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in Madras Pagodas and Rupees from the 1st. to the 12th. of May 1797 - 6th.

1797		Mds. ₣ c	Rs. a p	ch. ₣ c
May 8.	By the Civil Paymaster Genl. Paid in full for a Set of Bills dated this day drawn by Benjamin Heynes in favor of John Wrangham Collector of the 4th. Division of the Masulipatam District for his Botanical allowance for this months ----------	72 26 15	" "	80 " "
8.	By Account Current Fort St. George Paid Basil Kirkham Dos. Gomastah of Reesboo Mudden in advance at the request of their Highness the Nejam's Agent in part of a Bill drawn by Mr. Assistant Resident Kirkpatrick at 15 days sight for 50,000 Rupees ---	" "	"	15,000 " " 4285 2557
	By Amount appropriated for the payment of the above Bill -	" "	"	35000 " " 10,000 " "
	By Amount appropriated for the payment of a Bill drawn by Mr. Assistant Resident Kirkpatrick in favor of Mooraba Ali at 15 days sight	" "	"	9000 " " 2571 1534
	By Cash paid Golaumun Sub Agent to their Highnesses the Nejam as per his Receipt - - - - - - - - - -	500 " "	"	" " 550 " "
	By Rupees 45,840 Rupees purchased at the rate of 382 3/8 Rupees per 100 Madras Pagodas - - - - -	12,000 " "	"	" " 13200 " "
		12572 26 15	59,000 " "	30687 5 11
	By Balance in hand - -	881 6 21	18858 "	1434 7 16
	Total	13454 32 36	60,885 8 "	32121 12 27

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(Signed) John Wrangham Com.

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To
John Wrangham Esq.
Collector at
Masulipatam

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you, that I have this day drawn on you (in duplicate) a bill payable at fifteen days sight to Baul Rishendos, the Gomastah of Kushoomuddin for Fifty Thousand Arcot Rupees, and if paid in Gold at the Exchange of 382 Arcot Rupees to any per hundred Kurruck, or Madras Pagodas of the Currency of Masulipatam, being in part payment of Paishcush remaining due to His Highness the Nizam, account of the 2d Kist of the Fusle year 1205.-

Hyderabad
26th April 1797.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed/ A. Kirkpatrick
a/c Off Resident

A true Copy
Signed/ J. Wrangham

John

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To
John Wrangham Esqr.
Collector at
Masulipatam

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that I have this day drawn upon you Sir Duplicate a Bill payable at fifteen days sight to Mobarez Ali, for Nine thousand Arcot Rupees and if not paid in Gold at the Exchange of 385 Rupees per 100 Pagodas Ruppuck or Pagodas of the Currency of Masulipatam, for Value received here of Morad Ali, at the rate of 101½ Hydrabad Rupees at the above Exchange being in part Liquidation of the Assignment in discharge of subsidy for the Months of December and January last, on the Balance of the 2d. List of Paishcash for A. F. 1205, still remaining due to his Highness the Nizam.

I have the honour to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Agt. & Offg Resident

Hydrabad
30th. April 1797

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Wrangham

John

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To Fort St. George May 5th 97

John Wrangham Esqr.

Collector

Masulipatam

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you of my having drawn upon you this day at sight in favor of Major H. Wyndman for the sum of Sixty one thousand four hundred and twenty Six Rupees four Annas, Sicca price Rs /61,426.4.6/ and if paid in gold at the exchange of three hundred and eighty two Rupees, Six Annas /382.6/ per hundred Kurrucks or Pagodas of the Currency of Masulipatam being in full liquidation of the balance of assignment on the Second List of A. F. 1205 for Subsidy for the months of December and January last. To save time which considering the near approach of Major Wyndman's Detachment is a great object I herewith enclose Duplicate of my draft upon you in that Officers favor

I hope to be enabled by tomorrow's or next days post at furthest to furnish Major Wyndman with another Draft upon you

Yrs

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you for fifty three thousand seven hundred and
odd Rupees, if not indeed for twice the sum, in
consequence of a further assignment being
about to be granted to me by this Durbar for
Subsidy on account of one and perhaps of two
Months on the remaining balance of Pesuash
still in your custody for the second Kist of the
Fasly year 1205.-

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Hyderabad
9th May 1797.

A true Copy
/Signed/ J. Wrangham
Secr.

P.S.

Should I deem it necessary to make my
next projected draft upon you also payable
at sight, I am hopeful that the urgency of
the occasion and the length of time which the
funds it will be drawn upon have been laying
at a deposit in your treasury may prove my
apology for such deviation from the common
practice in all other cases. /Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick

Circular

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Circular Letter addressed to the Collectors of the 1st. 2d. and 3d. Division and of Guntoor Circar.—

Having received intimation that the Right Honble the President in Council is very desirous that the greatest punctuality be observed in discharging the arrear of Peishcush due to his Highness the Nizam and having been drawn upon from the Court of Hyderabad for the liquidation of the two first Kists of Fusly 1205, I beg the favor of you to remit to the General Treasury at Masulipatam such sums as you have in hand, the demands for which may appear of less moment and importance than the due fulfilment of the Company's Engagements with the Nizam.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ John Wrenghem

Collector

Masulipatam
Cutcherry 30th. April 1797.

A true Copy

/Signed/ J. Wrenghem

John

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To
John Wrangham Esq.
Collector at
Masulipatam

Sir,

As from Circumstances of which it is unnecessary to trouble you with a detail I foresee a prospebetity of Major Wyndman's Detachment after its arrival in the Nizam's territories, being eventually subjected to a considerable inconvenience on the score of pecuniary supplies, I beg leave to apprize you that with a view of providing as much as possible against such an evil, I propose granting to Major Wyndman an Order on your treasury for the balance still in your hands of the assignment for two months subsidy on the 2d List of A. F. 1205 and as a further provision against the future wants of the Detachment under that officers Command, I have it in contemplation to accept from his Highness such further assignment on the List just mentioned as from the unappropriated residue of it

you

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you may be enabled to discharge.—

While upon this subject, it is proper I should notice to you, that the sum of 53,713 Rupees being subsidy for the Months of October last, which on the strength of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter to you of the 25th December last, his Highness the Nizam stands debited for, in your official Statement of Payments on account of Pagodas, transmitted by you to Major Kirkpatrick on the 28th of January last, had actually at that time, though you certainly were not duly apprized of it, been discharged in Cash by a special order obtained for the purpose from His Highness out of Treasure, of 6,21,685. 4. 6. forwarded hither in December last by Golaume taken at the amount of Pagodas received from you.—

With a view to the further elucidation of this subject, I have the honor to enclose for your perusal, Copy of the letter from Major Kirkpatrick to the Right Honble Lord Hobart upon the strength

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of which no doubt it was that his Lordship
directed the Months subsidy in question to be
set off against the instalment of Pagodas
then falling to be paid - As this sum has
since however been discharged by his Highness
there will of course be a proportionate increase
in the balance still remaining in your hands
of the 2d Kist of A. D. 1205. -

Permit me to request that
you will inform me as soon as you
conveniently can, how far it may be in
your power to convey the requisite treasure
as far as Ellore, so as to meet Major Rhyndmans
Detachment at that place in the event of my
finding it necessary to provide by such means
for its future pecuniary wants - This is a
measure indeed which I should feel some
repugnance in adopting were I not persuaded
that I shall thereby only anticipate by a
Month or two, the intentions of this Durbar
with regard to the Balance in question - If
Should you still be able to procure Bills
on this place for any part of this money

over

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even at par, such mode of remittance will
of course be very advisable, both from the P
trouble and expence of carriage, which will
thereby be saved, as well as from the demonstration
it will occasion in the drain of specie from
our own Territories. —

Hyderabad
5th May 1797.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick
Ags.t & Off.g R.t

A true Copy
/Signed/ J. Wrangham
Secr.y

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

My Lord

I have the honor to inform you
that having yesterday received from this P
Dunbar an Assignment for 1,61,140-1½ Pagodas
/or three months Subsidy on account of the
Ellore Detachment/ on the Coast of P

Pulicherick

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Paisheesh, there will be due to the Company
by his Highness the Nizam on the 31st Instant
No more than 53713. 3/4 on the Amount Subsidy
for the Current Month. —

Of the above mentioned P
Assignment, Mr Wrangham informs me that
he has according to my desire sent off / by P
Anticipation / a Lack of Rupees for the P
immediate use of the Detachment, so that
there will Remain in his hands of the Amount
of the Assignment a Balance of 61160-1/4 P
the whole of which may, if your Lordships in
Council should think proper be applied P
towards the discharge of the 2d Kist of the P
Paisheesh for the Fasly year 1205 payable P
the 31st Instant for this the Lack of Rupees P
forwarded by Mr Wrangham will by me P
means be sufficient, to discharge the Arrears
that will be due to the Troops by the time it
is Received, yet as the Subsidy for October
will be then owing by the Nizam, I shall
have some grounds for persisting for an

Advance

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advance to the Troops whenever the State of the Detachment chest, shall make such a step necessary.—

The reimbursement of the thirteen thousand nine hundred Rupees, which I procured for the use of the Detachment, & provisions to its late march from hence being provided for the Assignment, sent to me yesterday, will of course be to be accounted for by your Lordships in Council with the Supreme Government, having been raised by Bills at par on the Collector of Moorshedabad

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

Hydrabad
15th October 1796.

Your &c.
/Signed/ W. Kirkpatrick
A true Copy
/Signed/ J. Wrangham
Secy

To Captain Kirkpatrick
Assistant to the Resident at the Court of
Hyderabad

Sir,

I have this day had the honor to receive

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receive your letter dated on the 5th Instant on the subject of which appearing to require an early answer, I give that answer without loss of time. —

your drafts upon the treasury at Masulipatam will be answered in due course as far as there are funds, and the suggestion of your wishes relative to the transmission of ready Cash to Illore shall meet with the necessary attention when you acquaint me with the amount which will be required for the Bengal Detachment, together with the particular period of time when such amount should be at Illore — It may be necessary for me to apprize you, however, that Cash circulates very slowly at present in the treasury, and that remittances from the Collectors around are in general very trifling, and indeed I see little probability of an early increase, Grain of every kind being at present a perfect drug throughout the Circars, and in less demand than it has been for very many years past owing to the

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the large importation of Rice and Paddy from Bengal — I mention this Circumstance to you Sir, that you may not be induced to place too much reliance upon our resources to answer your Bills from Hyderabad and to remit Cash for the payment of Major Wyndhams detachment also — In further elucidation of the fact / if more were necessary / I may add that very considerable inconvenience has already been experienced both in the Pay and Commercial departments in these the Company's Provinces. —

I shall find no difficulty in conveying any sums of money to Ellore that may be required provided his Highness the Rajah will have no objection / and I certainly imagine he cannot / to defray the expence of travelling Charges, in other words Batta to the Escort I may judge necessary to send with the treasure, and the Expence of Packages Cooley hire, and any other trifling & incidental charges that may eventually be

incurred

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incurred. -

In reply Sir, to the latter part of your letter I beg to inform you that for the express reason you have therein mentioned, my endeavors have been unremitting ly used to obtain Bills on Hyderabad for Cash advanced within the Company's provinces — I have not been able to obtain them but at rates which common prudence induced me to reject, and I still hold it to be good policy to submit to temporary inconvenience rather than by an accordance with the views and terms of fraudulent extortion / I venture the interest of Government &c. &c. to establish rates of remittance to Hyderabad rates which if once submitted to, creep into practice and ever after are adduced as precedents. -

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/Signed/ John Wrangham

Sub.

Masulipatam
9th May 1797.

A true Copy

/Signed/ J. Wrangham

Sub.

Right

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Right Honble

The Governor in Council

My Lord

Inno Major General Floyd acknowledging the Informality of his conduct in making the late Repairs &c without the Sanction of Government recommends their Repairs to the Barracks at Warriore intended for the 25th Dragoons and submits some Remarks of the Engineer regarding the Officers Quarters at that Station. —

I have the honour of your commands in your Secretary's Letter of the 10th Instant. —

Regarding the sale of old materials and the construction of an Hospital for the 19th Dragoons, I have only to acknowledge the justice of your reproof, and to express my concern for having incurred it and to say that I am ready to subscribe to any award you may think proper — I really was hurried away by the apparent advantages and oeconomy of the operation — But I do not mean to defend it on any grounds. —

The four other Estimates with that of the Hospital amount to Pagodas 161 — but I beg to observe that the dates of these Estimates are at different periods, and I suffered them to accumulate to avoid troubling Government with repeated letters on subjects of no great magnitude. —

I supported Lieutenant Smyths application to the Commander in Chief as well

as

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as to your Lordship, and have last answered
the 9th Instant. —

Trichinopoly
May 16th 1797.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

/Signed/ J. Floyd. M. G.

P.S. This moment the Engineer brings me two Estimates
N.1 which I beg to lay before your Lordship, and to
ask your commands. —

The Barrack at Warriore is for the reception
of H.M. 25th Dragoons and requires some small repairs
and to be whitewashed a certain height. —

The Hospital at Warriore is also for the
use of the same corps — It has always been a bad one
and it as much in going that repairing it so as to
resist the Monsoon, and the last two years would be almost
equal to a compleat renewal — That is now proposed is to
patch it up to serve for a few months. —

The Officers quarters at Warriore except
the Commanding Officers are also in a very decayed
state. —

N.2 is a list of Remarks by the Engineer,
which I beg leave to lay before your Lordship, and to
add that I have examined the whole of this Estimate
ment with the Engineer and am prewarded of
their exactness. — /Signed/ J. Floyd. M. G. —

Estimate

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Estimate for Temporary Repairs at Warriore – at the current Prices of materials and Workmanship at Trichinopoly.–

Superficial Square feet			Pricey	
	1st The Mens Barracks			
24	2 pair of New Country wood plain window Shutters with Hinges and fastenings 4 feet by 3	"	4 70 ₱ Hundred ft	2 33 ″
279	White washing the whole of the walls and Pillars 10 feet high inside	"	2 54 ₱ Square	17 32 24
				20 23 24
	2d The Hospital			
76	Shifting the Tyles	"	10 40 ₱ Square	19 ″ ″
200	Repairing mudwalls	"	29 ₱ 100 ft	5 22 ″
64	White washing inside	"	2 54 ₱ Square	2 33 56
10	Repairing the Floor with Chunam Jelly	"	2620 ₱ Do.	6 10 40
	13 double matts for Door & windows	"	4 ₱ each	1 10 ″
45	6 New Coconut window frames without Iron work 3 feet by 2½	"	2 ″ ₱ Hundred	2 6 ″
258	Repairing 22 Do. & 6 Door frames	"	1 ″ ₱ Hundred	6 3 ″
				43 1 16
			Total Pags.	63 24 42

Trichinopoly
May 1797.

(Signed) Tho.s L. D Mavilland Lieut
Asst. Engr. 5th D.n

Memorandum

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Memorandums

Regarding the Cantonment at Wamire.

1st Number of Officers Quarters

The Commanding Officers Quarter, / Detached /

7 Captains Quarters - - -
1 Do. - - Do. - - and Mess Room
57 Subalterns Quarters - - -
} Forms two Ranges forming two sides of a Square

2d These Ranges of Quarters, are very much out of Repair and before they can be rendered habitable and restored to their primitive state, and likewise secured against the next monsoon, the Expence at a rough calculation can not be stated at less than from 800 to 900 Pagodas --

3d These Quarters being originally built of Mud, and Repairing on them, cannot be expected to last more than two years at furthest. --

4th Would it not therefore be a saving to allow the Officers House Rent and permit them to repair their own Quarters. --

5th If however it is thought expedient to repair this Cantonment agreeable measures should forthwith immediately be taken for that Purpose; otherwise they cannot be completed before the Rains set in. --

The

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6th. The Hospital is in so bad a State as not to be worthy of a thorough Repair, to secure it against the next monsoon, it may however be patched up so as to answer the present emergency. —

7th. The Mens Barracks require little else than whitewashing in the Inside, to a certain Height. —

Trichinopoly
May 15th. 1797.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed/ Thos. L. De Havilland
Lieut. & Fort Engr. 1st Dn.

J. Webb Esqr.
Military Secretary

From the Commandant at Trincomale applies for a supply of Tents — notices the appointment of his Disbursements for Boat Hire for the sick — Stationary and Interpreters expenses the inadequate allotment of Artillery to the Fort under his Command and requests that some may be withdrawn the Garrison is considerably in arrear of Pay —

Sir

I yesterday received your Letter of the 26th. and 28th. ultimo will pay strict attention to the Contents of them — all the men that can be collected shall immediately be employed, in that most essential work mentioned in your first Letter, and I make no doubt but with the assistance of Camp Equipage / which is absolutely necessary for

in

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in case of an attack, to cover the Troops Provision and Ammunition on the Hill, we will be as healthy as any Garrison in India, provided we can procure a better supply of fresh Provision.—

The Right Honorable the President in Council allowing a Boat for the use of the Sick will preserve many lives and shall be attended with small Expence.—

I have expended 13 Pagodas for the hire of Boats to convey the Sick, likewise I have been under the necessity of paying 31 Pagodas a month for a Dutch & native, and sometimes a Portuguese Interpreter, including a writer and Stationary.—

As I have incurred this unavoidable expence without permission of Government, I have made no charge nor will I till I have leave from the Presidency which I request you will be so obliging as to represent.—

That part of your letter directing so many Artillery Men to be sent to the Coast distresses me exceedingly you will see by the enclosed Return the state of the detachment and how

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how very inadequate they are in their present state to the defence of Forts Ternamallie and Ostenburgh.—

The chief defence of those Forts depends on a command of Artillery and I have lately represented how very unequal our Numbers are to so arduous a task, in the event of a severe attack.—

I think it my duty to make this representation; and will however except I receive counter Orders, send the Number agreable to the detail likewise the detachment of the 1st Regement European Infantry, to the Coast as directed.—

The loss of these and sickness will so reduce the Number of Troops, that I for I should be obliged if attacked to confine myself to the defence of only one of the Forts for want of strength to defend both.—

I have communicated to Captain Kerrigaton / Pay Master / that part of your Letter that concerns him, he has long

expected

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expected a supply of Cash from Mr. Andrews &
which the Troops are much in want of.—

Considerable Arrears are due
them, yet no complaint which makes me if
possible more anxious for them to be settled &
with by a letter from Mr. Andrews dated the 5th
Instant it appears that instead of sending
money here, he promises to represent our
want to Major General Doyle.—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
[Signed] J. Champayne
Dy Coll. Commdg.

May 13th 1797.

J. Webbe Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir.

I received your letter of the 30th
wherein will make use of every exertion to
collect a considerable supply of Firewood as
directed.—

I do not immediately understand
from your letter if I am to hire Country
craft to send the wood to the Presidency, or if
I am

From the Commandant at Trincomale requesting specific Instructions on the subject of sending Firewood to the Presidency under the risk of the 1st Regiment of Europe Infantry to the Presidency on the Coromandel Coast.

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I am authorized to freight any Vessells that may touch here bound to Madras - or in case the owners of the Craft refuse, am left Liberty to force them -

It would distress me exceedingly to lose the 222 Lascars as there is so much work for them here and at Ostenburgh -

As the detachment of 1st Regiment European Infantry are ordered to the Coast I take the opportunity of the Gardinier sailing tomorrow for Madras to order the sick of the Detachment on board, in number 25 being aware that a King's Ship would not take them - as it will be the means of saving the lives of some of those poor fellows, I trust the Right Honble the President in Council will approve of it, and will not object to the charge of two Pagodas a head for their Passage which I have agreed to pay the Master of the Ship for them -

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signed J. Champagne
Lt. Col. Comd.

Trincomalee
May 15th 1797

Sent

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Sent the following Letters
originals per Jeppaul and Duplicates per Harriet –

To Lieutenant Colonel John Champagnie
Commanding at
Trincomalé

Sir

I am directed to inform you
that the Right Honble the President in Council
being desirous of relieving the 1st Battalion 1st
Regement Native Infantry on account of the
great sickliness of that corps has been
pleased with that view to order the corps of
malays now doing duty at Jaffnapatam to
march to Trincomalé –

If the two companies of
the 1st Regement of European Infantry have
not already embarked for the coast agreably
to my letter of the 28th ultimo you will
order them to Jaffnapatam, and supply the
place of the malays –

Upon the account of the
malays you will send a party of them to relieve

the

To the Commandant at Trincomale on the Subject of sending the 1st Battalion 1st Regiment of Native Infantry to Pondicherry on the Ship Harriet and Peggy and the Relief of Guard furnished by that Corps, by the Corps of Malays at Jaffna – the two Companies of the 1st European Regiment. –

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The detachment of the 1st Battalion of the 1st Regement Native Infantry now doing duty at Bataeala

The Ships Harriet and Eliza Ann are now dispatched for the purpose of transporting the native troops to the Coast, and as the commanders have been fully under your orders you will employ them in such manner as you may think fit for that purpose observing that the 1st Battalion 1st Regement Native Infantry is to be landed at Pondicherry —

I am &c &c

/Signed/ J. Webbe

Secy to Government

Fort St. George
19th May 1797.

To Lieutenant Colonel Champayne
Commanding at
Trincomale

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of two letters from you by the Ships Eliza and Caroline. —

The President in Council

permits

To the Commandant at Trincomale allowing Farmer Crandell liberty on account of the Interpreter, writer, and Stationary of the artillery to remain but the sick now to be sent at his discretion to the coast of Coromandel sent him on the application formerly to be sent to the Providency on the Harriet and Eliza now under the Surgeon

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permits you to charge Pagodas 13 for the hire of boats hitherto employed by you and Pagodas 31 per month for interpreters writers, and & Stationary. -

In consideration of what you have represented in regard to the artillery men, whom you have been directed to send to the coast, I am directed to inform you that you are at liberty to retain them but as it was not intended that any should be sent to the Coast except those whose state of health was understood to be such as was likely to render them unfit for service you will still consider yourself authorized to return men of that Description. -

By his Majesty's ships Orpheus the Paymaster will receive a supply of cash to the amount of fifteen thousand Star Pagodas. -

You will send on the Vessels and Ships Ann as much of the firewood already cut by you, as they may be able to carry and you will avail yourself of any freight that may offer

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offer for transporting any further quantity that may be ready; but you are not to take up freight expressly for this purpose &c. without further orders.—

The President in Council approves your reason for sending the sick of the 1st European Regiment on the Carolina and the price for which you agreed with the commander.—

Fort St. George
19th May 1797.

I am &c &c
/Signed/ J. Webbe
Secy to Government

To Major Barbutt
Commanding at
Jaffnapatam

Sir

I am directed by Right Honble the President in Council to desire that the whole of the malay corps now doing duty at Jaffnapatam may be ordered to Trincomale to relieve the 1st Battalion 1st Regiment Native Infantry who have been ordered to the Coast.—

To the Commandant at Jaffnapatam with orders for the March of the Malay Corps from Jaffnapatam to Trincomale two companies of Europeans ordered from Trincomale Jaffanapatam from Columbo attend to Jaffnapatam as a Garrison for that Place.

To

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To supply the place of the
malays two companies of Europeans have
been ordered from Trincomale and one
Company of Native infantry from Columbo;
upon the arrival of these troops therefore
you will order the whole of the malay
corps to march to Trincomale; and as
great a proportion of them upon the receipt
of this letter as you may be able to spare
consistently with the safety of your
garrison.

Fort St. George
19th May 1797.

I am &c &c
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Government

To Major General Doyle
Commanding the troops on
Ceylon

Sir

I am directed to inform you
that the Right Honble the President in Council
being desirous of bringing back to the coast the
1st Battalion 1st Regiment Native Infantry on
account

To Major General Doyle - arrangements resolved on for furnishing Garrison for Trincomale and Jaffnapatam on the Embarkation of the 1st Battalion 1st Regiment Native Infantry for the Coast

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account of the great unhealthiness of that corps, has been pleased to send orders for the purpose, immediately to the officers commanding at Trincomale and Jaffnapatam, of which Corps are Inclosed for your Information. –

I am addetion to those orders I am directed to desire that one Company of Native infantry may be sent to Jaffnapatam one to Manar, and half a company to Matalore from Columbo for the relief of the troops now stationed at those posts. –

The President in Council has the less reluctance in drawing this force from the southern points of the island since the present monsoon renders an attack in that quarter extremely improbable if not impracticable. –

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ J. Webbe
Secy to Government

Fort St. George
19th May 1797.

Received

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Fort St. George May 1797

20th

Received the following Letter

from the Military Auditor General.-

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Military Auditor General reporting on the additional Estimate of Cash required by the Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops for the Current Month.

As it appears by an extract of a Letter from the Acting Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops on Ceylon, addressed to Lieutenant Colonel Beresford, and which accompanied Mr. Secretary Webbes Letter of the 18th instant, that His majesty's 73d Regiment lately arrived at this Presidency has been paid their British Subsistence up to the April 1797, and to no later period, the amount estimated for that Corps, from the 25th April to the 24th June ensuing Sicca Three Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Pagodas (Pag. 3290--0--) may be issued from the Treasury to the Deputy Paymaster General of the Kings Troops thro' the regular channel.-

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

&c &c

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Mily and Genl

Military Auditor Generals Office Fort St. George 20th May 1797.-

Sent

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Fort St. George May 1797

25th

Sent the following Letter to
Bengal.—

To the Honble Sir John Shore Bart.
Governor General in Council at
Fort William

Honble Sir

To Bengal with Lists of Supplies sent to Amboyna on the Bellona — Reciepe Honey & much required Extract of Instructions to Mr. Jones relative to the Spices he may have collected — recommending that a Supply of Dollars may be sent & Letters from Bengal

We have had the honor of
receiving your Letter of the 28th ultimo communi-
-cating your intention of sending supplies
to the resident at Amboyna. —

We have already acquainted
you with our resolution to send two Ships
direct from hence with such articles of supply
as could be procured at this place, and
we trust our reason for doing so will have
met your approbation. —

In conformity with that
resolution the Gloucester sailed from hence
on the 1st Instant under engagements to
deliver four thousand bags of rice at Amboyna
without any risque to the Company, and

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on the 27th Instant we dispatched the Chartered Ship Bellona to the rend.vous with supplies of different articles, of which we enclose lists for your information.—

As the quantity of rice, which has been sent by these ships, is far inadequate to the demand for it,— we beg leave to recommend that it may make no alteration in your intention of dispatching a Ship hither from Bengal and as the principal articles to be furnished from the coast have been sent on the Bellona We beg leave to suggest that there may be no delay on that account. The only article of the residents indent upon this Presidency, which we were unable to send for want of tonnage is marine stores, a supply of which he represents to be extremely necessary.—

In regard to the spices which may have been collected by Mr. Jones we beg leave to inclose extract of our instructions to him upon that subject and

to

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28th Fort St. George May 1797

to recommend that your orders, if you should concur in our sentiments, may be made conformable thereto.—

It was utterly out of our power to send any supply of money by the ships, which have lately sailed, but we trust that no inconvenience will have been felt on this account, since we understand from Mr. Nieto's letter that you had informed him of your intention to send money from Bengal; we have therefore instructed the Resident and the commanding Officer to rely upon your Presidency entirely for pecuniary aid; and We beg leave to repeat our recommendation that a supply of dollars may be sent on the ships, which you may be about to dispatch to Amboyna.—

We have the honor to be with respect.—

Fort St. George
20th May 1797.

Wm &c
(Signed) Hobart
&c Council

Received

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Fort St. George May 1797

25th Received the undermentioned

Letters entered in M B N.s 125. 126. 127.—

From Military Pay.r General. From M.r Roebuck enclosing his General Cash Estimate for the ensuing Month.—

From the Officer Commanding the ceded Districts. From Lieutenant Colonel Read recommending to the favorable Consideration of Government M.r Assistant Surgeon Cormicy claiming on account of Medical attendance on the Sick at Ryacottah Cerabuddradroog & and Chenaarayderoog.—

From the Commandant at Ambore From Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson—enclosing for countersignature Certificates for Batta to the Party under his Command.—

22d Sent Letter to the Military

To the Military Auditor General Auditor General / Entered in M B N.o 128 / & referring for Examination the Military & Paymaster Generals Cash Estimate for June.—

Received the following Letters.—

Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George.

Sir

From the Assistant Resident at Mysore on the subject of Captain Mackenzie proceeding to the Presidency forwards Intelligence tending to identify the person of the French Europeans now at Seringapatam.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th Instant signifying to me the wishes of the Right Honble the President in Council relative to the early departure of Captain Mackenzie for your Presidency.

As inconvenience might accrue to the public Service, by the Absence which I have some reason to apprehend would occur on the part of the Begum, in consenting to the immediate departure of that Officer, without a previous reference to her prime Minister Agi-ul Omrah, I trust that in consideration of this circumstance which might involve a delay of some Weeks, the Right Honble the President in Council will have no objection to my waving in the present instance a formal application on this subject

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subject, on his Lordship's behalf to his H.
Highness.-

The relief of the Detachment
of which his Highness has been duly H
apprized, being so near at hand, I propose
recommending to Lieutenant Colonel Roberts
that he grant permission to Captain H
Mackenzie to proceed without delay to H
Fort St. George, and if eventually necessary
shall be at no loss to give this Court such
explanations relative to that Officers H
accelerated departure, as will I doubt H
not prove sufficiently satisfactory to it
Should an application be made to me
hereafter by his Highness for an Officer
of Engineers, to supply the absence of Captain
Mackenzie, I shall have the honor H
without loss of time, of laying the same
before the Right Honble the President
in Council.-

The inclosed extract from
my address of the 2.d Instant to the Honble
the Governor General, should have formed
properly ...

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Inclosure of my Letter of the 2d Instant to the Right Honble the President in Council, and having been omitted merely through inadvertence, I have now the honor of supplying the omission.—

Hyderabad
3d May 1797.

I am &c &c
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Extract of a Letter from Captain Kirkpatrick to the Governor General dated Hyderabad the 2d May 1797.—

2d

While the exact coincidence between the present account from Goa & that of the inhabitants of this place who left Seringapatam on the 3d March I translated of which I had the honor of transmitting to Mr Secretary Barlow on the 26th ultimo I established according to my perception of an incontestible fact, the recent arrival of some Fourth Agent at Seringapatam the knowledge hereby required of remarkable circumstance as the Lameness of this person

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22d person may to lead to useful discoveries,
with respect to the extent of his views, &
talents and history. —

3d Were I to venture hazarding
a Conjecture as to the Cause of the late
rejoicings of Syed Ghuffaar on receipt of
a letter from Seringapatam, I should be inclined
I confess to ascribe them to the Disaster &
that has recently befallen our Army in
the Wynaud District — This unfortunate
check is said to have happened about
the 18th March, so that supposing the
Sultaun to have transmitted an account
of it to the Commander of his Troops at
Goote by man Harkarras, the intelligence
could not perhaps well have reached
him much before the 17th April, the day
on which he is described as receiving the
joyful tidings from his Sovereign. —

A true Extract

/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Josiah

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Fort St. George May 5797

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad communicating some Intelligence recd from Goote.—

I have with enclose you for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council, translate of the latest intelligence received by me from the Goote quarter and am

Hyderabad the 11th. May 5797.

&c &c.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Translate of a News Paper from Goote containing occurrences from the 20th. April to the 6th. of may 5797 inclusive Received the 16th.—

The Troops at the Camp at Goote are in State-quo. On the 27th. April a person named Ashek Rou arrived there with an escort of 500 Sepoys for the purpose of mustering the Troops, which he began doing on the 29th. and having compleated the same by the 1st. of may, set out on his

return

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return to Seringapatam. On the 1.st of may
also Syed Ghuffaar received a Summons from
the Sultaun to repair himself immediately
to the presence, and he wrote back for P
answer, that he would obey the Summons
the moment he had issued two months pay
to the Troops, which he will now be enabled
to do, as the Aumil Mustaum Saheb has
just received a supply of Treasure on Lonely
Mustaum Saheb himself and the Killidar
of Goote are preparing also to set out for
Seringapatam, in Consequence of a Summons
from thence By the Sultaun Adam Syed
Ghuffaar has appointed a person Called P
Mahomed Khan, to Command in the Cottah
of Goote, pro tempore. Mustaum Saheb P
preparatory to his departure is inspecting
the accounts of all the Talookdars in the
District, After their accounts are examined
they likewise are all to proceed to the P
Capital to deliver them in. The Aumil of
Coompalby named Bhaderuddeen Cawn
has likewise proceeded on a similar P
Summons

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Summons to Seringapatam.—

It is reported at Goa that Tippoo has appointed Summer and Dieu Cawn to the Command of the Troops assembled there and Barber Jung to those assembled at Coompalla and that upon the arrival of these two Commanders, the latter will make an incursion into the Talooks of Runnick Gherry belonging to the Nizam.

A Barber who left Seringa-patam on the 18.th of April and arrived here the 3.d of may reports that the Works at Seringapatam are carrying on with great briskness but that they are of such immense extent and solidity that several years would be required to Complete them. That it was reported at Seringapatam that the same Frenchman who enquired how lately had proposed on the part of his Nation to reconquer for Tippoo all the possessions held by his Father Hyderally provided he would heartily Cooperate in this undertaking with all his Forces

That

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22.d That the Sultaun had replied that when he once had compleated the Fortifications of his Capital, he would invade with two armies the Carnatic and the Southern Countrys provided the French would engage to land a sufficient force to lay siege to Madras.—

There are 500 Horse arrived lately at Guntoor Condah.—

A true Translate

/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Right Honble

The Governor in Council

My Lord

I had the Honor of your Hon.ble commands thro' Mr. Secretary Webbe, dated the 3.d Instant on the subject of a female Servant of Mr. Browne Surgeon, together with inclosures from His Highness the Nabob and from his Brother Shujaeoomul Mulk Behauder.

I am concerned to trouble your Lordships with discussing of this nature

from Major & General Floyd respecting the account transmitted by the Nabob's Brother at Trichinopoly respecting Mr. Browns Female Servant

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nature, and will do so no further than is
necessary to justify myself, and Mr. Brown
in the representation already laid before
you in my letter of the 27.th ultimo to this
end will remark dates only. –

9.th of April – Mr. Browne's female Servant
was seized by order of Hussenul Mulk Bahauder.

19.th of April – His Highness Hussenul Mulk
Bahauder writes to his Brother the Nabob that
the Daroga had married this youngwoman
some time ago. –

1.st of May, or within a day of that date the Daroga
performed the ceremony of Nicha with this
person in the most private manner, and
she lived in another house. –

The Daroga was driven to this
only against his inclination, as he himself
declared. –

But what shall be said of a
Man of Rank marrying a girl brought by
a Bawd, according to the letter of His Highness
Hussenul Mulk Bahauder. –
His Highness is not good at argument on this occasion.

Mr.

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Mr. Brown is perfectly
satisfyed that the person in question has an
establishment of some sort.-

I must disclaim any interference
in the Government of His Highness the
Nabob, and should be extremely mortifyed
to be thought concerned in it when events
occur here, I apply officially to His Highness
Brother, Rufoom ul Mulk Bahauder, and
that is all.-

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) J. Floyd. m. G.

Trichinopoly
May 18.th 1797.

Jno. Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

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From Lieutenant Colonel Read Captain Peter having completed the object on which he was detached into the Tinnevelly Country marches from this Station

Sir

Please to lay the accompanying
before the Right Honble the governor, ex
Captain Peters report of the close of
the business on which he has been
lately

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Lately employed.

Triplicate

18th May 1797.

Sam L. L.

/Signed/ Alex. Read

Lieut. Col. Commanding

Coast Districts

Lieutenant Colonel Read

Sir

Agreeable to my Intimation to you of the 12th Instant I marched from Amapetty the next day and arrived here with the Guards of the abitoor and Seraganoor Districts, but one Village had been plundered during their absence and the greatest part of that property recovered by some armed Peons sent out by the Seraganoor Tauldaur

Shortly after my arrival here, the A accompanying Letter was forwarded me by Captain Ormsby who informs me he will proceed to settle agreeable to the Intimation in General Floyds Letter.

Sam L. L.

/Signed/ T. Inton

Capt.

Seraganoor

15th May 1797.

Captain

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Captain Norton

Sir

I was favourd with your
Letter of the 4.th Instant in due time to me — and
your Peons were ready to return, but I have
detained them till now, partly from being
employd, and partly also from idleness
your Letter was forwarded to
Lord Hobart, that He might transmit
it to the Nabob — as He thought it
fit — for none you know have any
correspondence with them — the Nabob will
of course manage his own matters his
own way — But it is very observable that
his officers or Servants mismanage them
at present —

As the object for which
our Troops were intended is now
accomplished by your care and activity
and the Rebells, or Disturbers compleatly
dispersed — and as there remain several
Hundred armed Peons, or men of His
Highness — I would recommend it to you

to

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22.d Fort St. George May 1797

to return with your Detachment to those
Duty's you had in charge from Lieutenant
Colonel Read

Nothing remaining to be
done by a military Force of ours in the
Terroire Country I do not propose sending
any Detachment there — of this circumstance
— and of my recommendation to you to return
I have informed Lord Hobart. —

On the 4.th Instant I received
a Vakeel with a letter from the Wannipettam
Polygar, or Rajah as He is called and I
immediately forwarded the Letter to Lord H
Hobart. It's contents were such that I
immediately gave Orders for suspending
Hostilities, during negociation the H
Polygars were so much in earnest that
they cleared the road in which Major H
Cuppage was marching to them burnt
the houses and boolied their works, and beg'd
He would send persons to see what they
had done —

The Major remaining in

the

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the neighborhood of Warriapollam, with her
Detachment, waiting the instructions of Government

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ J. Floyd

Received also the undermentioned
Letters entered in M B Nos. 129. 130. 131. 132. &
133. 134. –

Trechinopoly
may 12th 1797.

From Lieutenant Colonel
Fotheringham – requesting that Mr. Ogelby &
may be allowed to draw the usual sum on &
account of his attendance on the Sick of the
Detachment of the 2d Battalion 8th Regiment
Native Infantry doing duty in that Garrison. –

From the Commandant at Vizagapatam.

From Mr. Thacker – inclosing
his Cash Estimates for the ensuing Month. –

From the acting Commissary Genl of Grain and Provisions. –

From Lieutenant Colonel
Campbell – representing the Pension of 6 Rupees
fixed for Conductor Mills as inadequate to the
Extent and Length of his Services. –

From Commandant at Chinglepat.

From

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22.d Fort St. George May 1797

From the Officer Commanding a Detachment of the Bengal Troops proceeding to Hyderabad

From Major Wyndman advising of his arrival at Ellore.-

From the Commandant at Ramnad

From Colonel Marking requesting that his Security Bond for Mr. H. Vaughan may be given up that Gentleman having deposited Company's Bonds to the Extent of the Company's eventual Demands upon him.-

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal.-

From Mr. Sub Secretary Shoreshill enclosing a Letter to be forwarded to Mr. Duncan at Tellicherry.-

At a Consultation
Present
The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor President
Tuesday
23.d May 1797. Lieutenant General Harris
Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Falkofield } Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.-

The

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Fort St. George 23d May 1797

The President lays before the Board the following draft of a letter which his Lordship proposes should be sent to the Nabob in answer to his Highness's letter A entered in the minutes of last consultation. -

The President submits to the Board the following.

To His Highness the Nabob Omdut ul Omrah Wallaujah &c &c &c &c &c -

May it please your Highness

I had the honor of receiving your Highness's Letter of the 11th Instant A and sincerely regret that you should not have judged it advisable to accept the A mediation of this Government for the A purpose of accommodating the differences A between your Government and the Warriorpollam Polligar and more especially as you have A sent into the District Tatabur Cawn whose conduct in the Tinnevelly Province has not been such as to encourage any sanguine hope of an improved management under his A authority. -

Draft of a Letter to the Nabob. expressive of regret that his Highness should have declared the proffered Mediation of Government in the adjustment of the Disputes between His Highness and the Warriorpollam &c Polligars and remonstrating against his employment of Caupich in the Revenue affairs of his Country. -

I cannot forego availing A myself of the present occasion to convey the assurance

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22.d Fort St. George May 1797

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Draft of a Letter to the Nabob. expressive of regret that his Highness should have declined the proffered Mediation of Government in the adjustment of the Disputes between His Highness and the Warriarpollam Polygar and remonstrating against his employment of Caupich in the Revenue affairs of his Country.

I cannot forego availing A myself of the present occasion to convey the assurance

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serious concern I have experienced upon
learning from Authority I believe to be unquestion-
-able that your Highness has been induced
to invest Paupiah the convicted conspirator
against Mr. Haliburton, and the corrupt
agent of Mr. Hollands Government, with
extensive powers in the Tinnevelly and
Tellore Countries.-

Respect for your Highness
prevented me for some time from giving
credit to this information, but having
ascertained that Paupiah has recently
visited both these Districts and exercised
authority therein in your Highness's name
I am no longer able to doubt the authority
of my intelligence.-

It becomes therefore my
duty to remonstrate against a proceeding
calculated to produce so much real injury
to the Country and to lower your Highness
in the Public estimation It may also
be proper for me to anticipate a question

not

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not unlikely to arise from the Maladminis-
-tration of so corrupt and profligate a
character as Peiapiah, an application to
this Government for the assistance of the
Company's arms in support of those
powers, which you have entrusted to him
and I must take this opportunity to caution
your Highness against a measure which
would be inadmissible, under any circum-
-stances whatever - The Detachment in the
Worcospolum Country has been recalled
according to your Highness's desire -

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

Signed Hobart

Fort St. George
23d May 1797.

The Draft approved

Agreed to and ordered
accordingly -

Read the following letter
from the Resident at Tanjore -

Josiah

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Fort St. George 23d May 1797

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

From the Resident at Tanjore inclosing Translation of a Paper he has recived on the part of the Poligars of Warriorepollam Arilore and Terriore requesting that they may be taken under the Company's Protection.—

Herewith I have the honour to enclose Copy and Translation of an address from the Warrioreepollam Poligar the Substance of which is that He and the two others Poligars / meaning Arielore Terriore / should be taken under the Protection of the Honble Company.—

The original Cadjan came to me thro the medium of the person to whom it is addressed and who has authenticated it under his Seal and Signature.—

By the term "Northward" is meant the Presidency of Madras—and by that of the "three Countries":—

The Districts of Warrioreepollam Terriore, and Arielore.—

The

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The Truth of the charge P.
against the Circar people of burning the
Houses &c is confirmed by the Respectable
authority of a Gentleman who was on the
Spot and an Eyewitness that the Circar
people not only burned the Villages Houses
wantonly but likewise the Looms of the
Weavers. -

I have thought it my P
indispensable Duty to forward the above
to the Right Honble the President in
Council; but as it is not my province
to give the Petitioners any assurances P
I shall confine myself P
to the present communication on the P
Subject to Government. -

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ Alex.r Maclod
Resr

Tanjore
16th May 1797.

To

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Fort St. George 23d May 1797

To Pareya Wagupsee Durey

Chinnado Sherwagar has
acquainted me with the News which Ramalinga
Pilly desired him to Communicate to me—I have
written to the Northward about that Business
and have received an Answer in which it is
mentioned that you should speak to Mr.
Macleod, and try to get the Business
settled—and that if you would speak to
Mr. Macleod, and send him Word He would
in that case send His man to you—If
Mr. Macleod will be so kind as to write to
the Northward—take the three Countries
into his Protection,—redress the grievances
which they are suffering,—and procure them
the Company's Favor,—the honor and fame
which he will here by get, will be great.—

As to the State of the Country
it lies waste, since last year—The Circar
people themselves have burnt down the
Houses—and have tormented and hurt
some Inhabitants &c.—

Abdul

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Abdul Kader Khan having
ordered some Troops about Midnight to come
another way thro' the Wicket of y^e Serjeore, they
Accordingly, came another way – and stood in
the front of Abdul's Troops – who supposing
them to be their Enemies, fired their Guns
upon them; in Consequence of which, two
Europeans and 10 or 15 persons besides, were
killed – these people were killed by Abduls
party, and not by our people – for they had
retired. – mention this Circumstance when
you hear speak of it. –

The news which you and
Nelangary Padeyatchi have Communicated
has given great Joy to my master, and they
have written Concerning it, and that you
may know all these Particulars – I send
the same man to you who returned thence

I Request you will use
every endeavour in your power to bring to
this Business to such an issue that it
may reflect Honor on your Name – you

mentioned

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mentioned that you would come in 5 or 6 Days - but that cannot be done as you are engaged in this Business - Be pleased to direct me how I am to Act - and to let me know the affairs of your place - In the year Kalla - month, Settirey 22d. Instant or 3d. May 1797. -

/Signed/ Alexr. Macleod

Resr.

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform the resident at Tanjore that the Nabob has declined the mediation of this Government, and that it therefore becomes impossible for them at present to interfere farther than they have done for the adjustment of these unhappy disputes. -

Read the following letter from the Commanding officer at Cantoor

To

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Commandant at Amboor the Colonapilly poligar refuses to attend his summons and he takes himself to the Sanglee Tippoo and at Gurrumcondah disputes Vencatapatty Nair and other Inhabitants of Madanapilly to investigate the claims to plundered Property - States that some of the principal offenders are actually secured by the Nabob's dependants in the district -

I have the honor to signify to the Right Honble the President in Council through you, that upon the 4th Instant I came to this place in consequence of the Persian Letter No. 1 to Meer ally Khan, who accompanied me here for the purpose of meeting the Sultaun People - Likewise in order to have the meeting at the place of Residence of Dajeje Naig the Colonapilly man, and thereby have an opportunity of hearing both sides of the Question as it was to be expected, that the Sultaun People, & would of course exaggerate - Another reason for our coming to this Place, was that from a Letter which I received, from the Colonapilly man, and from private intimation which Meer ally Khan has likewise got, there was reason to believe the Partys who had signed the Engagements on the 1st Instant / as forward to you on the 3d / had no intention

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of complying therewith viz- the Patticondah and Colmapilly Polygars Intimation was sent to the Colmapilly man, of Our intention to come to his Place, on the 3d. Instant at Night in a friendly manner, and requesting of him by their ally to provide such necessarys as the Detachment required, in the usual way- upon our arrival here, he had absented himself with all his Family as they told us only to a little distance and that he would presently join us- which he did not do- On the 6th. in the morning the Sultaunee People arrived here, but without Buddea Beg, as mentioned in the Sultaun No.1 nor any Person, who appeared to be, of sufficient Responsibility to enter into the nature of the business, and only a Polygar with a few Peons, and Inhabitants,- without any Letter, or written document- Meer ally Khan in consequence, wrote a Letter to the People said Annee the answer to which No.2 was only received here on the 16th. Instant that interval every friendly means was

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was used to persuade the Colmapilly man, to
join us, but all to no purpose — He dreaded being
made a Prisoner, and after we had assured him
that should not be the case, repeatedly, by
Verbal and Written messages, he required —
that certain Persons, whom he named should
be sent to him, to give Cowl, upon Oath for his
personal Security — This was done, conditionally
that he should repair here, and satisfy the
Malnapilly People's Demands, as far as they
might relate to the share, he had of the P
Plunder — And also be assisting us, in appre-
-hending the other Thieves, as he had now
represented it, to be out of his power P
from the distance they were at, to secure them
himself He was told at the same time in
the event of non-compliance, the loss of his
Country, would be the consequence — His fears
however prevailed though the Persons, whom
we had sent to him by his own desire staid
offered to remain with his People, as P
Hostages — still he put off from day to day

until

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In all said to amount by the Mahrapilly people to 12000 Pagodas — He does not deny having afforded protection, and support, to the other Plunderers — His Districts I understand contain 43 Villages, small and large which produce about 10,000 Rupees, yearly of which he stipulated generally with the Nabobs Circar to give three thousand, but seldom paid half He has a few villages below the Ghauts — Recent instances of his People plundering have occurred even so late as the night on which he signed the late Engagements at Cadapanatham — when his Peons plundered Bajar men passing from a Market of Property valued at 100 Pagodas and wounded several desperately — The heard of the Complaint before it reached us and promised to pay the Complainants 200 Pagodas — the ensuing day, if they would not, bring forward the business — but he failed in his promise — In short, his Revenue has been employed, to keep a number of Armed Peons to Plunder

and

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and murder his Neighbours - and I conceive that his Highness should proscribe them, and send the strictest Orders to all the Polleams & and Polygars not to afford them protection but to seize them either Dead or alive - A Summah and three of his Sons likewise & the person called Chinnan Naiger, are & certainly at present in one or other, of the & Nine Polleams under the Chittoor Circar, and I should suppose that it only requires his Highness's Orders for their being apprehended I understand that Summahs Eldest Son called Bijeep is at Madras - It is said that & these Men have entered into engagements, with the Chittoor Nabob to raise and head a number of armed Men sufficient to furnish the & Mogul Polygar for the Death of Abdul & Wahab Cawn Son - For doing which certain & Villages and Districts are given to them. -

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/Signed/ A. Macpherson

Lt. Colt.

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Camp
Colonel Spilly
may 8th 1797.

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Translate Copies of Letters
From the Aumil of Tippoo Sultan Bahadur at
Gurrum conda — To Mehir Ali Khan
Amil of the Nawab of the Carnatick at Ambore

Received 3d of May 1797.

I have received, and understand the Letter which you addressed to me, wherein you state that "in consequence of Representa=tions made by the Zemindars of Mediapilly of the robberies and outrages of various Plunderers assisted by the Zemindar of Colmaspilly. - Letters on the subject had been written to the Latter; but that he had disavowed all Knowledge of such practices that, as our Countries profess a reciprocal Friendship and are mutually solicitous to maintain the comfort of their Inhabitants Orders had also been issued to the Commandant at Ambore for the thorough investigation of this Matter - the punishment, on Conviction, of the Colmaspilly Zemindar, and the restitution, to the parties, of the property

plundered

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plundered - that, likewise, if any person, on a discovery where his plundered property may be deposited, should proceed without delay to a Tehsildar, and there give the necessary Informa= =tion, the Commanding officer would cause such property, as ascertained, to be duly restored:

It is true indeed that a mutual Friendship subsists between our Countries, and that the Satisfaction and Repose of their respective subjects are earnestly wished for. -

The Enormities of the Colonel's Polygar are flagrant beyond description - His Fastness being situated on our contiguous Frontiers, he summons to his rapacious standard all the Banditti of the Vicinity, & and stimulating them to acts of Rapine, he dispersed them thro' their Country on predatory adventures and participates in their guilty Spoils - amongst the most distinguished of his partizans is a Rebel named Chinnum Naga a Grocker of the village of Rondpilly depending on the Talook above described: Having

Sworn

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Swerved from the Line of her Duty, she
in concert with this Rebel, ravaged and
devastated all the Circumjacent Territories
with audacity of Villainy and such atrocity
of Conduct, that it is the annihilation only
of such a Wretch that can atone for the
Iniquity of her Existence.—

Amongst other Instances of
her guilt, she has plundered from the
Revenue of the abovementioned District, to
the value of about 12,000 Pagodas— besides
having burnt deposites of Grain and murdered
several people.—

The Brother also of this inhuman
Naga skulks himself in the Hills, and
assisting them, grievously molests the
Travellers as well as the Inhabitants
of the Country by his Robberies.—

To look for the comfort of the
people, under the Load of this oppression
a Load imposed by the misconduct of the
Colmas petty man, were absurd—

I request

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I request, therefore, that you would strenuously exert yourself for the proper adjustment of this Business, and the exemplary punishment of this Miscreant - so, at least, as to deter him from further Irregularities, and prevent him from practicing or encouraging others to similar outrages - In compliance with your suggestion, I have sent a discreet person named Budhen Bey, together with some Inhabitants of the District alluded to, - and I entreat that extending the same kind consideration for these as you do to your own people, you would conformably with Justice, cause a due and full restitution to be made to whomsoever of them shall ascertain and point out his property. -

From the Same, to the Same.

I have been favoured with your friendly Letter, informing me of the Impediment to the Investigation respecting the property of the Ryots of Condamery, by Burden Bey's absence - of the arrival and long detention

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detention of Colonel McPherson at Carpentah
for the purpose of this Investigation, — and
of the unsatisfactory result of the Inquiries
made of Venkatputty Nair &c. relative to
the said property; — and requesting the P
expediting of an intelligent and respectable
person for conducting this Inquiry! —

I have to inform you in
reply that as Budhen Beg was indisposed
Venkatputty Nair &c. Ryots and Moslems
were deputed on this Business, because P
they were not only individually conversant
with the Inhabitants of Condamoory, but
personally acquainted with the proprietors
of the effects plundered, and all the Circum-
-stances of the Robbery — To these people P
therefore I refer you, for an Explanation
of this transaction, and Explanation of P
which you will look for in vain from
any others. —

When the Brother of Chinnoire
Naga resided, with several others at, — and
oppressed the Inhabitants by their plundering
practices

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practices, as mentioned in my former Letter; it was that above mentioned Nair who gave a check to his Outrages — to these people only then, are you to look, for the Information you require on this subject, and I beg of you not to entertain hopes of obtaining such Information thro any other Channel; — you must however strictly examine such of the Poligars of your own Territories as were confederates in these Disturbances — for Repose is the necessary consequence of Rebellion. —

You will therefore please to ascertain Circumstances from these sources & and by making an equitable Restitution of all the effects to their real proprietors, you will have acted a part not less creditable — & as a Judge than honorable as an Officer. —

more would be superfluous

true translation

/Signd/ A. Falconar

Pr. Sr. to Govt.

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The President proposes that the following letter should in consequence be sent to the Nabob entered also in L. 6 Pp. 56.

To his Highness the Nabob Omdat ul Omrah

&c. &c. &c.

May it Please your Highness,

To the Nabob requesting he will if time orders for apprehending the plunderers reported to be in some of the Pollams of the Chittoor District.—

Having fully entered in my Letter of the 9th Instant into the subject of the disturbances upon the borders of the Arnboor district, I shall not now trouble Your Highness with a new representation of their distractions but briefly acquaint Your Highness that I am made with three of this crew and the person called Chinnan Saig is certainly at present in some of the pollams dependent upon the Chittoor Circar, and that Wijaya the eldest son of Tummah is now in the neighbourhood of Madras— If your Highness will issue the necessary orders it cannot be difficult for you to apprehend these robbers, and disturbers of the public tranquility.—

I beg

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I beg leave to remind your Highness that you have not yet complied with my request of the 9.th Instant for a speedy answer upon this important subject.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/ Signed / Hobart

Fort St. George
24.th May 1797.

Agreed to and ordered accordingly.

Read the following letter from the Assistant resident at Hyderabad—

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

My Lord

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad the Nizam communicates his determination to dismiss for the present with the Sowars of the Detachment Copy of his Letter in consequence to Major Hyadman inclosed—

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordships in Council, that his Highness the Nizam has signified to me, that in consideration of the pressing occasion which the Government of Fort St. George would appear to have for the services of the Ellore Detachment he was pleased, with a view to the accommodation of the Company to grant it its dismission; I

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intimating at the same time however a wish that when the exigencies of the service are over, he may be duly apprized thereof in order to require that Detachments immediate Recall, in the event of his deeming such a measure requisite.—

It is necessary however I should at the same time apprize your Lordship in Council, that as no answer can have as yet been received by his Highness to the reference lately made by him to his Minister Azim ul Omrah on the subject of my intimation of the approaching departure of the Ellore Detachment for the purpose of being relieved on the Ceded, I think it not unlikely that applications may still be made to me by his Highness, for the advance of the relieving Detachment under the command of Major Wyndman.—

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

Hyderabad
16th May 1797.

P.S. I have the honor to inclose for the information of your Lordship in Council a Copy of my Letter of this date to Major Wyndham.

Major.

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Major H. Wyndham
Commanding the Detachment

Sir

His Highness the Nizam having signified to me his determination of dispensing for the present with the services of any Detachment of our Troops I lose no time in advising you of such a Countermarch, and am happy to think that you will receive this notification of it, before your Detachment can have advanced beyond Condapilly where you will probably judge it necessary to halt until furnished by the Government of Fort St. George, with instructions adapted to the occasion - In the mean while should any alteration take place in the present resolve of his Highness, you may rely on my advising you thereof without the smallest delay. -

As matters are at present situated, you will of course / should it be still be practicable / suspend the realization

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of the draft which I transmitted to you on the Masulipatam Treasury under the Superintendence of your Detachment proceeding on to the Nizams Territories. Should the Treasure in question however have actually reached you permit me to request that you will consider it as a deposit not to be broken in upon without my previous concurrence. —

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
a.g.c.

Hyderabad
the 16th. May 1797.

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

Read the following letter from the Military Board

To the Right Honorable Lord Mobart
Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

From the Military board
consider it more advisable to keep them in Public Service as well as suggested by the Storekeeper at Pondicherry respecting the Repair of the Tumbrils at Trichinopoly made Bills done by the Engineer to the Powder Mill and by the Contractors at Arcot recommended for Payment propose a Change of System in the Agency for Spiritous Liquors and a new Code of Regulations for the future Management of that Department.

My Lord

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Letter from Government under date the 26th. Ultimo, accompanied by Enclosures upon which we are desired to report, and having accordingly

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accordingly taken them severally into consideration
We do Ourselves the honor to submit to your Lordship
in Council, our opinion in regard to the —
proposal from the Commissary of Grain and
Provisions at Dindigal for building a Well for
the purpose of containing Ghee to be placed in
Store there that the usual method of preserving
that Article in Pots, or Puttars, is preferable
to that suggested, and consequently that We
cannot recommend the adoption of the latter.

On the subject of the Letter
from the Commanding Officer at Trincomalie
We beg leave to recommend that Lieutenant
Colonel Champagne be directed to call upon
the Engineer at that Station for a detail &
Estimate of the Expence to be incurred in the
repair of the Granary, beyond what can be
performed by the Establishment of Artificers
&c attached to that Department; and that in
the mean time he be instructed to proceed
in giving the Granary such Repairs as can
be executed by that Establishment. —

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The Chief Engineer having laid before Our Board a bill from Colonel Gent & amounting to Pagodas 1794. 12. 57. for Repairs & executed under his Superintendence at the & Honorable Company's Powder Mills, to which the prescribed affirmation is annexed, We do Ourselves the honor to forward it herewith to & your Lordships in Council, and recommend that it may be discharged.—

Having received from the late Contractors for Buildings and Repairs, a Bill amounting to Pagodas 1421. 24. 37. for Work & performed by them at Tygar which Bill being duly Certified by Colonel Gent in consequence of the execution of such Repairs &c having taken place during the period that Officer held the situation of Chief Engineer, We have accordingly the honor to transmit it herewith, and to & recommend to your Lordships in Council that it be passed for payment.—

In consequence of Governments Letter of the 11th of April 1796 transmitting for our particular examination and report a

Letter

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Letter with four Enclosures from the Honorable
Basil Cochrane, Agent for Spirituous Liquors
and copy of the Right Honorable the President's
Minute on the same, We referred the inves-
tigation of the Subject to a Committee of our
Board, who have accordingly gone into a most
minute and thorough consideration thereof &
and under the Idea that a perusal of their &
Proceedings at large, as well as of a Minute
of the Military Auditor General on the Accounts
of the Arrack Agency for the year 1794/5 contain-
ing a particular elucidation of that Subject
will afford to your Lordship more ample
and complete information, than could in any
other manner be communicated by us, We
do ourselves the honor of submitting to your Lordship
in Council the accompanying Copy of such. —

We have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Geo. Harris.
Patrick Ross
Thomas Gaily
W. Sydenham
Jr. Richardson
B.J. Close
George Hall
At.

Fort St. George
8th May 1797.

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At a Committee of the Military Board held in Fort St. George on the subject of the Arrack Agency appointed in Meeting of the 4th December last, and consisting of the Military Auditor General Quarter Master General Adjutant General and Commissary General of Stores.—

The Committee having attended to the several Papers regarding the Arrack Agency since its first Institution in the year 1786, as detailed in the Minutes of the late and present, Military Auditor General are of opinion, that although the Agency if conducted as it has been on the principle of the Supply and Custody being vested in the same person, is liable to many objections yet, if properly regulated, it may be deemed preferable to the former mode of supplying Arrack by a general Contract, which as particularly appears by a Minute of Colonel Malcolm of the 2d June last. It was found constantly attended with failure and disappointment to the public

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service, which produced the Establishment of the present Agency.—

The following is the result of the Military Auditor General's Investigation of the accounts of the Arrack Agency, from its first commencement in 1786 to the conclusion of the year 1793/4 comprehending five years of Peace and two of War—

	For 7 Years preceding total		average of annum for the year 1794/5	
The quantity of Liquor purchased during the seven Years immediately preceding 1794/5 was	Gallons 10,31,426 :	Drams 29 or	Gallons 147346 :	Drams 27
Prime Cost	Pags. 3,35,646 :	5 74 or	47,949 :	13 67
Commission charged	Pags. 15,920 :	2 54 or	2,274 – 12 – 30	
Charges Merchandize	Pags. 101891 – 35	61 or	14,554 – 23 – 49	
Leakage	Pags. 55488 – 8 – 35	or	7,926 – 37 – 16	
Average Cost of each Gallon				

81,572	17	53	
2,399	7	24	
13,930	14	34	
7,328	16	58	
Pags. 14	77	Pags. 26	57

From the foregoing Statement and Investigation it appears, that although the Agent is allowed by the Regulations to charge a Commission of 5 per Cent only on the prime Cost of the Liquor yet that the Agents whom he employs at Bengal and Bombay charge also

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also a Comission of 5 per Cent upon the original purchase, that the leakage amounts nearly to 16 2/3 per Cent, and that the charges Merchandize for the same period of seven years is about 14 30 1/3 per Cent making altogether a change upon the first cost of the Liquor 57 1/2 per Cent—

With the view therefore, that the the publick Supply may hence forward be procured on more reasonable terms, and the agency subject to a System of Check and Controul, the Committee after an attentive perusal of the former Regulations for the Arrack Agency, and with the adoption of such parts of them as appear essential to its future management, propose as follows.—

1st. That the Agent shall in future be confined to the custody and distribution of the Liquor, and shall not be allowed to make Purchases, except on special Authority arising from peculiar circumstances, of which Government will be the judge on the representation of the Military Board

2d. That the Grand Store, or Magazine for

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for Liquor, shall be kept at Madras from whence the out Garrisons and Cantonments, shall be Annually Supplied.—

3d That all Liquors which the Agent may be directed to receive into Store, shall be examined in the presence of a Deputation of the Military Board, who will gauge the same gauged, and take musters thereof, which musters as well as the Casks from which they are taken, are to be sealed, numbered and dated—

4th That when the Annual Supply is forwarded from the General Store at the Presidency to the different Stations, the musters taken in the presence of the Deputation of the Military Board, shall be sent with the respective Casks; and on their arrival, the Commanding Officer of each Station will order a Committee of Survey to ascertain that the contents are equal to those musters—the Liquor is then to be laid up in Store, and a guard put over it, to prevent its being adulterated by the Agents Servants and in case any part of the Liquor should be found

different

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different from the Musters, such Liquor will be thrown on the hands of the Agent, who alone is responsible for the misconduct of his Servants.

5th

That the Agent shall take care that no Liquor is sent to the Out Garrisons and Cantonments, nor issued to the Troops before it has remained one year at least in his Store.

6th

That each European in Garrison or Cantonment, shall have no more than two Drams served to him in the course of each day, the second Dram to be issued at the discretion of the Commanding Officer. The Arrack to be paid for at the rate of forty five Cash per Dram except on any very particular occasion when the Commanding Officer shall think a further quantity allowable. On such occasions, the Agent, or his Servants, will enter the additional quantity to be issued, on a Certificate from the Commanding Officer

7th

That the Expence Godowns in the different Garrisons, and Cantonments

for

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for the use of the European Troops, shall not be kept open but from the hour of 7 to 9 in the Morning, and from 4 to 6 in the afternoon, & when they are to be shut, and the Keys lodged in the Guard Room - while the Godowns are open a sufficient Guard must be placed at them to prevent irregularities -

8th That the Agent shall be at liberty to open, and have as many retail Shops for supplying the Natives at the rate of 1 fanam per Diem, as the Commanding Officer of the Troops, in Garrison or Cantonments shall think proper - These Retail Shops, are to be kept open from the hour of 7 in the morning till 12 at noon, and from 3 in the afternoon till 8 in the Evening, when the Godowns are to be locked up, and the Keys lodged in the Guard room One, or more Sepoys, as the Commanding Officer may think proper, shall be stationed at each Godown, who are to have strict Orders not to permit any European to purchase Liquor at such Godowns nor to allow any Liquor to be

carried

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carried away by any of the Natives, without an order for the same, signed by a Commissioned Officer, and Countersigned by the Commanding Officer of such Garrison or Cantonment — The Natives however are permitted to drink Liquor at such retail Godowns, on condition that they do not commit any irregularities, and that they pay for such Liquor, at the rate of one fanam per dram. —

9th That the agent shall be responsible that his Servants at the retail Godowns for the Natives do not sell, or dispose of, any Liquor to any European Non Commissioned, or Private on any account whatever, but must strictly forbid them to grant, or make any such Supply, under pain of the person, or persons offending being delivered up to the Commanding Officer of the Station, to receive such exemplary punishment on the public parade, as he shall think proper to inflict. —

10th That as the sale of the Company's Liquor depends greatly on preventing any other Spirits from entering any of the Garrisons and

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and Cantonments, It is the express Order of Government that the distilling, selling, or Offering to sale, any kind of Spirituous Liquor to the European Soldiers, Sepoys, or other persons belonging to, or following, the Army, at any of the Garrisons, Cantonments, Camps, or Military Stations, be henceforth prohibited, and that upon discovery of any such person, or persons otherwise than hereby authorized disposing of Spirituous Liquors, all such Liquors found at his, or their houses, custody, or possession shall be confiscated, the one half to the Company, and the other half to the informer on conviction before a Justice of the Peace or the Commanding Officer on the Spot, who will inflict such further punishment as the case shall in his judgement require — All Spirituous Liquors which may be sent or received, on the private account or for the use of the Commissioned Officers belonging to any of the Garrisons, Camps or Military Stations, are exempted from such condemnation. —

11.th That all officers belonging to the Garrisons

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Garrisons and Cantonments, shall be permitted to respectively themselves from the Company's Stores at the rate established for the European Troops they paying ready money for the same but if their orders for such Liquor, must be in writing with their proper signatures annexed, and if Countersigned by the Commanding Officer of the Garrison, or Station.-

12th. That the Agent shall be held responsible for the conduct of his Servants in case of any part of the public Money being embezzled but he is to pay once in every Quarter viz. on the last day of July, October, January, and April Annually, the produce of the sale into the hands of the different Paymasters who are hereby directed to grant Receipts for the same on account of the Military Paymaster General at the Presidency.-

13th. That the Agent in lieu of a Commission of 5 per Cent, hitherto granted on the purchases, shall be allowed a Monthly Salary of two hundred Pagodas /200/ and in order

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order to indemnify Government against the
loss of Wastage, the agent is allowed to charge
at the rate of ten per Cent per Annum on the
amount of the Liquor laid up for annual
consumption, in full for all losses that may
be sustained by Leakage either in the general Store
at the Presidency, in transportation to, or while
in Store at the Out Garrisons, the risk of
the Sea, Fire, and Enemies excepted, which will
be carried to the head of Profit and Loss when
properly authenticated.—

14th That it shall be the particular duty
of the agent to use every precaution in conveying
Liquor from one place to another, by covering the
Casks with Straw, and the bungs with Tinplates
and that it shall travel only in the morning
and Evening, so as to avoid the heat of the Sun.—

15th That the agents Books and Accounts
shall be kept at 36 fanams; and the Fanams
received from the Retail Sales to be converted
into Star Pagodas according to the Bazar
Exchange, which is to be certified by the
Commanding Officer of the Station.—

That

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16.th That as there will be a profit on the Liquor supplied to the Officers, as well as the Inhabitants, the Right Honorable the President in Council, with a view of keeping the Troops in health, has resolved that the advantages arising in the Total Sales of Spirituous Liquor from the Agents Stores, shall be devided at the expiration of each year among the Commanding Officers of the Garrisons Cantonments, Camps, or other Military Stations where the Agents Liquor is consumed, upon the effective Strength of the European and Native Troops under their respective Commands in the proportion of 4/5 per 100 European and 1/5 per 100 Native - which profits, are continued to the Commanding Officers of Stations, upon the most perfect reliance, that they will by every means in their power prevent the Sale of Spirituous Liquor, whether to Europeans, or Natives, except under the authority, and Regulations before specified. -

17.th That in order to secure the Company against eventual Loss upon the

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Provision of Arrack, such as has already been experienced in the Year 1794/5 and during former periods, the Agent shall make a deduction of 10 per Cent from the profits of each year, to be paid into the General Treasury.—

8th That the admission, and distribution of Pannier Arrack, at any of the Stations where the Company's Liquor is sold, is hereby prohibited under pain of disobedience of Orders, & and that there may be no plea for evading the same His Lordship in Council is further pleased to direct, that the Provision, and Sale of Toddy, within the respective Military Stations shall be under the exclusive charge of the Agents Servants, and restricted to the regular Godowns fixed for the sale of the Honorable Company's Liquor, and that the profit arising on the same, shall be brought to the Credit of the General Fund— That the quantity daily brought into the Cantonments or Garrisons, and the price at which it is to be sold, shall be regulated by the Commanding Officer, and that an account thereof, signed

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by the Agents Servants, and Countersigned by the Commanding Officer, shall be transmitted to the Agent with the Monthly Accounts. —

19th That all Commanding Officers of Garrisons and Cantonments, where different Coins are received for Liquor sold & under charge of the Agent, are directed on the 1st of every Month to regulate the price of the Drem agreeably to the Exchange of the different Coins in Circulation in the proportion of forty five Cash each Drem to the Europeans and one fanam for each Drem to the Natives —

20th That at the expiration of each Year, the Agent for Spirituous Liquors will send in to the Adjutant Generals office an abstract of those Garrisons, Cantonments Camps or other Military Stations, where the Company's Liquor has been consumed by the Inhabitants and Followers, specifying the quantity sold each month agreeably to which the Adjutant General will furnish the Agent with an abstract of the Monthly Effective Strength present

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of Europeans and Natives, at those Stations &
respectively, with such other information as may
be in his power towards assisting the Agent &
in the adjustment of his accounts. —

25th That Officers appointed to the
Command of Stations are not to be entitled to
share in the profits of the Arrack Agency &
until the period of their having joined, but
will be considered afterwards to have a right to
the allowances during temporary leave of ab-
sence. —

22d That when two, or more, Officers
happen to be entitled to share as being in
the Command of a Station for broken periods &
of the same Month the number of days &
which each had charge, shall be specified
by the Officer countersigned the Agents monthly
Accounts in order that the distribution be
regulated accordingly. —

23d That in all situations where
the Arrack Farm is rented by Cowle, granted
by the Honble Company the Agent shall
not interfere with the Farmers Cowle by

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selling Arrack to the Troops, or otherwise, in case it should be represented in the Power that the European and Native Troops so stationed, are to be supplied by the Farmer, or Farmers, but in order that the Farmers may be kept to a due performance of their respective Cowles, the Agent shall report to the Board of Revenue from time to time any deviation from the Cowles that may be committed by the respective Farmers & and in case the Commanding Officers where the Cowles exist, shall find the Farmers supplying the Troops with unwholesome Liquor, or that the terms of their Cowles are deviated from, they are hereby ordered, to make instant Complaint of the same to the Commander & such measures as will compel the Farmers to adhere to the Terms of their respective Cowles

24th. That the Empty Casks and Chests are to be sold at public Auction, and the Amount brought to account Quarterly, by the Agent. — —

That

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25th That the Agent shall report to the Military Board, on all matters connected with the duties of his Office, and to lay before them a Quarterly Account of his Receipts, and Issues, and Remains on the 25th of the months of May, August, November, and February for each preceding three months; and an Annual Return on the 25th May together with an authenticated copy of his Books closed to the 30th April observing that in the annual Return the value of each Article is to be annexed to the Account Remains.—

26th That the Agent shall have the whole of the Liquor in Store gauged monthly, in order to ascertain the exact quantum of Leakage, and shall report the result every three months, at the same time that he delivers in his Quarterly Accounts to the Military Board

27th That the conduct of the Conciapolies, and other Servants, of the Agent at Out Garrisons, shall be superintended by the Commanding Officers, to whom they

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are to furnish monthly Reports of the Sales and Charges Merchandize, for their Countersignature as the proper Vouchers for the Agents in the examination of his Quarterly Accounts.

2d That the Agent shall ascertain as nearly as possible, the rates of Cart hire and of Freight, from place to place, by Land and Sea, and report the same to the Military Board.

3d That the Agent shall also transmit to the Board a Statement of the Servants &c. that will be absolutely necessary in future at the different Stations, and the Commanding Officers of Stations are likewise to state their opinions as to the Establishment that it may be proper to keep up for the sales of Arrack and to report to the Military Board, any instance of misconduct, or neglect, in the Agents Conicopolies, that proper notice may be taken, and their places supplied by others, if necessary &c

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30th That if advances of Cash shall at any time be required by the agent, they will be made on the recommendation of the Military Board, in such proportions as Government may be necessary, and to be issued through the Military Paymaster General.

31st That in consideration of the Monthly Salary allowed to the Agent exceeding the sum he has hitherto received on Commission, and making that constant which was before liable to fluctuation, it is expected, that he will conduct the Agency with the greatest attention to Economy, and will consequently be held responsible for all deficiencies occasioned by the misconduct or neglect, of the People employed in his Department.

32d That if at any time the agent shall be directed by the Military Board to obtain a Supply of Arrack by private bargain when it shall appear that his doing so would be advantageous to the Company he is in this case to

certify

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Certify to the Bill of the purchase that he has not nor will not derive any Pr advantage, or benefit, whatever from the purchase.-

33d That the Agent shall send his Books and Accounts, to the Military Auditor General for audit as soon as they are closed annually; and after they have been examined Passed, and Returned, the Agent shall lay before the Military Board, a Statement of the Profits arising on the sale of Investures Legacy in the course of the year preceding from which a Report will be made to Pr Government and the distribution ordered accordingly.-

34th That the Agent shall Certify upon that the charges merchandize and the Wages of Servants strictly correspond with his Disbursements under that head, that the whole expence has been bonâ fide & been incurred, and that he has no Pr Interest directly, or indirectly therein.-

The Committee beg leave to observe, that the accounts of the Agent for

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for Spirituous Liquors being placed under the Inspection, and Control of the Military Board in the manner, and to the extent proposed, will necessarily bring before it information of all irregular Proceedings & and enable it to Investigate any matter connected with the mode expence quality and quantity of the Supplies and of the subsequent conduct of the Agency in respect to Stores while the Superintendence of the Commanding Officer at each Station, will be particularly useful in checking, and preventing irregularities on the part of the Agents Servants by its being & thus made a part of their duty to see & the Orders of Government regarding & the Sale of Spirituous Liquors duly & attended to. —

It appears by the & accompanying Statement No 1 that the Average Consumption of Liquor during & Six years of Peace, and War, is 931 Leaguers

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annually; and the Agent reports to the Committee that the Stock remaining in hand the 30th april at Madras, and the several Out Stations will be about 86,731 Gallons besides which he has Contracted for 55,600 Gallons of Bengal Rum, and 69,000 of Columbo Arrack, making in all Gallons 209,331, or about 1,516 Leagers at the average rate of 138 Measured Gallons each, a Quantity equal to upwards of 19 Months Consumption. —

In the provision of Arrack by Contract, appears to be in general the preferable mode of supply, the Committee submit to the Board, whether it might not be advisable to recommend to Government to make such an Arrangement with the Governor General in Council as that Proposals may be advertized for at Bengal for the purpose of furnishing by Contract at stated periods, a certain quantity of proof Spirits to be delivered on the Beach at Madras and to undergo an examination on being landed, in presence of the person to whom

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it may be consigned, by the Contractor, in order to ascertain that the Liquor is of a proper age and quality; and that such part of it, as shall not be approved, may be returned on the Contractor's hands.—

This Plan has the further recommendation of enabling the Government of Bengal to have it made a part of the Contract that the Liquor shall be shipped on the Indiamen that may be ordered to call at Madras, to take in a part of their Cargoes for Europe, thus saving the Contractor from the expense of Freight and Insurance, and producing a consequent abatement in the terms of the Contract.—

It also seems desirable to ascertain the quantity of Arrack that can occasionally be supplied by Contract from Columbo, as it is cheaper than Bengal Rum and when mixed with a due proportion of Batavia Arrack, makes an excellent, and wholesome Spirit.—

The Committee having perused with attention the Minute of the Military Auditor

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Auditor General of the 1st December, on the accounts of the Arrack Agency for the year 1794/5, perfectly agree in the result produced by his investigation of the subject viz. That "the loss sustained by the Company in that "year of Pagodas 22,695. 27. 42. has not arisen "from any improper management, or excess "in that year, upon an average with the "Accounts of the Year preceding, but that it "originated in the high price unavoidably "paid when the Stock of Liquor in the "market was low, and the demand proportionably "increased in consequence of the intended "Expedition against the Mauritius, and by "the Company having sent out a considerable "quantity of Rum from England that year "which the Agent was obliged to receive at the "rate of about 26/ fanams per Gallon" nearly "double the average cost of Liquor for the seven Year preceeding. It therefore remains with the Board to determine, how far it may be proper to recommend to Government to allow of the above loss of Pagodas 22,695. 27. 42. being written off the Book for Expedition against the French Islands".

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It appears in the Agents A/c accounts that the Year 1794/5 is not the only period in which Commanding Officers have received no emolument in consequence of the increased Price of the Liquor as it is shewn by the papers delivered in by Mr. Cochrane that no destribution was made among them either in the Year 1790/1 or 1791/2, during which time the Company were engaged in a War which, by augmenting the price & and Expence, of the Liquor, appears to have prevented any surplus from remaining in the Agents hands. And Mr. Cochrane states in his letter to the Board under date 25th. September that the Arrack purchased in the year 1795/6 costs only 12. 5/6 ₱ Gallon from which circumstance, an handsom profit is likely to arise on the Sales of that year which, with the approbation of Government, may be devided among Commanding Officers, especially as they derived no advantage whatever

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Copy from the Agency during the year 1790/1 -
1791/2 and 1794/5. -

/Signed/ W. Sydenham
President of the Committee

True Copy
/Signed/ Fred. Pierce
Secy and Accomt. Military Board

Report of the Military Auditor General
on the
Accounts of the Arrack Agency for the year 1794/5
In Meeting 1st December 1796

1st After a minute examination of the accounts of the arrack agency for the year 1794/5 / referred to the late Military Auditor General / as well as due consideration of the explanations and remarks of the Agent Mr. Cochrane on the subject, in his letter to the Board under date the 26th September last, I have now the honor to report the result of my Inquiries, from which I hope a judgement may be formed that will prove satisfactory to Government. -

2d In order to comprehend a subject of such intricacy and extent it became necessary that I should investigate the Transactions of

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of the Agency from its first commencement in the year 1786 to the conclusion of 1793/4, A. comprehending 5 years of Peace, and 2 of War and from thence to ascertain to what cause the heavy loss sustained by the Company in the Accounts submitted to the Board might fairly be imputed. This Investigation I produced the following Statement.—

	For 7 Years preceding Total			Average of Annum			In the Year 1794/5		
The Quantity of Liquor purchased during the Seven Years immediately preceding 1794/5 were	10,31,426	Gallons	29	47,346	Gallons	27	1,81,797	Gallons	8
Prime Cost Pagodas	3,35,646	Pags.	5 — 74	47,949.	Pags.	18. 67	81,572	Pags.	17. 58
Commission charged	15,920	Pag.	2 — 54	2,274	Pags.	12 — 30	2399	Pags.	7 — 24
Charges Merchandize	1,01,881	Pag.	35 — 61	14,554	Pags.	23 — 49	13930	Pags.	14 — 34
Leakage	55,488	Pag.	8 — 35	7,926	Pags.	37. 16	7,328	Pags.	16. 50
Average cost of each Gallon					Fanams Cash			Fanams Cash	
					14 — 77.			28 — 57 —	

From the above Statement it is evident

1st That the quantity of Liquor purchased in 1794/5 exceeded the Average of quantity bought annually during the Seven preceding years by 34,457 Gallons, or nearly

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one fourth of the averaged annual consumption.—

2d. That the price paid for Liquor in 1794/5 exceeds the average price at which it was purchased during the seven preceding Years, in the same proportion as ten is to Seven, or 42 6/7 per Cent.—

3d. That the Commission charged by the Agent in 1794/5 if compared with the value of the Liquor purchased, or received into his Store, is considerably lower than the Average Commission charged by him during the Seven years preceding.—

4th. That the Leakage charged in 1794/5 is Pagodas 598. 20. 46. less than the same charge Averaged for the Seven preceding Years, altho' the quantity of Liquor bought and received, exceeded the quantity averaged for the same period by nearly one fourth of its amount, as stated in the first Article.—

5th. That the charges Merchandize in 1794/5, is Pagodas 624. 9. 15. less than the same charges averaged for the Seven preceding years.—

That

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6th That the loss sustained by the Company in 1794/5, did not therefore arise from any increase in the expence of managing the concern. —

3 It appears from referring to the original Invoices of the Arrack purchased at Bengal and Bombay, that the Agents employed by Mr Cochrane charge a Commission of 5 per Cent on the Quantity purchased and that Mr Cochrane charges also a Commission of 5 per Cent upon the total cost of the Liquor when it arrives at Madras, whereas the Regulations for this Department allow him only Commission on the prime cost of the Purchases which in the year 1794/5 would have amounted to Pagodas 2698. 8. 16. But as Mr Cochrane has charged his Commission for that year on the Average price of the Liquor of the year preceding or 12. 11 2/10 per Gallon, and not on the actual cost, this mode of calculation reduces it to Pagodas 2399. 7. 24. so that the Company are in fact gainers by this mode of calculation tho' it may be

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considered irregular from a reference to the Terms of the Agency —

4th. Since therefore it appears that the Loss sustained by the Company of Pagodas 22,695. 27. 42. for the year 1794/5. has not arisen from any improper management or excess of Charge, in that year upon an Average with the Accounts of the years preceding but that it has originated in the high Price unavoidably paid when the Stock of Liquor in the market was low and the demand proportionably encreased in consequence of the intended Expedition against the Mauritius, and by the Company having sent out a large Quantity of Rum from England that year, which was received by the Agent at the rate of about 26½ fanams per Gallon it will rest with the Board to determine how far it may be right to recommend to Government to allow of the above Loss being written off to the Head of Expedition against the French Islands, but I think it proper at the same time to submit

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submit to the consideration of the Board, the following Paragraph of the late military Auditor Generals minute of the 2d June last.—

5th "If it is to be considered under "the existing Regulations for the Agency, that "the Company is not to suffer any loss, while "at the same time the Commanding Officers of "Stations are to receive the amount of whatever "profits may arise, it should also follow, that "the Loss arising on the Agency for any one "year should be made up by an appropriation "to the Company of the profits of the first year "in succession, in which again shall appear "after the year in which a loss has been "sustained; this however is not regulated "as has already been observed, but on the "contrary, an annual appropriation of the "profits to the Commandants of Stations is "expressly directed."—

6th It appears in the Agents accounts that the year 1794/5 is not the only period in which Commanding Officers have received no emolument in consequence

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of the increased price of the Liquor, as it is shewn by the papers delivered in by Mr. Cochrane that no Distribution was made among them either in the year 1790/1 or 1791/2, during which time the Company were engaged in a War, which, by augmenting the price and expence of the Liquor, appears to have prevented any surplus from remaining in the Agents' Hands; and Mr. Cochrane states in his letter to the Board under date 21st. September, that the Arrack purchased in the year 1795/6 costs only 12. 59. per Gallon, from which circumstance a considerable profit is likely to arise on the Sales of the Liquor, which may either be carried to the credit of the Company, in liquidation of the heavy loss of the preceding year, or divided among the Officers in consideration of their not having received any advantage for that year as Government may think proper.

7 With respect to the Terms upon which the Agency has been conducted, as well as to ascertain whether it may not be established

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on a better footing in future I propose that a Committee of the Board shall be appointed to go fully into the Subject, and having before them the aggregate Accounts of the Agency from its commencement, with such information as I have been able to obtain on my enquiring they will have no difficulty, I presume, in suggesting such Regulations for the approbation of the Board and Government as may possibly be thought to embrace the objects desired 1st of having a sufficient quantity of good and wholesome Liquor always in Store 2d That the Soldiers shall be supplied with a limited quantity at a reasonable price; and 3d That as the Company expect to reap no gain as they should be secured, as much as possible against the chance of incurring any loss all which matters, I apprehend will fall properly under the consideration of the Committee, which I may be appointed to enter into the Investigation of, and to report upon, this important Subject.—

Signed/ W. Sydenham
Milty Aud. General

True Copy
Signed/ Fred. Pierce
Secy & Acct. Milty Board

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Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Military Board

The Board have paid particular attention to the proceeding of the committee of the Military Board upon the subject of the arrack agency; and entirely approve the principle and the regulations which they have recommended for bringing that department under check and control

Resolved that the regulations suggested by the military board be established and put in force from the 1st. Instant.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

From the Military Board—opinion on Lieutenant Colonel Anderson's contingent charges—requests authority to entertain additional Writers, recommend additional allowance for Stationary &c to officer Commanding Companies and Detachments of Artillery—Bill for Repairs executed at the Mount recommended for Payment

On receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 4th. Instant, enclosing for our consideration and report thereon, an address from Lieutenant Colonel Anderson to the late Commander in Chief, accompanying a Contingent charge for marching the 2d. Battalion of the 10th. Regement from Seringapatam to the Presidency, We called upon that Officer for authenticated Copies

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of any Orders or Instructions from whatever Authority
derived, or however communicated with respect to
the March of that Corps, or disposal of the S.
Sick thereof, under which She might have P.
acted on the occasion; and it appearing to us
from a Letter and Papers transmitted in P.
consequence by Lieutenant Colonel Anderson
to our Secretary, that he did bring forward the
Sick of his Corps notwithstanding he received
intimation from the Commanding Officer of P.
the District that the Sick, or any other P.
incumbrances to his march, would be received
and taken care of at Vizagapatam and was
further informed by him at a subsequent P.
period that as the Sick of the Corps appeared
to be so very numerous he thought the sending
them to Vizagapatam would be for the good of
the Service, especially as no Surgeon could be
spared to attend his March; and it appearing
likewise to our Board that even supposing the
removal of the Sick to have been necessary
Lieutenant Colonel Anderson was not P.
warranted in hiring Conveyance for them

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which by the Rules of the Service should be furnished only by the Pay Master, or Deputy Agent for Carriage; and that in any event, he should not have taken any steps for that purpose without having previously obtained the Sanction of a superior Authority - We cannot therefore recommend to your Lordship the payment of the Contingent charge said to be incurred on that account - With respect however, to the charge for Boat hire, and Guides, as the severity of the Weather might have rendered it necessary to give the People employed an extraordinary Reward, We are induced to recommend to your Lordship in Council that the amount of those charges Viz. Pagodas Fs. 39. 10. may be admitted under the affirmation upon Honor prescribed in such Cases by Government. -

It being our intention to defer addressing your Lordship on the Subject of an increase to our Secretary's Salary and Office Establishment, until We shall have had

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had the honor to lay before Government the
whole of the new Regulations now under P
consideration, when your Lordship, from P
having before you the entire Duty resulting
there from to the Military Board Office
will be the better enabled to determine
on an adequate Salary and Office Establish-
-ment, We in the mean time beg leave to
solicit the sanction of Government for our
authorizing a Charge from the 1st Instant
for such additional Writers as may be P
indispensably necessary to prevent the
business of the Office from falling to any
considerable extent in Arrear, which, from
its great increase in consequence of the P
introduction of the new System for the P
Ordnance and Store Departments, must P
otherwise unavoidably happen. –

We are to acknowledge
the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter
of the 3d Instant, with accompanying P
Letter, and enclosure, from the Commandant
of Artillery and have in consequence the

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Honor to state to Your Lordship that the Pay Tables in regard to Working Money are conformable to the existing Regulations, which only admit of Working Money being drawn for Lascars conditionally; and that the Pay Tables, as arranged, can have no tendency to alter the Rank of any Individual in the Army — also, that as the aggregate of a Company of Artillery and three Companies of Gun Lascars, appear to exceed that of one Company of European, and one of Native, Infantry, in addition to the circumstance of the former being liable to be distributed through the Line on Field Service, We accordingly recommend that an Allowance equal to that of a Pay Hawaldar be granted to each Company of Gun Lascars, and One Pagoda, instead of half a Pagoda, for Stationary for every three Companies of Gun Lascars, to which Allowance is to include a provision for Detachments. —

We would likewise recommend that for a Detachment of European Artillery composed

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composed of Details from different Companies, P
and amounting to the fixed Establishment of a
Company, the Officer in Command shall be entitled
to draw the Allowance for Stationary granted
to a Company, and further that, for a Detachment
equal to half a Company of Artillery as composed
the Officer in charge shall be permitted to draw
twelve (12) fanams Monthly on the same Account.-

The accompanying Bill, P
amounting to Pagodas 524. 41. 65, for Repairs
executed at St Thomas's Mount under the Superin-
tendence of Colonel Kent having been laid before
Us by the Chief Engineer, and the prescribed P
Affirmation being affixed thereto, We do Ourselves
the Honor to recommend that it may be accordingly
discharged.-

We have the Honor to be
Sir &c &c
Signed Geo. Harris
Patrick Ross
W Sydenham
Jno Richardson
BJ Close
George Hall

Fort St. George
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The Board are fully sensible

Minute thereon of the great increase of business in the office of the military Board, and readily authorize to pass several charges for additional writers as may be found indispensably necessary.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

From the Military Board enclosing a List of Rates at which Mr Lyt proposes to make up the Clothing according to the improved Musters submitted by him of the new and new Regulations under the Heads of Gun Powder annual Practice and Field Service Bills of the Gun Carriage Contractor recommended for Payment.—

Having received communication of a Letter of the 10th Instant from Mr Secretary Webbe to Mr Lyt on the subject of some improvements in the Clothing of the European and Native Infantry proposed since the Publication of the Advertisement for Clothing the Honorable Company's Troops for the year 1797; accompanied by a Statement from Mr Lyt of rates at which he engages to provide the Clothing according to the improved pattern of each Rank, and having every reason to believe from the most minute enquiries on the Subject, that the rates submitted by Mr Lyt are moderate, more especially as

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it appears on comparison that they are
under those at which the Clothing was lately
made up by Mr. Doring. We are induced, in
consideration thereof, as well as on account of the
very great superiority of the proposed Clothing
both in appearance, and real comfort, of the
Troops, over any that has hitherto been supplied
to forward herewith the rates given in by Mr.
Lyn, together with those of Mr. Doring, and
to recommend to Your Lordship in Council
that the same may be adopted, and that
the necessary alteration be accordingly
made in the Contract.—

We do ourselves the
honor to lay before your Lordship the 8th
10th and 13th Section of the proposed
Regulations for the Ordnance and Store
Departments under the Heads of "Gun Powder"
"Annual Practice and Exercise" — and
"Field Service" — the former of which, We
beg leave to observe to Your Lordship, is
framed upon the principle laid down
in Government's Letter of the 12th Ultimo

For

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for the line of duty of the Superintendent of Naval Manufacture. –

The Agent to the Gun Carriage & Contractors having transmitted to us the accompanying Bill, amounting to Pag.ˢ 2220 – for articles of Military Store delivered by them into the Arsenal, and which, on examination by a Committee of our Board have been found to be in every respect fit for the Public Service, We in consequence do ourselves the honor to recommend that the same may be passed for payment. –

We have the Honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Geo. Harris

Patrick Ross

W.ᵐ Sydenham

Jn.ᵒ Richardson

B.ʲ Close

George Hall

Lieut

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List of Rates submitted to the Military Board by Mr Lysaght for providing the Clothing of the European, and Native Infantry according to the proposed patterns of each Rank - together with those at which Mr Doring lately made up the Clothing of the same Ranks. —

	Rates Agreed by Mr Lysaght.		Mr Doring's Contract rates		
	P.	F.	P.	F.	C.
European Infantry - Effective					
Serjeant Major	4	"	4	22	"
Quarter master Serjeant	4	"	4	22	"
Serjeant	2	"	2	25	"
Corporal	"	43	1	25	"
Private	"	42	1	25	"
Drum and Fife major	3	"	3	5	"
Drum and Fifer	1	22 40	1	43	"
Native Infantry - Effective					
Serjeant major	4	"	4	15	"
Quarter master Serjeant	4	"	4	15	"
Serjeant	2	"	2	17	"
Subidar	4	22 40	3	10	"
Jemedar	2	11 20	1	36	"
Havildar	1	5	1	4	"
Naique	"	40	"	45	"
Sepoy	"	39	"	42	40
Drum and Fifer	1	22 40	1	26	"
Native Doctor	"	39	"	42	40
Puckalls	"	39	"	42	40
Serjeants Sash	"	22 40	"	"	"

N.B. The Hats are not included in the above prices

/Signed/ A true Copy
Fred Cubbel
Secy to Lieut. Mil Board

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Minute thereon

The Board very much approve the alterations which have been proposed for the cloathing of 1797, and among the terms upon which Mr. Lyst is willing to execute those improvements, to be extremely reasonable Resolved that the contract be drawn out conformably to the rates offered by Mr. Lyst for the improved clothing.—

Read the following Letter from the Committee appointed to adjust the accounts of the Moluccas Expedition.—

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

From the Committee for investigating the Moluccas accounts receive an application from the Admiral that they would certify the correctness of certain Bills for Provisions furnished by Lieutenant Dobbie on His Majesty's account

My Lord

We have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter addressed to us by his Excellency Rear Admiral Rainier and altho' there appeared to be no impropriety in Complying with the request contained therein, we nevertheless deem it necessary to submit it to

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to your Lordship, and to request your
Sanction for that purpose. —
We have the Honor to be
with great Respect. —
Fort St. George
23.d May 1797.
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Sydenham
J. H. Skardon
Robert Woolf

To Major General Sydenham
Mess.rs J. H. Skardon
and
Robert Woolf —
appointed to investigate the Accounts of the
Moluccca Expedition

Gentlemen,

As there will considerable
difficulty arise to the Public Officers in
England, in adjusting the Accounts for the
Stores and Provisions purchased by my Orders
in China, for His Majesty's, and the Honble
Company's Services conjointly, by Lieutenant
Dobbie then Commanding His Majesty's
armed Brig Amboina, from the Merchant
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for the said Purchases not being properly & discriminated as regarding to each office, & Lieutenant Dobbie having supposed this & Government was to have been the principals in Order to simplify and render the Accounts of this transaction the more easy I have to request you will Certify at the bottom of each of the Bills made out for Stores Provisions &c. supplied on account of & His Majesty from the aforesaid purchases that it appears to you upon examination that the quantity mentioned in the said Bill has been furnished on His & Majesty's account and that the prices charged therein are at the rate which the Honble Company have paid for the part they have received thereof the same I have to request may be certified at the bottom of the Bill for Live Stock furnished to His Majesty from Mr. Shaw's Return.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed/ Peter Rainier

Victorious Madras Road
May 23d 1797

A true Copy
Signed/ W. Sydenham
Secrt. of the Committee

Resolved

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Minute thereon

Resolved that the committee be authorized to comply with the request of his Excellency the Admeral —

Read the following letter from Mr. Valentine Conolly —

To Josiah Webbe Esq.

Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Superintendant of the Lunatic Hospital requesting that Government will execute Indentures for the use of the Lunatic Hospital for two years at the monthly rent of 250 Pagodas. —

The Hon.ble the Court of Directors having, in their General Letters of the 6th of May 1795 and the 17th of February 1796, given their full and unqualified approbation to the measures adopted by Government for the establishment of an Hospital at the Presidency for Insane Persons, I beg leave to request that a Lease may be executed, in conformity with the resolutions communicated to me in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 6th of November 1793. —

When the Hospital was ready for the reception of Patients the Right Hon.ble the President in Council was pleased at the recommendation of the Medical Board, to direct that a monthly allowance

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allowance of 250 Pagodas should be granted me in consideration of the money I had expended, of the Expences attending the P necessary Repairs, and of the personal duty which would be required of me some time after finding that the accommodations were not sufficient for the number of Patients admitted, I built several rooms and, in order to secure them from the possibility of impertinent access, I surrounded the House P with another wall — These additions and improvements have been effected at an expence of three thousand Pagodas, without any claim having been preferred on my P part for a further allowance, and are now mentioned, not with a view to remuneration but to shew that I have not relaxed in Zeal and Exertions to render the institution as perfect as my means and ability would admit —

It is with peculiar P pleasure I have to add that the expectations which were formed of its success have been fully

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fully realized, and its utility ascertained &
in the discharge of a great comparative &
number of Persons perfectly recovered from
situations the most hopeless and deplorable
The Buildings being now
completely finished I request that the &
Term of the Lease may commence from
this date, and that the article of personal
duty may be omitted as in the event of ill
Health or other circumstances requiring &
my return to Europe, the insertion of it
might give rise to litigation and doubts &
regarding the value of the property which
I have embarked in the undertaking. -

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signed C. Conolly
Surgeon

Fort St. George
13th May 1797

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Ordered accordingly that
a lease agreeably to this request be granted
to Mr Conolly. -

Read

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Read the following Letter from
Lieutenant John Gourlay.—
To Jos. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir

From Lieutenant Gourlay declines making the apology to the Militabry Auditor General in the Manner directed by Government

I am answer to your letter of the 17th. instant I have only to say, that I am sorry I cannot comply with the request of Government on this occasion, farther than I have already done.—

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) John Gourlay
Lieut. Artillery.

St. Thomas's Mount
20th. May 1797.

Resolved that Lieutenant

Lieutenant Gourlay suspended the Service for Disrespect to the Office of the Military Auditor General and Disobedience of the order of the Government

John Gourlay of the artillery be suspended from the service untill the pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known, for disrespect to the office of the military auditor General and for disobedience of the order of Government.—

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following minute.—

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The Commander in Chief's Minute relative to the former Services and general good Conduct of Subadar Shaik Ibrahim recommends that he be readmitted into the Service. —

Such Information regarding the former Character of Shaik Ibrahim late subadar in the 35th Battalion has been laid before the Commander in Chief as to induce him to recommend to the Board that he be placed on the Pension list. —

Tho it appears that the Subadar fully merited that punishment of dismission which General Stuart thought proper to inflict upon him — yet his former Services are of a nature which give him a claim to consideration and mercy — many respectable Officers have given the strongest testimonials both to his general and particular Conduct during a very long course of Service among other gallant actions which he has performed there are two which drew the Commander in Chiefs attention 1st His returning after a storming Party was repulsed

from

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from a Fort to the Southward, during P
Hyders War to bring off his Captain
who had fallen mortally wounded P
in the Breach in which brave P
attempt he succeeded.—

2.dly His Surmising the date at P
the second Seige of Pondicherry P
the Commander in Chief has P
been particular in relating these
Circumstances as he assures the P
Board such pretensions alone P
could induce him to recommend P
to their favor a man in Shaike P
Straheins predicament.—

Resolved in P

consideration of the former gallant

and meritorious conduct of P

Shaik Straheim, late Subadar

of

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Subadar Shaik Ibrahim readmitted into the Service

of the 25th Battalion Native Infantry/ that he be reappointed a Supernu-

-merary Subadar upon the establish-

-ment from 1st June 1797 -

The Commander in

Chief recommends that Captain Burrows

be permitted to resign the adjutancy

Cornet Monteath appointed adjutant to the 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry vice Burrows permitted to resign. -

of the 1st Regiment of Native/ Ca-

valry, and that Cornet Monteath

be appointed adjutant vice /

Burrows

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Lieutenant P. Joyes permitted to resign the adjutancy of the 1st Battalion 3d Regiment Native Infantry. —

The Commander in Chief also recommends that Lieutenant P. Joyes be permitted to resign the adjutancy of the 1st Battalion 3d Regiment Native Infantry. —

Agreed to and ordered to be published in general orders. —

Deputy Commissary Franks to do Duty at the Presidency until further orders.

The President proposes that Mr. Franks be appointed deputy commissary of Stores at Arnee and to do duty at the Presidency until further orders. —

Agreed to and ordered

Medical

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Resolutions by Government

24th May 1797.

Medical Board.

19th May 1797.

From the Medical Board, Head Surgeon Watson requests permission to visit the Presidency Mr Bullman recommended to do duty with the 6th Regiment Native Infantry Sub Assistant Paschal at the Presidency & Sub Assistant Patterson at Vellore

Permission granted.

Mr. Watson, Head Surgeon at Vellore, requests permission to visit the presidency for a few days on his private Concerns, which we recommend may be granted, as he has obtained the sanction of the Commanding Officer, and the duties of the station will be performed by Mr Wise during his absence.—

We recommend that Mr. William Robert Bulman Assistant Surgeon, be appointed to do duty with the 6th Regement of Native Infantry.—

approved

We recommend that Jacob Paschal, Sub Assistant Surgeon, be appointed to do duty at the Presidency General Hospital and Thomas Patterson Sub Assistant Surgeon at the General Hospital Vellore in his room.

approved

/Signed/ Jas. Anderson

Physician general

Wm Kaine

Chief Surgeon

Ordered

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A further advance of Cash ordered to be made from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General

Ordered that a further advance of three thousand two hundred and Ninety (3290) Pagodas be made from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of disbursements payable in the present Month—

" Hobart

" Geo: Harris

" Con Saunders

"

" E Wallscield

John Tunin

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Diary

23. Received the letter from the Nabob entered in

Substance of a letter from the Nabob. C C. N°. 57 enclosing papers transmitted to His Highness from Nellore, containing charges of a very serious Nature against the Commandant Captain N. Forbes, and requesting that that Officer may be removed from his Command.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters

entered in W3 Nos. 135. 136.

To Mr. Roebuck informing him that

To the Military Paymaster General P. 3290 will be issued from the Treasury on account of the additional Estimate accompanying his Letter of the 18th Instant

To Major General Sydenham referring

To the Military Auditor General for examination Mr. Skardon's Estimate of Cash for the ensuing Month.

24. Received the undermentioned Letters

mentioned in W3 Nos. 137. 138.

From Messrs. Parry Garrow & Co. claiming

From the Owners of the Ship Mary payment of 500 Pagodas on account of Demurrage due to the Ship Mary.

From Mr. Eilbracht returning thanks

From the late Governor at Pulicat for the Board's attention in ordering the Sentries taken from

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from his House to be replaced

Sent the following Letters

To Major General Doyle

Commanding the Troops on Ceylon

Sir,

To Major General Doyle desiring Enquiry to be made into the Merits of the Petition presented by Sawmy Chitty relative to his Demands upon Major Bowser

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to transmit to you the accompanying Copy of a Petition addressed to His Lordship by one Sawmy Chitty a Merchant at Nagore, together with a Copy of a Letter, on the same subject, received from Major Bowser - His Lordship desires you will cause an Enquiry to be made into the subject, and submit to Government such Information as may enable them to judge how far the Petitioner has any just cause of Complaint. -

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I have the honor to be,
&c &c
Sign'd J. Webbe Sec.y to Govt.

To the Honorable Jonathan Duncan

To the Committee of the Bombay Government at Tellicherry enclosing Packet received from England and Bengal

Governor in Council of Bombay at Tellicherry

Honorable Sir,

We forward to you, enclosed, a Packet just

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24th just received from the Secret Committee of the Honorable Court of Directors by the Zephyr, one of the Extra Ships which left London on the 10th December.—

We also enclose a Letter to your address received yesterday from the Governor General in Council.

We have the Honor to be,

Fort St. George
24th May 1797

&c &c
Signed Hobart
&c Council

To the Honorable Jonathan Duncan
and
Lieutenant General Stuart
at Tellicherry

Gentlemen,

To the Committee of the Bombay Government at Tellicherry acknowledging their Letter of the 3 Instant.—

We have had the honor to receive your letter of the 3. Instant with its enclosures, and hope that the measures you are pursuing will speedily be the means of restoring tranquility on the Malabar Coast.—

We have the honor to be,

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24th May 1797

&c &c
Signed Hobart
&c Council

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Nq

To Alexander Macleod Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

To the Resident at Tanjore the Nabob having declined the proffered Mediation of the Company's Government on the adjustment of Warriore-pollam &c. Disputes, the Board are unable to take any steps in regard to the Petition received on the part of the Warriorepollam and Terriore Poligars.-

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 16th Instant inclosing Copy of an address to you from Warriorpollam Polygar.-

The Mediation of this Government was some time since offered to his Highness the Nabob for an adjustment of the unhappy discretions which have so long prevailed in his Southern Provinces. but as His Highness has declined all interference on the part of the Company, the Detachment under the Command of Major Cuppage has been recalled, and it becomes impossible for his Lordship in Council to interfere farther at present for the adjustment of these disputes.-

I have also received your letter of the 12th Instant in consequence of which the Commanding Officer at Tanjour has been called upon for an explana-tion of his Conduct.- I have the honor to be,

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24th May 1797.

Sir &c &c

Signed J. Webbe Jr. to Govt.

Received

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Received the following Letters.-

J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts halts his Detachment, in consequence of Instructions received from Captain Kirkpatrick.-

I have the honor to inclose for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council Copies of Letters of Correspondence between the Acting Resident at his Highness the Nizam's Court and myself. When I receive further Instructions with respect to the march of the Detachment under my Command I shall without delay communicate it to the Right Honorable the President in Council.-

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Camp near Hydrabad
16th May 1797.

Lyney George Roberts
Lieut Col.

Lieutenant Colonel Roberts

Commanding the Ellore Detachment

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will send a small Guard with a Shroff to the Gardens tomorrow morning, for the purpose of receiving nine thousand one hundred and thirty five Rupees, for the use of the Detachment under

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under your Command.—

Resident Gardens
1st May 1797.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick

Lieutenant Colonel J. Roberts
Commanding the Ellore Detachment

Sir,

His Highness the Nizam having signified to me his wish that a sufficient Guard of Sepoys of the Detachment under your Command should be detached towards Nelgunda for the purpose of receiving and escorting hither Treasure to the amount of thirty one thousand Rupees, I have accordingly the honor to desire that you will be pleased to send to the Residency House this Evening, in order to their being furnished with the necessary Instructions, such party of Sepoys under the Command of one or more Native Officers as you may deem sufficient for the duty to be allotted to them.

As part of the Sum in question is said to be deposited at a place one days March from

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from Nelgondah, there will perhaps be a necessity for a Detachment from the party, proceeding thither in quest of it. I have likewise the honour to desire that you will send in a small Guard with shroffs this Evening for the purpose of taking charge of twenty two thousand seven hundred and thirteen Rupees odd anas for the use of the Detachment under your Command.—

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Hyderabad
6. May 1797.

/ Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Lieutenant Colonel Roberts
Commanding the Ellore Detachment

Sir

I have to request you will send a Guard to the Gardens to receive charge of 8000 Rupees for the use of the Detachment under your Command.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble Servant

Hyderabad
13th. May 1797.

/ Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant
Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Roberts

Commanding the Ellore Detachment

Sir,

His Highness the Nizam having signified to me his determination of dismissing the Detachment under your Command with a view to the accommodation of the Company, You will accordingly be pleased to hold it in readiness to proceed immediately to the Company's Territories on further notice from me.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Hyderabad
15. May 1797.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick

Acting Resident at his Highness the Nizam's Court

Sir,

Agreeable to your desire I have the honor to send an Havildar Naigue and eight Sepoys with a Shroffs to receive the Rupees mentioned in your letter of yesterday.—

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Camp near
Hyderabad
2. May 1797.

(Signed) George Roberts Lieut Col

Captain

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Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick

&c &c

Sir,

Agreeable to your directions I send one Subidar one Jemidar three Havildars three Naigs and forty Sepoys for the purpose of escorting the Treasure from Nelgundah and to receive the necessary Instructions from you for their Guidance. I have also the honor to send one Havildar one Naigue and eight Sepoys with Shroffs to receive the Cash for the use of the Detachment.

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Camp near Hyderabad 6th May 1797.

/Signed/ George Roberts

Lieut Colo

Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick

&c &c &c

Sir,

an Havildar Naigue and eight Sepoys accompanying this to take charge of the eight

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eight thousand Rupees mentioned in your letter of yesterday's date for the use of the Detachment.—

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

(Signed) George Roberts
Lieut. Colo.

Camp near Hyderabad
14th May 1797.

Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick

&c &c &c

Sir,

I was last Night favored with your Letter of the 15th instant every thing is ready for Marching at the shortest Notice except the Bullocks which will require two or three days to send for and bring in.—

I could wish to be informed whether I am to take the Guns, Ammunition, and Stores with me or leave them for Major Hyndman's Detachment; if the latter, if a Guard and of what strength you would wish to have left with them, as from the scarcity and difficulty of procuring forrage for Cattle

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Cattle here, I think it would be more expedient not.
to order to Camp more than may be required for our
March. —

Camp near
Hyderabad
16th May 1797.

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) George Roberts
Lieut. Col.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General — referring Captain Corners appeal from retrenchments made in his accounts as Paymaster in the Barramaul

1 At the request of Captain Charles Corner acting Paymaster in the Barramaul, I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship the enclosed letter No 5 with enclosures from No 1 to 4 inclusive, on the subject of Retrenchments, confirmed on Reaudit, of unauthorized charges in the Pay Department, and for Candles and Oil for the Paymasters' Office from may to September 1796. amounting together to Pagodas. 223. 16. 40. —

2 Captain Corner having in his letter entered into a particular detail of the reasons which have induced the continuation of those charges,

and

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and having in further support thereof transmitted Copies of Correspondence /No. 3/ with a view to establish the — necessity of his present Office Establishment, it becomes my duty to state for your Lordships' Information on this subject, that when the first accounts of Mr. Hughes Paymaster in the Baramaul /viz.t July 1792/ were received in the Office of Audit, it appeared that he had — charged for his Office Servants Pagodas 153..22..40 of which sum there was admitted Pagodas 150..22..40 the difference of Pagodas 3 being retrenched as an Overcharge in the pay of Shroffs at Kistengherry and Sankledroog. The late Military Auditor General taking into — Consideration the difficulty of obtaining people properly qualified to execute the duties of a Pay Office, for a situation entirely new, and so distant from the Presidency, admitted the whole sum charged by the Paymaster with the trifling exception before mentioned, and the same was continued to be drawn until January 1794, at which period an encrease of Pagodas 43 appeared in the Pay Office Establishment without any previous Communication with the Military Auditor General, to shew the necessity of such additional charge. It was

consequently

24. consequently retrenched, nor can I ascribe its being made to any other cause than the publication of a Government Order under date the 7th December 1793, directing the Individual Receipts of all Official Servants to be transmitted with the Paymasters accounts as the only Vouchers upon which their Pay would be admitted, from which circumstance the Paymaster was probably induced to believe that provided he forwarded the Vouchers required, he had the power of augmenting his Establishment at discretion. -

3 The statement enclosed by Captain Corner No 4/ shews an encrease in the amount of his monthly Disbursements which he considers, but which I cannot admit, to be a criterion upon which his Office Establishment ought to depend, the number of abstracts for Corps and Departments detailed at length in the accounts Disbursements appears to me to be the fairest mode of determining its extent, on this ground, and with a particular view to the encrease of the number of abstracts in consequence of the System lately established for the payment of the Troops. I am humbly of opinion, that Pagodas 154 ₱ Month is sufficient for

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for the whole of the Pay Office Establishment in the — ceded Districts; and this opinion I mean to repeat in the detail of Establishments which I shall shortly have the honor to suggest for the future conduct of the Pay Depart= =ment in general.—

4 Captain Corner Observe has in his — Statement No 4 brought into comparison the amount charged for Servants in the Grain Department in 1793 with those of the Current year, in order to shew how much the former exceeds the latter and to give him a claim to public consideration, in answer to which it is proper for me to remark, that in the year 1793 besides the fixed Establishment stated by Captain Corner, many Extra charges were incurred for Servants on account of laying up Considerable Quantities of Grain in store at the different Stations in the Baramaul at that period but this being accomplished in December 1793, the charges were in the following month voluntarily reduced by the Deputy Commissary — N. Rs Rughes to Pagodas 111, which sum was conti= =nued until July 1794, when the Deputy Commissa= =ry having taken upon himself to encrease it 8 Pagodas P. month the difference has been — uniformly

24th uniformly retrenched, as not having been sanctioned by authority or any satisfactory reason given for such an encrease.-

5 The charge for Candles and Oil for the use of the Pay Office, was retrenched because it had not been sanctioned by proper authority, and because on a reference made by the late Military Auditor General on a similar charge, in the accounts of Mr. Edward Garrow Paymaster at Trichinopoly, Government decided that it was inadmissible.-

6 Besides the Explanation which I have given on the points under reference in Communication with the letter of the acting Paymaster, it may also appear deserving of notice, that Captain Corner admits that the Establish=ment allowed is sufficient, by his proposition of discontinuing the writers &c. employed at Salem at 41 Pagodas pr Month and to pay this station from Kistnagherry, which may be effected without prejudice to the public service, the distance as well as the consequent expence

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which he states of Batta to Guards being very inconsi-
derable it rests with your Lordship to determine how
far his plea, that he only continued the same —
Establishment which had been handed over to him
by his predecessor, with an assurance that it was —
indispensibly necessary for carrying on the Duties of
the Pay Department is entitled to favorable —
Consideration, added to his affirmation, that the
sums charged were actually and bonafide disbursed,
at the same time it is but a justice due to —
Captain Corner to state, that he has always —
executed the duties of his Department with —
punctuality and attention. —

I have the honor to be,

with great respect

W. S.

Sign'd W. Sydenham

Mil'y and Gen'l

Military
Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
23. May 1797.

Extract

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24. Extract of Retrenchments from the Disburse=
=ments of Captain Charles Corner, Acting Paymaster
in the Barramahal &c. Districts in May 1796/7
On Account of Expences 1796/7.

	P. F. C.	P. F. C.
The Paymaster Charges for Office Servants in April, at		
Kistengherry	Ps 109. —	
Rycottah	7. 22.40	
Penagra	7. 22.40	
Sankerry Droog	7. 22.40	
Salem	41. — —	
Athoor	7. 22.40	
Namcul	7. 22.40	
	Pagodas.	185. 112.40
Admitted the Charge formerly made by the Paymaster, for Office Establish=ment at the above Stations in 1793/4. and passed in the account		150. 22.40
and the Overcharge is Retrenched		35. 90. —
Total Pagodas		35. 90. —

A true Extract
Signed C. Corner
Act. J. Pay.r

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Fort St. George, May 11th 1797.

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Extract of Retrenchments from the Disbursements of Captain Charles Corner, acting Paymaster in the Barramahal &c. Districts in May 1796, on account of Expences 96/7.

The Paymaster draws Candles, Oil &c. for the Office use Pagodas		9. 22. 40.
Inadmissible, nothing of this nature can be allowed unless sanctioned by Authority	Retrenched	9. 22 40
	Pagodas	9. 22 40

A true Extract

Signed C. Corner

Acty. Paymaster

Benjamin

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Benjamin Roebuck Esq.

Military Paymaster General

Fort St. George

Sir,

The extent of Country thro' which the Paymasters of the Ceded Districts north of the Cawary has to disburse the Pay of the troops, demanding a larger Establishment perhaps than others, I haste to lay before You an Estimate of the charges for Servants &c. at the different Garrisons which I request you will do me the favour to lay before Government and obtain its Sanction for the Expenditure.

The rates of Pay expressed in the — estimate for the writers are some what larger than in the Pay Offices in the Carnatic, tho' less than the — Pay of writers employed in the Revenue Department in these Districts less in the general proportion of the Establishment than what I have understood Govern- =ment have been pleased to allow. the Paymaster at Vellore, who has six stations only, and those not half the distance from each other; or from the

Paymasters

24th

Paymasters place of residence, that the Garrisons in these Districts are, which are ten in number and Comprehend a Circuit of near four Hundred miles. -

The prejudices Madras people have against this Country cannot be overcome but by paying them, and they well knowing that Offices of accounts regarding Natives cannot be conducted directly without their Assistance, take pretty good care to make their own terms. In comparison with the pay they would receive at Madras, what they get here appears exhorbitant, but when Compared with the Pay granted to the writers under the Revenue Department in these — Districts of Rupees 110. 90. 80. 60. and so in proportion to the ability of the individual, the charge does not appear unreasonable. -

An objection may perhaps be made to the allowance I propose to the head Servant at Salem, I must observe this man is intrusted with near 7000 Pagodas ₱ month to pay the abstracts of the Southern Garrisons Namcul, Attoor, Salem and Sanklydroog and Hope I may be allowed particularly to request this Salary, conceiving with natives we — should

24th Should regard the responsibility of their situation and make the pay in some degree adequate thereto, The allowance for Palanquin Boys I also hope will be allowed, since he acts as Overseer of the different Offices to the southward, and the allowance above recommended, without Government may be pleased to make this Addition, would not be adequate to his necessary Expences. –

The allowance for a Conicoply as I understand, is only half the expence allowed by Government to the Paymaster at Vellore; I trust will also be allowed, that for the Shorroff is greater than the Carnatic rates but not more than allowed in the other Department of Govern=ment in these Districts, the allowances to those in the Revenue Department being pr month Rupees thirty /30/–

In transmitting the Estimate to Government thro' you, I have to observe I do it with a view to your making the Comparison with that Establishment Mr Hughes deemed absolutely necessary, and the charges for which he has regularly entered in his Accounts, that Your observations may strengthen my application.

I beg to assure you that with an Establish=ment less than what I now propose, business cannot be Conducted with precision and exactness, I have rather

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lessened than increased the Expence, Charged by Mr Hughes in reducing the Pay of a Writer from 25 Pagodas to 20. I could have wished to have allowed it, as it would have been the means of exciting emulation, to excel amongst the Writers in as much as it would have taught them to look for more than they at present receive.-

I have been compelled to purchase such Paper as I could meet with here for the use of the Office- Mr Hughes not leaving a quire, his expence having much exceeded his Indent, as a means of obviating future a difficulty I beg to be permitted to purchase China or Country Stationary for the immediate use of the Office as it may be wanted-

I beg to request you would be so obliging as to lay this letter before Government so soon as possible that I may have authority for making such charge as I have estimated

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24th estimated to be absolutely necessary in this Depart=
=ment it being my Particular wish to make none
without authority. —

I have the honor to be,

W. W.

Sig.d T. B. Hurdis

Act.g Paymaster

Kistengerry
June 13. 1795

Benjamin Roebuck Esq.r

Military Paymaster General

Fort St. George

Sir,

I had the pleasure of informing you —
under date 13th June that I was Compelled to purchase
paper such as I could procure for the use of the —
Office W.m Hughes not leaving me any, and I
requested at the same time permission to purchase
what might be necessary not having received any
Answer — I again trouble you with a request that
you would forward not only this, But my letter
of the 13th June with its Accompanyments to Govern=
=ment — that its sanction may be obtained for the
proposed

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proposed Establishments and for my making these small Disbursements for Stationary &c absolutely necessary for the use of the Office.-

I enclose a Certificate of Mr. Hughes and have only to say in addition that I fear in consequence of the want of Paper for Accounts - mine will be delayed very much beyond the time of Transmission. -

Barramahal
5th July 1795

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c.
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
acting Paymaster.

Mr. T. B. Hurdis
acting Paymaster

Barramahal

Sir,

I have the honor of annexing for your information and guidance Copy of Secretary Jacksons' Letter under date the 25th ultimo on the subject of your letter

of

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24th of the 13th Instant.—

Fort St. George
2d July 1795

I am, &c &c
(Signed) B. Roebuck
Mr. P. G.

To W. Benjamin Roebuck
Military Paymaster General—

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 19th instant, and to acquaint you that untill the new regulations now under consideration for the Paymasters' Department are in force, it would be premature to pass any resolution upon the Subject brought forward by Mr. Burdis in his letter to you of the 13th instant—

I am, &c &c

Fort St. George
25th June 1795

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

A true Copy
(Signed) C. Corner Acting Paymaster

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Extract of Explanations upon Retrenchments from the Disbursements of Captain Charles Corner acting Paymaster in the Barramahal and Salem Countries for the year 1796/7.-

The Paymaster charges for Office Servants in several Stations in the Baramahal and Salem Districts for the — Months of May. June July. August. and — September 1796.-

In reply to this Retrenchment the Paymaster feels it incumbent on him to explain fully, and with candor, all the circumstances which occured upon receiving charge of the Departments of Paymaster, and Commissary of Grain, and Provisions in these Districts. -

Admitted the — charge formerly made by the Paymaster for the Office Establishment at the above stations = in the year 1793/4 and passed.

It was the first object of his care to understand from his Predecessor Mr. T. B. Hurdis, the arrange = ment which had been made of the Office Servants, on whose ability and exactness

in

passed in the accounts,
the Over Charge is —
Retrenched. —

in the several accounts
of these extensive Districts,
was to depend the —
success he looked to in
getting through his —
business, and accomplish-
=ing the desire he had,
of giving satisfaction
to his superiors. —
solicitous of approbation
for himself, Oeconomy
was not overlooked
towards the Honorable
Company, and he
consulted with his
Predecessor if it was not
possible to perform the
duties of the Station,
upon a lower Scale of
Expence, this Predecessor
declaring

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declaring in the negative,
handed the Paymaster—
Copy of Letter addressed to
the Military Paymaster
General, exhibiting the
Establishment of his—
Office Servants, with
an assurance from
experience that the
busines of the Office
could not be carried on
without it requesting
the sanction of—
Government might be
obtained for its being
admitted. No answer
being receved, a
second application—
was made, to which
A. Secretary Jackson
replyed but his—
answer neither confirming
or

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or rejecting the charge,
nothing further of course
could be urged by his
Predecessor or himself,
and it was fair to —
conclude what was not
forbid by Government
under the circumstances
stated, might be admitted.
The Paymaster has now
the honor to forward Copy
of that Correspondence,
accompanying Vouchers
and explanations No 7.

The Paymaster being
thus far informed by his
Predecessor of the necessity
of the Establishment, but
no way satisfied in regard
to its being Confirmed,
the Paymaster was —
resolved to suspend all
further

further application or representa-
tion until experience and
opportunity should afford him
the means of declaring himself,
the necessity of it.

The experience of eight
months has qualified him
to assure the Military Auditor
General, that having tried
the Office in every direction,
adverting to the Duties
required of and wages paid
to every discription of Servants,
with a strict enquiry how
far he could do without the
one, or lessen the amount of
the other, he has found it
impossible in any situation
to make any alteration
whatever. nor does he hesitate
to assure the Military
Auditor General that as he
cannot get through the
duties expected of him with

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a smaller Establishment
than the one he now draws.
for, so is he also persuaded
that to attempt any reduc=
=tion of the wages of those
he employs, he would
very soon be deprived of
the means of Complying
with the orders, and expecta=
=tions of his Superiors. The
difficulty of getting any
Servants into these Districts
qualified for an Office, has
been very great, prejudice
has been overcome only by
intreaty and emolument,
and the holding out greater
expectations has been the
only means of inducing
those Employed, to remain
The Receipts of all have
been regularly transmitted,
and the Paymaster trusts
that

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that the Military Auditor General will, when he has turned over all the Circumstances here stated, not only admit but confirm the — Charge. —

The Paymaster having drawn Candles Oil &c. for the use of the Offices at Kistenghery and Salem for the months of May, June, July, August, and September Retrenched for want of Authority. —

The Paymaster little thought of ever having occasion to offer any thing in — support of a Charge at once so moderate, and indispensible. To require Authority is just, why it has not been obtained, the Paymaster has not been able to trace. How it is to be acquired he is still to learn. He has always concluded that Candles and Oil have been allowed to every Office under this Government, and having been familiar

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familiar with Revenue accounts,
he is no stranger to the liberal
allowance made for lighting
up the Cutcharies of Collectors,
The Military Auditor General
himself in Office, will be the
Judge how far such a charge
is either necessary or Just, let the
Paymaster however take this
opportunity of assuring the
Military Auditor General
that the duties of this Office
are such, that it is impossible
to get through them but by a
regular attention both day
and night. His Office hours
are, from 8 in the Morning
till 4 in the afternoon and
from six till 9, and some
times twelve at Night without
such an application of his time
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the Paymaster could do nothing
with the Establishment he Employs,
to deprive him of the use of Candles
and Oil, and leave him only the
day to perform the duties of his Office
would require him to make out
and draw for an Establishment of
nearly double the Servants he
Employs. To provide the Articles of
Candle and Oil from the Paymaster's
Pay and Batta in order to perform
with punctuality the duties of
his Office, can never be trusts be
the Intention of Government, he
has no doubt therefore but that
what has been said will persuade
the Military Auditor General
of the necessity of the charge,
and the Paymaster takes this
opportunity of soliciting his good
Offices in obtaining from Govern=
=ment that Authority which
he desires. A true Extract
I Signed C. Cornet
Asst. Pay.
Statement

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Statements. Exhibiting also the Amount of Disbursements made

Respecting

Commissary Department

to of Capt.n C. Corner — Establishment of Mr. R. Hughes — Establishment of Capt

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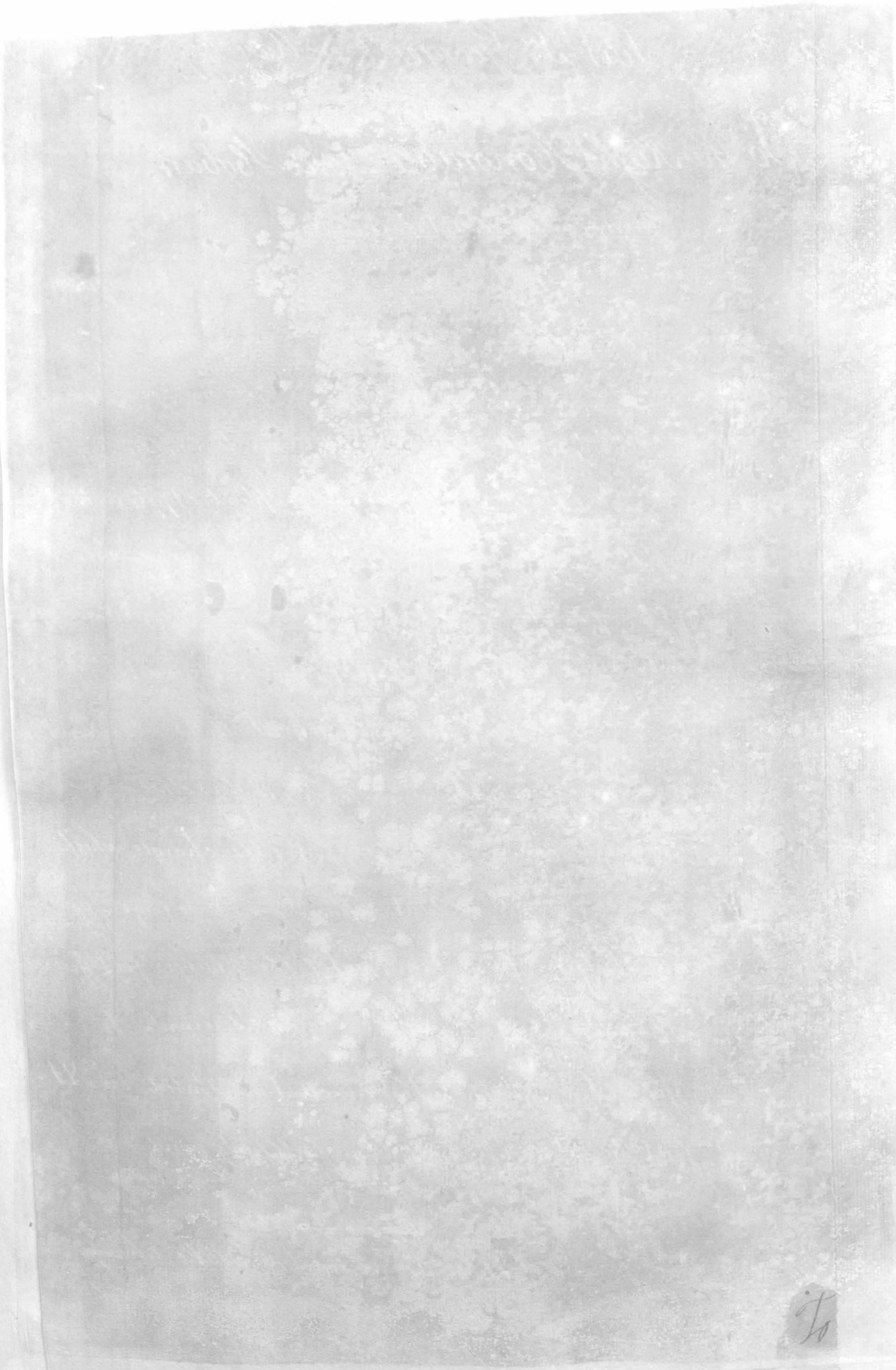
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Signed C. Corner

Acting Paymaster



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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before you Extracts of Retrenchments made on my accounts for the Months of May, June, July, August and September 1796 with my explanations upon them, which have already been laid before the Military Auditor General, but have not been considered sufficient upon a Reaudit.

In soliciting your Lordships attention to those papers, allow me to offer a few other circumstances in further support of the charges which have been made. But before I proceed to urge any thing in favor or support of the charge for Office Servants, I hold it just to declare solemnly to your Lordship, that the amount as stated in N 1 for Office Servants, has been faithfully, and unequivocally paid.

When I was directed to take charge

of

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of the Paymasters department in these Districts, the means of performing the duties of my station, were the first objects of my care. Mr. T. B. Sturdis the late acting Paymaster had already declared that it was impossible to perform the various duties of this Office upon a lower Establishment than the one he employed; that he had Mr. Hughes's opinion and his own experience to speak from, and that above all, to attempt any reduction of Pay, might not only deprive me of the immediate means of performing my duties, but throw future obstacles in the way of replacing such writers as had resolved from attachment to himself to leave the Office at that period.

A Soldier in any circumstances is seldom followed by Servants qualified for an Office, and the means of providing them are attended with obstacles that do not operate in other situations, with these apprehensions, and the declaration of a Man I had the best opinion

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24.th opinion of, I considered it imprudent to make any —
alteration whatever, untill I myself had made the
trial. — I have long been accustomed to the tools
of the desk, and have not been unwilling to afford
my best exertions whilst in this Office. with the
experience of ten months I feel no hesitation in —
assuring your Lordship, that I do not see, in what
manner, or in which situation the Establishment
can with safety be reduced. I do believe also that
to attempt any reduction of the Pay of individuals
would immediately deprive me of many Servants
in the Office. —

The Military Auditor General admits
the sum £150 Pag.s as drawn for and passed in the
accounts of W.m Hughes in 1793. It may not be —
improper to shew your Lordship a Statement N.o 4
which exhibits the charge as passed in 1793, —
and that which is objected to in 1797. But it
will not be considered unjust I hope, if I had
another Statement, which exhibits the establish-
=ment for the Commissary Department in 1793,

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24th and the one I now draw for as Commissary in 1797.

your Lordship will then perceive that the difference in the whole amount drawn for Public Servants in these Districts is little or nothing, whereas the increase of Disbursements in the Pay department is upwards of 5000 Pagodas. —

I have no writer at Kistengerry for the Commissary department, three sets of accounts for that department are made out by the Pay Office writers of Kistengherry, which consist of three Journal Parcels, three Accounts Current, and thirty General Returns. I have no assistance allowed me for the Bullock Agent department, three sets of those accounts are also made out by the Pay Office writers of Kistengerry. —

The Statement No 4 Exhibits the establishment of Servants, and amount of — Disbursements of this Office at four different periods. The first A being the one the Military Auditor General applies to, certainly did exist

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and originate with W.m Hughes, as did also the —
Second **B** why the increase of establishment was made
by W.m Hughes in January 94. I know not, from
whatever cause it was, the measure once adopted,
and continued from that period, has left it no easy
task to reduce it in 1797.

I ask pardon for the liberty I take of
prolonging this letter, by detailing to your Lordship
the duties of this Office, a Knowledge of which may
perhaps better reconcile any indulgence you may be
pleased to shew me, in the first instance for Office
Servants, and in the second for Candles and Oil. —

The Pay Abstracts of Garrisons and Corps
are coming in from the Barramahl and Salem —
Districts from the 5.th to the 6.th of each Month. Those
of the Barramahl, are examined, adjusted and paid
by the 6.th those in the Southern Districts from —
occasional references are prolonged to the 7.th or 8.th
after Examination by me, they are returned to
Commanding Officers, in order that they may —
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understand any alteration that may have been made,
They are then sent to the Office at Salem for Payment,
where they are discharged upon my separate Order.
During this period of Examining adjusting and —
paying abstracts, I have three writers employed filling
up three sets of Disbursements for the preceding month,
each set containing 50 pages of Imperial paper, comprehending
169 original Vouchers By the 10th I close my Cash accounts
for the preceding month, and on the 12th dispatch my —
Estimate and Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements,
from the 12th every man in Office is employed night and
day, filling up the Disbursements, copying, and indorsing
original Vouchers, making out three sets of accounts with
General Returns for the Commissary Department, and three sets
of accounts for the Bullock Agent department, all of which I
hope is will be allowed me is regularly dispatched on, or —
about the 23d of every month — from the 23d to the 25th my Office
accounts arrive from Salem and on the 26th I close my Cash account —
from the 26 to the 31st the —
whole are well employed, with Retrenchments, Orders —
Copying Correspondence, Country Correspondence, and a variety
of incidental occurrences which it would be impossible
to detail to be understood; from thence the work begins
again. — In being thus particular in detailing the
duties

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25. duties of Office Servants, I have not thought it necessary to detail in so particular a Manner my own Labours. — Being appointed to take charge of the departments here, I trust I have so much Credit with your Lordship, as to leave you persuaded I do not spare myself in any of the duties that fall upon me. —

Should your Lordship be of opinion that an Experiment ought to be tried, in order to reduce the Establishment, I am ready to do it in any manner you may be pleased to direct, and I hope I do no more than my duty if I suggest the one most likely to succeed, which is, to discharge the head Writer at Salem, and to make all Disbursements from the Office of Kisten=ghirry, it will make a small encrease of Batta to Guards, and occasion two or three days delay in — payment to the Southern Garrisons, but it will make a reduction of 41 Pagodas ℔ month in the Establish=ment of Servants. I recommend this measure, on account of the frequent visits I make myself to the different Garrisons, Mustering the Troops, and inspect=ing the Granaries, and because it is an arrangement that will rather increase my labours, than affect the

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duties of the Writers at Kistenghirry who have already enough to do.

The Head Writer at Salem was put in by Mr. Hughes, was continued by Mr. Hurdis and no alteration has been made in his situation by me His Excellent character, and faithful discharge of his duties, has reconciled me to the great trust I have placed in him, and I feel a concern, when motives of duty compel me to propose any measure that may affect his situation, it is the only step that can be taken, to draw to the establishment which the Military Auditor General admits, and should your Lordship approve, I am ready to adopt it.

The Retrenchment on Candles, Oil, № 2 for want of authority only, will not, I hope require so minute an explanation as that upon Offic Servants. The allowance I trust will appear to your Lordship both indispensible and moderate, the charge has been made at the lowest rate, allowing one Candle to myself and two, to four writers ℔ Day i 90 ℔ month or one Maund, at

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24 To 8 Pagodas pr Maund, by which the charge for Oil sinks to nothing. I know not why authority has not been obtained for a charge which has so long stood in this Office, I beg the favor of your Lordship now to grant it. –

Having supplied the Articles required from my own private Stock, I do not feel myself at liberty to declare how much Candle or how much Oil may stand against me, but I feel no hesitation in assuring your Lordship that it is impossible to do the duties of this Office without the use of both. –

I have the honor to be,
with the greatest respect.
&c &c
Signed C. Corner
Actg Paymaster

List of Packet

No 1 Extract of Retrenchment on Office Servants
2 Ditto . . Ditto on Candles and Oil
3 Explanations and Correspondence
4 Statement of Office Servants
5 Letter.
6 List of Packet.

Kistenghery
March 1797.

Signed C. Corner
Acting Paymaster

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General — Submitting Charges made for House Rent and Bircarrahs by Lieutenant Colonel Muat while Commanding in the Vizagapatam District and for Field Adjutants allowance by Lieutenant McDou- all a charge made on account of a Temporary Barrack at Vizagapatam for a Detachment of the 2 Regiment European Infantry also referred. —

At the desire of Lieutenant Colonel Muat, transmitted to me through the regular channel, I have the honor to submit to your Lordships' decision, the following Retrenchments of Sums drawn by himself, or under his authority while in Command of the — Vizagapatam District. —

1st. A Charge of twenty Pagodas pr. Month for House Rent from December 1795, to January 1796, which was retrenched in these words "The usual "allowance of House Rent at Out stations, Pagodas 5, "is admitted, and the overcharge of 15 Pagodas retrenched" — no other Rate being sanctioned by Government except at the Presidency, St. Thomas's Mount, and Pondicherry. —

2d. A charge of 29 Pagodas pr. Month for one Mastrie and Eleven Bircarrahs from June 1796 to January 1797, inclusive, amounting to Pagodas 237- and thirty fanams, which tho' allowed by Government to Lieutenant

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24th. Lieutenant Colonel Muat's predecessor in Command on account of the Disturbances which broke out in the Vizagapatam District, I thought it my duty to object to for the reasons assigned in the Audit (Viz. The disturbances in the Vizagapatam District appearing to have been quelled at this time, Major Muat is not considered as authorized in keeping up the above establishment of Hircarrahs, unless sanctioned by Government, the amount is therefore deemed inadmissible and retrenched. The Paymaster in explanation of this charge has forwarded to me a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Muat, stating, that although the troubles in that Country had for a short time ceased, yet, that a fresh revolt rendered the continuance of the establishment of Hircarrahs indispensibly necessary, Copy of which Letter (No. 1) as well as of one of the 18th instant addressed to me by Lieutenant Colonel Muat (No 2) I have the honor to enclose, in order that your Lordship may be enabled to judge, how far the reasons advanced by that Officer, warrant the admission of the Charges retrenched - and if admitted, whether the allowance for Hircarrahs is to be continued to the Officer who has succeeded Lieutenant Colonel Muat in the Command of the Vizagapatam District.

As Lieutenant Colonel Muat has in the formed

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former Letter entered also into an explanation of
allowances drawn on account of Lieutenant Mc Dowal,
acting by his orders as Field Adjutant to the Troops
in the Vizagapatam District upon the decease of
Lieutenant Moody who had been appointed to that
Station by Government I beg leave to observe, that
these Allowances were first drawn for Lieutenant
Mc Doual in the Month of July 1796. for the
Month preceding, and continued until September
inclusive amounting to Pagodas 456. 21 fan.s & 28
Cash and retrenched in the Office of Audit, because
Lieutenant Colonel Muat was not considered
as possessing authority to Nominate any person to
fill protempore the vacancy of Lieutenant Moody,
unless he had been empowered so to do by Govern=
=ment At the period when the new Regulations
for the Army took place in June last, Lieutenant
Mc Dowall was Quarter Master of Brigade,
and possibly founded his claim to the
Allowances of Field Adjutant from the abolition
of his former Office, but as Government has since
determined that the Quarter Masters of Brigade on
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" the former establishment, who were afterwards appointed to the Office of Quarter Masters of Brigade on the former establishment, who were afterwards appointed to the Office of Quarter Masters of Regiments of Native Infantry on the same Allowances, should be " permitted to draw those Allowances for the intermediate period, an indulgence which it appears Lieutenant Mc Dowal profited by, from having drawn his Arrears it remains to be decided, whether under this circumstance he has a claim also to the Allowances of Field Adjutant for the same period, and if not, whether, as being on Field Service with Lieutenant Colonel Muat, he is entitled to " draw full or only half Batta as a Quarter " Master of Brigade for the time he was so employed. -

I take this occasion to submit to your Lordship a claim made at Vizagapatam of forty Pagodas pr Month, on the authority of Lieutenant Colonel Fotheringham, Commanding Officer at that Station, for a Building rented "

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at Barracks and Store house for a Detachment of the 2nd Division of the 2nd Regiment of European Infantry, in the Month of July 1796, and continued to the present period - but which has been contenuedally retrenched in the Office of Audit, as the — proper authority was not produced in support — thereof - It appears by the enclosed Copies of Letters from Lieutenant Colonel Fothergingham / No 3 & 4 that being in great want of a Barrack for the Detachment above mentioned in the Fort of Vizagapatam, in consequence of Irregularities which had happened from their being quartered in the Pettah, he had acceded to the proposition of the Barrack Master to build temporary Barracks for the Detachment in the Fort, for which he was to receive forty Pagodas pr Month during the time the Detachment might — remain in the Garrison, "but it appears from — his Letter to Mr. Paymaster Wilson, that he has continued the same charge on account of

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24th the European Invalids and Pensioners at Vizagapatam, whom he judged it expedient to remove into the Fort after the departure of the Detachment of the 2nd. Regiment in the month of September, to prevent the disorders frequently occasioned by their Residence without the Fort - The Monthly Rent appears to me to be very high for a Barrack constructed of the materials detailed in Lieutenant Colonel Fotheringham's Letter to the Adjutant General of the Army - but if your Lordship should consider the charge in the first instance justified by the necessity of the case / a — regular report of which was made to Head Quarters / and not to extend beyond the period the Detachment left Vizagapatam, that Rent may not appear — unreasonable, as the Building would be of little use to the Barrack Master after it was returned upon his hands. It will also rest with your Lordship to decide upon the propriety of the charge being continued — afterwards, for the reasons assigned by Lieutenant Colonel Fotheringham - In the event of its being allowed, I conceive the Rent for the whole of the period ought to be considerably less than what has been charged, and should depend on the actual cost of the Barrack with a reasonable allowance for Repairs,

To

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24th to which such temporary Buildings will be constantly subject, especially after each Monsoon - Lieutenant Colonel Sothering ham in his Letter understands, that the charge was admitted for July and August, but on examining the Records in my Office - I find that it has been invariably retrenched -

I have the honor to be,
with the highest respect. -

Military
Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
23. May 1797-

W. W.
Signed W. Sydenham
Mil. Asst. Genl.

N. 1

To George Wilson Esq.
Paymaster to the Vizagapatam District

Chicacole

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your Communication of some Retrenchments from and remarks upon several Articles of your Accounts which concern me by a letter from the Auditor General under date the 18th. Instant and now request that you will do me the honor of transmitting to him what I have to offer in support of them as follows. —

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In regard to my house rent I have already in a letter addressed during your absence to the Acting Paymaster here explained that Article, and hope that the reasons there adduced will be sufficient for passing it I have only to say farther that I am obliged to continue the Monthly payment of what I have charged as rent of the only house at this place in which I could quarter.—

As to the Hircarrahs struck off in the Month of June on supposition of the trouble being then quelled, which I apprehend may have taken its rise from his knowledge of a letter addressed by me to the Right Honorable the President in Council on the 14th. of that Month I have for the Auditor Generals information to observe that subsequent to that period, there has been more occasion for the employment of Hircarrahs both, as messengers for the conveyance of Letters on the Service and to procure intelligence than ever has happened in this District since

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24. since the Honorable Companys Troops were employed in its' protection, as I flatter myself he will be come fully sensible of from the accompanying Extracts from and intire copies of Official Letters written by me on the subject, and which although rather tedious I request he will give an attentive perusal to especially as from the number of field Stations and Posts imavoi= =dably established he will also therefrom see the —— necessity for continuing the duties of a Field —— Adjutant after the death of Lieutenant Charles —— Moodie appointed to that situation by Government orders under date the 8. April 1795, until a successor was named which there has not hitherto been nor any order for that Staffs' being struck off, as I had no other assistance whatever for the multiplied Correspondence and minutes of detail which ensued and should without it have had the whole of my time occupied in writing. It was not until the end of August as will appear from my letters that the necessity for so great a number of widely scattered Detachments ceased, and

that

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24th that any of them were called in, and until the
middle of last Month there continued eight Field
Stations and Posts commanded by Officers at present
from the scarcity of troops since Government ordered
away the 2d Battalion 10th Regiment they are reduced
to four, Viz. two of regulars and two of the —
Revenue Corps, which last also return and report
to me. — The Cantonments are Vizagapatam
and Chicacole. —

Lieutenant M.c Dowell being here
attending Colonel Prendergast as Brigade —
Quarter Master and every Officer belonging to
Corps in the district being indispensibly employ=
=ed in its duties, I with his consent put him
in District Orders to act in room of the deceased
Lieutenant Moodie during whose sickness
and absence I had been assisted by a —
Brother of his belonging to the Bombay —
Establishment then on furlough who he left
with me for that purpose. I certainly ought
to have officially reported my having done so.

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and can only acknowledge the irregularity as an — accidental act of forgetfulness amidst much other duty, he does not draw allowance for any other staff, that of Brigade Quarter Master having been abolished from the 13th of July. —

In regard to the particular Article of Shitcarrahs I have farther to remark that, since being in the Command of the district I have never, whatever might have been my expenditure, charged a rupee for intelligence and from the accompanying papers the Auditor General will see that such must have been constantly procured to guide the measures which I adopted. and I beg leave also to observe that altho' tranquility is at present happily restored in this District, still the utility for presenting renewed — insurgency of knowing what goes forward in the Hill Zemindaries which compose its western division, as restless in their views as divided in their Interests and quarrels with each other, must be apparent, and I know of no method by which such notices can be — more cheaply obtained than by employing proper — people

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24 people on the Pay of Hircarrahs, my whole charges for which does not amount to thirty Pagodas monthly.—

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Vizagapatam District

Head Quarters at Chicacole

20th October 1796.

/ Signed George Muat

Lieut. Col. Comm.

A true Copy

/ Signed Pat: Bruce

Agt. Mil. Aud. Gent.

To Major General Sydenham

Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir,

In consequence of the intimation which you have been pleased to give me in the course of reconsidering some articles of disbursement by the Paymaster of the Vizagapatam District to me as Commanding Officer, that a letter of mine referred to in explanation has been omitted, I now, as happening to be here on other duty and to save time and trouble, do myself the honor of communicating to you what I have to say in support of those Articles.—

First, in regard to the house rent actually

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actually and unavoidably paid by me, and therefore — charged, it arose from the following cause, In October 1795 from an imprecedented inundation of the river at — Chicacole my Quarters were rendered uninhabitable, an incident which with others of much greater import attending that calamity, I then reported to Government No public Quarter remaining, I could only have the resource of renting a private one, and I agreed for the only house there was which could answer the purpose, at a much lower rent than it had before let for, in the hope that I should not be subjected to a constant additional Monthly expence from this unfortunate accident which deprived me of the public Quarter, especially as I had no allowance whatever as Commanding Officer of the District except the difference between half and full Batta should it still however be deemed in expedient after this explanation, to deviate in any case whatever from a general rule which restricts the House Rent at Outstations to five Pagodas for all Ranks indiscriminately, I beg leave with every difference to remark, that the loss may be made up to me by permission to draw Rent allowance from the time I was driven out by the inundation,

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on condition of refunding the twenty Pagodas per Month which I drew as being necessitated to pay, and this on my peculiar case I hope may not be judged inadmissible, for I was continually in a situation of joining the Troops at their field stations on the most sudden emergencies, and repeatedly employed myself in visiting them and the different garrisons.—

In regard to the allowance for Harcarrahs, struck off in the month of June 1796. on supposition of the troubles in the district being then quelled which may have taken its rise from a letter of mine to the Right Honorable the President in Council on the 14th. of that month, I have to observe that long subsequent to that period there was more occasion for the employment of Hircarrahs than ever happened in the district since the Honorable Company's Troops have been employed for its protection, as I flatter myself will fully appear from my correspondence with Government and more particularly the letters under date the 30th. June and 2d. August following, when there existed no fewer than twelve separate field stations commanded by European Officers and three by native Officers besides three Garrisons,

from

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from which will also appear the necessity for continuing the duties of a Field Adjutant, as I had no other staff assistance in multiplied correspondence, and minutiæ of detail.

I have farther respectfully to offer to the consideration of Government that, during the whole period of my Command in the Vizagapatam District, I never charged a single Rupee for intelligence whatever might have been my expenditure on that head, and from my Correspondence it is evident that such must have constantly been procured, to guide the measures which I adopted, and happily with success. I beg leave also to observe that although tranquility was thereby restored, still the utility of preventing renewed insurgency will ever exist, by knowing what goes forward in the hill Zemindaries, restless in their views, divided in their party interests and quarrels. My continued charge for Harcarrahs did not amount to thirty Pagodas per month and I know of no other method by which such indispensible notices

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could have been so cheaply obtained. —

I have the honor to be,

with respect. —

Madras
18th May 1797.

&c. &c.

(Signed) Geo: Muat
Lieut. Colr.

A true Copy

(Signed) Pat: Bruce
Agt. Military Auditor General

N.3

George Wilson Esqr.

Paymaster &c. Vizagapatam District

Chicacole

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 29th Instant, covering copy of the Military Auditor Generals Remarks on your Disbursements for October, containing the following. - Lieutenant Colonel G: Sotheringham Commanding at Vizagapatam draws for a House rented as Barracks and Store Rooms &c. to a Detachment of the 2d Division 2 Regiment European Infantry, for the month of September, — 4 Pagodas 40. —

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Vizagapatam
31st March 1797

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signed G. Fotheringham
Lieut. Col. Comm.g Vizagapatam

A true Copy
Signed Bal: Bruce
Sec.y Mil.y Aud.t Gen.l

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Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Fotheringham
to the Adjutant General of the Army
Dated Vizagapatam 20th June 1796.

"On this account and some other Irre-
"gularities lately committed by the Detachment from the
"4th European Battalion, which have greatly alarmed
"the Inhabitants, and which have arisen from a Number
"of them (upwards of 50) having received reinlisting —
"Money, and the Customary Indulgence of an Extra
"Quantity of Liquor allowed on such Occasions, I have
"found it necessary to Order the Detachment into the
"Fort, and to stop Port liberty and extra Liquor till
"further Orders — They are in Tents for the present, but
"on this Emergency, I have taken the liberty to accede to
"a proposal of the Barrack Masters. Lieutenant Taylor,

"to

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"to erect on the East Face of the Fort temporary Barracks
"for them, Constructed of Palmiras, Wattles, Plaster of Red
"Earth and Thatch. They will be weather Tight, being
"the same materials as are used by the Inhabitants in
"their Buildings. The Barrack Master is not to charge
"any thing for erecting these Barracks, but hopes to be
"indulged in continuing to draw House Rent, at the
"rate of Forty (40) Pagodas pr Month, during the time
"the Detachment may remain in this Garrison."

"On my Arrival here in March last,
"I found the Detachment quartered in a Bungaloo
"near the Sea on the Outside of the Fort, and as they
"were at that time orderly and continued so till very
"lately, I suffered them to remain, tho' I never approved
"of Europeans having a free and open Communication
"with a Pettah."

"Under the present Circumstances, I hope
"the Commander in Chief may not disapprove of what
"I have done, and that Government may be pleased
"to Confirm the Agreement, I have entered into with
"the Barrack Master, in hopes of which the work

"is

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"is going on, but can in a moment be removed should
"Government have objections to it. The Detachment
"marched into the Fort on the Evening of the 15th since
"which I have the pleasure to add they have returned
"to a proper sense of their Duty."

I have the honor Geo. Sotheringham
Lieut. Col.

A true Copy

I have the honor Pat. Bruce
Aid. de Camp Gen.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Major General Ross
expressing the Mortification
he feels that a Junior Officer
to himself should be
selected to be employed
on the Staff in preference
to him

Having served His Majesty and the
Honorable Company many years, and having come to this
Country to avail myself of the Rank to which I have
been promoted, I take the liberty of stating to your
Lordship &c. that as a Soldier, I must feel a junior
Officer sitting at the same Board with me, being
placed on the Staff, in preference to me a very
Mortifying Circumstance, and least, I should be
considered as having waved my claim to serve
in that Capacity by a silent acquiescence on the
present

24th present occasion, I take the liberty to request this address may be transmitted to the Honorable the Court of Directors that it may not be supposed, that I am in any way deficient in Zeal or Inclination for their Service.—

I have the Honor to be,
most respectfully.
&c. &c.
Patrick Ross
Chief Engr. M.G.

Fort St. George
24th May 1797.

25th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in the Wks Nos 139. 140. 141. 142. 143.—

To the Commandant at Tanjore— To Major Monson desiring he will explain the Cause of his seizure of certain Artificers which has provoked a Complaint against him by the Rajah of Tanjore.—

To the Military Auditor General— To Major General Sydenham referring for his Examination returns of the Kings and Company's Field Officers entitled to share in the Gratuity Fund — from the 1st to the 31st May 1796, also a List of Claims on the Gratuity Fund by the Field Officers of the Regiment De Meuron from the 11th October 1795 to the 30th April 1796.——

To

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To the Secretary at Bengal.

To Mr. Secretary Barlow enclosing a Packet for the Supreme Government received by the Zephyr.

To the Commandant at Trincomale

To Lieutenant Colonel Champagne desiring him to make such repairs to the Granary as can be executed by the Artificers attached to the Garrison, and to call upon the Engineer for an Estimate of the Expence that will be required to complete the work.

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

To Mr. Skardon informing him that it is deemed more advisable to keep the Ghee at Dindigul in Dubbors or Pots than in a Brick and Chunam Wall as recommended by Mr. Hughes.

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Ltr Nos. 144. 145. 146.

From Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Roebuck enclosing an additional Indent for Pagodas 2460. 17. required by Mr. Paymaster Cochrane for the present month.

From the Resident at Ingeram

From Mr. Snow advising of the Capture of the Bark Mercury by a French Privateer

25th Privateer in Coringa Roads. —

From the Collector at Cocanada. —

From Mr Ince to the same purport —

Substance of a letter from the Nabob

Received also a Letter from the Nabob entered in CC No. 578. Contradicting the Report made by Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson respecting the Protection afforded to the Robbers Timmah and Bepah by the Jaghiredar of Chittoor —

26th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in CB No. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. —

To Major General Floyd desiring him

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly

to inform Captain Gibbons that he will be allowed to draw from the 1st Instant four Pagodas pr Month for a Conicopoly to make out the Muster Rolls and Abstracts, and to issue the Pay under his — a Directions, to the Native Invalids and Pensioners at and in the Neighbourhood of Trichinopoly —

To Mr Roebuck informing him

To the Military Paymaster General

that the Bills drawn upon him by the Paymaster to the Bengal Detachment are to be accepted by

26. by him and that his Estimates are to go thro' the usual Forms desiring him to discharge in Cash the Bill drawn upon him by the Paymaster at Columbo on Account of Arrears due to the 73d Regiment.—

To the Collector and Superintendant of Revenue on Ceylon

To W. Andrews desiring him to lay before Government such Information as he may be able to collect relative to the Arrack that may be occasionally procurable on Contract from Columbo.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Anderson.

To Lieutenant Colonel Anderson communicating the Board's Determination on the Bill for Contingent Charges which accompanied his Letter of the 22d February last.—

To the Commandant of Artillery

To Major General Geils informing him that his Suggestions respecting the inadequate Allowance made for paying the Lascars, and the small Sum allowed Commanding Officers of Companies for Stationary, having been taken into Consideration, an Increase under these Heads has been admitted and published in General Orders informing him also that no alteration

can

26th can be made to the late Regulations under the head of working Money.—

To the Medical Board desiring that

To the Medical Board

Payment may be made to the Surgeon of the Meuron Regiment for Medicines provided by him for the use of that Corps.—

To Brigadier General De Meuron

To the Officer Command=ing the Regiment of De Meuron

advising him of the orders given to the Medical Board.—

To Lieutenant Fitzpatrick desiring

To Lieutenant Fitz=patrick of Pioneers at Point Pedro.

him to march with the Detachment under his Command to Trincomalé and to remain there under the orders of Lieutenant Colonel Champagni.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Champagni

To the Command=ant at Trincomale

advising him of the orders given to Lieutenant Fitzpatrick desiring that Captain Hayes may be ordered to attend a Court Martial at the Presidency as an Evidence on the Trial of Major Mandeville.—

To Colonel Martinz restoring the

To Colonel Mr Martinz

Security Bond he had entered into for

Mr

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W. H. Vaughan the Paymaster at Madura.

To Lieutenant Colonel Orr informing him

To the Officer Commanding the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry

that Captain Nunley is considered entitled only to the Batta of his Regimental Rank while in the — temporary Command of the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry.

To W. Secretary Barlow Captain

To the Secretary at Fort William and Assistant Resident at Poona and Hyderabad

Kirkpatrick and W. Uhthoff forwarding Mysore Intelligence.

Received the following Letter from the

Assistant Resident at Poonah

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of

Fort St. George

From the Assistant Resident at Poonah advising of the Prospect of the Peshwahs Adjusting his Differences with the Nizam, and Rajojee Bhonsla against all Amrah still encamped near Poonah

My Lord,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of W. Secretary Webbe's Letters of the 26th and 28th Ultimo, and to enclose, for Your Lordships' Information, Extract of my Address of this Date to the Governor General

I

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I have the honor to be very respect-

fully. &c. &c. &c.

Poona
12th. May 1797.

Signed J. Uhthoff

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Uhthoff to the

Governor General Dated 12th. May 1797.

I have just received a Message from

Azim ul Omrah, that the Peshwa has agreed to

restore to the Nizam three fourths of the Kurdah

Cysions, including the Fort of Doulutabad, which he,

Azim ul Omrah, has accepted and will, in a

consequence, prosecute his Journey towards Hydrabad

in a very few days, without, however relinquishing

his claim to the other fourth. Azem ul Omrah

further intimated to me that it was in agitation for

Emrut Row or Abba Seloker to wait on him in a

Day or two with the Sunnuds &c. papers agreeably

to the above Conditions, but that he himself /

/Azem ul Omrah/ had not yet entered into

any written Engagements to the above effect, not

did

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did he mean to do so — Azem ul Omrah added that the Fort of Ahmed Nuggur was to be granted to Dowlut Row Sindia, who he understood, would shortly proceed to Hindostan —

Meer Futkheer ud Deen Hoyseen, the Munchy of the Residency is just returned from Emrut Row who acquainted him that Affairs were settled between the Peishwa and the Nizam, by the former restoring to the latter three fourths of the Kurdlah Zillahs including the Fort of Dowlutabad, and that there was since prospect of his Emrut Rows being deputed to Azim ul Omrah with the requisite papers &c.a — That affairs were also settled between the Peishwa and Ragojee Bhonsla by granting to the latter the Fort of Gurra Mundlo and relinquishing half the Claim of twenty six Lacks of Rupees on account of Peishcush due by him to the Peishwa — That the Fort of Ahmed Nuggur was to be ceded to Dowlut Row — or Sindiah who was desirous of withdrawing his Guards

26th. Guards from the Peshwa's Palace in town, to which latter Baagy Row objected, but would probably be prevailed upon to accede, on the final Departure, from this Quarter, of Azem ul Omrah, and Bagogee Bhonsla. That Nana Furnaveese solicited leave to retire, and observed, that if Dowlut Row Sindia was to remain in that Quarter he should be attended but by a small Body of Troops.

Azim ul Omrah is still encamped at Worgdum on the Bhimsa about forty miles to the Eastward of Poona.

True Extract

Signed J. Ukthoff

deciphered

Signed George Parry
Lieut.

Sent the following Letters

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council at

Fort William

To Bengal on the subject of the annual Supplies of Rum required on the new system for the use of the troops under this Presidency.

Honorable Sir,

Having found it necessary to regulate the Supply of Spirituous liquors for the use of the troops under this Presidency we have abolished the late system

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System of providing it by Agency, and we beg leave to recommend that advertisements should be annually published in Bengal inviting proposals to furnish at stated periods a certain quantity of proof spirits to be delivered on the beach at Madras and to undergo an examination on being landed in the presence of the persons, to whom it may be consigned by the contractors in order to ascertain that the liquor is of a proper age and quality, and that such parts as may not be approved should be returned on the contractors hand.

If this idea should meet your approbation we beg leave to inform you that the quantity consumed under this Presidency upon an average of the last six years is nine hundred and thirty one leaguers, but it is not our wish that the whole of the quantity should be supplied from Bengal, as it is our intention to procure by contract a proportion of Columbo

Arrack

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Arrack, which is cheaper than Bengal rum, and under certain preparations is an excellent and wholesome spirit. -

We beg leave to suggest that the liquor, which may be contracted for should be shipped on the Indiamen, which may occasionally fill up at Madras, - a means which by saving the contractor from freight and insurance will produce a consequent abatement in the terms of the contract. -

We have the honor to be with respect. -

Fort S.t George
25.th May 1.st 1797

W.c W.c

Signed Hobart
W.m Council

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir

I am directed to inform you that the Right Honorable the President in Council upon consideration of the proceedings of a Committee of the Military Board upon the Subject of the Arrack agency is pleased to direct that the

To the Military auditor General Loss in the Arrack agency for the year 1794/95 to be written off to the Head of Expedition against the French Islands Letter reporting the temporary appointment of Assistant Surgeons to the charge of Detachments referred for his opinion four Pagodas per Month allowed the Fort Adjutantat Trichinopoly on account of Conicoplies.

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Pags of Pagodas 22,695: 27: 42 incurred upon the Sales of Arrack for the years 1794/5 may be written off to the head of "Expedition" against the French Islands

I am also directed to refer for your consideration the inclosed applications for the — temporary Appointment of Medical Gentlemen to detachment of Corps from the Commanding Officers at Shenkeroog Vellour, Guntoor, Vizagapatam, and the Baramahal. —

The President in Council has permitted the Fort Adjutant at Trichinopoly to draw from the 1st Instant four Pagodas per. month for a conicopoly to be employed in paying and making muster rolls of the Native invalids and pensioners in that neighbourhood, in consequence of which his Lordship in Council expects that regular — & accounts and punctual Payments will be kept up by Captain Gibbons. — .

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

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To

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To His Excellency Rear Admiral Rainier

Commander in Chief of all his majestys Ships

and Vessels in the East Indies. -

Sir,

To Rear Admiral Rainier requesting his opinion on D. Harris's claim to the Rank and allowances of a Head Surgeon while acting in that Capacity to the Eastwards. -

We have the honor to inclose Copy of a letter addressed to us by D. Harris Surgeon on the expedition under your Excellency's command against the Molucca Islands and to request that you will favor us with such observations, as may in your Excellency's opinion enable us to decide upon the pretensions, which that Gentleman has advanced to the rank of Head Surgeon during a period of that Service. -

We have the honor to be,

&c &c

Fort St. George

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Signed Hobart

&c Council

To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c Members of the Military Board.

To the Military Board - Measures adopted in consequence of their late Report on the subject of the Arrack Agency - permission granted to their Secretary to entertain additional

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letters of the 8. 15. & 16th Instant with their respective inclosures. -

We

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Additional writers W. Lys Proposals for making up the Clothing according to the new Muster Accepted - Letter from Major General Floyd respecting repairs and Claim of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver for reimbursement of Expences incurred in Building Barracks at Pulney, referred for their opinion -

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We have paid particular attention to the Proceedings of the Committee of your Board upon the Subject of the Arrack Agency, and entirely approve the principal and the regulations which they have recommended for bringing that department under the check and controul of the Military Board. We have accordingly establish-ed these regulations to be in force from the 1st Instant.

The necessary communication has been made with the Governor General in Council for obtaining supplies of arrack from thence by Contract according to your suggestions.

We have authorized the Military Auditor General to write off the Sum of Pagodas 22,695: 27: 42 incurred upon the Sales of Arrack for the year 1794/5 to the head of "Expedition against the French Islands"

We are fully sensible of the great increase of business in the Office of your Secretary and readily authorize you to pay such charges for additional writers, as may be indispensably necessary -

We

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We very much approve the alterations which have been proposed for the clothing of 1797. and deeming the terms upon which Mr. Lys is willing to execute these improvements, to be extremely reasonable, We have accordingly ordered the contract to be drawn out conformably to the rates offered by Mr. Lys for the improved clothing.

We inclose for your consideration, an extract of a letter from Major General Floyd with the estimates therein mentioned.

We also refer for your consideration Copy of a letter with its' inclosures from Lieutenant Colonel Oliver.

We are

&c. &c.

Fort St. George
25th day 1797.

(Signed) Hobart

&c. Council

To

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To Major General Sydenham

Mess.rs J. H. Skardon and Robert Woolf

Gentlemen,

To the Committee for adjusting the accounts of the Colicia Expedition, - authorizing them to grant the Certificates requested by Rear Admiral Rainier. -

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 23. Instant and to inform you that the Right Honorable the President in Council authorizes and desires you to grant the Certificates which his Excellency the admiral has requested. -

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

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To Captain Nat: Forbes
Commanding at Nellore

Sir,

To Captain Nathaniel Forbes - desiring him to reply to a Complaint preferred against him by the Nabob. -

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to send for your information the inclosed Copy of a letter from his Highness the Nabob with the Papers therein referred to and to call upon you for an explanation of the Circumstances represented by his Highness. -

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

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Lieutenant General Harris

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders and — } Ernst William Fallofield } Esqrs

Friday
26th May 1797

Minutes of last Consultation read

and Approved —

Read the following letter from the Resident at Tanjore —

Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Resident at Tanjore forwarding his replies to the Imputations against him contained in the Rajah's letter to the Governor General dated 7th April —

Herewith enclosed I beg leave to send

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send my Reply to the Imputations against me, contained in the Rajah of Tanjores letter to Sir John Shore, transmitted to me in your Letter of the 9th Instant. —

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Tanjore
16th May 1797.

Sign'd Alex.r Macleod
Resident

Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Honorable Sir John Shore Bahader Governor General of Bengal &c &c &c.

Resident's Replies

I had the honor of addressing a letter to you on the 24th March last, and of forwarding two letters dated 17th and 23d of the same month addressed by me to Lord Hobart. These letters will have made you acquainted with

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with what has passed and I shall now inform you, at some length, of the transactions which have since taken place. - Mr. Macleod, the Resident here having invented some unfounded complaints against my agent Vencatachel pillah, as that he had given assistance to the Nabobs Polygars of Arealore &c made a representation to the Governor in Council, in consequence of which Colonel Monson on the 9th March sent a guard of the Company's troops to Vencatachelpillahs house, when they put him — under confinement. after this, on the 17th March, the

Vencatachellia was confined — without my knowledge. Invented no Complaints against him, the Depositions of the Warriors pollam people are already before Government, to them I beg leave to refer. -

Government ordered me to secure him I removed him from his Garden house, whence his escape was probable, to the Residents House in the fort. where he had to himself the whole space for Cutcherree in

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in which I always sat as Collector of Trivady. It is a Spacious room, with three windows and two very large door-ways, one, the great door way of a large house, and communicating with the Principal Street, the other, nearly as large, and communicating with an Extensive open Hall. To neither of these was there a Door, consequently there was no close Imprisonment. He had full permission to go to his Victuals and as he said he could not eat in the Cutcherree, but must have a private place, Enclosed with mats an open building at the Resident sent for Venkatachilpullah to his Cutchery, put him into close imprisonment, and kept him fasting for three days, - and notwithstanding my Representation that he might be permitted to go to his Victuals, even under a guard would not listen on the fourth day he gave him permission to take his Victuals. -

It is not in the Company's Justice that any man — should be left to die from Starvation, and on this — account it is impossible for me to express the Surprize and Sorrow which I have felt. —

It has been customary for me to send fanams to

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at some distance wherein the Judges of the Adaulet / one of whom was a Bramin / had officiated, this place perfectly clean and Private, could not be objected to, Vencatachellia is neither a Bramin nor of high Cast yet he sent me word that he wished to eat at a Building adjoining to a Particular Pagoda in Tanjore, on this I went and inspected the Building, which I found was better suited to favor the escape of a Prisoner than any I ever saw it was a spacious Choultry law dark, full of Pillars, and with several openings towards the Pagoda I therefore objected to his eating there, but he having pointed out another Place, not far from it, I consented, and he constantly had his Victuals there. I know that his own people brought him his victuals every day from the first I saw him almost daily and never perceived any Signs of the Starvation he Complains of- I am sure I paid more attention to his accommodation, in every respect, than his Cast required. -

to my Shroffs house to be exchanged into Pagodas, and for him after he has collected the Pagodas to send them to my Treasury this money - I have sent to my Agent at Madras Chinniah Moodely for Payment into the Company's Treasury, through the means of my Vackeel; - under these Circumstances a guard

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guard was placed over the

In Consequence of an order Shop of my Shroff, and on

from Government En— the 20th March the Resident

addition to Vencatachelia's went, at night, to the house

Garden House, already of my Agent Chinniah—

in Charge of a guard, Moodely, which is in the

I took charges of his Fort of Tanjore placed a guard

House in the Fort, over it, punished the people

I took away nothing but who were there, and took

the papers transmitted away all the Books—

to Government and as to Accounts, and effects which

effects nothing of that of whatever sort were there,

Discription was taken As Vencatachellapillay,

away, but the muskets and Chinniah Moodely

and Ball Cartridges are my Servants, the Resident

which I found concea- ought if he had any Suspicious

-led in the Loft. as in his mind, to have acquaint-

stated in my Letter on -ted me with them, and if,

the Subject.- after full enquiry, before

respectable people, any docu-

-ment respecting the Polygars

should be found they ought

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to have been taken possession of, if not the Resident should have gone guilty away, But instead of this, imputations have been made against my Servants, and measures have been suddenly taken in the manner I have described the consequence is much injury to my affairs and much diminution of my dignity - Such injustice as this has never before — Passed under the Company's colours — From the acts of the Resident I have no belief that I shall be able to make good the payment of my coming Kist. —

My Agent Chinnish Moodely Residing at — Madras used to pay to the

This is mere pretence, my late letters will have shewn that His Excellency had the money at Madras for the Coming Kist — and that he knew so far back as the 21st March last that it was ready. —

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the Company the money which I sent him, and if my remittances fell something short he used to make up the Amount — This being the case a guard was placed over his House on the 24th March under a false accusation. —

He has no Garden House nor any Women or Children there. —

He has a Garden here his Women and Children — reside for the benefit of their Health on account of the — wholesomeness of the — situation and Climate there too Guards were sent, and placed by Lord Hobart in conformity with the suggestions of the Resident as Chinniah Moodely and Vencata = = chelapillay are my — Servants

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Servants they would not have engaged in an affair of this nature. if they should have chanced to be guilty of any impropriety, Lord Hobart ought to have represented to me that the Polygars of Arcalore &c. received assistance from certain persons, that I should in Consequence make enquiry and Punish them, or that if I should deliver them over to him after providing against any Injury or inconvenience to my affairs, he would institute an enquiry if his Lordship had made such a representation to me I could have ascertained the places to which

No injury or Inconvenience has happened to his Excellency's affairs the Collections went on as usual.

To this Day chiefly People are in charge of the Soubahs.

What was to hinder his Excellency from knowing whether Vencatachellah had

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which Vencatachellapillah had sent my money for the purpose of exchange, and having made an arrangement for my affairs have delivered him over, or I could have made a Public enquiry and have punished him accordingly. But instead of this, my Agent Vencatachellapillah has been confined, a guard has been placed over the house of Chinniah Moodely, my agent at Madras during his absence my affairs have been injured, and, upon pretence of a failure in my payments, at the stipulated period, Lord Hobart, according to the Suggestions of the

had sent the money for Exchange, besides the Shoroffs House is entirely seperate was never seized.

I never made such Suggestions what measures could be taking when it was known that on the 25th of the preceding

preceding March the Rajah had money ready to pay the Kist.

To this I have already answered.

the Resident, is taking measures for the assumption of my Country. In the preceding year my Country was forcibly taken possession of by means of Sepoys with Powder and Balls. That Country, which you gave me according to justice is again the object of their Seizure, M.r Macleod, in consequence, loads my Servants with accusations, confines them, produces distraction in my affairs, and under the first resolution of getting possession of my Country has thus commenced his operation.

In the preceding year you Sir, whose justice and authority

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authority are great, became
acquainted with the
injustice of people here,
and restored to me my
country, which had been
wrenched from me by
force - In the present year
Mr. Macleod employs
his industry that I may
be involved in difficulties
I have therefore to represent
to you in the humblest
manner that, if the pay=
ment of the present Kist
should not be completed
at the Stipulated period in
Consequence of the injury
which my affairs have
suffered, there is no Ground
for imputing blame to
me. -

I have one favor to

The money was ready. If any blame
be imputable to the Rajah, it is
for allowing the Company to
suffer, because he could not stand
forward and shew the Govern=
=ment to whose hands he
had Entrusted the money for
paying the Kist. -

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To this Charge of my Pulling his Excellency in fear of his life - I give a positive Denial and request he may be called upon to state the grounds upon which he makes such an assertion. -

During that Government the Country was under the Company and his Rists of course Paid. -

The Enormous and usurious Loans, which have overwhelmed the Tanjore Country, could never have had existence, had to entreat of you, which is this. as long as Mr. Macleod remains here, the greatest fear is excited for my life and honor. I have no confidence that I shall be at ease I beg therefore that, if a resident is to be here, some mode may be adopted for preventing injury to my affairs, and for enabling me to pay the Company's Money according to the Treaty, and live, with my family, in peace and honor. During the Government of Governor Oakeley, when Resident, residency I continued to pay the Company's Money. as the Resident, having loaded my Servant with accusations, has acted in this Manner, a Committee of respectable Gentlemen

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had there always been a Resident here, doing his Duty with Vigilance,

The Stratagem I have since heard was neither more not less than a flagrant breach of a solemn Cowle.

In the Beginning of 1796 Mr Grant being named Collector of Myaveram to which Soubah the Man belonged, I sent him

Gentlemen at Madras, who are disinterested, should be appointed to enquire into every thing according to Justice.

In the preceeding year Appoo Noddian, a Polygar under my Government beat the Company's Sappal Peon and Committed much depredation on the Country To seize his Person was extremely difficult having however taken him by Stratagem a Company of Europeans Soldiers was sent to Secure him and to bring him into the fort, where he was kept. When however the Resident took forcible possession of my Country, without punishing a previous offender like this, he sent him outside of

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him to that Gentleman I have understood his Department has been very peaceable Mr. Grant can tell.—

If the Rajah means my Protection I must deny the Assertion the Polygar never seized the Mya=veram Amildar.—

of the fort with a guard of Sepoys, as the Polygar was a nefarious fellow, he beat the Companys Sepoys, and made his Escape, and has ever since continued his depredations in my Country, The Polygar of the great district of Sheally has also under his protection done much injury to my Country, and seized and Carried away the amildar of the Myaveram Soubah, whom he has since released by exciting the Polygars of my Country to raise disturbances he has.

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has introduced much —
confusion in the Business of
my Revenue, If rather then
give me this trouble, Mr.
Macleod had taken —
forcible possession of my
Country, as he did in the
preceeding year, who could
have opposed him, Have I
put the Country into my
Pocket. The army of the
Company's favors is the
Protection of myself and
of my Country, but I have
no other. —

If a man like —
Mr. Macleod should be
charged with the Superin=
=tendance of the Company's
affairs in these parts, there
would be a Stain upon
their Faith and justice

and

As long as the present —
System shall prevail in
Tanjore, the Resident whose
Conduct is directed by —
Justice to the Company and
to the Rajah, must incur
his Excellency's ill will,
those who ruin him has
Carresses —

and Honor, and the poor
Rajahs of India who, like
me, are under this Cool
Shade, would be overwhel-
=med - of this there is no
doubt. -

As god has been
pleased to place you high
in Authority, you have
turned your attention
to justice, and, in the —
preceding year, restored
my Country to me —
according to equity, by
which you have obtained
great fame, I am therefore
now Confident that you
will, in the same manner,
manifest the Companys
faith and justice, and
that, as I am Upholden
by the Company, you
will

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will cause my Life and Honor to be preserved — that the imputations against my Servants being removed, you will cause the guards to be withdrawn, and provide that my affairs may be conducted. —

For this I beg leave to refer to my Letters on the subject. The Rajah received the Moghans as soon as he had made good the — Balance of Rent due from the Inhabitants to the Company. —

This Excellency's Expression seems to imply that this Payment put him to so much additional Expence — the fact is, he received the — like amount from the Inhabitants. —

Although one year and an half has elapsed since the — Arrival of Orders for the — restoration of the four Mahgans of Karical, the Resident has continued from the preceding years to say that he would give them if I should pay the tenthousand Pagodas which were due from the Ryots, this year too he has — stopped the restoration saying that there are five thousand and odd Pagodas due from the inhabitants, upon my Payment of which he would give up the Mahgans, I have therefore paid that

Sign'd Alex.r Macleod
Resident

that money and have got possession of the districts. Even under the Company's order he thus contrives delays in every thing and I have written this for your Information.—

I entreat you, in the most earnest manner that I may be permitted to live in happiness, and that the Mr. Swartz Padre, and the Company's Servants, may be prevented from intersering with my affairs, I pray to heaven that your life may be prolonged, and that you may always continue in the enjoyment of ease and Happiness—may your favor encrease.—

The President submits Draft of a Letter to Bengal on the foregoing Subject.—

The President lays before the Board draft of a letter which he proposes should be sent to the Governor General in Council in Consequence of the foregoing explanations from Mr. Macleod.—

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council at Fort William

To Bengal with Letters from the Rajah of Tanjore addressed to the Governor General and Mr. Macleod's remarks—Observations of the Board relative to the Circumstances to which the Rajah has attributed his Failure on the Payment of his April Kist.—

Honorable Sir,

The accompanying Letters from the

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the Rajah of Tanjore, to the Governor General, being found to contain a variety of matter, conveying reflections upon the conduct of the Resident, was sent to Mr Macleod, whom we judged it advisable to call upon for his explanations upon the subject, previous to its transmission, and we have now the honor to forward it together with those explanations.

We have already informed You, that the whole power of the Tanjore Country had long ago been transferred to Chinniah, in consequence of money transactions between him and the Rajah, and we are to add that, in the year 1790. Chinniah was ordered out of the Southern Countries, to Madras, on account of the intriguing spirit which he had manifested during his residence there; and has never since been permitted to return, consequently, his business in the Tanjore Country must be conducted by agents, the most active of whom was Vencatachella

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Vencatachellah Pillah, the man whom the Nabob represented to be instrumental in promoting the disturbances in his Country, and in whose house a quantity of ammunition and muskets was found concealed.—

The complaints against this man, and his principal, Chinniah, did not originate, in any shape, with Mr. Macleod our President has informed us, that, for many months his Highness the Nabob had been in the habit of intimating to him that the insurgents in Worriorpollam and Arielore were excited by Chinniah, with urgent solicitations that his person might be seized, but that his Lordship had repaired from taking any measures upon the subject, from an apprehension that his Highness's information might not be correct, and he should not have felt justified in complying with the Nabobs wishes, upon that head, had not a variety of collateral information given strength to the Nabobs' statement, particularly the depositions received from Tanjore copies of

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of which we have now the honor to enclose, together with copy of a letter from the Nabob, dated the 24th. March, and the extract of another letter from his Highness, dated the 18th. April, to our President, by which your Honorable Board will be satisfied that the Rajah's charge against Mr. Macleod, — respecting Chinniah and Vencatachellum is wholly unfounded. —

As the Rajah has attributed the — failure of the April Kist to the seizure of Vencata-chellum, the Servant of Chinniah, whom his Excellency terms his Shroff, we consider it our duty to inform you, that so far from that being the real state of the case, the money was actually in Madras at the time, for our President has acquainted us, — that Chinniah privately signified to him, on the 14th. of April, / the 15th. being the last day allowed for the discharge of the Kist / that, provided he would promise to enter into a new treaty with the Rajah, by which an arrangement should be made for —

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for the security of the Creditors, the Kist should be paid on the succeeding day, that otherwise, it should not.—

Our President not thinking it expedient,— under existing circumstances, to enter into any new treaty with the Rajah, declined the proposal—and the Kist accordingly was not discharged.—As a farther proof that it was not owing to the seizure, either of Chinniah or Vencatachel= =lum, that the Rajah failed in his payment, we are to acquaint you, that, when his Excellencys Vakeel found that orders had been issued for the seizure of a part of the Tanjore Country, in conformity with the Treaty, he wrote a letter to Lord Hobart copy of which is enclosed, stating his willingness and ability to discharge the Kist, provided the country should be restored, but as it had been brought under the Superintendance of the Company, according to the provisions of the Treaty; and as we are convinced of the ruinous— management to which we must by an acquiescence in the Vakeels' application, have delivered it over, we did not think that, consistently with those— representations which we have already made upon the

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the subject, and to which we have still every reason to adhere, we could have been warranted in relinquish-ing even the management of that single district of which we had taken possession. — The convenience of receiving the money would have been a trifling — & justification for such a measure. —

We are not surprized at the — & animosity of the Rajahs advisers against Mr. Macleod — The Mal-administration of his Excellency's Govern-ment occasioned that Gentlemans appointment and his Express and positive duty was to resist a System that it was conceived was calculated to ruin the Country — Mr. Macleod, in spite of every temptation that could be thrown in his way, and in defiance of all the power and influence of a very numerous, and desperate set of Creditors, has persevered in the execution of that duty he undertook to perform, and we trust there is too much justice in the — & Supreme Board to suffer the misrepresentations of the Rajahs advisers to have any effect to the injury of a servant of the Public, acting with his

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best ability in the performance of an arduous and important trust.—

We have the honor to be,

with respect.—

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(Signed) Hobart

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The Draft proposed by the President approved

Agreed to and Ordered accordingly

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute.

Minute of the Commander in Chief

Minute of the Commander in Chief detailing his Sentiments relative to the Extent of the authority intended to be vested on the Commander in Chief specifying particular Instances in which, according to his Ideas, his previleges have been infringed by the Right Honorable President - and repeating his Desire that the point in discussion may be submitted to the Determination of the Supreme Government.

The Commander in Chief flattered himself that the minute he delivered into the Board on the 2d instant, was sufficiently explanatory of the subject, it professed to embrace, and, that it was couched in a Language, that could not provoke Animadvertion, that the proposition it contained, of submitting to the Supreme Government for their decision, the difference of opinion that subsisted, between the Right Honorable President and Himself, was liberal in its principle and fair in its tendency, and, that if impartially considered and construed with Candour, it was not in the nature of things, it could meet with opposition - But the Commander in Chief has found himself mistaken. His Minute has been regarded by the Right Honorable President as affording matter

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of controversy; and in order to combat its purposes he has been pleased to enter into an extensive range of Arguments, and lay down such Doctrines, that the Commander in chief, although greatly averse to altercation, feels himself impelled by a sense of the duty he owes to his own character and to his Honorable Employers, to call once more the — attention of the Board, - Were he to allow the minute of the Right Honorable President of the 5th instant to pass unnoticed, his silence would be construed into a tacit admission, that the points it set forth were perfectly correct, that the Commander in Chief had advanced facts, that he could not support, that his premises were unfounded, and that his conclusions were erroneous. —

Every measure adopted by the — Commander in Chief, since he has had the honor of a seat at the Board, has been calculated to promote, so far as it lay in his power an Unanimity of — sentiment and that harmony of proceeding, which in order to insure the interests of the publick ought to prevail with the members of Government - in pursuing such a line of conduct he may sometimes

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have acceded to propositions that did not accord—
exactly with his judgement, and given up points
that he might with propriety have maintained— but
were he to suffer tamely an abridgement of the Rights,
that necessarily attach to his Station it would argue a
direction of the trust, with which he has been invested,
and an incapacity to perform the duties imposed on him
by his Honorable employers, It would be allowing
the establishment of a president, by which the Service
of the Company might be essentially injured, and
reducing the Officer in the Command of their army
to a mere Cypher— The Commander in Chief—
therefore, compelled by the conduct the Right Honorable
President has been pleased to observe towards him,
and in violence to his own inclination and—
disposition renews a subject that is painful to
him even in contemplation, and brings forward
illustrations that he still thinks are altogether
Unnecessary.—

The Object of the Commander in Chief
has ever been to prevent, so far as it depended upon
himself

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himself, swelling the Records, and engrossing the time of the Board, by lengthening discussion; and as the discussion in question, was intended to go before the Supreme Government, he conceived it requisite only to state matters of fact, as the foundation of his appeal to their Judgement, and Notwithstanding the Opinion of the Right Honorable President to the contrary, he is firm in this Opinion, that it would have been highly improper, had the Commander in Chief given the extent of his own Ideas, upon his present Situation, or, "Specified what that situation is" to those who so fully understood, the nature and extent of both.—

The Honorable President indeed is pleased to say, that, "Had the Commander in Chief given a definition of his Situation, and stated the extent of his own Ideas, on the important Subject, the Board might have given it a full consideration and prevented much future discussion—but the Right Honorable President

President does not say, that by such means the Board would, or that they could, have come to a satisfactory decision, and that in Consequence a Reference to the Supreme Power, would have been rendered unnecessary - and if not, the Commander in Chief, for he knows he has already — as urged, repeats that such definition and such Statement would have been highly improper and that it is the Right Honorable President, and not the Commander in Chief who courts discussion. —

In Matters that involve the essential powers of the Commander in Chief, however much he may respect the talents, he cannot submit to the opinions of the Right Honorable President, who has certainly — mistaken the extent of those powers, when he would be understood to confine them to Regimental detail and Military discipline" - the latter no doubt forms a material part of the Commander in Chiefs duty, and he will assiduously discharge it, to the utmost of his ability, but in regard to the former, he is at a — loss to divine the Source whence the Right Honorable President could have derived an Idea, so contrary to Military System. —

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The Commander in Chief presumes, that the Court of Directors posses sentiments, relative to his situation, different to those expressed by the Right Honorable President, or they never would have given him a seat in Council, next to the presiding — " member, sentiments that are particularly detailed in their Letter to the Governor General in Council, dated the 29.th March 1774 and in addition to those sentiments, they have in their orders of a recent date, directed the limited number of Major Generals — " hereafter specified at your Presidency, are to be — " selected by your Government, at the recommendation of the Commanding Officer of the Forces at your Presidency," and the Select Committee of the House of Commons demonstrative of the sense they entertained of the relative Duties of Govern = ment, and the Commander in Chief, in reporting upon the protest of Sir Eyre Coote, the then Commander in Chief in India, against certain Military Arrangements made by the Governor General in Council, without his concurrence,

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recommended that protest, to the particular attention of the House although Sir Eyre Coote was at the time he made it, at the head of the Army on this Coast and a provisional Commander in Chief had been appointed to act during his absence, and it appears by the proceedings whence the reports alluded to was taken, that when the constitution of the Army required new modelling - Brigadier General Stibbert, although acting only as provisional Commander in Chief, framed and brought forward the Arrangements necessary to that end, and that the Governor General in Council adopted them. -

Indeed every Circumstance, regard=ing the Military transactions of India, that have come within the knowledge of the Commander in chief, either by his own personal Acquaintance with the fact, or as derived by the information of others, serves to convince him, that throughout the various branches of the Military Department, it is his province to form Arrangements, and offer — recommendations to Government, and that it is

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the province of Government, to receive or reject them, as they may be found correct or exceptionable, and unless such is the intention of the Court of Directors, and unless they mean that the Commander in Chief, should not only superintend under the direction of Government, Regimental detail and Military Descipline, but to regulate and manage also, the entire Military Department, The Commander in Chief confesses, that he cannot comprehend the Object, that they could have had in view when they made the appointment.

With such impressions on his mind, the Commander in Chief as an honest man, cannot accede to the Opinions of the Right Honorable President and allow him to assume those powers, that of right, as he conceives, belong to himself- and although he might be inclined, in Order to avoid controversy to relax, as he has sometimes done, in Certain Matters, and accomodate himself to the wishes of the Right Honorable President, yet he does not and he is proud he does not posess the pliability of sentiment, that will permit him to give up the more important

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functions of a trust, which while he has the honor to hold it, he will endeavour to preserve inviolate to the interest of those who have been pleased to invest him with it, To this end, and to this end only. To the end that he may be enabled, to act consistent with his conscience, and not with a view to obtain power and patronage - to support the dignity of his Character as a man holding a high publick Office, and discharge his duty with fidelity as a Servant of the Company The Commander in Chief has insisted and still insists, That the Right Honorable President, ought not to interfere in the Detail of his Department nor trench upon the exercise of his Rights, and that such interference and infringement, Opperate in suspension of the Commander in Chiefs- authority in as far, as it deprives him of the power to discharge his duty. -

But the Right. Honorable the President will not admit the fact. as the Commander in Chief has stated it, - it is therefore necessary to go into particulars - On the forming a new system for the

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the Military Store Department, the Right Honorable President delivered to the Board an Arrangement of his own, for the Officers of the Ordnance Depart= =ment without advising or consulting with the Commander in Chief on the subject, treating an Arrangement, which he had a few moments previously submitted to his Lordship, with a neglect and indelicacy which he feels but which he forbears to dwell on, and the Right Honorable the President has entered into Arguments to shew, that he was justified in the Act=

That it is reasonable, the Commander in Chief should make Arrangements, where Officers under his Command, are to be brought forward, in situations of trust, is too evident to be denied him and with regard to the matter of Right, the Commander in Chief has already adverted to Acts, that will nearly establish it. The propositions of Brigadier General Stibbert when only provisional

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provisional Commander in Chief for new modelling the Bengal Army, and a variety of other instances that might be adduced. The proceedings of the Select Committee of the House of Commons, on the protest of Sir Eyre Coote against the Bengal Government, of making Arrangements in the Army without his concurrence, and the General Letter of the Court of Directors to the Governor General in Council, dated 29th of March 1774, and he may venture to say, in all times, & anterior to this Lordships Government, that except it be in a few instances, in which as in this, right has surrendered to power, all military Arrangements have been formed by, and all Recommendations in the Store Department, and many others have gone through the Commander in Chief, for the consideration and sanction of Government. And these rules are comprehended in the spirit of a Letter from the Court of Directors to the Supreme Government dated 30th of January 1778. In that Letter they express, their disapprobation of

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of an appointment made by the Governor General in Council of a Commissary or Auditor General, during the indisposition and absence of General Clavering the Commander in Chief, and refered to a former Letter, in which they say, it will be found, that the Governor General was only authorized to Nominate the Town major, and that the Commander in Chief should recommend, all Officers for the Staff, those also who should be appointed to fill up Vacancies in the Sepoy Corps, and that the Governor General in Council should pay proper regard to the —" recommendation of the Commander in Chief and the Supreme Government following up the intentions of the Court of Directors, give to the —" Commander in Chief the amplest Powers in Military Arrangement, and Assigning as it would appear their reasons for doing so, in their Consultation of the 26th April 1787 in which they say "the —" "Military Establishment of this presidency afford "few gratifications, out of the line of regular "succession — the publick good requires that "such as do exist, should be considered as the "rewards of professional merit, and not granted

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"by partial favor, an adherence to this principle undera
"Government subject to continual Variations in the
"constituent members may be most reasonably expected,
"from suffering the distribution to flow from the
"Commander in Chief alone, by acceding to him the
"exclusive Management of the detail in all Military
Matters. —

The exalted Character presiding at that time in the Supreme Government, whose transcendent worth as a Man, whose superior talents as a Statesman and a Soldier, have immortalized his Name, Knew from long experience, that in all Military Arrangements, the Commander in Chief as best informed on Military Subjects, ought to possess extensive powers, and his generous and liberal mind naturally led him to the benevolent consideration, that professional merit, ought not to fall a Sacrifice to partial favor, against which he conceived, the best guard would be, to give the Commander in Chief the exclusive Arrangement of detail in all Military Appointments. —

Resting on the Sentiments of the
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Marquis Cornwallis, the corresponding sentiments of the Court of Directors, and the usage and custom and the rules and regulations of the Army, The Commander in Chief is fully persuaded; and in that persuation, he will ever tenaciously adhere. That all Military Arrange=ments and recommendations ought to go through him to Government for their approbation, and that the Right Honorable President in giving into the Board, an Arrangement for the Ordnance Officers in the Military Store Department, and in the Nomination of certain other Officers to Commands, without communication with the Commander in Chief, and thereby preventing him from recommending, has assumed powers that of right belong to the Commander in Chief, and has thereby superceded his Authority. —

The Commander in Chief here thinks it proper to remark, that the arrangement given by the Right Honorable President, affords an instance in opposition to the Principle, that influenced the — Marquis Cornwallis —

The Right Honorable President in Nomi=nating Lieutenant Beauman to the Appointment of Commissary of Stores at Masulipatam superceded Lieutenant

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Lieutenant and Deputy Commissary Hall at that Station, Lieutenant Beauman was a Quarter Master of the Artillery Corps, and had never before been in the Military Store Department, and in which Deputy Commissary Hall had served several years, with the approbation of his — Superior Officer a Supercession therefore under those Circumstances cannot be viewed in the light of a "reward of professional merit." but on the contrary as owing its existence "to partial favor" nor does the evil rest here. Lieutenant Beauman was taken from his duty in the Artillery, from which Corps there were already too many Officers absent, as may be seen by having reference to the Artillery Returns. It is painful for the Commander in Chief to notice such things, but had the Arrangement been left to him Lieutenant Beauman would have been in his proper Station, doing his duty with his Corps, until some Staff appointment might offer, in which he might be considered and — Deputy Commissary Hall his Senior, as an Officer, would not have suffered an Unmerited — Supercession and Deputy Commissary Franks — would

would have been provided for. —

The Right Honorable the President has been pleased to remark "that 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 "Government." In this the Commander in Chief does not materially differ with his Lordship, — but might not a similar argument be supported in favor of the Commander in Chief, from Military Stores constituting the principal resource from whence he is to draw such supplies to the Army in the Field, and in what manner it will make the Officers in charge less responsible to Government by being recommended by the Commander in Chief he is at a loss to divine.

It appears obvious to the Commander in Chief that the selection of Officers for trusts of importance in the Ordnance line, should be with the person who has the best Opportunities of finding out their respective merits, and as perhaps none of

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of the Officers of an Army, come more under the immediate Observation of the Commander in Chief, than those who have the charge of — Ordnance Stores, from the highest to the lowest Station in the Department, and as it cannot be denied, that on the good regulation of this Department, success in the Field must so much depend is it not fair to infer, that all recommendations to it, should particularly be vested in the Commander in Chief or Senior Officer of the Forces. —

When the Commander in Chief, — shewed to the Right Honorable the President his Minute of the 27th ultimo and offered objections to the appointment of Lieutenant Beauman, he was pleased to say, that if the Minute was — delivered into the Board" he should take notice of some appointments of the Commander in Chiefs — Had the Right Honorable President made any advances by which it were to have been understood, that similar circumstances should not occur — in future

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infuture, they would have been received as perfectly satisfactory, but justifying a measure which is in the Commander in Chiefs opinion untenable, and attempting by the above Observation to prevent him doing, what he conceives his duty, were strong convincing proofs that a Submission to one encroachment on the functions of his Office, would serve only as the channel to others, — until by rapid progression the Commander in Chief — would at the Board be lost in an assenting member to such propositions as the Right Honorable President should think proper to introduce. —

Under this view of the subject, the Commander in Chief in justice to himself and to his Honorable Employers, determined to persevere in the objections he offered to the proceedings of the Right Honorable President, as the best means of performing a very important duty to the publick and fulfilling as he conceives, the intentions of the Court of Directors. Had he observed a — different conduct, had he become insensible to the indignity offered him, and seen with a careless

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indifference Military Arrangements framed and
brought before the Board, without any previous
reference to him, the consequences are obvious. The
Army would have beheld him, in a manner self
divested, of all his authority, and when the Commander
in Chief stands degraded in the eyes of the Army
he can have but little influence in calling forth either
United or individual energy.

The Commander in Chief feels himself
supported in the motives he has ascribed to the
Right Honorable President, as governing his conduct
in the matters objected to, by his Lordships
own minute - after referring to a paragraph
contained in the Letter of the Court of Directors
of the 12th of April 1786 that adverts to an act of
parliament by which they say the powers of their
Governor General and the Governors of their other
Settlements are greatly encreased, His Lordship
thus remarks "It may not be improper to —
remark to the Board that the act is the 26th of the
King, the principle of which is to give energy —
Vigor and dispatch to the measures and —
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proceedings of the executive Government within their respective Presidencies and for the Strength and Security of the British possessions in India, and it therefore vests, Hers Lordship adds, the several Governors with a discretionary power of acting without the Concurrence of the respective Councils or forbearing to act according to their Opinions &c— By which the Right Honorable President must mean to convey the Idea, that the Commander in Chief is to consider himself dependant on his will, and the power with which he is intrusted can have Operation only in his Lordships pleasure— an Idea certainly repugnant to reason, contrary to the intentions of the Court of Directors, and not within any construction, that can be given to the Act itself— The authority given by the Act to the Governors of the several Presidencies, is, according to the comprehension of the Commander in Chief, confined to extraordinary cases, where great political objects become the points of debate— Objects whereby the interests of the Company or the safety and Tranquility

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of the British possessions or any part thereof are or may be essentially concerned or affected — and that such was within the meaning and contemplation of the Legislature, at the time of framing the act is deducible from the 49th Section of the 33d. of the King, which — pursuing the act of the 26th. of His Majesty, expressly declares, "that nothing in the said Act contained — shall extend, or be construed to extend, to give power to such Governors to make or carry into — Execution any Orders or Resolution which before the passing of this Act, could not have been lawfully made and executed with the concurrence of the Councils of the respective Governments. —

The Merely Offering Military — Arrangements or Recommendations on the part of the Commander in Chief, for the approval or rejection of Government, or Objecting to an act of the Presidents on the Nomination of a Military Officer to a Military appointment, without any previous Communication with the Commander in Chief, cannot jointly or seperately form a question of political importance, nor such as

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can essentially affect the interests of the Company, or the safety and Tranquility of the British possessions.

In addition to what has been already urged the Commander in Chief submits, that the Act of parliament quoted by the Honorable President, was brought forward at a time, when it was known to the Legislature, that the Office of President in Council and Commander in Chief of the different Presidencies were to be vested in one and the same person, that it was framed to meet such intentions, and that the Marquis Cornwallis actually delayed his Voyage to India untill it should receive the Royal Assent, in order that he might carry it with him.

The sentiments of the Court of Directors, expressed in their Letter just alluded to, by the Right Honorable President in his minute, were addressed to the members of their Council, who were composed entirely

entirely of Civil Servants of the Company By the
5th Section of the act the Right Honorable President
has quoted, and to which the Court of Directors in their
Letter have reference, Repeals that part of the act of the
24th of the King which gave the Commander in Chief
of Fort St. George and Bombay a Seat in Counal,
Consequently those sentiments could not have
had any Relation either to the Office or the
person of the Commander in Chief, who not
being then a Member of their Councils,
could not have been within their contempla-
tion. The Court of Directors say. they
expect from the Members of their Council
the utmost difference to be paid to the
recommendation of the Governor General
in Bengal, and the Governors of their
other Presidencies "as Governor and Com-
mander in Chief" in the arrangement of
the patronage of India, where they were
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not guided by their express Orders.

Admitting then, that the Commander in Chief had at the time in allusion, been a member of Council, those injunctions could not have affected him, because the Board would have been guided by the express orders of the Court of Directors, with respect to the duties of his Department as set forth in their several Letters, noticed by the Commander in Chief in the early part of his minute. But the fact is - That the Chair of the three Presidencies was filled by Military men, who, as has already been Observed were not, as the Right Honorable President, but Governors in Council and Commanders in Chief of their respective Presidencies. -

The Commander in Chief, views the Orders of the Court of Directors with the greatest respect, and a determined Resolution, which no

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consideration shall ever shake, to obey them with a promptitude and rigid exactness, and he is emboldened to hope, from a conscious rectitude of Conduct and inclination, that the Court of Directors will do him the justice to believe, that as it is his duty, so it is his inclination to promote their interests in every respect, and fulfil the expectations they may have entertained of him, in the discharge of the trust they have been pleased to repose in him.—

The Right Honorable President thinks that the Commander in Chief has done wrong in bringing forward, what he is pleased to call desultary Conversation because he Observes a practice of that nature must be utterly incompatible with a freedom of conversation", but he will do the Commander in Chief the favor, to bear in his recollection that such Conversation Originated in his producing a publick document which was to become a matter

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matter of publick record, and in such case, the Commander in Chief sees no impropriety in bringing for the notice of his Superiors, every word that might be spoken by any member of the Board. The Board meet to deliberate on means before they adopt them, and such deliberation cannot be made too publick, that is if they are of consequence sufficient to deserve publicity — and if they should comprehend the "Character Talents and deposition of individual Members." it is perhaps the more reasonable and proper, that the Court of Directors, who are under the necessity of forming their judgment on paper Statement should be made acquainted with them. —

Unbiased by any interested motive or object, the Commander in Chief is anxious only to do his duty in such manner as may deserve the approbation, of his King, his Country, and his Honorable employers. It is with that view

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View he has opposed, what he conceives, to be an — assumption of his rights upon the principle, that if he be divested of the powers, essentially connected — with, and absolutely necessary to the due Execution of his Office, he will be rendered incapable of — doing his duty in any manner. He wants no Extraordinary patronage and abhors the Idea of struggle for power, and therefore, the warning — the Right Honorable the President has been — pleased to give him on that head is altogether — unnecessary and misapplied. —

The Commander in Chief, regards the — upholding the long established Civil Government of this place as a primary consideration never — to be departed from, and in the prosecution of that purpose, he trusts, He will ever be found — to possess the warmest Zeal, and evince the Utmost exertions, and that he will chearfully — join in such laudable endeavours with the — Honorable President, who in duly attending to

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to Circumstances must perceive, that the Commander in Chief's Objections have been raised not to the measures of Government, but to the conduct of his Lordship in the several instances he has related, against which as injurious to his own rights, the interest of the Company, and the publick good, he now solemnly protests —

And the Commander in Chief trusts that in order to terminate Quick as possible a subject in the discussion of which, the Right Honorable President seems to entertain such serious apprehensions, he has only to repeat his requisitions that it may be refered to the Supreme Power in India for their directions, or further reference as they may see good. —

The Commander in Chief begs to be understood that he is perfectly aware, that all his acts, are subject to the Controul of Government and to that Controul he always has been, and ever will be ready to bow implicit Obedience. —

Signed Geo: Harris

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Lord Hobart records his intention of making some Observations on the Subject of the Commander in Chief's Minute at a future meeting of Council.

The President informs the Board that he will Record his observations upon the Minute of the Commander in Chief at a future Meeting.—

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" Geo: Hamilton

" Edw Saunders

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John Turing &c