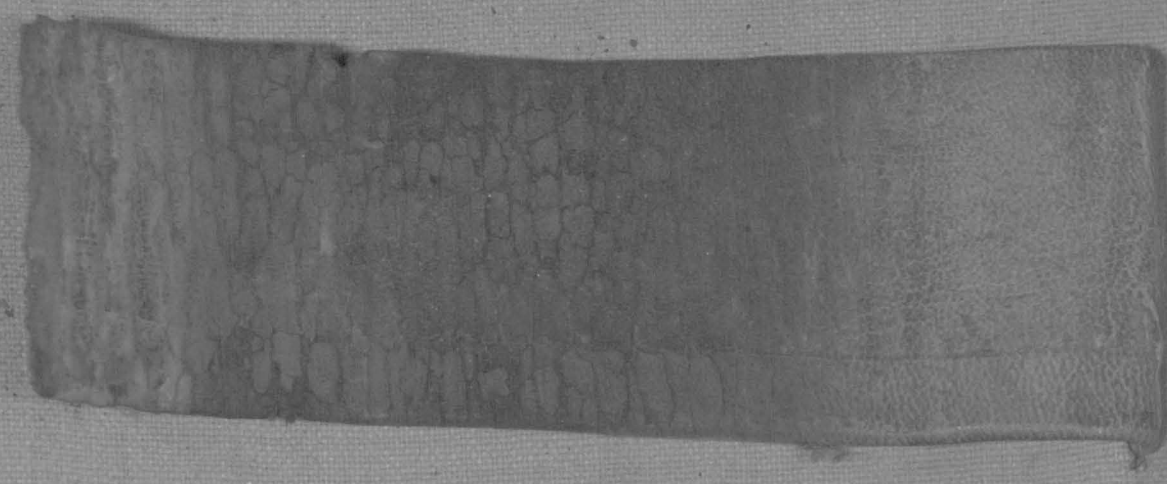

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To His Excellency Rear Admiral Pringle
Commanding his Majesty's Ships and Vessels
at the Cape of Good Hope

Sir

To Rear Admiral Pringle with advice of the arrival of Admiral Sercey's Squadron at the Mauritius and that he would sail again about the 10th of April - requesting he will adopt such Measures as may appear necessary for the protection of the homeward bound Fleet

Having no reason to doubt the authenticity of the enclosed intelligence respecting the Squadron of french frigates, I have judged it adviseable to dispatch a Vessel to apprize you of it -

By the latest Intelligence which had been received of the French Squadron previous to the departure of Rear Admiral Rainier on the 28th March with a fleet of immense value under his convoy there was ground to believe that they would remain in the Eastern Seas after refitting at Batavia, which place they left on the 6th January. As Admiral Rainier has signified to me his intention of proceeding no further than the line with the Ships under his convoy, I have the honor to request that your Excellency will be pleased to take such measures for the protection

of

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25th of the homeward bound fleet, as you may deem necessary in consequence of this intelligence respecting the french Ships

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

Extract of a letter from Tranquebar April 20th 1797

A Vessel arrived this afternoon from the Mauritius (Pinon) and brings Accounts that Admiral Sercy was arrived there from Batavia, It seems he went direct from Batavia to the Island as he had arrived 30 days prior to the sailing of this Vessel and had taken nothing, there is now eight frigates fitting out and they were all to sail under the Command of Sercy about 20 days after this Vessel left the Island, she has been 30 days on her passage. Its a most egregious mistake in the Madras papers which says the America was formerly the Moyen she was a french Corvetta taken at Toulon and purchased in London for a Southern Whaler and is one of the

Vessels

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25. Vessels taken by the Modeste in Lagoa Bay and sent to the Island where Captain Crowrin should purchase her - the Moyen is fitting out at the Islands as a privateer under the Command of the famous La Meme and will be Manned and Equipped in the best manner.

(Signed) Watson

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor - President
Lieutenant General Harris
Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation

Tuesday
25th April 1797

Read and approved

The Board proceeds to the promotion of General Officers on the Establishment

In consequence of the arrival of the last Ships of the Season in India the Board

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Board proceed to make the ultimate appointments which have been kept open until this period by the orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors.

Six Officers appointed Major Generals on the Establishment

Resolved that the following Officers be appointed Major Generals on the establishment date of Rank 8th January 1796.

Major General John Brathwaite
Eccles Nixon
Thomas Bridges
Edward Collins
Patrick Ross
&
Thomas Geils

Minutes of the Board relative to the promotion of Major General Geils in preference to Major General Bidcliffe.

In appointing Major General Geils to rank above Major General Bidcliffe the Board have reconsidered the letters from those Officers entered on the proceedings of the 14th and 21st May 1795, 31st May, 9th & 16th August 1796.

Although Major General Bidcliffe appears to have been appointed a Colonel

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Colonel on the establishment previous to the arrival
of the late Military arrangements, and is
consequently an older Colonel than Major General
Geils yet as the Brevet Rank which has been
granted by His Majesty to the Officers of the
Companys Army has reference to the Commissions
of Lieutenant Colonel granted to General Geils and
Bidcliffe, General Geils's Commission of Brevet
Major General is by the retrospect anterior to that
of General Bidcliffe

On the other hand, as the orders of
the Honorable Court of Directors, require that the
Major Generals to be appointed on the establishment
shall be taken from the oldest Colonels and
Lieutenant Colonels of the Army General Bidcliffe
who was a Colonel previous to the arrival of the
arrangements may be considered to have a Claim
to promotion prior to that of General Geils, who
was only a Lieutenant Colonel, when those
arrangements arrived - Since however it is impossi-
-ble to supercede the virtue of His Majesty's
Commission by adhering to the letter of the
instructions

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instructions from England, the Board judge it more convenient for the present and more conformable to Military usage that General Giels should Rank above General Bidulph.

Resolved however that this promotion be expressly considered subject to the approbation of the Honorable Court of Directors, and that the Circumstances be stated for their information and decision by the next despatch.

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute.

Minute of the Commander in Chief
In Council 25th. April 1797.—

The time being arrived when it appears to the Commander in Chief very necessary that the General Officers for the Staff of this Presidency should be nominated, He requests leave of the Right Honorable the President in Council to bring the matter to their — consideration and if they agree with him in opinion on the point —

Commander in Chief's Minute proposing that Major Generals Braithwaite and Giels be appointed on the Staff and that Major General Bridges be also appointed on the Staff and to Command in the Northern Division until further orders —

He

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He presumes according to the directions from the Honorable Court of Directors under date the 8th of January 1796 "that two Major Generals of the Company's Establishment should be selected from the Major Generals promoted at this Presidency" to recommend Major General Brathwaite and Geils to be appointed upon the Staff of this Presidency,

The Commander in Chief having recommended Major General Geils from his personal knowledge of that Officers great military abilities he further presumes to recommend that he should be placed on the Staff without taking him from the particular Command of the Artillery and this is recommended in the strongest manner from the Commander in Chief's full conviction that Major General Geils is particularly well qualified to execute the important duties of that Station.

The Commander in Chief begs leave to bring to the notice of the Right Honorable the President in Council for their Consideration whether

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whether, in the present situation of the Presidency of one General Officer from the Staff being detached on Ceylon and another in orders for an Expedition it would not be adviseable to appoint another General Officer protempore on the Staff for the Northern Department of the Army.

Minute thereon

The Board concur in the recommendations of the Commander in Chief, who further recommends that Major General Bridges be appointed a General Officer on the Staff until further orders

Resolved in consequence that the following Officers of the Company's Army be appointed General Officers on the Staff.

Major General John Brathwaite

Thomas Goils

&

Thomas Bridges until further orders.

Major General Brathwaite and Goils permanently appointed on the Staff and Major Gen.l Bridges until further Orders.

The Officers promoted to the Rank of Major Generals and not selected for the Staff to vacate their present Commands

In consequence of Major Generals Nixon, Collins, Bidcliffe, and Conyngham having been promoted to the Rank of Major General

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General and and of their not having been selected
for the Staff the respective commands, which they
hold by appointment from Government become
vacant: the President therefore proposes that the
following appointments be made

Appointments to Commands in consequence of the foregoing Resolutions

Major General Brathwaite to Command Pondicherry
Floyd ---------- Trichinopoly & the Southern division of the Army
Doyle ---------- Ceylon
Geils ---------- Mount
Bridges ---------- Masulipatam and the Northern division of the Army
Colonel Sale ---------- Vellour
Cuppage ---------- Ganjam District
Lieutenant Col: Torrens ---------- Arnee

Agreed to and ordered accordingly

The Officers promoted to the Rank of Major General and not selected for the Staff to be allowed Colonels Full Batta 'till the pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors be known

Though the Major Generals not
selected to the Staff are not entitled by the Orders
of the Honorable Court of Directors to draw
the full batta of Colonels on the establishment
yet as the Honorable Court have left a
latitude

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latitude with this Government to grant relief under particular circumstances, within which the President judges the situation of Major General Nixon, Collins, Beleliffe and Conyngham to come, his Lordship proposes that those Officers shall continue to draw the full batta of Colonel on the establishment until the pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known.

Agreed to and Ordered accordingly

The Officers now standing appointed to the Command of Battalions of Artillery and Regiments of European and Native Infantry finally appointed to the Command of those Corps.

Resolved that the Colonels, as they now stand appointed to the Battalions of Artillery and to the Regiments of European and Native Infantry, be finally appointed to the Command of those Corps respectively in conformity with the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors dated 8th January last.

Resolved also that the following appointments be finally made:

Officers appointed Commandants of the Corps of Artillery and Cavalry and Chief Engineer

Major General Geils to be Commandant of the Corps of Artillery

Colonel Dugald Campbell to be Commandant of the Corps of Cavalry

Major

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Major General Patrick Ross to be Chief Engineer.

Ordered that the foregoing resolution be published in General Orders.

Major General Erskine to Commands in the Vizagapatam District

Resolved that Major General Erskine be appointed to Command the troops in the Vizagapatam District

Appointments made for carrying into effect the new arrangement for the Ordnance & Stores Departments.

The President proposes that the following appointments be made for carrying into effect the new Regulations for the Store and Ordnance department.

Mr. William Webb to be Agent for Supplies at the Presidency

Lieutenant Colonel George Hall to be Commissary General Lieutenant George Scott to be Commissary, and Mr. Benjamin Bishop to be Deputy Commissary of Stores at the Presidency.

Lieutenant Andrew Geils to be Commissary of Stores at the Mount

Captain Lieutenant John H. Freex to be Deputy Commissary of Stores at Vellore.

Lieutenant William Blair to be Deputy Commissary of Stores at Hastingsberry

Capt.

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Captain Lieutenant T. A. Prescott to be
Commissary of Stores at Trichinopoly

Captain Lieutenant Baker Fennell
to be Deputy Commissary of Stores at Tanjaur.

Lieutenant Michael Beauman to be
Commissary of Stores at Masulipatam.

Captain Thomas Blackmore to be
Deputy Commissary of Stores at Vizagapatam

Lieutenant James Hall to be
Deputy Commissary of Stores at Ganjam

Agreed to and ordered accordingly

In proposing that the present
allowance granted to the Military Storekeeper
of five hundred Pagodas per Month should
be continued to Mr. William Webb as Agent
for Supplies at the Presidency, the President
has adverted to the long Services of that
Gentleman and particularly to Loving
relinquished his seat at the Board of Trade
for the post of Military Storekeeper without
any apprehension of a diminution in the
then fixed allowances of that employ; but
as

Minutes of the Board on the subject of continuing to Mr. Webb his present Salary of 500 Pagodas per Month.

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as his Lordship is decidedly of opinion that four hundred Pagodas per Month is an ample compensation for the duties of the Office under its present form he proposes to record the following Resolution,

That Mr. William Webb be permitted in consideration of the foregoing reasons to draw the present Salary of five hundred pagodas per Month so long as he may hold the post of Agent of Supplies, but that the Salary be limited to four hundred pagodas per Month after Mr. Webb shall have quitted the employ.

The Salary of Mr. Webb's Successor in his employ of Agent for supplies to be limited to four hundred Pagodas p.r Month.

Read the following letter from certain Officers cadets for the Season of 1782.

To Lieutenant General George Harris Commander in Chief

Sir

Being well convinced of your wish to promote the just claims of all Officers under your Command, we are induced to trouble you with the following extract from the Resolutions of the Government General, which has lately appeared

From the Officers appointed Cadets for the Season 1782 requesting promotion to the Rank of Brevet Captain upon the principle that a similar promotion has taken place in Bengal.

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appeared in all the Calcutta prints.

Minutes of Council Military Department

20th March 1797

"The vice President in Council having
"on the 20th of February last, resolved that the
"Subalterns of this Establishment who were
"appointed Cadets by the Court of Directors for the
"season of 1782, be included in the promotions
"of Brevet Captains made on the 30th of May last
"the following Officers coming under that description
"are promoted accordingly to the Rank of Captains
"by Brevet from the 1st June 1796 from which
"period they are to receive pay, Gratuity and
"Batta in the same manner as the Subalterns
"who were promoted to the Brevet Rank of Captains
"by the Minutes of Council of the 30th of May."

Then follows the Names of the Officers
Coming within the above description
as will appear by the General letter from the
Court of Directors, we trust you will consider us
equally entitled to indulgence with our brother
Officers at Bengal that you will have the

goodness

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goodness to lay our application before the Right Honorable the President in Council to be promoted to the Rank of Captains by Brevet, and that you will give it your support.

We have the honor to be

&c &c

Madras
15th April 1797

(Signed) Alex.r Strachan Lieutant
" H.C. Montgomery Lieut.
" Wm. Macgregor Lieut
Cadets of 1782

Minute thereon

Resolved that the Governor General in Council be requested to give a fuller explanation of the Rank of those Subalterns who appear by the minutes above quoted to have been promoted in Bengal to the Rank of Brevet Captain.—

Read the following letters from the Resident at Tanjour

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord

From the Resident at Tanjore
the Rajah appoints Seevun
Row the eldest Son of
Sheverow, his Sirkeel.
Sheverow's life despaired
of. Chinnia Demands
from the Rajah as Security
on Jewels for the advance
of the Company's Rists.
States that no payments
have yet been made
on account of the
Arrears due to Serfoge
and the Widows.

Since my last address to your Lordship, the Rajah on the 13th Instant appointed Seevun Row the eldest Son of Sheverow to be Sirkeel in his fathers Stead. The principal object of this nomination is I believe to publish to the Inhabitants his Excellencys determination to previene Shiverows System and thereby prevent discoveries which might arise thro a Competition for the Sirkeel Ship

Shiverows health contenues much as usual his Legs and feet very much swoln, his frame wretchedly emaciated and infeebled he may linger many days and even weeks but all the Native Physicians pronounce his Recovery impossible

I had another Communication with Old Bawa; who states that Chinnia has written demanding a pledge of Palace Jewels without

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without which he cannot raise Money to discharge the Company's latter kists. A Bill for 60,000 Star Pagodas was sent two days since for the April kist.

The probability seems from every report, to be, that the Rajah will consent to make the pledges required by Chinnia.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Alexr Macleod

Rest

Tanjore
15th April 1797

P.S. No payment has been yet made on account of the Arrear due to Sherfogee and the Widows.

Minute thereon

The President lays before the Board draft of a letter which he proposes should be sent to the Rajah of Tanjore (entered also in C.C. to p5)

To His Excellency the Rajah of
Tanjore

Proposed draft a letter to the Rajah of Tanjore informing him that the most effectual means will be accepted for the discharge of the Arrears and Current Allowances to Serfoge and the Widows, unless his Excellency make an immediate and satisfactory arrangement for their liquidation

It is cause of much concern to me that notwithstanding the repeated representations which have been made to you by myself and the Resident at Tanjour, Your Excellency should still

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still continue inattentive to that part of the treaty of 1792 which provides for the punctual payment of the stipulated allowance to Sherfogee and the family of the late Rajah. — I am now informed by Mr. Macleod that the arrears due to Sherfogee exceed ten thousand pagodas, and he consequently suffers great distress for his Ordinary expences: it therefore becomes my duty to acquaint your Excellency that unless you adopt means within five days after the receipt of this letter for the liquidation of this arrear, I shall be compelled to take effectual means for this purpose as well as for preventing future disappointment.

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What can I say more?

(Signed) J. Cobbett

The foregoing draft approved & ordered to be dispatched.

Approved and ordered to be dispatched

... Further Minute regarding the allowances to Serfogee and the Widows

Resolved that in the event of his Excellency's further disregard of that part of the Treaty of 1792 which provides for the payment of Sherfogees allowance, Mr. Macleod will point out the

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the best means of carrying into effect the Resolution now announced to the Rajah without interfering with the Revenue of those Districts which have been pledged for the Security of the Company's Subsidy.

To
Josiah Webbe Esq.
Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir

From the Resident at Tanjore advising of the reasons which have induced him to assume the Mayaveram in preference to the Trivady Soubah.

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 15th Instant directing the assumption of a Soubah of the Tanjore Country.

I find on the most correct intelligence I can procure that the outstanding Revenue in the Soubahs is nearly as follows.

	Rs
Trivady	20,000
Mayaveram	45,000
Mannergoody	65,000

Upon full consideration of all the Circumstances, as directed, I have assumed the Soubahs of Mayaveram my reasons for this selection are, that it is likely to afford the most substantial Reimbursement

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Reimbursement of the deficiency which has accrued in the kists as it will furnish a larger sum than Trivady with an equal facility of Collection, and as it would be next to impossible to collect the Manargoody balance without having four or five of the principal Putteedars in immediate Confinement a point which it would be out of my power to effect.

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

Tanjore
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Minute thereon

The Board approve the reasons assigned by the President for having assumed the Soubay of Mayaveram in preference to that of Trivady.

Resolved that this subject be now referred to the Revenue Department

Medical

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Resolution of Government in Council 25th April 1797

From the Medical Board report the death of Mr. Lockhart - recommend that Mr. Ord do duty at Bnagra as well as Bistnagherry and that Mr. Tait be promoted to the Rank of Surgeon & appointed to the 5th Regt. Native Infantry - inclose a Bill for Medicines provided by Mr. Torriano for the use of the Troops to the Eastward - Mr. Harris requests Government will confirm the Rank of Head Surgeon conferred upon him by Rear Admiral Rainier, and grant him the Allowances of that Rank for the period during which he acted as such -

Medical Board 24th April 1797

The Medical Board are sorry to learn that so strong a document stands unanswered against Mr. Thomson upon the Records of Government and understood that at this the Court of Directors had added two Years suspension to his punishment they expressly stated that the respectable testimonies which had been given as to his general good Character for humanity and professional skill prevented them from dismissing him from the Service.

The period of his suspension being elapsed the Medical Board conceived

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. conceived it their duty to
bring forward Mr Thomson
as the Senior Surgeon, —
especially when a vacancy
happened so immediately
under their notice as the
General Hospital at the
Presidency for which
situation the Physician
General, from his knowledge
of Mr Thomson during the
War of 1782 considered
him well qualified. —

We are extremely
sorry to acquaint Govt
Government that Mr
Samuel Lockhart, Assist.
Surgeon a very deserving
Young man, died here
yesterday evening after
a tedious illness which
obliged him to leave his
Station some time ago in
hopes

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search of health

We recommend that Mr William Ord, Assistant Surgeon be directed to do duty at Pinagra as well as Chitnaguerry, and to take charge of the Detachments of the 1st & 2d Regiment of Native Infantry at those Stations during the absence of the Surgeon and Assistant Surgeons attached to the Corps.

Approved

The Appointment of Mr Thackeray to the Presidency Hospital having occasioned a vacancy for a Surgeon in the 5th Regiment of Native Infantry we recommend that Mr William Tait, the Senior Assistant, be promoted to the Rank of Surgeon and appointed to that Corps, vice Thackeray.

Approved

Read a letter from Mr Harris Surgeon, represen=ting that during the time he served on the Eastern expedition

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expedition under Admiral Rainier he has under the necessity, in consequence of the non arrival of the Medical Stores from Madras of purchasing European Medicines for the use of the Troops at Malacca, and at the Garrisons of Amboyna Banda, and their dependencies amounting to Pagodas 886. 24. 60. being at the rate of 30 Cash pr. man pr. day for 210 days the period between the expiration of one supply and the arrival of another, as appears by the accompanying Account.

Upon referring to the Apothecary for an account of the Medicines sent from time to time to the Eastward we find that, altho' a sufficient

Ordered that Dr. Harris's Bill be passed for payment

sufficient quantity was furnished for the number of Men employed on this Service, delays frequently and unavoidably occurred in despatching the supplies. and we also find that a great proportion was detained at Malacca, by which means the Islands of Amboyna and Molucca were totally unsupplied. Mr Harris's Commanding Officer has also Certified the absolute necessity of his making an advance from his own funds for the purchase of Europe Medicines and subscribes to the correctness of his Statement for these reasons we recommend that the Amount of his charge passed he declares upon honor to have been

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been actually disbursed / may be paid.

We have the honor to forward a letter from Mr. Harris to the Right Honorable the President in Council, which we recommend to the favorable consideration of Government

(Signed) James Anderson
Physician General
" W. Raine Chief Surgeon

Mr. Harris's application will be taken into consideration upon the Return of his Excellency the Admiral

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

My Lord

Convinced of the liberality and justice of that Honorable Board to which I very respectfully beg permission to appeal, and to which I presume, therefore, with confidence to surrender the consideration of the peculiar hardship in the Circumstances of my

Case.

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Case, during a certain term of that Service from which it has lately been pleased to relieve me I make bold to trespass on a few Minutes of its valuable time and attention.

When the Troops from the Coast which accompanied Rear Admiral Rainier to Malacca (in November 1795) arrived there with his Excellency and the Fleet, to reinforce that Garrison and to carry into effect the further views of the Honorable Board of Government to the Moluccas, I had the honor to fill the appointment of Surgeon to the Expedition on the principle and with the authority attaching to a Regimental Surgeon only.

But under this dispensation it immediately occurred to Colonel Vigors the Commandt of the Troops, and to Colonel Brown Governor of Malacca that the duties of the Medical Department, circumstanced as the Troops then stood, and were yet likely to be, could neither be conducted with energy nor effect.

The actual expediency of the occasion seemed in their judgement to require

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as the usage of the Service leaned to sanction the measure of a Head Surgeon's Appointment being added to the System at their joint instance the Admiral was pleased to instruct me in his public Orders to act provisionally in that capacity until the pleasure of your Honorable Board was known, and under those Orders have I acted from December 1795 to September 1796, when the disapprobation of your Honors to the creation and existence of this appointment was published in G. O. at Amboyna by his Excellency

How I have fulfilled these Duties where so large a proportion of Troops European and Native, were to be looked after and administered to, in so great a variety of situations as they have been eventually cast; in a sphere so wide and so complex in its nature; so multifarious in its whole detail, as well as general duty - and to which so much expence labour and serious responsibility attaches, let those very authorities now speak -

To them allow me but the reference my Lord - they know the measure of my pretensions, they can declare if the difference between

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between a Surgeons and Head Surgeons Allowances during
the term that I acted in the latter Capacity / and for which
only I am now a Candidate / be an unlimited or unrestricted
remuneration for the active and faithful discharge of that
trust / subject every way moreover, as it necessarily stood
while I officiated as such to every expence belonging
to the plenitude of the Situation, had it been confirmed
by your Honors / a term the Interval of which scarcely
comprehends nine Months of the Nineteen that I have
been employed on Foreign Service a term during
the whole period of which I was acting under many
and evident disadvantages.

As a Regimental Surgeon away from
my solid Corps, in charge of one, two or three Companies
of European Troops (for more there seldom were
stationed at any one Garrison where I found myself
placed); — under the necessity of carrying with
me, in procession from port to port, those supplies
of Clothing Utensils &c. &c. without which the Sick
must have been uncomfortable and indeed unsafe
and the purchase of which came exorbitantly high
in those situations — when landed, a crowded
Hospital

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Hospital to be sustained, where the price of a bag of Rice was 3 pagodas; a poor fowl a Rupee; a pound of brown Sugar the same; butchers meat rarely to be had; and when procurable proportionably dear; washing; the hire of Servants; Oil, Milk, and every other Hospital charge and supply exceeding nearly threefold the rates of the Coast paid at the Exchange of not thirty eight fanams and a half per Star pagoda instead of forty five fanams as the existing Contract of Government with Regimental Surgions expresly directs that it should be and remain - and by which no difference as your Honor must immediately perceive I have actually incurred a loss of above fourteen per Cent upon the whole of my disbursements for the Sick - so was I then circumstanced.

If the supplies since arrived at the Islands have softened those charges and this distress in particular instances still have they been totally ex post facto as they affect me entirely irrelevant to the emergency of the occasion and the pressure of which my means are in no wise adapted to support. If the picture I have drawn

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appear to your Honorable Board to be unfaithful or overcharged in the Colouring high authority and abundant evidence is at hand before whose contemplation it has long and uniformly lain.

To these Arguments let me only further add that the solicitude to obtain a substantial and permanent supply of Stock &c for my Hospital at Amboyna, induced me last August to the Outfit of a Sloop there at my own charge and Risque, which I addressed to the S.W. Islands under his Excellency the Admirals pass and approbation for that express purpose; and that my exertion in the instance has cost me dear; this Vessel being captured at Sulla Besoy and carried into Ternate shortly after by the Dutch. — Whether or not a zeal of the same complexion appeared in the whole tenor of my conduct during the last Campaign against Tippoo Sultaun allow me my Lord to beg your Honorable Board will condescend to take the trouble to ascertain from the Suffrage his Excelleney Marquis Cornwallis was pleased to transmit to Government on that

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subject, dated June 11th 1792.

My own immediate Superior Board will I trust pardon my ultimate Appeal to and thro' it my proper organ, on the score of my entire Supervision of the Medical Department to the Eastward and of my Reports, Returns, Indents and Coresponence with it while I remained in charge on that Service.

Madras 15th March 1797

I have the Honor to Subscribe very respectfully &c &c.

(Signed) Henry Harris
M. D. & Surgn 1st Regt E. I.

Extract of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis
Commander in Chief &c &c
To the Honorable Government of Fort St George
June 11th 1792.

"I avail myself of this occasion also "to recommend to your attention and favor, in the warmest manner Mess.rs Alexander Anderson and Henry Harris Surgeons on the Coast Establishment whose professional abilities and strict and regular attention to the constant calls of their duty

especially

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especially at a period in the Field when Medical Assistance was particularly wanted, were eminently conspicuous.

Mr Harris having been employed in charge of the Stationary Hospital at Vosseltak where he gave convincing proofs of his extraordinary Capacity and zeal for the Service had opportunities in consequence of particularly attracting my attention and approbation however the exertions of both these Gentlemen have contributed so much to my satisfaction that I would wish to avoid making any distinction in their Merits.

A true Extract
(Signed) Danl Ince
Depy Mty Secry

(Copy)

This is to Certify that I have seen the letter addressed by Dr Harris late Surgeon to the Eastern Expedition to the Medical Board on the subject of a charge for European Medicines supplied by him at Malacca and the Moluccas for the European Troops under my Command, and that the Respective terms therein set forth for which Medical Supplies had not reached him and for which he

was

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was consequently under the necessity of making an advance of his own funds for the said Supply are correct and agreeable to my actual knowledge.

Madras 6th April 1797

(Signed) W. Vigors
Lieut. Col.

One thousand Pagodas to be advanced from the Treasury on account of the Suffolk's Tender

Lieutenant Collier having represented that himself his Officers, and Crew are considerably in Arrears of Pay, Ordered that an advance of One thousand Pagodas be immediately made to Lieut. Collier by the Civil Paymaster General, who will take his Receipt for the Amount.

Ordered that an advance of One thousand Pagodas be made from the Treasury to the Civil Paymaster on the above account.

The President proposes that the Suffolks Tender be dispatched to the Cape of Good Hope to convey to Admiral Pringle the Intelligence of the return of the French Frigates to the Islands.

The President proposes in consequence of the intelligence respecting the arrival of the french frigates at the Mauritius that the Suffolk Tender be dispatched to the Cape of Good Hope for the purpose of conveying the information to his Excellency Admiral Pringle.

Agreed.

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The Presidents suggestion approved by the Board

Agreed to and Ordered accordingly

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Affidavit of Mrs Jane Kennedy.

Mrs Kennedy the Widow of the late Major Johnston Kennedy takes the Oath of Qualification for Lord Clives Bounty

Jane Kennedy, Widow of Johnston Kennedy, late a Major of Infantry in the Service of the Honorable East India Company on the Coast of Coromandel, maketh oath and saith, that the said Major Johnston Kennedy did not die seized, or possessed of or entitled unto, any real or personal Estate to the amount in value together of two thousand five hundred (2500) Pounds Sterling.

The Signature of Mrs Jane Kennedy in the Armenian Character which is her Mother Tongue

(Signed) Andw Ross
J. of Peace

Sworn to before me this
24th. April 1797

(Signed) Andrew Ross
One of His Majestys Justices
of the Peace for the Town & Districts of Madraspatam

Assented

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Wm.m Kennedy admitted on the List of Pensioneers on Lord Clive's Bounty

Ordered that Mr.r Kennedy be admitted to participate of the fund commonly called Lord Clive's bounty.——

" Hobart

" Geo: Hanes

" Edn.d Saunders

" E.d Falloofield

John Turing Esq.r

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Diary

Received a letter from the —
Nabob as entered in EC No 46 expressing his —
astonishment at the report made to him that
his own Sepoys have been concerned in the
Depredations committed on the Company's
Districts and requesting that Captain Irton
may be called upon to produce proof of the
Fact —

Substance of a letter from the Nabob

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Received the following Letters —

Lieutenant General Harris

&c &c &c Commander in Chief

Sir

I have the honor to forward
to you the copy of a Letter from Major Clarke
transmitted to me by Colonel Innes, but —
which I apprehend should have come to me
direct as Commandant of the Corps and not
thro' his Regimental Commanding Officer —
Major Clarke being at present on the Command
of a detail from both the Battalions of —
Artillery

From Major General Gulls representing the insufficient provision made in the new regulations for the Artillery Corps under the Head of working Money and the inadequate allowance for Pen & Ink and — Stationary —

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Artillery at Trichenopaly — Having this — consideration and which I trust will not again occur, I have to request you will be pleased on addition to what Major Clarke notices, to state to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that in the Tables of pay &c there is no allowance made, of working money, — when Gun Lascars are employed as working Parties in the Field; and that the Rank of Jemidar — in place of Soubidar, is detailed to a Syrang — Havildars in place of Jemidar to a first Tindal and Naique in the room of Havildar to a second —

I know not the authority for this publication further than as it has the operation of an order from the Auditor General to Paymasters which may occasion — misunderstanding if not corrected —

The Orders of Government — however of the 24th " Ultimo cannot be misunderstood, or taken otherways than in their obvious and literal meaning — Here

Major

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Major Clarke notices with much propriety that no provision is made for a Serjeant, a Native or Stationary to Detachments as in this case — Situation from the Corps of Artillery; which certainly ought to have been provided for — Beyond this, I find it incumbent upon me to observe and which I mentioned some days since to the Auditor General, who suggests this mode of address; that notwithstanding the Artillery Corps is liable to as many Divisions in the Field as there are Regiments and Battalions to — compose the line, and allowance only of a Pagoda for one Serjeant, one Native, and 25 Sepoys Stationary are admitted for a Company of European Artillery with its division of three Companies of Gun Lascars all of them from twenty to . they men beyond their respective Complements and when on the other hand every Company of European or Native Infantry has its special and seperate allotment —

It may illustrate this Subject and point out the propriety that perhaps not less than the allowance made to a Company

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of European or Native Infantry should be given to a Company of Artillery or a Company of Gun Lascars by reverting to the orders of the Honorable Company in the year 1785 wherein they detail that the Battalions of Native Infantry are to be formed into six Brigades each Brigade to consist of six Battalions of Sepoys — when the Battalions of European and Native Infantry are commanded to take the Field on Service they are to be equipped with two field Pieces each Two Tindals and Twenty eight Lascars are to attached for working the Artillery, and one European non Commissioned Officer and eight Privates for pointing the Guns and taking care of the Ammunition and Stores — and further whenever a Brigade is ordered to be detached on service the Grenadiers of the Battalion are to be formed into two Battalions for — covering the flanks of the Brigade and to have two Battalion Guns attached to each with a proper proportion of European Artillery and Artillery Lascars — on this principle exclusive

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of the Field Train / sixteen Field Pieces / one —"
Company of European Artillery and four —"
Companies of Lascars will complete the
Brigade for immediate Service, exclusive
of any additional part / which may be
ordered —

This Arrangement of the Corps
on Service, deviding each European Company
of Artillery, of the established strength into —
8 Separate Detachments and every Lascar
Company into two; surely marks the —"
propriety of a greater allowance being made,
for a Serjeant and Stationary to a Company
of European Artillery, than to a Company
of European Infantry and to a Company of
Gun Lascars, than to a Company of Native
Infantry; yet by the orders of the 24th —"
Ultimo, to a Company of European and —"
3 Companies of Native Infantry there is
allotted Three Pagodas and thirty Fanams —
while to a Company of European Artillery
with three Companies of Gun Lascars there is

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only allowed two Pagodas and Twenty four Fanams which is less by one Pagoda and six fanams than is given under more advantageous circumstances to a like number of European and Native — " Infantry whose Companies are seldom or ever separated —

I do not wish to interfere in the Office of any man but when an arrangement is preparing that involves the Corps I immediately Command I might be permitted to offer an opinion I have given this subject at least as much — " consideration as any other officer of the Service and I do not apprehend that any act of mine should endure a belief I would either be careless of what might be for the Public good or — " recommend a measure involving expence that might fairly be dispensed with under the foregoing considerations I submit to you, Sir, that to each Company of European artillery and Gun Lascars in Garrison or Cantonments there should be an allowance for a Sergeant — " Stationary and Native Writer the same as in

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a Company of European and Native Infantry — and in the Field such further allowance as the unavoidable separation of the Companies of — Artillery and Gun Lascars may present out to be adequate and reasonable — That the Detachments of Artillery serving with the Nizam at — Trichenopoly Tranquebar and to the Eastward shall each have the allowance of a Complete Company or three Pagodas & thirty fanams per month; and the Details at Visinagherry and Tanjore drong an allowance of Twenty one fanams each for Stationary and this additional charge of Fifteen Pagodas and forty fanams for the Artillery upon — Detachment will not be found much to — exceed the Supernumeraries belonging to the Corps as well in Europeans as in Natives —

I have the honor to be with Respect — &c &c —

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(signed) Thomas Pitts —

Mayor

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To. Major General Fells

Commandant of Artillery

Sir —

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit to you a Copy of a letter from — Major Clarke addressed to me on the — Subject of the allowance granted to — Officers Commanding Companies by the — orders of Government under date the 24th. Ultimo —

As it appears to me that the Reasons advanced by that Officer for making such Representation are well founded — I have to request the favor of you to forward with your support the enclosed Copy of his — Letter to the Commander in Chief —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Mount

April 24th 1797

[signed] David Smith

Lt Col Batn Artly

Colonel

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Colonel David Smith

Commanding 2d Battalion of Artillery

Sir,

I observe in the 40th Paragraph of the Government Orders of the 24th Ultimo that an allowance of one Star Pagoda ₰ month, is made to the pay Serjeant of each Company of European Artillery and to a Native in each Division of Gun Lascars properly qualified to act as pay Havildar a Staff allowance of 24 Fanams ₰ Month — " and in the 41st Paragraph " Officers — Commanding Companies of European Artillery are allowed to draw 21 fanams ₰ month each for Stationary and an equal sum, on account of the Division of Lascars attached to their Companies" but as I do not find any provision made for European Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers and Natives with — Detachments of the Corps forming a part of distant Garrisons I have to request you will do me the favor to represent through the —

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proper channel to the Commander in chief or Government how I am situated with a detail of Europeans of the several Companies of the 2d Battalion nearly equal to the strength of a Company and two complete Companies of Gun Lascars in the management of which the expence of Stationary to me and my Assistants will be the same as for a European Company and division of Gun Lascars at the Head Quarters of the Corps — and I therefore trust that on these — circumstances being made known I shall either be allowed the full benefit of the two Paragraphs I have just quoted or that some mode will be pointed out by which I may be reimbursed for all expences incurred on — account of the mixed Detachments under my charge from the respective Companies at the Mount —

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) T Clarke
Capn 2d Bn Artly

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

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My Lord

The Chief Engineer having stated to us that very considerable advantage will result to the Honorable Company's Powder Mills, as well in respect to the additional security of the Mills and consequent safety to the Persons employed in them as to the facility of carrying on the Manufacture from the introduction therein of Metallic Cylenders and Beds covered with the same composition, in which opinion we perfectly concur, as likewise from the improvement having been last recently communicated to us, that the procuring them complete from Bengal will be attended with great convenience, We have therefore to request of your Lordship in Council that application may be made with all convenient expedition to the Supreme Government for two setts of or four Metallic Cylenders with

Beds

From the Military Board recommend that two Setts of Metallic Cylenders with Beds complete for the use of the Powder Mills be procured from Bengal Bills for work done at the Presidency by the Chief Engineer and for Irons delivered by Mr. Bowie the Contractor recommended for Payment, Muskets at Tanjore recommended to be sent into a serviceable State -

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Beds complete such as are used at Bengal in the Manufacture of Gun Powder agreeably to the Dimensions herewith transmitted —

We have received from Colonel Gent the four accompanying Estimates, or Bills, amounting to Pagodas 1034.12.52. for repairs performed by him in the Military Department at the Presidency As the urgency of the occasion appears not to have admitted of the Forms prescribed by the Regulations of the 6th. of october 1796 being strictly observed and as a Committee of our Board have reported the Repairs to be properly executed, We do ourselves the honor to forward the Bills herewith with a Recommendation that Payment of the same may be ordered —

The accompanying Bill amounting to Pagodas 2899.22.40. having been sent us from Mr. Contractor Bowie for Tents delivered by him into the Arsenal which on examination by a Committee of our Board are found to be of the proper dimensions of good materials and workmanship and in every respect fit for the publick Service

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Service, We accordingly recommend that it be prayed
for payment —

It appearing from a Statement
of the Musketry in Store at Tanjore that there
are one thousand and fifty three /1053/ Stand of
Repairable Muskets at that Station and that the
expence of putting them into a perfectly serviceable
condition will amount to Pagodas 90 ⅞ 27 ⅞ 35. which
in our opinion is very moderate, We beg leave to —
recommend to your Lordship in Council that —
authority may be granted for the execution
of the Repairs conformably to the Estimate for
the purpose herein an Enclosure —

We have the honor to be

&c &c

Fort St. George
25th April 1797

/signed/ George Harris
Patrick Ross.
Thomas Pels.
Wm. Sydenham.
In Richardson
TJ Close
George Hall

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Estimate of the Expence required for putting 1053 Stand of Repairable Muskets into a serviceable condition at Tanjore — shewing also the Material & Workmen that can be furnished on the Spot

		Accounts of Articles to be furnished on the Spot	Extra Expence to be incurred			Amount
			Articles	Workmen		
Plumb Tree	Cubic feet	"	107	235	38	36
Iron	Lbs	226	"	"	"	"
Steel Europe	"	46	"	"	"	"
" Country	Pieces	114	"	"	"	"
Solder Copper	Lbs	15	"	"	"	"
" Pewter	"	3¾	"	"	"	"
Borax	"	"	10¼	2	4	23
Sal Armoniac	"	3¾	"	"	"	"
Cocanut Oil	Gallons	"	5¾	3	35	
Charcoal	Bushels	"	327	36	16	52
Paddy Husks	"	"	327	11	28	40
Carpenters		302	52	65	376	3 "
Armourers		302	1053	75	9	"
Smiths		101	226	16	6	
Hammermen		101	226	8	39	40
Bellows Boys		101	226	5	16	
Sawyers		"	94¾	67	11	20
Brassmen		"	39¾	2	35	20
Brass	Lbs	21¼	376½	60	21	30
Charcoal	Buckets	"	39¾	4	17	68
Bellows Boys		"	39¾	"	39	60

Amount of Extra Expence to be incurred for Repairs 904 37 75

True Copy

signed B. Fennell
Inspector of Stores

signed Fred Pierce
Lieut. 74th Regt

signed W Monson
Major & President

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Dimensions of the Cylindrical Stones in present use at the Powder Works

	Feet	Inches
Diameter	5	3
Breadth	1	4
Hole for the reception of the Horizontal Axle	16 Inches by 16 Square	

Military Board
Office 25th April 1797

Signed/ Fred Pierce
Secy Milly Board

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

From the Military Board submitting the Drafts of the 3d 4th 5th & 6th Sections of the New Regulations for the Ordnance & Store Departments under the Heads of "Books accounts & Returns" - "Indents & Receipts" - Surveys ordnance on the Works & Arms and accoutrements -

We do ourselves the honor to transmit herewith for your Lordships Consideration the 3d 4th 5th 6th and 7th Sections of the proposed Regulations for the Ordnance and Store Departments -

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St. George
25th April 1797

Signed/ George Harris
Patrick Ross
Wm Sydenham
Jn Richardson
By Close
George Hall

Sect 3 Books accounts & Returns
4 Indents & Receipts
5 Surveys
6 Ordnance on the works
7 Arms & Accoutrements
Vide Go. N 58 dated 28th April 1797

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The following advertisement was this Day circulated by Hand Bill and pasted up on different parts of the Fort and Black Town—

Government Advertisement

Fort St. George 26th April 1797—

Proposals invited for contracting for the delivery of sundry articles of Provisions the Tenders to be delivered in on the 2d May—

Notice is hereby given that Sealed proposals will be received until Tuesday the 2d May at — 12 o'clock for supplying by contract all or any of the undermentioned articles—

The articles to be of the best quality and to be subject before they are paid for to the — inspection and examination of a Committee to be appointed for that purpose by government—

The whole of the articles to be — delivered into Stores on or before the 20th June next

Biscuits	1100	Candies
Ghee	170	Do.
Tamarind	170	Do.
Chillies	30	Do.
Pepper	30	Do.
Garlick	15	Do.

Turmerick

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Turmerick - - - 15 Candies

Onions - - - 15 Do

Betle nut - - - 60 Do

Tobacco - - - - 120 Do

Salt fish - - - 72,000 -

Mullays - - - 3100

Copper pottls - - 150

Firewood - - - 5,000000 billets

The Ghee to be stored in Casks.

By order of the Right Honorable the President in Council —

(signed) J. Webbe Secy to Govt —

Substance of a letter from the Nabob

Received a letter from the Nabob as entered in CC N 47. enclosing an explanation received from the Hufsein ul Mulk Behaudeer of the circumstances connected with the complaint preferred by Mr. Brown Surgeon of the 19th Dragoons

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Received the undermentioned Letters entered in MB N° 106. 107. 108. 109. 110 —

From

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From the Officer Commanding a Detachment of the Bengal Troops —

From Major Hyndman reporting his Progress and requesting to be informed if he is to correspond directly with the Commander in Chief as well as with the Board —

From the Garrison Storekeeper —

From Mr. Brodie enclosing a Bill for Stores and Provisions supplies for the use of the Suffolks Tender at Point Degalle —

From the adjutant General —

From the Adjutant General — recommending that Lieutenant Fireworker Steele be promoted to the Rank of Lieutenant vice Bellson deceased and that Supernumerary Lieutenant Fireworker Weldon be brought on the effective List vice Steele —

From the Commandant at Pulicat —

From Captain W. Godfrey requesting permission to visit the Presidency —

From the late chief at Pulicat —

From Mr. Elbracht complaining of Captain Godfrey's conduct in removing the Two Sentries which have always been appointed to mount over his house without any previous communication with him —

The arrangement of the Right Honorable the President for the appointments on

Store

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Store Department under the new System having been this day sent in circulation the Commander in Chief recorded his Disapprobation of the arrangement issuing directly from the President in the following Minute—

Sent in Circulation the 27th April 1797—

In the Box with the Right Honble the Governors Arrangement —

The Commander in Chief conceiving that the arrangement for ordnance Officers required in Consequence of the new Regulations should have been submitted to the Right Honorable the President in Council by him begs leave thus to signify his objection to its having been submitted by the — Right Honorable the Governor and the Members — himself further under the necessity of not giving his acquiescence to that particular article in the Right Honorable the Governors arrangement which appoints Lieutenant Beauman — Commissary of Stores at Masulipatam on the principle that it takes an Officer from his Duty in the Corps of Artillery from which there is

on

Lieutenant General Harris's Minute objecting to the appointment of Officers to the charge of the Store Department by the Right Honorable the President and particularly to the Nomination of Lieutenant Beauman to the Commissary Ship at Masulipatam — Conceives this out of the President to be an Infringement on the Prerogative of the Commander in Chief & requests that the line of his Duty may be ascertained by reference to the Supreme Government —

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in Lieutenant General Harris's opinion already too many absent —

The appointment is otherways as he conceives objectionable, as it leaves Deputy Commissary Franks unprovided for and probably to become an Extra Expence to the Company until a vacancy happens which would not have been the case had the Commander in chiefs arrangement been allowed —

Under these ideas Lieutenant General Harris finds himself called upon to propose to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the arrangement shall be allowed yet to come before them through what he conceives the proper channel or if they should not agree with him in this request, that they will be so good to have the essential point to the Commander in Chiefs situation submitted without loss of time to the Honorable the Governor General in Council for their decision —

Lieutenant General Harris desires to have it understood that he does not wish or expect the arrangements to be delayed by the reference —

signed / George Harris

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His Lord Hobart's intention on Tuesday to state his reasons for not concurring in the Commander in Chief's objection to the appointment of Lieutenant Beaman—

He conceives the manner in which the ordnance arrangement was introduced to be perfectly conformable to the usage of this Government in — which he is not aware that any alteration can be necessary, but as Lieutenant General Harris at — yesterdays Board declared his intention in the course of a few days to bring forward his ideas with respect to the insufficiency of the power exercised by the Commander in Chief upon the Coast Lord Hobart will postpone any observations — upon the particular point of the ordnance — arrangement until he shall have been more — fully informed of the Generals sentiments, and he should hope that for the purpose of preventing repeated discussions, the Commander in Chief will be so good as to state the specific alterations he — thinks essential to an improved administration of the Military Business of this Presidency.

Lord Hobart declares the mode of making the appointments to the three Departments to be perfectly consistent with the established usage and requests the Commander in Chief will state specifically the alterations he thinks — essential to an improved administration of the Military Business of this Presidency—

[signed] Hobart

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Lieutenant General Harris requests that an immediate reference may be made to Bengal regarding the relative Duties of the President in Council and the Commander in Chief of the Forces at this — Presidency —

Lieutenant General Harris begs leave to observe that he hopes any future interferis of his may not prevent that part of his minute which concerns his Situation as Commander in Chief from being immediately forwarded as — requested in said minute —

April 29th —

/signed/ G. Harris

Mr. Fallofield recommends that the discussion of the point above mentioned may be deferred till a reference be had to any orders that may have been received from the Court of Directors on the subject —

I could wish to postpone offering my Sentiments on this Subject till the next Meeting of the Council as I think it probable there may be some orders from the Honble Court on the point in question, in consequence of a former difference of opinion with respect to the Duties and Prevelidges of the Commander in Chief —

/signed/ C. B. Fallofield

Mr. Saunders joins in opinion with Mr. Fallofield —

I am of Mr. Fallofield's opinion —

/signed/ Edwd. Saunders —

Received the following Letters —

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council.

Fort St. George

My Lord.

I have the honor to transmit

for the notice of your Lordship in Council — a

Translate of the report of a Pair of the Residents

Kirkarrahs who returned here on the 17th. instant

from Goote, whether they had been sent by me

in quest of Intelligence —

I have the honor to be

with great Respect

My &c.

[signed] J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad communicating Intelligence collected from Kirkarrahs sent to Goote —

Hydrabad
19th. April 1797

Translate of Report of a Pair of Kirkarrahs who arrived at Goote on the 31st of March on the morning, and left it on their return hither on the 16th of April in the Evening — Hydrabad the 18th April 1797 —

Syed Ghuffaar is encamped at

usual

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usual at Bussumpully his Camp would not appear to be either increased or diminished in size since our last visit to Goote – His infantry is exercised twice a day instead of drums and fifes their — Martial Music consists of an oblong kind of Kettle drum and long Trumpets – The Sepoys complain in General that they are Kept in heavy arrears –

The news in the Camp at Goote, is, that Tippoo has summoned all the Chiefs of his Dominions to the Presence – That the Sultaun had lately made an excursion to Mangry and after examining the Fort at that place and committing the charge of repairing thoroughly the same to one Wunkut Row returned back to his Capital – It was likewise reported that two more Rasalahs them dispersed on — Fulghaut would shortly arrive in Camp – Another report was that a Marahtta — Vaukeel named Thirry Pundet was making demands at Seringapatam for the Surrender of the Fort and District of Goote to his Circar and that the Sultaun had promised acquiescence

on

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on Condition that the Mahrattahs would insure him the restoration of Kishengerry, and its — twelve Mahals. It is certain however that by the Sultaun's orders five hundred Bullocks have transported in Two trips, Powder, and Lead from the Fort of Goote to that of Bungoonah — We likewise learnt that a Corps of two thousand Sepoys composed entirely of Rajpoots and Mahrattahs has arrived at Gurrumcondah with Six pieces of Cannon Budder ud Deen Khan Soorka, arrived lately at Coompully from Gutloor and sent out his Howls far and near for the purpose of raising Men in which however he had ban when we came away by no means successful —

The following is the price — current of Grain in the Camp at Goote when we left it

	Seers	Rupee
Rice	20	1
Jaroary	22	Do
Raggy	32	Do
Horsegram Koolly	25	Do

A true Translate
(signed) J. A Kirkpatrick
Sec.

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord

From Major General Doyle issues orders for the removal of the 73d Regiment and Corps of Pioneers from Columbo to Point Pedro—

I received Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 2d instant stating that Fifty thousand Star Pagodas with a considerable supply of Copper Money should be sent to Columbo on His majesty's Ship Carysfort and conveying your Lordships orders for the 73d Regiment and Pioneer corps to proceed to Point Pedro as also your authority to the Paymaster to draw Bills on Madras &c—

As soon as the Carysfort arrives I shall have the honor to inform your Lordship—

The 73d Regiment and Pioneer Corps have received orders to be in readiness to move immediately— I hope I shall be able to procure sufficient small Crafts for the accommodation of the former— No

time

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time shall be lost in sending them from this place —

I have made the Paymaster acquainted with your Lordships directions relative to his department —

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

(signed) Willbore Ellis Doyle

Major Genl

Head Quarters

Columbo 13th april 1797

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord,

I have been fortunate enough to procure small Craft sufficient for the 73d Regiment and for the Sick and Baggage of the Pioneer Corps —

From Major General Doyle with Papers shewing the very sickly state of the Troops at Trincomale & supply of Tents much wanted there and a Row Boat for the accommodation of the Sick —

Enclosed is an Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Champagne as also some papers relative to the sickly state of the Troops at Trincomale — Should your Lordship have any orders to send in consequence

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it will save much time to send them — —
directly to that place as the most leeward posts
are between this and Manar —

I have the honor to be
Yr &c.

Head Quarters
Columbo 15th April 1797

/signed/ Wellbore Ellis Doyle
Major Genl

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Champagne under date 3d April 1797 —

The sickness of the Detachment
was so very considerable as to induce me to remove
them into this Garrison in hopes they might
benefit by change of air, but am sorry to —
report that the Disease increases although —
every possible attention is paid to their comfort
and Situation but it is utterly impossible
that any Troops can continue in Health even
in the most Friendly climate while lodged
in such miserable Barracks and fed with
such unwholesome / fresh / Provision —

I have sent an Officer to
Point Pedro if possible to procure some Ships
for

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for the use of the Hospital should he succeed and report a prospect of a future supply I wish to continue him at that Port should it meet with the approbation of the Major General—

A total want of Camp Equipage has obliged me to crowd the Barracks very much ever so few tents for officers and men properly arranged would beyond doubt contribute much to the health of this Garrison—

The want of a Row Boat to ply between Onaburgh and meals house, the Quay to Trincomale has been attended with serious inconvenience and in one instance with loss of two lives— when a Soldier is taken ill at the Fort, he is obliged to be removed to the Hospital here by land which is near four Miles and as we have no —"— wheel carriage much difficulty attends the operation with the assistance of a Boat the sick could be landed within 1400 Yards of the Hospital and of course immediately put under cover.

I could adduce much more in favor

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favor of what I beg leave most strongly to —
recommend but trust it will be thought —
unnecessary —

A true Extract

Signed J. Willson
Act. Sy

To Lieutenant Thomas Coghlan

Commanding 2d Division of 1st Regt Native Infy

Sir

The great mortality that happened during the last month and the present excessive sickness which still prevails in this Detachment becoming so alarming, I think it a duty incumbent on my self to state to you the absolute necessity there is, of a speedy removal of your men from this Island —

I am sorry to say the removal from Fort Ostenburgh to Trincomale for the benefit of change of air and situation for the sick has not been attended with that success we had every reason to hope —

Fevers, Dysentaries and Swellings

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a Complaint only known on this Island which has proved so fatal to our men still prevailing with the most alarming appearances I beg leave to inform you unless the Detachment is removed from Trincomale it is my firm opinion few men will escape the unhealthyness of this Climate —

I am,

Trincomale
3d April 1797 —

Sir
Yr. Hble
Servt
(signed) Will.m Norman
Surgeon 2d Dist.n 1st R.t Eng.

NB

15 Men dead of the Detachment of the 1st European Infantry in the month of March and 49 sick of the Detachment consisting of 135 —

To Lieutenant Colonel Champagne.
Commanding
Trincomale &c. &c.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose — to
Surgeon
Mr. Norman's publick Letter me respecting

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The sickly state of the 2d Division 1st Regement under my Command and I am in great hopes that the reasons therein stated for a speedy removal of the Detachment to the Coast will meet with your application —

I have the honor to be

Sir Your

Trincomalie

3d April 1797 —

(signed) Jno. Kirkland

Lt Col. & D.m.g. Rs —

Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir,

I request you will do me the honor to lay before the Right Honorable the — President in Council the enclosed Copy of a letter which I received this Morning by Express from Captain Kirkpatrick assistant and Officiating Resident at Hydrabad with a Copy of my reply thereto —

I also beg leave to enclose — Extract of a letter which I yesterday received

From major General Kirkland enclosing copy of an application made to him by Captain Kirkpatrick to stop the March of Major Hyndmans Detachment towards Hydrabad and Copy of his reply receives — Instructions from Bengal to request that the Gentn with Lieut. Col. Roberts's Detachment may be — transfered to the Detachment of Bengal Troops by which it is relieved —

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from the adjutant General of the Bengal Army
regarding the Guns Stores &c. at Hydrabad —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
[signed] J Erskine
Com.g Bengal S. Detach.t

Camp near
Ganjam 20th
April 1797.

Major General John Erskine
Comm.g the Bengal Southern Detachment
Ganjam

Sir,

Particular Circumstances having
made it necessary for me to state to the —
Supreme Government the objections which appear
to me to exist at present against the intended
Relief of the Coast Troops serving this State by
an equal proportion from the Detachment
under your Command I think it proper to
advise you of the reference I have this day
made on the subject and to submit to you
at the same time the Expediency of your —
directing the Officer Commanding the Party
intended for such Relief and which I understand
is already on its March hitherto proceed

by

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by rather slow marches so as to furnish time for the final determination of the Supreme Government before he can reach Condapillay

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/signed/ Jet Kirkpatrick

Agt Off J Res.t

Hydrabad
13th April 97

True Copy.

/signed/ Js Bruce.

Aide Camp

Captain J A Kirkpatrick

Off J Res.t

Hydrabad

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter by Express under date the 13th April 1797.

I beg leave to acquaint you as the Bengal Detachment is placed under the directions of the Government of Fort St. George I do not deem myself authorized to order any deviations in the march of the Detachment Commanded by Major Hyndman until favoured

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27th favored with the instruction of the Right — "
Honorable President in Council to that Effect —
As the Rainy Season is fast — "
approaching any unnecessary delay would in the
event of the Detachment being ordered to — "
Hydrabad, be productive of much inconvenience
to the Troops and there appearing sufficient
time to obtain a Reply to the Reference
made to the Supreme Government, or for receiving
the instructions of the Right Honorable President
in Council of Fort St. George before the — "
Detachment reaches Condapillay the proposed
alteration in the March of the Troops becomes
less Expedient — I have however written Major
Kyndman that should you think it proper to
send him an Official Requisition to Halt the
Detachment before it enters the Country of his
Highness the Nizam he is to obey it and wait
for further orders —

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Camp near
Ganjam 20th
April 1797.

signed J. Erskine
Comg B.S. Detach.t

true Copy
signed J. Price
Aid Camp.

Extract

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Extract of a letter from the adjutant General of the Bengal Army by direction of the Commander in Chief

"It being probable that the Right
"Honorable the President in Council of Fort St. George
"may not have understood that your Detachment was
"unprovided with Guns I have ordered those attached
"to the Madras Troops serving at Hydrabad to be
"withdrawn he has suggested to the Vice President
"in Council whether it may not be advisable to
"call the Notice of the Madras Government to the
"Circumstance that if the Guns be not actually
"removed from Hydrabad instructions may be
"given to leave them there, together with their
"ammunition Stores and Cattle, or if they be
"removed that measures may be taken to
"supply their places— In the mean time the
"Commander in Chief desires that you will be
"pleased to instruct Major Kyndsman to —
"acquaint Lieutenant Colonel Roberts that
"his Corps is unprovided with Guns and
"to make application to him for those belonging

to

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" to the Madras Detachments"

True Extract

Signed Jas. Price

A.D.Camp.

Dated
Fort William
Adjt Genls Office
14th April 1797.

Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters as entered in M.B. N.o 111. 112. 113. 114.
115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120 121. 122. 123. 124. 125.
126.

To Major General Sydenham —"—
desiring him to report his opinion on the —"—
Reverend Mr Kerr's application for full —"—
Batta as Chaplain to the 19th Dragoons referring
for Examination a List of Kings Field Officers
claiming additional Shares in the Gratuity
Fund for the year 1795/6. and informing
him of the admission of Mrs Kennedy on Lords
Clives Fund —

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Ross, and —"—
Lieutenant A Macleane desiring that the —"—
Store houses for the Kings Payments may
be completed as soon as possible and that they

To the Chief Engineer and Barrack Master

will

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will report whether under a proper arrangement the Shed near the Hospital might not be made to afford sufficient room for the accommodation of the whole of the Men and Regimental Stores of the Madras Battalion leaving with Mr. Marden the part now devided off for the use of his Office—

To Lieutenant Colonel Champagne

To the Commandant at Trincomale.

desiring that all the Hedges and Bourshwood —+— within 1500 Yards of the Fort of Trincomale —+— may be cut down and removed and that the Trees be thinned— that the Jungle within the Forts of Trincomale and Ostendburgh and within 500 yards of the latter Fort may be cut down with the exception of such part as may be deemed necessary to the Defence of the Place and that Temporary Barracks for 150 Europeans be immediately built on the Hill at Trincomale authorizing him to assure the Paymaster that his Bill on the Military Paymaster General will be immediately discharged either in Cash or Bengal Bills at the Exchange of the —+— Day—

To

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To Mr. Sharden desiring he will authorize Captain Darley to purchase such Quantities of Paddy Laying in the Neighbourhood of the different Garrisons as can be got at a moderate Rate and to complete with small Grain the Quantity that may be deficient of a three months Stock—

To the acting Commissary of Grain Provisions

To Captain P. A Kirkpatrick enclosing Copy of the Route by which Major Syndmans Detachment will march from the Company's Territories to Hydrabad and desiring he will make application to the Nizam to have the requisite Quantity of Grain in readiness at the different Stages—

To the assistant Resident at Hydrabad

To Major Hyndman enclosing Copy of a Route for the march of his Detachment from Chincole to Hydrabad and informing him that the requisite supplies of Provisions will be laid up at the different Stages for the use of the Troops desiring him to address himself to the Commander in Chief upon all points of Military Detail on receipt

To the Officer Commanding a Detachment of the Bengal Troops—

to

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to the Payment subsistence & movement of the Troops to address himself to the Right Honble the President in Council and the Resident at Hydrabad —

To Officer Commanding the Bijanu Detachment

To Lieutenant Colonel Roberts to major Hyndman Detachment with Gunn belonging to his Stores ammunition and Cattle —

To Do Do the Detachment of Bingel Troops —

To Major General Erskine — advising of the order to Lieutenant Colonel Roberts approving the reply sent by him to Captain Kirkpatrick's requisition for the halt of major Hyndman's Detachment and desiring that the Troops may continue their Route under their former orders —

To the Military Board

To the Military Board requiring their opinion on a Recommendation of the Commissary of Provisions that a — Brick and Chunam will be made at Dindigul for the purpose of preserving the Ghee in Store at that Station —

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Lydenham communicating

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communicating the Boards Determination on the Charge in Mr. Hughs's accounts for working Money to Sepoys employed in the Neighbourhood of Ramnad in making up Fascines and Gabions for the Siege of Columbo - Captain Lennons claim to Horse allowance rejected - stating the amount paid to Captain Bunny on account of the — — Freight of the Surprize Galley and — — informing him that the Officers at — — Dindigul Pulney Yemcotah and — — Paredcolum unprovided with publick — — Quarters are to derive the usual allowance on account of House Rent -

To Major General Floyd

To the Commandant at Trichenopoly -

desiring he will communicate to Lieutenant Colonel Brown the above order respecting house Rent and acquainting him further that no additional allowance on account of House Rent can be made to himself or Major Haliburton beyond the Sum established by the Regulations -

To

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To Major Bouser

To Major Bouser enclosing copy of a Petition received from Sawmy Chetty of Nagore and desiring he will state whether the Petitioner has any claim upon him on account of the Freight of Grain as set forth in his Petition —

To the Commandant at Chinglepet

To Lieutenant Colonel Campbell informing him that the Board cannot allow any Expence in addition to that now incurred on account of cleaning the Barracks &c

To Bombay

To Bombay acknowledging receipt of their letter of the 9th Instant —

To the Commander of the chartered Ship Bellona

To Captain Farrer directing him to receive on board his Ship, such Medicines for the use of the Troops at Malacca and Amboyna as will be delivered to him by Mr Berry the Medical Storekeeper —

To Mr A Cunningham

To Mr A Cunningham allowing him to draw the aggregate monthly sum of 300 Pagodas on account of publick Servants to commence from the period of his taking charge of his Employs and informing him that any expence he may incur on account of Servants

engaged

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engaged at and carried from this place, will be defrayed on application to Mr. Jones —

Sent the following Letters —

To Lieutenant Colonel M.Neile

Commanding the Troops on the

Malacca Islands

Sir,

To the Commanding officer at Malacca Islands the inconvenience arising from the absence of Captain Chalmers from the Military Duties will be remedied as far as possible by the allowance of Stationary and Writers granted — Lieutenant Aldridge allowed provisionally of officiate as Malay — Interpreter — his general conduct highly approved — advice of Mr. Cunninghams appointment as Paymaster and Commissary — Provisions and Cloth sent for the use of the Troops Money and additional Supply of Rice will be sent from Bengal Harmony and Cooperation with the Civil Authority strongly recommended —

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 1st and 11th January last — The Right Honorable the President in Council is concerned that the public Service should have required the removal of Captain Chalmers from the charge of his Flank Company but as the resident has now been enabled to — conduct the duties of his Office principally by Civil Assistants, he trusts that a similar — inconvenience will not again arise —

The President in Council can have no hesitation in granting you the same allowance for paper and Writers which has been granted to the Commandant at Malacca and in regard to the employment of — Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Aldridge as Malay interpreter His Lordship in Council can have no objection to it provided you shall be satisfied that it will not interfere with his professional duties and provided the Resident should require the assistance of that officer —

The accounts which you have given in your letter dated 11th January of the state of your Garrison cannot but be extremely gratifying to the President in Council and the same reasons which induced your Lordship to select you for this important trust leave him confident in your Zeal vigilance and abilities for the preservation of these valuable conquests —

The Right Honorable the President in Council has been pleased to appoint Mr. Alexander Cunningham to be Paymaster and Commissary to the Troops serving on Amboyna and Banda and has no doubt that by relieving the Resident from this duty the department will

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be conducted with more facility and satisfaction to yourself —

A considerable supply of rice and other articles of provision has been sent for the use of the Troops and the want of the Sepoys have been particularly attended to in the articles of Ghee and cloths — The President has been ordered to deliver the cloths which may be required for clothing the Troops as well as the broad cloth which may be wanted for the use of the Company's civil and military Servants at prime cost —

In consideration of the supply of money which you were given to expect from the Governor General in Council of the great scarcity specie and of the passing demands upon the Treasury at this place the President in Council has not judged it expedient to send any money by this opportunity but as the Supreme Government have been requested to send you additional supplies of rice from Bengal they will be solicited to send you further aid in cash by the same conveyance —

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I inclose for your information and guidance extract of my letter to the Resident upon the subject of the mixed Government of English and Dutch of civil and military authority and as it is not — possible in the present state of political circumstances to make any change the President relies upon the zeal and harmony of yourself and Mr. Jones; and is confident that he will have no cause to regret the want of a more definite System —

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

(signed) J Webbe Secy to Govt

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Extract of a Letter to the Commercial Resident at Amboyna and Banda Dated 26th April 1797 —

Though his Lordship is — perfectly sensible that the present system is not adequate to a permanent administration of affairs on the islands under your Superintendance

Yrs

yet the state of political circumstances renders it
utterly expedient now to make any material
change - As far as your authority may be —
affected by any interference of the Dutch the
President in Council is of opinion that this
inconvenience may readily be overcome by a
prompt and decisive application of the power
already committed to your hands since those of
them who accept employment from you, do
by compact submit to your authority and —
those of them, who oppose the administration
of public affairs forfeit all claim to public
protection

In regard to the clashing of
the Civil and Military authorities - The —
President in Council is happy to observe that
there has yet been no instance and he trusts
that the same spirit of public Zeal which
has hitherto manifested itself will continue
to preserve mutual accommodation and to
prevent so serious an injury to the public —
interests under existing circumstances however
it is not possible to establish a different form

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of Government nor to give a better direction of the present form than to acquaint you generally that all Civil authority whatsoever is committed to you and that the power of the Commanding Officer is limited to the command of the Troops and the defence of the island

A True Extract

/signed/ A Falconar
Sub Secy

To Colonel Richard Tolson
Commanding the Troops at
Malacca

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated 17th January and 3d march last with their several enclosures

His Lordship is well pleased to observe the increase in your resources and authorizes you to make Captain McKenras such an allowance for Servants employed

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To the Commandant at Malacca authorizing him to fix an Establishment of Servants for the Receiver of Revenues - Mr Beggs Salary considered fully adequate to the Duties of his Employ - The deliberation of Mr Shuttleworth approved - The expences incurred on account of the Navy to be reimbursed by Bills on the Admiral - The indulgence with respect to Provisions and enjoyed by the Troops to be extended to the Pioneers the object of Captain Lieutenant Ahmans embarkation for Malacca noticed the Officer to have no concern in the Provision of Material his pay & allowance to be defrayed from the Malacca Treasury —

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in the receipt of the Revenue as you may judge adequate to the duty which is to have reference to the original appointment of that Gentleman to Superintend the collections —

The President in Council judges the allowance of fifty Pagodas ₱ month granted to the Interpreter Mr. Beggle to be a liberal establishment for that duty —

His Lordship in Council approves your having detained Mr. Shallcworth assistant Surgeon for the Military Hospital

In regard to the 6000 dollars which you have advanced for the support of the sick Seamen of his Majesty's Squadron — you will obtain bills for the amount as well as for any other sums that may have been paid by you on account of the Squadron in favor of Government upon his Excellency the Admiral —

The Right Honorable the President in Council judges the pioneers serving at Malacca to be fully entitled to

wholesome

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whatever Extra indulgence may have been enjoyed by the Sepoys and Gun Lascars and directs that the allowance granted to the latter may be made up to the former from the time it was first issued — In publishing this order you will explain to the troops that it was never the intention of Government to make distinctions when all have evinced the same forward zeal for the public Service —

Captain Lieutenant Pitman of the Engineers has been ordered to Malacca to provide Gabions and Fascines you will therefore afford that officer every assistance in your power that may be required for this purpose in regard to the employment of the Troops on this duty but in regard to the purchase of whatever articles may be necessary Captain Lieutenant Pitman is not to interfere — The several articles are to be purchased under your authority upon the most advantageous terms for the — Company and delivered from time to time

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To Captain Lieutenant Pitman upon his indent

Captain Lieutenant Pitmans pay

and allowances are of course to be defrayed

from your treasury during his stay at ——

Malacca ——

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I am
&c &c
(signed) P Webbe
Secy to Govt

To. Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Resident at
Tanjore

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your letters dated 15th and 20th Instant —

To the Resident at Tanjore with a letter for the Rajah relative to Sherfogees Instructions on that subject his Selection of the Mayaveram District approved — Mr. Grants appointment to the Collection of the Revenues of that District Notified —

In consequence of the ——
inattention which his Excellency the Rajah
has shewn to the discharge of Sherfogees
allowance the Right Honorable the President
in Council has warned him that unless
the arrears should be immediately discharged
his Lordship will be under the necessity
of

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of taking effectual means for that purpose and I am therefore to desire that in the event of his Excellency's further discharged of this part of the Treaty of 1792 you will point out the best means of carrying this resolution into effect without interfering with the revenue of those districts which have been pledged for the security of the Companys Subsidy—

His Lordship in Council —
approves your reasons for having assumed the Soubah of Mayaveram in preference to that of Trwady and has been pleased to appoint Mr. Francis Alexander Grant Collector of that district you will therefore lose no time in making over charge of the Soubah to that Gentleman in order that the earliest measures may be taken for securing in the Companys account the revenues which may yet remain uncollected—

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
Signed / S. Webbe
Secy to Govt.

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To Peter Speke Esqr.

Vice President in Council at

Fort William

Sir.

We have the honor to inform you that we have received an application from — certain Lieutenants on this establishment of the list of cadets appointed for the year 1782. by the Honorable Court of Directors the object of this application is to obtain the rank of — Brevet Captain for all the officers of that list and it is founded on an extract from — your Minutes of Council dated 20th. March 1797 which contain a resolution "that the Subalterns "of this / the Bengal / establishment who were "appointed cadets by the Court of Directors for the "season of 1782. should be included in the promotion "of Brevet Captains made on the 30th. May "last"

To Bengal information requesting relative to the Rank of the Subalterns of that Establishment termed 'Cadets of 1782' who have lately been promoted to the Rank of Captains by Brevet

Although this application can by no means come within the letter or spirit of the orders from England for promoting those — Subalterns

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Subalterns to the rank of Brevet Captain who may have been in the Service for a period of fifteen years and although the difference in the denominations of the Lists of 1781 and 1782 appears to be fully accounted for in the minute of Sir Robert Abercromby transmitted to us by your Secretary on the 15th December last, yet we have been unwilling to give a positive refusal to this application until we may receive from you which we beg leave to request a fuller explanation of the rank of those Subalterns who appear to have been promoted by the minute already quoted to the rank of Brevet Captain.

We have the honor to be

Sir &c

Fort St. George
26th April 1797.

Signed Hobart &c
in Council

Received the following Letters

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General recommends bringing to account under a separate Head the Value of the Company's Horses and Horse accoutrements —

In answer to that part of Mr. Secretary Jacksons Letter under date the 21st January containing your Lordships instructions that — regular quarterly Statements of the amount valuation of Horses and Bullocks kept up and maintained at the Company's Expence — should be sent from my Office to the Asjutant Genl. I have now the honor to report that having availed myself of the Superior Knowledge and judgement of Major General Floyd with respect to the most eligible mode of ascertaining the value of the Horses with the several — Regiments of Cavalry, it is his opinion in which I perfectly coincide that the least exceptionable way will be to estimate the number of Effective Horses by the average price which each Horse has cost the Company including every charge attending them until they were delivered by

the

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the agents to the different Corps —

2d " This price upon an average of the last five years Purchases, I find to be 120 Pagodas for each Horse — So soon therefore as the casting Committees ordered by the Commander in Chief have finished their proceedings and that I am furnished from the Adjutant Generals Office with an account of the number of Effective Horses in each Regiment on the — 30th. Instant I propose to send to the Military Paymaster General a Statement of their Valuation with instructions to bring it to account on the Books of his Department and to transmit an authenticated copy of the Statement to the Accountant General which is the mode of — communication observed at Bengal —

3 " Altho' I have not been — directed to value the Saddles and Horse — accoutrements in charge of the Commandants of Native Regiments of Cavalry, yet as it has been established that they are the property of the Honorable Company I shall with your

Lordships

Lordships' permission include them in my Statement at the rate of 4½ Pagodas each Bell, which being the original sum allowed by Government for providing them they consequently ought to be estimated at the same amount as the Commandants receive a Monthly allowance for keeping them always in repair and perfect condition for Service—

4 I do not find that the Honble Company have any Bullocks upon this Establishment those occasionally provided by the Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Cattle being the property of Individuals and paid for at fixed Monthly rates when employed—

In order to shew at all times the amount of the Honorable Company's Property in Horses and Horse accoutrements I request your Lordship's sanction for opening an account of "Horses and Horse accoutrements" in the Military Books of this Presidency, which I perceive to be done in the Books of the Military Auditor General at Bengal, of which I have lately been furnished

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furnished with a copy at my own request for the purpose of establishing exact uniformity as far as the nature of the two Services will admit agreeably to the orders of Government, introducing the Bengal System of military accounts at this presidency—

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
28th April 1797

I have the honor to be with
great Respect—
Hon Sir
Your
[signed] W Sydenham
Military Auditor Genl

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

My Lord.

Additional report on the Military Paymasters Generals Cash Estimate for May—

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the month of May 1797 I have the honor to report that the Sum of three Lacks Seven thousand four hundred and thirty one Pagodas thirty three fanams and thirty three Cash [Pagodas 3,07,431. 33. 33.] is required for the Payment of such Military Charges as become due on the first of the ensuing month—

From

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	P.s Fh. B.
From the General Treasury ----	242283. 12. 33.
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General ----	65,148. 21. 10.
Pag.s	307436. 33. 33

The sums included in the Estimate for Company's allowances to the Kings Troops for the Payment of the 36th Regiment and the Royal Artillery appears on an examination of the latest Monthly Disbursements lodged in my Office to exceed the usual monthly expence of those Corps. I have therefore deducted Two thousand Pagodas / Pagodas 2000. — / from the amount required for the former and Twelve Hundred Pagodas / Pagodas 1200. — / from that of the latter, and in case any arrears or extraordenary expence may have become due to those Corps of which I am unacquainted, the Paymaster will of course transmit an additional Estimate for the same, stating the particular purpose for which the money is required —

On the same principle has been deducted one Thousand Pagodas, from the amount

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amount estimated for the 1st Division of the
2d Regiment of European Infantry Stationed
at Pondicherry —

The Colonel De Meuron and
his Staff having embarked on one of the
Indiamen that lately sailed from hence
the Sum of seven Hundred Pagodas / Pag.s 700 /
included in the Estimate of the Paymaster
of Companys allowances to the Kings Troops
on their account, has of course been deducted

In the examination of Mr.
Paymaster Hawkins Estimate I observe a
Sum equal to one Thousand Eight Hundred
Pagodas / Pay 1800 / included for Major General
Floyd, as a General Officer on the Staff:
By the new Tables of Pay the allowances of
an Officer in that Situation including
Camp Equipage &c when not employed
on actual Service together with the Pay &c
of an Aid De Camp and Brigade Major
attached will not exceed Twelve Hundred
Pagodas the difference between the Sum and

that

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27th That entered in the Estimate has accordingly been deducted—

In the gross Sum herein reported upon has been included and passed, the Sum of Thirty six Thousand five hundred and forty five Pagodas /Pagodas 36,545. —/ the amount of Bills drawn by the Military Paymasters on the Island of Ceylon and to the Eastward—

Military Auditor Generals Office Fort St. George 28th April 1797—

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

/signed/ Wm. Sydenham Mily Auditor Genl

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

My Lord,

Auditor Generals report on the Cash estimate for the Grain and Provision Department for May—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter dated 25th Instant with the Estimate of the expected disbursements in the Department of the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for the Month of May 1797 and to report thereon

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thereon as follows-

Expected Disbursements at Madras — 1376. 36. 45.

Chengleput — — — — — 193. — —

Vellore — — — — — — 191. 12 — —

Tanjore — — — — — 285. — — —

Madura and Dendigul — — 22 — — —

Palamcotah — — — — 23. 22. 40

Baramahl — — — — — 121 — — —

Ongole — — — — — — 104. 33. 48.

Trincomale — — — — — 107. 28 — —

Columbo — — — — — 8175. — — —

Pagodas 11564. 6. 53.

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

Chengleput

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	P.	F.	C.
Chinglepet	193	"	"
Tanjore	285	"	"
Baramahl	121	"	"
Ongole	104	33	48
Trincomalé	1071	28	"
Pagodas	1775	89	48

Consequently the amount payable at the Presidency on account of Disbursements in May 1797 as per Estimate of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions is Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty eight Pagodas Twenty Nine Fanams and five Cash / Pags 9788. 29. 5 /

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

&c. &c.

[signed] Wm. Sydenham.
Mily Auditor Genl

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
27th April 1797.

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council.

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

Auditor Generals report on the Cash Estimate for the Bullock agency for May

I have the honor to report as follows upon the General Estimate of the Acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for the Month of May 1797 accompanying Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 21st instant

		P.	F.	C.
Expected Disbursements at Madras		204.	27.	"
Vellore		32.	"	"
Baramahl		150.	"	"
Chicacole		250.	"	"
Lieut. Col. Roberts' Detach.t		277.	39.	"
Columbo		500.	25.	"
Pagodas		3858.	7.	"

From the Total amount of expected Disbursements as above stated the Acting Principal agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks deducts the following Sums as not issuable from the General Treasury at

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at the Presidency but payable from the Subordinate Treasuries for which Bills will be drawn upon him and transferred through the General Treasury—

	P.	F.	G.
Baramahe	150	"	"
Chicacole	250	"	"
Lieut. Col. Roberts Detach.t	877	39	"
Pagodas	1277	39	"

Consequently the amount issuable at the Presidency as per Estimate of the sterling Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage — of Bullocks for May 1797 is Two thousand five hundred and Eighty Pagodas and ten Fanams —

Pagodas 2580. 10. " /

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Military Auditor General's Office Fort St. George

signed W. Sydenham

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President & Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From

My Lord

I have the honor to acquaint

Your

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From the Military Auditor General referring a charge made on Mr. Hawkins's Accounts for the Pay of Conicopolies employed in distributing the Subsistence to families of absent Sepoys at Trichenopoly and Tanjore, requests instructions regarding the allowances to be drawn by Medical Servants for attendance on Detachments to which they are not especially appointed by Government the Cases of Mess.rs Casbrode and Little particularly referred to —

Your Lordship that Mr. Hawkins Paymaster at Trichenopoly and Tanjore having a very considerable number of Families of the Troops absent on Foreign Service to pay monthly at those Stations has included in his Disbursements a charge of Sixteen Pagodas ℔ month at the former and five Pagodas ℔ month at the latter on account of Conicopolies employed by him in making those Payments which charge however has been uniformly retrenched in the Office of Audit as not having been sanctioned by Government & the necessity of such assistance in making regular payment to the Families is obvious and as Mr. Hawkins has desired a reference to your Lordship in Council on the subject I have no hesitation in recommending the Admission of the charges in question the receipt of each Individual having been always forwarded by Mr. Hawkins as a voucher with his Monthly Disbursements —

I beg leave to state to your

Lordship

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Lordship that in cases when Native Corps have been
in want of Medical Assistance and no Surgeon
or Assistant Surgeon belonging to it present it
has been the practice for Commanding
Officers of Stations to appoint the Surgeon or
Assistant Surgeon of the Station or of some
other Corps on the Spot to attend the Sick so
circumstanced, a charge has in consequence been
made for Medical Servants and Expenditure
on that account which has not been admitted
in the Office of Audit as such appointments
had not received the Sanction of Government—

3 Major General Floyd having
in the enclosure / No 1 / desired a reference to —
your Lordship in Council respecting a —
Retrenchment made on the above account
from Mr. Assistant Surgeon Castrade who
had been appointed by him to the temporary
charge of the sick of the 5th Battalion of
Native Infantry at Trichenopoly in the months
of February, March, and April 1796 during

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the absence of the Assistant Surgeon Colquhoun then on duty at Negapatam I beg leave to observe the Surgeons or Assistant Surgeons — having with the Approbation of Government the occasional charge of Sick of Native — Battalions before the New Arrangement of the Army can only be entitled I conceive to an addition of 15 Pagodas pr month on that account for as they have an Establishment of Servants as Surgeon of the Nation or Corps to which they were attached it does not appear that they can reasonably expect more than an Extra allowance for Medical Expenditure for attending the sick of other Corps, and — consequently that the difference between this Sum and 25 Pagodas which they have drawn should be refunded —

4 While I am on this Subject I request to be informed whether Surgeons or Assistant Surgeons appointed by Officers Commanding Districts or Stations

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27th — to the temporary charge of the sick of Corps or Detachments in the absence of the Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon specially nominated thereto shall be considered as having a right to the lately established allowance of 4 Pagodas ₱ month for every 100 Men present during the period of their continuing in charge as the — Surgeon of the Corps is only paid for the number of Men actualy on the Spot where he is doing duty it may perhaps appear equitable that the Surgeon of the Station having the care of the sick should receive the regulated allowance for supplying them with Medicines but I have hitherto not considered the authority of the — Commanding Officer of the Station as sufficient for warranting the charge considering that when the necessity of such appointments — appeared the sanction of Government might on proper application have been obtained —

The late Military Auditor — General having objected on these grounds to the allowances paid to Mr. Little assistant Surgeon

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Surgeon of His Majesty's 36th Regiment, during the Months of January and February 1794 while attending the sick of the late 31st Battalion Native Infantry on the appointment of Colonel Smith then in the temporary Command at Trichinopoly and a reference to Government being desired by Mr. Little in consequence of the retrenchment having been confirmed on — a Recadist Your Lordships decision on the Subject at large will also have an operation on this claim and establish a permanent regulation for all future applications of the same nature — It is however proper to remark on the case of Mr. Little that his situation as Assistant Surgeon of the 36th was different from that of the Surgeons of Stations or Corps in the Company's Service, as he had no establishment of Servants, and therefore if the charge which he makes for attending the sick of the late 31st Battalion is — admitted he will I presume be entitled in this case to the full allowance of 25 Pagodas

JP

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Month the same as if he had been
Appointed Assistant Surgeon of the Corps—

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
28th. April 1797.

I have the honor to be
with the greatest Respect—
&c &c
signed W.m Sydenham
Mily Aud.r Genl

Extract of the Military Auditor Generals Retrenchments from the Disbursements of Mr. Wm. Hawkins Paymaster at Trichenopoly in the months of February March and April 1796.

Objectionable charges and the Military Auditor Generals Remarks thereon.

PEC. Replies—

February 1796.
Captain Alexander Cuppage in his Abstract draws for Medical Servants and Country Medicines to Assistant Surgeon Castorade doing duty in the 5th Batt.n Nat.l Infantry by order of Colonel Floyd Dc. 25

March 1796.
Do draws for Do. Do. Do. 25.

April 1796.
Do draws for Do. Do. Do. 25.

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The authority of Government is necessary to establish charges of this Nature without which the Paymaster should not have paid them retrenched — 75 " "

Mr. Colhoun is the Assistant Surgeon attached to the Battalion but being absent on duty at Negapatam with Invalids to Madras and with Bengal Recruits to the Barramahl — Mr. Castorade Assistant Surgeon was appointed to do duty with the Battn. by order of Colonel Floyd at the recommendation of the Head Surgeon Mr. Richardson during Mr. Colhoun's absence and the charges made in Consequence.

Colonel Floyd thinking he has authority for sanction temporary appointments on Emergency begs this may be referred to Government & if not satisfactory to the Military Auditor General.

signed J. Floyd Mjr.

Truely Extracted
signed J. Brunton
Depy Mjr Genl.

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To

William Hawkins Esqr.

Paymaster

Trichenopoly

Sir,

By a letter which I received a few days ago from the Auditor General I am informed that on a Scrutiny of your Accounts for the Months of January and February 1794 - a Retrenchment has been made and a refund ordered of fifty Pagodas which I received in those months while I did the duty of Assistant Surgeon in the 31st Battalion of Native Infantry under the command of Captain Torrens -

In answer to a letter which I wrote, by way of explanation, to the Auditor General - I am desired through your Medium to submit the circumstances of the case to the Consideration of the Right Honorable the President in Council - I have therefore to beg that as soon as convenient you will forward this letter for the inspection of

Government

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Government —

In the month of January 1796 —

Captain Torrens who commanded the 31st Battalion of Native Infantry impelled as well by humanity as a wish to promote the good of the Service / his Hospital being filled with patients labouring under fevers and various other complaints / made application to Lieutenant Colonel Smith Commanding Officer of Tinnevelly for — Medical Assistance as Government at the time did not find it convenient to appoint an Assistant Surgeon. Colonel Smith actuated by the same Motives which operated on Captain Torrens and Knowing that there was an immediate necessity for Medical assistance to the Corps, issued a Garrison order which directed me to take charge of the sick of the Battalion till — Government should be pleased to appoint an Assistant Surgeon —

With this order I of course complied, and as will appear from Lieutenant Colonel Torrens's letter on the Subject which either

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either has been or will be forwarded to Government
I did the duty very much to the Satisfaction
of the Commanding Officer while I attended
the sick of the Battalion I found Medicines
and Medical Servants at my own expence
for which I received monthly 25 Pagodas
/the Money in Question/ a Sum which
Government allowed to every Assistant —
Surgeon in the Service doing duty with a
Native Corps and as I never dreamt that
Colonel Smith was not authorized to —
appoint me to the duty I acted with full
confidence under his order nor did I ever form
an Idea that the Justice of my claim to the
usual allowance would be called in Question —

I rely with great confidence
on the Justice of the Right Honorable the
President in Council and hope the —
Retrenchment will be dispensed with —
I flatter myself that the trifling circumstance
of Colonel Smiths oversight in neglecting to
have my appointment sanctioned by —
Government

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Government will not be thought sufficient to invalidate my claim to an allowance which has at all times been granted on Similiar occasions—

I have the honor to be

Sir &c.

/signed/ John Little

Surgeon 36th Regt.

Tuckenahaly

January 29th 1797

A true Copy—

/signed/ Wm. Sydenham

Military Auditor Genl.

To

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

We beg leave to enclose two /Bills for Payment under Government acceptance/ that for Dollars /8000/ we hope the Honble Board will be pleased to allow the Proprietor —"— Interest for from the period it would have fallen due, had it met with acceptance when first —"— presented on the 30th December last / as will —" appear

To Messrs Call Rabbett Day & Co requesting Payment of Bills drawn on Government by Authority of Rear Admiral Rainier and that they may receive in Cash the amount of a Bill drawn in the Military Paymaster General by the Paymaster at Malacca —

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appear by references to our Letters to Mr. Jackson
of that Date and of the 28th. February / without
which he must sustain as the Honble Board
will perceive a considerable Loss by having advanced
the Admiral Cash for a Bill on this Government
which runs Payable thirty Days after sight
in addition to the inconvenience felt from
not having it in his Power to dispose of the
Proceeds of the Bill agreeably to the purposes
for which the Remittance was made —

The other Bill for Spanish Dollars
4000 drawn by Mr. Farquhar Paymaster at Banda
and accepted by Mr. Roebuck we take the liberty
to present to the Honorable Board and to hope
that as we are directed to apply the amount
to liquidate Claims due by the Holder of the
Bill they will be pleased to order the Payment
to be made in Money instead of Bengal Bills
tendered by the Paymaster General and which
on all occasions wherein we are not particularly
instructed we have taken in discharge of
Government

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Government Bills accepted by him—

We have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) Coll. Baker Dayl &c.

Fort St. George
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Dispatched the undermentioned

Letters entered in Mls Nos. 127. 128. 129. 130-131.—

To Mr. Secretary Barlow forwarding

to the Secretary at Bengal

Statements of subsistence paid to the Kings Troops serving under this Presidency from the 25th Decemr 1795 to the 24th June 1796, and Companys allowances from the 1st January to 30th June 1796—

To Do. and to Sir Charles Warre Malet

to the Secretary at Bengal Residents and at Hydrabad and Poonah—

and Major Kirkpatrick forwarding Copies of Intelligence received from the Mysore Country—

To Mr. Roebuck forwarding

to the Military Paymaster General

copy of the auditors Report on his Cash Estimate for May and informing him that agreeably to the recommendation therein contained the Sum of Pagodas 2,42,283.12.33 will be issued from the Treasury on his application —

To

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To the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions and Principal agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks

To Mr. Skardon informing him that the Sums recommended by the Auditor General / as p copy of his report on his May Estimates enclosed / will be issued on his — application to the Treasury —

To the Clerk of the Treasury

To J Webbe Esqr. authorizing the usual Monthly issue of Cash on account of Messrs Roebuck and Skardons Employs for May —

Sent also the following Letters —

To Lieutenant Colonel John Champagne Commanding at Trincomale

Sir,

To the Commandant at Trincomale ordering the removal of the Detachment of the 1st Regiment of European Infantry and a Detail of European Artillery of Gun Lascars to be relieved from the sick / from Trincomale to the Coast — a supply of Tents will be sent by the first opportunity — the charge for a Rice Boat for the use of the sick authorized —

I am directed to inform you that the Right Honble the President in Council has received from Major General Doyle extract of your Letter to him dated 3d Instant and to desire in consequence that you will avail yourself of the first opportunity of a Ship in the Service of his Majesty or the Company

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Company which may touch at Trincomale to convoy
to the Coast the detachment of the 1st Regiment
European Infantry now doing duty in that Garrison.

I am further directed to desire
that you will at the same time take means
for conveying to the Coast the following detail
of Artillery which is to be chosen from the
sick List.

6 Serjeants
4 Corporals
7 Gunners.
2 Drums and fifes.
26 Matrosses
2 First Tindals.
2 Second Tindals.
222 Gun Lascars.

It is the intention of the President
in Council to send a supply of tents for the use
of the Garrison at Trincomale, which with
the works which you have already been
ordered to execute will it is hoped contribute
essentially

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essentially to the health of the Troops —

The Right Honorable the President in Council permits You to purchase or hire a row boat for the use of the Sick —

I am,

Fort St. George
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Your &c.
(signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Govt —

To Major General Doyle
Commanding on
Ceylon.

Sir

To Major General Doyle enclosing Copy of the foregoing Letter to Lieutenant Col. de Champagne

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 15th Instant and to enclose a copy of the orders which have in consequence been sent to Lieutenant Colonel Champagne commanding at Trincomale —

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

Received

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Received the undermentioned —

Letters as entered in Mb Nos. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136.

From major Bowser

From major Bowser acknowledging receipt of the Boards orders for joining his corps at Arnee —

From Mr. Thornhill desiring to know whether the Commander of the Royal Admiral received any advance of Cash at Madras on account of the Detachment of the 80th Regiment landed from his Ship from England, and to be furnished with an official Abstract return of the Detachment —

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal

From major General Doyle —

From the Commanding Officer on Ceylon

acknowledging receipt of the Boards Letter of the 7th Instant and advising that the Bombay Grenadiers have sailed for the Malabar Coast —

From Do acknowledging receipt of their Letters from the Board under date the 5th Instant to which due attention will be paid —

From Do Do

From Do stating that the 1st Division of the 73d Regiment sailed on

From Do Do

Bonnes

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Dowies for the Manar on the 19th Instant and that the Pioneers would commence their March towards Point Pedro on the Evening of that Day—

To the Commandant at Trincomale

Dispatched a Letter to Lieutenant Colonel Champagne / entered in Book B. N° 137 / — desiring him to detain the 222 Lascars lately ordered to the Coast, if their Services can be usefully employed in making into Billets the Jungle ordered to be cut down and to avoid himself of all opportunities by country Craft, of sending the Wood so cut up to the Presidency —

Received the following Letters—

From the Resident at Tanjore the Rajah thwarts every obstacle in the Way of his ascertaining the State of the accounts of the Mayavarum Subah—States the amount of his Collections and such information as he has been able to collect regarding the outstanding Balances—

Josiah Webbe Esq.
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I request you will do me the favor to state to the Right Honble the President in Council that on my taking Charge of the Mayavarum Subah His — Excellency

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Excellency. the Rajah appeared desirous of throwing every impediment in my progress by withholding the accounts of the Subah which he has not to this time delivered to me —

I went to the Palace by his appointment on the Evening of the 20th Instant he complained of indisposition and sent old Bava to receive me — Bava at my request went upstairs to the Rajah to desire permission to deliver over the Accounts; but his Excellency refused He sent me word by Bava that Chinnia had behaved towards him in a scandalous manner and that it was his intention to lay before Government a Statement of his unjust Proceedings —

That the Money for praying the 4pric Kist had been long in Chinniahs hands — These Sentiments on Chinniahs conduct were repeated by the Rajahs Servants who were with Bava —

I also heard that private

orders

orders had been dispatched to the Circar Servants and principal Inhabitants to absent themselves from Myavaram — The Rajah not only refused the accounts but even the order to the Mutteerum or head manager of the Subah to deliver it over to the Company's Authority —

On my arrival at Myavaram however not only the whole of the Principal Inhabitants came to meet me but those of the Inferior Classes also — and all the Poligars or Cowelgars came to me as soon as the distances of their respective places of abode admitted of their arrival here — There seems indeed to be a very general Satisfaction at the change which has taken place —

I have directed my chief attention to ascertain the Balances still due from the Puttuedars &c. and the Quantity of Paddy belonging to the Circar in the Amanee Lands — The Puttuedars have brought me their own accounts from these and the Intelligence

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I have obtained I shall be able to ascertain the Balances but not so expeditiously as if the Rajah had furnished the Mirattа Accounts — by the progress hitherto made in the — Investigation I imagine the Balances from the Putteedars may amount to about 30 or 31000 Chuck.s The Customs which are rented will produce as follows —

	Chs.
May 9th	2381
June 9th	3571
July 9th	3571
	9523

The above mode tho' usually — termed a Rent, is not such, strictly speaking for certain, Monthly disbursements are to be made which according to My best information at present cannot exceed — 500 Chs in the whole of the above Period consequently about 9023 may come nett to the Revenue — The Quantity of Paddy belonging to the Circar is about 15 4000 — 4

Tullums

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Cullums there is more also on the borders of the Subah of which I have yet — 1 received no particular account —

I hope to be able to transmit in the course of three or four days a — 1 particular account of what I have only now been enabled to mention in a general way —

Myavarum
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I have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) Alex.r Macleod
Res.t

P.S. The collections from the country continue to be made I have to this time received 2000 chuckrams —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
President in Council
&c &c &c.

From Lieut.t Col. Orr appealing to the decision of Government from a demand made upon him by the Captain Holding the temporary Command of this Corps for Majors Hall Balla during the period of his absence on leave —

Having been absent from this Station for some time past on Government leave I took an early opportunity after joining my Corps

to

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to send out of the Batta allowed to my — Command the difference between Captains half and full Batta to the Officer who commanded the Regiment during the whole period of my absence and who holds no higher Rank either in the Corps or Army than that of Captain but he has declined to receive the Batta of this Rank and conceives himself entitled to that of Major —

As the Government order of the 31st of august 1796 published on this head in explanation of Arrangements appears to me not only to interfere with his wishes of being allowed Majors Batta but to preclude him from receiving it during such temporary Command I have declined complying with his application as there does not seem to me to be any authority to draw it — from the Company - nor would the whole difference between the half and full Batta which is granted to me as holding a — Command

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Command under Government be sufficient to make up the batta of Major which he claims — and I further beg leave to observe that in case I was to give him up the difference which I have just mentioned to be inadequate to his claim he would as a Captain be in the receipt of higher batta than I should be as Lieutenant Colonel holding a Command —

I have the honor of submitting this matter for the determination of Government and of being with the greatest respect

My Lord,

&c &c &c

Chimundulum
28th April 1797.

Signed J Orr
Lieut. Col. comm.g
the Cantonment at
Chimundalum.

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

From the assistant —
Resident at Poonah —
communicating information
regarding the subjoined
views of Shabraw Azim
ul Omrah still encamped
near Poonah —

My Lord,

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that Azim ul Omrah is

still

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still incamped with his Army about 25 miles to the Eastward of Poonah and that affairs here are in a very confused and mysterious State—

I have the honor to enclose Extract of my address of this date to the Governor General—

and to be very Respectfully
&c &c
/signed/ J. Uhthoff

Poona
25th April 1797.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Uhthoff to the Governor General, dated Poona 25th. April 1797—

Soobarow has taken Leave of Baajy Row from whom he has received Presents for himself and his Master and it is said that he is now only detained by the Expectation of receiving similar Marks of attention from Nanna Furnavees. One account adds that Soobrow is the agent of the Kalashty Rajah and that one Himmat Sing / whom I have not before heard of here / is the agent of Kirt Ram Raja

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Rajah of Travancore also that presents are to be sent by Baajy Row and Nanna to the Rajah of Travancore his Son and Dewan — "Subrow's Affairs with the Durbar are transacted through Govin Kishen and Govin Pengleh —

True Extract

(signed) I Ulthoff —

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor &c

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Bombay — communicating the Heads of English and continental News received over land vide Buffarah —

I have the honor to enclose for your Lordship's Information the most material Parts of Intelligence received here late last night from our Agent at Buffarah

Mr. Manesty — and to be —

Bombay
18th April 1797

&c &c &c
(signed) C. W. Malet —

Death

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Death of the Empress of Russia

It was on the 17th. november at 10 Oblock at night that Russia lost his great Sovereign who rules the Empire with so much Glory She was Seized with the Apoplixy on the 15th. November at the moment when she was employed with — writing the blood being carried with violence into the brain a vein broke and She fell Sindeless upon the Floor it is probable she must have continued half an hour in this State one of her Valets having entered the chamber found her extended and insensible, the Physi- =cians were immediately called and General Nicholas Serbow was sent to the Grand Duke who was at Gatchena four Miles from Petersburg to inform him of the Melancholy event. His Royal Highness arrived the same Evening whilst the Empress Struggled 36 hours with Death — Upon the opening of the body two Stones were found in the bladder which

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which must have occasioned the violent
Spasms she endured, it is probable had she
taken proper council and been blooded
Russia had not now to deplore her loss

The new Emperor is adored by
the People and the manner in which he
has entered upon his administration has
justified their attachment, he has revoked the
order of the 15th September directing a new levy
of Recruits and has decreed an Amnesty to
all delinquents except such whose crimes
have been too great to deserve this act of
Clemency—

Extracts from Lloyds Evening Post—

General Bournonville to the Executive
Directors—

The Army of the Sambre &
Meuse attacked in its Center has made a
Gallant defence — on the 23d of october the
Enemy attack'd Generals Grenier and Cleber
who were posted in defence of the Bridges

near

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near surrounded, but was frustrated in the attempt
and left the Plains covered with their Slain
our Troops behaved with matchless Intrepidity
and Valour —

General Moreau to the Executive
Directors —

On the 27th October my Van
was obliged to fall back, on the next day —
I attack'd Prince Charles but he having united
the whole of his Army towards Elsack and
Elsagen bore down upon the Van of My left
and Center which fell back upon my line
it required all their Bravery to stand against
Superior Numbers of Troops and Artillery — I am
retiring to Huningain — we have scarcely
been off our Horses these 8 days —

Extracts from the Paris Papers October 28th.

War is commenced between
Spain and England an order is posted up at
Cadiz for all the Spanish Marines to —"—
march for Estramadura where a Camp —"—
of

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of 60,000 - Men is to be formed -

October 30. The Elector of Bavaria has refused to permit his Troops to join the Austrians - the States have sent a deputation to Basle -

Ex. St. Lloyds Evening Post -

The Russian Fleet which had arrived at Elsenaur was ordered to return to England -

Government has dispatched — a strong Reinforcement for Gibraltar, Admiral Curtis is gone to join our Fleet on the — Mediteranian -

The Genoise have commenced — Hostilities against Great Britain by seizing Vessel -

The Brussels Papers state that the Hd Qr. of the Rhine and mosele Army was at Landau on the 16th October and that General Moreau was at Strasbourgh - The news of the dutch Fleet being taken at Saldanah Bay arrived at London on the 4th of November

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Mr. Jefferson succeeds General Washington in the Presidency of the United States of America.

November — The discontents in Ireland are very alarming Lord Cashampton is speedily to march into the county of Armaugh with a large Force.

In an official Note which the French Directory published at the same time with its answer to Lord Malmsburys Memorial it quotes the late treaty concluded with the King of Naples as a convincing proof of its Justice and moderation - This Treaty — however will appear to every unbiassed mind to have been the Effect of the necessity at his Sicilean Majesty had made the most vigorous preparations for defence —

The advices from Lisbon state that in the end of October the Spanish Army on the Frontiers of Portugal — consisted of 16000 Men to oppose which the Portugeze

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Portugeze had only a Corps of 5000: most of the Paris Journals up to the 27.th October had a Paragraph which supposed that the — General Secret Committee was occupied in — discussing a Treaty with Portugal but the Papers of the next Day remove this supposition by observing that the sole topic was the means of putting a stop to the neglect of discipline and Subordination which prevails in an alarming Decree on the Army of the Rhine and Maselle

Our Troops in the west Indies are much more healthy than they have been for these two years past —

6000 are mentioned for the Navy and 9000 for the Army —

Lord Bridport Commands the Grand Fleet Lord Howe being too unwell to take charge of it —

November 11.th to 14.th Letters from Gebraltar of 17.th October say that they expected firing

to

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to commence that day from 350 pieces of —
heavy Artillery on the Spanish works —
6000 Men is Garrison on there General —
Washington has resigned his Station as
President of the United States —

By different Letters received by
the Hamburgh mail it appears that from
the 13th to the 25th of October the French and
Austrians were constantly engaged that every
action terminated in favor of the latter that
the conflict of the 19th in the Valley of —
Azach lasted two days without intermission
and that the French lost in Killed wounded
and prisoners, upwards of Six thousand —

The Austrians pursued their
success and on the 21 and 22 October victory
again declared in their favour — The losses of
the Enemy were immense they amounted
to nearly seven thousand Men besides thirty
pieces of Cannon —

November 16th to 18th Letters from Vienna

announce

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30th announce that Fayette his wife and daughter with Latour Maubourg and Beercaw de Pusy are about to be sent to Sebrie —

Sir Ralph Abercrombie sailed on Tuesday for the west Indies —

His Majestys Ship Trusty of 50 Guns is under orders to sail for the Cape of Good Hope with Lord Macartney and his Suite

The Indian Trader Dunlop from London to Bengal was taken by the French and was carried into Cayenne 30 September —

November 16 to 24th The Mahamnisa Spanish frigate of 44 Guns has been taken in the Mediterranean by the Terpsichore of 32 Guns —

Marquis of Bath died on Saturday morning November 20 to 23. The East India Company have the three following plans in agitation —

First to increase their Capital 2,000,000

Secondly to establish a Military Depot

in

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in the Isle of wight and thirdly to establish two additional Supreme Courts of Judicature at Madras and Bombay at the expence of 70 or 80,000 pounds P annum -

1796 November 2325. A conspiracy has been lately discovered at Genoa tending to deliver up that place into the hands of the Austrians

Advices are received from — Gebraltar by a cutter at a Port in the channel according to which hostilities had not — commenced on the 7th. of the present month as the Spaniards had discontinued some works that they seemed to be raising for the Siege

The article in the American papers which mentions a French Fleet having been off Halifax clearly alludes to the Squadron of Richery with respect to whose subsequent Operations we are fully informed —

November 2830. According to advices from Vienna of the 12th. instant a Messenger from

Lord

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Lord Malmesbury had arrived at Vienna and had a long conference with Baron Thugut his Lordships dispatches to Sir M Eden - The British Embassador at Vienna were dated October 27 and contained the answer of the Directory to Lord Malmesburys memorial Sir M Eden then ask'd if the Imperial Court would give full powers and instructions to Lord Malmesbury to negociate likewise a peace of Austria This demand has however given birth to difficulties and it is thought that his Majesty will prefer sending a Minister to Paris to negociate in concert with his Lordship -

Government have finally determined upon giving every possible assistance to the Court of Portugal for the purpose of defending that Country against the meditated attack of Spain An army of 10,000 Men is therefore to be sent out to assist in the defence of that Kingdom so important to England the Command is to be given to

General

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General Charles Stewart a gallant and most able Officer –

The Court of Portugal has sent to this Country for an emigrant Officer of high – + character the ci devant Marquis de La Rozure to take the Command of the Portuguese Army a Frigate is appointed to convey him to Lisbon and he quits London immediately –

A Treaty of Peace has been concluded between the French Republic and the Infant Duke of Parma –

Mr. Pitt informed the deputation of monied men on Saturday last that his new financial Plan had the sanction of the first Men in the Kingdom but if the experiment of a Voluntary Subscription should fail he should in that case be under the necessity of having recourse to a peremptory mode of drawing forth the resources of the Nation –

But Line of the Plan

Every

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Every person subscribing £100 to
receive a debenture for £110 payable either in
four years or at the option of Government
in any shorter period not less than one year from
the conclusion of the Peace the amount to be had
either in money or at the option of the holders
in a 3½ Cent stock valued at 75 Interest at the
rate of 5½ Cent on the amount of the debenture
to be paid during the intervals — The Debenture
to be transferrable till after the second —
payment but no longer at any subsequent time
before repayment every debenture for £110 to be
exchanged for £105 Capital of 5½ Cent Stock
irredeemable for four years or till one year
after the conclusion of the Peace and to be then
paid in like manner as the debentures at the
option of the holder either in Money or in a
3½ Cent Stock valued at 75 the first payment
about the middle of December the remaining
instalments from March to the following
October discount as usual on prompt payments —

Amendment.

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Amendment to the above terms —

At any subsequent time before repayment every debenture for £100 to be exchangeable if after the first year for £107 in a 5% Cent Stock if — after the second year for £108 if after the third year for £109 and of course if after the fourth year for £110 The said 5% Cent Stock to be — undeemable for 6 years and to be then paid /in like manner as debentures/ at the Option of the holder, either in Money or in a 3% Cent Stock valued at 75 — The first payment about the middle of December or in January the remaining instalment from March to the October following discounts as usual on prompt payment —

30.2d December —

Mr. Pitts Plan of Finance —

A numerous and respectable meeting of the Bank proprietors was held at the Bank to take into — Consideration the plan finally arranged by the Minister for raising —

Eighteen millions for the Service of the ensuing

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ensuing year and what proportion of that sum should be subscribed by the Bank —

A Book was opened with the subscription of the Banking Company of England in their corporate Capacity for — £1,000,000 and the Bank Directors and officers £500,000 — This very generous example gave the tone to the Company and the pressious to get to the Book was very remarkable before 5 o'clock though the Books were not open more than three hours it was estimated that near eight Millions Sterling was subscribed —

A Court of Directors was held at the India House when it was resolved unanimously to subscribe Three hundred thousand Pounds to — Government for the Services of the Year —

2 85 We have great Satisfaction in apprizing our readers that the Subscription to the Loan of Eighteen Millions for the ensuing year was completed this Morning before 12 o'clock —

7 Bg Admiral Lord Bridport is to proceed to Sea in a few days with a fleet —

of

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of 16 Sail of the Line the object of his Lordships Cruize is said to be, to intercept the Fleet which has been expected to sail from Brest.

Letter from General Berthier dated Vienna —

19th November —

We have defeated General Alvenzy after the most obstinate Battles for 8 days successively 5,000 Prisoners 3000 Killed and wounded 24 Standards 12 pieces of Cannon are the fruits of this victory —

Bonaparte in his dispatches of the same date states the Loss of the allies at 4000 Killed as many wounded and between 4 and 5000 Prisoners —

Anne Pitman from St Helena arrived at Sully spoke an American who informed her that on the 27 May in the Latitude of Woolwich Bay he fell in with five French Frigates who where going to — Cruize off the Cape of Good Hope to intercept the — Homeward bound Indiamen —

From Military Paymaster General.

1st

Received a Letter from the Military Paymaster General entered in Mr Bell enclosing an additional Indent of £. 400 required by the Treasury Paymaster for the present Month —

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1st

Dispatched the undermentioned

Letters entered in Mlt. S. 23. 45

To the Commander of the Chartered Ship Harriot-

To Captain Archer directing him immediately to prepare his Ship for a Voyage to — + Point Pedro-

To the Garrison Storekeeper

To Mr. Brodie desiring him to Ship on the Harriot Provisions Wood and Water for six days for 400 Europeans and to Indents on the Agent for Spirituous Liquors for a similar proportion of Arrack-

To the officer Commanding His Majesty's 73d Regiment

To Lieutenant Colonel St. John + advising him of the Boards desire that the 73d Regiment should proceed immediately on hired Boats from Point Pedro to Negapatam and that to guard against the event of his not being able to procure sufficient Country Craft, the Harriot will be — + dispatched to Point Pedro to convey to Negapatam such part of the Corps as may have been left behind and the remainder of the Corps that may have gone to Negapatam from that Place to the Presidency or in the event of

the

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the Regiments remaining entire at Point Pedro at the time of the Harriots arrival there to convey the whole directly to the Presidency—

To Mr. Torriano inclosing the — original of the above Letter to be forwarded by him and a Copy for his information with a view to his preparing such provisions and at the 73d Regiment may require on its arrival at Negapatam—

To the Resident at Nagore—

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart—

Governor President—

Lieutenant General Harris—

Edward Saunders and

Ernst William Faldofield } Esqrs.

Tuesday 2d May—

Minutes of last Consultation—

Read and approved—

Read

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Read the minute sent in circulation by the Commander in Chief on the 27th Ultimo as entered in the Diary—

The President in consequence delivers in the following Minute—

Presidents Minute In Consultation 2 May 1797.

President's minute in reply to the observations of the Commander in Chief relative to Lieut. Beauman's appointment to the Commissary Ship at Masulipatam

Having already declared my intention of postponing my observations upon the Commander in Chiefs Minute on the manner in which the appointment of Military Storekeepers has been introduced until he shall be pleased to bring forward his sentiments generally with respect to his Situation—

I shall upon the present occasion confine my remarks to the two specific objections Lieutenant General Harris has stated to Lieutenant Beauman's appointment—

With respect to the first that it takes an Officer from the General Duties of the Artillery Corps—

It must be evident that at a

Station

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station of so much importance as Masulipatam
an Officer of Artillery must at all times be posted
and as the charge of the Military Stores will not
interfere with any Duties that might be
required from Lieutenant Beauman as an
Artillery Officer his appointment to the Office
of Military Storekeeper will not necessarily
occasion the detaching an additional Officer
from the Corps of artillery - The Principle of this
appointment was laid down in the Minute
upon the regulations for the ordnance —
Department and adopted unanimously
by the Board -

With respect to the second —
objection - that it creates an additional Expence -
In all cases where officers lose their situations
without obtaining promotion by the new
Military Arrangements the Court of Directors
have authorized this Board to make compensation
Lieutenant Beauman held the Office of
Quarter Master of Brigade to the Artillery

which

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which has been struck off by the late orders and he
is therefore fully entitled to expect some Consideration
on that account - Mr. Frank the Gentleman
who is unprovided for in consequence of my
recommendation of Lieutenant Beauman
received as Deputy Commissary at Trichenopoly
42 Ps. 2 Fs. P month Lieutenant Beauman
as Quarter Master to the Artillery P. Pagoda
so that if the Government were to make
compensation in proportion to the loss
sustained by the Individual the arrange=
=ment I have proposed would produce a
saving 44. 2. P month by which it
appears that even if they were both
Employed there would be a saving to the
Company of Lieutenant Beaumans
appointment — Lieutenant Beaumans
merits or capacity have not been
questioned and I must add that I have
every reason to think extremely well
of Mr. Frank whose services are now much

wanted

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wanted at the arsenal and will probably be of importance on the Expedition against Manilla—

(signed) Hobart—

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute—

Lieutenant General Harris's Minute exposing his desire to decline offering his own sentiments relative to the Extent of the duty and Prerogative of the Commander in Chief—and to leave the discussion of this point to the Governor General in Council in order to determination he declares himself willing to acquiesce.

Lieutenant General Harris feels extreme concern that he does not conceive himself to be at liberty to meet the wishes of the Right Honble the President in stating at this time the extent of his Ideas on the subject of the relative Situation of the Commander in Chief on the Coast and which Lieutenant General Harris now especially declines as it appears to him that an immediate appeal has become necessary to the Honorable the Governor General in Council for the following reasons—

1st Because Lieutenant General Harris as Commander in Chief has not been called upon or even allowed on his representation to bring forward in that capacity the arrangement

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Arrangement of ordnance Officers on the —— &
Regulations for the new Military Store — &
Department which he humbly conceives it
was his immediate duty to have done and
to have laid them with his recommendation
before Government—

2d Because Lieutenant General
Harris has not been even consulted on the
arrangement of Ordnance Officers formed
and given in by the Right Honorable the
President as a Regulation of the Service
and subsequently issued in orders to the
army Under Lieutenant General Harris's &
Command nor any hope given him that
it will be otherways allowed in future—

3d Because he conceives that
he cannot without injury to the Situation
he holds avoid — nay he is forced to
take immediate Notice of the Right
Honorable the Presidents observation when
Lieutenant General Harris's Minute of the

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24th apine had been read by him viz.t That be the
Right Honorable the President should take
notice of some appointments of mine / if I
gave in that Minute / as I had observed on one
of his —

That circumstances will he trusts
excuse him to the Right Honorable the —
President in Council for insisting on the
immediate Submission of his Minute of the
24th. April to Honorable the Governor General
in Council and accordingly Lieutenant General
Harris now takes the liberty of calling on
them that they may be pleased at an early
day to take this matter into their most
serious Consideration and to give such orders
as they shall think necessary on the subject
and more especially on the mode of conducting
the military Department so far as the personal
situation and consequence of the Commander
in Chief is concerned and Lieutenant General
Harris further begs leave to solicit the —

attention

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attention of the Honorable the Governor General
in Council that in case they should not think
it necessary to allow the same powers to the
Commander in Chief on the Coast as are allowed
to him under similar circumstances at Bengal
to which he apprehends there can be no reasonable
objection, but rather it should be so under the
Idea of one System obtaining throughout
India and on every Military principle, he
most fully relies the Supreme Government
will so far extend their authority in the
present instance as to relieve the Commander
in Chief from the unpleasantness of the
Situation he now finds himself under of having
the functions of his Office as he humbly
apprehends them to be assumed in certain
points by the Right Honble the President and
so far as it goes in the points alluded too
he cannot but consider it to be a virtual
suspension of the powers vested in him

by

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by the Honorable Company

He now begs leave to conclude this address with the most solemn assurances to the Honorable the Governor General in Council that in thus endeavouring to ascertain and defend the prerogative of the Commander in chief, He has not the most distant wish to take from the authority of the Right Honorable the Governor but on the contrary - He most solemnly affirms he has the strongest desire that the only Absolute and controuling power over the Commander in Chief and the Army should be lodged where it now is, and where the assumption of Subordinate functions — however they may tend to degrade the — Commander in Chief can add nothing to the dignity of the Superior power —

Lieutenant General Harris. —

begs leave to intrude a moment longer on their time to add in Justice to himself that what ever shall be their pleasure to determine

upon

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upon, respecting the Situation of the — Commander in Chief here, whether to detail his specific functions which is greatly to be wished as at Bengal or to allow them to remain undetermined as at present In either case He will consider it his duty so long as he has the honor of holding the Station to make the Interests of the Honorable Company his constant Study and their honor and advantage the only Rule and guide of his conduct

/signed/ J. Harris.

The President records his intention to reply to the Commander in chiefs minute at the next Meeting of Council—

The Presidents informs the Board that he will lay before them at the next Consultation his Sentiments on the Commander in Chiefs Minute

The Commander in Chiefs Minute ordered to be sent in Circulation.

Ordered that the Commander in Chiefs Minute be sent in circulation.

Read the following Letter from the Accountant General—

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council
at
Fort St. George

My Lord:

From the Accountant General enclosing a Comparative Statement of the Proposals received for clothing the army shewing those of Mr. George Lys to be the most advantageous to the Company—

Agreeable to your Lordships directions contained in Mr. Webb's Letter of the 5th. Instant I have the honor to enclose a Comparative Statement of two proposals for cloathing the Troops calculated upon a Statement of the Strength of the army received from the Adjutant General by which it appears that Mr. George Lys's proposals both for the rates of making Coats and for the quantity of cloth are the lowest and he offers for his securities Mr. Edward Watts and — Mr. Henry Burnaby; he does not include in his proposals the Malay and Pioneer Corps which appear by the Adjutant Generals Statement to be 2537 Privates—

The proposals from the other persons were higher in almost every article, to

calculate

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calculate on them was therefore deemed unnecessary and in Mercalary Mastrys proposals it was impossible to understand his meaning as to the quantity of Cloth required—

Fort St. George
Accountant Generals
Office 26th. April 1797

I have the honor to be
with great Respect—
&c &c
(signed) Robert Woolf
Acct. Genl.

Comparative Statement of Proposals for Cloathing the Army for the year 1797.

Corps

		Total of Mr. Lyall's Proposals	Total of Messrs. Brown & Cathlow's Proposals
European Artillery	Effectives 2 Battalions	1499 9 40	1685 36 40
Ditto —	Ditto Invalids —	189 21 .	319 1 64
Ditto —	Infantry Effectives 2 Regiments	2264 44 .	3039 13 72
Ditto —	Ditto — Invalids —	379 20 .	487 19 50
Native Cavalry	Effectives 4 Regiments	2548 29 .	3399 42 52
Ditto	Infantry Effectives 13 Regiments	21857 2 .	23194 14 40
Ditto	Ditto Invalids —	1982 10 40	2136 44 65
Pioneers —		708 16 40	679 20 54
Artillery Lascars	Effective 30 Company	1818 23 .	2923 11 50
Ditto —	Ditto — Invalids —	85 38 .	104 43 30
Star Pagodas		33333 33 40	37[illegible] 20 37

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(signed) Robt. Woolf
Acct. Genl.

Received

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Minute on the Subject of Mr. Lys's Proposals—

Resolved in consequence of the foregoing Statement that the offer of Mr. Lys for clothing the army by contract be accepted but as the Board understand from the Commander in Chief that the Military Board are desirous of introducing considerable alteration and improvements in the Clothing of the Native Troops according to musters now with the Secretary of that Board the Secretary is ordered to be present out this wish to Mr. Lys and to desire that he will make such alteration in his terms of contract as the difference in the clothing may require—

The President informs the Board of the cause of his having Kept back the following letter from Sir Paul Jodrell

The President lays before the Board the following letter which he received some time since from Sir Paul Jodrell but which his Lordship did not bring forward in the hope of prevailing upon the Nabob to come to some adjustment of Sir Paul's— claims—

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council.

&c &c

My Lord,

From Sir Paul Sobelle representing his unfortunate distress in consequence of the Nabobs withholding the Balance due to him—enclosing an account Current shewing that Balance & detailing the essential interference of Government—

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that notwithstanding my repeated applications to His Highness the Nabob to settle the account of my arrears &c which has now been transmitted to him a considerable time I am unable to obtain any satisfactory answer—

My Lord as I have not the honor of being in the Company's Service I have no other means of subsistence in this Country but from the Nabobs Salary and my family in England depend entirely on my Remittances— It is now above seven months since I received the smallest pecuniary aid from the Nabob and since the death of His Highness the Nabob Wallajah in October 1795 I have received Salary

to

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to the amount only of three months and a half – This Circumstance has reduced me to that distress for Money that if his Highness do not Speedily comply with the request of the Court of Directors I shall be under the necessity of selling my Household Furniture and Effects for the Liquidation of my debts and my subsistance –

Of this I have apprized his Highness some days ago by a Letter / a Copy of which I have herewith the honor to enclose / to which his — Highness has not been pleased to give any answer –

I took this method respectfully to place my distresses before his Highness because I was well aware that if I adapted any other method it would make no impression on his Highness's — feeling and if I threatened to return to England by the first opportunity and rely on his Majesty and the Court of Directors for redress, his Highness knows too well that I can not post such a measure in Execution on account of my Creditors and if I could It would rather gratify his Highness by the delay and the chance — of Casualties that —

procure

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produce the desired effect or his sense of honor and
Justice — With all due Submission therefore
to your Lordships better Judgement it appears
to me that the only means I have left of —"
bringing His Highness to a Speedy determination
is to present to his Highness a Bond on terms
so moderate that he can not make any —"
Objection to it, requesting his Highness to Sign
it or State his reasons for the contrary. And
as it is my Resolution to receive no —"
Security from his Highness but thro' the —"
Government of Madras, to whom I have
ever looked for Protection and Support
which the terms of the Letter from the
Court of Directors now justify me in —"
having done, I humbly beg leave to request
that such a Bond may be offered to His
Highness from Government in consequence of
this

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this application and the speedy dispatch of the Ships to Europe and I take the Liberty of enclosing one for that purpose, with my Account Current — I know of no objection his Highness can make to the account unless it be to the Interest; but when it is considered that the first article in the account is for Money actually expended by me in coming out to India that I have been for ten years paying and am now paying to my Creditors the same Interest for money borrowed for the subsistence of my family in consequence of the Nabobs failure that from the same — cause too — I have incurred heavy losses by — prosecutors for Debt and Lawsuits and by being obliged often times to absent myself from my family and lastly that I should have made at least the same Interest had I received my Salary regularly I flatter myself I shall not either by your Lordship or the Court of

Directors

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Directors be charged with unreasonableness
much less Exorbitancy in the demand of
Interest I have made — And if his Highness
be so ungenerous as to hesitate in the payment
of it, I do not think the duty I owe to my
family and the honorable support which the
Court of Directors have been pleased to afford
me in consequence of their application, will
allow me to accept the Settlement of my
Account on any other terms — The Nabob
may object perhaps that it has not been
the custom of the Durbar to pay Interest
on the Arrears of Salaries. This is not altogether
true, as there are Instances to the contrary.
But if it were, it should be considered
that the Nabobs Servants have been either
Adventurers or Servants of the Company
who have had other means of Subsistence
besides their Income from the Nabob and of
course

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course were not obliged to borrow money for their ordinary expences upon any interruption of the Nabobs Payments: Besides for various reasons I am not to be compared with any other Servant of His Highness - At his Highness's own request I quitted my Country and my Profession which brings in ready Money - His Highness too made a Promise to settle my account once a year at the time he gave me the Sunnaa in — " — February 1789 / which is the 1.st Article on my Account / a year after I had commenced his Highness's Servant - It appears likewise from the words of the Letter from the Court of — " — Directors respecting my Arrears, That the Company also make a Distinction between me and all others whether Servants or Creditors of his Highness

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with all due respect

I have the honor to be

Sir &c.a

/signed/ Paul Jodrell

Copy

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Copy of a Letter to His Highness Omdut ul Omrah Nabob of the Carnatic &c &c &c

May it please your Highness

As it is some time since I had the honor of delivering to your Highness the account of my Arrears &c which your Highness has been pleased to say had been translated and examined from which I am led to conclude your Highness has made no objections to it. I trouble your Highness with this which is Respectfully to request to Know when your Highness will do me the honor to settle it. It is now above seven months / from June 1796 / since I have received any part of my Salary and my necessity for Money is so pressing that unless your Highness be pleased to discharge my account immediately, I shall be under the necessity of disposing my household Furniture and Effects as means of subsistence

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subsistence — I must beg your Highness will do me the honor to return an answer as soon as possible because having exhausted my Credit and having no other refuge, the execution of this measure can not be delayed —

With all due Respect

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(signed) Paul Jodrell —

Garden
the
Jany 13. 1797

Know all Men by these Presents that His Highness Nabob Omdut ul Omrah Behauder — Nabob of the Carnatic is held and firmly bound to the Honble the United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies in the Penal Sum of Two Hundred and eight Thousand five hundred and thirty six Star Pagodas ten fanams to be paid unto the Honble the Governor and Council for the time being of the Presidency of Fort St. George

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to

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to which Payment well and truly to be made.
His said Highness Nabob Omdut ul Omrah —
Bahauder doth hereby bind himself his Heirs and
Successors firmly by these presents. In Witness —
whereof he hath hereunto set his Hand and Seal
this first Day of January One Thousand seven
hundred and Ninety Seven —

Whereas His said Highness Nabob Omdut
ul Omrah Behauder is and stands this day
justly and truly indebted to Sir Paul Joddrell
Knight in the Principal Sum of one hundred and
four Thousand Two hundred and Sixty eight Star
Pagodas and five fanams which Sum with —
lawful Interest thereon at the rate of Twelve
per Cent per Annum His said Highness hath
agreed to pay to the Governor and Council aforesaid
for account of the said Sir Paul Joddrell
his Executors Administrators or Assigns within
the space or term of five Years and three Calender

Months

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Months from this date by eleven half yearly ——"—
installments in Manner herein after specified And
Whereas upon a Computation of Interest upon
such Principal Debt for the said term there doth
arise to be paid by his said Highness an Interest
of Twenty six Thousand and Eighty Eight Pagodas
and forty fanams making with the Principal
aforesaid an aggregate Sum of one hundred and
Thirty thousand three hundred and fifty seven Star
Pagodas as by a Statement hereunto annexed
and marked with the Letter A will upon
inspection fully and at large appear Now
the Condition of this Obligation is such
that if his said Highness Nabob Omdut ul
Omrah Bahauder his Heirs or successors or some
or one of them do and shall on the thirty first
day of March and thirty first day of October
in every year commencing the Thirty first Day of
March now next ensuing and ending the Thirty
first

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first day of March which will be in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and Two well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the Governor and Council for the time being of the said Presidency of Fort Saint George the half yearly sum of twelve Thousand Star Pagodas and also do and shall on the thirty first day of October which will be in the said year one Thousand eight hundred and Two well and truly pay or cause to be paid to the then Governor and Council of the said Presidency the further and final sum of Ten Thousand three hundred and fifty seven Star Pagodas then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue-

Signed Sealed and Delivered
where no Stamped Paper is to be had
In the Presence of..

Dr. His Highness Nabob Omdut ul Omrah Bahauder in Bond account with the Honble East India Company

1797 Jany	1st	To His Highness's Bond of this date payable by Installment Principal Pagodas	101268.5.	1797 Jany 1 / 1801 Feb. 3d	By Ten half Yearly Payments the first being payable on the 31st March 1797 Pagodas 12000 each	120000.	
	3d	To Interest thereon for 5 Years 3 Months @ 12 ₱Cent. ₱ Annum being the whole term of Payment	63688.40.				
		Less interest at the same rate on the Installments being Star Pags. 12000 as follows		1802 March 31st	By the Eleventh and last payment	10357.	
		1st Installment for 60 Mos				130357.	
		2d ——— 54					
		3d ——— 48					
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		5th ——— 36					
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January 1 To Balance of account closed yesterday ---------- 36526 17 "
To House Rent in the Fort for 6 Months during the war ---------- 300 " "
December 31 To my Salary from the 1st January to this date being 1 Year @ 1000 ₣ ₣ Mo -- 12000 " "
To Interest on Pagodas 36,526.17. @ 1 year at 12 ₣ Cent ---------- 4619 7 "

Star Pagodas ---- 53245 24 "

1793

January 1 To Balance of Account closed Yesterday ---- 49045 24 "
December 31st To my Salary from 1st January to this date is 1 year at 1000 ₣ ₣ Mo ---------- 12000 " "
To Interest on Pagodas 49045. 24. is 1 year @ 12 ₣ Cent ---------- 5885 19 "

Star Pagodas ---- 66931 1 "

1794

January 1 To Balance of account closed Yesterday ---- 66931 1 "
December 31 To my Salary from 1st January to this date is 1 year at 1000 ₣ ₣ Mo ---------- 12000
To Interest on Pagodas 66931. 1. is 1 Year at 12 ₣ Cent ---------- 7311. 30 "

Star Pagodas -- 82242 31 "

1795

January 1st To Balance of my account closed Yesterday ---- 66,242 31 "
October 31st To my Salary from 1st January to this date is 10 Months @ 1000 ₣ ₣ Mo ---------- 10000 " "
To Interest on Pagodas 66,242. 31. is 10 Mo @ 12 ₣ Cent ---------- 6624. 12 "

Star Pagodas -- 82,866 43 "

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1792
December 31st By Cash received of the Circar from 17th January
to this date ---------- 4200 " .

By Balance due me ---------- 49045 24 "

Star Pagodas 53245 24 "

1793
December 31st By Cash received from the Circar from
January 10th to this date ---------- 8000 " .

By Balance Due me ---------- 60931 1 .

Star Pagodas 66931 1 "

1794
December 31st By Balance received of the Circar from 6th Feby
to this date on account of Salary ---------- 16000 . "

By Balance due me ---------- 66242 31 "

Star Pagodas 80242 31 "

1795

By cash received of the Circar from January
1st to Novr. 3d on account of my Salary ---- 5000 . "

By Balance due me ---------- 77,866 43 "

Star Pagodas 82866 43 "

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1796

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To Balance of account closed Yesterday - - - - 7,866 43 "

To Half my Salary for 5 Months during my Voyage home as P agreement - - - - 2500

To Expences for myself and family during 5 Months Voyage to England as per agreement - - - - - - 5000 " "

October 31st To Interest on Pagodas 7,866. 43. 1 Year @ 12 P Cent - - - - - - - - - - 943 36 "

Star Pagodas - - 9210 37 "

November 1st To Balance as above - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 9210 37 "

December 31st To two Months Interest on Pag.s 7,866. 43.
being the above principal Sum at 12 P Cent
P annum - 157 13 "

Star Pagodas - - 9,368 5 "

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1796
October 31 By Balance due me - - - - - - 92210 37 "

Star Pagodas 92210 37 "

Decr. 31st By Balance due to me - - - - - - - - - - - - 93768 5 .

Star Pagodas 93768 5 "

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D. His Highness Umdut Ul Omrah &c.

1795
December 31st To my Salary from 1st October to this days
is 2 Months @ 1000 ℘ Mo ——— 2000 " "

Sr. Pagodas — 2000 " "

1796
January 1st To Balance of account closed Yesterday ——— 1500 " "
October 31st To my Salary from 1st January to this date
is 10 Months @ 1000 Pagodas ℘ Month — 10,000 " "

Star Pagodas — 11,500 " "

1796
November 1st To Balance of last account ——————— 8500 " "
Decemr. 31st To my Salary for this and the preceeding
Month at 1000 Pags. ℘ Mo — 2,000 " "

Star Pagodas ——— 10500 " "

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Nabob of the Carnatic in acct. Curt. Sir Paul Jodrell &c.

1795 December	8	By Cash Received from the Circar on part of Salary	500	" "
	31st	By Balance due me	1500	" "
		Sr. Pagodas	2,000	" "
1796 October	31st	By Cash received of the Circar from 1st January to this date	3000	" "
		By Balance due me	8500	" "
		Sr. Pagodas	11500	" "
1796 December	31.	By Balance due to me	10500	" "
		Sr. Pagodas	10.500	" "

Papers enclosed

1 Letter to the Right Honble Lord Hobart Presd in Council &c
2 Copy of a Letter to the Nabob from Sr. P. Jodrell
3 Bond of the Nabob to the Government of Fort St. George
4 Account Current between the Nabob Wallaujah & Sr P. Jodrell.
5 — Do Do Do Do Umdut ul Umrah & Do

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Fort St. George 23. May 1797.

Having failed in his endeavour to impress his Highness the Nabob with a just sense of Sir Paul Jodrell's situation the President proposes that the following draft of a Letter be sent to His Highness entered also in CC. N° 148.

To His Highness the Nabob Omdut Ul Omrah Wallajah &c &c &c &c

May it please your Highness.

It is a matter of serious — Mortification to me that your Highness's continued inattention to the case of your — Physicians Sir Paul Jodrell should again compell me to press that Gentleman's — situation upon your Highness's Notice —

It is not necessary for me to remind you of the terms upon which Sir Paul entered the Service of your father your Highness already knows that

To the Nabob setting forth the particular claims of Sir Paul to the Company's Assistance in recovering the Amount due to him from his Highness and urging him in very forcible Terms to the immediate Adjustment of his account with that Gentleman.

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that he did not come a Suitor to this Country for employment at your durbar; your Highness knows that he was selected by his Majesty the King as the particular request of your father as a fit person to be his Physician: you are not unacquainted that in consequence of this honor conferred upon him, Sir Paul relinquished a certain source of ready Money prosit, which he derived from his practice in order to throw himself and his family upon your Highnesses generosity for subsistence nor are you unconformed of the various orders which have been transmitted to this Government by the Honble Court of Directors for affording the fullest support and protection to this Gentleman-

Under these Circumstances it becomes my indispensable Duty to — to remind your Highness that the payments made to Sir Paul Jodrell on account of his Salary

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Salary as fixed by your father himself have been extremely scanty but that in particular since the death of the Nabob Walajah in October 1795 Sir Paul informs me his receipts have not exceeded three and a half Months Salary - The pecuniary embarrasments in which he has been consequently involved are too obvious to need an explanation and the consequence is that he has been obliged not only to live in a Style utterly unsuited to his rank but at times either to elude the pursuit of his creditors or to enter into expensive compromises for their forbearance - This condition, to which your Highness has reduced Sir. Paul Podrell from the enjoyment of an easy and reputable competence is, your Highness will give me leave to say, no less an imputation upon

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upon your humanity and justice, than it is an impeachment of your Highness's respect for that high authority which has thus been made the injurious means of reducing this Gentleman from easy affluence to the most humiliating penury and distress—

Under these circumstances I feel myself called upon by motives of humanity and justice towards Sir Paul Pedrell by obedience to the repeated orders of the Court of Directors and by the respect which is due to his Majesty's interference to request that your Highness will be pleased to adopt some immediate means of freeing Sir Paul from his present difficulties and to settle some Arrangement for the discharge of his demands upon your Highness which may enable Sir Paul Pedrell to return to Europe where the situation of his

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his family renders it necessary that he should repair without loss of time, and I must at the same time apprize your Highness that in the event of your repeating the neglect which you have hitherto shewn to — Representations upon this subject, the — same motives which have induced me to make this urgent remonstrance to your Highness will compell me to state in a very full and serious manner your — Highness's conduct in this affair in order that some more effectual means may be devised of extricating your Physician from the distressing embarrassments in which he has been involved under a pledge of the Royal word—

I request that your Highness will not delay to furnish me

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me with an answer to this Letter—

Fort St. George
3d May 1797

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

Agreed and ordered accordingly—

This being the day fixed for ——

The proposals for supplying provisions opened—

receiving proposals of contract to provide the Articles advertized for on the 26th Ultimo the following offers are accordingly opened and Read—

To Josiah Webbe Esq.
Secretary to Government
Sir,

Proposals of the Honorable Basil Cochrane for furnishing Biscuit.

Agreeable to your advertisement of the 27th Ultimo I beg leave to tender my —— Services in procuring the quantity of Biscuit —— required by the Honble Company—

At present the whole quantity

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of what in Madras / independent of what share / after deducting four Months consumption for the use of the Settlement is hardly able to produce one third of the Quantity of Biscuit advertised for / of course if the Native Bakers contract to deliver the Quantity required, they must either depend upon further imports or purchases what they want from me —

Having a sufficient Stock of the best Wheat in Store for the use of the Navy, I can with safety engage to furnish the quantity of Biscuit required by the Honble Company / and I do it in order to prevent the confusion that must arise from the Black Bakers carrying away the Coolys employed in my Naval Bakeries, which they have done in part since the publication of the 4 Advertisement and it has been with infinite

trouble

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trouble that I have got some of them back

The Quantity of Biscuit to be

barked for the use of the Navy for the

Expedition to Manilla is equal to what is —

required for the Army and to bake both by

the 20th of next month is a thing absolutely

impossible and if the quality of the army —

Biscuit is not equal to that of the Navy the

Navy of course must remain at Madras

until their supply is completed which may

detain the Expedition longer than is —

expected but if the Quality of the army

Bread is equal to that of the Navy and

is properly packed up, the Navy may —

with safety sail from Madras Knowing

that there is a certain quantity of Biscuit

on board the Transports for the army which

they can make use if in case of necessity

and

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and the remainder of the Supply for the Navy and Army which may be ready in ale July can follow and by being baked so much later will be fresher of course more likely to last longer—

The rate required by me is Candy of three Hundred Pounds is Star Pagodas Twenty one, and in order to facilitate the examination of the quality and having it properly packed up— I propose delivering it daily— and receiving Payment weekly in ready Money for the amount delivered and in case of the Expedition not — " taking place I will not require — " Government receiving more Biscuit than I may have delivered and in order to accommodate them I will stop Baking for the Navy and after having consumed the quantity

I.

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I may have on hand for the Navy I
will agree to receive back from Govern-
=ment such quantity of Biscuit as they
may have no occasions for at Star
Pagodas Sixteen ℔ Candy —— provided it is
deemed by the warrant Officers of His
Majestys Ships fit to last good for three
Months from the period it may be —
required —

Fort St. George
2d. May 1797.

I am,
&c. &c.
(signed) Basil Cochrane

Upon comparison of the —
price demanded by Mr. Cochrane viz.t
rejected Dowby Twenty one Pagodas ℔ Candy for biscuit
and that at which it was provided by
the Garrison Storekeeper for the —
expedition against the Mauritius viz.t —
eighteen

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eighteen Pagodas per Candy Resolved that the Garrison Storekeeper be directed to procure as much biscuit as it may be possible for him to bake by the 20th. June—

Translation of a Malabar Proposal of Venedachella Naig Venkata Moodily Kistna Pillay and Veerasawmy Chitty Firewood Banksall Merchants—

Proposals of Sundry native Merchants for providing Firewood—

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor in Council—

That in Consequence of the Advertizement fixed at the Gates for a supply of 5,000000 Bellets of Firewood by Contract for the use of the Honble Company to be delivered within 20th. June — We take the liberty of making the following proposals—

1st

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1st We shall deliver within 20th June —"

Chickeracolah firewood of ordinary sort 500000.

sort — 5,00000.

Ramiah Patnam firewood of

Ordinary sort - 5,00000

1,000,000

2d To be delivered within 30th July if so

much time can be allowed as follows

Chickaracollah firewood - 1,500000

Ramiah Patnam — Do — - 500000

2,000000

3d To be delivered within 30th August

if so much time can be allowed —

Chickera colah firewood - 1500000

Ramiapalanam Do — 500000

2,000000

Total — — — 5,000000

The above quality will be delivered

without any deficiency within the prescribed

time

4th The price for Chickaracottah firewood

xs

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is at the rate of 2 3/4 Pagodas ₱ 1000 and 3 Pag.s
for Ramiapatnam firewood Musters will be
delivered if required, we expect that a half
amount of the Money to be paid to us
now as an advance and the other half to be
paid on the delivery of one half part of the
quantity of firewood —
5th
We hope the Government will
give orders to the Collectors to assist us with
Men for cuting the firewood also for —
Masolat Boats incase the Vessells or —
Boats both from Northward and Southward
refuse to our firewood on freight we hope
the Company will seize and deliver
them to us for that purpose, we hope the
Sea Customs and fees for anchorage at
Madras may be dismissed for the above
quantity, we request to have four Sepoys
to attend and assist us until this —

contract

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contract may be completed -

We make the joint Proposal Voluntarily

signed Vencalachellum

Vencalen

Kistnaw

Veerasawmy

Resolved that the above offer to

accepted in part only provide ten lacks of bullocks by the 20th. June be

accepted and that the Contractors be called upon

to enter into suitable engagements -

J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government -

Sir,

Proposals of Mr. R. A. Maitland for supplying Pepper Turmerick and Betle Nut -

In consequence of a Government

Advertisement of the 26th. Ultimo I beg leave

to propose to deliver to Government Fifty - "

Madras Candies of clean Eastern pepper @ 50

Star Pagodas ℔ Candy Fifteen Candies of Bengal

Turmerick at 8 Pagodas ℔ Candy and Sixty - +

Candies

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Candies of Acheen White Betle Nut at 10 Pagodas
ff Candy — The amount payable in Cash upon
the delivery of the Articles

Madras
2d May 1797.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c
(signed) R. A Maitland

accepted

Resolved that Mr. Maitlands
offer be accepted —

Translation of a Gentoo proposal

Proposal of Collapah Chitty for providing — Tobacco and Chillies

from Mummody Chitty Collapa — To Mr. Brodie

for supplying the Honble Company with 120 Candies
of Tobacco and 30 Candies of Chillies on the
following Conditions

Tobacco 120 Candies to be delivered within 30th June
Chillies 30 Do Do Do

The Tobacco at the rate of 13 Pags. ff Candy and —
Chillies at 14 Pags. ff Candy —

The

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The Goods shall be delivered into the Company's Stores - The Duty on Tobacco is to be paid by the Company. The half amount of the money to be paid as an advance on Signing a Contract and the other half to be paid on the delivery of the above Goods -

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart.

President and Governor &c. in Council
Fort St. George

My Lord

Proposal of Moony Chitty for supplying chillies Turmerick and Tobacco -.

I beg leave to propose Your Lordship &c to offer the following Articles for sale as follows -

Chillies - - - 30 Candies @ 10 Pag.s p.r Candy

Turmerick 15 do @ 10 Do

Tobacco - - 120 do @ 10 Do

The articles will be delivered in 50 days and the ready Money to be paid for and the proper security will be given for the perfor-mance of this contract -

All the charges after landing

is

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is to be borne by the Company—

I have the honor to be

Sir &c.

Fort St. George

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Signed in Gentoo Language Venkayalamoony &c.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord,

The humble proposal of
Vumbakum Vishniah Brawmy
Merchant of Madras—

Agreeable to the advertisement

Proposal of V. Vishniah Brawmy for supplying Chillies Garlick and Turmerick—

of the Government dated the 24th Aprile 1797

I am bound to supply the undermentioned Articles

further the 20th of June as follows—

Chillies — 30 Candies at 13 Pags. ℔ Canoy.
Garlick — 15 Do at 18 Pags. ℔ Do.
Curry Turmerick 15 Do at 10 Pags. ℔ Do.

For the above Articles your — ,—

Lordship in Council will order as advance the

half of the Amount and the remainder half

part should be given after the Articles of

the

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the above mentioned has been delivered—

Madras
2d May 1797

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(signed) in Malabar Language Clenbacum Kistnier.

Minute on the foregoing Proposals

Upon comparison of the prices demanded for the Articles specified in the foregoing proposals with those heretofore charged by the Garrison Store Keeper the Board do not judge it adviseable to accept them

Resolved in consequence that the Garrison Store Keeper be directed to provide the following articles viz.t—

Sundry articles ordered to be provided by the Garrison Store Keeper—

Ghee	170 Canecis
Tamarind	170 Do
Chillies	30 Do
Garlick	15 Do
Onions	15 Do
Salt fish	℔ 24000
Mullays	3000

It is expected that the whole of these Articles will be of the best quality and as it is the intention of the Board to submit them to the inspection of a Committee to be appointed for that purpose — Resolved that the charges in the Garrison Store Keeper's accounts be not passed unless they shall be approved by the Committee —

Ordered

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Ten thousand Pagodas ordered to be advanced to the Garrison Storekeeper

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Ordered that an advance of Ten thousand Pagodas be made from the Treasury to the Garrison Storekeeper on account of his Employ.——

" Hobart

" Geo: Harris

" Ech Saunders

" Ch Fallofield

John Turing Esqr

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Diary —

2.d Received the undermentioned Letters entered

in M. B. N.o 6. 7. —

From the Commander of the Chartered Ship — Harriet. — From Captain Archer — Referring to an objection formerly made by him to proceed on any other Voyage than to Europe — and Requesting that if obliged to go to Point Pedro, he may be allowed the same — Freight as would be paid on account of a Ship hired for that express Service. —

From — D.o — D.o From D.o expressing his Apprehensions that his Ship cannot afford accommodation for the Number of Troops what he understands it is intended to send on board of her. —

Dispatched the undermentioned Letter entered in M. B. N.os 8-9-10-11 —

To D.o — D.o To Captain Archer — with Instructions on the Subject of bringing the 73.d Regiment from Point Pedro to the Presidency — acquainting him that the urgency of the Service renders it absolutely necessary to employ his Ship on this Duty and that any — difference that may arise out of a Deviation from what

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what he considers the spirit of his Charter Party must be referred to the Consideration of the Honorable Court of Directors and his Owners in England.—

To the Commander of the Chartered Ship Harriet.—

To D.— directing him to receive on board his Ships and convey to Point Pedro four Bales of Malay Clothing.—

To the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

To Mr. Skaudew advising him of Mr. Caninghams Appointment as Commissary of Grain and Provisions to the Troops at Amboyna — and Banda and desiring him to furnish that Gentle- -man with such Instructions Forms of accounts &c. as may appear Necessary for his Guidance.—

To the Military Paymaster General.—

To Mr. Roebuck desiring him to furnish Mr. Caninghame with such Instructions &c. in the Pay Department as may appear necessary—

3.

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos 12 13 14 15 16

From Commander of the Chartered Ship Harriet

From captain Archer protesting against the Employment of his Ship in the Service upon which She is ordered but stating that as a — Measure of unavoidable Submission to the Orders of

Government

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Government he shall immediately proceed to Point Pedro agreeably to their Instructions. ——

From Military Paymaster General. —

From Mr. Roebuck — enclosing an additional Indent for 7800 Pagodas Required by the Deputy King's Paymaster General for the Current Months. —

From the Adjutant General

From the Adjutant General — enclosing applications from Lieutenant Joseph Caupland of Invalids and Lieutenant George Bodley of the Infantry for Permission to proceed to Europe on Furlough for the Benefit of their Health. —

From Mr. Collector Brown

From Mr. W. Brown — advising of the Progress of Major Hyndman's Detachment and of his Intention to accompany them on their March thro' the Districts under his Management in order to secure the Requisite Supplies of Provisions &c. —

From Commandant at Tuchinore. —

From Captain Sentleger — acknowledging his Receipt of the Boards orders for joining his Regiment at Chimendalum Plain with the Troop under his Command. —

Sent the following Letters

To —

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To Mr. James Brodie

Garrison Storekeeper

Sir,

To the Garrison Storekeeper with Instructions for making up Biscuit and providing sundry Articles of Provisions — an advance of 10000 Pags. ordered on this account —

I am directed to desire that you will take immediate steps for providing as much biscuit as it may be possible to make up by the 25th. June apprizing the President in Council of the quantity which you may be able to bake by that period —

You will also provide the following articles Viz.t —

Ghee	170 Candies
Tamarind	170 Do.
Chillies	30 Do.
Garlick	15 Do.
Onions	15 Do.
Salt Fish	No. 24000
Mallays	No. 3100

It is expected that the whole of these articles will be of the best quality; and, as they will be submitted to the inspection of a Committee to be —

appointed

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appointed for that purpose, the Charges in your accounts will not be passed unless they shall be approved by the committee. —

An advance of Ten thousand — Pagodas will be Made on account of your employ on — application at the Treasury. —

I am,

&c. &c.

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(Signed) J. Webbe
Sec.y to Govt.

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your — letters dated 28th Ultimo and 2d. Instant —

The President in Council authorizes the Paymaster at Trichinopoly to draw twenty one Pagoda per Month for Conicopolies employed in Making payments to the families of Sepoy's & absent on foreign Service. —

The —

To the Military auditor General — allowances granted the — Paymaster at Trichinopoly for Conicopolies employed in making Payments to the Families of absent Sepoys &c. Determination regarding the allowances to be drawn by Medical Servants for attendance on Troops not under their especial care particularly Majr. Eastrade and Settle — the Value of the Company's Horses and accoutrements to be brought to account in the Manner he has suggested Lieut. — Colonel Robertson to draw Gratuity only in his regimental Rank of Major Mr. Kin's claim to full — Batta is inadmissible. —

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The President in Council does not allow the appointment of Medical Gentlemen to the charge of Men in the absense of Regimental Surgeon or Assistant Surgeons by Officers commanding Stations to be sufficient authority for your passing any charge on that account without the sanction of Government; and an Order has in consequence been published for the Regulation of the Service upon this point. —

In Regard to the particular case of Mess.rs Castrade and Lettle, as the former was allowed an establishment for Medical Servants and the latter none this Lordship in Council consents that the one be allowed the difference of ten Pagodas the other the full Sum of twenty five Pagodas per Month, while they were respectively in charge of the sick not belonging to their own corps. —

The President in Council entirely approves the Mode you have suggested for bringing

to

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to account the value of the Company's horses and horse accoutrements; and authorizes you to open in the Military books for that purpose a head of "horses and horse accoutrements".

In directing the discharge of Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Robertson's gratuity the President in Council desires that you will be guided by the decision passed on the 26.th December last in the case of Lieutenant Colonel Hart.

Under the explanation which you have given of the claim preferred by the Reverend M.r Kerr, for full batta as acting chaplain of his Majestys 19.th Regiment Light Dragoons the President in Council cannot hesitate in directing that it may be rejected altogether as being contrary to a Regulation fully in force before the existence of M.r Kerr's Claim.

Fort S.t George
3.d May 1797

I have the honor to be
S.r &.a
(Signed) D Webbe
Sec.y to Govt.

Received

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Received the following Letters —

Josiah Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government

Fort S. George

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Read — with Letter from Captain Orton advising of his Movements with a view to the Restoration of Tranquility in the Terriore Country and desiring to know whether he should endeavour to recover the person of Pendum Reddy the Delauna of the Reddy of Terriore. —

Be pleased to communicate the contents of the enclosed to the Right Honorable the Governor for his Lordships information —

I am

&c. &c.

Trippatoor
30th April 1797

(Signed) Alex.r Read
Lieut. Colonel &
Ceded Districts

Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Read

Commanding the Ceded Districts

Sir,

Conceiving from my Instructions entitled to act in these Countries in forwarding the Service on — which Major Cuppages Detachment was formed — and finding the People complained of by the Nabobs — Government

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Government proceeding in destroying the Country by destroying the Tanks, cutting the Grain, and preventing the Inhabitants from settleing in the Country.—

I thought Myself warranted from my Intelligence to move into the Terriore Country with the Force I then had consisting of 164 Firelocks joined by the Nabob's Peons, about 800, and Marched on the 18th at Night from Cargoire in the Company's Bounds to Wokera distant about 15. Miles at the Foot of the Patchamalla when the Party of Disturbers lay the Frontiers of the Company being crowded with Terriore Refugees—

I could not move so secretly, but Information was had of my Movement and on My arrival found their Station abandoned— In proceeding forward into the Jungle We unexpectedly Received the Fire of a Guard of Peons at a Bamboo but without Loss and on advanceing up to it, found it evacuated.—

The day being far advanced I took up my Station at Nairgoody and on the 21st Moved on to Chicka Tomboor 5 Miles W. of Terriore and on the

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22. Marched three hire combo to the Foot of the Canapaddy
pass but met with no oppositions and saw but a guard
of about 30 Matchlocks at the Foot of the Pass who —
ctored up the Hill, on my advancing — His princi=
pal Hold is strong and the two Roads leading into
it Jungley and crossed by good Barricos which if
defended would create a deal of Trouble they are now
in a great Measure destroyed as well as the Water
attached to them to prevent future possession — By
accounts of this day I learn of their being on the —
Palchamalla the Party reduced from 600 to about —
200 by Desertion and Sickness. —
It is very probable the next Move=
=ment I make towards him that they will be indu=
=ced to leave the Country, as one of their chief suppor=
=ters Perdum Reddy is now very Ill, and has taken up
his abode in the Company's Territory not faar from
Tartingaar petty — If a Demand should be
made of him by the Nabobs Government, is it your
Wish

3.

wish that he should be given up? he is the Delawa
of the Reddy, and has been this Twelve Month in
Arms in Opposition to the Nabobs Government — If
Circumstances turn out as I have reason to expect from
Information shall be able I hope to return the —
Salem Company by the begining of next Month —

I Remain

&c. &c.

Chicka Tamboor
5 M. W. of Tennore
24th. April 1797

(Signed) S. Arbuthnot

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

From the Military Board — recommend that the Officers at Putteah be allowed House Rent — remark on the Irregularity of Major General Floyds conduct in executing Repairs at Trichinopoly without authority — opinion on the application of the Officers of the 19th Dragoons for fuel and from Government towards building a Mess Room — recommend the Execution of Repairs to the Fortifications and Publick Buildings at Amboor and that the Officers Stationed there be allowed House Rent — Suggestion relative to the supply of Clothing for the Wirtemburg Regiment — and the Disposal of the Years Stoppages due — a Bill for work done to the European Cantonment near Masulipatam recommended for payment —

My Lord,

We have been honored by the Receipt of Governments Commands under date the 19th Instant with two Letters, and enclosures, from Major General Floyd; and having given to the Subjects of Reference a very attentive consideration; We beg leave to recommend to Your Lordship in Council that as it appears

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appears from the information of Major General Floyd in regard to the state of the Quarters at Sutoor that they are in so ruinous a condition as not to warrant the expence that would attend their being put in proper Repair, the Officers of the 2nd Battalion 3rd Regiment at that Station, may be permitted to draw from the 1st of May next the usual Monthly allowance of House Rent on the Certificate prescribed by the Regulations of the Service, in like manner as We have already had the honor to Recommend in regard to Officers unprovided with Public Quarters at other Places.

Although We cannot doubt but that the Estimates, amounting to Pagodas 16.4.69 for Repairs performed at Trichinopoly by direction of Major General Floyd are Moderate, and the Repairs of themselves proper, yet We beg leave to observe to Your Lordship that We cannot perceive that the urgency of the Occasion was such as to warrant

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warrant a deviation from established Forms which prohibit even Our Board from authorizing Repairs, the cost whereof exceeds One hundred Pagodas, without the previous Sanction of Government: nor can We avoid bringing to Your Lordship's notice in particular — that part of the procedure which extended to the — sale of the Materials of the old Barracks and Hospital, and applying the amount arising therefrom to the — construction of a new Hospital. —

With Respect to the application for the Assistance of Government in building a Mess Room for the Officers of His Majesty's 19th. Regiment of Dragoons, estimated at about three hundred Pagodas, We are of opinion that as a Mess Room is not included in the Establishment of Public Buildings and Quarters, allotted to Corps under this Presidency, and the admission of such request would give rise to numberless applications of a similar nature, it is not proper to recommend its being granted. —

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In consequence of the Letters of the 11th of April, and 2d of November 1796 from Mr. Secretary Jackson, forwarding for our Opinion, two representations to your Lordships in Council from the Commanding Officer at Amboor, in regard to Repairs required to the Fortifications and Quarters at that Station, the Chief Engineer has laid before Us. Estimates† No. 1. 2. and 3. amounting to Pagodas 2039.4.60 for the performance of such Repairs as He deems absolutely necessary to its being retained as a Post of Communication; and, as We perfectly concur in that Opinion, We forward them herewith to Your Lordship; and recommend that Authority for the execution thereof May be accordingly granted; as also that the Officers stationed at Amboor who are unprovided with Publick Quarters, may be permitted to draw the usual Monthly allowance of House Rent from the 1st. Instant, upon the prescribed Certificates

On the Enclosure from the Commanding

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3 Commanding Officer of the Wurtemburg Company to the Eastward forwarded in Major MacNiels Letter to the Adjutant General, We beg leave to suggest to your Lordship in Council that the Contractor be directed to make up a Sett of Clothing for that Company agreeably to the Uniforme of the Corps, of which it is probable that a Pattern may be procurable from some Person belonging to the Meuron Regiment at Poonda-malee; and if it shall appear that the neat Pay only has been drawn for each Soldier since being taken into the British Service, We Recommend that the difference between the cost of the Clothing, and the total amount of a Years Stoppages from the Company may be given to Captain Gauppe, as the Years Off Reckonings.—

We do Ourselves the honor to report to your Lordship, the completion of the additional Barracks, and Repairs to the Hospital, at the European Cantonment near Masulipatam, Ordered on the —

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occasion of three Companies of the late 4th Battalion European Infantry having joined the Corps from Vizagapatam, conformably to the * Estimate for that purpose, amounting to Pagodas 496 — and as it appears from the Report of a Committee of Survey held thereupon, that the Work has been properly performed, We recommend that the Bill herewith transmitted, be passed for payment, and to be discharged at the Presidency.

* Entered in M. B. P.

We have the honor to be

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&c. &c.

Signed Geo. Harris
Patrick Ross
Wm Sydenham
Jn Richardson
Br Close
George Hall

&c.

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From the Military Board proposing Regulations for the Ordnance Department under the Head of Laboratory

We do Ourselves the honor to forward herewith, for Your Lordship's consideration, the 9th Section of the proposed + Regulations for the Ordnance and — Store Departments, under the Head of 'Laboratory'. —

+ Vide G. O. 5th May 1797. N. 61.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Fort St George
5th of May 1797 —

(Signed) Geo. Harris
Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham
Jn Richardson
Br Close

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From the Military Auditor General — Remarks on the — Statement of Arrears of Gratuity due to King's Field Officers for the year 1795/96 particularly on the Sums drawn for Colonel Beard as Full Colonel and the Deputy King's Assistant General (Robertson) in his Brevet rank of Lieutenant Colo. opinion on the Reverend Mr. Keen's Claim to full Batta. —

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the

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Receipt of Mr. Secretary Dundas's Letter of the 25th. Instant accompanying a Statement prepared by the Accountant General of Arrears of Gratuity to certain Field Officers of His Majesty's Service for the Year 1795/96 and containing Your Lordships directions that if on examination the claims appeared to be correctly stated, they were to be discharged by Company's 8 p. Cent Bonds — The claim on account of Lieutenant Colonel Baird of His Majesty's 75th. Regiment to Share as Colonel from the date of his army rank as such, is admissible under the Government Orders of 31st. January 1793 which direct "at the Recommendation of the Governor-General in Council that in all future distributions of Gratuity to the field Officers serving on the Establishment, the Colonels of His Majesty's Service tho' not Colonels of Regiments, shall be on a footing of equality with the Officers of the same Rank in the Service of the Honble Company", and it is proper to add, that it has been accordingly paid to Colonels Floyd and Stuart under similar circumstances — The

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claim on account of Lieutenant Colonel Robertson Deputy Adjutant General in his Brevet Rank appears objectionable under the last article of Regulations for the Distribution of Gratuity to Field Officers published in Government Order the 4th October 1789, which specify "That no Supernumerary Field Officer on the Company's "Establishment nor the Adjutant General Quarter — "Master General, or their Deputies or any other person "holding the Ranks of Field Officer only in consequence "of Staff appointments shall from the 1st of May 1789, "have any Share in the Revenue Money" The Decision of Government under date the 27th December 1796, on the Claim preferred by the Trustees of Lieutenant Colonel George Hart to the difference between his — Regimental and Brevet rank, is a case in point with that of Lieutenant Colonel Robertson but this Officer is of course entitled to Gratuity for the whole of the — period expressed in the Statement in his Regimental rank of Major to the 71st Regiment. — The Sums

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stated for the other Officers from the date of Regimental
rank appear correct but I shall delay sending Instruc=
=tions to the Pay Office for their discharge until I am
honored with your Lordships further Commands respec=
=ting the claim of Lieutenant Colonel Robertson ——

2 In reply to that part of Mr Secretary
Webbe's letter of the 25th Ultimo desiring my opinion
on an application from the Reverend Mr. Kerr for
Full Batta as acting Chaplain to His Majesty's 19th
Regiment Light Dragoons I beg leave to observe that
as a similar subject in the case of Doctor Bell appears
on reference to the late Military Auditor Generals letter
to your Lordships in Council dated 19th April 1796 to
have been fully discussed, I have little else to offer on
the present application than to state, that the Half
Batta of a Chaplain has been included in the Monthly
abstract of the 52d Regiment on account of Mr. Kerr
and passed on audit on the principle of that allow=
=ance being admissible in all situations since the 1st of
June last. ——

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3. It appears that Doctor Bell was —
originally authorised to draw Full Batta by an Order of
Government contained in Mr. Secretary Chamier's letter
to Colonel Capper Comptroller General dated 17th Janu=
=ary 1789 directing "that as Doctor Bell officiated at —
"different stations he was to be allowed full Batta till —
"further Orders" — He accordingly drew that allowance
till the 1st September 1793, at which period it was
discontinued in consequence it would seem of an Intimation
contained in the Honorable Companys letter to this —
Government under date the 19th March 1793 "that a —
"fixed Monthly Salary had been granted to the Chap=
"lains on this Establishment declared to be in lieu of
"appointments to Garrisons and Corps" but Doctor Bell
having afterwards renewed his claim to full Batta upon
the grounds of the beforementioned Order of the 17th —
January 1789 - Government was pleased to pass the follow=
=ing Resolution upon it in a letter from Mr. Secretary
Jackson to the late Military Auditor General the 11th May
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1796 with respect to Doctor Bells claim to Full Batta
as acting Chaplain to His Majesty's 19th Regiment of
Light Dragoons, the President in Council under the
circumstances stated by the Doctor in his Letter to you
of the 25th January last, is willing to dispense with
the lateness of the application and to consider it in the
light of a claim founded upon an Order of Government
which gave to him full Batta tills further Orders — you
will therefore pass his Bills deducting the Half Batta
already drawn by him." — It therefore rests with —
your Lordship to determine, whether under the —
circumstances which induced Government to grant
the allowance of Full Batta to Doctor Bell as acting
Chaplain to the 19th Dragoons, the same Indulgence
shall extend to Mr. Kerr, whose situation in that Corps is exactly
similar to that of Doctor Bell at the time the allowance was
granted. —

I have the honor to be with greatest Respect

&c. &c.

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil. Aud. Genl.

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
2d May 1797 —

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14th Dispatched the undermentioned letters entered in M. B. Nos. 17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28.—

To the Military Paymaster General and acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.— To Messrs. Roebuck and Skardon. desiring that all Bills drawn upon them by the Paymasters and Commissaries on Foreign Service may be discharged by Bills on Bengal at the Discount of the Day.—

To the Commandant at Pulicat.— To Captain William Godfrey - desiring him immediately to restore the two Sentries he is stated to have removed from the Door of Mr. Ebrackt; and to explain his Motives for this Measure.——

To the Officer commanding the Ceded Districts To Lieutenant Colonel Read desiring him to call upon Captain Irton for such Explanation of the Circumstances attending the plundering of the Company's Districts by the Nabobs Troops, as may convince His Highness of the Fact, as originally represented by Captain Irton.—

To the Military Board To the Military Board— Referring for their Consideration Copy of a letter from Major General

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Letters Relative to the inadequate Provision of Stationary and Pay Commissaries allowed the Corps of Artillery in the late Regulations.——

To Messrs. Colt Baker Day and Co.—

To Messrs. Colt Baker Day and Co.—

informing them that Interest at 8 p Cent will be allowed when the Bill for 8000 Dollars drawn on government by Lieutenant Dobbie from the Date of its presentment to the Day on which it was accepted—and that the Bill drawn by Mr. Farquhar on the Military Paymaster general will be discharged by a Bill on Bengal at the Discount of the Day——

To the Secretary at Bombay

To Mr. Secretary Morris forwarding a Packet for the Bombay Government received from Bengal—

To the Adjutant General

To Lieutenant Colonel Close—desiring him to furnish an abstract Statement of the Number and Rank of the Detachment of His Majesty's 80th. Regiment including Commissioned Officers brought to Madras on the Royal Admiral.——

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly

To Major General Floyd—enclosing

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for his Information Copy of a Letter from the Nabob on the subject of the Complaint preferred by Mr. Surgeon Brown. —

To the Honoble Basil Cochrane. —

To the Honorable Basil Cochrane. —

declining acceptance of his offer for supplying the Compa= =ny with Biscuit. —

To Mr. R. A. Maitland

To Mr. R. A. Maitland — accepting his Proposal for the provision 30 Candies of Pepper, 15 Candies of Turmerick, and 60 Candies of Betle Nut — desiring — that he will deliver these Articles to the Garrison — Storekeper on or before the 20th June, when, on being approved they will be paid for in Cash. —

To Mer Military Auditor General —

To Major General Sydenham — referring an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster at Tanjore for the Current Month. —

To Ditto — Ditto

To Do referring an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Deputy Kings Paymaster General for the Current Month. —

Received the undermentioned Letters

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From Military Auditor General. —

From Major General Sydenham reporting his opinion that the amount of the Tanjore Paymasters — additional Estimate abovementioned (Pagodas 400) may be issued from the Treasury. —

From Captain Lieutenant Pittman of the Engineers

From Captain Lieutenant Pittman — acknowledging Receipt of the Boards Letter entered in the — proceedings of the Publick Department appointing him to do duty at Malacca — and directing him to deliver over all the Documents in his Possession relative to his Survey of the Tanks in the Chicacole Havelly to Captain Lieut.t Caldwell —

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Lieutenant General Harris

Friday 5.th May — Edward Saunders and — Ernst William Tallofield } Esq.rs

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

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In conformity with his notification at
last Meeting the President delivers in the following Minute —

Lord Hobart's Minutes in Council 5.th May 1797 —

President's Minute in refutation of the Circumstance advanced by the Commander in Chief that his Prerogative has been infringed upon by the President's appointment of Officers in the Staff Department — expresses his real concern that the Commander in Chief should agitate and maintain a Discussion so subversive of Harmony and prejudicial to the public Interests — states that the Commander in Chief if he was his to establish any innovation in the advancing Mode of conducting the Military Duties of Government will specifically state his Views relative to his Situation —

From the Manner in which this question has been brought before the Board, and from the wish which the Commander in Chief expressed in his Minute of the 27.th Ultimo, that his "Situation" might be submitted to the Supreme Government, I did expect, I confess that General Harris in his — subsequent Minute delivered at the last Consultation would have specified what that situation is, and that he would have defined the precise object of the reference which he proposes to make, But I have been much disappointed, not only because the Commander in Chief has declined to specify the extent of his ideas upon his present situation, but because he has assigned for not doing so, the precise reason which, in my opinion makes that definition indispensible — Viz the necessity of an immediate appeal to the Governor General

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in Council.

If General Harris had been pleased to go into this definition of his situation, and state the extent of his ideas at once upon this important subject the Board might have given to it a full consideration and have prevented much future discussion which I cannot but be apprehensive is now likely to arise. Since however his proposition stands confined to one single object the Military Store Department I must limit My observations to that Department.

The Military Stores constitute a part of the Company's property, and, as the Government, Collectively is responsible to the Court of Directors it follows that they who are in the immediate local charge of it must be immediately answerable to the government. So much is the constitution of the Service founded upon this idea that, until the first instant the same covenanted Servant who was charged with the care of this part

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of the Company's property, was trusted with another not less essential part of it — their Money for the payment of the Army.

In bringing forward new Regula= =tions for the Store Department this idea of Course weighed forcibly with the Military Board; and it was a question whether Civil or Military Men should be recommended by them as the Officers of this trust — The doubt was relevant to the qualification of persons and the determination which has been made cannot change the Nature of the Office —

It is therefore sufficient to state that the persons employed in this Department under this Presidency whether they are selected from among the Civil or the Military Servants of the Company are responsible directly and exclusively to Government — And upon this Ground I am decided in my opinion that the Military Store Department is wholly — unconnected with Regimental detail or Military — discipline —

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discipline——

In his Second Reason for Urging a reference to Bengal, the Commander in Chief has stated "That he had not been even consulted on the arrangement "of Ordnance Officers formed and given in by the Right Honorable the President."——

Upon this subject I shall beg leave to remind General Harris that the Board are assembled for the express purpose of Consultation—My proposal and recommendation for the appointment of Ordnance Officers were delivered at the Board, according to the invariable usage of Official business, and were submitted to the consideration of General Harris, equally with the other Members of Government; and if the Commander in Chief had expressed a wish that the decision of Government might be postponed until he could have further deliberated upon the proposal, I could have had no hesitation in Meeting his wishes—I can however assure General Harris, that his not seeing the proposed

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proposed arrangement previous to my shewing it to him in Council was merely accidental.—

It is with considerable reluctance that I notice the third Paragraph of the Commander in Chiefs Minute because such Notice of desultory conversation can in my opinion lend little to the dispatch of Public Business— I must confess that the very short abstract, which General Harris has given of my conversation is not deficient in — point of correctness, I certainly did acquaint the — Commander in Chief that I thought his objection or observations upon the appointment of Lieutenant Beauman were unnecessary, and I informed him that I had forborne to make objections to some of his Recommendations, which I could not approve but in which I concurred for the sake of preserving the — utmost cordiality with him; But that if I found this Sort of Warfare was to be carried on, the same Motive could have no further Weight— Before I quit

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quit this subject I must repeat the great reluctance with which I have felt Myself driven to this explanation of a subject, which in my opinion, is so entirely unbecoming a Public Record; I also consider it My duty to take this opportunity of protesting against so dangerous a precedent, as that of Making the casual conversation of the Members of Council in the course of an deliberations a subject of public Record except at the instance of the Member who may have held such conversation because a practice of this Nature must be utterly incompatible with that freedom of communication which is absolutely necessary in the transaction of Official busines, and More especially at a Board where the Character, the talents and the disposition of individuals must so frequently become the subject of discussion.—

I should have thought it unnecessary for me to have gone into a further consideration

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of the Commander in Chiefs Minute upon this occasion if it had not taxed me with having in certain points, assumed what he conceives to be the functions of his Office, what the Commander in Chief "cannot but consider to be a Virtual suspension of the powers vested in him by the Honorable "Company".——

The difficulty of defence against — assertion without proof is too obvious for me to do more than deny the abstract proposition, which the — Commander in Chief has advanced.——

Since my succession to the charge of this Government, I have endeavoured as was my duty to make myself acquainted with the specific Orders of the Court of Directors for the Regulation of their Service, as well as the principle upon which the business of this Government had been conducted in conformity with those Orders, and upon a Review of the subject I aver that I cannot trace a single

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in which I have trenched upon the powers vested by the Company in the Commander in Chief If therefore I had any disposition to controversy I should call upon the Commander in Chief to establish the fact upon which he charges me with an assumption of the functions of his Office but since My search into the Orders of the Court of Directors, has fully impressed me with a sense of the value which they put upon harmony and Cooperation in the administration of their affairs My endeavours shall be confined to the defence of my own conduct against the displeasure which the proposition of the Commander in Chief is likely to excite by demonstrating that I am doing no More, than upholding the long established Authority of the Civil Government at this Presidency— I trust the Court of Directors will do me the justice to observe that I seek no additional power, that I aim at no alteration, and that I have adhered to the principle

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laid down in their letter of the 12.th April 1796,
wherein they express themselves in the following
manner.—

"By the act of Parliament lately
"passed the powers of our Governor General of
"Bengal and the Governors of our other Settlements
"are greatly increased— We wish the principle
"which dictated that Arrangement to be fully
"attended to, and shall therefore feel great —
"displeasure if on any occasion from competition
"for patronage or any other cause that prin=
"=ciple be infringed; And as We are determined
"ourselves to pay the utmost attention to the opinions
"of our Governors in the disposal of all Offices in
"their respective Settlements, so we expect that
"the same Sentiment be adopted by the —
"other Members of Our Councils in India
"and the utmost deference be paid to the —
"recommendation of the Governor General of

Bengal

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"Bengal and the Governors of our other Presidencies
"in the arrangement of the Patronage of India,
"where you are not guided by our express orders"—
— It may not be improper to remind the Board
that the act referred to is that of the 26th of the
King the principle of which is "to give energy
"and dispatch to the Measures and proceedings
"of the executive Governments within the respec-
"tive Presidencies" and for "the strength and —
"security of the British Possessions in India"
— and it therefore vest the several Governors with
"a discretionary power of acting in that the
"concurrence of their respective Councils or for-
"bearing to act according to their opinions" &c.
see 7th Volume—

The Commander in Chief has
stated that he is not allowed to exercise the
same powers as the Commander in Chief in
Bengal — For my part I cannot attempt

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to controvert a point upon which I am entirely uninformed, but admitting that there is a difference in the Orders transmitted by the Court of Directors upon this subject to the two Presidencies of Bengal and Madras, it is reasonable to conclude, that there has been some cause for that difference — for it is reasonable that all the Orders which are now in force at this Presidency are transcripts of those originally sent to the Supreme Presidency of Bengal, as applicable to all the Company's Governments in India — As however the Court of Directors have never apprized this Government of the existence of any such difference, I must conclude that they look upon the Orders already in force by their authority to be fully adequate to the administration of their Civil and Military affairs at this Presidency — Whatever therefore may

may have been the Mode of conducting the
Military business in Bengal with which
General Harris from his Residence there for
the last two Years and a half may possibly
be well acquainted, I who have been a distant
observer and have no information upon which
I can officially depend, Must decline any
discussion on that ground; contenting myself
with one general Remark — that as far as I
am competent to form an opinion the esta-
-blished practice for the administration
of Military business upon this Coast, seems
to have proved itself, in times of no imersi-
-duable difficulty well calculated to uphold
the authority of Government to promote
discipline and Subordination in the army,
and to call forth all the energies of indi-
-vidual exertion. —

If after this explanation —

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the Commander in Chief should be still —
desirous of proposing or further discussion of his
situation, I shall not cease to lament the Revi-
val of a question, now grown old under —
long and established practice; and in entering
upon the discussion I shall feel myself —
under peculiar embarrassment not because
I have any doubt of the ground upon which
I have to contend but because the contest itself
will be disapproved by the Court of Directors
I should therefore be extremely apprehensive of
their displeasure, did I not know how evidently
it must appear to them, that I have uniformly
adhered to the System which I found in force
— Aware as I am of all the embarrassments —
which have formerly arisen at this Presidency —
from struggles for power, and patronage between the
Government and Commander in Chief, I look with no
small degree of anxiety to the consequences which may
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spring from a revival of similar contentions; and tho' in advocating generally to this question I deem it incumbent on me to give as much credit to the disinterestedness of Lieutenant General Harris Motives as I claim for my own and to view the question upon Public Grounds abstracted from every idea of personal consideration yet my duty to warn the Commander in Chief against the Renewal of a struggle which has already and may again shake this Government and the British Interests in India to its foundations — and in doing so it is indispensably necessary to my own Character to apprize the Company and the Nation that the renewal of this unhappy question does not originate with me.

With Regard to the immediate appeal to the Supreme Government upon a point merely affecting the internal detail of this Presidency, I must consider it absolutely irregular and shall therefore dissent to any particular Reference upon the Subject: But as the whole of our Proceedings are regularly transmitted to Bengal every quarter the subject will of course come under the consideration of the Governor General in Council, who will pass such Orders as he may deem necessary upon

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the reference proposed by the Commander in Chief.—

To shew however my disposition to Meet the Commander in Chiefs wishes upon every occasion wherein I can do so consistently with my duty to the Company I propose that the Proceedings be made up to this day and transmitted as soon as possible to the Supreme Board.—

(Signed) Hobart

May the 5th 1797—

The Commander in Chief requests to be furnished with a copy of the President Minute.—

The Commander in Chief at his request to be furnished with Copy of the Presidents Minute—

Ordered accordingly—

Mr. Fallofield delivers in the following Minute.—

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The Right Honorable the President having in the Minute just read at the Board Entered so fully into the subject proposed by the Commander in Chief of an alteration in the System for Conducting the Military Business under this Presidency; any further Observations appear to me unnecessary.—

Having had the honor of a Seat at the Board for the last five Years I feel it however incumbent on me to declare that I cannot recollect a Single Instance wherein this System which has been invariably in practise during that period, has been followed by any public Inconvenience. On the Contrary, in the Various difficult and important Enterprizes, wherein the Troops of this Establishment have been almost constantly Employed their Operations have uniformly been attended with the most Complete Success.—

Mr. Fallofield's Minute expressing his concern at the Discussion maintained by the Commander in Chief and his conviction that the Most Salutary in Practice of conducting the Military Duties of Government has been found perfectly efficient, and invariably attended with the least Effects to the Public Interests

(Signed) E. W. Fallofield

Ordered

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The Quarterly Set of proceedings ordered to be prepared for transmission to Bengal

Ordered that the quarterly proceedings be brought up for transmission to Bengal with all possible dispatch.

" Hobart

" Geo: Harris

" Com Saunders

" C.H. Fallofield

John Lumsden Esq.