for
Freight from the
period of the
Surprize being lost
to Government by
the Nabob till her
return to Madras

letter to Messrs Lindersley Watts
and Co as my Agents - relative to the Surprize Galley -
for payment, but returned from a supposition
that the Ship had not been employed on the
public service since the 11th August last. -

I have now the honor of again
presenting those Bills for payment, up to the
17th December amounting to Pagodas 2,660..26..78
from which sum is to be deducted the
amount advanced in China. i.e, provided
the Right Honorable the President in Council
should not be pleased to admit my claim
to additional freights for the Surprize — On
which subject I had the honor to address
Government —

1800 .. .. Fort St. George 4th April 1797

Government at some length on the 5 August ..
With respect to the charges that
are brought against the Ships by the Honorable
Company's Super Cargoes at China — I beg leave
to observe you that only 2000 Dollars were
paid by those Gentlemen on the Ships —
account — and for which they have Captain —
Walker's receipt — but by your letter to —
Messrs Kindersley Watts and Co. there —
appears that the Ships is debited in the amount
of Tal 3,915.. 257 — —

The sum over and above the —
2000 Dollars I imagine must have been paid
by the Honorable Company's Super Cargoes —
Port Charges, such as permission to land and
sell the Cargo imported on the Surprize — —
Measurement and Mandarines fee; and
for which the Ships is by no means chargeable.
as She was sent from Amboyna to China
on the public Service — and under those
orders which the Commander was bound to obey

In

1801

Fort S.t George 4th April 1797

In answer to that part of your letter wherein you suppose that the Ship was no longer in the public service after the 11th August when the Commander was under the necessity of declining to return to Amboyna — I must here beg leave to refer you to the enclosed Narrative of Captain Walker which you will please to observe is attested on Oath, and which clearly shews the impossibility of his being able to comply with those orders without a farther supply of Stores and Provisions — and for the purchasing of such Stores and other necessaries, as were then wanted — the Honorable Company's Super.r Cargoes at China could make no further advance than the 2000 Dollers abeady mentioned — as will appear by their letter to the Commander — of which I am in possession — but will not now trouble you with such evidence — judging, that in justice, this my

1802 Fort St George 4th April 1797

my Claim must be sufficiently obvious —
allow me here to call to your
recollection, that when the Surprize Galley
was sent on the public Service on October
1795. She was then fitted only for a voyage
of four Months — and that during her
stay at the Moluccas. it was not there
possible to purchase a re-place the Stores
expended; nor could I anticipate her going
to China, consequently could not there be
provided with such funds as to obviate
those difficulties, which ensued. —

By your letter to Messrs
Kendersley Walke and Co it appears that
you suppose the Ships to have been
employed either by Captain Walker or me,
and that they brought freight from China —
I have to assure you on the strictest —
veracity. that I neither have received or
am to receive any emolument or —
advantage whatsoever — in proof of which

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which I have to refer you to the Affidavit
of Captain Walker - which I am persuaded
the Right Honorable the President in
Council must deem a sufficient justification -
nor had I the smallest communication with
Captain Walker - for I did not even write
him during the voyage; judging that I
was not at liberty to give any instructions
concerning the Ship till her arrival here. -
so far indeed from being at all benefited
by the Voyage to China - the very Contrary
is the Case; much heavier charges were
there incurred for provisions and other
necessaries. than would have been, had
the Ship returned to India. - and a very
large demand is yet against me for pay
and provisions since the 11th August -

As the enclosed Narrative
and Affidavit of Captain Walker contain
every material circumstance respecting
the Voyage - I therefore deem it
unnecessary

1804 Fort St George the 4th April 1797

unnecessary further to trouble the Honorable
Board — shewing the fullest confidence in
their Justice and impartiality —

Madras
16th February 1797

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Tho Binny

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council
to Thomas Binny — Dr

1796
September 30th To one Months allowance
for pay and Provisions for
the Ship Surprize Gally
employed on Government Service
and due this day AR 2,500
Exchange 2/6 of the day 326
AR £ 766 36 17 — Pag 766 36 17

Fort St George
5 October 1796.

Received payment
(Signed) Kindersley Wall & Co
atty for Capt T Binny

The

1805

Fort St. George 4th April 1797

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council
to Thomas Binny Dr.

1796
October 31. To one Months allowance for pay and
Provisions for the Ship Surprize Gally
employed on Government Service and
due this day Arks. 2,500 — Exchange at
of the day 330 Arks ℔ ℅ — — — Sr Pags 757. 24. 14.

Fort St George
1 November 1796

Received payment
(Signed) Kindersley Watts & Co
ath Yrs for Capt. Tho Binny

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council
to Thomas Binny Dr

1796
November 30. To one Month allowance for pay and
Provisions for the Ship Surprize Gally
employed on Government Service and
due this day Arks 2500 Exchange at
of the day 336 Arks ℔ ℅ — — — Sr Pags 744..2 —

Fort St George
1 December 1796

Received payment
(Signed) Kindersley Watts & Co.
Atty's for Capt Tho Binny
The

1806 -:

Fort St George 4th April 1797

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

to Thomas Binny ..... Dr.

1796

Dec: 16th To 16 Days allowance for Payand
Provisions for the Ship Surprize Gally
employed on Government Service and
due this day @ Rs 2500. per Mo
is Rs 1.333.5.4. Exchange. @ 340-
per 100 pag ---------- is Pag 392.6.47

Fort St George
February 1797

Received payment
(Signed) Tho: Binny

Whereas I Thomas Walker Commanding His
Majesty's Ship the Surprize Gally do
hereby make oath and declare that on the 25th
arrival at Malacca in December 1795. I then
and there acquainted Commodore Peter Rainier,
of His Highness instructions desiring that I
might be allowed to return with the Surprize Gally,
so as to arrive at Madras by the 1st February 1796
to proceed on her annual Voyage to Mocha.

and

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and Sudda — in answer to which Commodore
Rainier informed me that the service would not
admit of his parting with the Surprize Gally — and
that in May following previous to my being
dispatched from Amboyna, Captain W. C. Lennon
then and there asked me if I could take my
discharge from the public service on my arrival
at China to this I positively refused, as I
considered the Surprize Gally at the Honorable
Company's risk and Expence until my arrival
at Madras — and that on my arrival at
Canton in China on the 10th of June last —
I represented the State of the Surprize Gally
to H. Brown Esq.r the Honorable Company's
head Super Cargo. and then informed him that
the Ship was destitute of almost every Store —
that my provisions were entirely expended
and that the Ship was otherwise disabled
by the loss of Two Officers a Gunner and Sixteen
Lascars by death and other Casualties. —
Subsequent to my departure from Madras
in

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in October 1795. a loss of stuff not to be supplied at Canton - and that I then and there offered to return with the Surprize Gally to Amboyna, if the Ship could be put in a fit state to — proceed on the Voyage or if to be supplied with sufficient funds for purchasing the necessary — Stores, provisions, and making other out fits — and that I then received for answer that the low state of the Honorable Company's Treasury would not admit of the Super Cargoes advancing on account of the Surprize Gally more than — 2000 Dollars — a Sum far inadequate to the Ships expences, even for a returning Voyage to — to India, much less to undertake an arduous Voyage to the Eastwards and where on my arrival at Amboyna, no Stores or Supplies are there to be had — and I do here declare that during the whole Voyage I have not received any freight either

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either directly or indirectly either on my own Account, or on any account, save and except Two Cattie of Gold from Penang here, for which I received Nine Dollars - and that when at China, I there refused freights offered me by Mr Reynolds the China Merchant, which he afterwards sent to this Port on another Ship - and this I did judging the Ship to be in the Honorable Company's Service, and at their risk and expence until her arrival at Madras and that the few things brought on the Surprize are my own property save and except a few presents to Individuals and that in bringing a small Investment from China, I conceived such prevelege would be allowed me - and I further declare that in returning thro the China Sea, altho in the lightest ballast time, the Ship then Kept one pump almost constantly at work - and I do here declare that the said Ship, was

not

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not in a fit state or Condition to receive Cargo,
and to have been loaded for the Voyage to
Amboyna. and this for the want of Stores —
Caulking and other necessaries when at China. —
and Whereas I the said Thomas Walker do
here make oath to the truth of this paper
or Instrument.

(Signed) Tho.s Walker —

Sworn before me this 11th Day
of February 1797 in
Fort St George.
(Signed) W Brooking
Mayor —

Read also a Letter from the Nabob and a former Letter from Captain Binny on the Subject of his proceeding to Bengal in consequence of the Detention of the Surprize Gally on Public Service to the Eastward.

Read also letter from Captain
Binny and his Highness the Nabob dated
1 August and entered the Diary to Consultation
the 2. August 1796 together with the letter from
the Select committee of Super Cargoes at Canton
dated 31 October last

From the foregoing papers it
appears that the Success Gally. though the
nominal property of the Nabob. has been
assigned

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Resolutions of the Board on Captain Binny's Claims.

assigned to Captain Binny by his Highness: and though the Board do not recognize any specific period to have been fixed for the use of that Ship on the public service, when she was offered by his Highness to this Government, yet as the Nabob has since confined it to four months from the departure of the vessel, the Board are of opinion that Captain Binny (who virtually obtained by his agreement with the Nabob the disposal of the success Galley at the expiration of that period) is entitled to freight at the rate of four pagodas per ton per month, being the rate at which the other Ships were taken up for the expedition. Resolved accordingly that he be allowed freight at that rate from the 15th February the day of the Ship's departure to the 16th December 1796 the day of her arrival at Madras.

Resolved

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Resolved that from the amount which may be due to Captain Binny on this account be deducted the amount which has been paid to his agents since the departure of the Success Galley for her monthly expences together with the two thousand dollars advanced to Captain Walker by the Supercargoes at Canton

Ordered that the Surprize Galley be surveyed and measured by the Master attendant in order to ascertain the amount of her tonnage.

As the Success Galley was freighted from Amboyna to China with captured property for disposal at Canton.

Resolved that the Committee for the adjustment of the Molucca Accounts be instructed to call upon the Prize agents for a reasonable freight for those Goods together with the rates 2503. 4. 93. paid by

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by the Supercargoes on account of the measuring
duties and mandarin's fees at Canton.

Read and fraged orders upon the
following reports of the Medical Board.

Resolutions of
Government in
Council 4th April 1797

Medical Board
20th March 1797

From the Medical Board recommend that Mr. Holloway be admitted an Assistant Surgeon on the Establishment and appointed to the 1st Division of the 2d. European Regiment - enclose a List of deficiencies on the last Supply of Europe Medicines - request that some repairable Instruments may be sent home. Mr. Crilly applies for leave to visit the Presidency -

Ordered accordingly

Mr. Henry Holloway having
arrived with Indentures from the
Court of Directors, we recommend
that he may be admitted an
Assistant Surgeon on this establishment,
and appointed to do duty with
the 1st Division of the 2d Regiment
of European Infantry, under the
directions of Mr. Mackenzie -

We have the honor to
transmit, for the information
of the Court of Directors, an
account of Deficiencies in
the last supply of Europe -
Medicines - and we request
an order may be given for
the

1814 Fort S. George 4th April 1797

The box of surgical instrument has been sent home on the Ship Fort William

Permission granted for one month.

The reception on board one of the Ships now under Dispatch of a small box containing Surgical Instruments, agreeably to the accompanying List, which requires to be repaired, and which will be delivered by the Apothecary.

Mr. John Crilly Assistant Surgeon to the 2d Regiment of Native Cavalry requests permission to visit the Presidency on his private affairs; and as he has obtained the Sanction of his Commanding Officer, we recommend his request may be granted

Signed Ja. Anderson
Physician General

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A Particular List of Deficiences and loss sustained by Breakage Rust &c in the annual Supply of European Medicines &c sent on the Ships of Bridgewater, Lord Camden and Manship for the Year 1796.

Acet Distillat	Bottles	5	"	By Breakage
Saturni	do	5	"	D.
Sullitic	do	2	"	D.
Æther Vitriol	H.	16	12	By Breakage and Evaporation from the ground stoppers not fitting
Ag Ammon	Bottles	4	"	By Breakage
Acid Nitrei		1	4	by D.
Spt. Nitr Dulc		60	"	by D. and Evaporation from the ground stoppers not fitting
Acid Vitr Vires		4	8	Run out
Sal Ammon Vol	Bottle	1	"	by Breakage
Bals anodyn	do	4	"	by D.
Copaivi	do	1	"	by D.
Peruv		"	8	Run out
Sapon	Bottle	9	"	by Breakage
Traumat	do	3	"	by do
Canthurides	H.	13	"	by Weight
Cortex Rufs	H.	13½	"	deficient by weight and 4lb not received from the Ship Lord Camden
Chamomil flor	H.	30	"	by weight and 150 H. not landed from the Ship Lord Camden and carried to Bengal
Cons Ros Rubr	H.	15	"	by Breakage
Cort Peruv	H.	438	"	38 H by weight and 400 H not landed from Manship and carried to Bengal
Mezereon	H.	7	"	by Weight
Flava	H.	8	"	by do
Cort anglic	H.	7	10	by weight and 4 lb not received from the Ship Lord Camden
Ess Menth	H.	2	12	by Breakage and run out
Elect Lenitiv	H	40	"	lost by Breakage and run out the corks of the Jars being forced up in consequence of heat, the Jars having been too full.
Cardiaca	H.	6	"	Lost

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Extt Glycyrrhiza	℔	2	-	by weight and 3lb ℔ not received from the Ships Lord Camedon and Bridgewater
Rhabarbi	℔	8lb	-	Ran out, the corks of the Jars being forced up in consequence of heat, the Jars having been too full.
Flor Koo Kulo	℔	5	-	by Weight
Sulphur	℔	611	"	not landed from Ships Lord Camedon and carried to Bengal.
Rad Gentian	℔	10	"	by do
Herb Gallic	℔	60	-	damaged
Potat	℔	111	-	D- by Breakage and Weight
Hydrargyr	℔	126	-	by Breakage —
Chlasifici	℔	63	-	by weight —
Specacuanah	℔	10	-	by do —
Manna Opt	℔	163	-	by do —
Secunda	℔	67	-	by do
Mere Corros Sub6	℔	2	"	by Breakage and Weight
Ol Menth	℔	1	8	removed from the ground Stoppers not fitting
Terebenth	℔	18	-	By Breakage
Olivarum	℔	112	-	2 Stone Bottles 8½ quart bottles broke
Lini	℔	30	"	by Breakage
Sal Corn Cerv	℔	8	12	by do
Soda Phosphorat	℔	301	"	by do
Sal Glauber	℔	855	-	not landed from the Ship Lord Cornden and carried to Bengal
Soap	℔	51	-	by weight
Sal Corn Cerv	℔	28	"	by Breakage
Lavend Comps	℔	27	"	by do —
Vine Rect	℔	36	-	by do —
Tinct Guaiac Vol	℔	7	-	by do
Mixt all Camph	℔	30	"	by do —
Baccæ flav	℔	20	"	by do
c Lapid Calam	℔	11	"	by do
Rusponus Stypticus	Bottles	4	-	lost by Breakage —
Galley Pots	Gross	4	-	by Breakage 8 19 Gross not landed from the Lord Camedon & carried to Bengal —
Cypress & Laun Scivia	No	30	—	damaged —
Flannel	Yards	195	-	lost from Rollening — Flannel

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Flannel deficient in measure	yards	16		
Tell Boxes	Gross	41	damaged	
Twine	H	10	do	
Marble Pestles	No	5	Broke	
Saucepans	Dozen	8	not landed from the Ships Lord Camden & Manship & Carried to Bengal —	
Salvatories	No	32		
Funnels	No	34		
Electrical Machine Box		1	Not landed from Manship & Carried to Bengal —	
Straight Scissars	Dozens	2	Not received	
Bolus Knife	do	2		
Capital Case	No	10	4 Boxes entirely rusted and returned to Europe and 6 Boxes ungluced by dampness —	
Phyals	Gross	4	by breakage and 34 Gross not landed and carried to Bengal.	
Stopper Bottles	Doz	2	by Breakage	
Tins	H	11	by Weight	
Troches	No	35	Not landed from Lord Camden and carried to Bengal	

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16th March 1797

(Signed) And. Berry
Apothy or Head Storekr

Lieut

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List of useful Surgical Instruments

Capital Cases	8
Trepaning D-	3
Lithotomy D-	1
Tooth D-	1
Scalpels D-	1
Gum Elastic Catheters in Cases	6

(Signed) Andw Berry
Apothecary Med Stock

Fort St George
14th March 1797

Resolutions of Government in Council 4th April 1797

Medical Board
27th March 1797

From the Medical Board — report the Death of Doctor Lucas — form and applications from Mr Rans to succeed him — that at the Medical Board from Mr Gahagan to be appointed to the Presidency General Hospital and from Mr Spalding to be restored to his former appointment of Surgeon to the Garrison of Masulipatam for the relief of Mr Briggs from Columbo —

Dispatch from the Honble Court of Directors Leadenhall Street London

Dr Anderson is extremely sorry to acquaint the Commander in Chief, for the information of Government, that his Colleague Mr Lucas Chief Surgeon after a public Service of 35 Years in this Country died on the 23d Instant. From

1819 Fort St George 4th April 1797

Mr Raine appointed to succeed Mr Lucas at the Hospital Board.

Mr Gahagan having been permitted to go home on furlough cannot of course be appointed to the charge of an hospital

The Board see no reason from the application of Mr Spalding to make the appointment he requests.

Ordered that the Medical Board do not in future submit any application whatever to the consideration of Government, unless it may be accompanied with their own opinion.

From an Asthmatical, Mr Lucas fell into a — Dropsical Complaint attended with an alternation of — Paralytic Epileptic and Spasmodic Fits which confined him to his bed for Seventeen days.

When the vacancy occasioned by Mr Lucas's death and Mr Gahagan's leave for Europe are to be filled up, it will be necessary to relieve Mr Briggs from Columbo.

The Physician — General has the honor to enclose two Letters from Mr Gahagan and Mr Spalding; to be forwarded if the Commander in Chief thinks proper.

Mr Raine has also addressed a Letter to the Governor in Council which he requests may be sent to the Commander in Chief —

(Signed) Jas Anderson
Physician General

To

1820 Fort St. George 1st April 1797

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

My Lord,

In December 1793. I had the
honor of being appointed Surgeon to the
Garrison of Masulipatam, and continued in
charge of it until May 1795. When, the good of
the Service appearing to require it; I offered to
take charge of three Companies of Europeans, sent on
detachment to the Vizagapatam district, and
was accepted - I continued with this detachment
until it was recalled, on the disturbances of that
district being settled. When I delivered over
the charge of it, to the Surgeon of the 2d Regiment
at Guntoor, four Miles from the Fort of Masulipatam
where the Regiment was and is now stationed -

While I was on the above Service, the
present Regulations in the Medical department
took place, and I was appointed to the 7th
Native Regiment -. Having

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Having premised this much, I trust I may be excused for stating the following circumstances, in hopes that your Lordship will be pleased to reappoint me to Masulipatam that my interest may not suffer in consequence of my having Volunteered it in the beforementioned emergency.

The importance of Masulipatam is well known to your Lordship. The European and Native Inhabitants of the Fort. are very numerous. There is a very extensive Pettah. of four or five Miles in length. nearly as populous as that of Madras, consequently the Medical Establishment ought not, I humbly conceive to be diminished

Formerly

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Formerly, there were (besides the Surgeon of the district, and the Surgeon of the European Regiment stationed there) one Assistant Surgeon acting as Medical Storekeeper, and two or three other Assistant Surgeons in the Fort. The Medical Storekeeper, and Assistant Surgeons were withdrawn on my being appointed to it, and have never been replaced. And indeed it appears, by the following Extract, from Government orders of the 12th July 1796, that my former Situation, as Surgeon there, is not annulled,

"Medical Department"

"That the same number of Surgeons that
"are at present employed in charge of
"General Hospitals, or at Military Stations
"at the different Presidencies be continued."

Fort St George
24 March 1797

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Tho. Spalding
Surgeon
To

1823 Fort St. George 4th April 1797

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

My Lord,

A Vacancy having —
happened at the Hospital Board, and
from a Supposition that Mr. Raine —
may be called upon to fill up that
Station, I hope your Lordship will not
think me premature, in Requesting you
will be pleased to appoint me to the
Presidency Hospital, as I stand next in
succession to that Station
I have addressed the Physician
General upon this occasion. and
have the Honor to be
&c &c

Fort St George
March the 27th 1797

(Signed) J. Gahagan
Head Surgeon
To

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Fort St George 4th April 1797

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

My Lord,

The Death of Mr Colley Lyons Surgeon, having occasioned a Vacancy at the Medical Board, I beg leave to observe that I am next in Succession for that Office.

I am
&c &c &c

(Signed) W Raine

27th March 1797.

Hobart
Geo. Harris
" Cor. Saunders
" Ellis Tuthfield

John Turing Esq.