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Diary

11th Received the following Letters —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From Major General Doyle - referring for decision a claim — advanced by the Town Major at Columbo to a Fee of two Rupees on every League of Arrack exported from that place —

I have been made to me by the principal Merchants of Columbo, relative to the arrack Renters Sale and certain Fees — exacted by the Town Major, or permits for Arrack to pass the Garrison, I decided on all points relative to Arrack Renters. But with respect to the Town Major I have the Honor to transmit to your Lordship, his Statement asserting his right, which is accompanied by a paragraph of the Letter from the Inhabitants written to me on the above Subject. — I have prevented any Fees being paid to the Town Major till your decision is obtained —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Wellbore Ellis Doyle
Majr Genl

Head Quarters
Columbo 21st March 1797

To

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To Major General Doyle

Commanding the Forces on the Island of Ceylon

&c &c &c

Sir

In consequence of your orders of the 19th of February I have discontinued the Fee of Two Rupees on each Leaguer of arrack exported by individuals — which I had been receiving for some time, on granting a permit which answered the double purpose of allowing that liquor to pass the Gates of the Fort in safety and prevented the improper sale of it to the Troops in the Garrison —

I beg leave to have the honor of stating to you that from a variety causes most of the duties of Fiscal and particularly those of judging on trifling — complaints from the inhabitants, which although troublesome are not of sufficient importance to occupy your time. and the care of preventing the improper sale of spirituous liquors devolved upon me as Town Major in addition to my own immediate duties —

That such a Fee and even larger was

permitted

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11. permitted and sanctioned under the Dutch Government
you will see from the accompanying letter Received from
Mr Vollenhove the Fiscal —

These permits for the passing of Arrack
are necessary to be granted by me in order to prevent —
abuses in the sale of that liquor, and the issuing of them
is attended with trouble and expence to me, but with
security to the property passed by their means —

As Government have kindly lessened
all export duties thereby releiving the traders in Arrack
from a very heavy Tax, their objection to pay the Fees of
Office is highly unreasonable, and the more so as at
Madras in similar cases when Government have given
up their duties they have still preserved to their officers
the Fees attached to the trouble attending the performance
of their duty: a precedent which I hope may not be
neglected solely when the functions are annexed to the
duties of a military employment —

From these circumstances I hope you
will be pleased to allow a renewal of the Fee on the Arrack
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For

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For

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To Major General Doyle

Commanding the Forces

on the Island of Ceylon &c &c &c

Sir.

I beg leave to take the liberty of stating to you that in the Petition delivered to you by the Principal Merchants of Columbo concerning the Fees for the Permits upon each Leaguer of Arrack, that is exported by them from this place, they assert that those Permits were formerly granted for nothing "that afterwards for a star Pagoda and now the Town "Major exacts two Rixdollars for each Leaguer of "Arrack that is exported."

This assertion which insinuates that I received a Pagoda for each leaguer is false and unfounded, as I have never charged, or received more than two Rupees on each Leaguer of Arrack exported by individuals, instead of one Duccatoon or three Rupees Six Pice which being the sum sanctioned and allowed by the Dutch Government to the Fiscal; I hope you will be pleased to grant me the same indulgence,

or

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11th or recommend that it may be allowed me by Government for the reasons I have stated in the letter I had the honor to address you on that subject on the 15th of March —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Columbo
24th March 1797.

(Signed) D. Robertson
Town Major

Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary &c

Sir.

From the Commander of the Bellona - with Bills for dieting officers embarked on his Ship for Trincamale, and from that places for Pondicherry also for sundry — provisions supplied the Troops —

I have the honor to inclose you the following Papers —

A Certificate of the safe delivery of a Detachment of his Majesty's 80th Regiment at Trincamale including fifteen officers who were Entertained at my Table 17 days at the usual allowance of one Pagoda & Diem each is — — — — — — — — — — — — — Pr. 255 — . —

A Certificate of Sundries supplied the said detachment by request of Lieut. Col. Ramsay — } 51 — 32 —

A Certificate of landing a Detachment of his Majesty's 72d Regiment in safety at Pondicherry including 12 officers who were Entertained at my Table at the usual allowance of one pagoda Pr. day for five days — — — — — } 60 — . —

also

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also a Certificate of supplying the said Detachment with Biscuit by request of Colonel Fraser equal to Nineteen Hundred and Seventy six Pounds weight. to be paid for either in Bread equal to what was Issued, or its value in Cash—

I shall esteem it a favor. Sir to have the necessary orders given. that I may close the account—

Fort St. George
3d April 1797.

I am
&c &c
(Signed) Wm Ward Sarrer
Commander of the Bellona.

J. Webbe Esq.
Secretary to Government

From Lieut. Colonel Roberts - desiring Instructions respecting the disposal of the Guns Stores and Bullock attached to the Troops under his Command. on being relieved by the Bengal Detachment

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27 Instant. and to request you will inform the Right Honorable the President in Council that I shall be ready to proceed to Masulipatam with the Detachment under my Command immediately on being relieved by the Bengal Troops. leaving such part of the Artillery Company, or the whole if I found necessary

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necessary should Major General Erskine not have sufficient Europeans for the relief of it. As I imagine it is meant that the Guns and Military Stores are to be delivered over to the Officer who relieves me, I could wish to be informed, if the Contractors, who at present provide the Bullocks for that Department are to continue to do so after the Relief takes place or are to be discharged on this Detachment's being relieved—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Camp near Hyderabad
27th March 1797

(Signd) George Roberts
L.t Col.

Right Honorable the Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Major General Floyd stating the Strength of the Detachment placed under the Command of Major Cuppage for the purpose of quelling the Disturbances in the Warrore-pollam Ariclore, and Seriore Countries, and enclosing Copy of his Instructions to that officer—

I have the Honor to request that, in consequence of your Commands dated the 24th ultimo. a Detachment of one Battalion of Sepoys. a Brigade of Field Pieces, and a small Mortar, with a Troop of Native Cavalry, assembled on the north bank of the Coleroon on the 1st Inst.t and the Command of it was given to Major Cuppage, an Officer of Practice in similar expeditions.

Inclosed

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should appear necessary; and I have accordingly added a small mortar, in consequence of learning the nature of the Defence in which these Disturbers place their chief confidence. being Holes dug in the ground. — covered with Trees above, with Trees ranged round the sides. and with Loopholes—

I have also procured for you a few Persons of Confidence, with twenty or thirty Persons under them. belonging to His Highness the Nabob. for the purpose of Intelligence—

You will likewise employ such persons as you may think fit for Intelligence, rewarding them at your discretion, according to the degree of merit—

You will proceed, then, with your Detachment, to fulfill the intentions of Government, by quelling these Disturbances.

You will attack these Disorderly People wherever you can find them, in the most vigorous — manner, and endeavour to siege Ring Leaders—

I should

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Should you bring any Body of them to surrender - you will, of course, treat them with Humanity securing Ring Leaders, and dismissing the rest, after compelling them to deliver up their Arms, and after warning them that, should any be taken again in arms, they shall be hanged -

Should any body of them send to you proposing terms, the following only can be accepted by you. Deliver up all arms, and surrender Ring Leaders, giving Notice at all times, that Prisoners are reserved for the disposal of Government, and shall not be given up or be disposed of any other way than as Government may direct. —

You will proceed, first, to disperse the Disorderly People collected about Warriapollam and Arcotre -

Having done this, you will proceed to disperse those collected in the Terriore Country -

It will be advisable to cut straight Roads, forty or fifty yards Broad, thro the Jungle, wherever

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whenever your time will admit. with occasional cross Roads—

Any Forts belonging to these people should be levelled with the Ground—

The Nabob furnishes a Body of Pioneers—the more numerous the better—

I am in hopes of sending you a trusty Polygar, with about an hundred of his People. their knowledge of the Country, and of the warfare of these Disorderly People, may be useful to you—

His Highness the Nabob discharges the Batta of your whole Detachment. conformably to the instructions I have received from Government.

You will please to send me a dayly Report. by means of the Tappal I have directed to be established between your Detachment. and Trichinopoly and an immediate Report of any extraordinary occurrence

You will please to correspond with Captain Ogilby Commanding Namail - and with Captain Orton. Commanding a Detachment for the protection of the Frontiers of the Ceded Districts. the latter. particularly may afford useful intelligence

regarding

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regarding the Terriore People --

Any Marauders belonging to the

Party of Tombos Goinden are to be secured. and Horses.

or other Plunder. the property of Ryotts. in order to be

restored) —

His Highness Kuffum ul Mulk

Bahauder. says he will give orders to a Body of the

Nabobs Horse. about 200 — to take Post at Rajahnagur —

in order to intercept Fugitives from the side of —

Worriapollam and Ariclore —

The Nabob of Rajahnagur has been

written to. apprising him of the Behaviour of one of

his principal servants / Peddanah / in supplying money

and ammunition to the Terriore Rebells - and desiring

the Nabob to give his assistance in securing &c. &c these

Disturbers of the Public Peace —

In the event of a palpable. evident

Treachery in a Cyrkar or Intelligence. it will be

necessary to discourage the practice. by a public

and severe Example —

I have

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I have recommended to Hyder ul
Mulk Bahauder to direct the Nabobs Troops to hold the
Forts of Tenore, Arielne, and Wonniapollam, which they
at present possess, and to take possession of the Fort of
Palamcotta, merely in the view of keeping their Enemy
out - But that all, except Palamcott should be levelled
after dispersing the Rebells -

I have also recommended that all
hired Peons, and Rabble, from Tondimans, and other
Countrys should be recalled, judging they, would be
merely, an incumberance to you -

It will be advisable to leave your
Detachment of 50 Men at Cattatoor, as they are —
strongly posted - for the purpose of annoying small
Partys and Fugitives If necessary they may join you
as you proceed to Tenore —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Copy
Signd J. Floyd M G -

Nabob

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Nabob Mahomed Hussein Khan. Bahauder at Rajahnagur.

From my Friendship for you I am

desirous of informing you of some circumstances

that regard your Honor and Interest—

The People of Terriore. and the

Polygars of Ariclore and Warriapodlam have

rebelled against His Highness the Nabob. omdat

ul Omrah. Walajah. Bahauder. your great and

respectable Friend. and mine also—

It has been said that one of your

principal Servants is connected with the Terriore

people. and has supplyed them with large Sums of

money and abundance of ammunition this must

certainly be unknown to you. but it is the duty

of Friendship to inform you of it. that you may

take the nessary measures on the occasion—

A Force is going to move against

these Mutineers. and I request you will shew your

Zeal to the English Government. and to His Highness

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the Nabob whose Interests are the same - by seizing all
Head Persons and Fugitives belonging to these —
Disturbers of the Public Peace, and to give all —
manner of Assistance to the Detachment —

Thus Peace will be restored to the
Country, and your Name will rise in the Esteem of the
English Government, and of His Highness the Nabob,
Omdut ul Omrah. Walajah. Bahauder —

May your days be many and Happy -

Copy Signed J. Floyd

Received also the undermentioned
Letters entered in M B R. Nos 53. 54. 55 —

From the Officer Commanding the Bengal Detachment

From Major General Erskine -
expressive of his apprehension that the Detail of
Lieutenant Colonel Roberts Detachment alluded to
in Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 21st March may
have miscarried

From Military Paymr. General

From Mr. Roebuck requesting —
Instructions relative to Payment of a Bill drawn upon
him

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11th him by the Paymaster at Columbo, on account of Regimental allowances to the 72d Regiment—

From Lieutenant George Lang—

From Lieut. George Lang—

requesting that a compensation may be made to him on account of the trouble attending the care and transfer of the Dutch Property captured at Jaggernautpooram and that he may be allowed to draw the usual Sum on account of House Rent—

13th Dispatched the undermentioned—

Letters entered in Mn 13 Nos 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 6162 63. 64. 65—.

To Bombay—promising to forward

To Bombay.

to them any Intelligence that may be received from the Mysore Country which may on any degree affect the Company's Interests on the Malabar Coast—

To Mr. Norman—returning his—

To Mr. Surgeon Norman.

address to Government of the 10th March. and requiring that he do not on any account in future deviate from the Rules laid down in G. O of the 8th July 1796. for making appeals to Government from retrenchments

made

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made by the Auditor General—

To Messrs. Oakes Torin and Jackson

To Messrs. Oakes, Torin, and Jackson, acquainting them that their Investigation is for the present to be entirely confined to the Vouchers which Mr. Johnston may be able to produce in demination of the Balance of Ps. 19,516.30.16. standing against him on the final adjustment of his accounts—

To Ensign H. H. Torriano—

To Ensign Torriano—permitting him to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope, and eventually to Europe for the Benefit of his Health—

To Messrs. Pelling and De Frees & Co.

To Messrs. Pelling De Frees & Co. informing them, that as the Board which has been presented by them is included in the List of Bonds which Government declared, by Publick advertizement dated 16th December 1794 would be considered the Property of the Nabob, if not presented at the Registers office by the 1st January 1794, the Board do not think themselves at liberty to depart from their former resolution on this subject—

To Mr. J. De Frees

To Mr. J. De Frees—informing him that the Bills alluded to in his Letter of the 1st Instant will be discharged on application at the Treasury—

To

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To Commandant at Walajahbad

To Colonel Baird desiring him to reply to a Complaint preferred against him by the Nabob on the Subject of taking sheep by force from the Inhabitants of Trivalore at an inadequate Price —

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr Roebuck desiring that the Bill drawn upon him by the Paymaster at Columbo on account of Regimental allowances to the 72d Regiment, may be discharged in Cash

To Mr. Benjamin Bishop

To Mr Bishop notifying his appointment as Superintendent of the Manufacture of Gunpowder — under the immediate Controul and orders of the Military Board with a monthly Salary of Sixty Pagodas —

To the Military Storekeeper

To W. W. Webb advising him of Mr. Bishop's appointment, and that he will receive such Instructions as may be necessary for his guidance, in consequence of this arrangement from the Military Board —

Sent also the following Letters

To Lieutenant General Harris President &c. &c. Members of the Military Board

To the Military Board communicating the Determination of Government for continuing the Provision of Gunpowder by agency under the Superintendance of Mr. Bishop —

Gentlemen

We have received your letter of the 4th Instant

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130 Instant with its several inclosures stating the result of your deliberation upon the subject of supplying Gun=powder by contract or by agency

Having given the fullest consideration to the Subject which the importance of it demands, we decidedly concur in your opinion that the most efficient means of providing Gunpowder at this Presidency is by agency, we have therefore resolved that this article shall in future be provided by an agent under the immediate Superintendance of your Board, that the particular method of refining and preparing the different articles of composition as well as the proportion of ingredients to be used in the manufacture shall be regulated by your Board and be subject at all times to such alterations as may be found conducive to the improvement of this important article

In compliance with the recommendation of your Committee we have appointed Mr. Benjamin Bishop to Superintend the Manufacture of Gunpowder and have granted him as a compensation for his labour and responsibility a fixed salary of sixty pagodas per month with respect to the Supply of

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In the various articles required for the manufacture of the Gunpowder, you will suggest such an arrangement as you may judge best calculated for the purpose. We are however decidedly of opinion that they ought not to be furnished by Mr Bishop—

The Military Storekeeper has been directed to obey any order you may give respecting the transfer of the Powder Mills to the charge of Mr Bishop—

We are

&c &c

Fort St George
12th April 1797

Signed Hobart
&c Council

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

To the Military Auditor General directing the Payment of two Bills drawn by Mr Paynr Hoare pr the Military Paymaster General and now presented by Mr John De Frees— ordering also an adjustment of several Items of account between the King and Company incurred on the Expedition against the Moluccas—

Sir.

I am directed to inform you that—

application has been made to the Right Honorable the President in Council by Mr John De Frees for the payment of two Bills. one for £ P. 1015. 22. 10 the other for 10¼. 17. 5½ drawn in duplicate by Mr George Hoare late Paymaster on the Field upon the Military Paymaster General.

as

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13 an affidavit has been made to the loss of the original bills and as the Paymaster in Camp has been debited for the amount by the Military Paymaster General without having discharged the bills the amount has been discharged by an 8 per cent bond and debited in the treasury books to the Military Paymaster General

In consequence of the account submitted by the Moluca committee by which it appeared that the Company were chargeable for the sum of spanish dollars 14222.18. for stores and provision supplies the detachment to the eastwards and in consequence of a subsequent certificate from the Committee that the Company were chargeable for the further sum of spanish dollars 353.30 on the same account, a bill drawn by Lieutenant Dobbie on this Government for spanish dollars 7000 in favor of C.C. M'Intosh Esq. has been accepted and will be discharged at the treasury: the balance being spanish dollars 6222.18. and S.D. 353.30. have been paid to the admirals Secretary Mr John Brounker at the rate of fifteen dollars for ten pagodas. the former sum on the 23 the latter on the 5 Instant. These sums together with the amount

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13th of the accepted Bill, when it becomes due will be debited to the Military Paymaster General, and you will be pleased to give the orders which may be necessary for adjusting in the books the respective sums chargeable to the different departments.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Signed J. Webbe

Secy to Govt

Fort St. George
12th April 1797

To Mr. Peter Masey Captn

Administrator to the Estate of the Revd W. Bairbrigge

To the Administrator to the Estate of the Reverend Mr Bairbrigge in reply to his application for the immediate Payment of a Bond of His Highness the Nabob in favour of Majr P. Davidson

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 6th instno I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to communicate to you His opinion, that the Committee appointed to investigate the Debts of His Highness the Nabob acted with that propriety on occasion of their being ordered to lay before Government a Statement of the amount of the claims referred to in the orders of the Court of Directors. Para 91. of their letter of the 8th April 1789.

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13th 1789. in including each of the Bonds only, in the name of Major Davidson, as had been acknowledged by His Highness's Agents—

The Bond in your Possession is noted in the List of unacknowledged Claims which was referred to His Highness the Nabob on the 4th October 1788: and the President in Council does not feel himself authorized to make any arrangement for the Liquidation of your Demands which he could not extend to other claims standing on a similar Footing——

Fort St George
12th April 1797.

I am
&c &c
(Signed) J. Webbe
Sec. to Govt

14th

Received the following Letter—

Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad enclosing the Letter from the Nizam to his Vakil at Murpah. solicited by the Nabob—

Sir, Fort St George—

In conformity to the wishes of the Right Honorable the President in Council, as signified through you to Major Kirkpatrick in your letter

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14th of the 11th ultimo. I have now the Honor to transmit you for the disposal of Government a Letter from His Highness the Nyzam to his Governor of Kurpah, together with Copy and Translate of the same, and to be

Sir

Hyderabad &c &c

6th April 1797 (Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Agt & Resr.

Translate of a Letter from the Nawaub Nyzam Ali Khan Bahader, to Mahomed Ameen Khan Bahader &c &c

dated 5th April 1797.

High and Noble.

It hath been represented to us, that People belonging to Zemindars of Kurpah, making a sudden attacke on the Village of Wopaul paid a — Dependancy of Kulway, after Killing the Desmook — together with two or three other Inhabitants and — dangerously wounding two Peons employed there, in the Collection of the Revenues, seized and carried off all the effects and cattle belonging to the Place. — It appears (moreover) that the aforesaid refractory people, are in the practice of making these predatory excursions from the Talooks of Kurpah into those of Omdut ul Omrah Behader,

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14th Bahauder. to the great annoyance of his subjects. whom they despoil of their property. and retire with it. into the Hunpah District. where they find an Asylum.

In case of these disturbances proving (on enquiry) manifest. the chastizement of their Evil Doers will be necessary.— This therefore. goes to direct. that investigating and ascertaining the truth of these allegations, and making a suitable and exemplary punishment of those concerned either in exciting or committing these disturbances, without suffering them (in future) to take refuge in your Talooks. you adopt (at the same time) such measures, as shall effectually prevent a single Person. from ever meditating the like in future. What more need be written.—

I have translated

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

To the Right Honorable The Governor in Council

My Lord.

I have the honor of inclosing some Estimates of Repairs. all of which I have taken on me to order to be executed as the works were of evident necessity

From Major General Floyd advising of his having made sundry repairs to the Works and of his having appropriated a part of the Materials of the old temporary Barracks of the Ft. Dragoons to the building a

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a Cook room necessary 14 Ft and sold the remainder, submits an application from the officers of the 19th Dragoons for some allowance from the Company to enable them to build a Regimental Mess Room—

necessity. and the sums small- and Strict they will meet your Lordships approbation.—

N°1 Repair of Armourers and Smiths Shop.

N°2 Repair of the Bridge. Warriors Gate—

N°3 Repairs at the European Barracks in the Fort—

N°4 Repairs at the General Hospital.

I have to report to your Lordships that the old Temporary Barracks. Hospital and appurtenances of the 19th Dragoons having gone to decay, so that any heavy weather would evidently destroy them entirely, and render the whole of the materials useless— I have taken on me to employ the materials in a manner which I hope will meet your Lordships approbation—

an Hospital has been constructed on a convenient spot near the Dragoon Barracks 200 Feet long— 20 feet broad— with a Viranda all round 7 feet broad—

a tiled Cook room 30 feet by 10

a necessary—

The best of the old materials were used for this purpose— The remainder were sold at a fair price, as in the Statement— N°5. Bringing a Balance of Pags 5. against Government— if you think proper to admit it.)—

N°6.

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No. 6 is an application from His — Majestys 19th Dragoons, for the assistance of Government in building a Mess Room, for the officers, which is — estimated at about 300 Pagodas and which they leave to recommend to your Lordship, to the extent you may think fit —

Trichinopoly
april 11th 1797

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signd) J. Floyd
A.G

Estimate for the Repairs of the Armourers and Smiths Shop in the Store at Trichinopoly —

3	Bamboo Roof Reeper Rails & Chunam Floors	3 21	Square	10 21	—
2	Plaistring with one Coat Chunam	1 14	Square	2 20	—
	1 Window Frame without shew work				
	Superf. 16. 10 ½	3	Superf.	31 40	

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Pagodas 15 32.

(Signd) Elisha Trapaud
Lt. Col. & D.

Estimate of Repairs to the Bridge at the Warriore Gate Bridge agreable to the Current prices at Trichinopoly —

2	new Planks of 3 Inches thick, pins Nails &c. Superficial feet 16	Pins 8 35	Superf.	3. 9	—
1	Bamboo for the draw Bridge Railing with Hoops and Hooks			16 25	

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Total Pags 3 25 25

(Signd) Thos De Havilland
Asst Engr &c.

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No 14 Estimate of Repairs to the Royal Artillery Barracks agreeable to the Current Prices at Trichinopoly

Squares			Prices			
	Brick and Clay mud at the Carpenters house	Cubic feet 4752	1 44	₱ Cubic	6 47	
	Stone Paving in Clay do do 1127		2 40	₱ do	6 29 20	
50	Pointing in Chunam do		16 71	₱ Sq.	8 45	
4 25	₱ Lime washing		2 54	₱ do	11 30	
	1 New Door with Hinges Nails & Bolts	15 Cubic feet	5 50	₱ do	2 30	
						9 14 12
	Repairing 3 Window Frames in the Barrack	Cubic feet 18	1	₱ do	18	
	Workmanship of 75 ℔ of Iron for 7 Doors		2 10	₱ ℔	3 33 30	
	Brick and Chunam for fixing Window Frames in the Barrack	Cubic feet 18	2	₱ Cubic	1	
						5 9 30
				Total Pags	14 23 42	

Trichinopoly
19th March 1797

(Signed) Hon. J. De Havelland Lt
Asst Engr SD.

Estimate of Repairs at the General Hospital, at the Current Prices of Trichinopoly

Squares			Prices			
	Brick and Clay wall	Cubic feet 1662	1 60	₱ Cubic	6 39 30	
8 50	One Coat Chunam and Broken Glass on the Top of the Wall		1 14	₱ Square	11 14	
1	Strong Gate 5 ℔ Lugs with Bolts	7 10	₱ Set	9 35 20		
	1 Door Frame with Hooks 15 Cubic feet for necessary		5 40	₱ do	1 40 40	
	1 Door with Hinges and Bolts 15 Cubic feet		5 50	₱ do	2 30	
	Lintel over the Door 6 do		3	₱ do	18	
	10 Window Bars 5 do		3	₱ do	15	
	Iron Hooks and Bolts for 3 doors		25 36	₱ hundred	1 34 30	
	1 Large Padlock for Gate		1			
	5 Small Padlocks for Hospital & Storehouse		21	₱ Piece	2 21	
						38 7 30
	Building up the Gateway leading to the Barracks					
	Brick and Chunam	Cubic feet 108	2	₱ Cubic	5 6	
	Brick and Clay do	72	1 44	₱ do	2 27 48	
50	Pointing with chunam		16 71	₱ Square	8 35	
						8 3
				Total Pagodas	46 7 78	

Trichinopoly
30th March 1797

(Signed) Hon. J. De Havilland Lt
Asst Engr SD.

Dr

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Dr. His Majestys 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons to Build a Hospital

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March	29	By Cash arising from the sale of the old material from the temporary hospital and Barracks	76	"	"
		Balance received from the Regimental Fund	5	"	"
		Total Pagodas	81	"	"

1797			P	F	C
March	29	To building a Thatched hospital (Carpenters, and Bricklayers work included) 200 feet in length, 20 broad, with a Verandah of seven feet wide all round, a tiled Cook room 30 feet by 10 thatched necessary of the same dimenrichs, together with the expence of pulling down, and transporting the old materials from the temporary Cantonment to the new Barracks	81	"	"
		Total Pagodas	81	"	"

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(Signed) J. Kennedy Pay.r

(Signed) Thos. Paterson Capt. Comg 19th L.D.

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Lt.

Major General Floyd

&c. &c. &c.

Sir.

The officers of the Regiment have —
requested me to make application thro' you for the assistance
of Government in erecting a Mess Room, the calculated Estimate
of which is about 300 Star Pagodas.

The important advantage which a Corps
derives from a well regulated Mess is too obvious to require
any Comments of mine, and as Government has been —
graciously pleased to assist other Regiments in this particular
I am inclined to hope, it will countenance the Request of the
Officers of the 19th.

I am
&c. &c.
Signd Chas Bladen
Major

Cavalry Cantonment
4th April 1797.

Right Honorable. The Governor in Council

My Lord.

From Major General Floyd - advising of Major Cuppages progress - makes favorable mention of the Nabobs of Arcotee and Warriepollam —

I have the Honor to report that yesterday
Major Cuppage arrived at Day Break, at Vickeramum,
where he found a parcel of Insurgents posted in a
Jungle

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Jungle Fort. He had time to fire only three shots, as the Rabble instantly ran off and dispersed.

The Nabobs Pioneers with Major Cuppages Detachment were clearing away what had been the Cover of these people, and the Major meant to proceed immediately to scour the Jungle about Worriapollam where the greater part of these Insurgents are said to be.

The Major makes favorable mention of the Zealous Behaviour of the Nabobs Renter of Ariolore and Worriapollam.

It seems probable that the Nabobs Officers in that neighbourhood do not agree to gether. I have constantly directed the Major, on no account to suffer himself to be delayed a moment by any opinions or suggestions of others: but to act decidedly, and from himself.

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April 11th 1797

I have the Honor to be
My Lord
Your most obedient
and most humble Servant
(Signed) J. Floyd
M G

To

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To

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

From Major General Doyle forwarding an application from Capt. Lieut. Garde of the Dutch Artillery to be allowed to remain at Columbo and to draw the Subsistence of his Rank as a Prisoner of War—

Colonel Bonneveaux has requested me to forward the enclosed Letter addressed to your Lordship together with the Certificates—

I also send his letter to me as it bears testimony to the Statement made by the distressed Officer

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

Head Quarters
Columbo 27th March 1797

I have Wellbore Ellis Doyle
Majr Genl

To Major General Doyle

Commander in Chief on Ceylon

&c &c &c

Sir,

I have the Honor to forward to you a letter just received from Captain Garde formerly of the Dutch Artillery, with enclosures addressed to Lord Hobart.

I have only to add my Testimony of the Truth of the Statement with regard to his Ill Health

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111 Health and distresses which I take the liberty to offer
to your consideration — I have the honor to be

Point de Galle
March 25th 1797

&c &c

Signed P. Bonnevaux
Col

Colonel Bonnevaux
Commanding Point de Galle

Sir,

I take the liberty to trouble you with
the enclosed Petition to His Excellency the Right Honorable
Lord Hobart, containing a humble request to grant me the
enjoyment of my allowance on this Island — As you are
acquainted with my distressed circumstances and with the
bad state of my health I humbly request you will be
so generous as to forward the same to General Doyle, —
provided with your generous recommendation I beg you
to be persuaded of my warmest gratitude and acknowledge-
=ment for this favour —

Point de Galle
March 1797

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Signed P. A. Gardes

J

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of Madras &c. &c. &c.

My Lord

As I have humbly applyed to General Stuart and afterwards to General Doyle to be favoured with the enjoyment of my allowance as Prisoner of War in quality of Captain Lieutenant of the Artillery in the Dutch Service, exposing my distressed circumstances and the obstacles, which absolutely prevented my proceeding to Madras, there to receive the said allowance, but without the desired effect, and now brought to the extremity of wanting even the necessaries of life, occasioned by a relentless disease, that never left me during the course of nearly two years, I find myself forced to have recourse, to your Lordship's humanity, most humbly requesting to grant me the enjoyment of my allowance as Captn Lieutenant of the Artillery, on this Island from the date of my first petition to General Stuart, to whom I forwarded the original certificates of the Dutch Surgeons respecting the bad state of my health since the surrender of Columbo - I take the liberty to joyn to this a

Copy

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Copy of those certificates with an additional one of Doctor Barter of the 9th Battalion to the same purpose, and I have no doubt, but Colonel Bonnevaux will have the generosity to ascertain the veracity of what I have alledged, and in consequence plead in my favour—

In case My Lord you should find my going to Madras of any necessity, I readily bind myself on my word of honour to proceed thither as soon as it should be required and the state of my health will permit it—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Point de Galle
24 March 1797.

(Signed) P. A. Gardes

This is to Certify that Captain Gardes of the Dutch Artillery was very ill of a Dysentery on the surrender of this place to the English, which rendered him incapable of proceeding to Madras with the other Dutch Officers, and that he still continues in such indifferent health, as to render it dangerous his undertaking such a Journey now—

Point de Galle
March 19 1797

(Signed) Jas. Barter

To

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To Josias Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to the Government

Sir.

From the Adjutant General with a List of Captains by Brevet who should receive new Commissions giving them rank from the 8th January instead of the 1st June—

I take occasion to forward List of the Lieutenants of the different branches of the Army, who were promoted at the adoption of the new Arrangements to the Rank of Captain by Brevet with date of Commission 1st June 1796. in order that they may now obtain rank from the 8th January 1796. the same as the other Officers who were promoted on the same day. It escaped me to send you that List when I addressed you on the 7th Instant— Brevet promotions being exclusive of those made on the 1st of June last to compleat the new Establishment—

I have the Honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Adjutant Generals office
14th April 1797

Signed J.J. Close

Adj't Gen.l of the Army

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List of Officers on the Madras Establishment who obtained the Rank of Captain by Brevet on the 1st of June 1796.

Cavalry

Lieutenants	William Elliott
"	Thomas Burrows
"	James Geekie
"	Belnard Delmonte
"	Robert Price
"	Alexander Deas
"	Henry Williamson
"	James Hargrave
"	James Dunn
"	Patrick Walker

Infantry

Lieutenants	Leeson Reilly
"	William Berkeley
"	Robert Monckton Grant
"	George Bowness
"	John Markham Convenent
"	Philip Henry Keay

Lieutenants

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14th Infantry Continued

Lieutenants	David Blair
"	James George Graham
"	Poole Hickman Vesey
"	James Nagle
"	William Beagley
"	Andrew Boyd
"	Alexander Mac Farlane
"	Alexander Maitland
"	Charles Godfrey
"	George Maddew
"	Benjamin Harris
"	Adam Ormsby
"	Jeremiah Simons
"	Samuel Crane
"	Alexander Orr
"	William Youngson
"	Allan Grant
"	Thomas Wilson
"	John Malcolm
"	William Cunningham
"	James Jones
"	Hamilton Hall

Lieut

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Infantry Continued

Lieutenants Rouliston Robinett
" Robert Munro
" Mark Wilks
" Dennis Montague Holford
" William Dowse
" David Ogilby
" Robert Bridge
" William Rhodes
" Robert Nanny Wynn
" William Thomas Giraud
" Charles Rand Senior
" John Innes
" George Phillips
" James Leith
" James Read
" Patrick Bruce
" Nathaniel Forbes
" Stickland Kingston
" Charles Trotter
" Charles David Bruce
" Charles Simpson
" Edward Batchelor
" James Logan
" Frederick Pierce

(Signed) By Close
Adj. Genl. of the Army

To

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To J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

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From Maja General Erskine acknowledging receipt of the Detail of Lieutenant Colonel Roberts's Detachment orders a Detachment of equal strength to march for its relief under the Command of Major Hyndman—

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo. enclosing a Detail, and beg you will be pleased to inform the Right Honorable the President in Council, that I this day Issued an order for the 33 Company 1st Battalion of European Artillery, the 6th and 20th Companies of Lascars and the 10th Regiment of Native Infantry; under the Command of Major Hyndman to proceed to Hydrabad, agreeable to His Lordships orders— The Detachment will march the day after tomorrow—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signd) J. Erskine
A.G. Comg S. Divn

Camp near
Ganjam
14th April 1797

To J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

From Lieutenant Col. Read with Intelligence received from Captain Sydenham of the Extent of the Sevajee Rao's Means of opposing the Force sent against him, and of the Cause of his revolt against the Nabob's Government—

Sir,

The inclosed appear deserving of communication to the Right Honorable the Governor

I am
&c. &c.
(Signd) A Read Lt Col Comg Ceded Dist

Tripatore
11 April 97

To

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put the Nabob in possession of it—

It is his Intention to put Mooto Ranga Reddy, the Jaghiredar of Nangerry Pollypett, in our district, in possession of it. he is now here. his Grand father possessed the Country 30 years ago. and paid to the Circar 50,000 Rupees annually. the last settlement but one was for 2,50,000 Rs and the last one, which was made by Kistain ally Cawn the beginning of last year during the time he had the Reddy and his Son in Confinement was for 2,70,000 Rupees. shortly after the settlement was made: the Father and Son after being released, left the Country, and from thence the troubles commenced—

If this be a true Statement and which I have reason to believe, as hearing it from both sides, who agree, am afraid the Company's Troops are employed in a bad cause, and but backing oppression. tho it will be almost too late now to rectify it, if Government should wish it— Large arrears are claimed to the amount of near 3 Lacks of Rs and which must be the natural consequence, if a Country is over-rated. The Troubles in ariaalore are settled, and the Warriore Pollam nearly— I received Information yesterday of Sheera

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14th Sheera gownda, one of Tomba Gowr Companions in Iniquity, being at Mattaparra in Jamy Naigs Pottiam, and continuing his depredations in the Carroor District. The man who gives him refuge is a Polygar belonging to Tritchinopoly. On the 30th at night he plundered Vettalapetty in the Caroor District, and has with him about 100 Peons.

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&c. &c.

6th April 97.

(Signed) S. Irton

Received also the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 66-67-68-69.

From the late Chief at Pulicat

From Mr. Eilbracht acknowledging receipt of the Boards Communication respecting Major Prophalaw.

From the acting Sub Secretary at Bengal

From Mr. D. Seton - stating that the Hemaum Shaw has been obliged to reject for want of room 200 of the Casks of Salt Provisions intended to have been sent by her.

From the Officer Comm.g the 2d Regt. of N. Cavy

From Lieutenant Colonel Pater enclosing a letter from Lieutenant Nuthall, soliciting Compensation for

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From the Comm.g on Ceylon –

12th For two of his regimental Horses which he reports to have died of inflamatory Fevers –

From Major General Doyle – requesting the Boards sanction for continuing to serve out provisions to the European Women of the 19th Regiment of Foot –

To the Secretary at Bengal Residents at Hyderabad and Poona –

15th Despatched Letters to the Secretary at Bengal and Residents at Poonah and Hyderabad (as entered in Mn B No 70) enclosing Copy of the latest Intelligence received from the Mysore Country –

16th Received the following Letter –

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

From Major General Doyle – apprehends a Difficulty in procuring Tonnage for conveying the Bombay Grenadier Battalion to the Malabar Coast –

My Lord.

I have had the Honor of your directions of the 18th Instant to detain the 73d Regiment at this place until further orders, to forward the second division of the Bombay Grenadier Battalion to Calicut and to procure Tonnage for that purpose at Columbo –

The 73d has been made acquainted with your Lordships intentions –

There is not at present any ships in

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16 in our Roads and it will be by great accident if any arrive that can take Troops. I have directed the Master Attendant at Point de Galle to send such Vessels as may put in there to this place of sufficient Tonnage to contain Five Hundred Men —

I am sorry to express my doubts of the arrival of Ships either here or at Point de Galle, (before the Monsoon) bound to that Coast.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Head Quarters
Columbo 29th March 1797.

(Signed) Wellbore Ellis Doyle
Major General

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council
Fort St George

From the Military Auditor General communicating his opinion on Lieut. Shawes claim to Field allowance and on Capt. Mackenzie Bills for Extra Charges attending his Survey of the Forts in the Guntoor Circar. Suggestion respecting the Mode of providing for the Expences of the Breeding Stud of Horses, on Delft and the two Brothers - proposes the Publication of General orders respecting Puckallies for Native Corps, and the Mode of drawing out Bills for the gratuity to Families of Sepoys who die on Foreign Service —

My Lord,

In obedience to your Lordships

1 Commands communicated in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 5th Instant enclosing copy of a letter from Lieutenant Shaw respecting Field allowances claimed by that Officer from the date of his being appointed to do duty with the

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16. the Nizams Detachment. I have the Honor to report, that it has been an invariable rule of the Service not to permit Officers who may be nominated to Corps serving in the Field to draw the allowance annexed to that situation until they had actually joined, and the inconvenience that would result to the public service from the admission of any officers claim to Field allowances whilst absent from his Corps is so obvious, that the particular case of any one individual can scarcely warrant a deviation from so necessary a regulation; on an impartial consideration however of the peculiar circumstances attending the situation of Lieutenant Shaw, it may perhaps not be deemed improper to suggest to your Lordship, that as he asserts to have furnished himself with the necessary Camp Equipage, and carriage, the usual monthly Tent allowance to officers of his rank may be granted from the period that he set out from Vizagapatam, provided his Bill shall be accompanied with a Certificate from Lieutenant Colonel Roberts, that he joined the Detachment completed with a Serviceable Tent and carriage for the same; and another Certificate from the Commanding Officer of Vizagapatam to

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shew the period of his leaving that place to join the
Detachment, and that he was at that time provided with a
Tent and Carriage, as his allowance will be regulated thereby

2 It having been heretofore the
practice for officers contracting for the provision and
conveyance of their Camp Equipage to be furnished in
the first instance with that article from the Company's
Stores, but afterwards bound to provide and keep it up at
their own expence, it rests with your Lordship to decide
whether the same compendation shall be made to Lieut.t
Shaw as was granted in November 1795 to Captain
Mackay and the officers of his Battalion serving with the
Nizams Detachment / Viz.t a Sum equal to 2/3 of the value
of their Tents / under the Certificate before mentioned that
the Camp Equipage with which Lieutenant Shaw joined
the Detachment was in every respect fit for Field
Service

3 The claim of that officer to Full Batta
should I apprehend be regulated by the distance of the
Detachment from Vizagapatam at the time of Lieutenant
Shaw's joining it, reckoning at the usual rate of Twenty
five / 25 / miles per day.

4. On the Bill presented by Captain
M.Kenzie

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16 Mackenzie of the Engineers which accompanied Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 5th instant I beg leave to observe, that as it appears by that Officers letter of which I have received a copy that he was directed by Government to survey the Forts in the Guntoor Circar, and of Condapillee. I presume the following items contained in the Bill are admissible on adverting to the particular duty on which he was employed. Charge for Stationary - Pay of a Writer for two months and a Half - Batta to Sepoys attending the Survey /stated not to have been drawn for with their Corps/ Postage of Letters and Hire of Boats crossing the Kistna amounting to Forty four Pagodas and Twelve Fanams /Pags. 44.12/

5 With respect to the charge for Palanqueen Bearers from Madras to Ongole amounting to Thirty six Pagodas Thirty six Fanams and Sixty Cash /Ps. 36.36.60/ it becomes necessary to state. that had Captain Mc.Kenzie not been ordered to execute the duty which gave rise to those charges, but proceeded to join the Nizam's Detachment, he would have been under the necessity of passing by that station as the nearest route by land and as the usual monthly Horse allowance has been constantly drawn for him with the Detachment, it appears but just, so far as the orders he may have received did not oblige him to deviate from the established stage towards the Nizams Territories, that he should be at the expence of his own conveyance -

6 The Charges for Palanqueen Boys, Peons and Kircarrah attending Captain Mc.Kenzie to the different Stations

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16 Stations in the Guntoor Circar and to Condapillee amounting to Pagodas 82. 27. 64. and for sundry Disbursements not detailed said to be incurred on the Journey amounting to Pagodas 30. 11 San.s will depend upon your Lordships consideration whether Captain eMcKenzie on account of the particular duty assigned to him distinct from his situation with the Nizams Detachment, is entitled to any, and what remuneration

7. The charge for a Dooley purchased at Condapillee for the use of the writer that accompanied Captain MacKenzie amounting to Pagodas 14. 16. 64 must consider as inadmissible not only as being altogether unusual, but considerably exceeding the common cost of such a conveyance at the Presidency

8 In reply to eMr. Secretary Webbes letter of the 15th ultimo, respecting the advance of Cash made to Lieutenant Alexander Graham of the Cavalry, whilst in charge of Brood Mares on the Island of Delft and Two Brothers, they leave to observe, that as the expences incurred by that Officer appear to have been sanctioned by eMajor General Stuart, who I presume must have reported the circumstance to your Lordship in Council, the amount advanced by Mr. Jervis Assistant Superintendent of Revenue at Jaffnapatam Viz.t Three Hundred Star Pagodas, should be given credit for by the Military Paymaster at Trincamale, and by him carried to the head of "Charges Military" and as I am informed that eMajor Barbut Commanding at Jaffnapatam, has now the care of the Stud, it may be necessary to direct that Officer to adhere to the plan laid down by Lieutenant Graham in regard to the Monthly

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16. monthly expence during the dry season which expence appears to be very moderate; such occasional sums as he may require for the feeding of the Stud and pay of Followers should be advanced by the Paymaster at Trincamalee on the application of Major Barbut, who will of course transmit to him a detailed account of the expences attending the Stud, in order that the Paymaster may forward them with his monthly Disbursements as Vouchers in support of all charges attending the same—

9. Foreseeing that some Inconvenience is likely to arise respecting the provision of Punkallies for Battalions of Native Infantry in consequence of there being no specific regulation for that purpose in the new System published by Government, under date the 21st ult.o I take the liberty of submitting to your Lordships consideration the enclosed Draft of a General Order on the subject, which I trust will obviate the Inconvenience above alluded to, without departing from the principle of check and Controul established by that System—

10. As the Government Orders of the 19th ultimo respecting the Gratuity to be allowed to the Families or Relations of Sepoys Killed or who have died or may die on Foreign Service, have not prescribed the mode in which the Bills are to be drawn and passed for payment. I have added a paragraph to the

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16 the enclosed which I hope will meet your Lordships approbation

I have the honour to be

with the greatest respect

&c &c

Military Auditor Generals
Office Fort St George
11th April 1797

Signed W. Sydenham

My Asst Genl

J. Webbe Esqr

Secretary to the Government

Fort St George

Sir,

From Major General Erskine enclosing a Detail of the Troops ordered to march under Command of Major Hyndman for the Relief of Lieut Colo Roberts's Detachment

I have the honor to transmit for the Information of the Right Honorable President in Council a detail of the Detachment which this morning commenced its march to Hyderabad and that agreeably to my Instructions I have appointed Major Henry Hyndman to the Command of it

I am

&c &c

Camp near Ganjam
6th April 1797

signed J. Erskine

Mr Genl Commdg 7th D

Strength

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Strength of a Detachment of Bengal Troops which marched on the 6th Instant

	European Commission Officers	Staff	Effective	Non Effective	Non Commissd Rank & File	Native Staff
	Colonels					
	Lieut.t Colonels					
	Majors					
	Captains					
	Lieutenants					
	Surgeons					
	Surgeon's Mates					
	Do Assistant					
	Sergeant Majors					
	D.o Qr.r Sergeants					
	Drum Major					
	Adjutant					
	Sergeants					
	Corporals					
	Gunners					
	Drum & Fife					
	Matrosses					
	Drill Havildars					
	Drill Naicks					
	Drum Major					
	Fife Major					
1st Company European Artillery	"	"	1	1	2	1
1st Battalion 2d 10th Regt N.I	"	"	2	4	3	1
2d Battalion	"	"	1	1	6	3
3d & 20th Companies Gun Lascars	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total	"	"	1	4	12	7

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under the Command of Major M. Hyndman towards Hyderabad—

Native Commissioned Commissd Rank & File	Native Dooly	Sirdars	Lascars	Smiths	Do Mate	Tickmen	Lascarees	Carpenters Mate	Do Workmen	Blacksmiths Bellows	Do Hand	Tailmakers	Shoemakers	Bildars	Coolies	Sawyers	Carts	Drivers	Syrangs	1st Tindal	2d Tindal	Lascars	Quarter Masters Establishments	Gun Lascars
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

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Right Honorable The Governor in Council

My Lord

From Major General Floyd forwarding a request from the Officers stationed at Pootoor to be allowed a fixed Sum for repairing their Quarters, and a monthly Sum afterwards on account of House Rent —

At the request of Colonel Cuppage Commanding the 3d Regiment Native Infantry I have the honor to lay before you the application of the officers of the 2d Battalion of that Corps, to be allowed in like manner as the Officers of the 19th Dragoons, for providing themselves with Quarters at Pootoor — where those at present in use are in such a state, including the Quarters of Colonel Sale at Pootoor, that I really think almost any repairs by Government would be thrown away —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Trichinopoly
April 13th 1797

(Signed) J. Floyd
M.G.

Colonel John Cuppage
Commanding the 3d Regiment N.I.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a letter which I received this day from the Officers of the 2d Battn

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16. Battalion 3d Regiment N. I. and to request that you will be pleased to forward it to Major General Floyd to be laid before the Right Honorable the President in Council —

I think it necessary to observe that their representation is extremely just and to add that the Quarters allotted for me are in so ruinous a state, that it will require considerable repair to render them in any degree comfortable —

I have the Honor to remain

&c &c

Trichinopoly
april 12th 1797

(Signed) J. Oliver
Lt Col Comg 2d/3d 3d Regt

Lieutenant Colonel Oliver
Commanding 2d Battalion 3d Regiment

Sir

We the undersigned Officers of the 2d Battalion 3d Regiment of Native Infantry stationed at Trichinopoly beg leave to represent to you the state of the Quarters allotted us, which is such as requires a thorough and immediate repair to shelter us from the violence of the approaching land winds and monsoon and as Government was

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16 was pleased some time ago to grant an allowance to the Officers of His Majestys 19th Dragoons of 50 Pagodas to repair their Quarters, and since a monthly allowance of House Rent to keep them in repair, we trust it will not be considered unreasonable our requesting an indulgence of similar allowances

We further request Sir, should it meet your approbation that you will be pleased to forward this Letter through the regular channel to Government

We have the Honor to be
&c &c

(signed) Robt Strange Captain
A Cuppage Captain
P. H. Keay Capt.n Lieut.t
Hy Smith. Lieutenant
J. D. Gordon Lt & adjt
J. Stuart Lieut.t
Jn.o Fisk Ensign
T Knowles Ensign

Pootoor
11 april 1797

To

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From Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson with Intelligence respecting Runderaut Assembling on the Borders of the Carnatick - requesting permission to move with two Companies of Native Infantry to check their Designs and give confidence to the Inhabitants -

To

To Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Fort S. George

Sir.

I have the Honor to submit through you to the Right Honorable the President in Council the Intelligence Contained in the enclosed Papers, Numbered from one to four. - In respect to my own opinion, I beg you will be pleased to inform his Lordship, that I have for some time past, heard of Detachments, of the Sultan's assembling near the Borders, without conceiving that any thing was to be apprehended, by the Inhabitants of his Highness the Nabob; but such is the alarm which has taken place, in consequence of the matters contained in the enclosed Papers, that I should be glad to obtain the Sanction of his Lordship, for proceeding in person as intended to the Borders forthwith, notwithstanding no persons have been appointed to meet us, nor any answer to the several Letters written by their ally Khan to procure such, have been received, merely for the purpose of preventing alarm, for the present and to settle the other matters hereafter as occasion may offer.

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offer-

In the event of this meeting his —
Lordships approbation, I beg leave to solicit his concurrence,
in my taking a couple of Companies with me from
this Garrison, as necessary to answer the purposes already
mentioned-

But that Guns and Rockets —
compose a part of the Sultans Force, now said to be
near the Borders, I should have conceived, the movement
as intended, to favor the Forage at this dry Season
wanted for his Cavalry

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Amboor the
15th April 1797.

(Signed) A. Macpherson
Lt Col Comg at Amboor

Translation of a Gentoo Letter from Ramalingiah Amildar
of Coochepunda - Dated 11 April 1797.

There are two thousand horse also one
thousand (in all 3000) belonging to Sultan came and
encamped near the Yary or Tank of Berjandamungalum
for certain this Detachment is to proceed in a day or
two

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18. two to Veneatagherry, where the Amildar of that place prepared Gram and other Provisions for the use of the Detachment. The further movement is unknown. I shall inform you of it tomorrow. I hope you will give orders for sending the sepoys without loss of time.

A true Translation

(signed) Anna Sawmy
Interpreter

Translation of a Malabar letter from Mahomed Esaf Naigue — to Colonel Macpherson Dated 14th apnl 97.

Besides the 3000 Horse with 2 Guns already encamped at Coocheepunda, there are 2000 Horse and 600 men with 2 Guns and 3 Camels loaded with Rockets encamped now near Beyadarmungalum, where its said that more Reinforcement is expected.

That Beyadarmungalum is Subordinate to the District of Tyaloor, the distance from thence to our Coocheepunda, is 10 miles. Veneaty cawn furnished me with this Intelligence, —

1 Naig } on Duty
6 Sepoys }

A true Translation

(signed) Anna Sawmy
Interpreter
Transl.

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Translation of Intelligence in Malabars from Shake Nuttun

In addition to the 3000 horse with two Guns belonging to Tippoo Sultan encamped already before at Beyadamungalum in the district of Tyalor. There came 2000 horse, 600 foot with 2 Guns and 3 Camels load of Rockets and encamped; the distance between Beyadamungalum and Cochepunda is 10 Miles—

A true Translation

Signd Annasawmy

Interpr

Translation of a Gentoo Letter from Ramalingiah Amuldar of Coochepunda To Mocan ally Cawn—

Dated Kistnapooram 11th. april 97.

Having already informed you with the arrival of the Troops belonging to Tippoo Sultaun, There came now 2000 horse and a Resaula consisting 600 Men or Sepoys with 3 Guns and 3 Camels load of, Rockets together with some Dromedaries or Mircarah Camels and encamped near the Yary or Tank of— Beyadamungalum, where it is said, this Detachment is

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18. is to proceed to the Fort of Venecatagherry, where the Aumildar of that place prepared Gram &c.- The Sunther movement is unknown, I have dispatched Hircarrahs and whenever I get a true account, I shall write to you immediately-

A true Translation

Signd Annasawmy
Interpreter

To I Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir

From Lieut.t Col. Read with Letter from Capt.n Irton stating that he has been actually obliged to increase the strength of his party, in order to repel the Incursions of parties of the Nabobs Sepoys &c. who plunder the Company's Districts.

Be pleased to inform the Right Honorable the Governor that as appears by the inclosed from Captain Irton She has thought it expedient to augment the small party with him as lately authorised by government for the protection of the Companys districts against the depredations of his Highness the Nabobs troops in the Terriore country, but it is imagined that in a few days circumstances will admit of his sending back the Company he has drawn out of Salem-

I am &c. &c.

Signd A. Read Lt Col Comg C. D.

Trippatore
14th april 1797.

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Alex.r Read

Sir.

The irregular and riotous behaviour of a Detachment of the Nabobs Polygars and Sepoys lately arrived on this Frontier, plundering indiscriminately the Inhabitants of Terriore, who have taken refuge in the Company's Bounds, as well as the Company's Ryots of their Cloathes Sheep and Cattle, has induced me to detach the greatest part of the small Force I have for the protection of the Country, and which will be in a great measure necessary during the present disputes in the Neighbourhood, and is the cause of my calling on the Garrison of Salem for aid, as directed by D.O. of the 22d ultimo to act as occasion may require. The Reddys Peons are now about 12 miles from me, at the Foot of the Patchamalla, about 600. I expect Major Cuppages Detachment in a few days at Terriore, when it is probable, if they do not disperse, which I have some reason to think they will, from communications I have had with them, and others, on the advance of the Company's Troops, they may be drove on the Company's Bounds here, or induced to disturb that portion of the Hills which belong to the Company, in which cases, a Force at Hand will be requisite to repell them

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Tartingaarpetty
9th april 1797

I am
&c. &c.
Signed S. Irton
Captain

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

From Captain Galloway offering to deliver 6000 Bags of Rice at Amboyna at the Rate of Six dollars P Bag. —

I have the Honor to address your —
Lordship on the following subject which I solicit may not be
Considered intruding —

Having been given to understand that
the settlement of Amboyna is in want of a supply of Rice,
I beg leave to make the following proposition to Government
for a supply of six thousand Bags —

I will engage to deliver six thousand Bags
of good merchantable Moogy Rice of 164 ℔s each / Dangers of
the Seas and Enemy only excepted / unto the Honorable —
Company's Resident at Amboyna. He paying me for the
same at and after the Rate of six Spanish dollars per bag.
The musters of Rice shipped here to be subject to the
approval of Government or any person they may think
proper to appoint to inspect it —

To

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To shew your Lordship that the Tender I have made is Reasonable, I enclose a Statement for your perusal, that the Rate tendered will only leave me one Dollar per Bag, Freight for the use of my Vessel for the Voyage—

Should Government consider 6000 Bags too great a supply, I will engage to take any stated Quantity, and Government to occupy the vacant Tonnage — paying me Freight in proportion which Freight becomes due here on signing the Bills of Lading—

Respecting the payment at Amboyna should it not suit the convenience of Government to pay the whole amount for the Cargo, or even any part of it, I shall be agreable to receive it on producing the Documents for the Quantity delivered Government only considering it due agreeable to that date and allowing the Current Interest 12 ℔ Cent—

On presenting the Documents for payment should Government conceive it more convenient to grant Bills on Bengal, I will accept them at the Exchange of Three Hundred and sixty two Arcot Rupees per one Hundred Star Pagodas—

I have lastly to state for your Lordships consideration, In case there should be any Government Freight

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18 Freight at Amboyna for this Port, Bengal Bombay or China that I may be recommended to a preferance, admitting the detention would not exceede one Month_

I have the Honor to be

Hon. Sir

Your

Fort St. George
17th april 1797

Signed George Galloway

Dr. A General Statement Cr.

Statement of Insurances, Interest and Disbursements, for the Voyage				Statement on the Sales	
On the Block Star Ps 20,000 } Insurance 15 p Ct		1050.		6000 Bags of Choogy Rice at 5 Spanish Dollars p Bag is 30,000 or 18750 Star Pagodas	
On the Cargo do 7000 }				The Exchange of 16 Dollars 7/10	
Interest on do 27,000 for 6 months		810.		Star Pags	18750. -
Sailing charges for six months @ 670 P Month		4020.			
Interest on 4 months advance do		160.			
Insurance on ditto		402.			
Interest on the premiums	3 p Ct	10.636. -			
Statement on the Cargo.					
108 Gauze of Choogy Rice including Shipping charges at 65 Ps p Gauze		7020. -			
Amt of the Invested Cargo 7020 Star Ps					
ditto on the Sales of do 18750. do					
ditto of Diffce 11.730. the returning Risk insured at 87 Cent		938. -			
Contingent charges Landing Cargo &c &c		156. -			
Star Pagodas		18750. -		Star Pagodas	18750. -

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To

Josiah Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government &c. &c. &c.

Sir Fort St. George

From Messrs. Stephens and Cockell requesting that the Danish Ship Haabet may be allowed to prosecute her intended Voyage—

On the 31st ultimo we addressed Mr Henry Hall acting Master Attendant on the subject of the Detention of the Danish ship Haabet Captain Lassen not having received any reply is the cause of our troubling you on the Business—and we shall be obliged by your informing us if it is the pleasure of Government that she now be permitted to sail—as any further detention will be the means of frustrating the voyage entirely—

We take the liberty of enclosing for your perusal Copy of our Letter to Mr. Henry Hall dated the 31st ultimo and have the honor to remain

Sir,

Madras
17th. April 1797.

Signed Stephens & Cockell

To

Henry Hall Esq.r

Acting Mr. Attendant

Sir

The Danish Ship Haabet Captain Lassin having paid her port charges and obtained the clearance

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18. clearance these ten days past - but by an order from Government prevented from Sailing. - The detention at this season is very detrimental to the Voyage - we wish therefore on the part of Captain Lassin to be informed if it is pleasure of Government that she now be permitted to sail -

We are
&c &c

Fort St. George
31st March 1797

Signed Stephens & Cockell

Messrs. Stephens and Cockell having been informed that there would be no objection to the Hoabit leaving these Roads provided that an Engagement were entered into that she should not proceed to, or transmit any Intelligence to, Manilla, or other spanish Settlement, they accordingly delivered the undermentioned promise -

Engagement of Messrs. Stephens & Cockell that the ship Hoabit do not proceed to or communicate with Manilla -

We hereby bind ourselves and engage that the Danish Ship Hoabit Captain Lassen shall not proceed in her present Voyage to Manilla or any other spanish port or be the means of conveying any Intelligence to any Enemy's place whatever -

Fort St. George
April 19th 1797

Signed Stephens & Cockell

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders and

Ernst William Tallofield } Esqrs

Tuesday 18th apnl.

Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved -

Read the following letter from the Resident at Tanjore -

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

From the Resident at Tanjore stating the further Proofs he has collected of the alienation of the Rajahs authority and Government to Chinnia and his agents and the grounds he has to believe that owing to his Rapacity, and anticipation of the Revenues, the Rajah must shortly fail in his Payments to the Company reports the supposed state of Chinniahs account with the Dunbar and the heavy arrear due to Serfogee and the widows and towards a Statement of the Probable receipts and Disbursements in the Tanjore Country for the present Fusby yr ar-

My Lord Fort St. George

The Intelligence I have received regarding the situation of the Collections of this Country, which derives confirmation, in a great measure from Documents found by me in the Houses of Venkatachellum, renders it my indispensable duty to offer my opinion with regard to the

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the strong probability there is of failure in the payment of some of the Kists of the present year—

The Managers of the Soubahs to whom detachments of the Rajahs Cavalry have been sent to force them to the most rigorous Collection, have exerted themselves so effectually that not more than 320,000 Chuck.rs of the years Revenue remain to be collected; out of the above Sum I have good reason to believe that no more than one lac of Star Pagodas will be realized.— The Collections are exacted with such severity, that Inhabitants are reduced in many places to the Sale of their Ploughing Cattle;— in a part of Tinvady, and in Really many Inhabitants are fled, and, as I learn by a letter from the latter place, many more are ready to follow their Example—

In Venkatachellums House I found a Book containing the particulars of Chinniahs Collections from the 4th November 1796. to the 18th March 1797— it appears that these are Collections clear of the Rajahs and all other Expences and charges whatever— The amount is Chuck.rs 4.92.999 or (at the Exchange of 23½ G.d Fs 7.5 Ps.) Star Ps. 209.786— 6 It appears clearly also, by a paadeas or accounts Current, found in the same House, that out

out of the above amount more than one Lac and eighteen thousand Chuckrums have been paid on account of Chinniahs Claim on the Rajah of Str. Ps. 1.31.300. ½. 1½ Veeß — the yaadees shew the most minute particulars of this Payment, with the names of the Puttucums from which the Sums are received Daily —

Both the Book containing the account of the 4.92.999 Chs. and the Yaadees, are in the Chest of Papers already forwarded to the Presidency

My Information induces me to think that the whole of the above Str. Ps. 1.31.300, has been paid off out of those Collections. — and indeed I at first imagined that other yaadees, to the amount of Chs. 49.177. 2¾. which I found tied up with the yaadees on account of Chinniahs claim, already mentioned, might relate also to that claim: — it is true, those for the 49177 Chs. profess to be drawn on account of the Company's November Kist; but it is probable that form was adopted for the purpose of Deception —

Whether my Conjecture on this point be well or ill founded, it is perfectly evident that more than 1.18.000 Chuckms. have been paid from the Current Collections on account of Chinniahs Debt —

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The Palace have understand 30,000 Ps

here, ready to be dispatched to replace that amount paid
in part of the April Kist this 30,000 Ps must have been
included in the Collections made between the period of
seizing Venkatachellums Houses and the present time—
what the whole Collections during the same period may
have been cannot determine from the Average Collection
of Nett Revenue for 29 days (as shewn by the abovementio-
-ned Book) at a Season not equally productive with
the present, the daily nett Receipts are nearly 1700 Chuds.
but the Book takes no notice of several considerable
Sources of Revenue, (the Customs for instance) I conclude,
therefore, that the Nett daily receipts may have been
3000 Pags. one day with another; that is, 60,000 Pagodas in
twenty days. the latter Sum will be applicable to the
Kist due the 7th of April, The Resources for the Kist due
the 7th May must come from the expected Collection of
One Lac of Pagodas, mentioned in the former part of this
letter - The payment of that Kist therefore will exhaust all
that Chinnia has chosen to leave of the Revenue of the
Country and nothing remains for fulfilling the June
and July Kists - That the Company will be deprived
of these, I have little doubt, and indeed old Bava has sent
me

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me word privately that those Rents cannot be paid.

It may be reasonably assumed as a certainty that no Provision has been made for the Rajahs Expences (of 30,000 Chs ℔ month) for the ensuing three months, out of the Revenue hitherto Collected; it must therefore be chargeable on the ensuing Collections of those Months. This must cause some embarrasement. There exists at this moment a large arrear of allowances to Sherfojee and the Widows; out of 10,086 Star Pagodas due, only three thousand Porto Novo Pagodas have been paid, and I would strongly recommend an immediate appropriation of some effectual Source of Revenue. Such as part of the Customs as the only means of doing Sherfojee justice. He has been obliged to borrow money for his Current Expences.

Shewrow the Sirkeel is dangerously ill. The Rajah has been persuaded to agree to the Nomination of his Eldest Son as Sirkeel; that in the Event of his Death the System hitherto pursued may be continued. With regard to that System I have seen, in the Documents found in Venatachillums House, my former assertions verified; for those Documents pro-

that

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that the entire Government of the Tanjore Country is and has been for a long time in the hands of Chinnia and his agents.— Three remarkable Instances have occurred where I have found the original Documents in Venatachellums House, proving the Truth of allegations against Chinnia in three several Petitions, on matters of considerable Property— among others the original Decree of the Rajah Judges which a Petitioner appeals to in his own favor, and which could not be found till I discovered it in a Box in Venatachellums House, which I found afterwards belonged to Chinnia. The papers above mentioned are in the Chest forwarded to Madras. I shall shew the particular of these Transactions in a separate address— There is also a Grant of Ground to Chinnia. 50 Vayles for the Sum of 6000 Pagodas (or 12,000 Chuck.rs) now the purchase money of one Vayley of Ground in that part of the Country

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Country, (according to the Rajahs own Statement in writing to me,) is 1000 Chuckrs or 50,000 Chs for 50 Varlies. This, even supposing the Sum paid as mentioned in the grant, is obtained for 12,000 Chs. but I have every reason to believe that the payment was matter of form only, and the money returned to Chinnia after the public Ceremony of laying it at the Rajahs feet.

From what I have had the honor to state to your Lordship and from other Documents contained in the chest of Papers, I believe it will clearly appear, that Chinnia and his agents have had the sole Government of this Country, and collection of its Revenue. that if a sufficient Sum is not produced for the complete payment of the Company's Debts, the failure must be ascribed to the Misapplication of the Revenues by Chinnia. and that from the State of the Collections and what is known of the appropriation of a part of them,

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Herewith do Bavas Declaration. it is highly probable the June and July if not the May fleet may fall short - Enclosed is an Account of the Probable Receipts and Disbursements for the present year in the Tanjore Country I believe it approaches very near the Truth

I beg leave to mention that 3700 Chuckrums are still due from the Rajah on account of his agreement dated 31st August last

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordships
Most obedient Servant

Tanjore
18th April 1797

(signed) Alexr. Macleod
Resr

Estimate

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Estimate of Probable Receipts and Disbursements of the

	Ch.	f	c	Ch.	f	c
Nunjy Leevay } the amount of Paddy The whole produce of Kadapa and Kar Paddy amounts to 3900000 Cullums of which the Government Share at 53 Cullums \ hundred is 1560000 Cullums at 17½ Sanat \ Cullum is — *				29	8	125 .. ..
D° D° D° of Seemboo Peshanum Paddy amounts to 750000 Cullums of which the Government Share at 56 Cullums \ hundred is 420000 at 2¼ Sanams \ a Cullum is — V				9	4	500 .. ..
				12	13	25 .. ..
Nagady Pullcatte and dry Grains &c &c				1	59	500 .. ..
Chillery Coodoodal at 6 Cans \ Hundred Cullums				16	8	000 .. ..
Khajanah Sahaseer				7	8	50 .. ..
The Rent of Nine naads and Pullecaad				3	2	000 .. ..
D° D° of Anjaear Ambul				3	2	000 .. ..
D° D° of Pullicottah including the Suncum and the Tributes of the Poligar &c &c				9	3	700 .. ..
D° D° Tanjore Suncum				6	8	000 .. ..
D° D° Combeconcum D° including Ayavcum				7	2	000 .. ..
D° D° Manargoody D°				1	4	200 .. ..
D° D° Vullum D°					5	500 .. ..
D° D° Deepa Nagur D°					4	500 .. ..
D° D° Coolagapatta D°					1	50 .. ..
The Rent of				1	8	000 .. ..
D° D° of Oil mills					7	80 .. ..
D° D° of Arrack					7	800 .. ..
D° D° of Gold Work					1	90 .. ..
D° D° of Silver D°						50 .. ..
D° D° of Salt Petre and Gold Thread					3	50 .. ..
D° D° of Five Trades					5	166 .. ..
D° D° of Musick & Jewsharp					1	00 .. ..
D° D° of Punny Chunghel Putty					1	150 .. ..
D° D° of Indigo					3	600 .. 3 ..
The Tributes of Tranquebar					2	500 .. ..
a new collection of Rupees amounts to					14	400 .. ..
Check				20	8	0461 .. ..

* Gov^t Share is 60 ℔ Cent but ℔ is paid in Grain before the Division of the Crop for Todundrums, Village Artificers &c—

V 4 ℔ Cent deducted on the foregoing acct—

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Tanjore Country from 13th July 1796. to 12th July 1797.

Charges	Ch. ₹ C.	Ch. ₹ C.
Pagoda Fees	66,000 " "	
Sybundy Battalion and Peons	79,700 " "	
Servants Employed by Villadar	11,900 " "	
Puttadars Pay	6,000 " "	
Charity Houses	6,000 " "	
a Worker of Pices	130 " "	
a Charity House at Trivalore	880 " "	
a Allowance of a Priest	230 " "	
Do of Trubovanum Church	16,600 " "	
Tusleef	700 " "	
Sunay Yarangal	550 " "	
Neerancum	135 " "	
Roca Maniams	2500 " "	
Roca Karacutt	820 " "	
Pay for Tondamans People	660 " "	
allowance to the Priests	4500 " "	
A Charity House at Ramasweram	190 " "	
a allowance to the Church at Do	330 " "	
Nungode Karacutt	370 " "	
allowance to the People Daily Suncam	12,700 " "	
Maramutt	20,000 " "	
Interest on the Warcum	15,000 " "	299895 " "
Balance	I — —	17,80,566 " "

I @ 24 ₹ Star Pag.da is Sp.s 7,11,902 ½

Deduct Rajahs own Expences @ the rate of
Ch. 30,000 ₹ Mo. or ₹ Year Ch. 36,000 at 24 ₹s
Sp.s 1,59,000

Remains Sp.s 5,91,902. ½ Ch.s 2030461 " "

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(Signed) Alex.r Macleod Resd.

Tanjore
9th April 1797

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The President reports to the Board the Non consequence of the entire failure of the Rajah of Tanjore to make good the Kist falling due the 15 Instant, he has sent the following Instructions for assuming a part of his Country according to Treaty—

The President informs the Board that in consequence of the entire failure of his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to make good his Kist of sixty thousand pagodas, on the 15th Instant his Lordship has directed the Secretary to dispatch the following orders to the President by express—

To Alexander Macleod Esqre

Resident at

Tanjour

Sir,

Instructions to Alr Macleod for assuming the District of Trevady or provisionally Mayaveram or Manargoody in consequence of the Rajahs Total Failure in the Payment of his stipulated Kist for April—

In consequence of the entire failure of his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to make good the payment of his Kist of sixty thousand Star Pagodas due the first instant, according to the sixth article of the treaty of 1792, I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to desire that you will immediately acquaint his Excellency with the determination of this government to have recourse to the penalty provided for this failure in the seventh article of the said treaty—

Immediately after this communication to his Excellency you will take measures for assuming the Soubah of Trevady by sending proper persons to take charge of the revenues and customs in the name

of

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of the Company, and you will call upon His Excellency to recall all his officers from that district as soon as they may have made over charge to the persons deputed by you, except such officer as the Rajah may chuse to remain at the Sudder cutcherry of the Soubah for the purpose of receiving the accounts of gross and nett collections as stipulated in the 7th. article of the treaty of 1792.

The President in Council has been induced to select the Soubah of Ivvady, because the amount of its net revenue, stated in the schedule No 1 annexed to the treaty at S.Rs. 1,49,668. comes nearer to the amount of the Rist in the payment of which his Excellency has failed than any of the other districts pledged for the security of the Company's Subsidy, — because being in the immediate neighbourhood of Tanjore and consequently more under your own eye, this district may have been less subject to those usurious and oppressive exactions which you have described in your late correspondence, and because the customs of Papanassum, being a ready money revenue afford the readiest means of reimbursing the Company in the amount of the present failure.

Adverting however to the alarming description which you have given in your letter dated 10th

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10th Instant of the situation of the Revenue throughout the Tanjore country, the President in Council cannot but be solicitous that the most effectual means may be taken for securing the Company against eventual loss: if therefore you shall have good reason to be satisfied and those reasons are to be immediately stated for the information of Government, that the Soubah either of Mayaveram and Manargoody have suffered less than that of Trevady, from the extortion and rapacity of the money lenders, You are authorized to take possession of either of them in the Companys name; that the district of Mayaveram is to be preferred on account of the greater assimilarity of its net revenue to the amount of the present failure—

You will acquaint the Rajah that a deduction will be made from his subsidy proportionate to the value of the Soubah about to be assumed for the Company, and you will be particular that you carry these orders into execution in the manner least offensive to his Excellency, which may at the same time be consistent with the real security of the Company—

Fort St. George
15th April 1797.

Sam. Hy. Webbe

Signd J. Webbe Sec.y to Govt

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The Board approve the foregoing instructions to Mr Macleod—

The Board approve the instructions sent to the Resident at Tanjore—

Read the following letters from the Rajah of Tanjore, entered also in C.C. 1795 N. 37. & 38—

Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Right Honorable Lord Mobart Governor &c. &c. &c. dated 15th March 1797.

From the Rajah of Tanjore complaining of an insult offered to him by Mr Macleod Sherfogee and his Servants by entering the Palace without giving him notice of their approach, on the Plea of visiting the apartments of Mohana Bhai Saheb—

Some time since Sherfogee and Maya Bhaie Saheb and Mohana Bhaie Saheb &c. went to reside in Madras afterwards the Governor in Council gave them leave to return to Tanjore. in consequence Sherfogee and the two Bhaie Sahebs arrived on the 1st march 1796 at Trevady, on that very day Mr Macleod came to the durbar and represented that a place of residence was required for the Bhaie Sahebs, and asked what place should appoint for them. I replied that there were their own apartment in which they might remain at pleasure, upon this Mr Macleod said that he had received orders to clear out the House of Mr John Sulivan for Sherfogee, that there would be no intercourse between him and myself. that there was no occasion to provide an apartment for him in the palace. and that he would take up his residence at

Mr

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Mr Sulivan's house; but that it was only necessary to prepare the apartment of the Bhaie Sahebs - after this Mr Macleod took his leave - In consequence I employed the people of the Bhaie Sahebs as well as my own in preparing their apartments. On the 11 March 1796. Sherfogee came from Tsivady and went to reside at Mr Sulivans house: on the 16th of the same month Mohana Bhaie Sahel alone came to reside in her apartments at the palace: and Moroga Bhaie Sahel sent to say that she would reside at Tsivady. This arrangement continued for upwards of a year: and I enjoyed comfort during this time without interruption. Mr Macleod and his dubash and Mr Swartz however have now studied the means of exciting new dissentions by joining with Sherfogee: by suggesting their counsel to him they have again set on foot new disputes. In consequence on the 12th instant at 9 oclock in the morning Mr Macleod, and his dubash, and Sherfogees Man Duttagee came suddenly without giving me any intimation to the door of my palace Mr Macleod and his dubash were suffered to pass without any hindrance. the people at the door said that without my permission they could not admit Sherfogees people; upon this Mr Macleod put the guard at

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at my gate under charge of his people. and leaving them with direction to send my people away from the gate and to place them on the outside of my palace walls himself. with his dubash and Sherfogees man Duttagee entered my door. and penetrating as far as the apartments of Mohana Khaie Saheb remained in the inside for one hour devastating the palace. upon their departure after this Mr Macleod said that Sherfogees people would have occasion to go to Mohana Khaie Saheb and that if they should be stopped at my gate, he would put my people in the guard. he then went out with his dubash and Duttagee, and released my people whom he had before given in charge to his. Mr Macleod without sending to inform me. but bringing Sherfogees people with him. enters my door. and insults my people what am I to do? if there should be any business. he ought to send and inform me. and if any answer is required. should send it. but. if without attending to this Mr Macleod suddenly enters my door and affronts my people what can I say? I am a Resident under the Companys colours; if any insult should be offered to me. it remains for me to lay my complaint before your Excellency. It is not possible that. when you appointed Mr Macleod Resident at my durbar. your Excellency should have instructed him to

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to endeavour thus day by day to excite disturbance; but Mr. Macleod unjustly continues to contrive some intrigue against me. It is one year since the arrival of Sherfogee at this place, during which there has been no dissention at the instigation of Sherfogee and Mr. Swartz, Mr. Macleod has now again set on foot these dissentions I must wait the result of what he yet may do. I request that, of Mr. Macleod should prefer any false complaint against me your Excellency will so far favor me, as to enquire the reason of his having insulted the people at my door, and to prevent his listening to the representations of my enemies, and I entreat that a positive order may be sent to this effect. If without any previous intimation Mr. Macleod thus enters my door, little of my dignity can remain. It rests with your Excellency to shew me respect and attention. Believe me always your sincere Friend - To a Friend why should I write more.

A true Translation

(signed) I Webbe
M.S.

Translation

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Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart. Governor &c &c dated 17 March 1797.

From the Rajah of Tanjore complaining of Mr. Macleods seizure of the agent of his Treasury Venachella Pillah a measure which he represents as tending to an Embarrassment in the Payment of his Visits—

The agent of the Circars treasury. —

Venatachella pilly. went to his house at Kurtatangoody for the purpose of dining. when a guard of the Company's Sepoys was sent. who kept him in confinement untill the evening without allowing him to take any refreshment — I am ignorant of the reason for placing the Company's guards over the agent of the Circar. if he should have committed any fault. it would have been proper. as he is my servant to have sent and informed me of his crime. and to have desired that I might inquire into his conduct. I should in consequence have made public enquiry; and. if the crime should have been established against him. I would have punished him. But instead of doing so. and without paying any attention to the extent of my authority a guard has been sent in this manner to seize and confine the agent of my treasury, and to offer insult to myself. independent of this insult to myself. I have been in the custom of paying into the hands of the abovementioned agents the collections from my country in order to discharge

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my Visits to the Company, and having gathered together whatever Star pagodas or portonovo pagodas, or gold or silver could be had through his means used to forward it to my agent at Madras. Chinniah Moodely a Slop however has been put to this Business by the imprisonment of Venatachella pillys. If such derangement is introduced into my affairs. how will it be possible for me to make good my payments to the Company at the stipulated periods? Instead of heaping this insult upon me, and branding me with a failure in my Visits to the Company, in order to establish the assumption of my Country, your Excellency should rather declare at once your desire to take possession of it- have I any means of contending with you? and my Family rely in every respect upon the protection of the Companys arms: but, if while I am conducting my government under that protection, those very arms are employed to disgrace me -- of what avail will be my endeavours? - I request that your Excellency will be pleased to send instructions to the Resident at Tanjore for the release of Venatachella pilla, the agent of my treasury; if he has been guilty of any fault, let me be acquainted with it. I will make strict and public enquiry

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enquiry owing to the prevalence of my evil stars I have
ban thus continuedly exposed to insult. To whom can I
represent this disgrace? as your Excellency is tome in
every respect as the Company themselves, I make my——
representation to you; but have not yet obtained your favor.
To one acquainted with all things it is unnecessary to write
much. All other information will be communicated to your
Excellency by my Vakeel. Sumbhagee Sriumbuck.
Believe me always your sincere Friend. To a Friend
why should I write more.

A true Translation

Signed J. Webbe
M.S.

Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor &c &c &c

dated 23d March 1797

From the Rajah of Tanjore requesting to be furnished with Copies of any letters Mr. Macleod may have written containing Complaints either against himself or any of his Servants, and that Copies of his late letters may be forwarded to Bengal.

Having been informed that Mr.
Macleod has urged certain unfounded imputations against
me, against my servants who are here, and against my
agent at Madras Chinniah Moodily; I am under the
necessity of representing to your Excellency, which I do
in the most earnest manner, that if either Mr. Macleod
or

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or any other person should prefer a complaint against my Servants it is incumbent upon your Excellency not to form an arrangement upon it as if Founded in fact your Excellency should transmit dome copies. that I may be informed of the complaints against me. and having received the answer which I may be able to give, you should then proceed to form your resolution. If it should at any time appear proper to your Excellency that the imputations urged against me should be forwarded to Bengal or to Europe; and your Excellency should be pleased to communicate them to me before their transmission, I will furnish you with an answer by this means those, who are to pass decisions in Bengal or in Europe being in possession of the representations on both sides may be enabled to judge without error, and reform their determination according to justice.

On the 11th May 1796 I addressed a letter to your Excellency requesting you to forward an address from me to Sir John Shore the Governor General of Bengal Bhahader dated 10th of may, in answer to this you were pleased to inform me that it was impossible for you to transmit the letter to Bengal before you should have been furnished with a copy of it. that if it contained

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contained any complaints against the resident. it would be necessary to give him a copy; and that it would be just after having received such an answer as he might be able to make, to forward them both to Bengal. to this effect your Excellency wrote me a letter at some length dated 20 of May — as your Excellency had desired. I accordingly did. and now request that the same, and nothing but the same, justice may be observed towards me by your Excellency upon the principles of the advice, which your Excellency was pleased to give. I am confident of receiving justice at your hands, I entreat therefore that whatever complaints may have been made by whomsoever against me or my servants here, or against my agent at Madras. Your Excellency will cause me to be furnished with full copies of the whole — & your Excellency will then be pleased to take my answer into consideration. it will be made plain to your conception that the complaints are ill founded —

I further request that your Excellency will be pleased to transmit copies of my letter dated 17th March and of this letter together with English translations to the Governor of Bengal Sir John Shore Bahadur; and I

earnestly

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earnestly entreat that you will do me this favor without any delay. Believe me always your sincere Friend. For a Friend why should I write more.

A true Translation

(Signed) J. Webbe

M.S.—

Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart - Governor &c &c.

From the Rajah of Tanjore representing that the Seizure of Venkatachella Pillay at Tanjore - and the restraint subsequently placed on the Person of Chinniah Moodely his agent at Madras, must lead to a Failure in the payment of his Kists - repeats his request that copies of his late Letters may be forwarded to the Court of Directors —

I have had the Honor of addressing two letters to your Excellency one on the 17th the other on the 23d March. From which you will have become acquainted with every thing. The agent of my treasury Venkatachella pilly had already been confined under a guard; and I have since been informed that your Excellency has sent a guard to the House of my agent at Madras Chinniah Moodily, and that you have confined him also - It appears to me that your Excellency is endeavouring by every means to produce distraction in my affairs in order that by covering a failure in my Kists, you may assume the management of my country. I had thought that upon my representing to you from time to time the violence and indignities which

I have

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I have received from Mr Macleod I should have obtained justice from your Excellency's enquiries; but you have shewn me no favour and have neglected me Still however I entreat that your Excellency will be so far favorable to me as not to pursue my agent further, and not to cause the distraction of my affairs

Mr Macleod continues to exert himself in order to obtain possession of my country by every means. I had persuaded myself that your Excellencys conduct would not accord with his asperity but the appearance of present circumstances shews that your Excellency is nearly not averse to it. As I have been thus befriended by the Company. I entreat in the most earnest manner that your Excellency will favor me by preserving my honor and dignity. I request that your Excellency will be pleased to forward to the Governor General of Bengal Sir John Shore Bahadur this as well as the letter which I have already addressed to you Believe me always your sincere friend. To a friend why should I write more?

Dispatched the 27th March 1797

A true Translation

Signd J. Webbe
Jr. T.

Ordered

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Minutes on the four foregoing Letters from the Rajah of Tanjore

Ordered that copies of the foregoing letter be transmitted to the Governor General in Council in compliance with the request of his Excellency the Rajah.

Ordered also that communication be made to the Supreme Government of the instructions sent to the Resident at Tanjore for assuming one of the Soubahs in the Company's name in consequence of his Excellency's failure.

Read the following letter from the Military Board.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

From the Military Board recommending the immediate publication of the 1st and 13th Sections of the new Regulations for the Store Department under the Heads of "Agent and Commissaries of Supplies and Salutes."

My Lord

We do ourselves the Honor to transmit herewith for consideration by your Lordship in Council, the 1st and 11th Sections of the proposed Regulations for the Ordnance and Store Departments.

We have deemed this to depart from regular succession in the number of sections, by having brought forward the latter at this early period, on account of the very heavy and needless expence incurred to the Honorable

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Honorable Company by a too frequent practice of firing Salutes, as well as a number of morning and evening Guns being fired at Stations, the situations whereof, in any point of view whatever, do not demand so constant an expenditure of Gun Powder, and would accordingly recommend, in the event of your Lordships approbation that a General Order to the purport of that Section, may be immediately published to the Army

We have the Honor to be
&c &c

Fort St. George
11th April 1797

signed Geo Harris
Patrick Ross
Thomas Geils
W. Sydenham
Jn. Richardson
B.J. Close
George Hall

Minute thereon

The Board approve the regulations proposed by the Military Board & the ordnance and Store Departments ordered accordingly that they be published in general orders.

Read

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Read the following letter from the

Military Auditor General -

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

From the Military Aud.r General - reporting on the Claims of Captain Farrer of the Bellona on account of the Conveyance of the 80th Regiment to Trincomale and the 72d Regt. from Trincomale to Pondicherry proposes that it be made a Standing regulation that officers while on board Ship on Foreign Service draw only Half Batta and that the Company be in consequence at the charge of their Subsistence -

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My Lord,

In consequence of a reference to me on the subject of certain charges made by Captain Farrer of the Bellona, for entertaining at his Table 15 Officers of his Majestys 80th. Regiment from Madras to Trincomale, amounting to Pagodas 75. and for Dieting 12 Officers of the 72d. Regiment from the latter place to Pondicherry, amounting to Sixty Pagodas 160/. I have the honor to state, after having ascertained the general practice on such occasions, that many instances have occurred of officers embarked on Service receiving their full Batta, at the same time that the Captains of the Ships have been paid the regulated allowance of five Shillings per Fanams 26 - 20 Cash 1/2 a day for each officer entertained at their Table, and it also appears, that during the late Expedition to the Eastward, one Pagoda 1/2 a Day has in some cases been paid

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paid by authority to Captains of Ships conveying Officers on that Service. on the other hand it would seem, that Government did not intend that the Company should be put to any additional Expence beyond the Batta of those officers. as is shewn by the following Extract of a Letter to Colonel Folson Commanding at Malacca. Dated 1st February 1796

"You will acquaint Mr Buchan. that
"the allowance paid by him of twenty six Fanams and
"twenty Cash. Per day for each officer embarked on the
"Transports was improper, as the officers were at the time
"on Batta. the amount if possible must be refunded—

Hence it follows. that as Captain Turner appears not to have received any Compensation whatever for the Officers before mentioned he must either be paid by themselves. or if the charge is defrayed by the Company that the difference between Half and Full Batta to those of the 80th should not commence until they Landed at Trincomale. and that the same allowance should cease to be drawn by the officers of the 72d Regiment from the period of their Embarkation at that place—

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As the Regulations on this subject are by no means explicit, I am humbly of opinion that it would be equally conducive to public and private Convenience was it made an established Rule, that officers embarking on the Service, should only receive the Customary allowance of Half Batta during the Period of their being on Board Ship, and that the Company should pay the usual allowance of one pagoda per day, if embarked on his Majesty's Ships, and five shillings per day to the Captains of the Company's Ships or Transports. But considering the increased price of the necessaries of Life, and the inadequacy of the latter Sum, it is probable Government may determine, that the former allowance shall be made general for officers entertained at the Table of the Commanders of the several Ships.

In the Event of the above suggestion meeting your Lordships approbation, I have enclosed a Draft in the Form of a General Order to that effect.

With respect to the charge made by Captain

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Captain Farrer for Biscuit it appears, that out of 33 Bags of Rice shipped at Trincomale on account of the 72d Regiment only one had been expended on Board, four having been landed with the Troops, and 28 delivered to the Deputy Commissarys Agent at Pondicherry, as is shewn by the receipt which Captain Farrer has transmitted It therefore appears, that he is entitled to a compensation, either in Money or Kind, as your Lordship may resolve, and as Lieutenant Colonel Ramsay of the 72d. Regiment has certified to the delivery of the several articles amounting to Pagodas Fifty one and Fanams thirty two (P.s 51. 32) supplied to the Soldiers of that Corps on his requisition, in consequence of the Provisions sent on Board being almost expended. I conceive the account ought to be discharged, and it will of course be my Duty to see, that such of the articles as were issued to the Sick, shall be accounted for by the Surgeon of the Regiment in passing his Bill for the regulated allowance for Medicines during the passage to Trincomale.

I have the Honor to remain

&c &c

Signed W. Sydenham

Mg.r Gen.l

Military Auditor Generals
Office Fort St George
18th april 1797

Resolved

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Minute thereon

Resolved that the recommendation of the Military Auditor General in regard to the payment of passage money for officers embarking for Foreign Service be adopted and made a standing regulation of the Service—

Read the Letter from Mr Benjamin Jorin dated 14th February last—

Resolution of the Board on the Letter from the Executors to the Estate of the late Captain Routledge dated the 14th Febuary 97

Ordered that, on Mr Jorins executing a Bond of Indemnity, as directed in the letter from the Honorable Court of Directors of the 17th February 1796. an Eight p Cent Bond be issued to him bearing Date this day for the amount claimed on account of the Estate of the late Captain Routledge Viz.t Pa 8684. 3. 70.

Ordered that the 10 Bills which accompanied Mr Jorins letter abovementioned be sent this the Auditor to the Military Paymaster General, in order that he may debit the proper Heads in the Books of his Office—

Medical

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Observations and resolutions of Government

Medical Board
10th April 1797.

From the Medical Board propose the appointments of Mr Briggs to be Head Surgeon to the General Hospital Mr Ogilvie to be Head Surgeon on Ceylon and Mr Maxwell Thomson to be Surgeon to the Presidency General Hospital - Mr Gillespie to do duty in the Northern Circars. Mr Watson to be Head Surgeon at Vellore - Mr Shippard to do duty at Anglatore Mr Haliburton to the 11th Regiment Native Infy Mr M Arthur to the 1st Regt Nat. Infy Mr Mc Gibbon to Ganjam Mr Crelly with the Pioneers Mr M Intosh to the 2d Regt Nat. Cavalry Mr Connell to the 10th 10th Regt Mr Mahon to be Surgeon to the 7th European Regiment vice Harris who requests leave to resign that appointment and Mr Davis to attend the Sick at St Thome vice Addison who requests to be relieved from that Duty. Forward an appeal from Mr Watson from the reduction he has been ordered to make -

Mr Surgeon Ogilvy appointed to do duty at the general Hospital in the room of Mr Baine with the allowances of a Head Surgeon till further orders - Mr Thomas Thackeray appointed Surgeon to the Presidency General Hospital vice Ogilvy -

Approved

approved

Government having been pleased to appoint Mr William Baine Chief Surgeon and 2d Member of the Medical Board, we recommend that Mr John Briggs be appointed Head Surgeon at the Presidency in his room - that Mr George Ogilvy be promoted to the rank of Head Surgeon to do duty in the Island of Ceylon vice Briggs - and that Mr Maxwell Thomson be appointed Surgeon to the Presidency General Hospital vice Ogilvy

Understanding that the Detachment serving with his Highness the Soubah has been recalled, we recommend that Mr Joshua Gillespie Head Surgeon be appointed to do duty in the northern Circars, and Mr Alexr Watson Head Surgeon at Vellore -

Read a letter from Mr Secretary Webbe desiring to know whether the appointment of a Surgeon

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Surgeon to attend the Gentlemen
of the Civil Service at Nuglatore,
together with the Revenue Battalion
at that Station, is necessary -
As there is no Surgeon
residing at Nuglatore we have
no doubt but the appointment of
one to that Station will be very
useful and recommend that Mr.
Thomas Phippard. Surgeon. be directed
to perform the duty -

approved

We also recommend the
following promotions and removals.
Mr. John McArthur to
be promoted to the rank of Surgeon
and appointed to the 4th Regiment
approved of Native Infantry vice Phippard
Mr. David Haliburton
to be promoted to the rank of Surgeon,
and appointed to the 11 Regiment
approved of Native Infantry vice Gillespie -
Mr. Samuel Lockhart,
approved Assistant Surgeon. to be appointed
to Chicacole. vice Haliburton -
Mr

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approved

Mr Duncan M Gibbon
Assistant Surgeon to the Garrison
of Ganjam, vice Lockhart

Mr John Crilly to do
duty with the Corps of Pioneers
until the return of Mr Tait,
absent on Foreign Service.

approved

Mr William Macintosh
Assistant Surgeon to the 2d Regiment
of Native Cavalry, vice Crilly

Mr Arthur Connell,
Assistant Surgeon to the 1st Battalion
of the 18th Regiment of Native
Infantry, vice Underwood, in
charge of the Navy Hospital

Read a letter from Mr
Harris, Surgeon to the 1st Regiment
of European Infantry, representing
that the situation of his affairs
after a long absence on public
Service renders it very inconvenient

Permission granted

for him to join his Corps at
Point de Galle, and requesting
permission to resign the appointment -

We

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We recommend that Mr Harris's request be granted and that Mr Bernard M'Mahon be appointed Surgeon to the 1st Regiment of European Infantry in his room.

We have the Honor to enclose Copy of a letter which Mr Watson Head Surgeon has addressed to us, with a request that it might be forwarded to the Right Honorable the President in Council with our opinion.

approved

As the claim of Mr Watson has already been determined upon the fullest consideration of its merits, the Board are surprized that the Medical Board should again have intruded it upon government since in the letter of leave granted to Mr Watson on the 12th May 1796 forwarded thro the Medical Board he was expressly given to "understand that the leave granted being an indulgence he would not be entitled to the allowance of Head Surgeon, until he should actually officiate as such."

Mr Thos Hart Davis appointed to do duty at St Thome vice Addison.

Alth Government have already expressed their sentiments upon this subject we cannot avoid recommending Mr Watsons claim to their favorable reconsideration

We recommend that Mr Thomas Hart Davis be appointed to do duty at St Thome in the room of Mr Addison

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Government record their Disapprobation of the Conduct of the Medical Board in recommending Mr. Maxwell Thomson for the charge of the Presidency Hospital

The recommendation of Mr. Maxwell Thomson. which the Medical Board have again brought forward to Government makes it necessary for them to review the circumstances of that Gentlemans conduct; and upon reference to the proceedings in the year 1794 the Board find "an affecting detail of the "unhappy situation of many "of the patients, who (as they "themselves have stated upon "their oaths) were not unfrequently "discharged a second time from "the Hospital, though their "disorders had gained a height "that rendered the attention to "their cases a matter of indispen- "sable necessity to the preserva- "tion of their lives," - a conduct "so culpable on the part of Mr. Thomson as produced the recorded opinion of this Board "that he was wholly unfit "for the situation he had "filled." and the subsequent resolutions of the Honorable Court of Directors upon his trial. —

After

Addition who wishes to resign that Station as the Duty of the Madras Battalion to which he stands appointed requires his constant attention

(signed) Jam.s Anderson
Physician General

W. Raine
Ch.f Surgeon —

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After such proof of positive neglect and inhumanity to his Patients in the small Hospital of Ellore, the Board cannot withhold their disapprobation of the recommendation which the Medical Board have now offered for the appointment of Mr. Thomson to the important charge of the Hospital at the Presidency; and they are compelled to warn the Medical Board against similar recommendations in future, as they must inevitably have the effect of lessening that weight which would otherwise be given to their opinions.

By order of the Right Honorable the President in Council

(signed) S. Webbe

Sec.y to Gov.t

To

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To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &c. &c. Members of the

Medical Board —

Gentlemen,

In consequence of the demand made upon me by the Auditor General's Office for an immediate refund of Star Pagodas 1772. 6. 74 being the difference between Head Surgeons and Surgeons allowances for a term in the course of which I had the indulgence from Government of leave of absence on my own private affairs I am obliged to solicit relief through the interposition of your Board with the Honorable the Governor in Council. That Mr Anderson never intended to claim my Salary as Head Surgeon to the General Hospital at Masulipatam will at once appear from his receiving, and regularly remitting it to me, and that it could not be your intention to deprive me of my Salary, your decision in the particular instance of Mr Richardson, when under a party of circumstances about two years ago, will I hope sufficiently — substantiate

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substantiate, in whose behalf you determined that tho absent on leave) he was entitled to every allowance and Government acquiesced. but as Mr Stuart had drawn the allowances without authority and dyeing before he joined. they recommended his estate should be prosecuted. another instance in point to the same effect Your Board will find in the case of Mr Klein. during whose absence from his station, fruitless application was made by a Junior Servant there to draw the Salary belonging to the situation. with the other allowances as specified. and refused.—

It will here be pertinent to the subject to remark also, that not having been relieved by Mr Inglis until a period of four months had elapsed from the date of his appointment to succeed me at Palamcotah, it consequently became incumbent upon me to remain there, to perform the duties of that station until his arrival; for which I was not permitted to draw any allowance whatever, Mr Inglis. tho absent and doing at Madura having drawn. and received every allowance attached to the Garrison. In all instances of Military promotions an Officer draws the pay of the higher rank from the date of his commission. however distant he may be

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be from the station to which he stands appointed, may further, many instances have lately occurred of officers being promoted from a Company to a Majority, and from that to a Lieutenant Colonelcy, in which the commission conferring the higher rank was dated 12 and 18 month, and even two years back, and in these cases the officers alluded to, were invariably permitted to draw the difference between the pay and allowances of the rank they had served in, and that to which their new but antidated — commissions entitled them —

My commission, Humbly — conceive, possesses no less virtue & energy, and that I am equally entitled with the officer to the allowances of the rank it confers upon me, while absent on leave —

I would further crave your attention Gentlemen, and that of the Honorable Board, to the circumstance of my having drawn the Salary of Head Surgeon under the fullest impression of its being my just right, and that having regularly disbursed it for my Current monthly expences,

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the refund of so large a sum as that awarded by the Auditor General, would subject me to the severest inconve=nience and embarrassment. And permit me yet to add on this head, that the leave of absence granted me by Government as an indulgence, in this instance, would under these circumstances be so far from operating as such that it would place in a situation the most painfully distressing. I would therefore flatter myself, Gentlemen that on a due consideration of the matter premised, and the general usages that now prevail in the Army, of which I must consider myself a part, that the peculiar circumstances which press so hard upon me on this occasion will induce you to recommend to the Honble the Governor in Council, my being relieved from the heavy demand above specified, which I feel myself so unequal to answer; and be paid the arrears of my Salary from the day on which it was stopped ——

Independent of the justice of the argument, the above precedents, and other circumstances that have been urged, your Board must perceive should such a misconception of the extent of its meaning remain, it will pass into a rule that must on every future occasion operate directly, and severely to the prejudice of

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of Senior Servants so situated, should business, public or private, ill health, or other invitable — accidents render their presence requisite at the Presidency, or otherwise even for one day —

Having already encroached perhaps too much upon your time, Gentlemen, I shall press upon it no further than to request, that you will do me the favor to forward this address to the Honorable the Governor in Council with such remarks upon it as may be the result of your superior wisdom, candour, and experience: and I have the honor to be —

Gentlemen

Yr. Obt.

Madras
6th. April 1797.

/signed Alexr. Watson
Head Surgeon

/A true Copy/

/signed T. Conolly
Sub. Mr. Bd.

Resolved

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Resolved that Mr alexander Cunningham be appointed Paymaster and Commissary of Grain and Provisions to the troops at Amboyna and Banda with an allowance of £500 ₱ annum.

Mr alexander Cunningham appointed Paymaster and Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Amboyna and Banda.

Hobart
" Geo: Harris
" Edw Saunders
" E Hollond

John Turing Esq.

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Diary

Remind the following letters as inter'd also in C.C. Nos 39 40.

Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor &c &c &c

From the Rajah of Tanjore Complaining of Mr Macleod's Conduct in having without any Communication with him attempted to seize the Person of Avdiah Pilly the Amildar of Manargoody — Copy of his Letter to Mr Macleod on this Subject inclosed —

I addressed a letter to your ex-
cellency on the 27th March since which Mr Macleod
sent two guards of Soldiers with the Company's
Sircarahs at nine o'clock on the night of the 6th
Instant from the fort, they marched during the
night, and arrived at Manargoody two hours —
before day break at this time Avdiah Pilly. the
Amildar of Manargoody, with the principal
and lower class of Inhabitants had assembled
from Trivaloor on account of the Carriage —
procession: the Soldiers and Sircarahs came
by surprize and surrounded the house of —
Avdiah Pilly. after guards had been stationed
all round, the Sircarahs entered the House;
and while they were searching with an —
intention to seize him, Avdiah Pilly alarmed
at the danger which so suddenly had come upon
him

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him and intends only upon saving his life made his — escape when the Hircarrahs entered the house to search for Aviah Pilly, he Did not fall into their hands — but Avdiah Pilly's Cook and Servants and Palankeen bearers Did and were put under — charge of the European guard while the — Hircarrahs sought to suge the Amildar with an uproar through the whole town of Manargoody

The whole of the Ryots and all the Revenue — Officers of the Soubah were assembled at — Manargoody on account of the carriage procession. Fear however being excited by the Sudden — arrival and night march of the Soldiers and Hircarrahs as well as by the Sugures which had taken place, and being doubtfull of what might hereafter happen. the Ryots were — alarmed and dispersed in a manner not to be discribed. —

As Mr Macleod without any previous communication with me has excited such — a disturbance by sending a guard of Soldiers against my Amildar, as such confusion has been introduced into the Soubah of — Manargoody at the very time when the revenue was coming to the Cutcherry, and as the

whole

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whole of the Revenue officers and Ryots of that Soubah have been thus dispersed. the Collection of the Revenue for theming from that Soubah has been stopped. after the Collection of the Money from the Country, it is necessary for me to deliver it to my Shroff for the purpose of exchanging it into Pagodas, which are sent to us Madras for the regular discharge of my Bills to the Company. As the Resident has without making his intention known to me, thus committed an injustice by sending the Company's Soldiers into the Country, my authority has been suspended and the Collection of the Revenue stopped As this affront has been offered to me, and this distraction introduced into my affairs without any previous notice, it will be difficult to realize the Revenue of my Country. If Money is indeed collected. I may be able to pay the Company's Money; but if the Collections are interrupted by the disturbances of the Resident how can the Money be paid. From the 26th March when Mr Macleod suddenly sent the Company's Troops at night to the House of my Shroff whether I had sent Sanore Chuckrums &c for the purpose of being exchanged into

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Pagodas, and placed seals and guards over the Shroffs Shop. the Merchants and chettes of this City have entirely lost all confidence in me, in addetion to this, he has sent the Company's Soldiers and Peicarahs without any communication to me for the purpose of seizing my Aumildar, the Ryots, and Poligars and Cavelgars of the Country have in consequence lost all respect for me. and the greatest distraction has been introduced into the business of the Collection of my — Revenue. If rather than the continuation of this injustice my Country should at once be — seiged by force, what could I do - I ought to — overcome my enemies by the assistance of the Company's Troops; but instead of that the greatest alarm has been excited in my mind that I shall be destroyed by those very Troops I suffer the greatest anxiety for what Mr Macleod may at any time chuse to do. But to whom i shall I address my complaint The Company have placed your Excellency in high Station, and have sent you to the Country for the protection of me and of those in my Situation, but there is no ground for any confidence that I shall be protected from injury, that I shall be upheld

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in my Government for the punctual discharge of the Company's Rists, or that I shall be preserved with my family under the cool shade of the Company. I intreat however in the most earnest manner that hereafter your Excellency will be favorable to me, that you will preserve my dignity, and enable me by restoring tranquility to pray the Company's Rists

On the 8th April I addressed a letter to Mr Macleod upon the subject of his having sent at nine o'clock at night the Company's Soldiers and Sircanahs from the fort and his having excited disturbances at Manargoody. A Copy of that letter I have herewith enclosed if your excellency will be pleased to have a translation made you will become acquainted with its Contents. Believe me always your Sincere Friend. To a friend why should I write more

Dispatched the 9th April 1797

A true Translation

Signed J Webbe

M. Tr.r

Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to Alexander Macleod Esqr.

On the 31st March you addressed a letter to me, to which I returned an answer

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on the 5th April, and you will have become acquainted with its contents. you have since on the 6th Instant sent two guards of Soldiers to Manargoody with Kircarahs, who having marched during the night arrived two hours before day break for the purpose of appre= hending Avdiah Pilly the Amildar of Manargoody who had come thither from Trivalore on account of the Carriage procession the Guard came by surprize upon his house and after sentinels had been placed all round. the Kircarah entered to search for the Amildar Alarmed in consequence Avdiah Pilly made his escape his Cook and Servants and Palanken bearers fell into their hands and were put under a guard. While search was making for Avdiah Pilly one general consternation was excited in the town by the arrival of the Company's Soldiers and Kircarahs: and the revenue officers and the principal and inferior Ryots who had assembled for the carriage procession were by this disturbance entirely dispersed in a manner not to be described— I am yet unacquainted with the place, to which Avdiah Pilly the Amildar

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has fled. What can be the reason of your — this sending a Guard of Soldiers against my Amildar with the Company's Hircarrahs to — excite a disturbance! — This is the very time of making the Collection, if at this time the Ryots or Amildar are disturbed the Revenue to be collected for the Circar must be lost: with this you must be well acquainted. Do you have at the very time of making the — Collections sent a guard of Soldiers and the — Company's Hircarrahs without any communication to me for the purpose of Seizing my Amildar, and if in consequence my Country should be — uncultivated and my revenue uncollected, the — Payment of my Kists to the Company will be interrupted: if I say you continue these unjust attempts to bring my Country under the — Company's Assumption of what avail will be my endeavours! By you the confidence of — conducting my Government under the Shelter and protection of the Company, and of discharging my Kist with care through their friendship — is fled. if any enemy should enter my — country, the Company should assist me in punishing him: if instead of this, you send guards of Soldiers, while I am conducting

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my Government under the cool shade of the Company, against my Amildar, and excite disturbances like this. — how is it possible that the Ryots, Polygars, Cavelgars &c can consider me as their Rajah! how will it be possible for them under this apprehension to continue their operations? and how will it be possible for the Revenue to be collected for the Circar? How shall I be able to make good my payments to the Company at the Stipulated period? If rather than continue this injustice you should urge my Country by force, am I able to contend with you? I have trusted to the Company and have continued to preserve my Government and my family by their Arms: if they should begin to use force against me, to whom can I complain? — On the 20th March you suddenly sent at eight o'clock at night a guard to the Shop of my Shroffs put seals upon some of my money which was in the Shop, and placed a guard over it. from that time the Merchants and Chettics of my Country have lost all confidence in me I was already sinking in a Sea of grief: but since you have suddenly sent in the night time a guard of

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of Soldiers with Kincreaks to Seize my Amildars.
the business of my Government is entirely
disturbed, the officers of Revenue and Ryots are
dispersed, all respect for me in the Country
is fled, and the collection of my Revenue
Stopped. As you have thus continued to insult
me from time to time all hope of my paying
the Company's Kist with punctuality is gone —
if in consequence of this injustice there should
be any failure in my payment there will
be no ground for imputation against me. If
you will be pleased to procure an English
translation of what I have written, you must
be conscious in your own mind of the impropriety
of your own actions, it is absolutely necessary
for me to write a letter to the Governor in Council
on this Subject, and I desire that you will send a Copy
of this Letter to them.

In the letter which I wrote to you on
the 5th April I desired that as the whole sum of one
Lack and Sixty three thousand Chuckrums, for
which Shealy, and the Seaport of Trenchwash, and
four puttucks of the Mayaveram Soubah had
been made over as Security to the Company,
had been paid — your people might be re-
called. From my letter on this Subject, which

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is at length, you will have been informed fully I have sent on account of the Lack and Sixty three Thousand Chuckrums for which Shrally and the four Soubahs of Mayaveram were mortgaged to the Company. The whole of that Money has been paid. If however there should be any small balance, I will upon its being proved by your Honours discharge it ready Money whatever may be established by the accounts. Recall your People. I have given orders to mine not to pay any part of the Revenue of those districts to your agents.

What is there more to write!

Dispatched the 8th April 1797—

true Translation

(Signed) S Webbe M. S. r—

Translation of a Letter from Mahana Bhaie Saheb To the Right Honble Lord Hobart. Governor &c &c &c

From Mahana Bhaie Saheb — widow of the late Rajah of Tanjore — representing the cause of her having originally withdrawn herself from the protection of the present Rajah and of her having again returned to them — stating also that the Subsistance she originally received from the Company she now draws from the Rajah —

While my Husband and I continued to govern, two children were borne from me from me, who lived some time in this world and then unexpectedly went to Heaven after this my husband continued in the gover

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grief which was occasioned by this Melancholy
event about eight days before the decease of
my Husband, those, who were near him
brought a Youth from among our relations
and presented him to the Maharaj said that
he might adopt him. This the Rajah deeming
incorrect sent for me to consult my opinion —
I said "are not the two children, who were born
from me, gone! what is the use of adopting
a boy related to you in the seventh generation?
this affair does not appear proper to me.
In consequence of this opinion, which I gave
to my husband he looking to future events for
eight days sent for my Brother in law or
Rajahnee Maharaj Ameer Sing / whose life he
preserved / and into his hands delivered me / —
Mother in Law Dropeda Bhaie Saheb, my two
× Sammatees and myself with our Servants and
the whole of his Government — on the Thirdday
after this he went to Heaven. From thence
forward for three Years we continued under
the orders of Ameer Sing: on this Situation
the Padre & having established an influence

over

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over Sherfogee and thinking of raising him to
power used every persuasion with my
Mother in law Dropida Bhaie Saheb and
my two Summatis, in order that they
and Sherfogee might be put upon
Separate establishment, to this my Mother
inlaw assented and directed me to join their
party. Although I believed the Suggestions of
my Mother to be improper, yet compelled by
the duty of Submitting to my elders and
being without resource I joined them and
Separated myself from my brother in law
Ameer Sing — Some time after this my
Mother in law Dropida Bhaie Saheb were
to reside in heaven. this event was soon
followed by the death of Soliciun Bhaie
Saheb, my good adviser. While I was thus
plunged in grief by the loss of my Husband,
my Mother in law, and my companion, some
ill disposed persons about Sherfogee joined
themselves with Poore Swarj: and having
made I know not what representations to
Madras obtained an order from Sir Charles
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Cahdy authorizing us to come of we reached it
to Madras. Sherfogee and my Sumnatee using
every persuasion and threatening me with the
fear of much distress if I should remain here
took me with them to Madras, upon my
Arrival there I continued for some time in the
same sentiment but Sherfogee did me much
injustice, and plundered some of my property
and distressed me in many respects my mind
being unsettled by this, induced me to think of
leaving Madras. At this time Sherfogee gave
orders to his people to prevent my going to
Tanjore. This brought me into much sorrow
and in this condition you did us the favor of
giving us leave and of sending us hither —
After my departure from Madras and
Arrived at Tanjore I have with my own consents
attached myself to my brotherinlaw Ameersing
according to the directions which had before
been given by my Husband and have remained
happy in my own apartments I have no
wish for any future connexion with Sherfogee

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I used to receive with Sherfogee and the rest through the Company's means 3500 Pagodas for my annual expences. this sum I continue to receive from my brotherinlaw Ameer Sing. I have written this at my own pleasure for your information. The burthen of shewing me favor rests upon you. If the ill disposed people here offer me any inconveniences, I shall send to inform you of them, and I trust that you will do me the favor of punishing them. to a friend why should I write more?

Amer Translator

(Signed) J. Webbe
Mar. Trans.

Sent the above Letters in circulation with the following Minute of the President —

The President's Minute, sent in Circulation on the 18th April, with the Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore dated the 9th April —

Lord Hobart not having received any explanation from Mr Macleod on the Subject of the accompanying letter thinks it proper that the Secretary should write to him immediately

President's Minute on the subject of this foregoing Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore —

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immediately desiring he would state all the circumstances of the case, but particularly the cause of his attempting to seize the Amildar

Lord Hobart must add that he has no doubt that the Rajahs letter is full of exaggeration, and written with a view to his not paying the Kist, but is nevertheless of opinion that Mr Macleod has been extremely remiss in making no report upon the Subject, and would have the Secretary inform him that Copies of all letters the Rajah may address to him in future must be forthwith forwarded to Government

(Signed) Hobart

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Sent in consequence the following letter to the Resident at Tanjore —

To Alexander Macleod Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore

To the Resident at Tanjore calling upon him to explain his motives for attempting to seize the Person of Avdia Pilly the Amildar of Pattamar goody — Copies of all letters and Papers addressed him by the Rajah to be in future transmitted to Government.

Sir

I am directed to inform you that the Right Honble the President in Council has received from his excellency the Rajah of Tanjore

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I anjore a representation stating that in the night of the 6th instant a party of Soldiers with some of the Company's Periaaks had been detached by your orders to Manargoody for the purpose of seizing the person of Ardeah Pilley. the Amildar during the celebration of a publick festival and that his Excellency had addressed a letter to you on the 8th Instant upon this Subject a Copy of which he has forwarded for the information of Government

As the Injury of so important an Officer of the Rajah's Government at so critical a period and without communication with his Excellency is a measure too strong to be justified but by immediate and evident necessity, the President trusts and expects that you will be able to give a Satisfactory explanation of your motives for this proceeding, but in the mean time I am directed to express the very great Surprize of the President in Council that you should have suffered a period of fourteen days to elapse without making any communication upon this Subject notwithstanding a very urgent

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urgent complaint preferred by the Rajah upon yourself

Upon the receipt of this letter therefore you will state the whole of the circumstances, which have led to your attempt upon the person of Abdul Pilly as well as the consequences which have followed the march of the Troops; and I am further directed to desire that you will lose no time in transmitting Copies of whatever letter or Papers may in future be addressed to you by his Excellency.

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

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Received the following Letters

Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government

From Mr Roebuck offering Terms for the delivery of 1000 Bags of Rice at Amboyna — and for conveying to the Coast such Spices as the Company may wish to ship —

Sir

Understanding that Government require Rice for the Troops at Amboyna and Banda and probably Sought for Spices from those Islands I beg you will be pleased to submit the following Proposals from

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from me to the Right Worshipful the President. —

First I will engage to deliver at Amboyna Dangers of the Seas and Enemies excepted at my own risk Four thousand Bags of good Merchantable Cargo Rice according to the accompanying Muster, at the rate of Five Spanish Dollars ℔ bag of 164 ℔ payable by Bills from the Resident of Amboyna on the Government at the rate of 15 Dollars ℔ 10 Pagodas. and at 15 days Sight payable either in Cash or by Bills on Bengal at the exchange of the day — the charges of landing to be borne by Government and fifteen days to be allowed for landing the Rice after which the Ship to come on Demurrage at the rate of fifty Pagodas ℔ day until the Rice shall be discharged. —

Secondly. I engage for the sum of six Thousand Pagodas payable by Bills from the Resident of Amboyna upon the Government at fifteen days Sight, to give up the use of the whole of the Tonnage of the Ship Gloucester + Receiving such part as may be necessary for the Ships Stores Water and Provisions, and —

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twenty tons besides for my own private use)
for the purpose of bringing back such
freight as Government may have to load on her
allowing thirty days for landing / after which
the Ship to come on Demurrage as above /—
Thirdly I beg leave to stipulate that
the Resident at Amboyna shall be obliged to
notify to the Captain of the Glocester before
the discharge of the Rice, whether or not
Government will have occasion for the Ship
for a returning Cargo. If he shall notify
that the Ship shall be wanted, and at the ex-
piration of the Month allowed for the
loading of her, he shall find that he has
not any Cargo for her. I require that
Government will be pleased to make me an
indemnification by the sum of Two thousand
Pagodas payable by Bills on this Government
as before, and I trust the Right Honble the
President will not think, that the
indemnification unreasonable when he
considers that for an uncertain freight

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back, I deprive myself in a great measure of the advantages to be secured from a profitable trade among the Eastern Islands, for in the event of the Gloucester taking any Company's freights on the above terms, I engage she shall return direct

Fourthly Should the Gloucester receive any Company's freight at Amboyna or Banda. I propose the Hatches to be sealed by the Company's Officers there, and opened in the same manner at this Port, allowing fifteen days for unloading the Cargo. I take the liberty of proposing this because being unacquainted with the usual wastage of Spices I do not wish to make myself responsible for any deficiency there may arise from a variety of causes which cannot be imputed to the Captain and Officers

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I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) Benj.n Roebuck

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor of

Fort St George

From the Assistant Resident at Poonah representing a person of the Name of Soobrow attendant at the Poonah Durbar in the capacity of Vackeel to the Rajah of Travancore —

My Lord

I have the honor to enclose for your Lordships information extract of my Address of this date to the Governor General,

Poona
7th April 1797

and to be very respectfully
My Lord &c &c
(Signed) J. Malthouse

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Malthouse to the Governor General dated Poonah 7th April 1797

I at the same time, signified to him that Row, that a Person of the Name of Soobrow had for these three Years past assumed to himself at this Court the appellation of Vakeel of Ram Raja of Travancore, but that though Ram Raja was the most close friend and ally of the Company, nothing had been communicated to our Government by the Raja, relative to Soobrow's mission, nor had Soobrow made himself known in that Capacity either to Sir Charles Malet or to me —

In reply to the above message Mr Row

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Row, assured me, that it was totally unknown to him that any such Person as I had represented Soobrow to be, was at this Court. I am however, given to understand that a Present of two or three Horses is about to be made by the Peshwa to Ram Rajie — through Soobrow —

True extract

Signed S. Webbe, Sec.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c

From Major General Doyle stating that the Funds which the Superintendant of Revenues is enabled to appropriate to the use of the Troops is very inadequate to their Demands —

My Lord.

I have received Mr Secretary Webbe's letter of the 21st ultimo containing your Lordships Answer to mine of the 6th referring me to the Resident and Superintendant of the Revenues I should not have importuned your Lordship had I not been certain that it was not in his power to furnish an immediate and adequate supply; of this your Lordship will be convinced from his letter enclosed in my last of the 21st. The Paymaster will this day receive from Mr. Andrews, the Sum of Ten thousand Pootoos Pags however very disproportioned that small supply is to

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to our present wants your Lordship will perceive by the enclosed memorandum from the Paymaster I don't say any thing in addition to what I had the honor of stating the 21st ultimo as your Lordship will perceive the Same difficulty's still exist.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Willm Lewis Doyle
Major Genl

Head Quarters
Columbo 3d April 1797.

Statement of Sums due to the Troops at Columbo and Pointe de Galle on the 1st April.

H. M. 19th	Regiment		15000
73d	Do		5500
Bengal Artillery	have received Subsistence	for January and Arrears for December	8250
77th Regt N. J.	Do	Do	6,900
33d Battn	Do	Do	6,300
Pioneurs	Do	Do	1500
Engineers	Do	Do	1200
Staff	Do	Do	15,475
1 Dett R. E.	Do	March & Do for February	1800
9th Regt N. J.	Do	Do	2300
Bombay Detachment	—	—	—

Total Pagodas 61,225

A Small proportion of this amount has been discharged by Bills on the Paymaster General - Madras -

(Signed) John McDonall
Paymaster

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From the Assistant — Resident at Kyorabad — reports from Anagoondy — state that the Vackeels from the Peishwah and Seindia at Sipporo Durbar are praising the Sultaun to relinquish to their masters the Fort of Gooty — other reports of a vague nature also communicated —

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

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit for the notice of your Lordship in Council, Copy Translate of the latest Intelligence received here from Tarmuni —

Hydrabad
11th April 1797.

And to be with the greatest respect
My Lord &c &c
(Signed) J. K. Kirkpatrick
Asst Resident

Translate of Intelligence from Taarmuirri dated the 31st March 1797, received here the 9th

Yesterday the 30th News arrived here from Seringapatam, that a Vakeel on the part of Baji Row and another on the part of Dowlut Rao Scindiah had been there for some time past making demands for the Fort of Gooty and interceding in behalf of the Zemindars of Anagoondy and Kurpurthy whom the Sultaun long ago drove away from their patrimonies in. on these points the Sultaun continued to amuse them for a while with fair promises, but upon their

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their discovering that he had no serious intentions of acceding to the propositions they were charged with [illegible] to give up the Fort of Goote, and restore the Zemindars of Anagoondy and Bunpoorhully to their possessions / they applied for leave to depart: but this they could not obtain and they have ever since been detained there prest with Spies.

It is further reported that there are ten English Battalions encamped with hostile intentions / against Tippoo / at Trinomalee, and that the Zemindars of Kishengunge and Sripatore which are in the Barrah mahl, have made predatory excursions into the Neighbouring territories of Tippoo; on which account the Sultaun had sent two thousand horse and five thousand Infantry to Color — in consequence of the war — which exists between the French and English. — Tippoo Sultaun has made an embarkation of 7000 Sepoys at Mangalore, which he has sent to the assistance of the former —

On the 31st Accounts were Received from Goote which stated that Mustaun Saheb was treating some of the rich inhabitants in that

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District very oppressively so as to render himself very unpopular there; and that moreover by orders from Court he was pressing men — against their inclinations into the Sultaun's Military Service, and sending them off under Guards to Seringapatam —

It is current here, that the — fugitive Zemindars of Anagoondy and Purpunhelly make excursions every ten or twelve days into Tippoo's territories, where they have already plundered and destroyed two Villages —

A true Translate

(Signed) J. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

true Copy

(Signed) J. Kirkpatrick Assist

20th Sent two Letters to the Nabob enclosed in C.C. Nos. 41. 42 the former inclosing the Letter from the Nizam to his Governor at Kurpah for the Suppression of Robberies — the latter requesting the irregular Conduct of the Troops that his Highness had detached for the purpose of quelling the disturbances in the Terrore — Country —

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Dispatches the undermentioned Letters
entered in M.B. Nos 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81 —

To Mr A Cunningham

To Mr A Cunningham appointing
him paymaster and Commissary of Grain and
Provisions at Amboyna and Banda with a Salary
equal to £500 pr Annum —

To Mr Secretary Barlow Sir Charles
Warre Malet and Major Kirkpatrick — forwarding Copy
of the latest Intelligence received from the Mysore
Country.

To the Secretary at Bengal and to the Residents at Poonah and Hyderabad —

To Major General Sydenham referring
for Examination the Estimate of the Acting —
Commissary General of Grain and Provisions and
Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage —
Bullocks for the ensuing Month.

To the Military Auditor General

To Lieutenant Colonel Roberts —
informing him that Major General Erskine will
send a Sufficient detail to relieve the whole of
the Coast Artillery — and desiring him to commu-
nicate with Major Kyndman as to the most
eligible mode of conducting the Bullock —
Department in future —

To the officer Commanding the Nizams detachment

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To the Officer Commanding at Amboor

To Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson — Authorizing him to proceed with two Companies of Sepoys to the borders of the Nabobs Country for the purpose of relieving the alarm of the Inhabitants; but desiring him to be particular careful in preventing any part of the Troops from entering the Limits of Tippoo's Dominions.

To Lieut G Lang Commanding at Jaggernaickporam

To Lieutenant G. Lang informing him that the Board consider the allowance of full Batta, which he has drawn, a sufficient Compensation for any trouble or expence he may have incurred in the Command of Jaggernaickporam —

To the Military Board —

To the Military Board desiring their opinion on an application made by the Officers Stationed at Patoor for an allowance to provide themselves with Quarters — and on the most eligible Station for erecting Barracks and Stabling for the 25th Regiment of Light Dragoons — a Letter from Major General Floyd regarding Repairs executed under his orders and Building erected with the Materials of the old Stabling of the 19th Dragoons referred.

To the Commanding Officer on Ceylon

To Major General Doyle — approving the

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the Abolition hitherto collected by the Town Major of Columbo on each Liaguer of Arrack keeping — a through the Gates of the Fort — and observing to him that all points relative to Arrack Renters out of the Fort are under the immediate Controul and directions of the Superintendant of Revenue — authorizing the Payment of Captain Lieut Gardes Subsistence at Columbo from the present time, and the Issue of Provisions to the European Women attached to the Regiments serving on Ceylon

To the Military Board desiring they

To the Military Board —

will report their opinion as to the Extract of the — Repairs that should be made to the Dispensary and state the Expence that will attend their execution

To Lieut Colonel Pater informing

To the Officer Commanding the 2d Regt Native Cavalry

him that the accidental Death of Lieut Nuthall's Horses at a distance from his Corps and not upon Service cannot be considered to be included in any one of the cases provided for by the Regulations of the 20th June 1792.

To Mr Brodie — advising him that

To the Garrison Storekeeper

the Government of Bengal have not been able to ship on the Remains here the whole Quantity of Salt

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Said Provisions which they had originally intended

Receives the following Letters

Right Honble the Governor in Council

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly relative to the seizure of a Female Servant belonging to Mr Surgeon Brown under the authority of the Nabob Muzzum ul Mulk

My Lord

A very tyrannical, and offensive act under the authority of this Highness Nuzzum ul Mulk Bahander has been exercised here about nine days ago, towards Mr Brown Surgeon of his Majesty's 19th Dragoons.

I have made every enquiry into the business, and am fully assured of the exactness of Mr Brown's Statement as in his Letter which I have the honor to enclose

I have used all the means in my power without success to prevail on this Highness to do justice, and liberate his prisoners — The marriage of the Begum is purely a pretext, which he laments in private, and is exceedingly ashamed of the part he is called upon to act in publick, and declares that nothing would tempt him to marry the person in question —

She is moreover not a Subject of the Nabob

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Nabob's the Family living of Tanjore —

The Nature of this Young Woman's
errors need not be explained, being common in
India, and in all countries far removed from better
intercourse — two of her sisters are now in the
service of different Officers

I am therefore impelled to call —
upon your Lordship for redress on this occasion
tho' with extreme reluctance, as I am persuaded
His Highness conduct is under the influence of
evil counsel, and that he would be incapable
of such a deviation from himself —

I have the honor to be,
My Lord &c &c
(Signed) J. Floyd. M.G.

Trichinopoly
17th April 1797 -

Major General Floyd
Commanding Trichinopoly &c &c

Sir,

Relying on the known impartiality of
your Conduct in distributing justice to
every person under your Command, I beg —
leave to submit to your consideration, and
ultimately

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ultimately to the decision of Government an act of the most flagrant violence and oppression equally insulting to my fulings as it is — subversive of my rights.

The following is a Statement of the occurrence.

On Saturday the 8th Instant a Girl in my Service was forcibly seized by Authority of the Nabob in the Marriore Bazar, and — carried to the Palace where she and her family have been kept as close prisoners ever since

The Nabob in explanation of this lawless outrage alledges that she had been betrothed to a Moorman in his Service, and that it was at the solicitation of this man he had caused her to be Seized — I must here remark that the Nabob at first assigned a cause perfectly different Viz.t that she had been stolen by the People calling themselves her Parents with a view of selling her, and on that account he had caused her to be seized — The latter plea he has thought proper to relinquish but adheres to the former — I have very

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very reason to believe it also unfounded in fact,
and fabricated on purpose to give a colour of
justice to a bad cause - The man who pretends
to claim her, is a Deraga in the Nabobs
Service - I can prove by three respectable
witnesses that this man complains of being
compelled by the Nabob to advance this
claim, which he says is totally without
foundation, that he never has been married to
her, nor would he be for ten thousand Pagodas
All I ask, Sir, is to have the
whole investigated in a fair unconstrained
manner, the Girl and Family to be released
from the Nabobs Palace where they are
at present confined - when if the pretender
husband will make good his claim, and espouse her
as his regular lawfull Wife according to the
Moorish Ceremonies, I will relinquish all
claim to her as my Servant.

This, Sir, is a cause which
involves a question of the greatest importance
to every individual under your Command Viz
whether

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"whether or not does the Nabob possess a right and
"authority to seize upon an officers Servant in
"the public Street, whenever and on whatsoever
"pretence he pleases?

May I request, Sir, that you will
adopt the speediest means of bringing this
matter to a candid and impartial hearing
particularly as I entertain the most serious
alarm for the Girls safety while in the
Nabob's custody—

I have the honor to be
Sir, &c &c
(Signed) J. Brown Surgeon 19th Regt.

Trichinopoly
16th April 1797—

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c
Fort W.m Henry

From Major Cuppage
advising of an attack
made upon his Detach-
ment by a party of
Polygars within a few
Miles of Palamcotta
Pollams in which he
suffers a considerable
loss in Killed and
wounded—Lieut.
Skelton of the former
Number—

My Lord

Having been detailed as your
Lordship will have been informed by General
Floyd, I did not conceive it necessary to trouble your
Lordship with any Account of the Proceedings
of my Detachment until now
having been joined by the
Regiments

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Highness the Nabobs Troops on the 11th Instant I immediately consulted with the principal man to arrange what we conceived could be the best plan for putting a Speedy End to the disturbances which prevail in this Quarter, with this view I marched with my Detachment at one o'Clock Yesterday Morning to dislodge a party of the Enemy from a strong Post they occupied within two Miles and a half of the Fort of Warriorpollam and upon the high Road to Trichinopoly, in this I was Successful beyond my most Sanguine expectations, and without the loss of a man - on my return it was further agreed that while the Nabobs Troops were to go to attack a Post in possession of the Enemy within four Miles of Warriorpollam, I was to March to Coagum said to be within Fourteen Miles of the chief Rendezvous and principal Hold of the Poligars. I accordingly Marched at one this Morning and was given to understand that I had no opposition to expect until I reached the place - upon advancing about five Miles I found the Road Choaked up in the mode adopted

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adopted by the Poligars. by thorns cut and planted in immense quantities and the Jungle on both sides of me impenetrable — I immediately set to work with my advanced party and Coolies furnished by the Nabob as Pioneers to clear the Road. I had made but a very small progress when the enemy opened a very heavy fire of Musketry upon me. I returned their fire and persevered in opening the Road attempting at the same time although in vain to detach parties round their flanks. I had hopes that my fire would have induced the enemy to have abandoned their works, in a similar manner as they had done the night before, but finding them obstinate I brought up a Gun and which was immediately opened upon them: in this manner I persisted for two hours during which time every exertion was made to remove the impediments in our front but under the heavy fire kept up upon us we found this to be impracticable — I have to regret that during this conflict my loss was very considerable as your Lordship will observe by the accompanying return of it — under these difficulties

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difficulties, having no hopes of getting on the day breaking upon us, when the enemy would have still a greater advantage and our loss consequently increased. I thought it adviseable to draw off, which I am happy to inform your Lordship was done, with great order, regularity, and steadiness.

I have taken Post within less than a mile of the enemy and I have written to His Highness's People at Warriorpollam to join me with their Troops in order that we may proceed to cut a road through the Jungle, Attack the Enemys Posts on their flank and Rear and so proceed on to Coyam.—

This I must observe to your Lordship is an Arduous undertaking considering the little assistance to be placed in His Highness's Troops with the people furnished by the Nabob as Pioneers unprovided with their proper Tools.—

Camp 4 Miles
North of Warriorpollam
16th April 1797

I have the honor to be
my Lord, &c &c &c

(Signed) A. Cuppage
Major Comg Detachment

Present

Present State of the Killed Wounded and Missing of a Detachment Commanded by Major Alexander Cuppage Camp 16th April 1797

| | Cavalry | | | | | | | | | Artillery | | | | | | | | | | 1st Batt. 5th Regt. Native Infantry | | | | | | | | | |

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir,

From Lieut Colonel McPherson proposes that Tippoo be requested to depute a proper person to meet himself and Meer Ally Khan for the purpose of adjusting the Disputes on the Borders —

In addition to the contents of my Letter and enclosures, sent by this Morning's Tappal, I have the honor to submit the new enclosed copy of a Letter through you to the Right Honble the Presidents in Council. The writer is the head Poligar of Cadapanatum, who from being upon the habits of intimacy with the Sultaun's People near the Borders was desired by Meer Ally Khan and myself, to signify our wishes that agreeable to instructions, we had received, some person or persons might meet and communicate with us for the adjustment of the matters complained of upon the Borders. It is true that Burn Row is not the most principal of the Sultauns Managers in the Malwankle Districts, but he is of some consequence and as his reply does not at all appear to me, to the point, it serves as I humbly conceive, to argue the propriety of application to the

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Sultaun himself from Government upon the subject agreeable to what I took the liberty of before suggesting

I think it very probable that it may consist with the Interest as well as the inclinations of Beemrow, and such persons, as we can apply to adopting measures, which might rather tend to foment than to assist such differences as far as they could keep clear of blame from their superiors.

The written application from Meer Ally to the Madanapelly People are still unanswered.

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
(Signed) D. MacPherson
Lt Col. Comg at Cambaum

Cambaum
the 16th April 1797.

Translation of a Gentoo letter from Byroosy Tamme Govenden Nautavar To Colonel Macpherson — 15th April 1797

Since I left you and Cavin Said I met Beemarow of Mulcaugul District, he told me that unless Mutineers are punished, the Misunderstandings between the Parties would take place — my answer was, my Lord the trouble

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20th Honble Company endeavor to do so he need not therefore be impatient about it.

There are about 4000 horse came for Graging from the westward and encamped near Mahrauguel, also some Sepoys with 5 Guns &c The Affairs at present are in this Situation I will write to you the future occurrences

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor of Fort St George

My Lord

From the Assistant Resident at Poonah with advice of the Situation of the different Chieftains — The Peshwa proposes sending Complimentary Letters and Presents to the King of England & the Company by the Hands of Sir charles Warre Malet —

I have the honor to present your Lordship my acknowledgements for the interesting Intelligence from the Mysore Country, contained in Mr Secretary Webbs Letters to Sir Charles Malet of the 15th and 21st Ultimo —

Baajy Row Chimnaa Appa, Emrut Row, & Nanna Furnavees continue to reside in Poona, and Doulut Row Sindea, Rugoje Bhonsla, Ajmir ul Amra, Jeskoje Holkar, & Bala Jurkia, with large Bodies of Troops, are still encamped in this Neighbourhood —

Baajy Row has of late, very frequent meetings both with Nanna Furnavees and Doulut Row Sindea Separately, but I cannot discern any Progress towards a Settlement of Affairs, nor to the Establishment of Harmony, among the Several Chiefs in this Quarter —

I have

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I have however the Satisfaction to acquaint your Lordship that all the Parties in this Quarter appear to be impressed with as much respect and Goodwill towards the British Government in India as can reasonably be expected between Foreign Nations; one mark of which is that the Peshwa has prepared Letters and Complementary Presents for the King and Company which are intrusted to Sir Charles Malet who expects to proceed to Europe from Bombay on the Albion Indiaman about the Beginning of next Month —

Poona
3 April 1797.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully Yr &c
(signed) J Kinloch

Sent the following Letters

To G. H. Barlow Esqr
at Fort William

To Bengal inclosing
Copies of four Letters
from the Rajah of
Tanjore —

Sir

In compliance with the request of his
Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore I am directed to
inclose

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Inclose for the information of the Vice President in Council copies of four letters from him to the Right Honble President in Council dated 15th 17th 23rd and 27th ultimo —

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I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
(Signed) P. Speke Secy to Govt

To Peter Speke Esqre
Vice President in Council
at Fort William

To Bengal advising them of the Sequestration of a part of the Tanjore Country in consequence of the Rajahs Failure in the Payment of his april Kist —

Sir

We have the honor to inform you that in consequence of the entire failure of his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to make good the payment of his Kist of Sixty thousand Pagodas due the first instant according to the 6th Article of the Treaty of 1792, we have ordered the Resident to acquaint his Excellency with our determination to have recourse to the penalty provided for this failure by the Seventh Article of the said treaty and we have accordingly directed Mr Macleod to take measures for assuming one of the Soubahs of the Tanjore Country in the Company's Name —

We enclose for your further information

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information Copies of our instructions to the Resident upon the Subject and of his letter of the 10th Instant which is therein strongly adverted to.

We have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

(Signed) Hobart

& Council

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To G. H. Barlow Esqre

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort William

Sir

a/c Bengal advising of the Regulation adopted in regard to the Provision for defraying the charges of subsisting officers embarking for foreign Service —

From the late frequent embarkation of Troops and Officers from this Coast for foreign Service, it has been found necessary to adopt a General regulation to provide for their subsistence during the Passage: and I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to inclose a Copy of the regulation with his Lordship's recommendation that a similar rule may be adopted by the Vice President in Council at least in respect to those officers who may be about to embark from Bengal for the intended expedition —

The Table Money which is paid

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paid to the Captains of Ships is one Pagoda per day for each officer.

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

To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General —

To the Military Auditor General — Communicating the Board's Decision on Captain Mackingies Bills and Captain Farries Charges — orders regarding the Charges attending the Bricking + stud on the Island of Delft — his suggestions relative to the Payments for Buckalies attached to Battalions of Native Infantry and the mode of discharging Gratuities to the Pantalies of Sepoys who are on Service approved — orders published regulating the allowances to be drawn by Officers proceeding by Sea on Foreign Service — This opinion requires + relative to the regulations necessary for reforming the offices of the Military Paymasters —

Sir.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of — your letters of the 14th and 18th Instant —

The President in Council disires that — the small bills of Captain Mackingie amounting to Pagodas 44. 12. as well as his charge for Palankeen — bearers to Angole Amounting to Pagodas 36. 36. 0 and in the Guntoor Circar, amounting to Pagodas 82. 27. 64 may be passed for payment. —

The President in Council desires + that you will give the orders which you propose for bringing to account the disbursements made and + about to be made for the Stud on the Islands of Delft —

The President in Council has + published the General Order, which you have recom = = mended for regulating the payment for Buckallies to + the

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the Battalions of Native Infantry and for the Families of Sepoys who may perish on foreign Service.

The Board desire that you will pass for payment Captain Farriers Bills for duty, the Officers of his Majesty's 72 and 80th Regiment + as well as for the Supply of Biscuit, which he appears to have furnished, and as your — Idea for confining the allowances of Officers embarking for foreign Service to half Batta while on Board Ship has been adopted it has been made a Regulation of the Service and published for the guidance of Officers in all future similar occasions. —

Having received a pressing — application upon the present Situation of the Military Paymaster under this — Presidency, and being desirous that the regulations for that Department should if possible be put in force by the 1st May; the Right Honble the President in Council desires that you will revise the letter from the

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the late Military Auditor General with the regulations proposed by him under Date the 12th April 1795, and submit to the consideration of Government such rules for this branch of the Service as you may deem expedient.

I have the honor to be

Sir, &c &c

(Signed) J. Webbe Secy to Govt

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To Mr Benjamin Roebuck

Sir

To Mr B. Roebuck accepting his offer for the delivery of 4000 Bags of Amboyna, and for bringing the Company's Guns on Freight from the Moluccas to the Coast.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th Instant and to inform you that the Right Honble the President in Council accepts your offer to deliver at Amboyna at your own risk four thousand bags of good Merchantable Cargo Rice according to Muster at the rate of five Spanish Dollars p bag payable by bills on this Government at fifteen days sight and at the exchange of fifteen Dollars for ten Star Pagodas.

The other terms of your letter are agreed

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20th agrees to and will be advised by in the event of the Commercial Resident at Banda, deeming it adviseable to load spices on the Company's account on the Gloucester.

You will be pleased in consequence to prepare your Ship as expeditiously as possible for Sea, as it is the intention of the President in Council to dispatch the Honble Company's Ship Bellona at the same time.

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

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21st Received the undermentioned Letters noted in Mb No. 82. 83. 84.

From the Commander of the Ship Greenwich — From Captain Benjamin Brown explaining the circumstances attending his Engagement with Lieut Colonel Fraser for conveying the 73d Regiment from Trincomalé to Pondicherry - and requesting that he may be paid the Amount of his Freight in Cash or Bengal Bills instead of a Sixty Days promissary Note.

From Captain Galloway commanding the Ship Restoration — From Captain Galloway stating that he cannot afford to engage for the delivery of Rice at Amboyna at the lower rate than 6 Dollars pr Bag.

From

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From the acting Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

From Mr Shardon enclosing his Cash Estimates for the ensuing Month.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 85. 86. 87—

To Major Thomas Bowser at Madura

To Major Bowser directing him to proceed to his Station at Arnee without delay under any pretence whatsoever—

To Captain A. St. Leger at Cachinore

To Captain A. St. Leger directing him immediately to March with his Troop and join his Regiment on the Chimundalum plain without leaving behind any officer or Sepoy on any pretence whatsoever—

To the Officer Commanding at Trichinopoly—

To Major General Floyd desiring him to furnish the Nabob Mahomed Ali Mulk with a sufficient Guard to escort him from Trichinopoly to Pondicherry—

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor President

Friday 21st April — Lieut General Harris
Edward Saunders
and
Ernst William Stallofield } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved—

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Fort St George 21st April 1797.

The President laid before the Board the following address presented to his Lordship by the Vakeel of his excellency the Rajah of Tanjore —

Translation of an address from Sombhajee Trumbuck, Tanjore Vakeel, to the Governor — dated 19th April 1797.

From Trumbuck Sombajee the Tanjore Vackeel offering to discharge the first of 60000 Pagodas and the 15th Instant — praying the orders for the Registration of a part of the Rajahs Country be countermanded —

It is Stipulated that Sixty thousand Pagodas shall be paid to the Company by the 15th April, but as the agents of my Master have been distressed for this Month past by the Company's people, and as much confusion has been created in the Country by sending even Soldiers and Sipoys to urge the Amildars it has happened that the Amildars being in fear and not at full liberty to make the Collections the Money has not arrived at the Stipulated period — The above circumstance are well known to your Excellency — I have now provided the above mentioned Sixty thousand Pagodas and am ready to deliver it: but under the Name of this failure Mr Macleod will have made the assumption, if therefore you will so favor me as to send orders to the resident against making the assumption, I will pay the Sixty thousand Pagodas into the Company's Treasury. —

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Signed Sombhaje Trumbuck
Tanjor Vakeel

True Translation
(Signed) J. Webbe
Mr. Transl.

The

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Reply given to the Vackeels proposition

The Secretary is ordered to inform the Vackeel that Government cannot enter into any compromise upon the Subject of his letter, but that he is at liberty to use his own discretion in regard to the payment of the List which is fallen into arrear. —

Read the following letter from the Military Board.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

From the Military Board Submitting the 2d Section of the New Regulations for the Ordnance and Store Departments under the Head of Ordnance Officers.

My Lord,

We do ourselves the honor to forward herewith for your Lordship's consideration, the 2d Section of the proposed Regulations for the Ordnance and Store Departments. —

We have the honor to be,

My Lord &c &c

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Signed
Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
Thomas Geils
Wm Sydenham
By Close
Jno Richardson
George Hall

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Minute thereon

The Board approve the regulations proposed by the Military Board for the ordnance and stores department. ordered accordingly that they be published in General orders

" Robarts

" Geo: Harris

" Eon Saunders

" C Fallofield

John Turing Esq.

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Diary

21st Received the following letters

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord

From the Military Board opinion in favor of granting House Rent to the Officers stationed at Dindigul, Yericottah, and Periacollum, conceive that no addition to the fixed allowance of five Pagodas pr. Month, on that account, can be allowed to Lieutenant Col. Brown and Major Habletorpe. The Casts applied for by the Commandant at Caroigleput considered unnecessary.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Government's Commands signified to us in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Several letters of the 15th and 31st instant with enclosures - and to report to your Lordship in Council, that the necessary communications have in consequence been made to such persons as they referred to.

On the subject of Lieutenant Colonel Brown's application in behalf of the Officers stationed at Dindigul, Yericota, and Periacollum, We would recommend that each Officer unprovided with Public Quarters may be permitted to draw from the 1st Inst. the usual Monthly allowance of five Pagodas for House Rent on the prescribed Certificate; and in respect to the claims preferred by the same Officer

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21. Officer for himself, and Major Haliburton, We beg leave to observe to your Lordship in Council, that the Regulations of the Service make no distinction in the allowance of House Rent to Officers of whatever Rank, excepting at Stations particularly authorized by Government.

Having considered the application of Lieutenant Colonel Campbell to your Lordship in Council, We would offer our Opinion, that as an example Establishment of Lascars is allowed for the various duties of the Garrison of Chingleput, the charge for Carts should not be admitted, more especially as it appears on enquiry that the Barrack Master charges for a Cart for the express purpose of cleaning the Barracks &c.

We have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) George Harris

" Patrick Ross

" Thomas Geils

" Wm Sydenham

" Jn Richardson

" By Close

" George Hall

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

Sir

For the information of the Right Honble the President in Council, I beg leave to inform you that agreeably to instructions from Major General Erskine I began my march from Ganjam on the 6th Instant, with a Detachment for Hyderabad (consisting of One Company of European Artillery, two Companies of Lascars and the 10th Regiment Native Infantry,) of two Batts. I am arrived here this day. Halt. tomorrow - and expect to reach Sicacole, on the 13th Instant, and in all probability, Rajamendry by the 9th and 10th of next Month; tho' this will greatly depend on the distances between the places, where the depots of Grain &c are laid in for the use of the Detachment.

From Major Kyndman sets out on his march from Ganjam towards Hyderabad - requests to be furnished with a Route for his Guidance -

Altho' from the appearance of the Country Westward from the Rajamendry, it is not likely there is so good a route from that place to Hyderabad as may be expected from Ellore, yet as I am not sufficiently informed, in respect to

this

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21st. this, I have to request the favor of you to have a route conveyed to me from the Surveyor's Office, or otherwise as may be deemed proper for my guidance, together with such other directions as the Right Honorable the President in Council may be pleased to honor me with for my progress into his Highness the Nizam's Dominions, and I will also be much obliged by your informing me whether I should correspond with the Aguetant General, as I get forward for the information of the Commander in Chief of the Forces at Fort St George—

Camp at Caasey
Boogah April 12th 1797—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) H. Wyndman Major
Comm.g a Detachment

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

From Mr. Wrangham expressive of his concern at the disappointment which Government have received of his Conduct. States that his expected Receipts to were not adequate to the Discharge of the Resident's a Statt of his Treasury Account enclosed.

My Lord

I have had the honor to receive a letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe expressive of your Lordship's surprise at my silence on the subject of two letters from Mr. Kirkpatrick Assistant to the Resident at Hyderabad

After

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21st After admitting as I certainly do that according to official form and correctness I should have replied to Mr. Kirkpatrick, I beg leave to offer in excuse to your Lordship for the omission, that on a subject of so much importance as the regular liquidation of the arrear of Peshcush due to his Highness the Nizam, I could not have been silent had any means of remittance to Hyderabad occurred, and I have erroneously imagined that my silence on the present occasion was sufficiently indicative that remittances were not procurable from this place. I take the liberty also to add that Meer Golaum Sahib his Highness's Agent at Masulipatam has always had free access to myself or to the Officiating Gentleman at my Cutcherry, during my absence occasionally on duty in the Country, and he could have known, and I dare say did know, that I have used every means in my power to negotiate remittances but without effect.

I have the honor herewith to transmit a Cash Account of the General Treasury at this place, which will shew your Lordship the balance of Cash I have in hand, and although it is my intention to transfer the whole of the Collections from my Division to the treasury, yet such transfer will not be adequate to the discharge of the Contribute now falling due:- I beg leave to add that large remittances were made to the Treasury for this purpose during the last year by the different Collectors in the contingious districts —

I have the honor to be with great Respect

&c. &c.

(Signed) John Wranghazn
Collect.

Masulipatam
13th April 1797

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Fort St. George the 21st April 1797

Dr. General Treasury Cash

1797		Mps.	F.	C.	A	a.	p.	CP	f.	C.
March 1st	To Balance brought from last Month	1732	5	22	"	8	"	1880	21	41
	To Revenue General Book at the Presidency									
2d	Received of Cornish Gamester Collector of the 2d Division of the Masulipatam District	7975	"	"	"	"	"	6772	18	"
18th	Received of John Wrangham Collector of the 4th Division of the Masulipatam District	"	"	"	12000	"	"	3428	20	45
	Total	9707	5	22	12000	8	"	14081	24	6

Masulipatam 18th April 1797 E. Errors

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Account at Masulipatam vizt Madras Pagodas and Rupees for March 1797

M.P. f. c. R. as. p. C.P. f. c.

1797

By the Civil Paymaster General

March 1st Paid in full for a Sett of Bills dated this day drawn by Benjamin Haynes in favor of John Wrangham Collector of the 4th Division of the Masulipatam District for his Botanical Allowance for this Month — 72 26 15 " " " 80 " "

By Commercial General Books

3rd Paid in full for a Sett of Bills dated this day drawn by Vincentius Corbett Commercial Resident on the Board of Trade in favor of John Wrangham Collector of 4th Division of the Masulipatam District — 8000 " " " " " 8800 " "

By Account Current Fort St George

11th Paid in full for a Sett of Bills dated 15th Febry drawn by Mr Assistant Resident Kirkpatrick at Hyderabad in favor of Gister Dass Soucar Comptt to the House of Athuba Dass Soucar Comptt of the Peshcush due to his Highness the Nizam on account of the 2d Fusly Year 1205 " " " 12000 " " 3423 20 45

31st By the Civil Paymaster General

Paid in full for a Sett of Bills dated this day drawn by John Wrangham Collector of the 4th Division of the Masulipatam District in his favor for different Public Charges as p. Account particulars and Vouchers to accompany the same to the Civil Paymaster General — 53 27 23 " " " 59 4 65

9126 17 38 12000 " " 12367 25 30

By balance Carried to next Month — 1580 23 64 " 8 " 1713 34 56

Total 9707 5 22 12000 8 " 14081 34 6

Excepted p. John Wrangham Collector

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Substance of a letter from the Nabob

Received a letter from the Nabob entered in C.C. No. 43. requesting that Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson may be ordered to remain some time longer in the Destricts of Sautgud &c, with a view to the total exterpation of the Banditte who infest that Country.

22d

Received the following letters

Right Honorable the Governor in Council

My Lord

From Major General Floyd answering of Major Cuppages Progress a Body of Pioneers much required on that Service - Orders a reinforcement of Europeans and Natives to join the Detachment - and various movements of Troops in consequence -

Knowing you have had a direct request from Major Cuppage, of his operations early in the morning of the 16th Instant, I content myself with inclosing for your Lordships information, a letter of the 17th and beg leave to add my firm belief that Major Cuppage and his Detachment did all that could be effected, with the means he had.

He Major has with him about three hundred persons hired by Hussun ul Mulk as Pioneers, but they are ill provided with Tools and not acquainted with the work. I think it extremely necessary that his Highness the Nabob should send immediately about 500 Pioneers properly provided

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22d provided with Felling Axes and other Tools, under the Sole Orders of Major Cuppage or Officer Commanding

I have directed Major Monson to send from Tanjore a Detachment of One hundred of His Majesty's 52d Regiment and three Companys of the 36th Battalion with one Field Six pounder under the Command of a Captain of his Majesty's 52d Regiment not having Brevet Rank of Major to reinforce Major Cuppage, and to convoy some ammunition

Not to leave Tanjore too bare I have directed Major Monson to call in his whole Detachment from Vellum, having only convalescent, or people sufficient to preserve the Quarters.

I hope these arrangements will meet your Lordships approbation.

I have also directed Lieutenant Colo. Brown to send two Companys of 100 Men each to this Station, to act, or to return as occasion may suggest

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) J Floyd M G.

Tsichinopoly
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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c &c &c Fort St George

My Lord

From Major Cuppage carries the Post in his possession to which he received so material a check on the 16th Inst.

I had the honor to address you on the 16th Instant and have now the pleasure to inform your Lordship, that I this morning at 10 O Clock carried the Port, which on that day occasioned so much loss to the Detachment with no other on this than one Sepoy wounded.

This was effected by Cutting a Road through the jungle to the Enemys flank, and taking their attention in front at the same time with a few shot and Shell, the latter of which was attended with the best consequences, as it proved afterwards.

Camp 5 Miles North of Worriarpollam 18th April 1797

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) A. Cuppage Major Commg a Detach.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council Fort St George

From the Military Auditor Genl referring a charge made in Mr Hughes's Accounts for working Money to a party of Sepoys, employed in the night breaking off Rammed in making up Gabions and Fascines for the Siege of Columbe, also a claim preferred by Capt Lennon of Regiment to Horse Allowance.

My Lord

I have the honor to submit to your Lordships

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22 Lordship's consideration copy of a letter with enclosures from Captain Bannerman late in Command of the 9th Battalion Native Infantry respecting a charge amounting to Pag.s 130 for Working Money on account of Native Commissioned Non Commissioned Officers, Drummers and Sepoys of that Battalion, while employed in making Fascines and Gabions near Ramnad for the Siege of Columbo, which charge was objected to in the Office of Audit in consequence of the Regulations for Working Money directing that it should be drawn only "when Sepoys "on Service were employed in Trenches, Batteries or Working "Parties in the Field" and it appeared the more necessary to check demands of this Nature as it often happens that Sepoys in time of Peace are employed in removing Gunpowder from the Magazines at Out Stations, and in other Extra Duties of a similar nature for which a claim has been made of working Money which I have conceived it my duty invariably to retrench and to admit of only the regulated allowance of Batta to Sepoys so employed, conceiving it to be an equivalent for all such Services in Garrison or Cantonment. In the present case however it is stated by Captain Bannerman, that the Men of the 9th Battalion for whom

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22 whom working Money was drawn were not only ordered upon the expedition against Columbo, but actually provided Materials necessary for the seige, which he conceived tantamount to their having been employed on the same Service in the Neighborhood of Columbo; but whatever weight may attach to this reasoning, it is expressly my province to adhere strictly to the Regulations of the Service, and I do not think myself warranted to deviate therefrom in any case without the authority of Government.

I beg leave also to request the decision of Your Lordship in Council on a claim preferred by Captain Lennon of the Engineers to Horse allowance for himself and his Officers while employed in the Baramaul. As the Pay Tables transmitted by the Honorable Court of Directors with the new Regulation for the Army confine that allowance to Officers of the Corps of Engineers while in the Field, I have not thought myself at liberty to pass it in any other situation. The authority quoted by Captain Lennon for drawing Horse allowance is an Order of Government under date the 25th October 1795 - "That all Officers of the Corps of "Engineers detached and who are appointed to the duty of

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22d of more stations than one be in future permitted to "draw Batta and Horse allowance." The Officers of Engineers in the Baramaul not being stationary but employed generally at all the Garrisons in the Ceded Districts, are considered as entitled to Full Batta under the Order beforementioned, and I request your Lordship's Instructions whether it is to have an operation also in respect to Horse allowance, or if that allowance is to be confined to Field Service only - I have the Honor to enclose a Copy of Captain Lennon's letter on the subject, and remain with the greatest Respect &c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mily Aud. Genl.

Military Auditor
Genl's Office
Fort St George
21st April 1797

Robert Hughes Esqr.
Paymaster
Madura

Sir

I received the accompanying Papers marked No 1 & 2 some time ago from Lieutenant James

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22 James Welsh in consequence I addressed the accompanying letter No 3 to the Adjutant General of the Army, his reply is inclosed No 4.

In conformity with the G. O. by Govern.t dated 8th July 96 I beg leave to trouble you to refer back the subject to the Auditor General for I am still of opinion the Sepoys are entitled to the working Money for altho there was no immediate danger when the Materials were made up, yet as the very men were in orders for the Service when the Materials were to be used I conclude they are entitled to the allowances the same as if the Fascines and Gabions had been made up in the neighbourhood of Colombo when it would have been immediately paid altho no immediate danger had been attached to the labour; should the Auditor General continue of opinion that the Sepoys are not entitled to this allowance I must request the claim may be submitted to the Right Honorable the President in Council and in the event of his Lordship giving a decision for the refund, that an order may be obtained for placing the Sepoys of the 9th Regt. who

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Ditto who have received the Money unon Stoppages for the Amount to be refunded.

James &c
(Signed) J. Bannerman
Capt. Lieut. Com. 9th Bn N.I.

Vytar
10th April 1797

A true Copy
(Signed) Pat: Bruce
Ast Mj. Aud. Genl

Lieutenant James Welsh Dr. to the Honble Company

For 2 To charges as hereafter detailed and Retrenched from my Disbursements, formerly replied to by him but Remaining unadmitted on the Request of my Account

Expedition to Ceylon

Extract of Retrenchment Account of January 96

Lieutenant James Welsh charges for 2 Subidars 2 Serjeadars 6 Havildars 6 Naigues 2 Drummers 151 Sepoys and 2 Puckallies for 10 days Working Money at 5 4/6 fanams per day employed near Putta Marum from the 2d to the 11th December 1795 inclusive in making Fascines and Gabions for the Seige of Columbo as per daily bills countersigned by Colonels Martin Commanding Rammaud and Colonel Gowdie Commanding Madura and reported to the Military Auditor General under date the 23d December 1795 — fanams 54 60

These Men not having been employed on Service of Danger their common Batta for 10 days can only be admitted as follows 2 Subidars 2 Serjeadars 6 Havildars 6 Naigues 2 Drummers & 151 Sepoys and 2 Puckallies @ 2 4/8 fanams 70 Cash per day from the 2d to the 11th December 1795 is fanams 24 88 60 Cash ——

The overcharge is Retrenched —— —— 703120

Total Retrenched from the disbursements coming under the Head of Expedition against the Dutch Settlements 1795/6 in January —— Pagodas 703120

A true Copy
(Signed) John Mac Donall Pay.r

A true Copy
(Signed) Pat. Bruce Ast. M.A.G.

(Signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymaster
Capt.

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Captain Conner

Paymaster of the Ceded Districts &c &c

Sir

I am favored with your letter acquainting me with the Retrenchment ordered by the Auditor General of Horse allawance from the Officers of Engineers in the Ceded Districts, in Answer to which I beg leave to represent for myself and the Officers under my Command that being appointed by Government to the General Duty of the Baramahal and Salem Countries, the General Order of Government, October 25th 1795 expressly directs this allowance to Officers in our Situation. That having various duties to attend to, this a range of 300 Miles a conveyance from place to place is at least as necessary, now as in time of War. That being in Tents allowed us by Government on account of this General Duty not being stationed at any particular place being in no instance furnished with Quarters or permitted to draw house Rent we conceive ourselves in the strictest and justest sense of the Word, in the Field and therefore

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22 therefore entitled to every field allowance; being neither in Cantonment Garrison or Quarters.

I trust therefore Sir that this Representation, which I request you to forward to the Auditor General, will be sufficient to him to authorize the continuance of Horse allowance to the Engineers in these Districts.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

April 3d 1797

(Signed) Wm Caulfield Lennon,
Senr. Engr. Ceded Districts

A true Copy
(Signed) Patrick Bruce
Asst. M.A.G.

Received also the undermentioned letters entered in M.B. Nos 88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-

From the Commandant of Chemundalum

From Lieutenant Colonel Orr- to requesting permission to proceed to Palamcotah on three Months leave as soon as the Duties of his Command will permit not having till this time been able to avail himself of his former letter of leave -

From

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From Mr Benjamin Bishop Superintendent of the of the Manufacture of Gunpowder

From Mr Bishop - expressive of his acknowledgments for the appointment lately conferred upon him.

From the Commandant at Trincomale

From Lieutenant Colonel Champagne desiring Instructions regarding the execution of Repairs required to the Grain Godowns at Ostenburgh.

From the Commandant at Vellanjaubad

From Colonel Baird - declaring that the Complaint lately preferred against him by the Nabob on the subject of Sheep is altogether groundless.

From the paymaster and Commissary at Amboyna

From Mr Cunningham - requesting to know what allowance he is to draw on account of his Establishment of Official Servants.

From Lieutenant Colonel Fraser

From Lieutenant Colonel Fraser requesting that 20 Men of the 72d Regiment now at Chingleput and Walajahbad may be ordered to join their Corps at Pondicherry.

From Military Auditor General

From Major General Sydenham - inclosing Accounts in Continuation of Subsistence paid to the Kings Troops from the 25th December 1795 to the 24th June 1796 and Company's for Allowances

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22d allowances from 1st January to 30th June 1796.

From Mr Roebuck enclosing his

From the Military Paymaster General

General Estimate of Cash required for the ensuing Month.

23d Sent letter to the Nabob - entered in

C.C. No 44 - requesting that orders may be immediately issued for the Release of a Female Servant

Substance of a letter to the Nabob

belonging to Mr Brown Surgeon of the 19th Dragoons seized and detained in Confinement by the authority of the Nabob Hussun ul Mulk Bahadur.

Despatched the undermentioned letters entered in MB. No 96-97-98-99-100-101-102-

To Major General Sydenham -

To the Military Auditor General

informing him that Captain Keith Young is to be allowed the full instead of the half Batta of his Rank while he officiates as Deputy Acjutant General to the Kings Troops.

To Ditto - referring Mr Roebucks

To the Military Auditor General

General Estimate of Cash for the ensuing Month -

To

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To the Commander of the Ship Hannan Shaw

To Captain Walthice desiring him to follow such Instructions as he may receive from the Garrison Storekeeper relative to the disposal of the Rice and Salt Provisions on board his Ship belonging to the Company.

To the Commander of the Ship Bellona

To Captain Farrer desiring him to receive on board his Ship such Articles of Provisions as may be tendered to him by the Garrison Storekeeper.

To the Garrison Storekeeper

To Mr. Brodie desiring that the Salt Provisions on board the Hannan Shaw may be received into Store and the Rice transhipped to the Bellona. Captain Farrer to receive the Rice by weight and any deficiency in the Delivery from on board the Hannan Shaw to be referred to Government.

To the Commandant at Poolicinopoly

To Major General Floyd desiring he will see that the Board's orders for the March of the Troop of Cavalry Commanded by Captain St. Leger from Tachenore to Chimudalum Alain be literally complied with.

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To the Quartermaster General

To Lieutenant Colonel Richardson —

desiring him to state the most eligible route for the March of the Bengal Detachment from Chicacole to Hyderabad.—

24th Received the following Letters

Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Accountant Genl with a List of Kings Field Officers entitled to further Shares in the Gratuity Fund from the 1st May 1795 to 30th April 1796.—

I accompanying I now will please to receive an Additional List of His Majesty's Field Officers who have been promoted and are entitled to a further Share in the Gratuity Fund from 1st May 1795 to 30th April 1796, shewing the Amount due to each Officer, the Names in which, and the Number of days they are entitled to draw for, are taken on the authority of the Statement received from the Acting Deputy Assistant General —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Robert Woolf

Accountant General

Fort St George
Accountant Generals
Office 24th April 1797

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List of Officers in His Majesty's Service on the Coast of Coromandel who have been promoted and are farther Entitled to a share in the Gratuity Fund From 1st May 1795 to 30th April 1796

Corps	Rank and Names	In what Rank to Share	From what Rank	To what Amount Years	Days	Rg.t	F.	C.
71st Foot	To difference between Lieutenant Colonel and Colonels Gratuity to Colonel Baird Commanding the Regiment	as Colonels		"	254	634	18	44
	To ditto between Major and Lieutenant Colonels ditto to Lieut: Col: Dalrymple	as Lieut: Col:		"	243	185	16	8
	Major Lindsay	as Major		"	243	241	12	6
	Major Robertson	as Major		"	63	62	20	57
	Major French	as Major		"	98	97	11	66
72d Foot	To difference between Major and Lieut. Colonels Gratuity to Lieut. Colonel Fraser	as Lieut: Col:		"	243	185	16	8
	Major Glendonning	as Major		"	141	140	1	18
73d Foot	Major Barbut	as Major		"	137	136	2	17
74th Foot	Lieut: Col: Campbell Comm.g the Reg.t	as Lieut Colonel		"	168	259	33	48
	Major Wallace	as Major		"	242	240	12	26
72d Foot	Lieut: Col: Robertson as Deputy Assistant General to the Kings Troops serving on this Establishment	as Lieut. Col.		"	179	314	19	51

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Errors Excepted (Signed) Robt Wood
Asst Genl

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Quarter Master General enclosing the Route by which he conceives the Bengal Detachment should march from Chicacole to Hydrabad.

Agreeably to the Orders of the Right Honorable the President and Council signified to me in your letter of the 22d Instant, I have to enclose you, what I conceive to be the best Route from Chicacole to Hydrabad; No. 1 is the Route by which the Bengal Detachment returned from the Carnatic under Colonel Pearce. and No. 2 the Route of the Madras Detachment now at Hydrabad in the Month of August 1795.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) John Richardson

Dr. Mr. Genl. of the Army

Fort St George
23rd April 1797

Route from Chicacole to Bezoara

From Chicacole to Temergheeda — 10
Kendewelsa — 12
Vizianagarum — 16
Bremsing — 9
Santipottam — 15
Saboram — 6

Ankapillee

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No. 24.

From Chicacole to Ankapillee — — — 13
Elmuchittee — — — — — 14
Yetteopauk — — — — — 8
Saleaverum — — — — — 17
Tondinga & Martoor — — 12
Pettapore — — — — — — 16
Peddapore — — — — — — 8
Rajahmagur — — — — — 14
Rajahmundry — — — — 11
Yettagoodam — — — 18
Soolaram — — — — — 10
Gundagole — — — — — 18
Ellore — — — — — 12
Kaumbole — — — — — 12
Bezoara — — — — — 28

N.B. From Chicacole to Kaumbole, was the Route & encamping grounds of the Bengal Detachment under Colonel Pearse, on its Return from the Carnatic. From Ellore or Kaumbole to Bezoara, the distance is estimated.

(Signed) John Richardson
Dy. M. Genl. of the Army

Route

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Route of the English Detachment serving with His Highness the Nizam, from Bezoarah to Hydrabad in the Month of August 1795 the distances measured with a Perambulator by Lieutenant Orr

Names of Places &c	Distance of one place from another M.	F.	Yds	Distance of each March M.	F.	Yds
From the first part of the Street of Bezoarah	"	"	"			
To the entrance of the Pass	"	1	205			
The end of the Pass	"	3	55			
Kelly's Redoubt	"	1	33			
Gollapoory	2	"	"			
Sooriapollam	1	7	3			
Ibrahimpatam	3	6	185	8	4	41
Purtial (a Jaghire under the Nizam where formerly was a Diamond mine)	9	"	"	9	"	"
Kunsheesherla	2	3	195			
East Bank of the Kissera } Clear Sandy bottom not very deep	5	2	85			
West Do. Do. } Clear Sandy bottom not very deep	"	1	80			
Nundigaum	4	3	35	12	2	175
Nabobpett	5	"	195			
Gowrarum	3	5	101			
Small Tank at the bottom of a high Hill	2	1	144	11	"	"
Large Tank close on the right of the road	1	7	"			
Sheer Mahomed Pett	4	"	140			
East Bank of the Pallair } Steep banks and clear tho' heavy Sandy bottom	3	3	185			
West Do. Do. } Steep banks and clear tho' heavy Sandy bottom	"	1	10			
Deserted Village near a large Tank on the Right	3	4	140	13	1	35
Chelloor, a Village of the Nizams in the Cummumet Circar	6	"	145			
A small Village and Tank on the left	3	1	100	9	2	25
Mungaul belonging to the Company	5	2	93			
Madwarrum the last of the Companys Villages	5	1	212	10	4	85
Small deserted Fort belonging to the Nizam	2	4	130			
Sooriapet formerly a place of consequence	9	5	170	12	2	80

Packmutt etc

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		M.	F.	yds	M.	F.	yds
Packmuttah					5	5	133
East bank of the Moosey	Banks not very Steep clear the heavy sandy bottom				"	2	27
West D°	D°				"	3	6
Deserted Village, near a large Tank on the Right					1	7	102
Coolapar					1	1	140
					9	4	10
Single Hill close on the left					2	1	"
Inpamla					"	5	160
Nacurcull					1	4	140
Eyttpamla					4	3	165
Cuttingoor					3	3	50
Pawungoora					4	"	135
					16	2	210
Naguruumpilly					4	6	60
Chittaul					4	7	200
Tank near the Village of Capurty					5	4	24
					13	2	72
Rampilly					5	7	133
Old Mosque on the Right and small Nullar					3	"	150
Small Tank on the left and large Village of Tungrapilly about a Mile on the left					3	"	70
					12	"	133
Duzzah of Shaw Nash and small Village on the Right					1	2	"
Mosque close on the left					1	"	"
Mosque and deserted Village close on the Right					1	"	"
Mulcapoor					4	1	205
Mosque close on the left					2	4	25
Rivulet with clear sandy bottom					2	"	100
Sanguanum, a conscivable place					"	4	175
					12	5	65
Umberpet					6	2	205
Mosque of Hyautnagur					2	4	"
					8	6	205
Masulipatam or Mutchely Bunder Gate of Hyderabad							8 5 53
					Total		167 2 94

(Signed) Jn° Richardson
D. M. G. of the Army

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To

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir;

By a letter this moment received from Captain Darley acting Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Ongole, it appears, that the Collector Mr. Ram has fixt on five different Talooks in the Guntoor Circar from whence the Supplies of Paddy for the several Garrisons are to be furnished, the Price he has fixt on it is 8 Madras Pagodas ₰ Candy or 37 3/4 Star Pagodas ₰ Garce in four Talooks, and 9 Madras Pagodas ₰ Candy or 39 1/2 Star Pagodas ₰ Garce in the fifth Talook, this Price added to the charge of Transportation will make the Paddy when Stored stand the Company in 61 1/2 Star Pagodas ₰ Garce on an average.—

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions proposing that Capt.n Darley be authorized to provide the Grain required for Store in the Guntoor Circar on the most reasonable terms in preference to receiving it at the high rates and distant Stations fixed by the Collector.—

In preference to laying it up at this rate I beg to propose, that Captain Darley be authorized to purchase as much paddy as he can procure in the neighbourhood of the Several Garrisons where

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where Grain is ordered to be laid up and to complete to a Three Months Stock with small Grain, which is to be procured in every part of that Country: I enclose for your information the original letters and Estimates received from Captain Darley which I request may be returned.

I am &c &c

(Signed) I. H. Sharon
Actg. Commissary Genl.

Madras
Commissary Generals'
Office 24th April 1797

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

My Lord

From the Reverend Mr Herr - claiming full Batta as Chaplain to the 19th Dragoons upon the same principle that that allowance was granted to the Revd Dr Bell.

I had the honor to be appointed by Major General Floyd to succeed Doctor Bell as acting Chaplain to his Majesty's 19th Regiment of Dragoons; and trusting to the Regimental Paymaster for receiving the allowances annexed to that appointment, it was not till a few days ago upon my receiving my other dues from that Corps that I learnd it had been usual for Dr Bell to draw his Batta by a separate Bill upon Mr Roebuck by

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24. by which means an Arrear has accrued beyond the limitted period and which cannot be paid without your Lordships particular sanction; I therefore beg leave to request that your Lordship will authorize me to receive my Batta from the time of Doctor Bell's departure, a favor which I have the less hesitation in asking, as I find that Dr. Bell received from Government in June last, arrears of two Years standing on the same account, and my situation is in every respect similar to what Dr. Bells was at that time.—

I have the honor to be
with the highest Respect
&c &c
(Signed) T. Kerr
Chaplain

Madras
April 24th 1797

Received also the undermentioned letters as entered in M B Nos. 103-104-105.—

From the Naval Storekeeper

From Mr. Henry Sewell - requesting permission to Ship some Naval Stores on the Transports about to Sail for Amboyna.

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From the Chief Engineer & Barrack Master

From Major General Ross and Lieut. Maclean advising of their having marked out on the North (instead of the South End of the Sea Face as recommended by the Committee) the requisite number of Storehouses for the King's Regiments - and desiring to know of the Shed near the Hospital is to be considered the permanent Barrack for the Madras Battalion

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

From Mr. Sharon - recommending that a Brick and Chunam well be made for the purpose of containing the Ghee in Store at Dindigul

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Read the following letters

Right Honorable the Governor in Council

From Major General Floyd with letter from Major Cuppage detailing his late operations expressing his approbation of Capt. Frith's conduct and noticing the particular Merits of Subidar Abdul Cawser and Subadar Tindal of Lascars.

My Lord,

I have the Honor to enclose, for your information, a letter this Moment received from Major Cuppage.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J. Floyd M.G.
Major

Trichinopoly
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Major General Floyd

&c &c &c

Sir,

It affords me much real satisfaction to have it in my power to inform you of our success in carrying the Enemys Post at 10 o'Clock this morning with only the loss of one Sepoy wounded; This was so happily effected by Cutting through the Jungle to their flank and taking their attention in Front at the same time with a few Shot and Shells the latter of which was attended with the best consequences as it proved afterwards and what adds greatly to the pleasure experienced on the occasion, is one having found one of the Six Sepoys supposed to have been killed in the Enemys works still living and supposed to do well although pierced by foures different Balls also one of the Cooly Pioneers shot through the Body and who the Doctor has great hopes of.

It is but justice to Captain Frith and this Company followed up by another, to say with

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25. with what cheerfulness they advanced and pushed forward when the Pioneers had cut to within about a hundred yards of the Enemys Work, by a narrow Path way, after the severe Check they had but just experienced - Nor Sir must I forget Subidar Seab Cawoor whose conduct throughout but more especially in this business is such as to merit real consideration. To do justice to him I cannot by words - The 1st Tindal too, of Lascars - I must beg to mention to you as the only man of all the Lascars who stuck by the Gun in advance, on the morning of the 16th - and who was so gallant on the occasion, that the Europeans of the Gun to a man intreated that I would mention his behaviour to you as highly meritorious —

It would be necessary that you should see to have a just conception of the work opposed to us, and now that we have seen what it was we are to consider ourselves extremely fortunate indeed in having drawn off before day broke upon us - Henceforward it will be necessary to cut our way and it will be impossible to leave these close Roads behind us, and to enable us to do this Cleverly, it will require a supply of entrenching Tools of all descriptions - The Native Pioneers

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to

25 Pioneers did Wonders to day considering their Means, but the Maistries told me plainly that the people could not work whenever they came within reach of the Enemy's Shot and considering that they lose their livelihood with the loss of a leg or an Arm it is not amiss to be wondered at— They were in the thick of it the other morning before they were aware of their Situation, and Several of them have suffered.

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) A Cuppage

Camp 5 Miles North of
Wanarpollam 18th April
1797—

P.S. I take the liberty of sending you the enclosed merely to shew you that I am not singular in my opinion of the inability of the Nabob's people I do believe they wish to do well but their fears get the better of their inclinations.—

My Dear Major I learn from my Jemidar that he could not prevail on his Highness's Troops to proceed with the Tappal yesterday— his expression to me was "they were afflicted with fear."

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fear'on his threatning to proceed without they were at length prevailed on and left Warren pollam this morning - my sick Horses are arrived; with best wishes for your success.

1/4 past 8

I remain yours respectfully

(Signed) G. Lippen —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord,

From Bombay - advising of the intention of the Governor and Commander in Chief to proceed to the Malabar province - official communications to be made either to them or to the Board at Bombay - as Circumstances may render most Advisable —

The alarming Intelligence received from Malabar, having induced the Governor and Commander in Chief to determine on proceeding thither immediately; the administration of affairs at this Presidency devolves in consequence to Sir Charles Warre Malet Baronet, and (until Mr. Rivett can come up from Malabar) on William Page Esqr. as having been admitted and now constituting the remaining Members of Council in consequence of the Resignation and going out of Messrs Whitehill and Speneer, and we take this opportunity

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25. Apportunity of suggesting that it may save time if your Government shall be pleased to direct your Communications to us either in Malabar or Bombay according to the Relation of the Subjects, and on the Governor and Commander in Chiefs arrival at Tellicherry, they will not fail to advise your Government of the actual State of affairs, which they can now only notice as wearing from the latest advices the most alarming aspect, in so much that extraordinary assistance from you may be requisite both in Men and in Money.

We have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Jon.n Duncan

" J Stuart

" C.W. Malet

" Wm Page

Bombay Castle
April 9th 1797

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor &c in Council
Fort St George

Petition of Sawmy Chetty of Nagore praying that Govern.t will cause Major Bowser to discharge the Amount due to him for Paddy & Rice furnished for the use of his Battalion at Calpentun and for freight of Grain transported from Calpentun to Manar

The humble petition of Sawmee Chetty a Merchant at Nagore by his Gomastah Kauseil Sail —

Sheweth

Your petitioner with due deference implores

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To
The Right Honble
Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

My Lord

I am directed by the Governor in Council to transmit to your Lordship the enclosed Petition of Mr Thomas Hall, and to request your Lordship will be pleased to lay the same before the Court of Directors for their consideration.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordships most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Jno Gardner

To the Honble the Court of Directors
for the affairs of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies

The Petition of Thomas Hall late Commander of the Ship Hannah

Most humbly sheweth

That your Petitioner having been employed by the Government of Fort St George to proceed to Bengal for Rice, and having received Orders to proceed to Negapatam for Paddy, on his arrival there, he was informed that the Paddy was not to be had, but that Rice was to be had in abundance at Culpet, your Petitioner therefore proceeded to Culpet, where he found Rice to be had in abundance, but that the Boats were not to be had, your Petitioner therefore implores your Lordship to recount his deplorable Case.

That in 1795 in the Month of November Captain Baucer sent for your Petitioner while he was dealing in Grains from Culpet and requested him to furnish provision for his Battalion and at the same time settled the bargain with your Petitioner both for paddy and Rice. Afterwards your Petitioner conformable to the request of the said Captain Baucer measured out five thousand and five hundred ninety eight Purrahs of Rice, and seven hundred and fifty Purrahs of Paddy, the value amounting to 7010 Rupees besides the Sum of 215 Rupees paid by your Petitioner for the Lascars to carry the Grain to Manar, on account of the said Captain Baucer, both sums amounting to the total Sum of 7225 Rupees—

Whereupon the said Captain Baucer desired your Petitioner if he your Petitioner will take the said Paddy and Rice in his Craft and land them at the port of Manaar, he agreed to allow your Petitioner freight for the said Grain, and discharge the whole amount at the same time. Your Petitioner confiding in the said

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25th said Captains assertion and promise, and also the charitable disposition of the Honorable Company took the said Paddy &c in his Craft and landed them at the abovementioned Port and then requested of the said Gentleman for the payment of the Money to which he replied "I am proceeding to Columbo "if you call there I will discharge your Money.

Your Petitioner conformable to his directions repaired to Columbo and desired Captn Boucer to pay off the Money; to which he replied that he would discharge immediately, so he shuffled your Petitioner from time to time, in consequence of which your Petitioner represented to him as follows. "Sir I am a poor Merchant "and by Trade alone I maintain myself and families "thus by my waiting on you here, I have lost "most of my trading concerns, I am therefore "now Resolved to go and expose all my Grievances "to his Lordship" to which Captain Boucer in reply answered "if you prefer Complaint to his Lordship, I shall surely defraud you of your Money by letting his Lordship know that the Paddy and Rice

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Rice delivered by yaw, was taken in pillage or Rifle. Whereupon your Petitioner made his application to Mr Anderson at Columbo; who conferred with Captn Baucer and desired him to discharge your Petitioners money, to which the said Gentleman replied with great injustice that he got or took them in the Rifle, so the said Captain Baucer defrauded your Petitioner of his money.

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly implores your Lordship to take his deplorable Case into your serious Consideration and to get him his Money from the said Captain Baucer with Interest. Your Petitioner is poor and a Merchant in the jurisdiction of the Honorable Company, by whose protection he carries on his livelihood. It will be an act of Justice and favor on your Lordship to see the matter settled. Your Petitioner and his whole family offers their Prayers to God Almighty for the augmentation of your Station, Prosperity and health, for which act of charity your Petitioner as in duty bound

Shall Ever Pray

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord

From Lieutenant Collier stating in Abstract the Amount of his Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Suffolk's Tender requests an advance of Cash in consequence of his being Ordered to the Cape of Good Hope.

I trust your Lordship will look over any irregularity, attending my present application having been ordered on my recent Return to Madras to make out the Account of Cash Received from Government, and Disbursements made by me, as well as wages now due to the Crew of the Hon'ble Companys Ship Suffolks Tender, I instantly set about it: but as many references were to be made to the Ships Log, I have not completed it as yet, and from my attention now being called to a more Serious employ, in getting the Tender ready for Sea, am forced, to state in General the Sums received and Disbursements made, without entering into a more particular detail of such accounts.

On the 21st of December 1795, I received from the Bengal Government, agreeable to

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25th to Abstract, Sicca Rupees 5176.15.6. as five Months Wages for the Crew on the 20th of January 1796, I received S. Rs. 1000. " " being in part payment of Bills presented for the Supplies of Fresh Beef Arrack &c &c to the Crew of the Tender during the Months of October November and December 1795 and part of January 1796. On the 31st of August 1796, I received from the Madras Government Star Pagodas 276.7.30. or S.Rs. 1000. for Fresh provisions purchased agreeable to Statement then presented since our leaving Bengal.

I take the liberty to inclose a Monthly Abstract of pay conformable to the Allowances received at Bengal, as one of the Honorable Company's Cruzers and humbly hope your Lordship in Council, will be pleased to take into Consideration the propriety of advancing me, agreeable to such Abstract or any other your Lordship may think more proper, three Months pay in order to supply myself with necessaries for my proposed Voyage as well as to enable myself and Officers, to settle any private

Accounts

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25th Accounts

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) G R Collier

H. C. Ship
Suffolks Tender
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Abstract of Monthly Pay for the Crew of the Hon'ble Companys Ship Suffolks Tender.

		Sicca Rs. As. P.	Current Rs. As. P.	Arcell Rs. As. P.
1 Captain	@	" " "	375 " " "	or 347 " 3 " 6 "
1 First Officer	@	" " "	150 " " "	or 138 " 14 " 2
1 Second Officer	@	" " "	100 " " "	or 92 " 9 " 5
1 Gunner	@	" " "	40 " " "	or 37 " " 7
1 Boatswain	@	" " "	40 " " "	or 37 " " 7
1 Carpenter	@	" " "	40 " " "	or 37 " " 7
2 Quarter Masters at 25 S Rs.		50 " "	" " "	or 54 " " "
1 Sail Maker	@	25 " "	" " "	or 27 " " "
1 Cooper	@	25 " "	" " "	or 27 " " "
18 Seamen at 20 S Rs. each		360 " "	" " "	or 388 " 12 " 9½
2 Captains Servants at 8 Rs.		16 " "	" " "	17 " 4 " 5
2 Officers Do. at 8 Rs.		16 " "	" " "	17 " 4 " 5
1 Captains Cook	@	8 " "	" " "	8 " 10 " 2½
				1229 " 12 " 8 at 355 ⅌ % P. 346 6 8 —

H. C. Ship Suffolk's Tender
Madras Roads 25th Apl. 1797

(Signed) G R Collier

Sent

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Sent the following letters

To Mr James Brodie

Garrison Storekeeper

Sir

To the Garrison Storekeeper two Months Bread and Firewood to be sent on board the Suffolks Tender.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to desire that you will immediately furnish the Suffolks Tender with two Months bread and firewood

I am &c &c

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(Signed) Jos: Webbe
Secy to Govt

To Lieutenant Collier

Commanding the Suffolk's Tender

Sir

To Lieutenant Collier enclosing Despatches to be conveyed by him to Admiral Pringle at the Cape of Good Hope.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council, who deems it of considerable importance that the accompanying Despatches should be delivered to Admiral Pringle, to request that you will immediately proceed to the Cape of Good Hope for that purpose -

I am &c &c

Fort St George
25th April 1797

(Signed) Jos: Webbe
Secy to Govt