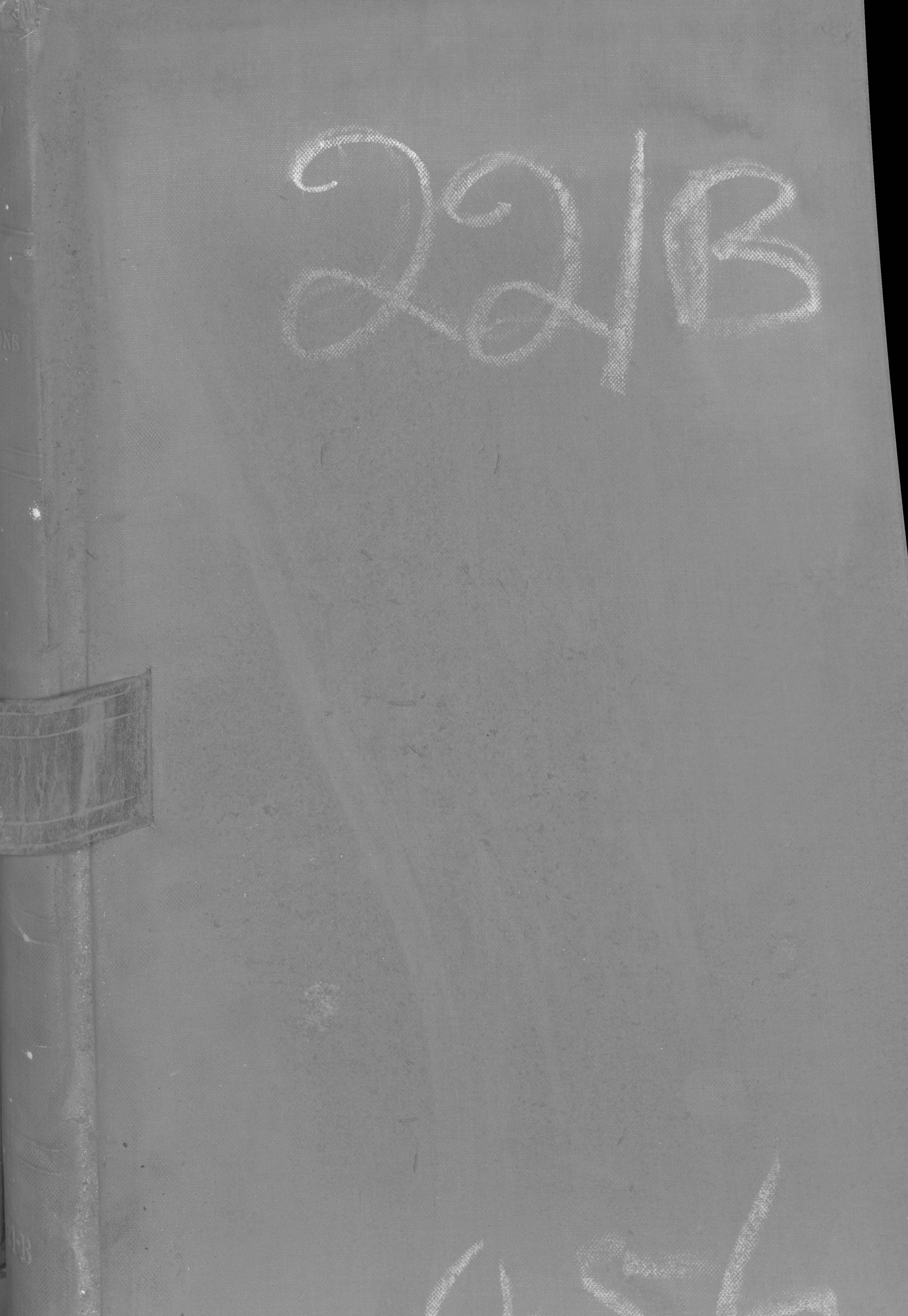


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# Diary

Received the undermentioned &

Letters as entered in M. B. Nos. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35.

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From the Paymaster at Palamcotah — From W.m Martin - requesting that

Eight Lascars may be attached to the Paymaster

and Commissary's Departments. —

From the Collector in the Vizagapatam District — From M.r W.m Brown - advising of the

progress of Major Hyndman's Detachment —

From Commandant at Pulicat. — From Captain W.m Godfrey stating the

Circumstances which induced him to call in the Sentries from M.r Eilbracht's House —

From the Offic.g Com.r a Detachment of the Bengal troops proceeding to Hyderabad — From Major Hyndman reporting the Arrival of his Detachment in the Neighbourhood of

Cuddapah. —

From Colonel John Cuppage. — From Colonel John Cuppage - requesting

leave to resign the Command of the Ganjam District

and to proceed to Europe on Furlough by one of

the latter Ships of the Season. —

From the Chief Engineer and Barrack Master. — From Major General Ross and

Lieutenant Maclaine - stating that She had a

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near the Hospital is not large enough to contain the whole of the Madras Battalion and its Stores, leaving with Mr. Skardon the part now devided off for his Department.—

From the Office of Commanding on Ceylon

From Major General Doyle advising of the Principal part of the 73d Regiment having been embarked for Point Pedro

From Ditto — Ditto

From Do. advising of the embarkation of the Remainder of the Regiment.—

To the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad

Dispatched a Letter to Captain Kirkpatrick (entered in N.B. No. 39) desiring that Captain Mackenzie of Engineers may be allowed to proceed to the Presidency, and that he will make the necessary Communication on this Subject to the Durbar.—

Received the following Letters.—

To

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of your Lordship in Council, a some Account relating to Tippoo Sultaun obtained from an Inhabitant of this place, recently returned from Seringapatam, and who bears the Character of a Man of observation and Veracity.—

I have the honor to be,

with great Respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most Obedient

humble Servant,

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Asstant & Offg Resdt

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad enclosing Copy of Intelligence received from Seringapatam

Hydrabad
26th April 1797

Some Account of Tippoo Sultaun from a Person lately Returned here from Seringapatam, which he left on the 31st ultimo—

Hydrabad 26th April 1797.—

Tippoo Sultaun at the head of

Seapoys

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Fifteen thousand horse and foot, was moving a-
bout the Environs of this Capital to the distance of
fifteen or Sixteen Cos for the Space of nearly six
Weeks, after which he returned thether - The
Sultauns motive for his late Tour would seem
to have been, to visit a Fort which he is at
erecting about twelve Cos to the Westward of
Seringapatam, and which he has called Hoo-hunsur
- He is likewise raising a New Fort near Mysor,
in a S.W. direction from it; this place he also
looked at during his excursion, and gave it the
Appellation of Nuzzer-abad - He has also founded
a Town between Seringapatam and Mysor, which
he has named the New City, The works of
Seringapatam itself, are carrying on, on a most
extensive Scale and Solid construction, but it will
be a long while yet, ere they are completely finished
- He has razed to the ground the Eed gâh near
the Redoubt which General Medows took by
Assault during the late war. A Frenchman who
halts as if he was lame Arrived at Seringapatam
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from Mangalore in a Palanqueen just before I left the former place, and was provided with Quarters in Shekri Gayam — The Report was, that four or Thousand More Punchmen were shortly expected to land at Mangalore — A Prince (Shah Zadah) from Rûm (Constantinople) arrived also at Seringapatam some time before I left it, and was furnished with a Mansion near the Dewa Dowlut Baug but had not as yet visited the Sultaun when I came away. —

The Kunnuck-gherry Zemendar Hurry Naik is at Seringapatam and made much of by Tippoo, who bestowed on him a short time ago, an Elephant and intends sending him (it is said) to Hoompully. —

There has long been a prohibition in all the Corps composing the Sultaun's Stable house, against spitting or clapping the horses when rubbing them down, and as this is a practice which Tippoo disapproves of, on Account of the Noise attending

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Attending the operation, which may be heard in large home Camps at the distance of several Miles; he has ordered it to be discontinued also in the irregular Cavalry. He has it in contemplation to call in to his Mint all the Copper Coins bearing the Stamp of an Elephant, which was used by his Father, and to strike new ones in their room bearing the impression of a Tyger. All his Sons above a Certain Age, are obliged each day in rotation, to march at the head of five hundred horse, two thousand Sepoys, and four field Pieces, a proportion of Rockets laden on Camels, and with the usual Camp Equipage, to the distance of twelve Cos at least, from Seringapatam without drawing bett; and after taking himself and causing his Men to eat a slight repast, he remounts his Horse, and returns at the head of his Party back to the City in the same order and with the same expedition with which he left it, This Practice is by way of inuring (he says) both his Children, and his Troops to the hardship and habitude of

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forced Marches in time of actual War.— Most of his Troops however are three Months in Arrear, & consequently very ill at their ease.—

Meer Sadik the Prime Minister, has unbounded influence with him— It was he who Recommended to his Master, to remove the Young Rajah Kurrachori Nunnundraey from his palace in the City, in order to dig therein for supposed hidden Treasures, and which was doing accordingly, and A greeable to Common Report, with Some Success—

The Sultaun has Agents in different parts purchasing Horses for him— The whole of his present force, does not exceed fifteen thousand Horse and Sixty thousand Infantry— His A Manufactories of Cannon, Musquets, Rockets &c. &c. are never at a stand.—

A true Translate

[Signed] J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

The

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart &c

President and Governor in Council

of

My Lords Fort St. George

From the Military Auditor General - submitting for the Decision of Government the Circumstances attending a Retrenchment made in the Accounts of the Bararamahl Paymaster for Medical allowances drawn by Mr. Todd on account of the Pioneers under the Command of Lieutenant Read. -

Having upon the Reandit of the Accounts of Captain Connor acting Paymaster in the Barramahl, confirmed a Retrenchment of Certain Medical Charges from May to September 1796, drawn by Mr. Assistant Surgeon Todd for a part of the Corps of Native Pioneers doing duty in the Ceded Districts under the Command of Lieutenant Onslow Read by Order of Lieutenant Colonel Read, Mr. Todd being nominated in the G: O: of the 9th March to the Barramahl in general without being posted to any particular station of Corps. Lieutenant Colonel Read has in Consequence of the Reandit, requested that the Channel of the Paymaster, a reference to your Lordship in the enclosed Letter No, accompanied with a Copy of the Retrenchment

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Retrenchment No 2. as furnished by the acting Paymaster to Lieutenant Grove – should your Lordship be pleased to consider Lieutenant Colonel Read Authority for posting W. Todd to the Corps of Pioneers, as sufficient to Warrant the charge, under the Circumstances which he has stated, it becomes my duty to detail for your Lordships information, the Allowances which I conceive may be admitted to him as Assistant Surgeon to the Detachment of Pioneers. –

First – Medical expenditure for the number of Men under his Charge, in the proportion allowed to the whole Corps. –

Second Ten Pagodas per Month for Servants, and the difference between full and half Batta, on the Certificate of Lieutenant Colonel Read, that he was obliged to move with the Detachment, and as an indemnification for the additional expence to which he would thereby be Subject. –

Your Lordship will perceive by the enclosed extract of the Retrenchment that W. Todd

Has

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has drawn the full allowance of 15 Pagodas per Month, Medical expenditure 10 Pagodas per Month for Servants, 14 Pagodas and Twenty One Fanams, for Carriage of Medicines and the difference between full and half Batta, all of which have been Retrenched for the Reasons assigned.—

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect &c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mjr and Genl

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
5th May 1797.—

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart—
Governor in Council,
Fort St. George—

My Lord,

I beg leave to lay before you a letter I have received from Lieutenant Grove of the Pioneers, with extract of a Retrenchment made by the Auditor General of Allowances included in his Monthly Abstract which the requisite may be submitted to the Consideration of Government.—

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According to the Extract the 4 Allowances retrenched were for Medical Servants, & bazar Medecines. Carriage of Medical Stores and difference between full and half batta Drawn on Account of the Pioneers by Mr. Assistant Surgeon Todd while Serving with that Corps in the Baramahl, and they have been rejected because Mr. Todd was not appointed to the Corps by Authority sufficient for the Military Auditor General to admit them, it is proper to state for your Lordships information, that Mr. Todd being appointed Generally to the Baramahl it became my province to appoint him to particularly to some Garison, or corps, in which his Services might be requered, and, that the Pioneer being the only Corps, then, without a Surgeon, I appointed him to serve with it.—

That is not perhaps a sufficient Authority for the Auditor General to admit his Charges, but his Services being absolutely necessary

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Necessary with that Corps and no where else in these districts I humbly conceive it will be admitted that Mr. Todd has a fair Claim to the same Allowances as his predecessor.—

I have the honor to be,

&c: &c:

(Signed) A. Read

Lieut Col: Com.t Ceded Districts

Trippatore
20th April 1797

Lieutenant Colonel Read
Commanding Ceded Districts

Sir,

In consequence of your Orders of the 23d Ulmo 1796, appointing Assistant Surgeon Todd, to do duty with the Detachment of Pioneers in the Baramahal, I drew his Allowances in my Abstract which have since been retrenched,— as his Appointment to the Corps of Pioneers, was not by sufficient Authority for the Auditor General to admit them.—

I send you an extract of the Retrenchment made upon Readdit which I have received from Captain Comer, and request that you will submit it to the consideration of Government.—

Kistnagherry
18th April 1797.—

I am &c: &c:

(Signed) Anslow Grove

Lt. Pioneers

Extract

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Extract of the Retrenchment Made upon Readdit by the Military Auditor General from the Disbursements of Captain Charles Conner, Acting Paymaster in the Barramahl &c. Districts from May to September 1796

Pagoda &c. Pay. F. C.

## Native Pioneers.

May - 11 In Lieutenant A. Grove Abstract Allowances for Medical Servant, Buzar Medecines, Carriage of Medical Stores and full Batta for April, are drawn for Assistant Surgeon Willm Todd ... 71. 21. ..

Admitted his half Batta for April ..... 16. -- ..

But the Charge for Medical Servants Buzar Medecines, Carriage of Medical Stores and difference between full and half Batta drawn on account of the Pioneers is rejected because Mr. Assistant Surgeon Todd has not been appointed to that Corps by Authority sufficient for the Military Auditor General to admit them, his appointment by Government being to the Barramahal; Retrenched ..... .. .. .. 55. 21. ..

June - 9 In Lieutenant A. Grove Abstract for May ..... Ditto .. 72. 23. 64 .. .. .

Admitted his half Batta for May ..... 16. 22. 32

But the over Charges &c. Ditto ..... D. Retrenched ..... 56 1. 32

July 8 In the abstract of Lieut A. Grove for June D. D. ... 71. 21. ..

Admitted his half Batta ... D. ... D. ..... 16. .. ..

But the Charges &c. Retrenched ..... 55. 21 ..

August 8 In the abstract of Lieutenant A. Grove D. for July as above 78. 10. 40

Admitted his half Batta D. ... D. ..... 19. 15. 60

But the Charges &c. as above D. Retrenched ..... 58. 36. 60

Sept. 10 In the abstract of Lieut A. Grove D. for August D. ... 77. 52. 40

Admitted his half Batta D. ... D. ..... 19. 15. 60

But the Charges &c. as above D. Retrenched ..... 58. 36. 60.

Carried Over ..... 284 32. 72

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Brought Over ..... 284.32.72

Charges Current year 1796/7.

September 1 Surgeon William Todd the difference of Medical Servants and full Batta between Surgeon and Assistant Surgeon for 2 Months and 7 days from 24th June to 31st August 1796 inclusive being promoted to Surgeon in September & amounting to Pagodas ..... 34.66.12

Admitted his difference of half Batta between Surgeon and Assistant Surgeon for the above period .. 20.65.30

But the Charges for the Difference of half Batta and Medical Servants are rejected for the Reasons Assigned in Remarking on a similar Charges under the head of Pioneer Corps at Kishengerry ..... 34. " 42

When the Authority for Mr. Todd Appointment to the Corps of Pioneers is forwarded he cannot be allowed 1. 11. 72 Over drawn by him in Substituting the Full Batta of the Old Table instead of New for 7 days in June Vest.

318.33.34

The Difference of Full Batta drawn by Mr. Todd in the Abstract for 7 Days ..... 5. 27. 52

The full Batta as Surgeon is entitled for 7 days is Pagodas ..... 13. 5. 20

Deduct Received more full Batta as Assistant Surgeon for 7 days .. 8. 31. 40

Difference Arising between Surgeon and Assistant Surgeon ..... 4. 15. 60

The difference over drawn is Pagodas ..... 1. 11. 72

Remitted the difference over drawn by him ..... 1. 11. 72.

Pagodas 317. 21. 62

Kishengerry
1st April 1797

A true Extract
Signed C. Corner
Acting Paymaster

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Military & Auditor General enclosing a distributive of the Profits of the Arrack Agency for the Year 1795/96.-

Agreeably to the Instructions contained in Mr. Secretary Jacksons letter under date the 4th of January last I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council, the Distribution of the Profits arising from the Arrack Agency in the Year 1795/6 Amounting to Two hundred Eighty Thousand seven hundred & Sixty eight Fanams and Fifty Cash (Fan. 280768.50 c.) and to Report that it is Correctly Stated, and according to Return furnished by the Adjutant General of Effective Europeans and Natives at the different Stations in the Course of the Year.-

I have

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When your Lordship is pleased to order the Distribution of the above Sum it will no doubt occur, that the Commanding Officers ought to Receive their Shares in Madras Fanams or in the same Coin converted into the Currency of the different Stations at the Exchange of the day on which they are paid —

I have the honor to be,
with the greatest respect

My Lord,

Your Lordships most Obt.
and very humble Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mj and Gent.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
5th May 1797 —

Distribution

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Distribution 5th of Star Pagodas 6,103..30..50 Making fanams 280,768..50 Cash Among the Commanding officers of the respective Garisons and Cantonments being the profit arising from the Arrack Agency from the 1st May 1795 to 30th April 1796 to be paid by the Agent for Spirituous Liquors at the respective Stations. —

| Stations | Officers Commanding | Period of Commanding | Fanams | Cash | Total Fanams | Cash |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mounto | Major General Stuart | from 1st May to 30th June 1795 | 4,844. | 42. | | |
| | Colonel David Smith | from 1st July 1795 to 31st Janry 1796 | 13,513. | 18. | | |
| | Major General Stuart | from 1st Febry to 30th April 1796 | 6,346. | 30. | 24,704. | 10. |
| Poondamalle | Major General Nixon | from 1st May to 30th September 1795 | 6,094. | 2. | | |
| | Colonel Trent | from 1st October 1795 to 30th April 1796 | 5,750. | 60. | 11,844. | 62. |
| Trippasore | Lieutenant Colonel Alexr Shaw | from 1st May to 31st August 1795 | 288. | 74. | | |
| | Captain Godfrey | from 1st Sept. 95 to 31st March 1796 | 315. | 41. | | |
| | Brigadier Genl. D'Meuron | from 1st April to 30th April 1796 | 1,764. | 47. | 2,369. | 2. |
| Chingleput | Lieutenant Colonel Brodie | from 1st May 1795 to 29th Febry 1796 | 4,840. | 29. | | |
| | Lieutenant Colo. Alexr Campbell | from 1st March to 30th April 1796 | 1855. | 73. | 6696. | 22 |
| Wallajahbad | Lieutenant Colonel Fraser | from 1st May to 30th June 1795 | 5,127. | 20. | | |
| | Captain Tolfrey | from 1st to 21st July 1795 inclusive | 1040. | — | | |
| | Captain MacDonald | from 22d July to 30th November 1795 | 6554. | 43. | | |
| | Captain Tolfrey | from 1st December 1795 to 31st Decr 1795 | 257. | 75. | | |
| | Captain Tolfrey | from 1st to 30th April 1796 | 314. | 66. | 13,294. | 44 |
| Arney | Lieutenant Colonel Murray | from 1st May to 30th September 1795 | 5,283. | 3. | | |
| | Major General Nixon | from 1st Octr. 95 to 30th April 1796 | 7214. | 49. | 12,497. | 52. |
| Arcot | Major Dallas | from 1st May to 31st August 1795 | 1372. | 41. | | |
| | Lieut Colonel Young | from 1st Sept. 95 to 30th April 1796 | 8792. | 63. | 10165. | 24. |
| Vellore | Major Genl. Calliaud | from 1st May 1795 to 30th April 1796 | | | 25,437. | 71. |
| Ambore | Lieutenant Col. McPherson | from 1st May 1795 to 30th April 1796 | | | 4243. | 46. |
| Nagore | Captain Hammond | from 1st May 1795 to 30th April 1796 | | | 1107. | 40. |
| Negapatam | Captain Hammond | from 1st May to 30th June 1795 | 96. | 57. | | |
| | The Honble Major Monson | from 1st July to 31st August 1795 | 3680. | 72. | | |
| | Captain Hammond | from 1st Sept. 95 to 29th February 1796 | 365. | 36. | | |
| | The Honble Majr Monson | from 1st March to 30th April 1796 | 3291. | 11. | 7434. | 16. |
| Tanjore | Colonel Baird | from 1st May 1795 to 30th April 1796 | | | 28,097. | 63. |
| Vellure | Lieut Colonel Dalrymple | from 1st May to 31st July 1795 | 1358. | 56. | | |
| | Major Southwick | from 1st August to 31st October 1795 | 938. | 0. | | |
| | Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple | from 1st November 95 to 30th April 1796 | 3029. | 43. | 5326. | 28 |
| | Major General Floyd | from 1st May 1795 to 30th April 1796 | | | 34,376. | 50. |
| Trichinopoly | | from 1st May 1795 to 30th April 1796 | | | 7806. | 51 |
| Dindigull | Colonel Cuppage | from 1st May 1795 to 30th April 1796 | | | 6284. | 10 |
| Madura | Lieut Colonel Gordon | from 1st May 1795 to 30th Sept. 1795 | | | 7347. | 36 |
| Palliamcottah | Colonel Dugald Campbell | from 1st May to 30th June 1795 | | | 3143. | 61 |
| Secundermalle | The Honble Major Monson | from 1st May 1795 to 31st Decr 1795 | 1890. | 73 | | |
| Ongole | Captain Butler | from 1st January to 1st March 1796 | 594. | 54 | 2585. | 47 |
| Innacondah | Captain Walcott | from 1st May to 31st December 1795 | | | 2216. | 42 |
| Guntoor | Colonel Wynch | from 1st May 1795 to 30th April 1796 | | | 4491. | 45. |
| Masulipm | Major General Balfour | from 1st May 1795 to 30th April 1796 | | | 19306. | 36 |
| Ellore | Lieut Colonel Durand | from 1st May 1795 to 30th April 1796 | | | 4467 | 53 |
| Vizagapatam | Major Dunnerdy | from 1st May to 31st July 1795 | 990. | 33. | | |
| | Captain Hudson | from 1st August 1795 to 31st January 1796 | 3806. | 66. | | |
| | Lieutenant Col Sutherland | from 1st February to 30th April 1796 | 2282. | 65. | 7080. | 4 |
| Vizianagrum | Lieutenant Arthur Faith | from 1st May to 31st August 1795 | 3270. | 47. | | |
| | Major Ure | from 1st Sept. 95 to 31st March 1796 | 2369. | 19. | 5639. | 66. |
| Ganjam | Captain Wilder | from 1st January to 30th April 1796 | | | 1609 | 53. |
| Ashah | Captain Poole | from 1st January to 30th April 1796 | | | 1265. | 75. |
| Barampore | Captn Tyrell | from 1st January to 30th April 1796 | | | 221. | 63. |
| | | | | Total Fanams. | 280,768. | 30. |

(Signed) Basil Cochrane
Agent for Spirituous Liquors —

signed W. Sydenham
Mily Sy. G.

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Remark on the Proposals of the Timwood merchants entered in Consult.ns 2 May

The Proposals of the Timwood Merchants entered in Consult.n the 2.nd Instant being found on a Journal to contain several objectionable Clauses they were informed that the Board were willing to purchase Ten Lacks of Billets at the Price mentioned in their Proposals provided they would Sign a Contract to that Effect without Requiring any Assistance from the Company - In consequence of which they delivered the following Proposals -

Translation

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# Translation of a Contract for Supplying Firewood from Venatachella Naig, Venata Moodely, Kistna Pillay and Vera Saumy Chetty Firewood Banksall Merchants. — To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor in Council — Dated 6th May 1797. —

Amended Proposal of the Firewood Merchants for the Delivery of two Lacks of Billets by the 20th June

That in consequence of our having been called and desired by you to make a Contract of Supplying Firewood for the use of the Honorable Company, We / four Persons / do hereby jointly & enter into a Contract of Supplying 500,000 Billets of Chetteracottah Firewood at 2 3/4 Pagodas ₹1000 and 500,000 Billets of Raumiapatnam Firewood of Common Sort at 3 Pagodas ₹1000, Making in all 1,000,000, to be brought and landed by us & at the Sea Beach of Madras and delivered within 20th June next to such a Person as may be & & appointed by you The Value of 1,000,000 Billets of Firewood, amounts to Pagodas 2875 deducting & therefrom Pag.s 1435 paid to us this day as an advance — There Remains Pag.s 1440 to be paid to us after the delivery of Goods. If we fail in the delivery of

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of Goods within 20d June next, That both Conjeveram Venatachellapilla and Sunnaran Baulakistnamah Chetty who are our Security will pay you the Money which we have received, Thus we voluntarily sign this Contract in presence of Elavembady Mootiah Moodely and Munjoore Tewetty Pillay Donovn by Veera Sawmy.—

Witnesses
[Signed] C. Mootiah
M. Tewetty.

[Signed] Vencatachellum
Vencatero
Kistnapillay
Veera Sawmy—

A true Translation from Malabar
[Signed] Anna Sawmy
D. Int.

Translation of a Security Bond from Conjeveram & Venatachella Pillay and Sunearen Baulakistnamah Chetty.— To The Right Honorable Lord Hobart & Governor in Council— Dated 6th May 1797.—

That if these four Persons named & Venatachella Naig, Venecata Moodely, Kistna Pillay and Veera Sawmy Chetty who have entered into a Contract with you for supplying 500,000 Bullocks

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Billets of Cheltheracottah Sirewood and 50,000 ps of Ramnadpatnum, in all 100,000 to be brought and landed at the Sea Beach of Madras and delivered to you within 20th June next and received Money of you actually, / should fail in the delivery of the Wood within the time prescribed the Bottom of us do hereby bind ourselves to pay you the Money, which have been paid to them by you. Thus we voluntarily signed this Security Bond in presence of Elwambadoo Mootiah Mudely and Munjoo Tiwetty Pillay Drawn by Vera Sawmy.—

/Signed/ Venkatachellum
Baulakestnen

Witnesses
/Signed/ C. Mootiah
M. Tiwetty

A True Translation from the Malabars
/Signed/ Annasawmy
Interp.r—

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters

entered in M. B. N. 40. 41.

To the Sirewood Merchants

To the Sirewood Merchants abovementioned

Accepting their offer for the provision of ten Lacks of Billets of Sirewood by the 20th June, and informing them that on Application to Mr. Brodie they will receive an Advance of Cash equal to 1435 Pagodas.—

To

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To Mr Brodie - enclosing Copy of the Contract &

To the Garrison Storekeeper abovementioned and desiring him to advance the Merchants

the Sum of 1435 Star Pagodas. —

Received the following Letter

# The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council. —

My Lord, Fort St George

From the Military Auditor General - enclosing Copies of Correspondence with Lieut Gourlay respecting the retrenchment of his Batta in which that Gentleman has adopted a language & style very disrespectful to the Auditor Office. —

I feel myself under the necessity of laying before your Lordship in Council, the enclosed Correspondence between the Office of Audit and Lieutenant Gourlay of the Artillery, upon which I shall offer no Comment, but respectfully submit the whole to your Lordship's Consideration. —

I have the honor to be,

&c: &c:

(signed) Wm Sydenham

Military Audr Genl

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St George
6th May 1797. —

Copy

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Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant J. Gourlay of the 1st Battalion of Artellery to the Military Auditor General: Dated Mount 13 April 1797.—

Sir,

I Received a Letter from the Paymaster at Trincomalee informing me that one half of my Batta for the Month of November last, had been stoped, with the following remark from your Office "the difference is "between the Lieutenant Gourlay being on Leave at Bombay "& retrenched Lieutenant Gourlay being on Leave at Bombay "is not considered entitled to Field Allowances."—

As I have never had Leave to Bombay, and as I believe it is unusual in the Services to stop any part of an Officers Pay when sick absent, I am led to suppose this must have been occasioned by some mistake, or perhaps by some form of Return, or Remark, of Major Mancell's Commanding the Artillery at Trincomalee:— at any rate I hope the enclosed will be sufficient to convince you that I cannot justly be deprived of any part of my Allowances; and that you will have the goodness to Countermand the Retrenchment—

Your

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Please to return the Cause, I am still,
unfortunately sorrow, absent from the same Cause.-

/Signed/ J. Gourlay
Lieut 1st Bn Artillery

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ J. Brunton
Depy M.A.G.

Copy of a Letter from Captain J. Brunton A
Deputy Military Auditor General to Lieutenant
J. Gourlay of the 1st Battalion of Artillery in Answer
to the foregoing Dated Fort St. George 15th April 8th 97

Sir,

I am directed by the Military Auditor
General to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter to
him of the 13 Instant, and to acquaint you that
the Replies made to Retrenchments on the Accounts
of Paymasters, should come to him through the
Channel of the Paymaster, on whose Disbursement
the Retrenchment is made, you will therefore be so
good as to transmit your replies through Captain
Kingston Paymaster at Trincomalee.-

I am at the same time directed to
acquaint you, that the Retrenchment in question was
occasioned

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occasioned by a Remark being made opposite to your Name in the Muster Roll "Absent on Leave to Bombay," but that it will be taken off provided the Charge of full Batta made on your Account is supported Monthly by a Surgeons Certificate, transmitted to the Office of Audit with the Paymasters Accounts in which the Charge is made, one, in general terms enumerating the Months you have been absent will Answer for the time past, in future if you will be so good as to transmit a Monthly Certificate during the Period of your remaining sick absent at the Mount, to which due attention will be paid in auditing Captain Kingstons Accounts.—

/Signed/ J. Brunton
Depy Mily Aud. Genl.

A True Copy
/Signed/ J. Brunton
Depy: Mr: a: G.

Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant J. Gourlay of the 1st. Battalion of Artillery to Captain J. Brunton Deputy Military Auditor General in Answer to the foregoing
Dated Mount 15th. April 1797.—

Sir.

I have been honored with your Letter of Yesterdays date.— As my intention is only to rectify a mistake

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a Mistake, I hope I shall be pardoned for wanting a few lines from the Mount to Madras without sending my Letter thro' the regular Channel by Trincomalee.— after having shewn the Remark on which you say the Retrenchment was founded to be not only an error, but, as I firmly believe, an intended one, to do me a possible injury, and in which it has been but too successful; I did not expect to be bound down by the Military Auditor General, to a set of terms on which I might be permitted to receive my Pay and Allowances. I thought my last letter would have made it evident to him that no Alteration in the form of Return, or remark made after my Name, should be permitted to operate to my prejudice — but as there seems to exist at your Office something more than a doubt of the actual State of my health, I inclose (for my own satisfaction only) a Copy of my last months Certificate transmitted to Trincomalee — I shall send them Regularly while it is necessary for me to Remain at the Mount, and you will of

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course receive from Trincomalie a True Return of my
situation - I after this explanation you should
think proper to retrench any part of my Allowances,
it will only remain for me to find out, whether the
Pay of an Officer who has lost his health on foreign
Service is treated as lightly by Government as it is
at the Military Auditor Generals Office. -

(Signed) J. Gourlay
Lieut 1st Bat Artillery

A true Copy
(Signed) J Brunton
Depy M A G

Copy of a Certificate alluded to in the above
Letter Dated 15 March 1797. -

This is to Certify that Lieutenant
Gourlay of Artillery is unable at present to join
his Corps at Trincomalie, and that it has been
strongly Recommended to him to Remain at the
Mount on Account of extreme bad health. -

(Signed) A: Boiswell
Surgeon

A true Copy
(Signed) J Brunton
Depy: M: A G:

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Copy of a letter from Captain J. Brunton Deputy Military Auditor General to Lieutenant J. Gourlay of the 1st Battalion of Artillery in Answer to the foregoing Dated Fort St. George 18th April 1797—

Sir,

Having communicated to the Military Auditor General your Letter of the 15th Instant in Answer to mine of the 11th, written by his order respecting a Retrenchment of the Difference between Half and Full Batta, in consequence of your being noted in the Muster Roll for February last "on leave to Bombay" he has directed me to acquaint you, that the desire expressed in my Letter that you would transmit your Reply to the Retrenchments in question thro' the Channel of the Paymaster; is conformable to the orders of Government, which prescribe that a Mode, and to the Regulations of this Office which prohibit any correspondence with Individuals, except thro' that channel, and he feels it also to be his duty to require from every Officer absent from a Station where Full Batta is drawn a Monthly Certificate

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Certificate of their Inability to join, as the proper voucher for passing an Allowance which, the A observes is perhaps strictly speaking Merely Local, and might be considered in this light if the subject was brought to the Notice of Government.—

The Military Auditor General desires me to say that a requisition for Form to entitle an Officer to the Continuation of an Extra Allowance while absent from his Corps, ought not to be conceived to be objected to in any Case and is far from implying suspicion, as he is from entertaining it— The same A form has been uniformly Required from Officers of the Detachment serving with the Nizam under similar Circumstances.—

I am directed to add that as you have thought proper to address the Office of Audit in a Stile altogether unmerited, he shall be under the necessity, unless you adopt suitable Means to prevent it, of taking such steps as will enable A you to judge whether in the opinion of Government, to whom you seem not averse to appeal, the A Allowance of an Officer who has lost his health

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on Foreign Service have been treated by the Military Auditor General, in a Manner inconsistent with their Intentions. —

/Signed/ J. Brunton
Depy M.r Aud.r Gen.l

A true Copy
/Signed/ J. Brunton
Depy M.r A. G.

Having Waited for Lieutenant Goudays Answer to this Letter untill the 28th April and none Arriving, a Duplicate was sent to him on that day, which produced the following Reply, without date, and which was received by the Deputy Military & Auditor General on the 1st of May. —

Captain Bruntons &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I have been duely honored with your Letter of the 18th Instant and with the Duplicate last Night. It is not my intention to make any Reply to this because I find my Letters to your Office produce the very opposite to that intended. — I wrote you first to explain an error on which you had ordered a retrenchment to be made on my

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My Batta, thinking that by doing so I should be suffered to pass without further molestation — I have discovered my Mistake, and will trouble you with no more Letters. The M: A: G: seems determined that I shall be retrenched, and he has already convinced me that he will not be without a pretence. —

Your Observation on my apparent ⁊ willingness to appeal to Government is the very reverse of what it ought to be, I neither have, nor ever had a Knowledge or interest there, but I have a Confidence that they will protect me from ⁊ injustice, and I will try them / as I told you before / whenever your Retrenchment reaches me — I / did not tell you in my former Letters I now beg leave to do it, that I returned to Ceylon from Bombay about the Middle of September — I cannot think of any thing else, that it is necessary for me to say on this Subject. I have written to Trincomalee to notify the error in the Muster Roll, and ⁊ notwithstanding all that I have heard, I cannot

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consider my situation in any respect different from that of many other Officers now absent from Ceylon on account of bad health, and who have no kind of Connection with your Office on that Account — here lies my Misfortune! I shall wait with patience to see in what shape you will construe to injure me — you seem already to hate me with as much Rancour as if I had once been your friend. you shall meet no obstacle from me in your Complaints to Government, nor in any thing else you think proper to do on the Subject. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

(A true Copy)
(Signed) J. Bruenton
Depy Mr. A. G.

(Signed) John Gourlay

The above letter is directed as follows

Captain Bruenton
Depy M. A. Genl
Madras

(Signed) J. Gourlay
Lt. Artillery

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To the Secretary
to the Government
at Madras

Sir,

I have it in Command from His Excellency Major General Craig, Commander in Chief of this Colony, to enclose his letters for Bombay & and Bengal to your address and to Request that they may be forwarded by the earliest opportunities. I have also been directed to send the said letters & open that the Government of your Presidency may be aware of our Situation.—

From the Secretary at the Cape of Good Hope & with Originals and Copies of Letters to the Bengal and Bombay Governments & soliciting supplies of wheat & Rice Gun Powder, and Tumbrils.—

Castle of Good Hope
6th March 1797

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signed H. Ross
Secry to the Govt.

The Honorable the Governor
and Supreme Council,
Bengal

Gentlemen,

The Reports which have been made to me of the apparent State of the late Harvest in this Colony having

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having occasioned me to direct that a strict
investigation of the Subject should take place,
It has been with concern that I have found that
it has so far failed as to be probably inadequate
to meet the exigency of the increased consumption,
occasioned by the large Military and Naval
establishments, as well as by the greater Number
of the Honorable Company's Ships which now
stop here. —

In this situation I find myself under
the necessity of having recourse to the Settlements
of the Honorable East India Company for that
Assistance which may prevent our suffering
very great inconvenience. —

Having consulted those Gentlemen
here who are most Capable of giving me proper
information on the subject it has appeared to me
that from the Season of the Year at which my
Letter will reach India, we are most likely
to succeed in obtaining a speedy supply from

Bombay

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7: Bombay than from either of the other Settlements, I shall therefore write immediately, by the Company's Cruizer the Antelope, now here, to the Governor of that Presidency, and request that he will, as soon as possible, take up on Account of Government a Ship of from five to six hundred Tons, and send here that quantity of wheat. —

We are also in want of Gun powder, and very much so of all Sorts of Timber, particularly such as is proper for Gun Carriages and platforms. I shall therefore Request of Governor Duncan that he will take up a Smaller Vessel Capable of bringing us from one to two thousand Barrels of powder, compleating her Cargo with an assortment of Teakwood; proper for the purposes I have mentioned; and if possible some Poonwood, which I am told may be likewise, be very usefull. —

My doubt as to the ability of the Bombay Presidency to furnish the Quantity of

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of powder which I have mentioned so speedy as would be desirable, ocasions my troubling you on the same Subject, You will of course be able, I suppose, to judge whether Bombay can supply us - and if you think they cannot, I shall then Request that you will have the Goodness to send it to us from Calcutta, & compleating the Cargo with the Splices of Timber which I have mentioned, and adding from fifty to Seventy Tons of Rice, I shall rely on the Supply of wheat from Bombay, and shall request the Govenor to communicate with you as to the other Cargo. —

Cape of Good Hope
11th February 1797 —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. H. Craig

(A true Copy)
(Signed) H. Ross
Secy —

(A true Copy)
(Signed) George Parry
Secretary

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To

Jonathan Duncan Esqr.

Governor

Bombay

Sir,

In the unfortunate circumstance which has taken place here of a considerable failure in the Harvest of this year owing to an uncommon series of dry weather particularly during the period & immediately preceding the reopening of the Com, which threatens us with an entire want in a few Months; I am under the necessity of adopting the most effectual means for obtaining a speedy supply, and having consulted those & Gentlemen, who are most likely to give me the best information on the subject, I find that from the Season of the year at which this will probably reach India, the end I have in view is most likely to be accomplished from the Presidency under your direction, than from either that of Madras or Bengal.—

From

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From the best information which I have been able, after infinite difficulty, to obtain, of the quantity of wheat actually in the Colony We calculate that, with Economy and attention, it will about last us till the Middle of August; but calculations of this nature, whatever pains may be bestowed upon them, must always be liable to error, from the Interest which the Farmers from whom alone we can get the necessary information, have in deceiving us; at the same time that they may become entirely useless from an accidental demand occasioned by a rendezvous of any considerable force, either Naval or Military. I mention this only in the view of pointing out the necessity which exists of not entirely relying upon our being able to support ourselves so long and consequently of providing for the most speedy succour.—

I am therefore, Sir, to request that you will have the Goodness to use every possible expedition in taking up from seven to eight hundred

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hundred tons of shipping on Government account,
either in one or in two Ships, as you find most
convenient, and in dispatching them to us, if
loaded with Wheat, or flour, and about 100 Tons
of Rice, to be paid for by Bills on London at
such rate as you may agree upon—

We are likewise rather short in our
Stock of Gun Powder, and I should therefore also
request that you will take up a smaller Vessel if
such as will be able to bring us from a Thousand to
Two Thousand Barrels; completing her Cargo with
Teak and Poon wood, or such other Timber as is
is fit for Gun Carriages, and Platforms, of
which we are in the utmost need, you will be
best able to form a judgment of the Size proper
for a Vessel for this purpose, but I should
imagine that one of from two to three hundred
Tons burthen, if such can be procured; would be
sufficient— I am indeed informed that it
will probably be difficult to procure so small
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a Vessels in which case I only request that you will adopt the mode most agreeing with those principles of Economy which ought to regulate the expenditure of the Public Money - If the Vessel with the Powder and timber is likely to be ready as soon as those with the Corn, & perhaps the Rice that I have desired may be put on board it, which may devide the Cargoes more equally, and enable you to send the whole in two Ships; I am informed that you have two sorts of Powder one for Cannon and one for Musquetry - If so, I beg the proportion of the latter may be about one fourth -

To these Commissions I am to beg Sir, that you will add a considerable number of Gunny bags; exclusive of what may be necessary for the Corn and Rice from ten to Twenty thousand in the whole, as you may be able to procure them, It is inconceivable what difficulty we & experience for want of some thing of this nature -

I have

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I have written to the Governor General upon this subject some days ago principally with view of guarding against the possibility of your not being able to spare the quantity of Gun Powder, which we want, and I have observed that I should request of you to write to him on the subject, as soon as this reaches you, & I do myself the honor of enclosing a Copy of my letter. —

I am &c. &c.

Cape of Good Hope
2d March 1797

(signed) J. H. Craig
M. G.

A true Copy
(signed) George Barry
Secretary

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

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform your &
Lordships in Council, that I have this day received by
a Pair of Harkarrahs, a letter from Kauzim Alikhan
at Seringapatam dated the 8th Instant, in which
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From the Assistant &
Resident at Hydrabad
forwarding Intelligence
respecting Tippoo Move-
ments received from &
Seringapatam. —

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he acquaints me, that Tippoo Sultaun was still encamped about twelve Cose from Seringapatam on the borders of the Koorgh Country, but was expected to re-enter his Capital, before the last Day of Shuwaul, which Answers to the present Day of our Month. — The only way in which I can reconcile their Account with those lately Received by Major Dowdeswell and Captain Macleod, is by supposing that Tippoo may have repaired to Seringapatam about the Period stated in the Respective Letters of Intelligence from those Gentlemen, that is, between the 20th and 30th of last Month; and have again quitted that City to rejoin his Army. —

I have the honor to be,
with the greatest Respect,
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asst. Officiating Resident

Hyderabad
28th April 1797

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council,

Fort St. George.

My Lords,

I have the honor to acquaint your

From the Resident at Tanjore - stating that Shiverow's death is daily expected -

Lordships that Shiverow, having become much worse was this Morning Carried out to the Side of the Veneer River, two Miles from Tanjore, - His Death may be expected, it is said in the Course of three or four days, and the Object of his present removal is, that he should die near the River -

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Tanjore
14th May 1797 -

Signed Alex.r Macleod
Resd.t

To
Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Resident at Tanjore - enclosing Accounts of the Collections from the Mayaveram Taluk for the time it was under his Management -

I have been favored with your Letter

desiring me to deliver over charge of the Soubah &

&c.

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of Myaveram to Mr. Grant which I have accordingly done and have now the honor to enclose the Accounts of Poudah during the time it was under my Charge.— together with a Bill for the Amount of the Nett Revenue Collected.—

I have the honor to be,
&c: &c:
/Signed/ Alexr. MacLeod
Resdt.

Tanjore
4th May 1797.

Remark on the foregoing Letter.—

The Accounts mentioned in the foregoing Letter Sent to the Board of Revenue.—

To
The Right Honorable The Governor in Council
&c: &c: &c:

My Lords,

I have the honor to report that Captain Airkell, of the 1st Battalion 5th Regiment makes official Application to be permitted to resign the Command of Mellore, on Account of bad Health, and to join his Regiment as soon as he is able.—

From Major General Floyd Captain Airkell requests permission to resign the Command of Mellore recommends the building of a Guard Room at the Quitemany Gate & Enclosing Poudah and an application from Captain Fessiter the Fort Adjutant for an Allowance on Account of Conveyance required for Keeping the Accounts of the Sepoys Family & Lieutenant Smythe requests permission to resign the Fort Adjutantcy of Madura.—

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Sir:

I beg leave to state that Captain Peter Dallas of the 1st Battalion 2nd Regiment is very desirous of the Honor of that Command. He is an Excellent Officer has been repeatedly wounded in the Service, and has two Brothers of great Merit in the Cavalry.-

I beg to lay before your Lordship No1 an estimate for a Guard Room at the Gun Tommy Gate - and for two small Guards - there being absolutely no cover at those three places, & except Tents - which are directed by the & Military Board to be withdrawn.-

I beg to lay before your Lordship & No2. a letter from Captain Gibbons, Fort & Adjutant of Trichinopoly, and to Recommend it to your Lordships favorable attention in the full belief that the subject calls for Relief.

Also No. 3. a Letter from Lieutenant Smyth, 1st Battalion 3d Regiment, whom you have been pleased to appoint Recently to be & temporary Fort Adjutant at Madura. He is & actively

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actively, well disposed, promising young Man
full of the same laudable Spirit as the rest
of the three Companys at Madura, lately
belonging to the 22d Battalion, under Major
Oram who, when they were asked on
Parade if they chose to go on foreign Service,
under their late Commander, recovered their
Arms - and came forward to a Man. -

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

Trichinopoly
May 4th 1797.

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

Fort St. George

My Lord,

In consequence of the 43d Paragraph
of Government Orders of the 24th of March last,
relative to the new mode of Paying and
Mustering the Troops &c. I addressed a Letter
to the Auditor General to know, if the
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said Paragraph, Authorized a Conicopoly for the Unattached
Invalids, and numerous Corps of Pensioners, Stationed
in this Garrison; this Reply was, "that no Person of
"this description being allowed at any of the Out
"Stations he regretted it was not in his power to
"establish a New Appointment, however necessary
"it might appear without the Sanction of Government"

I beg leave My Lord to trespass on your
just to State, that the No. of Invalids and Pensioners,
in this Garrison under the Charge of the Fort Adjutant
is generally upwards of 400, that the latter description
of Persons, have Liberty to reside where they
think proper, that they are in all the Villages
40 or 50 Miles about, and come to Receive their
pensions not on any one particular day, but
some or other of them on every Day in the Month.
and every hour in the Day: that when Notice is
given of a Muster, I have to warn them in the
best manner I can of the time of taking the
same; it has been therefore impossible, to do
all

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all this, and to make out the Muster Rolls &
Abstracts &c. without having a Conicoply for
that purpose; and I can with truth assert, that
his whole time, is literally taken up in this
Employment.—

From the time I have been Fort Adjutant
and long before, Five Pagodas a Month had been
drawn under the Head of Sepoy allowance, and
applied to pay a Person of this description; this
Charge has been ordered to be Refunded, and tho'
the Refund has not been made, I am Answerable
for it: the Expence of a Conicoply / absolutely
Necessary / therefore falls on me, My Lord My
Staff Pay has never been more than about 18 Pags.
a Month, Five of which going to a Conicoply,
reduces it to 13, I am Obliged to wait on the
Commanding Officer at his Garden once a Day.
I must therefore Keep a horse, this also being
deducted, Reduces my Staff Pay to between
7 and 8 Pagodas this to my Predecessor was of

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the Ly consequence, as he held the H
Appointment of Postmaster which is H
usual at the Out Stations. —

Without murmuring or H
Complaining but just stating the
case, I beg leave to submit the same
to your Lordships Consideration, and
I do so with the more Confidence, as it is H
probable, that by my Promotion, H
which cannot be very distant, I may H
lose my Appointment, and therefore, H
my Successor, and not myself, will H
benefit, in the Event of your Lordship
being pleased, to grant a Conicopoly for
the Invalids and Pensioners stationed in
this Garrison. —

I have

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I have the honor to be with the
most perfect respect. -

My Lord,

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Your Lordships
Most Devoted and
Obedient humble Servant
(Signed) L. Gibbons
Fort Adjutant
Trichinopoly

To The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord,

With Heartfelt Gratitude I
Return your Lordship thanks for my
appointment of Fort Adjutant of Madura
- Major Oram writes me that there is

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is a probability of the Corps I belong to
being sent on Foreign Service — I have &
belonged to this Corps ever since I have &
been an Officer, and have every reason to
think the Men are as much attached to
me as I am to them — I therefore wish to
have an opportunity of establishing my
Character as an Officer by being allowed to
go with them. These reasons induce me to
ask permission to resign the Post &
Adjutancy of Madura. I write this &
letter with the entire Approbation &
and concurrence of Lieutenant Colonel &
Gowdie my immediate Commanding
Officer. —

I am with the greatest Respect.
&c. &c.
/Signed/ N. M. Smyth Lieut of the
1st Batn 3d Regt acting Fort Adjt
of Madura. —

Madura
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Recvd the undermentioned 4 Letters entered in M. B. N.s 42. 43. 44. 45.—

From the Paymaster at Amboyna.—

From M.r A. Cunningham requesting an advance of three or 4 four Months Pay.—

From Colonel Sale returning his Acknowledgments for his appointment to the Command of Vellore.—

From the Adjutant General of the Army

From the Adjutant General enclosing a Disembarkation Return of His Majesty's 80.th Regiment as required from Bengal.—

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From M. Toriano acknowledging

From the President at Negore. — Receipt of the Letters for Lieutenant Colonel St.
John and Captain Oscilly which accompanied
M. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 1st Instant —

Dispatched Letters to the Secretaries
To the Secretary at Bengal and Bombay — at Bengal and Bombay (as entered in M. B. No 46 and 47) forwarding Letters received from
the Cape of Good Hope & American Ship
Harmony, and noticed in a former part of this
Diary —

Received the following Letters from
the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad. —

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

My Lord,

I think it right to apprize
your Lordship in Council, that a Naigue and
Six Sepoys belonging to one of Mons.r Raymond's
Regiment, went from hence with their Arms
a few

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad respecting a party of Sepoys attached to Pondicherry by Mons.r Raymond. —

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a few days ago, with directions (as I understand) to make the best of their way to Pondicherry. I have not as yet been able to learn any thing of the object of their mission whether, supposing them really to be intended for that Quarter

Hyderabad
1st May 1797.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect.
Hs. Hs.
(Signed) J. Kirkpatrick
Asst. & Offg. Resident

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor and President in Council

From the Assistant & Resident at Hyderabad forwarding Mysore & Intelligence collected at Goa.

Fort St. George

My Lords,

I have the honor to transmit for the information of your Lordship in Council Heads of Intelligence lately transmitted to me from Goa, and to be,

Hyderabad
2d May 1797.

With the greatest respect,
Hs. Hs.
(Signed) J. Kirkpatrick
Assistant
Resd

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Heads of Intelligence from Goa, from the 11th to the 22nd April, inclusive, received the 1st May 1797

Syed Ghuffaar has been very Ill for four or five Days past, but is now on the Recovery.—

On the 13th a Chief named Kumry Ram joined the Camp at the head of one hundred and fifty Horse.— It is a Common practice in Syed Ghuffaar's Camp, for a Corps of Infantry with two Guns to March out to the distance of 4 Cos from the Encampment, and after going through their Manauvres to return back in the course of the Morning.—

On the 17th of April, Syed Ghuffaar received a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun, and upon perusal of its Contents, ordered a Salute of 25 Guns to be fired and distributed Sweetmeats. The cause of this Rejoicing has not yet transpired.—

A Pedlar who arrived recently from Seringapatam gave us the following Heads of Information

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Information. —

"That Tippoo had dispatched a force
"Composed of five hundred horse, One thousand &
"Infantry, five hundred Peakdahs with two
"Pieces of Cannon and an Elephant, under
"the Command of Runnagee Row Lutchmun
"to Bednore — That the Bonky Nawab, had
"Marched with Seven thousand Infantry, &
"five thousand Peakdahs with fourteen pieces
"of Cannon and Six Elephants to Tulghaut*
"That Ghazi Khan, and Muddoo Khan (Bheds,
"or Plunderers) with two thousand Horse, had
"been dispatched to Chitle Droog; That the
"Garrison of Gurrum Condah consists as of
"formerly of two thousand Men, but that there
"was a talk of two thousand more being sent
"thither under Meer Kummer ud Deen Khan —
"That Six Persons said to be Rûm (Constantinople)
"Arrived lately in Palanquins at Seringapatam
"That a Frenchman, who is lame, Arrived lately

* The lower Carnatic is supposed to be meant. —

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Read

"do. & That City and had been provided &
"with Quarters by the Sultaun's order, ever
"Sher Sanjam, and had had, one audience
"when he / the Pedlar / left Seringapatam
"That when the Vakeel deputed by the & &
"Mahrattahs on certain negotiations &
regarding Gyote "took leave of the Sultaun
"he was honored with a Khelaut, a horse, and
"string of Pearls - That the Sultaun was at
"Seringapatam quite taken up with the
Completion of the Works of that place - That
he was in the habit once a Week, of taking a large
Party of Troops with him to the distance of Six, or
or Seven Cos from the City, whence after performing
various evolutions, they are immediately marched
back again - That the Sultaun had ordered &
Mahommed Saddick to purchase Horses &
immediately for him, to the Amount of Thirty
Thousand Pagodas - That Heera Naick had &
lately

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"lately been honored by Tippoo with a Khelaut
" and an Elephant, and would shortly (it was
" expected) be sent to Koompully where a Chief
" named Budden Deen already was at the head
" of a thousand Sepoys".—

20th A Person belonging to the
Sholapoor Wallah, is busily employed in
the Talook of Adoni, in Raising Troops for
the Rajah.—

A true Translate
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council,

of Fort St. George

From the Military Auditor General - reporting on the additional Estimate of Cash required for Payment of a Detachment of 25th Dragoons lately arrived from Bengal.—

My Lords,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 4th instant, accompanied with an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Deputy

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9. Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops for the Current Month.—

The Amount Viz.t Seven thousand Eight Hundred Pagodas / Pagodas 7800.—.—) includes Subsistence for the Detachment of His Majesty's 25th Regement Light Dragoons lately Arrived from Bengal, from the 25th. October 1796 / the Period to which they are stated to have been paid in England / to the 24th June 1797. and Regimental Contingent Charges for the whole Corps from the 25th December 1795 to the 24th of the same Month 1796, which I find on application is still due to the Regiment, as nothing on this score has as yet been entered in the Deputy Paymaster Generals Estimate for the 25th Dragoons.—

In consequence of the information communicated in Mr. Secretary Jacksons Letter under Date the 25th. January last, requesting

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an Advance of Five Thousand Sicca Rupees @
/5000/ made by the Supreme Government
to the Officer Commanding the Detachment
of His Majesty's 25th Regiment Light D.
Dragoons on his Accountable receipt for the
use of the whole Detachment - I beg leave
to suggest to your Lordship, that as the
sum estimated for appears fully Sufficient
to discharge the Arrears of Pay, that would
have become due to the Detachment, from
the period to which they had been paid in
England, I presume the Sum advanced in
Bengal, being equal to One Thousand five
hundred and Sixty two Pagodas (Pags. 1562)
should be deducted from the present Estimate,
the Amount of which will therefore remain
to be issued from the General Treasury, is Six
thousand two hundred and Thirty Eight @
Pagodas

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(Pagodas 6238.--.)

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
8th May 1797.-

I have the honor to be
with the greatest Respect.
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mj Aud Gent.

Received also the undermentioned 4
Letters entered in M. B. Nos 48. 49.-

From Mr. Roebuck with an
Additional Estimate of Cash Required in the
Current Month by the Paymaster at Arkat

From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Mardon recommending
the Execution of some Repairs to the Choultry
at Trichinopoly allotted as a Gram Godown for
the 25th Regiment of Light Dragoons.-

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.-

&c

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# At a Consultations

## Present

## The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor President

## Lieutenant General Harris

## Edward Saunders } Esqrs.
## W. Fallofield }

Tuesday
9th May.—

Minutes of last Consultation &
Read and Approved.—

Read the following letter from
Major Cuppage to the Commandant at
Trichinopoly with the papers enclosed.—

## Major General Floyd,
## &c: &c: &c:

Sir,

My letter of Yesterday will have
prepared you, for the information the enclosed
Representation

From Major Cuppage to Major General Floyd inclosing Copies of Representations made to him by the Polygars of Warriapolam and his Vakeel

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Letter which has occasion to halt his Detachment at Gagondram.—

Representation will convey, on which I have only to remark as a further proof of their disposition towards Coming to a good understanding, they are in the Course of tomorrow to have the Road between this and Veraduram thoroughly Cleared by levelling their Works and burning the Thorns and Authorize me to send people the next Morning to see that it is so and on those & Condetions I have Consented to halt here until that time.— All of which I hope will meet with your Approbation.—

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

Camp Gagondram
12 Miles East of Warianpollam
3rd May 1797.—

## Translation of a Letter from Cachyvenungapah Werion Polygar of Warrianpollam.—

After the usual Compliments.

I am in good health this twentieth day of the Month, and glad to find that you are well I shall be glad to hear the same from yourself

You

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You have been so kind as to send the Jussin Cawn sufficdar, I understand, and rely upon what he says from you. —

My Ancestors have long been in the Warriorpollam district and we have regularly paid our Kist to the Circar. —

During the War with Hyder we received the protection of the Company from M.r Sulivan, and the Commandant of Trichinopoly, and we paid our Kist regularly according to our Agreement. —

When His Highness the Nabob took Charge of the Country we were confined, and had much trouble for five years after this when the Company took possession of the district we sent our people to M.r Andrews at Trichinopoly who gotaes the protection of the Company, to whom we regularly paid our Kist for two years and behaved well. —

When the Company restored the country to the Nabob, he sent Abdul Cawder Cawn, who

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who took the sole profession; and authority from
us and we had nothing to do - We continued at
quiet, and attended the Durbar at Madras
for five years, in hopes of obtaining favor from
the Nabob, who pretends off from time to time
with promises of giving us back the Country,
but did not do it The Country can produce 30,or
40, but Abdul Cawder Cawn wants to raise the
collections to 70, or 80, and for this purpose
oppressed the Inhabitants, exacting double, &
and treble their Agreements from them. —

His oppressions were such, that to
pay the exactions of Abdul Cawder Cawn the
Inhabitants sold their bullocks, their wives,
and their Children, and finally were obliged
to fly from their houses, and the Country. —

After Abdul Cawder Cawn had forced
the Inhabitants to leave the Country, he sent
forces at different times in the Months of &
Augt, and Aug to oblige us to agree to pay
70, or 80 for the district which we could not consent to

He

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He then ordered an Amildar called Veneatachelum Ayeen, a troublesome man to value the Country, and according to his estimation we were forced to sign an Agreement.

Discovering that Veneatachelum Ayer had dispatched people to seize our familys, and that we were to be confined in the Duban we made our escape, and sent to our familys to leave the place where they were. –

After we had gone away all the Cavalcanahs who for four, or five years had been oppressed by the Amildars assembled together, and threw off all Subjection – We remained quiet. Receiving your Message I have sent my Vakeel Mootoo Saumy Ayen to speak – We want the Pesheush settled and by your means to get Cost from the Company – If this is done, we will desire the inhabitants to Return to their Houses the Cavalcanahs to be quiet, and we will obey the Company –

We

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We before had Cost from the Company
by Colonel Nixon, and M. Sulivan - we desire
now to have the same by your Means - To have
Cost from the Company, and the perhaps settled -

We will willingly obey the orders of
the Company - no other - In behaving well under the
Company, we shall be happy - We wish this done
by you - Be pleased to send Orders for the A
detachments not to fight with the Cavalcanate
They did not know whether they were Company's
or Nabobs' Troops, and some people were lost. -

I depend upon you, and if this business
is done by your means there can be no wrong - Therefore
be pleased to order the Troops from Trichinopoly
and Tanjore to cease hostility. -

Any thing further will be explained
by my Vakeel - Direct me what is to be done. -

Salaam

N.B. By the figures 30 or 40, are meant 30 or 40,000 Pons
Novo Pagodas -
By 70 or 80 are meant 70 or 80,000 Star Pagodas. -
Venkatachilam Ayen is not the man confined at Tanjore

Translation
(Signed) D. Floyd

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The Representation of Moodo Kistniah
Vackeel on the part of the Rajah of Wanianpollam
Camp 3rd May 1797.-

Since this Jungle began to grow
the Country has belonged in right to the Rajahs
of it, descending from Father to Son- From the
first Coming of a Nabob into the Carnatic, the
Rajahs Acknowledged him and paid him an
Annual Tribute of 12,000 Pagodas after the Seige
of Madurah and the taking of that place -
The Rajah being an Arrear of Tribute one year,
the Nabob Marched the Army into this Country
and took possession of it when most of the
principal fled taking Refuge in different
Countries and did not return until the
Breaking out of Hyders War in 1780 at this
time or Shortly after when Hyder was in this
Neighbourhood passing from Tritchinopoly to
Chilambaram. the Rajah waited upon him

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received his Coul and was reinstated in his Country -
As soon as Hyder died the Rajah Claimed the
protection of the Company and got Mr Sullivans
Coul Receiving a Garrison of the Company's Troops
into the Fort of Warriorpollam, paying the first
year a Tribute of 40,000 Porto Nova Pagodas and
the next year 45,000 at the end of which time the
Nabob got the Country - The Rajahs family was then
in the Fort and the Rajah himself went to
advise Mr Swinton at Trichinopoly with whom
it was Agreed that as his family was in the
power of the Nabob, he should Return; Mr Swin
gave him a Pallenkeen, and sent him to
Warriorpollam where he had no sooner Arrived
than Centries were placed over him, and in this
state of Confinement he was kept five years;
the Nabob ordering for his support a Collection
of one fanam on every Cany of ground, which
the Rajah Considered so disgraceful, that he
would not accept it and was obliged to live by

his

his own means, either by selling the Joys of his family or borrowing Money as he could.. At the end of this period, the Country was assumed by the Company, and the Management of it given to the Rajah by Mr Andrews, on the Agreement of paying to his Sabordar Settleam Pully 24,000 Star Pagodas the first year and the next 36,000. A little before the end of the last year the Old Rajah Died and was succeeded by his Son the present Rajah – Upon the Country being again given up to the Nabob the Rajah wrote to him for the management of it, but received no Answer and hearing that Jahangar Cawn was coming from the Durbar, the Rajah left his family at Marianpollam and went to Madras, where he remained full five years endeavoring to prevail with the Nabob to place him in the Management of the Country as heretofore, but to no purpose. –

Jahangar Cawn only lived two years

after

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after Coming to Warriorpollam and was succeeded in the Management of the Country by Abdul Cawder Cawn Nabob - These two Men rented the Country under an engagement of praying to the Circar & the Advanced Rent of 60. 70. or 80,000 Pagodas & Annually, which Could be only made good by extortion and the Consequence was the people were obliged to Sell their Joys, Cattle &c. to satisfy them; by this the Inhabitants became so empoverished and being no longer able to satisfy their demands, the Managers Continuing to press them as much as before, the people & were at length obliged to fly their Villages - & Abdul Cawder Cawn Knowing the state of the Country and seeing that he could no longer & fulfil his engagements, left it and went to Madras and there wanted the Rajah to take the Country at 75,000 Pagodas who replied that the Country was now Ruined and that he could not take it - Abdul Cawder Cawn enraged at this

or

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or appearing to be so, threatened him and said if he did not take the Country, that he should be put in Confinement and should never see his family more - The Rajah terrified gave an engagement to pay the Money at the same time he discovered that Abdul Cawder Cawn meant to keep him at Madras a Prisoner and that the Country should be managed by one Venkatachalem - Knowing this he wrote for his family to leave Wariarpollam immediately and he sett of himself from Madras upon which all the principal people of the Country assembled and determined to oppose the oppressive Measures of the Nabob administration by every Means in their power -

All that they now want; is that the English Government will hear and determine in their Cause - In the faith of the Nabob, neither the Rajah or his people can rely - but are ready to abide by the decision of the Company be

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it is that it will and Concludes by saying that if I would promise, that Government would decide, they would instantly throw away their Arms - And also that during the Companys management the Country was in peace and quietness but whilst under the Nabobs the People never slept in safety -

This Man further says there is not a Man of Wealth in the whole Country - It is only the poor & indigent who could not do better that have remained -

[Signed] A. Cuppage
Major Com.g a Detachment
in the Warriorpollam Country

The President lays before the Board draft of a letter which he proposes should be sent to the Nabob / entered also in C. C. No 491

To

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To His Highness the Nabob
Omdut ul Omrah Wallajah
&c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Highness!

To the Nabob pointing out the Cause of Rebellion & of the Warriapollam and & Amalore Poligars against his Highness's Government and offering the Company's Mediation towards the adjustment of the Despotic & factious state prevailing amongst those Poligars.

In consequence of the Representation made by your Highness of the depredations & committed in the Districts bordering on & Trichinopoly, instances of which I had seen in the course of my Journey through a part of those Countries, and the communications made by General Floyd of the actual existence and continuance of these disturbances, I ordered a Detachment to take the field for the purpose of restoring tranquility, and I am to inform & your Highness that the object has been & accomplished tho' not without the loss of some & brave and Gallant Soldiers - Having acquainted & your Highness with the result of those exertions which I have made in compliance with your

application

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application, it is my Duty to add that in the
progress of the Service against the Warrian pollam
and Amalou Poligars, the most dreadfull
instances of Cruelty and Barbarity practised by
your Highness's people shocked the sensations
of the British Officers almost at every step, &
and from the Accounts I have Received I am but
too well convinced that the Insurrection
against your Highness's Government has entirely
originated in the Tyranny, and insupportable
oppression of your Highness's Renter Abdul Cawder
Cawn whose exactions have been such as to
drive the unfortunate Inhabitants not only to
the sale of their bullocks, on which their means
of Cultivating the Country must depend but
even to that of their Wretched Wives and Children,
and at length they have themselves been compelled
to leave the Country - Had I been apprized of
these circumstances when I Received your
Highness's

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Highness's application for Troops, I must & reluctantly have been obliged to with-hold my acquiescence, because in my opinion, that Kind of Service, is disgraceful to the British Arms but resistance being made, it was & necessary / and in the End perhaps humane / to teach the Poligars that their opposition to the Company's forces was of no avail - and & consequently their strong holes were forced and their Jungle opened - The Poligars were then & informed that their attempt to carry on the & contest must end in their Ruin but if they had any grievances to state they would be heard and their complaints submitted to Government. -

Your Highness I can have no doubt will participate in the satisfaction I feel at having it in my power to communicate to you, that the Warriorpollam Poligar, whose sentiments I have Reason to believe will be readily & concurred in by the Amalore Man, has & dispatched

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Dispatched a Packet to General Floyd, &
intimating his earnest desire to accommodate &
all differences with your Highness's Government,
stating the Sufferings he has undergone from
the exactions of Abdul Cawder Cawn, and &
submitting every thing to the Arbitration of
the Company's Government.-

Under that impression I offer that
Arbitration to your Highness, with the &
most perfect wish to have it in my power
to do justice by all parties, to relieve you &
from these anxieties which must arise
from Insurrections against your Government,
and the Poligar and his people from that
wretchedness, which they have indured,
until finding themselves the hopeless &
Victims of Tyranny and Avarice, they have
been forced into Measures which may &
certainly be palliated tho' not justified
by

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by the severity of their situation.—

I must Request an immediate reply from your Highness—the Detachment of being still in the field—and I must add, that one recalled it cannot possibly return upon the same Service.—

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

Agreed and Ordered Accordingly

Resolved to inform General Floyd of the foregoing letter to his Highness the Nabob, and to desire that the Detachment may remain in its present situation until his Highness's Answer may be received;—but that no further pledge may be made in the Company's Name to the Poligar.—

Read the following Letter from the Officer Commanding at Amboor.—

To

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government,

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Commandant at Amboyna – ascertaining that the Colmar pilly Polygar has been the principal Agent in the Disturbances on the Borders – makes a compromise with him of securing his Fidelity provided he secures the persons of Timma and Besingu – Calls upon Sippoo's Officer to enter on the proposed Investigation and adjustment of Disputes – encloses a report of Prisoners and Bill for their Subsistence also a letter addressed to him by the Natives

I have the honor through you of signifying to the Right Honorable the President in Council that matters relating to the duty of the Garrison and my Corps requiring my presence at the Close of the Month, I returned last night to this place from Caddapanallum where I had been since the 26th Ultimo, without hearing from, or seeing any of the Sultaunes People. By my presence however with the two Companies the Alarm has greatly if not wholly subsided. Mochu Alikhan did not join me until yesterday when having had in readiness the Poligars

and

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and People I had been assembling, Since the 26th, to obtain information, respecting the plundering business, we were able by much scrutiny to fix, the principal and great Culpability descended upon the Colmaspilly man Conceiving that getting possession of the Original and great offenders Sons Summa the Father and Bissop the Son, were the greatest Objects, it was proposed to the Colmaspilly man, that by delivering up the person of the former to us, in ten days and of the latter in one Month, his own Crimes would be forgiven, or otherwise he would be dispossessed of his present possessions —

He consented to our proposal about 10 o'Clock last Night, and gave a written engagement for the performance. 2

Mocker ally Khan and myself wrote yesterday a joint Letter to the Madanapilly

Head

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Head Man desiring to be informed if we might
expect from them any persons to meet us or not
to adjust the Plundering disputes.—

Purposing to return as soon as
possible I left the two Companies, under
Lieutenant Radcliffe, at Coddapanattam, &
hope to bring the whole away every thing
having been satisfactorily adjusted, within
a week or ten days at farthest.—

The Monthly Report of Prisoners I
have likewise the honor to enclose, with
the Bills for signature as before.—

The Letter enclosed from his
Highness the Nabob, to myself, I take the
liberty of requesting you will be pleased to
submit to his Lordships perusal, to point
out how far, by the People's opinion of this
place, I have endeavored to conform to the
Government Orders.—

I have the honor to be,
&c: &c:
[Signed] A. Macpherson
Lt Col. Comg 3d Carnatic
List

Pmboor the
1st May 1797

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## List of Persons in Confinement in the Fort of Amboor

| Names | Occupation and Cast | Place of Residence | When Confined in the Fort of Amboor. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chunnoo Khan | Weaver | Paria | Chenakapelly | 12th | March 1797 | Plundering and |
| Shaik Bodda | ditto | Moor | Chargull | 12th | Do | Known Robber |
| Shaik Emom | ditto | Do | Do | 12th | Do | Do |
| Shaik Ismall | ditto | Do | Do | 12th | Do | Do |
| Gengadoo | Plowman | Paria | Kistniavaram | 15th | Do | |
| Immallee Gadoo | Do | Do | Do | 15th | Do | |
| Kistnah | Sheepman | Gentoo | Nariempettah | 15th | Do | Murdering a Villa[illegible] part of which he rob[illegible] |
| Annamontoo Gadoo | Weaver | Paria | Moodenah | 21st | Do | Plundering and |
| Padawatan | Toley | Do | Balon | 24th | Do | Do and Do in |
| Kisnapah | Farmer | Baden | Boorooyanapilly | 25th | Do | Commanded a Party |
| Goindoo | Cooly | Malabar | Callachanoo | 25th | Do | Was one of the |
| Venket Samie | Plowman | Gentoo | Anatlah | 25th | Do | Do Do |
| Buchee Gadoo | Do | Baden | Do | 26th | Do | Plundering and |
| Immallee Gadoo | Bullockman | Do | Do | 26th | Do | Do Do |
| Marie Chitty | Bazarman | Baru Chitty | Do | 26th | Do | Giving protection and Distributing and for |
| Samiah | [illegible] | Do | Do | 28th | Do | For running into the Plunderers |
| Changen | Smith | Maleber | Do | 29th | Do | Plundering and Robbing |
| Venkatty Gadoo | Goldsmith | Gentoo | Kalapettah | 3d April | | For attempting to Plun |
| Venket Ramdoo | Do | Do | Do | 3d | Do | Do Do |

N.B. Those Villages Marked + that are in the Sultan's Dominions —

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Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson - Amboor 1st May 1797

| Crimes | Remarks |
|---|---|
| Robbing in the Arnee Destricts | |
| Plunderes and Robbes by Shaik Natter | |
| Do Do Do | |
| Do Do Do | |
| | No Crime having been proved released the 20th april 1797 Do Do D.20 Do |
| gr of Wallajanaghur near Annanellore Robbing them of about 40 Pagodas and owned to the Crime - | |
| Robbing in the Arnee Destricts | |
| Ambore and Villore Destricts along with some Peons that came from Changell | Proof of this Innocence having been proved and also having been mistaken for three days the 7th April - Security having been taken from the head of Inhabitants to give from the head of Inhabitants at Sautghery for their future Conduct - |
| of Peons that Plundered in the Arnee Destricts | |
| above Kistnapah's Party that Plundered in Do Do | |
| Do Do Do | |
| Robbing in the Arnee Destricts along with some Peons that came from Mallinerpilly | |
| Do Do Do Do | |
| provisions to some Peons that had been plundering in the Arnee having part of the Plundered property now in their possession - | |
| Arnee Plundered Property keeping it for a day or two and afterwards sharing with | |
| in the Arnee Destricts and for furnishing Arms to the Peons to Plunder with - | |
| or in the Agaram Destricts with a Party of Peons that came from Dennerpery | |
| Do Do Do Do | |

(Signed) A. Macpherson
Lt. Col. Com.

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# Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

## To Lieutenant Colonel MacPherson

Dated 18th April 1797

I have been informed by my Amil at Amboor of your laudable Exertions in & furnishing and expelling the Bandetti, and in settling the Disturbances of the Amboor and Satgur Districts; and your Conduct, while it has contributed to my satisfaction, deserves my Approbation.

With a view to the Comfort of the Inhabitants of these Talooks and the Complete extermination of these Plunderers, I request that you would continue your meritorious Service, till these objects be attained, and by doing so, you will afford me much pleasure.—

What should I add further

/A true Translation/
/Signed/ A Falconer
P. Tr. to Govt.

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To Josiah Webbe. Esqr
Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to lay before the Right Honorable the President in Council, through you, the enclosed papers, No 1 being engagements specified in my Letter of the 1st Instant as entered into by the Colmisspilly Man, and No 2d an Engagement entered into at the same time by the Potticondah Polygar, both for the purpose, of apprehending and delivering up, the persons of Teemma the father, and Bissop the Son, charged with plundering and committing enormities, in the districts of Tippoo Sultaun, particularly lately, in that of Madanapilly he having been assisted and afforded protection by the said Colmisspellyman.—

Upon my Arival here this A Morning from Amboor I received the letter A marked

From the Commandant at Amboor inclosing Copies of the Engagements of the Colmispilly and Rhurcondah Polygars for Seizing the Persons of Temmah and Bissop - receives & Intelligence that these & recalls are screened by and actually employed under the authority of Abdul Wahab Cawn the Jaghirdar of Chittore.—

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Marked N°3 from the Colonel Pelly man, by which I understand that, the persons to whom by the enclosed engagements were to have been delivered up by the Polygars, are / as he reports / in the actual Service, pay and protection of the persons Charged with the Management of the Chittore Circar, understood to be the Son and Servant of Abdul Wahab Cawn & Bahauder Uncle to his Highness the Nabob,

Under these circumstances I wrote & with the Right Honorable the President in Council to decide, whether it becomes the Province of His Highness the Nabob, ordering the immediate apprehension of those & people by his own Servants, in those districts, or otherwise that I may be honored with his Lordships particular instructions in case it may be deemed more proper I should & apprehend

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apprehend them there.—

I have the honor to remain

&c. &c.

(Signed) Alex. Macpherson

Lt. Col. Com. Amboor

Camp at Coddapatnam
2d May 1797

P.S. From information I have received from various other Quarters, I beg leave to signify to his Lordship that what the Poligar, sets forth in No 3, I believe to be a fact.—

(Signed) Alex. Macpherson

Translation of a Gentoo Agreement from Chellapah Dassapah Naig Poligar of Colamawanahpully in the District of Secanagada To the Circar.—

Dated 21. Chittra of Bala year or 30 April 1797

A Sath Tummah and Bifah of Anderwally Naigspully in the Sultaunes District, came and took a Shelter here in the Circar's District, proceeded in the Month of February last and committed hostilieties in the Village of Madanapulley; The Circar finding that I had a concern with them in

that

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that hostilities, required me to seize and deliver them over to you, I therefore hereby bind myself that I shall secure and deliver up the Person of Tummah within Ten days and Befsah within a Month, should I fail in Seizing and delivering the both of them within the time prescribed, I shall then be accountable for the Claims on them,

If it can be proved that I have received a share in the plunder made by them at Madanapulla I will account for the same,

Thus I voluntarily entered into this Agreement

/Signed/ Chellapah Dausapah Naig

/A true Translation/

/Signed/ Anna Savomy
Interpr.

Translation

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# Translation of a Gentoo Agreement from Putticonda Timmapah Naidoo Poligar of Licanagada &c. Districts to the Circar.—

Dated 21. Chittra of Nala Year or 30th April 1797

At Chellapah Dauspah Naig of Colmasanapullay having made an engagement with you, binding himself to seize the Person of Timma and deliver him up within 10 Days and Bespah within a Month the time, I thereby bind myself that I shall act in conjunction with him and seize and bring the above Persons If it will be Represented to you, that I have not acted with him Jointly for the purpose herein mentioned— I shall be accountable for all Claims existing on the said Bespah and Timmah.—

/Signed/ Putticonda Timma Naidoo

/A true Translation/

/Signed/ Anna Sawmy Interpr.

Translation

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# Translation of a Gentoo Letter from Dauspah Naig Son of Chillapah Rausnapah Naig & Poligar of Sautghur

To Colonel Macpherson. —

I returned to my Country after & having taken leave of you and according to the Promise made to you by me, made an Enquiry into the present place of Residence of the Second Person and found that both Temmah and Belpah proceeded to Chittoor entered the Service of Nabob Abdul Vaub Cawn and remain with a party there; that although it is a duty incumbent on me to obey your orders on & the Confidence of your protection, yet my & Cautions will be fruitless owing to their having been admitted under protection of the Superiors / Meaning Abdul Vaub Cawn / I have therefore dispatched a fit person to seperate &

and

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and bring one of them to a certain place, I
Invite this for your Information and take
the liberty to assure you that I shall use
my utmost endeavors for fulfilling the
promise which I had made to you, with
a view of gaining your protection on all
occasions—

A true Translation
/Signed/ Anna Sawmy
Interpr.

The President lays before the Board
another draft of a letter to His Highness the
Nabob upon the Subject of the preceding
Letters (entered also in C.C. 1797)

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

May it please your Highness!

It is never without much & reluctance

I. the Rules on the Subject of the Protection offered to the Plunderers Zemmah and Responsibility of the Relations and Dependants of Abdul Wahab Cawn Bahadur requesting the recommendation for mutiny made against his Highness addressing Letters to Officers Commanding the Company Troops —

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reluctance that I make representations to your Highness upon the Subject personally disagreeable to you; and it is particularly distressing to me that Circumstances should have arisen, which implicate the conduct of any part of your Highness's family but your Government appears to be approaching that period, which unless relieved by a radical reformation must soon terminate in its compleat dissolution.—

Your Highness is well acquainted with the pains which have been taken to suppress the disturbances which have lately been excited on the borders of your Country in the Neighbourhood of Amboor; and you are aware that these depredations are not only injurious to the Revenues of the Carnatic as well as to the Credit of your Government

but

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but that they may eventually involve the
Company in discussions of a disagreeable nature
with the Sultan of Mysore: under this
impression it is difficult for me to describe
the surprize and concern, with which I have
learnt that the two principal Offenders
Tumma the father and Bejoy the Son are
in the actual Service pay and protection
of the persons charged with the Management
of the Chittoor Circar, whom I understand to
be the Son and Servants of Abdul Wahab Khan
Bahader. the Uncle of your Highness.—

This protection secures the Offenders
from the pursuit of the Officer Commanding at
Amboor; and I must be allowed to observe to
your Highness that it is no less negatory
for me to take measures for the apprehension
of these robbers, than it is inconsistent with

your

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your Highness connexion with the Company
to call upon their troops for the Suppression
of Marauders, who find shelter and protection
in the heart of your own Country and under the
very wing of your nearest relations.—

I have to request that your
Highness's Answer upon this important
Subject may not be delayed, as it is necessary
that Colonel Macpherson should be furnished
with orders for his Guidance, which I have
postponed untill I could make this reference
to your Highness.—

After my Recent Remonstrance to
your Highness against the transmission
of letter immediately from yourself to
Officers Commanding the Company's Troops,
I did not expect that I should again
have had cause of Complaint upon this
Subject

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Subject; but the transmission of an original letter from your Highness to Colonel Macpherson has convinced me that the necessity of preserving discipline and Subordination in the Company's Army has not been sufficiently impressed upon your Highness's Mind, as it ought to have been by my letter of the 15th March Against this irregular and improper Channel of Correspondence.—

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

Agreed to and Ordered to be accordingly dispatched.—

Read the following letter & from the Rajah of Tanjore (entered also in C. C. No 51)

Translation

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

From the Rajah of Tanjore enclosing two letters for the Governor General & complaining of the Injustice he experiences at the hands of Mr. Macleod and of the restraint placed on the Persons of his Servants & Chinniah Moodely and Venketchellapillah. —

I have already written to your H
Excellency a letter upon the Subject of the transactions
here; and I had also prepared two letters for
Sir John Shore Bahader the Governor General
of Bengal, which I enclose under a flying H
Seal in my letter to yourself; and I request H
that your Excellency after having translated H
and perused them will be pleased to forward them
to Sir John Shore: Believe me always H
your sincere friend To a friend who should
I write more a
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A true Translation
(Sd.) J. Webbe Mr. Trans.

Translation

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Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjour - to the Honorable Sir John Shore Bahadur - Governor General of Bengal &c. &c. &c.

I had the honor of addressing two letters to you on the 13th March the other on the 10th May 1796; but you have not been pleased to favor me even with two lines in Answer. I request however that you will so far favor me hereafter, as to keep me informed of your health and prosperity.-

I addressed a letter to Lord Hobart on the 16 October last upon the subject of the restoration of my Country, which he by some accident: this letter which I was forwarded to you, will have made you acquainted with all the particulars.

under

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Under your equity and rectitude I have
continued to this time in the enjoyment
of tranquility; and under your favor I have
made good my Payments into the Company's
Treasury at Madras through the Means of
My Agent Chenniah Moodely up to the March
last according to the treaty concluded by
Lord Cornwallis Bahader, and have got Receipts
for them.— Your justice and fame are conspicuous
in the world: and I rely upon your equity that
you will hereafter enable me to live in ease.—

I have addressed two letters the one
dated 17th the other the 23d March last to
Lord Hobart Bahader, and I now enclose copies
of those letters which I entreat that you will be
pleased to take into serious consideration. If
Lord Hobart should have urged any complaints
against me, I am confident that you will not
believe

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believe them until you shall have received and examined the Answer which I may send; and that after this you will form your resolution accordingly. — May your favor increase. —

Dispatched 26th. March 1797

True Translation

(Signed) J. Webbe Mr. Jr.

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

I had the honor of addressing a letter to you on the 26th. 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 what has passed;

and

WG

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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 Venacatachelpillah, as that he had given Assistance to the Nabobs Polygars of Arialoor &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 Venacatachelpillah's house, where they put him under confinement. After this on the 17th March the Resident sent for Venacatachelpillah to his Cutcherry put him into close confinement and kept him fasting for three days 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

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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 my Shroff's 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 Vakeel. Under these circumstances a guard was placed over the Shop of my Shroff; and on the 20th March the Resident went at Night to the house of my Agent Chinniah Moodely, & which is in the Fort of Tanjour, placed a guard over it, punished the people who were there, and took away all the books, Accounts, and Effects & which

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which of whatever sort were there -- As Venkata-
:chelpillah and Chinniah Moodely are my
Servants, the Resident ought if he had any
suspicions in his mind, to have acquainted
me with them; and if after full enquiry before
respectable people any documents respecting the
Polygars should be found, they ought to have been
taken possession of: if not, the Resident should have
gone quietly 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 denunition
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
ensuing Kist. —

My

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My Agent Chinniah Moodely
residing at Madras used to pay to 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 21st March under a false accusation. He has
a Garden where his Women and Children reside
for the benefit of their health on account of
the wholesomeness of the Situation and climate:
three too guards were sent and placed by Lord Hobart
in conformity with the suggestions of the
Resident. As Chinniah Moodely and Venatachel-
=pullah &c. my Servants, they would not have
engaged in an Affair of this Nature: if they should
have chanced to be guilty of any improprietys
Lord Hobart ought to have Represented to
me that the Polygars of Arialore &c. remained

Upwitame

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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 Facts, to which Venkatachelpillah 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 Venkatachelpillah 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 enquired, and upon pretence of a failure

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a failure in my payments at the stipulated &
prevd Lord Hobart according to the Suggestions
of the Resident in 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 Ball:
that Country, which you gave me according
to justice, is again the object of their seizure:
Mr Macleod in consequence load my Servants
with accusations, confines them, produces
destruction in my affairs, and under the fair
resolution of getting possession of my Country
has thus commenced his operation. In the
preceding year you, Sir, whose justice and
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 &

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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 payment 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 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 President 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 treaty and live with my family in peace and honor &.

During

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During the Government of Govern Oakely, when there was no Residency I continued to pay the Company's Money. —

As the Resident having loaded a my Servants with accusations has acted in this Manner, a committee of respectable & Gentlemen at Madras, who are disinterested should be appointed to inquire into every thing according to justice. —

In the preceding year Appoo & Woodian a polygar under my Government & best the Company's topsal peon and committed much depredation on the Country. To seize & his person was extremely difficult: having however taken him to stratagem a Company of European Soldier 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

furnishing

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punishing a heinous offender like this he sent him outside of the fort with a guard of Sepoys As this polygar was a nefarious & fellow, he beat the Company's 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 Mayaveram Soubah whom he has since Released. By exerting the Poligars in my Country to raise disturbances, he has introduced much confusion in the business of my Revenue. I rather than give me this trouble Mr. Macleod had taken forcible & possession of my Country, as he did in the & preceding year, who could have opposed him? Have I put the Country into my pocket?

The

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The Army of the Company's forces is the protection
of myself and of my Country; but I have no
other. — If a man like Mr. Macleod &
should be charged with superintendance of the
Company's affairs in these parts, there would be
a stain upon their faith and justice and honor:
and the poor Rajahs of India, who like me
are under their cool shade, would be overwhelmed.
— 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 Company's
faith and justice, and that as I am upholden
by the Company you will cause my life and
honor.

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home to be preserved, that the impetations of against my Servant being Removed you will cause the guards to be withdrawn, and provide that my affairs may be conducted.—

Although one year and an half has elapsed since the Arrival of orders for the restoration of the four Maghans of Karrical, the Resident has continued from the preceding year to say that he would give them up if I should pay the ten thousand Pagodas which were due from the ryots. This year too he has stopped the Restoration saying that there were five thousand and odd pagodas due from the Inhabitants, upon my payment of which he would give up the Maghans. I have therefore paid that Money and have got possession of the districts Even under the Company's Orders he then continues delays in every thing. and I have written this for your information.—

I entreat

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I entreat you in the most earnest manner that I may be permitted to live in happiness and that the †Padre and the Company's Servants may be prevented from interfering 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 increase

Dispatched 7th April 1797

/ A true translation /

/ Signed / J. Webbe Mr. Sr.

† Mr. Swartz

As the foregoing letter go to implicate the conduct of the Resident at Tanjore the Board defer complying with his Excellency's request for the transmission of them to Bengal, until they may be furnished with such explanations of the Rajah's complaint against Mr. Macleod as he may be able to give; and for this

Minutes on the foregoing letter from the Rajah of Tanjore.—

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this purpose the Secretary is directed to transmit copies of the foregoing letters to that Gentleman

Read the following letter from the Resident at Tanjore.—

Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government.

Sir,

Fort St. George

I have been favored with your letter of the 19th Instant directing me to furnish an Explanation regarding the attempt to secure the Person of Audiapilly late Amildar of Manargody

Be pleased to inform the Right Honorable the President in Council that in the beginning of the present Month I received a Public Letter from General Floyd requesting that I would seize Audiapilly as a person deeply concerned in exciting the Mutiny and Rebellion now raging in Warriors Pollam &c. that it was highly probable such Seizure would strike at the Root of the

From the Resident at Tanjore stating the cause of his attempting to seize the Person of Audiah Pelly late Amildar of Manargody and the circumstances connected with the Subject.—

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the Rebellion, and that He had been
authorized by Government under date the
24th March last to form a Detachment and
give the necessary Orders for quelling
disturbances excited by the Poligars in the
Territories of his Highness the Nabob

Exclusive of the application from
General Floyd I had found concealed under
the Files of Veneatachellum's House an
original Cadjan Letter from Chinnia's Agent
at Trichinopoly named Runga Iyengar
and since acknowledged by him addressed
to Veneatachellum - From this Document
it appeared clear to me that Audiapilly
was guilty of assisting and fomenting the
Rebellion and in particular that he had
afforded the Tersione Reddy, the principal
Rebel, an Asylum in a part of Manargoody
called Trivaloor. -

His

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His Excellency has stated that Audiapilly was actually Amildar of & Manargoody the fact is that his Authority in that Soubah had been recently & superseded by the nomination of a & principal Man named Vishnuvaat Iyah who was actually at Manargoody when my Hircarrah went to seize Audipilly

Vishnavaat Iyah is now, (armed & with all the influence of the Rajahs Government) making Collections in the Manargoody Soubah. -

Audiapilly, besides, had left the Town of Manargoody when my Hircarrah arrived there - The Serjeants party was & left at some distance and none went near his House except the Hircarrah & and the Serjeant himself - finding the man absent they did not take possession of His House = Nor was there any disturbance

Confusion

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Confusion or flight of Inhabitants as his
Excellency intimates; I in reply to the letter
addressed to me by the Rajah on the
occasion of which he has transmitted a Copy)
I point out to him that the partial flight
of Inhabitants had taken place some days
before the attempt to secure Audiappilly, &
and I specify to him the Names of those
Inhabitants, and shew further, the real
Cause of their Departure; which I had &
forwarned him of in a letter dated 31st March
last of which the following is an Extract—

"I am very sorry that your &
"Excellency has been prevented by Illness
"from seeing me. My Repeated Applications
"for an Interview would shew you how
"much I desired to see your Excellency on
"very important Public Business—. I hope &

your

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"your health will allow you to see me soon
"and that you will appoint a Time - I know
"wish to give you Notice that from the Reports
"I hear it seems to me probable that a Fight
"may happen between the People of Chokapa
"Moodeliar joined by Kesna Wooden, and
"those of Pyanoor Woodiers. I am persuaded &
"your Excellency will adopt Measures to prevent
"Bloodshed and Confusion - I recommend also
"in the Strongest Manner that you should take
"some Measures to settle the dispute in Har=
"warmingchelum regarding the Man who was
"Murdered - The importance of these need not be
"repeated to your Excellency." -

With General Floyd's strong requisition before me, confirmed by the Intelligence in the Cadjan Letter abovementioned, and with a Permission from the Right Honorable the President to secure persons suspected of &

supporting

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supporting the Rebellion, I should have deemed myself highly Culpable had I not taken the earliest Opportunity of thus Acting in concert with General Floyd for the Suppressing of the Disturbances — These Disturbances wore a most Serious Aspect / succeding Events of a Melancholy Nature, have, unhappily, Corresponded to that Aspect / and I was convinced, with General Floyd, that as much, if not more, was to be done towards quelling the Rebellion, by seizing the Principal Aiders and Abettors, as by the Operation of Troops in the field.—

As to the Rajah ascribing his Failure in payment, to the attempt to seize Andiapilly I trust I shall Shew that his Excellency's plea is entirely without a Foundation.—

He has failed in the first due the 1st of April;- now, so long ago as the Day when

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when I sent Venatachellum's House, the Rajah wrote me a letter stating that in one of the Rooms of that House which I had sealed up was a Sum of about 15,000 Pagodas destined for the purpose of paying that Kist. and that if the above Money was not delivered to him that Day, the Sum for the Kist could not be complete, and he must fail in the ⁄ Payment of it - Immediately on Receiving his Excellency's letter, I carried Venatachellum to the room, opened it and delivered to the Servants deputed by the Rajah to Receive it, the ⁄ exact Sum mentioned in His Excellency's ⁄ Letter of Requisition - This took place ⁄ before four o'Clock in the afternoon of that Day; the 21st of March last. I have ⁄ Venatachellum's written Attestation of the ⁄ Transaction; and declaration (at the Money was sent from his House) that it was proper to send it to the Rajah to make up the ⁄

Kist

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Kist Money - I have the Rajahs Receipt for the Money —

His Excellency therefore having the ready Money of the April Kist in his Hands on the 21st of the Preceding March, how could an attempt to seize Audiapilly on the 6th of April disable him from fulfilling his Engagements to the Company —

The Seizure of Venkatachellum by the Order of Government on a similar Charge to that against Audiapilly had no sort of effect on the Collections — I saw the Rajah afterwards, he made no Complaint of it to me. the Attempt to seize Audiapilly therefore, which had been in fact superceded by a Superior Power in the Soubah could have no effect on the Collections exclusive of this Consideration the Collections had been made so rapidly & that very little Revenue remained; and that Remainder was collecting by means on which the Interference complained of could have little or

Influence

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Influence; the Means I allude were flogging and other pieces of Torture - One Man a Considerable Inhabitant, was flogged to Death; and the Murderer fled to Tranquebar as I have every reason to believe from the Complaint of a near Relation of the Deceased / this was in My absence / Had the object required by General Floyd been effected, I should immediately have informed the Rajah of the Necessity there existed for apprehending the Man as it was, I explained the Cause in my Reply to his Excellency's Letter. and conceiving that Reply would fully satisfy him in every point, I calculated he would not have proposed a Complaint to Government - To have communicated to the Rajah my Intention of securing Audia fully would have been to defeat the Salutary End proposed, for even supposing his Excellency well inclined, I could never have made the Communication to him confidentially, for he will not converse except in the Presence and hearing of some of his own Servants. -

Had I succeeded in Securing Audiapelly's General Floyd, I concluded, would have Reported the whole to Government as part of his proceedings for suppressing the Rebellion; as the attempt did not succeed it did not occur to me that there existed a Necessity for addressing Government conceiving, as I have therefore observed, my Reply to his Excellency would have been satisfactory

On

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On the whole, I trust it will appear to evident to the Right Honorable the President in Council that I could not avoid attempting to secure Audiapilly without a Culpable Dereliction of my Duty and that the Complaint of his Lordship may That my Proceedings would cause a failure on his part in the payment of the First Money, has been preferred without good Reason. — I have the honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

Tanjore 30th April 1797 (signed) Alex.r Macleod Resident

Minute thereon

Ordered that Copy of the Rajah of Tanjore's letter dated 9.th Ultimo be transmitted to the Governor General in Council together with Copy of the preceding letter, which appears so full, as to make any further Remark from this Board unnecessary

The Bengal detachmt. under the Command of Major General Erskine to be Stationed for the present in the Vizagapatam Districts. —

The President proposes that the Bengal detachmt. under the Command of Major General Erskine be ordered to March in the Districts of Vizagapatam, and that it be distributed for the present between the ports of Chicacole Casimcotah and Vizagapatam. —

Agreed and Ordered Accordingly

Table Allowance, equal to 100 Pagodas pr Month allowed to the Commandant at Trincomale during the war. —

In consideration of the heavy Expence to which the Commanding Officer at Trincomalé is exposed during the state of War by the Constant resort of Ships to that place the President proposes that an Allowance of one Hundred Pagodas per Month be granted for table Money to the Officers Commanding at that place during the War. —

Agreed to and Ordered Accordingly

An advance of Cash to be made from the Treasury on account of the Nabob's Creditors. —

Ordered that one Lack and thirty Thousand (1,30,000) Pagodas be issued from the Treasury on the 14.th Instant to Mr. Thomas Cockburn, Register, to be by him issued on the 15.th of this Month to the Private Creditors of His Highness the Nabob

Ordered

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

Ordered that the Sum of Six thousand Six hundred and thirty eight Pag.s (6638) be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of his additional Estimates of Cash for the Current Months.

" Hon.ble
" Geo. Harris
" Con.l Saunders
"
" C.l H. Fallofield

John Turing Esq.r

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# Diary.

9th Received a Letter from Major General Doyle &c.

Forms the Office transmd. on Ceylon. entered in M.B. No. 50. advising of a Boat with part of the 73rd Regiment on board having been drove on Shore, and that the Men had been all saved. —

Received from the Reverend Dr. Gericke the following Translation of a Letter from the late Chief at Pulicat. —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor and President &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the late Dutch Chief at Pulicat with Papers relative to Baron Brophalow's Suit which must be sent to Colombo to be authenticated. —

The Court of Justice have presented to me this Morning, together with an Address, three original Acts No. 1. 2. 3. — and Letters belonging to this Affair laid before the Court by the Colombo Mayor Baron Van Brophalow against his Wife; requesting that, accompanied by a Letter from me, they may be sent to your Lordship, and that your Lordship

high

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9th. high Authority and Order may be solicited for getting the same forwarded to Colombo to the Commandeering Officer of that Place, together with an Order of your Lordships, to nominate and elect a Committee, to act with regard to those Papers for the good of Justice, so as it is proposed in the address — that so after this being done, at the return of them the affair may be decided. —

I therefore take the Liberty to institute this for the said End, and to request your Lordships honoured Disposal of the Papers —

I remain with the utmost Respect.

My Lords

Yr. Hs.

Signed Jacob Eilbracht

. C. W. Gericke Transl.r

Pullicat
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O Eilbracht

Tuesday 25th. April 1797.
In the Morning 9 A Clock.
Presentibus Omnibus.
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Dirk

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9th Dirk Collet by his disposition.

Engebert de Vries and the assumed Members

Adrianus Van Cuyk both abroad. —

After reading the Request presented for. and in

behalf of Monjer Seronimus Casimirus Charles Baron Van

Prosphalow of Columbo. and now residing at Madras as Prisoner

of War. petitioning for the Dissolution of his Marriage with

Anthonia Adrianus Van Rossum for Reasons as by the Request

the means thereto are furnished. and the acts exhibited annexing

Register of Nos. 1. to No. 6. which affair is recommended for —

Decision by the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor of Madras.

because there subsists at present no Court of Justice at Columbo.

it is understood that before the affair be finally decided upon

the Request the Original acts No. 2. 3 and 4. after having —

taken attested Copies of them. are to be presented to the Honble

Jacob Eilbracht. requesting by this address. that they may be

sent to Lord Hobart. accompanied by a Letter of His Honor. —

that by the high authority and order of His Lordship they

may be sent to Columbo to the Commanding Officer of that

Place

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9.th Plaw. together with an order to nominate and elect an express Committee, and by it for the good of the Justice here to repeat to the Said Anthonia Van Ressum her Confession N.o 2. and to ask her if the contence persisting in it. and to repeat the two other acts N.o 3 and 4 to the Witnesses, and get them confirmed by their Oath, giving Information of it to the Said Anthonia Adriana Van Ressum, that she may see and hear them swear to them, and if she judges it necessary, that she may make contra Questions, forming a Certificate in Commeni forma, and sending it to Madras together with the above original acts, for the formal Decision of this Court, that it may be returned thither by His Lordships favor. / Below Word / to my knowledge was Signed / John Abdam Secretary to the Court of Justice.

Extracted from the civil Roll of the Honble Court of Justice of the Coromandel Government, compared, agreed.

/ Signed / Jn.o Abdam
Secr.y to the Court of Justice.

/ Signed / C. W. Gericke Treasr.

Pulicat
28.th April 1797

/ Signed / Jn.o Abdam
Secr.y to the Court of Justice.

/ Signed / C. W. Gericke Treasr.

Extracted

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2d O. Ellbracht.

This stampt Paper belongs to the within Undersigned

act of Renunciation of Lady Van Brophalow both respecting her

Husband and all Claims to his Estate / No. 2. /.

I the undersigned Anthonia Adriana Van

Rossum Wife of Major Hieronimus Casemiries Baron Van

Brophalow. in the Service of the Dutch East India Company

/assisted by/ in the Presence of / my Uncle Mr. Gulterius Petrus

Theodorus Van Rossum / confess and declare by these that in

order to prevent all Evils that might be apprehended, and which

might be caused on account of certain hostile application, I am

come to the Resolution without Instigation or Bad advice of any

one to separate from my said Husband. so as by these I do

separate from Table. Bed. and Co-habitation; Renouncing at

the same Time the Estate. which until now we have possessed

in common. with the express Promise and agreement. that

either during Life nor after the Death of my said Husband. or

I will bring in. from. or institute. any action or Pretention against

the

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9th the said Estate, but on the contrary shall acknowledge this —
Certificate of Separation and Renunciation of the Estate at —
all Times. the Restitution of what I have brought with me at
our Marriage having been already properly made. In Testimony
and Confirmation of this my Declaration promise and —
Agreement I sign this with my usual Signature. taking —
thereto as Witnesses my aforesaid Uncle Mr. Gualterus Petrus
Theodorus Van Rossum, and Ensign John Baptist Keunings —

Colombo 8th September 1796.

/Signed/ A. A. V. Brophalow.

As Witnesses

/Signed/ G. P. T. Van Rossum

" John Bat. Keunings

/Signed/ C. W. Gericke Transl.

Gilberdacht

This stamped Paper belongs to the written —
attestation of Mr. B. P. C. de Waart of having heard the confession
of Lady Van Brophalow respecting her intention of poisoning
her Husband. No. 3. —

Ithe

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4th I the undersigned Benjamin Peter Cornelis de Waart.
late Chief of Negombo. declare by these upon the request and
requisition of Jeronimus Casimirus Baron Van Prophalow.
Major in the Service of the Dutch East India Company. now
Prisoner of War of His Britannic Majesty at Ceylon. that his
Wife Anthonia Adriana Van Rossum in my Presence has
testified. and with her own words confessed. that she has endeavoured
to poison the aforesaid her Husband with a Cup of Coffee: that
upon questioning her expressly. whether she had been ill-
treated by her Husband. she resolutely declared and said No: —
which if necessary I shall always be ready to confirm by oath.
and give this upon request of him who made the requisitions.
under my usual Signature. and confirm it with my Signet. that
it may be of use wherever it may be required —

Colombo 20th September 1796.

/signed/ B. P. C. de Waart.

" C. W. Gericke Translr —

Eilbracht

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9.th O Eilbracht.

This Stamped Paper belongs to the within — attestation of W. F. Ziver and J. B. Keuning. that the Confession of having administerd Poison has been made en their — Presence also No. 4. —

No. 4. We the undersigned William Frederick Ziver second Surgeon Major, and John Baptist Keuning — Ensign, both in the Dutch Service, being requested by Major — Baron Van Boopthalow to deliver to him a written Declaration of the Confession made verbally by his Wife upon the Requisition of the said Major in our Presence on this 28.th August last, of — an unpleasant affair that happened between them both, and which shall be mentioned hereafter, could in no wise decline it, but think it our Duty to do what we have the Honor to do by these according to Truth, and in such a manner that, if it be required, we shall be ready to confirm the same with solemn Oath. —

We them certify and declare by these — unanimously and upon our Honor to be true, that having

both

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9th both appeared on the foresaid Date upon Requisition at Major Van Prosphalow's, his Wife Antonetta Adriana born Van Rossum upon the Questions put to her by her Husband and ourselves, has given the following Answers after that previous to them the Major had reminded her in our Presence of her bad Conduct, which she had observed towards him during the four Months of their Marriage, and of which she nothing denied.—

1st. Q.
What had you put for me into the Coffee that Evening when I came to Vomit so violently.—

1st. Ans.r
Verdigrise

2nd. Q.
Of whom did you get that Paint:

2nd. Ans.r
If you will not tell him again I will disclose it. (after promise of Silence) of Samsoone.—

3rd. Q.
In what manner have you practised that with the Paint,

3rd. Ans.r
I have first pounded the Paint, then mixt it with Sugar, and so put it into the Coffee.—

4th. Q

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9th Q.

Did you use the whole Portion which you had made ready at once —

9th Ans.r

No —

5th Q.

Where have you left the rest.

5th Ans.r

I have thrown it away.

6th Q.

Can you say that you have been ill treated by your Husband in any manner either by bitter words or by beating &c. which may perhaps have led you into such an horrible Deed: —

6th Ans.r

I have nothing to say with which I could charge my Husband in that respect: —

7th Q.

How could you then dare to do so. —

7th Ans.r

I have done it for nothing. —

8th Q.

It is not probable that you should have done so for nothing. have you not done it purposely with an Intention to dispatch your Husband and to send him to the other World. —

8th Ans.r

Yes with that Intention I have done it. —

9th Q.

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9th Q.

Have you not done and tried the same Visit with the green Paint more than once. —

9th Ans.

Never, but what this had been the first Time, that she would sink into the Ground and God should punish her if she had done so more than once. —

10th Q.

Have you also not said once, when Ensign Heunings sat near you and conversed with you, we shall see who shall live longest & Get my Husband. —

10th Ans.

This she could not deny. —

11th Q.

Have you also not said once, that at the first opportunity that should offer you would break the Neck of Miss Charlotte / the Major's Daughter by his first Wife —

11th Ans.

Yes. she had said so because she related to her Father every thing what passed or occurred. —

We repeat that all this is the pure Truth, and we are ready still Times to confirm it by Oath, to which End we put to it our own Signature. —

/signed/ W. F. Linser.
" J. B. Heunings

Colombo 16th September 1796.

/signed/ C. W. Gericke Transl.

Despatched.

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18th

Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57.—

To the Military & Paymaster General.

To Mr. Roebuck — inclosing Copies of the Auditor's Reports on the additional Estimates of Cash which accompanied his Letters of the 1st. and 3d. Instant, and informing him that the Sums therein recommended will be issued on his application at the General Treasury.—

To the Secretary at Bengal.

To Mr. Secretary Barlow — communicating the Line of Conduct lately adopted by the Board on occasion of the Demand made by the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad to Major General Erskine to order the detention of Major Wyndham's Detachment.—

To Bengal.

To the Supreme Government — inclosing Copy of the Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore relative to the Seizure of Accaupilly the annular of Anangoody accompanied by Mr. Macleod's Observations on the Subject.—

To the Resident at Tanjore.

To Mr. Macleod — inclosing Copies of two Letters from the Rajah of Tanjore addressed to the Governor General, and desiring he will afford the necessary explanations on such parts as may elucidate his Conduct.—

To.

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10th To Major General Sydenham - referring an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster at Aska for the current Month. -

To the Military & Auditor General

To Captain Farrer - directing him to receive on board his Ships and convey to their ports of destination such articles of Military Stores as will be tendered to him by Lieut. Colonel Hall the Commissary General. -

To the Commander of the Chartered Ships Bellona. -

To Mr. Sheridan desiring him to order the Execution of the Repairs required to the Grain Godowns of the 25th Dragoons. -

To the Acting Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies

11th Received the following Letters -

## The Right Honble Lord Hobart.

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to reply to Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 10th instant. inclosing an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster at Ganjam and Aska for the Current Month. and to state. that I see no objection to the Amount

Auditor Generals report on the additional Estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster at Aska. for the current Month.

Viz.

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11 Lbs Viz.t Five Hundred and Eighty Pagodas / Pagodas 380 .. .. / being advanced to the Bay Department, which will be discharged by a Bill drawn on the Military Paymaster General, as I find on referring to the Estimates from the Bay Office at Gunjam for the last three Months. that nothing had been included on account of Captain Henry Evans, who was appointed on the Government Order, dated the 21st. January 1797 to the Command of Ichapoor and for whom the foregoing Sum is required. —

I have the honor to be, with the greatest Respect. —

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
11th. May 1797.

Y.r Y.r
/Signed/ W. Sydenham
Mil.y Aud.r General.

Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government

From the Garrison Store Keeper. stating that he cannot provide the Biscuit he has been ordered to make up at the rate charged by his predecessor.

Sir. —

In consequence of your letter under date the 2.nd Instant. I took immediate Steps for making up as many Biscuits as possible by the 20th. June. I have already provided nearly

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11th. nearly two hundred Candies of them. and at that rate Eight hundred and Eighty eight would be Baked on the 20th. June, but as the Baking Coolies are daily arriving from the Country I shall be enabled about that time to provide three or four hundred Candies more. say 11 or 12 hundred Candies of Biscuit. –

I send a Note from the Honor to send into Council of the expence of making up Biscuits for the expedition against the Mauritius it may be expected that I am now to provide them at the same rate – I do not find that they have ever been furnished at a lower. – the average price is 21 Pagodas per Candy often supplied at 25 and 30. the coarser kind of Biscuits. – Wheat at the period of the expedition alluded to. was purchased at 90 Pagodas Pr. Garce – it is now selling at 110 and rising daily in value. I therefore request you will inform the Right Honble the President in Council, that I cannot undertake to provide the quantity mentioned under the proportions of 20 – 20½ and purchase 21 Pags. per Candy

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11th Candy last I will engage not to exceed the latter sum.

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
11th May 1797.

Sir
Your most
Obedient Humble Servt
(Signed) Jas Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper

To J. Webbe Esqr
Secretary to the Government
at Fort St. George

Sir,

From Bengal has deemed it unadvisable to accede to the recommendations of Captain Kirkpatrick for deferring the relief of the Coast Troops serving with the Nizam by the Detachment ordered to march under the Command of Major Hyndman.

Major General Erskine having transmitted to the Vice President in Council a Copy of a letter to him from the Assistant to the Resident at Hydrabad dated the 13th Instant. regarding the relief of the Detachment serving with the Nizam. I am directed to request you will acquaint the Right Honble the President in Council that there does not appear to the Supreme Board any necessity for deferring the relief of the Detachment and that Major General Erskine has been directed to order Major Hyndman

to

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Wm. to proceed on his March agreeably to his instructions unless he should receive orders to the Contrary from his Lordship in Council. —

Sam

Fort William
the 27th April 1797.

H. H. G. H. Barlow
Signed J. Lumsden
Sec. to the Government

Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in Mlls. Nos 58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72. —

To the Commandants of Stations noted in the Margin - desiring them to take measures for securing a party of Sepoys belonging to Messrs. Raymonds Corps. should they be found within the Limits of their respective Commands. —

To the Officers Commanding at Pondicherry the Guntoor Circars at Arcot and Rampore.

To Mr. Secretary Barlow. - applying for some Metallic Cylinders &c. for the use of the Powder Mills - and enclosing a Disembarkation Return of the Detachment of the 80th Regiment landed at Madras from the Royal Admiral. —

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr. Sutherland - directing him to make up a Set of Clothing for a Company of the Wirtemberg Regiment

To the Contractor for Clothing -

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11th Regiment agreeably to a Muster with which he will be furnished on application to the Military Board.

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board - advising them of the application made to Bengal for the Artillie Cylindars &c. and the Orders given for making up Clothing for the Company of the Wirtemberg Regiment - directing the Repair of the Repairable Muskets at Tanjore, and the execution of the works recommended at Amboor. Referring for their opinion a Letter from Major General Floyd. relative to repairs required at Trichinopoly.

To the Military Auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham - desiring him to pass for Payment Mr. Cunningham's Bill for four Months advance of Pay. and Captain Farrer's Bill for thirty Pagodas as an advance on account of Captain Lieutenant Pittman's Passage in his Ship to Malacca.

To the Sea Customer

To Mr. Call - desiring him to stop the Exportation of Biscuit. Flower &c. articles of Provisions. and to report whether there are any of those articles on board any Ships in the Roads outward bound.

To

To the Commander of the Chartered Ship Bellona.—

To Captain Farrer - directing him to receive Captain Lieut.t Pittman on board his Ship as Passenger for Malacca - and informing him that he will be allowed one Pagoda p.r Diem on account of his Subsistence.—

To Mr.t George Leys.

To Mr.t George Leys - advising him that it is found necessary to make some alteration in the Clothing for the Native Troops from the Muster Basket upon which he made his Proposals and desiring him to communicate with the Military Board to adjust such alteration in his present Contract as the alteration in the Clothing may appear to require.—

To Colonel Kelsall Cuppage.—

To Colonel Cuppage - permitting him to resign the Command of the Troops in the Ganjam District and to Embark for Europe on Furlough by any of the Ships of the Season.—

To the officiating Commd.r the Southern Division of the Army.—

To Major General Floyd - desiring that Major Cuppage's Detachment may remain in its present Situation until further orders - and that no further pledges may be made in the Company's name, to the Warriorpollam Poligar.—

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly.

To Lieut.t Colonel Champagne - authorizing him to

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Mr. to employ such a Number of Scavengers as he may deem necessary for keeping the Forts of Trincomale and Attanburgh clean, and to suggest freely any measures that may appear conducive to the health or comfort of the Troops under his Command. —

To Lieutenant Joseph Copeland of the Invalid Establishment. —

To Lieutenant Joseph Copeland - permitting him to proceed to Europe on Furlough for the recovery of his health. —

To the Secretary at Bengal and to the Assistant or Resident at Bednore and Hyderabad. —

To Mr. Secretary Barlow - Mr. Ulrichsoff - and Captain Kirkpatrick forwarding Mysore Intelligence. —

To the late Chief at Tellicat. —

To Mr. Ellbrecht - inclosing Copy of Captain Godfrey's Explanation of the Cause of removing the Sentries formerly placed at his house, and advising him of the Orders issued on this Subject to that Officer. —

To the Commandant at Tellicat. —

To Captain Godfrey - desiring that in future the Sentries may not on any account be removed, and that he or will be particularly mindful of the respect due to Mr. Ellbrechts Situation - permission granted him to visit the Presidency. —

Received the undermentioned Letters & entered in Mem. Nos 73-74-75-76-77. —

From Capt. Lieut. Pittman of the Engineers. —

From Captain Lieut. Pittman - requesting that

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Wm. that he may be allowed to draw at the Presidency his —
subsistence for June and Arrear for May —

From the Paymaster at Trichinopoly

From Mr. Hawkins's - recommending that
the two Bullock Maistries Sawmy Pilly and Madura Naig
Pilly may be released from Confinement in consequence of
their having entered into a satisfactory Security for the —
adjustment of their accounts —

From Lieut.e Colonel Close - recommending
From the Adjutant General of the Army -
the Promotion of Captain Lieut.e English and Brevet Captain
James George Graham to the Rank of Captain of a Company
and Captain Lieutenant, to fill the Vacancies occasioned by
the Death of Captain Meuth —

From Captain Turner - representing that
From the Commander of the Chartered Ships Pallona - -
the allowance of a Pagoda pr. Day on account of the Diet
of Captain Lieut.e Pittman is inadequate to the expence
actually to be incurred — —

From Major Kyndman - requesting his
From the Offic.g Comm.d Detachment of the Bengal Troops proceeding to Hyderabad -
progress thro' the Circars and his Expectation to reach —
Ellore on the 15th May —

Sent the following Letters —

Do.

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To Sir Charles Warre Malet Bart.

Vice President in Council at

Bombay

Sir

To Bombay requesting their assistance in the article of Water Casks and that no expence may be spared in procuring them

We have the honor of informing you that we shall stand in the most pressing need of all the Water casks which it may be possible to collect; we therefore beg leave to request that you will endeavor to secure on the Company's account, whatever number may be procurable at Bombay, the expence of which we look upon as a very secondary Consideration.

We have the honor to be

Sirs Your

Fort St. George

10th May 1797.

Signed Hobart

For Council

To Major General Floyd

Commanding the Southern Division of the Army

Sir

To Major General Floyd relative to the Ingularity of his executing Repairs and making Conversions of Materials

In answer to your Letter of the 13th Ultimo

Same

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11th

Materials without the authority of Government the allowances solicited on account of the Mess-Room of the 19th Dragoons cannot be granted. Captain Dallas appointed to the Command of Mallore Vice Askill. the Subject of Repairs recommended by him transmitted to the consideration of the Military Board. Lieut. Smyths application to come thro' the Channel of the Commander in Chief

I am directed to inform you that the Right Honble the President in Council permits the Officers stationed at Cuttack to draw from the 1st Instant the usual monthly allowance of House Rent on the certificate prescribed by the regulations of the Service ~

Although the President in Council cannot doubt that the estimates transmitted in your letter of the 11th ultimo amounting to Pagodas 161. 4. 69 for repairs executed by your orders are moderate and the repairs of themselves proper, he yet directs me to observe that the urgency of the occasion does not appear to have been such, as to warrant a deviation from established forms, which prohibit even the Military Board from authorizing repairs of such an amount without the sanction of Government. nor can his Lordship avoid to notice in particular that part of the procedure which extended to the sale of the materials of the old Barracks and hospital. and applying the amount arising therefrom to the construction of a new hospital ~

In regard to the application which you have

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11th. have recommended for the assistance of Government in building a Mess-room for the Officers of his Majesty's 19th. Dragoons. I am directed to inform you that as a Mess-room is not included in the establishment of public buildings and quarters allotted to Corps. under this Presidency, his Lordship in Council is unable to comply with it. —

In reply to your letter of the 4th. Instant I am directed to inform you that the President in Council has been pleased to permit Captain Kirkhill to resign the Command of Mellor, and to appoint Captain Dallas to succeed him. — that the reports you have recommended are submitted to the Military Board. — that the application of Captain Gibbons is under reference to the Military Board. — and that the request of Lieut. — may the Models have been regularly forwarded through the channel of the Commander in Chief. — —

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
10th. May 1797. —

Sir Sir
Your / J. Webbe
Sec.y to Gov.t

Jo.

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To Major General Erskine

Commanding the

Bengal Detachment

Sir,

To Major General Erskine on the subject of Cantoning his Detachment in the Vizagapatam District ~

I am directed by the Right Honble the ~ President in Council to desire that you will march the Detachment under your Command into the districts of Vizagapatam, and take up your head quarters at Chicacole. ~

As it is the intention of Government that the Bengal Troops should for some time be stationed in ~ that district, you will be pleased to distribute them into the posts of Chicacole, Casimcotah and Vizagapatam, as may be best suited to the accomodations in those ~ places respectively, observing that Lieutenant Colonel George Fotheringham is still to retain the command of Vizagapatam. ~

I am further directed to inform you that it is the intention of the President in Council to withdraw

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11th. withdraw the whole of the 2nd. Battalion 8th. Native Regiment now doing duty in that district, but his Lordship is induced to postpone this measure for the present — three Companies have therefore been divided between the frontier posts of Gopaulpilly and Veragottam. —

Upon your arrival you will take upon yourself the command of all the troops in the districts according to the General order of the 25th. Ultimo. — and correspond with Government and Head quarters upon the subjects which may respectively require their notice. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) D. Wedderburn

Sec.t to Government

Fort St. George
10th. May 1797.

To Lieutenant John Gourlay

of the 1st. Battalion Artillery

Sir.

To Lieut.t Gourlay — his correspondence with this office of a Audit highly disrespectful, and will be more strictly noticed unless he immediately make ample apology for the impropriety of his conduct. —

The Right Honble the President in Council having been furnished with Copy of the late Correspondence between

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11th. Between you and the Office of Audit upon the subject of a Retrenchment made from your Batta. directs me to express his extreme displeasure at the disrespect with which you have ventured to treat the Orders of Government communicated to you from the Office of the Military Auditor General. and to require you to make within ten days from this date of this Letter an ample apology for this impropriety of Conduct. under pain of the further displeasure of the President in Council. ~

I am
Yr. Hble. Servt.
J. Wedge
Asst. to Government

Fort St. George
10th. May 1797.

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir.

I am directed to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters dated 5th. and 6th. Instant. ~

In consideration of the reasons assigned by

To Major General Sydenham on the subject of their Saturdays disrespect to the orders of Government communicated thro' the auditors Office. Charges of Assistant Surgeon Todd admitted - the Officers

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Officers Stationed at Pulicat and Sadras allowed House Rent. — Works executed at Masulipatam admitted and to be paid for. — Application of Captain Gibbons — respecting Conveyance required for making Family Payments at Trichinapoly and Reference of Lieut.t Colonel Orr respecting Batta in case Officers Guards stationed by the Officer who succeeded to the temporary Command of the 1st Regiment of Cavalry ordered for his Opinion — the Expences of the Malay Corps to be carried to the Head of Expedition against the Dutch Settlements —

11th. Lieut.t Colonel Read. His Lordship in Council permits you to pass those Charges of Mr. Todd Assistant Surgeon which you recommend as admissible. The Board however trust that the General Order of the 3rd. Instant will in future prevent all irregular appointments of this nature. —

The great impropriety of Lieut.t John Gourlay's conduct has not failed to call forth the censure which it deserves from the President in Council: and — that Officer has been ordered to make a sufficient apology within ten days from this date, for the disrespect with which he has treated the orders of Government transmitted to — him through your Office — You will therefore report Lieut.t Gourlay's compliance with this order and submit his — apology to the consideration of the President in Council. —

The President in Council has permitted the Officers Stationed at Palacol and Arnbore to draw the — usual Monthly allowances of House rent from the 1st — Instant. —

The new Barracks and repairs at Masulipatam

2931 Fort St. George 9th May 1797.

11th Masulipatam having been completed to the satisfaction of the Military Board are to be paid for by the Paymaster at that place, according to the Engineer's Bill amounting to Pagodas 1e4e. for which you will pass the necessary authority.—

Inclose copy of a Letter from Lieut.t Colonel Orr. and of another from Captain Gibbons and am directed to desire that you will report your opinion thereon for the information of Government.—

I am further directed to desire, that the expences which have been incurred on account of the Malay Corps may be carried to the head of "Expedition against the Dutch Settlements".—

I have the honor to be

Sir Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) J. Webbe

Sd.y to Government.

Fort St. George

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12th Entered the undermentioned Letters in

M.B. Nos 78-79-80.—

From

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From the Commandant at Vellore.

12th. From Major Cannon — requesting to be allowed House Rent and a compensation for the Expences he has incurred in repairing his Quarters.—

From the Offic. Comd. the 2nd Regiment of Native Cavalry.—

From Lieut.t Colonel Bater. recommending that the Stabling and other buildings for the accommodation of a Cavalry Corps which were some time since begun may be completed before the Sitting in of the Monsoon.—

From the Sea Customer

From Mr. Call — stating that in conformity the Boards orders he has stopped the Exportation of 666 Bags of Bengal Biscuit which Messrs. Lautour & Co. were about to Ship for Pondicherry.—

13th. Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in Mil.y Nos. 81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89.—

To the Military Auditor Genral.—

To Major General Sydenham — authorizing an advance of Pay to Captain Lieutenant Pittman whose full Batta is to commence from the Date of his Embarkation for Malacca, notifying the allowance granted to the Commandant at Trincomale on account of Table Money during the War.—

To.

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13th

To Mr. W. C. Jackson - on the Subject of

To the Collector at Rammad. —

purchasing and Sending to Trincomale Sheep and Slaughter

Cattle for the use of the Troops. —

To Captain Page - requesting as a measure

To Captain W. G. Page of his Majesty's Ship Orpheus. —

of Importance to the Service that he will convey to Trincomalie

a Number of Tents for the use of the Garrison. —

To Lieut.t Colonel Champagne - granting him

To the Commandant at Trincomale. —

an allowance of 100 Pagodas p.r Month for Table Money during

the War. —

To Major General Sydenham - desiring him

To the Military Auditor General. —

to pass Mr. Cunningham's Bill for seventy Pagodas on account

of his Passage to Amboyna. —

To Captain Farmer - permitting him to —

To the Commander of the Chartered Ship Bekona. —

receive Mr. Cunningham on board his Ship as passenger for

Amboyna with his Servants and Baggage. —

To Messrs. Brown, Webb and Keating - informing

To the Collectors at Vizagapatam Vizianagram and Chicacole. —

them that the Bengal Detachment has been stationed in the

Vizagapatam District, and desiring them to afford such

assistance as may be in their power in Cantoning the Troops

previous

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13th previous to the Commencement of the Rains. —

To the Military Board. — To the Military Board — referring for their consideration a Letter from Lieut.t Colonel Baker on the subject of completing the Stabling at Conatoor previous to the setting in of the Monsoon. —

To the Garrison Storekeeper To Mr. Brodie — directing him to cease — baking Biscuit till further orders, and to state the quantity already baked. —

Received the following Letters. —

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad — has taken Measures for supplying Provisions for the use of Major Kyndmans Detachment on its entering the Nizam's Dominions. —

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 26th. and 28th. Instant, one of the former giving over to a detail of the Strength of the Detachment under the — Command of Major Kyndman, and to Copy of a Surveyed — Route between Bezorah and Hyderabad; and the latter to Copies of two Letters of Intelligence from Major Doveton, for the

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13th the Communication of which I request you will offer my acknowledgements to the Right Honble the President in Council 7

With a Copy and a Sketch of the Route from Bijapore to this City, was long since transmitted by me to Major Kyd[illegible], and I am now taking such measures as appear to me most likely to ensure the due supply of Provisions to this Detachment under that Officer's Command during its progress through the Nizam's Territories, and beg you will assure the Right Honble the President in Council that application for this purpose to this Regency shall not be omitted 7

I have
the honor
/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asst. and Officiating Resident.

Hyderabad
5th May 1797.

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

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose for the notice of the Right Honble

From the Assistant
Resident at Hyderabad
on

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on the Subject of Assignments on the Peishcush for 1795-6 payable at Masulipatam in order to answer the Demands of the Troops doing Duty with the Nizam.

13th. Read the President in Council. Copy of a Letter which I have this day addressed to the Collector of the Masulipatam Division, and should his Lordship express a wish to be furnished with the document in support of what I have advanced on the subject of the Subsidy for October last, I shall lose no time in laying it before him.

I am
Sir
Your most
Obedt. Servt.
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistt. and Officiating Resident

Hyderabad
5th. May 1797.

John Wrangham Esqr.
Collector at
Masulipatam

Sir,

As from Circumstances of which it is unnecessary to trouble you with a detail, I foresee a possibility of Major Kyndman's Detachment after its arrival in the Nizam's territories, being eventually subjected to considerable inconvenience on the score of pecuniary supplies, I beg leave to apprize you, that with a view of providing as much as possible

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13th. possible against such an evil. I propose granting to Major Kyd man an order on your treasury for the balance still in your hands of the assignment for two months subsidy on the 2nd. Kist 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 Kist just mentioned as from the unappropriated residue of it you may be enabled to discharge.

While upon this subject it is proper I should notice to you, that the Sum of 53713 Rupees being subsidy for the Month of October last, which on the strength of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter to you of the 21st. December last. his Highness the Nizam stands debited for, in your official statement of payments on account of Paisheush. transmitted by you to Major Kirkpatrick, on the 28th. January last. had actually at that time (though you certainly were not duly assigned of it.) been discharged.

in

13th in Cash by a special order obtained for the purpose from his Highness out of the Treasury / of Rupees 6,21,685..4..4 / forwarded hither in December last by Golaum Sahib on the amount of Paishcush received from you —

With a view to the further elucidation of this subject I have the honor to inclose for your perusal Copy of the Letter from Major Kirkpatrick to the Right Honble Lord Hobart upon the strength of which no doubt it was that this Lordship directed the months Subsidy in question to be set off against the instalment of Paishcush 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 2nd. Kist of A.F. 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 Wyndmans Detachment at that place, in the event of my finding it necessary to provide by such —

means

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3d. 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 - Should you still be able to procure Bills on this place for any part of this money even at par, such mode of Remittance will of course be very advisable, both from the trouble and expence of carriage, which will thereby be saved, as well as from the diminution it will occasion in the drain of Specie from our own Territories -

I have the honor to be

Sir Sir

Your most obedt. & most faithful Servant.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Resident.

Hyderabad
5th. May 1797.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant.

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13th

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord.

From Major General Doyle - the Bombay Grenadier Battalion put back to Columbo from stress of Weather.

I am very sorry to inform you that the second Division of the Bombay Grenadiers have been forced to put back, never having been able to double Cape Comorin - they sailed from hence the 10th Instant and anchored in these Roads last evening. It has not been in my power to land them, the Wind has been so high; towards Evening I shall endeavour to send out the Fishing Boats that can take three or four Men at a time, and in that way hope to get them on shore before Night. -

Head Quarters
Columbo
30th April 1797.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Wellesley Ellis Doyle

Major General

For

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13d

The Right Honble Lord Hobart.

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Committee for investigating the amboyna accounts - recommending an adjustment of sundry articles of amount committed on the supplies of Provisions furnished by Rear Admiral Rainier for the use of the Company's Troops - &

Mr Brouncker Secretary to Admiral Rainier.

having submitted to our Examination certain Accounts of Provisions purchased by his Excellency's Order for the use of the Navy, and Troops on the Expedition against the Moluccas - as also of Eight Chests of Treasure consigned to the Paymaster at Malacca. the application of which is particularly detailed. we do ourselves the honor of reporting thereon as follows: -

It appears that a Mr Shaw was employed by the Admiral to purchase Live Stock and other Provisions at the Islands South West of Amboyna for the use of the Squadron and Troops, and that the Quantity so provided amounted to Spanish Dollars 3.215. of which a proportion equal to Spanish Dollars 1.460.. 30. was delivered on account of the Honble Company, as is shewn by the Receipts of the Commissaries at Banda and Amboyna - It further appears that

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13d That in part of this Sum Mr. Shaw received Dollars 655.. 20 from the acting Paymasters. / the late Captain Meuth and Lieutenant Heitland / and that Mr. Brouncker likewise gives Credit in the inclosed account Current / No. 1. / for Spanish Dollars 450.. 8. the estimated amount of Sundry Articles of Marine Stores supplied by the Master Attendant to Mr. Shaw while employed on the before mentioned Service. —

The Balance due to Mr. Brouncker on this account being Spanish Dollars 445.. 2. we recommend to be paid on his entering into an obligation, that should the Charge for the above Articles of Marine Stores be found hereafter to exceed the Sum credited, he will be accountable for the difference, as the Company will to him for as much as the Charge may fall short of the Estimate. —

In the inclosed account / No. 2. / between his Excellency Admiral Rainier and the Honble Company, it is shewn that 8 Chests of Treasure containing Spanish Dollars 262.. 78.. 57. and German Crowns 4.498. were Shipped at Fort St. George by Government, and the amount delivered by the

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13th the Admiral to Paymasters Buchan, Meuth and Kettland

as is proved by the Receipts and Accounts Current which have

been laid before us. besides which a Set of Bills was drawn

on your Lordships in Council by the Admiral in favor of

Mr. Broucher for 1038 Dollars. to answer certain expences

incurred on the Expedition. — The Dr. side of this account —

exhibits the Sum of Dollars 676.. 13.. 40. expended in the

purchase of Two Malay Prows at Molucca for the Expedition

to the Moluccas and the Wages of their Crews. — 20 Dollars for a

Pilot and 140 Dollars paid for 20 Corge of Malay Cloths to barter

for refreshments. but which it appears were afterwards destroyed

by white-ants in the Godown in which they were kept at

Amboyna during the absence of the Squadron to Banda.

The aggregate of these Sums being Spanish Dollars —

736.. 13.. 40. We beg leave to submit to your Lordships. whether

the Navy or Company should be charged with the whole. or

what proportion thereof. altho it would appear from the

Admiral having Stated it against the Company. that the

Prows were principally employed in the Service of the Troops. —

admitting

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13th admitting this to be the case, there will still remain due to the Company a Balance of Spanish Dollars 293. 13. 40/4

By a letter from Captain Shalmer's in the Command of Hila / one of the Divisions of Amboyna / it appears that in consequence of directions from Admiral Rainier he sent 1040 Tomangs of Sago for the Troops at Banda, but as it was in a perishable State on its arrival, Lieut.t Colonel Vigors judged it expedient to have it disposed of at Auction, which was accordingly done at his desire by Mr. Brumeker, who has in his hands the amount of the Sales Dollars 107. 18. which he is ready to pay to whoever your Lordships may direct. –

Mr. Brumeker having signified to us that it is the particular wish of the Admiral to have these accounts settled before his return to Madras, we have been induced to enter on the examination of them as separately as well to meet His Excellency's wishes as to be enabled to proceed in the Investigation of the

Remaining

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13th. remaining accounts of the Expedition to the Moluccas,

which we understand are of a nature to require the most

attentive and deliberate consideration. ~

We have the honor to be with great respect. ~

Fort St. George
13th. May 1797.

&c. &c.
Signed W. Sydenham
" J. H. Skardon
" Robert Woolf.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart.

Governor in Council
Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Resident at Panjore advising of the Death of Shivarow the Sirkul. ~

I beg leave to acquaint your Lordship that Shivarow the late Sirkul departed this life about 11 O'Clock last Night. ~

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.
Signed Alexr. Macleod
Resident

Received

Panjore
9th. May 1797

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13th Received also the undermentioned Letters

as entered in M.P.B. Nos 90-91 —

From Lieut.t Colonel Fraser at Pondicherry

From Lieut.t Colonel Fraser — acknowledging the Receipt of the Boards orders for apprehending the party of Sepoys belonging to Monsieur Raymond should they be found within the Limits of his Command. —

From the acting Commis.y General of Grain and Provisions. —

From Mr. Skardon — recommending that Slaughter Cattle and Sheep may be collected in the Southern parts of the Carnatick for the use of the Troops at Trincomale. —

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob.

14th Received a Letter from His Highness the Nabob entered in C.C. No. 52. requesting that Major Cuppages Detachment may be recalled from the Warriore Pollams District. —

15th Received the undermentioned Letters —

entered in M.P.B. Nos 92-93-94. —

From Major Bowser at Arnee. —

From Major Bowser — advising of his having taken charge of the Garrison of Arnee until the arrival of Lieut.t Colonel Torrens. —

From

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15th

From Captain Sutherland — advising of his —

From Captain Sutherland of the Cavalry at Tachinore —

Intention to march from Tachinore on the 12th Instant. —

From Mr. Roebuck — enclosing an additional

From the Military Paymaster General —

Indent of Cash required for the Disbursements of the current Month —

Received Letter from the Nabob — entered in

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob —

" C. C. No. 53. advising of his having completed the Payment

of his May Kist. —

Received the following Letters and Papers. —

The Right Honble Lord Hobart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Rear Admiral Rainier advising of his Intention to dispatch a Frigate immediately to the Straights of Malacca —

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship

that it is my determination to send a frigate immediately

to the Straights of Malacca for the protection of the Trade

and Settlements, who will be ready to sail in a day or two. —

I conclude your Lordship will order the Bellona to be detained

to take advantage of this protection. — in all probability

the

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15th the Fox will be the Ship I shall appoint to that Service.—

I have the honor to remain

Victorious
Madras Road
15th May 1797. —

&c &c
(signed) Peter Rainier

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council
at Fort St. George

My Lord

From Bengal—proposes sending Supplies of Rice, Ghee and Money to Amboyna—states their Intentions on the Subject of bringing back the Spices that may be prepared. —

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 7th Instant. with the Dispatches from the Resident at Amboyna. —

2. We shall take immediate measures for sending Rice to the Moluccas sufficient for a year's consumption with a quantity of Ghee for the Troops, and if practicable, a supply of Money. —

3. We recommend that the articles which you may propose to send from your Presidency in the Ships which we may engage to convey those Supplies may be forwarded

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15th forwarded here by the Earliest opportunity —

4. We shall desire the Resident to load the Ships with Spices, and to order the Commanders to visit Port at your Presidency or here, according as may be deemed most advisable, on reference to the Season when the Ships are likely to return into the Bay —

We have the honor to be

Fort William
the 28th April 1797.

Yr Yr
(Signed) J. Shore
" Alured Clarke
" G. Speke
" Wm Cowper

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

From Major General Braithwaite advising of the Death of Major Hart Surgeon Daniell and of Lieut. Colonel Stevens returning to Pondicherry — & Papers relative to that Officers state of Mind enclosed —

My Lord

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council two Reports, which I have received from Lieutenant Colonel Fraser, who holds the immediate and provisional Command

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15th Command at Pondicherry during my absence with the documents which accompanied the report concerning Lieut. Colonel Isset. That your Lordship may give such Orders in regard to him as you think proper.

I understand it is the intention of the Medical Board to recommend the appointment of Mr. Holloway to the 33d Native Battalion.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Madras
15th May 1797.

&c. &c.
[signed] John Brathwaite

Major General Brathwaite
Commanding the Cantonment of
Pondicherry &c. &c. &c.

Sir.

I have the honor to report, that in consequence of the Death of Mr. Daniels, I appointed Mr. Holloway to act as Assistant Surgeon to do duty with the Honble Company's 33d Battalion

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15th Battalion N. Infantry till further Orders. - This I did at the particular Request of Major Tolfrey, and at the recommendation of Mr. McKenzie Surgeon of the Cantonment. -

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) H. Fraser

Lieut. Colonel 72nd Regiment

Pondicherry

11th May 1797. -

To Major General Brathwaite

Commanding the Cantonment of

Pondicherry &c &c &c

Sir

I have the honor to Report that the French

Lieutenant Colonel Tolfrey returned here about one O'Clock this Morning - This was first communicated to me by Colonel Chermont. whose Note is herewith inclosed. - Colonels Chermont and De Kerjean waited upon me soon after and mentioned Lieut. Colonel Tolfrey's having returned of his own accord, and with the intention of delivering himself up - adding that

He

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15th. He was in extreme bad health — Therefore immediately sent Mr. McKenzie Surgeon of the Cantonment to visit him. and Captain Blair the Town Major with Lieut.t McDonell of the 72nd. Regiment to hear and take down what he had to say — a Copy of his Declaration together with the Surgeon's Report I beg leave to transmit to you — I have in the mean-time Judged it my duty to place a Guard over him until I receive orders on the Subject —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Pondicherry

11th May 1797.

(Signed) H. Fraser

Lieut.t Colonel 72nd. Regiment.

To Lieutenant Colonel Fraser

Commanding at

Sir

Pondicherry

I consider it my duty to apprize you of the return of Lieutenant Colonel Fraser to this Garrison — He submits himself

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15th himself entirely to the orders of the British Government. It appears that the fault he has committed has tended to the derangement of his mind, and I really pity his situation.—

I have the honor to be

Pondicherry 11th May 1797.

Sir, Your, &c.

(signed) P. Chermont

(A true Translation)

(signed) George Barry

To Lieutenant Colonel Fraser

Commanding

Sir.

Having in compliance with your Order's visited Lieut. Colonel Ilyset. who does not appear to me to labour under any Mental derangement at present: I am of opinion that the Symptoms of which he complains depend upon a considerable degree of irritation, and weakness, which have most probably been brought on by fatigue and exposure to the Sun: and may have been aggravated by causes which I cannot Judge of.—

Pondicherry 11th May 1797.

Yours Obediently

(signed) Alexr. M'Kenzie

Surgeon

Declaration

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# 15th Declaration of Lieutenant Colonel Isfet.—

taken in pursuance of Captain David Blair Town Major and of Lieut.t Charles M.c Donell of His Majesty's 72nd Regiment of Foot at Pondicherry this 11th day of May 1797.—

Colonel Isfet declares that on the 15th. of March being insane from grief at the prospect of going to Europe, he went away after having given his Parole of honor: that he believes on the eight day after his departure, he came to his proper senses again, and finding himself then in the Territories of the Nizam / he does not know at what Village / he determined on returning to Pondicherry and to deliver himself to the Government there, and wrote to his Wife Madame Isfet to send him a Palankeen to conduct him here, as he was unable to procure himself without such a Conveyance having been extremely ill—that Madame Isfet sent the Palankeen, and that he has arrived in it here, and has delivered himself up to Lieut.t Colonel Foster the Commandant of this Cantonment.—

Colonel

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15th Colonel Ogilvie further declares that on his coming to his Senses, he was so much chagrined at the great fault he had committed, that his health became hourly worse and worse, and that as is visible to any Spectator, he is now in a most miserable State, both of body and mind. —

The foregoing is the declaration given by Lieut.t Colonel Ogilvie in presence of the undersigned, sent by Lieut.t Colonel Fraser Commanding to receive it. —

/Signed/ David Blair
Capt.n & Town Major
" Chas. Macdonell
Lieut.t 72nd Regiment

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ H. Fraser Lieut.t Colonel 72nd Regt.

To Josiah Wedge Esqr.
Secretary to Government

From Lieut.t Colo. Gourlay stating that in his late Correspondence with the Auditor Generals Office, he had not the most distant Intention of offering any Disrespect to Government. —

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant addressed to me by order of the Right

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15th. Right Honble the President in Council, and love not a moment in declaring in the most unqualified terms, that I had not the — most distant intention of offering any disrespect to Government or to orders issued by them, in my correspondence with the — office of Credit: and if any part of this correspondence admits of such a construction, I am extremely sorry for it, and Request to withdraw it. —

I have the honor to be

Mount
15th. May 1797. —

&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Gourlay
Lieut. Artillery

Medical Board
15th. May 1797. —

From the Medical Board - Dr. Holloway recommended to do duty with the 33rd Battalion Native Infantry Vice Daniel deceased - Mr. Parry recommended for the appointment of Sub Assistant, and to do duty at Pondicherry - his pass required to the Surgeon's Quarters at the General Hospital and to the Medical Board's

Resolutions of Government in Council the 16th. May 1797.

We are sorry to acquaint Government that Mr. Joseph Daniel Assistant Surgeon, died at Pondicherry on the 6th Instant, after a very short illness. —

We recommend that —

Mr.

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15th

Boards office. Mr. Dunn requests a suitable Quarter or an additional allowance of House rent till the Quarters at the Dispensary are repaired. Mr. Spiers proceeds to Sea for the recovery of his Health.—

Approved.

Mr. Henry Holloway. Assistant Surgeon he appointed to do duty with the 33rd Battalion of Native Infantry Vice Daniel Jun. As Mr. Mackenzie will be distressed for assistance by Mr. Holloway's removal, we recommend that Frederick Furry be appointed a Sub. Assistant and directed to do duty under him at Pondicherry. This man has been strongly recommended by Major General Braithwaite. And Mr. Mackenzie Certifies that he is a very Capable person.—

Approved.

Mr. Dunn has again addressed us on the subject of his Quarters, and solicits that either another one may be provided for him. or that Government will be pleased to grant him an additional allowance to defray the

House rent allowed Mr. Dunn until the Dispensary can be repaired.—

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15th

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the Rent of a House which he has been under the necessity of taking, in consequence of the total impossibility of his residing in the Dispensary until repaired.

We have received a representation from Mr. Thackery that the Surgeon's Quarters at the General Hospital are much in want of repair, and request that the necessary orders may be given to the Chief Engineer.

The Chief Engineer ordered to Survey the quarters at the General Hospital.

We also beg that ever Office may be put in a State of Repair which it requires very much, nothing having been done to it for upwards of Nine Years.

A Survey will be ordered.

Mr. Archibald Spiers.

Surgeon, has been long in an infirm State of Health, but his complaints have

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15th

Approved.

have increased so rapidly lately that we have
authorized him to proceed to Goa immediately,
which we hope Government will approve. —

/Signed/ Jas. Anderson
Physician General

" Wm Raine
Chief Surgeon.

To
Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government.

Sir.

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the
13th Instant. and accordingly from that date ceased baking any
biscuit the quantity already baked is two hundred and thirty
Candies for the preservation of which the best means shall
be taken. —

From the Garrison Storekeeper states the Quantity of Biscuits already baked. —

I have the honor to be
Sir Sir
/Signed/ James Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper

Fort St. George
14th May 1797.

Return

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15th Return of Salt Provisions and Water Casks remaining in the Commissary of Grain and Provision Department at Columbo and Trincomalee on the 15th May 1797.

Report of the Quantity of Salt Provisions and Water Casks in Store at Trincomale and Columbo.

At Columbo.

Salt Provisions ... Casks 390 ... Water Casks Large 40 ... Small 157

At Trincomalee

Salt Provisions ... Casks 242 ... empty Arrack Casks 100.

Total 632.

N.B. The Meat is in general good, but should it be necessary to export it, orders should be immediately given to repair the Casks. —

The Water Casks are in bad condition and will require a thorough repair. —

(Signed) J. H. Skardon

Acting Commissr. General G. & P.

To the Military Auditor General

Sent a Letter to the Military Auditor General inclosed in M.B. No 95. referring for examination an additional estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General on the Current Month — — — £10

Ah.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders and

Ernst William Falloofield } Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation read and

Tuesday
16th. May.

approved. —

Read the following letter from the
Military Board. —

To the Right Honble. Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

From the Military Board-
proposing further
Regulations for the Store
Department under the
Head of Docks and
Purchases. —

My Lord

We do ourselves the honor to —
forward herewith to Your Lordship in Council, the 12th.
Section of the proposed Regulations for the Ordnance and
Stores
—/— Vide G.O. 16th. May.

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Mess. Departments. under the Head of "Dooties and Buckallies".

We have the honor to be

Fort St. George
9th. of May 1797.

Sir Sir
Your most obedient Servants
(Signed) George Harris
Patrick Ross
Wm. Sydenham
Jno. Richardson
D. Close
George Hall

Minute thereon

The Board approve the Regulations proposed by the Military Board for "Dooties and Buckallies" ordered accordingly that they may be published in General Orders.

Read 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 declining his inability to afford with

I regret that it has not been in my power to reply

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with sufficient Precision the Information required by Government relative to the Quantity of Cloth drawn by the Contractors from the Company's Stores over and above the Quantity required to make up the Clothing for the Troops—proposes that a further Investigation into this Subject be made by the Military Board.—

ordily sooner to Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 24th. August last intimating your Lordships desire. "that I should ascertain "as nearly as possible upon the principle laid down in Govern- "-ment Order's. of Order date the 30th. October 1795. what quantity "of Cloth was drawn from the Honble Company's Stores. over "and above the Supply requisite for furnishing the army "Clothing."—not being able to enter into an Investigation of the subject until I was furnished with the accounts of Mr. Doring the late Contractor. which having compared with the account of the Quantity of Cloth drawn from the Honble Company's Warehouse. and the advances made to him by the Military Paymaster General stand as follows.—

2. The amount advanced by the Military Paymaster General to Mr. Doring was Pagodas .. 21.422 .. 29 .. 64

And the value of Cloth and Hatts issued from the Stores at the Invoice prices amounts to .... } 36.409 .. 44 .. 68.

Making in all Pagodas .. 57.832 .. 29 .. 52.

3. Against which there is to be stated the Expence of Army Cloathing furnished by the Contractor upon Indents

and

and Receipts compared and passed by the Overlooking Committee appointed to examine their accounts, and adjust the Funds for that Year, which including Godown Rent and charge of transportation amounts to Pagodas 16. 382.. 32.. 17. leaving a Balance of Pagodas 12. 16 49.. 42.. 35. due by Pnr. Doring to the Honble Company, of which I advised the Military Paymaster General, and have the honor to report to your Lordships in Council that the amount has been paid into his Office.

4. With respect to the Quantity of Cloth drawn from the Company's Stores by Pnr. Doring, or the Contractors per former years over and above the supply necessary for making the Clothing not having any rule to guide me in such an Inquiery. I must confess myself unable to ascertain it to my own, or your Lordships's satisfaction, but as a clause to restrain any excess of this nature in future has on my suggestion been entered in the Advertisement for proposals to Cloath the Army for the Current year, it will probably tend to throw light on this difficult Subject, from which

some

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some rules may be framed to prevent the Company from sustaining a similar loss to that which has already been apprehended. —

5. The only circumstance regarding the Quantity of Cloth indented for by Mr. Doring, and the other Contractors, which it is in my power to state to your Lordship, is an average of the Quantity required for one Coat, and for the whole of the Clothing in each year, which after a careful examination of the Invoice Warehouse Keepers Bills, and of the account of Numbers for which Indents and Receipts for Clothing appear passed by the Auditing Committee in each year I find to be as follows. —

| | Mr. Brodie's Contract 1791/2 | Mr. Brodie's Contract 1792/3 | Mr. Parsons Contract 1793/4 | Mr. Jones's Contract 1794/5 | Mr. Doring's Contract 1795/6. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total quantity of Yards drawn from the Store . . . . | 45877½ | 32.236 | 37.515 | 39.564 | 37.750 |
| Number of Coats made up . . | 41.400 | 34.081. | 33.124 | 34.966 | 38.465 |
| Average quantity for one Coat . . . | 3 Inches — | 39¾ | 40¼ | 40¼ | 40½ | 35 5/6. |

6. I am unacquainted with the principle upon which the Accountant General compares the Contract — proposals for Army Clothing, but I conclude that his — report

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respect goes to both rates and quantities in order to shew the relative proportions that the proposals bear to each other, and to the proposals of former years. The Muster for Cloathing being prepared by the Military Board, it has occurred to me that the Quantity of Cloth necessary, on an average for each Coat might also be ascertained as nearly as possible from the Inquiries which the Board would have it in their power to make on the subject.

It is certainly of great importance to the Honble Company that a strict examination of the Cloathing proposals with respect to Quantities should take place, as it appears from a calculation which I have made, that the inconsiderable difference of one Inch of Cloth more, on the average for one Coat at the Indicm rate per yard, will occasion an increase of at least 2¾ per Cent or about one thousand Pagodas upon the Total Account of the Quantity of Cloth drawn from the Import Warehouse. The rates of making up the Cloathing having been tried by successive computations for many years since the abolition of

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of the Clothing Agency, has so nearly established a standard that nothing remains but to check the Quantities of Cloth by some criterion, which I conceive the Military Board may be able to determine, with as much precision as the nature of the case will admit. —

I have the honor to be with great respect.

&c &c

(signed) W. Sydenham

M.G. Aud.r General

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort S.t George
16.th May 1797. —

Minute thereon.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be referred to the Military Board with directions to establish some criterion by which to regulate the quantities of Cloth to be in future drawn from the Company's Stores on account of the Clothing Contract. —

Read the following letter from his Highness the Nabob (entered also in C.C. No.o 614.) —

Translation of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor of Fort S.t George. —

Dated 14.th May 1797

Rec.d D.o D.o

From the Nabob acknowledging the Financial and Assistance Conduct.

I have received your Lordships letter of the 9.th May. —

and

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Conduct of his Managers Abdul Cauder Khan and Hussein Ally Khan. com advising of his appointment of Esteber Khan Bahadur. with the title of Bubber Jung. to the Management of the Warriore Pollams. or Nuclore and Tinnive Districts. with particular Injunctions to inquire into and redress the Grievances complained of by the Poligars. requests his request that Major Cuppage's Detachment may be withdrawn &c.

and have the pleasure to make my acknowledgments for the assistance you have been so good to give, by sending Troops to quiet the disturbances of the Colleries at Worriar= =pollam. Allianoor and Tinnive. and I request that the= Detachment may be recalled, as I have already desired in my letter of the 10th. instant, which was written before the receipt of your Lordships favour.

I have also to acquaint your Lordship. that I have appointed Estabor Khan. the late Amildar of Tinnivelly. to the Management of the Warriarpollam. Tinnive and Allianoor Districts. His knowledge of those Districts is founded on an Experience of upwards of= thirty years. and he has promised to restore them to= proper Order. - I have also advanced his Rank. and= conferred on him the Title of "Bubber Jung" - he has proceeded thither accordingly. and I hope will succeed in the business to our satisfaction. -

I must agree with your Lordship. that the

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the Insurrections in the above mentioned Districts originated in the Tyranny and oppression of Abdul Kawder Khan and Hussein Ally Khan - the former I have dismissed from the Talloohas, and from my favour, tho' I have not yet punished him as he deserves. for reasons which I am not now at liberty to divulge. - the latter however who was the principal Author of all these disturbances. (having had the sole management of our Affairs and Revenue) not only exercised the most horrid oppression and Cruelty, but embezzled my Revenues to a large Amount, he has made his escape, and defies my authority in a contemptuous manner. - I am (at present) with-held by certain motives from punishing these men for their mal-administration; - otherwise it was my Intention to make such a public Example of them, as might deter others from the Commission of similar acts of Tyranny and Robbery...

Be pleased to accept my sincere thanks

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Thanks for your kind offer of Arbitration between me and the Colleny Chiefs. - as I have already said that I have appointed Estabar Khan Bahader Rubber Jung. to the management of the above Districts. your Lordship will please to order the Warriar pollam Vackeel to wait on and make the proposals to him. - and I trust that under the divine favour the appointment of such an experienced and respectable Man, will conduce to the perfect satisfaction of the Ryotts of the three Districts. -

I beg to inform your Lordship that. Perrore was taken in the year 1761. - and that in the year 1765. Hoshallanoor and Warriarpollam in person: since which time those three Districts have been included in the Khatea, and amils appointed thereto by the Sirkar. - the Perrore District is included in the family Jagueir. -

What I should I write more.

/A true Translation/

/Signed/ A. Falconar
P.r Trans.r to Govt.

Ordered

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Ordered to lie for further consideration.-

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Officer commanding the Southern Division of the Army may be directed to recall the detachment under the Command of Major Cuppage.-

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute.-

The Commander in Chief delivers in the appointments of Aids de Camps. made Brigade Majors to the General Officers on the Staff

The Commander in Chief having received intimation from the several General Officers on the Staff of this Presidency in the Carnatick, on the subject of their Aid de Camps. and Staff. beg to submit the following Statement extracted from their several Letters: as the Officers they request leave to nominate for the approval of the Right Honble the President in Council.-

Major General Brathwaite - Returns as Captain John Sampson for Aid de Camp. Captain Walter Wilson for Brigade Major.-

Major General Floyd - Returns Captain Brunton

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for Aid de Camp until further orders - Brevet Captain Thomas Wilson for Brigade Major. -

Major General Gells - Returns Cornet Edward Gells for Aid de Camp - + Captain Lieut.t Sinclair for Brigade Major. -

Major General Bridges. Returns Lieut.t Montague Cosby for Aid de Camp.r Lieut.t Thomas Fraser for Brigade Major who was Secretary to Major General Bidulph. -

Major General Floyds attentive Conduct to the wishes of the Honble Court of Directors in naming Brevet Captain Thomas Wilson, as one who would otherways be liable to suffer from the new Arrangements is so much approved by the Commander in Chief, that he has great pleasure in laying General Floyds letter before the Right Honble the President in Council on the Subject of a Secretary to the Officer Commanding the Southern Division, and which he should strongly recommend if the Major Generals on the Staff had not the additional Staff of a Brigade Major now attached to them. -

The

+ Government not being aware of necessity for Major Generals Gells having a Major of Brigade while he remains at the Mount from their being one attached to the Corps of Artillery determining meets the present. -

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The Commander in Chief has no objection to the arrangement of Staff as above returned. except. That as late Brigade Major Captain Ogg appears to him to be the only Staff. who does in reality immediately suffer from the new arrangement — the Commander in Chief though strongly inclined to attend to Major General Bridges recommendation of Lieut. Frazer. thinks himself obliged to recommend. in Compliance with the Honble Court of Directors intention to consider Officers in Captain Ogg's situation. That Captain Ogg may be appointed Brigade Major to Major General Bridges untill further orders.—

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These appointments it is submitted shall take place from the date of General Officers for the Staff being finally arranged Viz. 25th. April last.—

(Signed) George Harris

Ordered that the foregoing nominations be published in General Orders.—

The above appointments published in General orders.—

Ordered that Major General Geils be informed that the Board have not judged it necessary to appoint a second Major of Brigade to him as being Commandant of Artillery. and at the same time a General Officer on the Staff.—

Minute on the Subject of not attaching a Major of Brigade to Major General Geils.—

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following minute.—

Minute.

The Commander in Chief has particular pleasure in

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board a Book

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Book of Routes of the Nizam's Detachment. and corresponding Sketches prepared by Captain Orr and notices the peculiarities of that Officer.

Sir submitting to the Board two Sketches and a Book of Routes made by Captain Orr Quartermaster of the Nizam's Detachment. These productions speak so forcibly for themselves that it is unnecessary to make many observations upon them. - They are calculated no less by the minute Correctness of the Sketches, than the sensible and particular remarks in the Journal to facilitate Military operations in a Country hitherto little known. -

General Harris is always happy in an opportunity of calling the attention of the Board to any of those under his Command who distinguish themselves: with Captain Orr's general Character as an Officer the Board are acquainted. In the present instance, his ability and unremitted application, are very conspicuous: as he is from a knowledge of the Languages peculiarly qualified to to follow up with success any pursuit of a similar nature. General Harris trusts the Board will take the first opportunity that offers of marking their sense of his Merit and of employing usefully such Talents. -

[Signed] George Harris

Ordered

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Ordered to lie on the Table.—

The President proposes that Captain

Captain Scott to proceed to the Residency and Captain Burton of the Bengal artillery to take charge of the Commissary's Department on Ceylon.—

Scott may be ordered to join his Station at the Residency.

and that Major Burton may be appointed to do

the duty and receive the allowances of deputy

Commissary of Stores on Ceylon.—

—Agreed to and ordered accordingly.—

Ordered that an advance of twenty

A further Issue of cash ordered to be made to the Military Paymaster General on account of this Employ

Seven thousand three hundred and forty six Pagodas

thirty two fanams and twenty six Cash /27.346..32..26./

be made from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster

General on account of additional Indents presented

by him of Cash required for the current Month.—

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The Secretary Reports the following casualties.—

Death of Captain Meulh Lieutenants Bodley and Macpherson of the Infantry

Captain Thos. Meulh of the Infantry

Lieut. George Bodley ——— Do.

Lieut. Grome Macpherson — Do.

" Hobart

" Geo: Harris

" Con Saunders

" C H Fallofield

John Tuins Esq.

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Diary

87th Received the undermentioned

Letters as entered in Mlb. Nos. 96. 97. 98. 99. -

From the Deputy Kings Paymaster General. - From Lieutenant Colonel Benford enclosing his accounts of Subsistence to the Kings Troops on the Coast from the 24th February to the 24th April 1797. -

From the Military Auditor General From Major General Sydenham enclosing his Letter of audits on the accounts of Lieutenant Colonel Benford and Captain Borough from the 25th January to the 24th February 1797. -

From the Military Paymaster General From Mr. Roebuck - desiring Instructions respecting a Bill drawn upon him by the Paymaster to the Paymaster to the Bengal Detachment for Rupees 35,000. and to be informed whether the Intermediate Cash required by that Gentlemen are to pass through the Established Forms. -

From Ditto From Do. desiring to know of the - if to discharge in Cash a Bill drawn upon him by the Colombo Paymaster for Rupees 2259. 19. 69 on account of arrears of Pay due to His Majesty's 73d Regement. -

Despatched

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17th. Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. N°. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. —

To Commandant at Trichinopoly. To Major General Floyd. directing that Major Capspage's Detachment may be ordered into Quarters. —

To Commandant at Trichinopoly. To Dº. desiring that preparation may be made at Negapatam for the Reception of the Detachment of Pioneers under Lieutenant Fitzpatrick expected to arrive shortly at that place from Point Pedro and that Deputy Commissary Frank may be ordered to the Presidency. —

To Dº. To Dº. desiring that the Bullock Masitrey Sawmy Pillah and Maduranaey Pillah now in Confinement at Trichinopoly may be released provided he see no Fitzpatrick objection to the measure. —

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly. To Mr. Hawkins desiring of the Instructions given to Major General Floyd for the Release of the Bullock Masitrey in consequence of his Letter of the 7th. Instant. —

To the Military Auditor General. To Major General Sydenham referring for examination the accounts of S

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Subsistence to the King's Troops from the 24th February to the 24th April 1797.—

To Major General Braithwaite

To the Officer Commanding at Pondicherry.—

desiring that the Guard which has been placed over Lieutenant Colonel Josset may be continued till further orders.—

To Mr. Rochfort informing him that Pagodas 27346. 32. 26. will be issued from the Treasury on account of his additional Estimates of Cash for the current Month.—

To the Military Paymr. General.

To Major General Gillis informing him that the Board, in consideration of his having attached to him, a Major of Brigade as Commandant of Artillery, have not deemed it necessary to appoint an additional Staff of that Denomination in consequence of his appointment as a General officer on the Staff.—

To Major General Gillis.

To Major General Ross desiring him to survey and report the Repairs required to the Quarters of the Surgeon stationed at the General Hospital and the Office of the Medical Board.—

To the Chief Engineer

Received also the following Letters.—

Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Resident at Tanjore with Copy of a letter from the Rajah complaining that Major Monson by violence towards some people of the Left Hand Cast has prevented them from returning to their homes &c. —

Having been directed by your letter of the 19th ultimo to transmit to Government Copies of whatever Letters or Papers I may receive from the Rajah, I accordingly enclose Copy of a Letter received from his Excellency regarding certain steps taken by the Commanding Officer of Tanjore. I have furnished Major Monson with a Copy and Translation of the same. —

I understand that the Troops mentioned in his Excellency's Letter were sent for the purpose of compelling the artificers of the Stores and Garrison, who had taken part with the People of the left hand Cast, to return to their Duties in the Fort. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Alexr. Macleod

Resr.

Amer

Tanjore
12th May 1797.

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Amer Sing Maha Rajah Presents his Salam to
A. Macleod Esqr. Bahador and Resident of Tanjore.—
you have permitted me to recall
the 5 Casts of the left hand and other who went away
and then you would decide the affair
But we have sent there a Cowl
in order to recall them — They consenting to it &
went out. —
But when they were on the
the road 4 Guards of Sepoys came and when the
would lay hold of them they run away again. —
it to be stopped there
Now as to the Method which is
an Arrack Shop in their Street which must be &
removed. —
Major Monsey Dubash has, as
they say, very much afflicted and driven them &
away. As long as they as that Dubash is in our
Street he will daily cause us trouble he ought
therefore to be removed out of our Street — They
they write in their Petition to us. —
As the spot on which the &
Dubash dwells belongs to the Circar May that
he may be removed from that Street — and
that

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and that the Arrack Shops may be taken away.—

If these two things are done the people of the left hand will return to the city if not they will not stay in it.—

you will be pleased to answer this letter very soon.—

What have I more

/Signed/ True Arms Pentecher

to write— 1797 4th May.—

/Signed/ Alex. Macleod
Asst

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor of

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Assistant Resident at Poonah with Intelligence of the situation of affairs in that Quarter, which do not wear the appearance of a speedy arrangement

I have the Honor to present your Lordships my acknowledgements for the Intelligence & accompanying Mr. Secretary Webbs Letters to Sir Charles Malet of the 11th and 19th Ultimo

Ajmut Omra is now encamped at about forty miles to the Eastward of Poona, where his Followers are said to be committing great Depredations within the Marratta Territories I understand that the Peshwa and Doulut Row Scindia shew a Readiness

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grant to Nizam ally Khan about three fourths of the Khurda Elephants; to which Agent at Cuttack does not at present seem inclined to accede —

Baajy Row, Chinna Appa, Innat Row, and Nanna Furnavees, continue to reside in Town; and Doulat Row Sindia, Nagojee Bhonsla Sukoje Holkar, and Baba Furkia, are still encamped in their Neighbourhood. There are Preparations in Nagojee Bhonsla's Camp for a movement. —

Though Sookrow has received his Dismission both from the Peshwa and Nanna Furnavees, He has not yet taken his Departure I understand that there is a Person living with Sookrow of the Name of Shinnut Sing, who is said to be Sookrow's Principal but being of the Cast of Rajpoot, and inexperienced in Durbar Affairs, Sookrow, who is a Bramin, has become the most conspicuous Person of the Party. —

I have this Day received the Governor General's Answers to the Letters from Baajy Row and Nanna Furnavees, announcing the Accession of the former to the Peshwaship — I am unacquainted whether, or not, similar Letters have sent to your Lordship by this Court. —

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On the whole, the Affairs of this Quarter appear as confused and mysterious as ever

Poona
5. May 1797.

I have the Honor to be very respectfully
&c &c
Signed J. Webbe

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

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Committee of the Bombay & Government in Malabar advising of this Situation of affairs - & their intention to adopt vigorous measures should the Pyche Rajah decline surrendering himself upon the summons - appoint Mr. James Augustus Frank their Secretary. -

Having arrived here on the 17th. ultimo, the State in which we found the Province and what has since taken place in it, will appear from the accompanying Copies of two Letters that we have since addressed to our Colleagues at Bombay under dates the 20th. and 27th. ultimo; since which the Pyche or younger Cottote Raja has yesterday morning left Sedicottum his place of Security in the Woods and set out for Ballapatam the Capital of the next & adjoining District of Chericul, where after having an interview with the very well disposed Raja of that Country, we expect that he will repair hither to submit himself; which if he fail in, we

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we for the present no other resource, than to endeavour to make an impression on his still collected force in the Jungle, for which purpose every preparation has been made, and the Troops will be ready to march by the 6th. instant should the measure become indispensably requisite.

We take this opportunity to acquaint your Government that we have appointed Mr. James Augustus Grant our Secretary at being vested with the executive Government on this Coast during our abode in it, in the manner with which you will no doubt have been fully apprized by Sir Charles Warre Malet and Mr. Page.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Jellicherry
the 3d. May 1797.

/Signed/ Jon.a Duncan
J. Stuart

To John Morris Esq.r
Secretary

Sir

You will be pleased to inform the Board of our Arrival here on the 27th. when contrary to our own, and probably our Colleagues Expectations, we found every thing quiet except some predatory

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predatory disturbances among the mapillas to the Southward, which we trust may not amount to any very serious Evil and for repressing which General Stuart has taken measures, by ordering thither a Reinforcement, which will proceed partly from Palghaut and the others on board of the Isabella to be landed at Calicut, whence Captain Wilkinson will sail on to Cochin to bring up from thence part of the 77th Regiment.—

For, altho' the Pyche Raja has betrayed some symptoms of alarm, and a wish to open a Communication as well with us as the Commissioners, who have now a Native Agent with them in the Jungle / who lately returned with one he had sent into them, just before our arrival / yet there is still too much Reason to doubt that he is not yet inclined to submit himself to us, on such Terms, as all the Circumstances taken together appear to us to return necessary for the Vindication of the National Credit, which is intimately connected with the maintenance of the Honble Company's authority in this Quarter of India, a consideration that may possibly induce us however much against

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against our own most earnest Wishes, to resort to a renewal of hostilities, with a view to establish the Honble Company's Authority in Cottiate, for which the assistance procured by the Commissioners previous to our arrival, in Tellicherry - Mahillah and in Northern and Southern Nayrs, must either joined to the Strength of our own Regular Force here be we trust, found fully sufficient, tho' it will not be without the utmost Reluctance that we shall have recourse to the further Exertion of measures of force; and as the Expedients we have in view to render them unnecessary are not yet all exhausted, we shall still indulge the hope of being able to avoid such extremity. -

Before our arrival the Governm[t] of Bajah had sent a Body of Nayrs up the Tamberchery Pass, who are reported to have had some partial Success against the Pychi's adherents in the Wynaad but as the aforesaid Chieftain is not yet come in, from his Superintendance of this Expedition we cannot be, for the present, more particular as to the Events that may there have taken place; no more than concerning the

consequences

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consequence of a Letter that the Commissioners of
appear to have addressed thro' their President to the
Sultaun's Officer in Command at Satarey late
avowing their sense of the undoubted Right to
the Wynaad being, according to the Terms of the P
Seringapatnam Treaty, in the Company; a Commun-
=nication which we were desirous of preventing
the delivery of; but the Raja of Cottiorrah's A
Agents thro' whom it was dispatched have
Reported that it has passed on beyond their
Reach. –

We request that at least 2
Lacks of Rupees in Specie, of Bombay or P
Surat Currency may be sent down to us P
before the monsoon with as much more
if possible early in August for altho' we P
may have sufficient on Southern Currency
or Stray Gold Fanams for the Pay of the Troops
yet as the greater part of them are, must P
for some months to come remain in their
Northern Division of the Province, where
the Stairy Coinage is not current, we
must therefore rely chiefly on the Presidency

for

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for the Supply of our Wants in this indispensable Requisite.-

Sethicherry
the 20th April 1797.

Forwarded
&c &c
/Signed/ J. Duncan
J. Stuart

True Copy
/Signed/ J. A. Grant Secy

To John Monrad Esqr.
Secretary to the Government at
Bombay

Sir

We avail ourselves of the Opportunity of the Return of the Drake to the Presidency with Mr. Rivett who proceeds to take his Seat at the Board in Council, to request you will inform the Board in continuation of our advices of the 20th Instant that although the Peyche or younger Prince Reja has in several Letters and Messages made professions of Obedience yet he has absolutely refused to repair hither to throw himself unconditionally on our Clemency, notwithstanding that our Letters to him/ of which Copies shall hereafter be transmitted/ were calculated to
inspire

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inspires him with a reasonable degree of Confidence in our desire to treat him with all the moderation that his Acts and Situation could possibly admit of Considering therefore all Parley as likely to prove fruitless / tho' it has not yet entirely ceased / the Commander in Chief is preparing every means in our power to make an impression on their Insurgents force by the 3d or 4th of may wether which period of this Chieftain shall think more seriously of his Situation, and come in as we have Required and Invited him, we shall be very willing to avoid the further Effusion of blood. but if he persist in his obstinacy or / as seems not improbable / should be prevented by his enraged adherents from availing himself of the Terms we have thus generally held out to him we fear that no alternative will remain to our Choice but that of endeavouring to drive him out of the lower Country at least by force, which we think there can be little doubt of our so far succeeding in, tho' that a full termination shall thereby be put to the War is more than we can promise or almost flatter ourselves with as the Raja may still possess the means of

retreating

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retreating beyond our reach, and of course of returning
to disturb the Peace; a Consideration which combined
with others, to render us still very inclinable to an
honorable Accommodation of it can be effected &
so as at least to exclude the Pyche from the future
management of the District. -

Having in our Letter of the 20.th
intimated the expected Deficiency of Funds in
the Northern Circars to pay the Army with during
the Monsoon, we now enclose the Copy of a Letter
and Enclosure on this Subject from Mr. Law the
Assistant in the Revenue Department who
acts as Accountant here, whence we conclude that
with 2 Lacks from you before the rains, and one
instead of 2 Lacks in August, we may be able to go
on provided those Lacks be intermediately paid to
us by the Honble Court and Shall we
we shall endeavour to procure being only one
Lack more than they are already under a conditional
Engagement to provide and it may be useful of you
write to them accordingly. -

The Account No.4 will shew
the heavy loss the Company must incur should
we be obliged to make use of the Southern

Circars

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being for the payment of the Army in the Northern
Districts which can only however be avoided by
the means above specified. -

We are &c &c

(Signed) J. Duncan

J. Stuart

(True Copy)

(Signed) J. A. Grant Secy

Pellicherry
the 27th April 1797.

J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir

From Major Bowen in reply to the Complaint preferred against him by Sawmy Chetty the Merchant at Mayen

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 26th ultimo and in reply thereto, you will be pleased to inform, the Right Honble the President in Council, that the Petitioner has no claim, whatever upon the Honble Company or me, for the Five Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety Eight Parrahs of Rice and Five Hundred and Fifty Parrahs of Paddy both were condemned by General Stuart as Prizes and given over by me, to the Prize

agents

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agents, together, with upwards of 10,000 Rupees &c. &c.
which I captured at the taking of Calpentee
or Kalpetty. It was my chief object in forming
the trifling Expedition to Calpentee to
prevent the Complainant from supplying
the Enemy with Grain at Palamcota, and had
I proceeded, as at first I proposed, the complainant
would have had, at least 20,000 Rupees of
Grain, intercepted, and which he supplyed
our Enemy with at Palamcota, he was so sensible
of the propriety of the capture, that while
I was in the command of Manar he offered
the said Grain to me at a very low rate &
an account was taken of every article
captured at Calpentee, including the Grain
and Boats — our Guards accompanied each
Boat, to Madras where the perishable articles
were publickly sold, and carried to the
Prize agents account. —

May 11th 1797.

Sam Hr. Ro.
/Signed/ J. Bowser —
major —

To

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From the Secretary to the Committee of the Bombay Government on Malabar – with Intelligence relative to a disputed correspondence between the Pyche Rajah and Tippoo and the account of some French Men at Mangalore –

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To The Secretary to the Government at Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor and the Commander in Chief to transmit to you for the information of the Government at Fort St. George, copies of a letter and enclosure from the Malabar Commissioners, and at the same time to remark that they cannot at present determine as to the degree of credit that ought to be given to the Report there received, further than that there is every little of any reason to doubt but the Pyche Raja has made overtures to Tippoo Sultaun though without success as far as they have yet found any probable indication of

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

[Signed] J. A. Grant

Secy.

Tellicherry
5th of May 1797.

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To the Honble. Jonathan Duncan

President and Governor in Council

Bombay

(H)

Honble Sir

We have the honor to lay before you copy of the Translation of a paper transmitted to us yesterday by a person whom in compliance with your orders of the 21st of March we have employed to furnish us political intelligence from Mangalore and other parts of the Sultaun dominions.

We have the honor to be very respectfully.—

&c &c

/Signed/ John Spencer

R. Torin

R. Rickards

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1st of May 1797.

/True Copy/

/Signed/ J. A. Grant Secy

On the 2d Instant Shamayah Shenvy Son to Chenda Shenvy /who is employed to reside in Tippoo's Country and to send us intelligence

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intelligence from Thence / arrived with the
following information, that his father Chanda
having left this on the 5th of April proceeded
by the way of Coorge to Mustery a small
town about 16 Cos from Seringapatam &
where he learnt, that some time ago the H
Colitte or Pycha Raja, sent a person with
a letter to Tippoo Sultaun informing him
that it was likely he would go to war with
the English and requesting his assistance
Tippoo returned him for answer that he H
would put no faith in which he said and
therefore could afford him none The Raja
a short time after receiving this answer wrote
again to Tippoo and sent him four heads
of Europeans whom he had killed mounted
his own power and strength, and offered to
put Tippoo in possession of all Malabar
if he would assist him heartily Tippoo
after this, marched with an army to D
Nugan Good where he remained four or H
five days but returned to Atgoopper on
Meer Sadek's writing him that he would
give umbrage to the English if he remained
with

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with so many troops so near the Frontiers &
leaving there only four Coorkanny Ninjengood
in the Mysore and as far as I could
by questioning Thomas near the Frontiers
of Wynaad Meer Sahib, by whom Tippoo
is chiefly led, and all the other Heads of
Government are very much afraid of the
Company's power and are averse to doing
any thing that might occasion a rupture
between the two states.

In October or November last
18 French men landed at Mangalore from
a Pattamar Boat, which the Privateer to
which they belonged had taken, and which
they proposed to fit out and cruize against
the small vessels going up and down the
Coast they accordingly fitted her out and
took a large Battellow laden with Copper
and other things which they brought to
Mangalore there they sold the Cargo to
Mudrew Berry the Amil and turned the
Batellow into a Snow Report says they
are to proceed in her to Europe and that

Tippoo

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Sipahee is to send one of his messengers with these with goods and money in order to purchase a few large Maiyas. -

Make 3d of May 1797

/Signed/ Meredock Brown

A true Copy

/Signed/ R. Richards Secy

True Copy

/Signed/ J. A. Grant

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

&c. &c.

My Lord

From Lieutenant Colonel Oliver on the subject of opening a road of communication between Pulney and Palgautcherry & requesting reimbursement of Money expended in building a Barrack while in Command of the former Station. -

When in the command of Pulney I incurred no small expence in attempts to establish a communication betwixt it and Paulacaugautcherry but as I failed in the object, which I found impracticable it was improper in me to trouble your Lordship & with the subject. -

I have now the honor to lay before your Lordship two Letters on the same subject, which I received yesterday. -

I beg leave to represent to your Lordship that I built two temporary Barracks

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27th Barracks, which the violent high winds blew down, and ultimately an excellent and permanent one which was stands at Sydney for which and covering the part of my Battalion which served with me for four years and two months, no allowance or compensation was made me. —

As I made several applications for the payment of five hundred Pagodas, which the three Barracks cost me, and which it cannot be expected I can afford to lose, I hope your Lordship will be so indulgent as to allow the Secretary to inform me how what channel I am to apply for payment. —

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

&c &c

Freshinopoly
May 11th 1797.

[Signed] James Oliver
Lt Col. Comt 2. Bn 3d Regt

Lieutenant Colonel Oliver
Sydney

Sir

I had the pleasure of writing you from

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Sir

from 6 an error I think in January to account for my not having been regular in answering your obliging favors I did not receive sufficiently soon my indisposition to return to this place till February, and I have been since then waiting the result of an inquiry into the practicabelety of establishing a P. Route between Dindegul, your Post and this place. —

This Route was suggested to me last monsoon by Captain Macleod at Dindegul who sent a pair of Harcarrahs to Poulghaut; but from the great length of time they took in coming the idea was thrown out of making further enquiry some Cochein and Paulghaut merchants having lately proposed a Plan to the Commissioner &c of ascertaining the route in question, Embrace I am the opportunity of addressing you by the persons employed on this occasion. In case it should be in your power to afford them any useful information I shall consider myself greatly obliged to you

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you for so doing.-

It would be of great public
utility if a route and post road could be
opened, so as to make a more speedy communi-
-cation between the Carnatic and Malabar, for
the route by Palamcotta and Anjango is a
wonderfull round about way.-

How are you situated now
with respect to a communication with the P
Coimbatore, our has been perfectly free exempting
the case of last year; and it seems Chatta &
Ochen nephew of the late Boonjea Ochen, who
was represented to be the Author of our interup-
-tion on this side, is residing in the Coimbatore
but gives us no trouble.-

Our warfare wheih you will
have heard of no doubt. It has been strongly
disastrous principally, it is said, on account
of the whole country which has been the
seine of the War being very jungly. I suspect
however, that some part of the misfortunes
our detachments have at different times &
sustained, have had their cause, latent

and

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and unseen, in the character of the meer and their leaders who are concerned in the revolt, which may either undiscovered or misinterpreted. at present the warfare is suspended without any Armistice but a reciprocal withholding from offensive operations. —

As I expect now to be able to remain the Rains at this place, it will be with great Pleasure I shall receive your correspondence sometimes thro' the good offices of our friends the Polygars or Gounders, and sometimes by this new route; should it be established.

I hope you keep your health for the continued preservation of which you have my very heartfy wishes. —

I have the pleasure to remain. —

Paulghoutcherry
19th April 1797.

&c &c
(Signed) Sal Romney —

My Dear Oliver —

The inclosed letter with one for Major Dean was brought here last night by a Brammin Hircarrahs —

from

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from the mode in which these came and the disturbances that are at present in that Quarter I took the liberty of opining your thinking it might be on the Service / as from the direction / he evidently did not know of your removal from this district therefore my good Friend you must attribute it to that cause only ——

The difficulties he met with on the road leaves but little room to hope that we will ever be able to upon communication while that country remains in the hands of Tippoo — I shall detain the Messenger till you can send an answer —

&c &c

Signed / J Halbuton.

Pulney
8th May 1797

P.S. We have had rain every night for this week past which has brought the Thermometer from 98 to 86 at the hottest hour in the day ——

The

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Fort St. George May 1797.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Military Auditor General respecting an additional Estimate of Cash for the Current Month. —

I have the honor to reply to Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 15th. instant, accompanying an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the Current month and to report, that the amount is Twenty six Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty six Pagodas Thirty two fanams and Twenty six Cash / Pagodas 26966. 32. 26/ is required for the payment of Bills drawn by the Military Paymaster at Trincomale and Columbo, who have regularly credited the Paymaster General for the several drafts granted on him, consequently, I presume Government will see it necessary to order the foregoing Sum to be advanced from the Treasury, in order that the Bills may be duly honored. —

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

Signed/ W. Sydenham
Milty Audr. Genl.

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
16th. May 1797 —

Sent

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Fort St. George May 18th 1797

Sent the following Letters.-

To Captain James Achilles Kirkpatrick

Assistant Resident

at Hydrabad

Sir

To the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad on the subject of his anticipation of the Nizam's Intention to issue a further Assignment upon the 2d. Kist of the Peshcush from 1203 Fasly towards the payment of Lieut. Colonel Roberts' Detachment.-

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 5th. instant and to inform you that ignorant of the circumstances which have induced you to anticipate the intentions of the Nizam, with respect to the appropriation of the balance of Peshcush he is not able to form any satisfactory opinion as to the propriety of such anticipation but at all events he thinks it would have been more consistent with that attention you ought to pay to this Government if previous to calling upon one of its subordinate officers for a disbursement the necessity of which is not yet perfectly apparent, that you had communicated your reasons for judging it to be unavoidable and have known how far it might have been an object to us

your

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your best endeavours to postpone the demand-

the utmost possible punctuality

in the discharge of the Nizams Debts is certainly

desirable, but you ought to have considered

that, in times of great Public Expenditure and

uncommon scarcity of Specie your anticipation

of the intention of the Dunbar was calculated

to produce no inconvenience which you should

rather have sought to obviate. -

Fort St. George

17th. May 1797.

I am &c &c

(Signed) J. Webbe

Secy to Government

To Major General Sydenham

Messrs. John Plumphreys & Skardon

and

Robert Woolf

Gentlemen,

To the Committee for investigating the accounts of the Malwana inhabitants regarding adjustments to be made in consequence of their report of the 13th Instant. -

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 13th. Instant. -

The balance of Sterling Dollars 445. 2. which appears by the account current No. 1 to be due to Mr. Brouchon will be discharged on

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on application to the commissary General of
grain and provisions as soon as you may have
received from that gentleman the conditional
obligation you have mentioned.—

By the President in Council

it is of opinion that the charges comprising the
aggregate sum of Spanish Dollars 736. 13.
should be carried to the head of a Expedition
against the Dutch Settlement" and in the
mean time defrayed by the Company — the
balance of D.rs 293. 13. 40 Still due to the
Company as per account N.o 2 should be
paid into the hands of the military Paymaster
General and the amount sales of damaged
Sago being D.rs 107. 18. should be paid into
the hands of the commissary General of Grain
and provisions you will therefore make the
necessary communications to Mr. Brownker
that these adjustment may take place. —

I have the honor to be

D.r Sir

Fort St. George
17th May 1797.

/Signed/ J. Webbe
Secy to Government

To

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to produce an inconvenience which you should
rather have sought to obviate. -

Fort St. George
17th May 1797.

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

To Major General Sydenham
Messrs. John Rumpshire & Skardon
and
Robert Woolf
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I have the honor to be

D.r Sir

/Signed/ J. Webbe

Secy to Government

Fort St. George

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To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

To the Military Auditor General ordering adjustments in the accounts of the Military Paymaster General and Commissary General of Grain and Provisions in consequence of a report of the Committee for investigating the accounts of the Malabar Expedition.

I am directed to enclose for your information copy of a letter from the Malabar Committee with the original accounts therein mentioned and of the enclosures of Government in consequence you will therefore pass the necessary orders for the adjustment of the different sums in the books of the military Paymaster General and commissary General of Grain and provisions. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Fort St. George
5th May 1797.

Signed J. Webbe
Secy to Government

To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c. members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen

To the Military Board on the subject of regulating the Allowance to be drawn from the Company Stores on account of the Clothing Contract 6 Rs 00 Pecuy of Jannery to be provided by the Agent of Supplies. —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to refer for your consideration the inclosed copy of a letter from

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The military auditor General upon the
subject of the clothing contract, and to desire
that you will endeavour to establish some
criterion by which to regulate the quantities
of cloth to be in future drawn on that
account from the Company's Store. -

I am further directed to desire
that the agent for supplies at the Presidency
may be instructed to advertise for proposals
to deliver 6400 pieces of madras gunneys by
the 20th June next. -

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

Fort St. George
5th May 1797.

To Major General Doyle
Commanding the troops on
Ceylon

Sir

I am directed by the Right
Honble the President in Council to transmit
to you the enclosed copy of a letter from the
late Governor of Pulicat together with the
original papers No. 2. 3. and 4 therein mentioned
in

To Major General Doyle - with Papers respecting Major Prophallows visit in the Court at Pollicat to be authenticated by the Parties named at Columbo to Captain Scott to proceed to the Presidency and the Office of Commissary General of Stores to decide on Major Barton.

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in the case of divorce solicited by major Brown vers Prosperbow and to desire that you will assemble a committee for the purpose of repeating the confession to the Lady vers Prosperbow and to the witnesses in the acts N. 3 and 4 in order that those documents may be confirmed by their respective oaths according to the process instituted at Pulicat of which also I enclose a copy.—

I am also directed to desire that Captain Scott may be ordered to join his station at the Presidency and that major Barton may be appointed to do the duty and receive the allowances of deputy Commissary of Stores on the islands of Ceylon.—

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
17th May 1797.

&c. &c.

Signed/ J. Webbe
Secy to Government

To

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To Lieutenant Isaac Gourlay
of the Artillery

Sir

To Lieutenant Gourlay – his apology to be made to the Military Auditor General to whom the Lieutenant noticed by Government was thereon. –

I am answer to your letter of the 15th Instant I am directed to inform you that as the disrespect on your part, which has incurred the censure of government was offered to the office of audit, your apology must be addressed to the military auditor general. –

Fort St. George
5th May 1797

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

Received the undermentioned
Letters entered in M. B. N°. 109. 110. –

From Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Rochuck with an additional Indent for Pagodas 32 requested by the Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops. –

From the Commandant at Thenkenycotta.

From Major Ram recommending the claims of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Peyton for Medical attendance on Sick not regimentally under his charge to the favorable consideration of Government. –

Despatched

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Despatched the undermentioned

Letters entered in Mil. Bk. Nos. 111. 112. 113. 114. –

To Major General Sydenham

To the military Auditor General.

respecting the additional Estimate of Cash abovementioned

To Mr. Brodie with Instructions

To the Garrison Storekeeper. –

respecting Supplies of Provisions Wood and Water to be shipped on the Marriat and Eliza Ann for the Native Troops ordered from Trincomale to Pondicherry. –

To Captains Archer and Hughes

To the Commanders of the Chartered Ships Marriat and Eliza Ann.

directing them as soon as they shall have taken on board the Provisions and Stores that will be tendered to them by Mr. Brodie and Lieutenant Colonel Hall to proceed to Trincomale and place themselves under the orders of Lieutenant Colonel Champagné

To Captain Archer directing

To the Commander of the Ship Marriat

him to receive on board his Ships and convey to Trincomale about thirty Lascar Boys agreeably to a return with which he will be furnished by the Town Major

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Mil. Bk. Nos. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. –

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From Brigadier General Pye

From Lt. Colonel commandant of the Madras Regiment. -

Dr Madras - requesting the Board will order Payment of a bill for Medicines provided by the Regimental Surgeon of his Corps. -

From Major General Doyle

From the Officer commanding on Ceylon. -

sends a Detachment of the 73d Regiment sick a Passage to Madras. -

From Dr recommending

From Ditto

that Assistant Surgeon Orr may be appointed Garrison Surgeon of Columbo

From Captain Keith young

From the Acting Kings Aquitor General. -

enclosing a List of His Majesty's Field officers entitled to share on the Gratuity Fund for the Months of May 1796 - also a List of the officers of the Madras Regement entitled to share in the same Fund for the year 1795. -

From Captain Ridge shall use every Exertion towards intercepting the Papers belonging to Monsieur Raymond. -

From the Commandant at Rampore. -

From Lieutenant Fitzpatrick advising

From Lieutenant Fitzpatrick of Pioneers. -

of his Expectation to get the Detachment under his Command conveyed from point Pedro to the Coast on Boats to be furnished by Mr Jervey. -

From Dr the Monsoon having

From Ditto

yet

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set in since writing the above Letters is obliged to remain at Point Pedro where he shall await the orders of Government. –

From the Commandant at Vellore. –

From Major General Colling advising of his having authorized Mr. Watson to take charge of the Sick of the 2d. Battalion 5th. Regiment, and Mr. Wise of the Sick of the 1st. Battalion 6th. Regiment Native Infantry &. doing Duty at Vellore. –

From Ditto in the Guntoor Circar

From Lieutenant Colonel Lighton advising of his having found it necessary to order Mr. Assistant Surgeon Pitt to take charge of the Sick of the 1st. Battalion 7th. Regiment Native Infantry. –

From the Commandant in the Guntoor Circar

From Ditto acknowledging the Receipt of the Boards orders for apprehending the Sepoys belonging to Monsieur Raymond. –

Received also the following Letters. –

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Military Auditor Generals opinion on the claim made by Captain Rumley for an Allowance for Conveyance of Stores employed in keeping the Family Accounts of Sepoys detached from the Southern Division and making Provision towards their Pay from Trichinopoly.

In obedience to your Lordships Commands communicated to me in Mr. Secretary Webbers letter of the 10th. Instant, I have the honor to offer the following opinion on the reference made by Lieutenant Colonel Orr and Captain Gibbons, the former in consequence of a claim preferred by Captain Rumley to the Batta of a major during the absence of Lieutenant Colonel Orr from the station of the 3d. Regement of native Cavalry and the latter for the allowance of a Conveyboy to the Native Invalids and Pensioners at Trichinopoly.-

2 As by the Rules of the Service Batta in an advanced rank is granted to Officers in command of Corps, and not to Officers Commanding Stations only, Captain Rumley probably grounds his claim on the Government Orders of the 12th. July last, which state, that "all Officers not holding "the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and upon whom "the command of Native Regiments and Battalions

may

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"may devolve, one to draw the Full Batta of the
"rank next above the Regimental rank according as
"they may be situated". This Rule however does
not appear to apply to the case of an Officer in
the temporary charge of a Corps owing to the Pr.
established Commandant of it being absent on
Leave, but that the term "devolve" has a relation
only to Officers succeeding to the charge of a Corps
during the absence of the Commanding Officer in
Europe, off the Coast or employed in Staff or other
public situations entirely detaching them from
Regimental charge or concern. The Government
Order of the 31st. August direct, that Batta in
advanced rank shall be allowed only to Officers
who are properly qualified to receive Reports
of the Regiment or Battalion, whether in a collected
or divided state, and to make Returns as directed
to the Commander in Chief: which seems to
militate directly against Captain Rumleys
claim to superior Batta, because Lieutenant
Colonel Orr tho' at the Presidency and at a
distance from his Corps, was certainly qualified
to call for the Returns of it from the Officer

in

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in charge and to have made them to Head
Quarters. —

3 Captain Rumley's case under
the most favorable consideration therefore, I
can be only similar to that of an Officer
having charge of a station in the absence of
the Commanding Officer called from it to sit
on a Court martial, which continues to the
latter the same allowances which he received
when present and gives to the former the
Full Batta of his Regimental rank. The only
distinction in this case is that as Lieutenant
Colonel Orr had temporary leave of absence
it is with him to make good the difference
of Batta to Captain Rumley agreeably to an
article of the printed Regulations considered
to be still in force "that when Officers
"Commanding Out Stations are absent on
"private business for a few days not exceeding
"one month, they may be permitted to draw
"their full allowances, but then out of those
"allowances they must pay the next Officer
"in rank his proper Batta whilst he
remains

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"remains in charge and officiates as Commandant
"of the Station, nor is the Company on account
"of such temporary absence to incur any ℔
"additional expence" and altho' the above ℔
"Regulation limits the absence of an Officer ℔
from his command to a period not exceeding ℔
a month it does not seem to have been strictly
enforced in this particular, the absentee having
satisfied the Officer who commanded for the
time being, by giving him from his own ℔
allowances a sum to make up to him the full
batta of his Regimental rank..

℔ In regard to Captain Gibbons'
application, I am of opinion that as Trichinopoly
is the Head Quarters of the Southern Division
and the number of Native Invalids and Pensioners
at that Station and in its neighborhood, very
considerable, it will be attended with benefit
to the public service, in order to secure regular
accounts and payments, if a Conicopoly at ℔
Pagodas per month was allowed to make
out the muster Rolls and abstracts ℔
and to issue the Pay under the superintendance

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of the Fort adjutant to commence from the 1st Instant with the new System, and to have no retrospective operation. -

I have the honor to be with great respect. -

&c. &c.

Military Auditor Generals Office Fort St. George 8th May 1797 -

/Signed/ W. Sydenham
Mily. Audr. Genl.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c. &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Resident at Anjengo advising of the Capture of a Danish Snow off Allepie by a French Privateer. -

On the 8th instant a French Privateer arrived off Allepie and on the 9th P captured the Heja, a Ship belonging to a Mr. William Brown, Danish merchant P residing under our protection at Cochin sailing immediately after with her Prize to the P Southward. Fortunately there were no English Vessels at Allepe. The manship, Indiaman is at present laying here but I apprehend no danger to her from a Ship of so inferior

a force

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a force as is the Privateer mounting only
28 Guns. —

Anjengo
10th May 1797.

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

To J. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir

From Lieutenant Colonel Read with reports from Captain Sutton of his progress in quelling the Disturbances in the Tinnivelly &c Districts. —

Please to communicate the contents of the enclosed letter from Captain Sutton to the Right Honble the Governor

Tripatore
15th May 1797.

I am &c &c
/Signed/ Alexr Read
Lieut. Colt. Comt.
Tinnivelly District

To
Lieutenant Colonel Read

Sir

I intimated to you in a former Letter of my having entered the Tinnivelly Bounds since which period I proceeded

to

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to Tanjore and on the 29th I marched to endeavour
to dislodge the marauders from the Pettahmallee
their only refuge, I ascended the Hills on the
1st Instant, and during the course of 5 Days
that I was there, effected my purpose they
having taken their Departure from thence the
5th in the Evening for the Tanjore Country -
The Frontiers of the abitoor and Dindigan
Districts have been quiet and undisturbed
during the absence of the Guards owing
principally I fancy to the Thieves finding
employment here, and in Warriorepollam
but as these Countries will be now shortly
settled, we may expect their return, I have
wrote to General Floyd desiring for the
above reasons that if major Cuppage
could spare a Company, that it might be
sent to relieve me - which I fancy will
be done at any rate by the end of the month
shall be able to return I hope -

The opposition I met with
was but feeble being only opposed by a
party at a Barrier on the Brow of the Hill
who

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19th who after Firing about 30 Shot, retired.—

The Nabobs manager are
now proceeding in settling the Country by
giving bowle in the Nabobs Name which
the Inhabitants have a great aversion to
owing to its not being held sacred and
making further exactions — It is generally
supposed the Polly pett Jaghire dare will
get the Country ultimately tho the
Intentions of the Durbar are not yet
made public. —

Arnapetty 15 Miles S.S
from Tennore 8th May 97.

I am &c &c
(Signed) J. Sutton Captn

Lieutenant Col. Alex. Read

Sir

Having this morning received
Intelligence of the Collerie making fresh
Disturbances in the Arkoor and Vengenoor
Districts and finding that part of the
Forces drawn into those Countries might
be spared from this Duty have ordered
the remainder of the Arkoor Company

to

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19th to take up their stations as formerly — leaving Captain Ormsby here, with the detachment to superintend the final settling of the Country which am in hopes will not take up many days more as I understand the Ringleaders are taken by a party from Chatoor —

I shall proceed myself to the Sreyganoor District and shall wait any further Directions you may have to send at Chatoor. —

Sam.l Lee Lt.

Signed J. Sinton

Captn.

Annapetty
19th May 5797.

To J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government
at Fort St. George

From the Persian Translator in Bengal with a Letter from Sir John Shore to the Nabob advising of his return to Calcutta from his visit to the Nabob Vizier. —

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith a Letter from the Honble the Governor General to His Highness Amdet al Omrah Notifying His return to the Presidency

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Presidency from his Visit to His Excellency
the Nabob Vizier, with 6 copies in English and
Persian for the information of the Right H
Honble the President in Council. -

Fort William
5th May 1797.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(signed) AB. Edmonstone
for Sr. —

To the Nabob of Arcot

Written 5th may 1797 —

after spending some time
at Lucknow whether I went for the purpose
of having a meeting with his Excellency
the Vizier, in the pleasure of his
society. I returned and on the 1st of
may arrived in health and Safety at
Calcutta. Happy in calling to mind
the kindness, and solicitous to
the agreeable intelligence of the
welfare of my Friends I hope that

Believing

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believing me your sincere friend and ever P
under the influence of regard you will P
Gratify me by your kind Letters. –

/ A true Copy /–

# To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

Fort St. George

My Lord

I have the honor to lay P

In W. Collector P
Wrenghan on
the Subject of the
heavy Demands
made upon him
by the Assistant
resident at P
Hydrabad towards
the Payment of P
the Peigerry P
Peishcush. –

before your Lordship in the enclosure No. 1
an account Current of the General P
treasury at this place, which shews P
the state of the Cash, and the resources P
I am at present possessed of to answer P
the demands made upon the treasury P
the enclosures No. 2. 3 and 4 / Copies
of letters from the Assistant to the P
Resident of Hyderabad / will shew P
the large drafts he has made upon P
me and No. 5 a Copy of a circular letter
I have in consequence, thought it necessary

to

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to address the different Collectors — I have
repeatedly, and for a length of time past
written to them and pointed out the A
absolute necessity there was for Cash
being deposited in the treasury at this
place, and the purpose for which it A
would be required but the remittances
have been trifling and your Lordship
will observe that unless I am supplied
very largely and very shortly, I have A
only my own Collections to depend A
upon, to answer the Demands from A
the Court of Hyderabad, a resource A
which will be very inadequate to A
their discharge, and which has hitherto
been chiefly directed to answer the A
large calls from the Pay and Commercial
departments at Masulipatam. —

As I have received from
the Governor General in Council
discretionary authority to take up A

money

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money for the express purpose of paying the Bengal Detachment, I shall be obliged & to have recourse to that Measure, if I can procure Cash, which I have reason to imagine will be a point of great difficulty to & accomplish. –

I beg the favor of your Lordships instructions upon the foregoing subject, & should you think that any are necessary. –

I have the honor to be with great respect. –

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&c &c
/Signed/ John Wrangham
Coll.r

P.S.

I take the liberty also to enclose Copies of Letters N.os 6 and 7 from, and to the Assistant Resident in further Explanation of the smallness of funds prepared for & answering his demands. –

/Signed/ J. Wrangham
Coll.r

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## Dr. General Treasury Cash account at Masulipatam

| 1797 | | Mhs. | Rs. | Ap. | Pc. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| May 1st | To Balance brought from last month | 1454 | 32 | 36 | |
| | To Revenue General Book at the Presidency. | | | | |
| 6th | Received of Benjamin Bransfill Collector of the 3d Division of the Masulipatam District | 12,000 | " | " | |
| 8th | Received of John Wrangham Collector of the 4th Division of the Masulipatam District | 15,000 | " | " | 4285.25 57 |
| | To Madras Pagodas | | | | |
| | Exchanged 12,000 Madras Pagodas into Rupees @ 382 3/4 Rupees p C. Mhs. | 4588 | " | " | 13110 |
| Total | | 13454 | 32 | 36 | 60985 8 . 32011 12 27 |

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