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# Diary.

Received the following Letters.

## The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St George.

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose your Lordships two Certificates of Mr. Braunckers having acted by my order as Paymaster and Commissary for Provisions to the Dutch Civil and Military Establishments at Banda, from March the 9th to June 30th 1796; and request your Lordships will give directions for the Customary allowance being paid Mr. Braunckers for his trouble.

I have the honor to remain

&c. &c.

(Signed) Peter Rainier.

From Rear Admiral Rainier requesting that the customary allowance may be paid to Mr. Braunckers for the period that he acted as Paymaster and Commissary of Provisions at Banda

Victorious
Madras Roads
May 26th 1797.

These are to Certify that Mr. John Braunckers acted by my Order as Paymaster to the Dutch Civil and Military Establishments of Banda from March 9th to June 30th 1796.

(Signed) Peter Rainier.

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These are to Certify that Mr. John Brownrigg acted by my order as Commissary for Provisions to the Dutch Civil and Military Establishments of Banda from the March 9th to June 30th 1796.

(Signed) Peter Rainier.

To J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir

From Lieut. Col. Roberts dated on his March towards the Company's Territories agreeably to Instructions from Captain Kirkpatrick

I have the honor of inclosing you for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council Copies of Letters of Correspondence between the acting President at his Highness the Nizam's Court and myself, and to request that you will inform the Right Honble the President in Council that in Consequence of the orders I have received I shall commence my March with the whole of the Detachment to Morrow Morning towards Masulipatam agreeable to the orders of Government.

Camp near Hyderabad 18th May 1797.

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) George Roberts Lt. Col.

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Lieutenant Colonel George Roberts.

Commanding the Ellore Detachment.

Sir,

In answer to your Letter of this date I have the honor to inform you that his Highness's intimation as conveyed to me, goes to a temporary dispensation with the Services of any Detachment of our Troops whatever, and that it consequently becomes necessary that you should move from hence with your Guns, Stores and Ammunition.

When your preparations for marching are compleat, I have to desire that you will be pleased to notify the same to me.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick.

Asstant.

Hyderabad
16th May 1797.

Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick

Acting Resident at his Highness the

Nizams Court.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that

the

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27th. the Detachment is ready to march whenever you may think proper to direct it to do so.

Camp near Hyderabad. 18th. May 1797.

I have the honor to be

Dear Sir

[Signed] George Roberts. Lt. Col.

Lt. Col. George Roberts

Commanding the Ellore Detachment.

Sir,

I am just favored with your letter appri-
-zing me that the Detachment under your Command is ready to march. I have therefore the honor to de-
-sire that you will be pleased to commence your March for the Company's Territories tomorrow Morn-
-ing. The possibility of Major Hyndman's Detach-
-ment being still shortly called upon to proceed on-
-wards to this City renders it expedient that you should direct your course towards Condapilly for the eventual purpose of delivering over the Guns &
and Stores of your Detachment to Major Hyndman

and

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and as time will admit of your receiving Instructions from the Government of Fort St George, for your future guidance before you can have reached that place, I am not aware of any inconvenience likely to result to the public Service from such temporary distination – I am to request that you will be pleased to take the necessary Steps for preventing any interruptions to the public Mails in the Course of your march to the Eastward I shall give Orders for your Packets being forwarded outside of the Bags and for their being detained at Mungaul when you shall have arrived within a march or two of that place.

The Right Honorable the President in Council of Fort St George having signified to Me his Desire that Captain Colin Mackenzie might be directed to proceed to the Presidency with as little delay as possible; I beg leave to submit to your consideration the propriety of granting that Officer leave to pursue his Journey thither, by such route as

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27th as he may think best calculated for the required purpose of expedition.

Hyderabad.
18th May 1797.

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir
[Signed] J. A. Kirkpatrick.
Assistant

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council
Fort St. George

From Captain Kirkpatrick - Lieut Col. Roberts, agreeably to his Instructions, commences his March towards the Company's Territories.

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit for the information of your Lordship in Council, Copy of my Letter of the 18th* Instant to Lieut. Colonel Roberts, and to acquaint you that, that Officer commenced his March from hence this Morning, for the Company's Territories..

Hyderabad
19th May 1797

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir
[Signed] J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

* Copied before as an Enclosure in Lieut Col. Roberts Letter of the 20th May.

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27th.

# To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I beg leave to transmit to you a Copy of a Letter I received from the Acting Resident at Hydrabad, this forenoon.

From Major Hyndman - Halts his Detachment at Condapilly agreeably to orders transmitted to him by Captain Kirkpatrick

In consequence thereof, I shall halt in this Neighbourhood or that of Condapilly till &c. further Orders. There is no Water to be had in the interior of the Country near, and I must keep near to the River - I have been necessitated to make long Marches between this and Ellore, on account of the great scarcity of Water.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) H. Hyndman Major.
Comg. a Detachment.

Camp at Bezoara on the North Bank of the Kistnah
May 19th 1797

To

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27.

Major Henry Hyndman

Commanding the Detachment

Sir

His Highness the Nizam having signified to me his determination of dispensing for the present with the Services of any Detachment of our Troops, I lose no time in advising you of such Countermand and am happy to think that you will receive this notification of it, before your Detachment can have advanced beyond Condapelly, where you will probably judge it necessary to halt, un-til furnished by the Government of Fort St George with Instructions adapted to the occasion - In the mean while, should any alteration take place in the present resolve of His Highness you may rely on my advising you thereof with-out the smallest delay.

As matters are at present Situated, you will of course /shoulds it be still practicable

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27 (practicable) suspend the realization of the Draft which I transmitted to you on the Masulipatam Treasury — under the supposition of your Detachment proceeding on to the Nizams Territories — Should the Treasure in question however have actually reached you, permit me to request that you will consider it as a Deposit not to be broken in upon, without my previous concurrence.

I have the honor to be
Hon Sir
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Hyderabad
18th of May 1797.

A true Copy
(Signed) H. Hyndman
Major.

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

From the Collector at Ramnad — on the Subject of forwarding supplies of Sheep and Slaughter Cattle for the Troops at Trincomale — proposes adopting such measures as may appear most advisable in concert with the Commanding Officer at that Station.

Sir,

I am honoured with your letter of the 13th Instant directing me by order of the Right Honorable the President in Council to take measures for

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27th for collecting a number of Bullocks and Sheep to be transported to Trincomale for the use of the Troops stationed at that place.

Having a few Weeks ago received instructions from the Board of Revenue to furnish Sheep for his Majesty's 36th Regiment at Negapatam - and finding that even three hundred per Measure at the Company's price of four per Pagoda, could not be procured without considerable difficulty, from the extreme aversion which the Inhabitants have to part with their Sheep, I do not think that more than 1000 can be supplied for the Troops at Trincomale for some time to come without distressing the People - This number together with about three hundred Bullocks can be collected in the course of the next six Weeks.

Between the Months of April and September during the prevalence of the Southerly Monsoon, the Voyage from the Six Ports of this District to Trincomale cannot be calculated with any sort of accuracy; To send live Stock on Country

Craft

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27th Graft during this Period would be, as I am informed to
lose if not the whole, at least the larger part, and what
might remain, would be totally unfit for use on its
arrival - If therefore the wants of the Troops be so
urgent as to require a certain supply from hence in
a given time, an arrangement might possibly be form-
-ed for the Transportation of the Cattle and Stock from
Jonitory by the way of Ramiseram to Tulmanar on the
Island of Ceylon, and from thence to Trincamale by land-
But I am ignorant whether there be any pasture on
the road, or indeed whether the communication be
practicable - Should it however be his Lordship's plea-
-sure, I can correspond with the Commanding Officer
at Trincamale on the subject, and in concert with
him take such Measures as may appear most like-
-ly to effect the object in the best and speediest
manner.

Colonel Martinz has requested of
me to represent to Government that the Havildars
Guard which was sent to the Presidency the
beginning

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27th beginning of March in charge of Generalinquem Pillah
waits for his Lordships orders to return to Ramnad.

Ramnad
22nd May 1797

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) W: C: Jackson

To Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government
at
Fort St George

Sir

On the receipt of your Letter of the 14th March I wrote to the Nabobs Phaujdar at Tinnivelly desiring he would transmit to this Cutcherry a particular Statement of the Complaints which his Highness had to make against the Poligars of that Province, that I might proceed to the investigation which his Lordship in Council had directed - the Phaujdar acquainted me in reply that he would shortly send a Vakeel to Ramnad who would explain every matter, and this Man accordingly

From the Collector at Ramnad - proposes limiting his Enquiry into the Complaints of the Nabob against the Poligars to Transactions that have occurred within the last twelve Months.

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27th accordingly arrived about three Weeks ago, and was preparing to lay before me a representation of grievances which were said to have existed, some of them prior to the date of Lord Cornwallis's Treaty with the Nabob, when I desired that he would confine himself to transactions which had occurred within the last twelve Months, as I did not appear to me that I could be justified in going farther back or indeed that any good purpose could be answered by it.

The Vakeel is waiting for — orders on this point from the Phauzdar.

It may be necessary to observe that I have received numerous representations — from the Tinnevelly Poligars, complaining of the Nabobs Servants, and that in many cases the complaints seem to be well founded - It is my intention to enquire particularly into them, and comprise them in the report which I shall hereafter make on the charges preferred to

his

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27th his Highness by his Manager at Tinnevelly.

Rannad
23d May 1797.

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sir
(Signed) W. C. Jackson.

## The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council
Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Commercial Resident at Amboina enclosing a return of Deficiencies in the Cargo of the Jane Transport.

Captain Stewart of the Jane Transport having Sailed without his account of deficiencies being settled I now enclose it. The Ghee should I think be charged at 100 per Cent as it is an Article of value here.

Amboina
25th January 1797.

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sir
(Signed) Wm. Jones

Return of Provisions Shipped on board the Jane for the use of the Troops Proceeding to the Eastward.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rice | 823 Bags weighing Nett | Gross Mds. | |
| Dholl | 182 do. is | 11 | 29 lb |
| Salt | 25 Do. is | 3 | 160 |
| | | " | 150 |

Chinsurah

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| | | | Gar. | Mds | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 27th | Charcoal | 84 Bags weighing Nett | .. | 96 | . |
| | | | Cr. | Mds | lbs |
| | Ghee | 110 Dupperes do | 26 | .. 6 | .. " |
| | Tamarind | 77 Bags do | 22 | .. 10 | .. 1/2 |
| | Pepper | 19 do do | 4 | .. " | 11 3/4 |
| | Chillies | 60 do do | 4 | 11 | 11 3/4 |
| | Garlick | 11 do do | 2 | 3 | 18 3/4 |
| | Turmarick | 10 do do | 2 | 3 | 18 3/4 |
| | Onions | 2 do do | " | 5 | 21/2 |
| | Betle Nut | 30 do do | 8 | 4 | 1 7/8 |
| | Tobacco | 10 do do | 3 | " | " |
| | Copper Pots | 16 do | 2 | 16 | / |
| | Water | 81 Casks is do | 12293 Galls. | | |
| | Salt Fish | 15 Bags is do | 15000 | | |
| | Firewood | | 120000 Billets | | |
| | Palmiers | | 270. | | |
| | Cocoa Nuts | | 1220 | | |
| | Cadjan Mats | | 1000 | | |
| | Baskets | | 40 | | |
| | Fire Place | | 2. | | |
| | Sheet Lead | 12 feet Length 18 feet Breadth. | | | |
| | | | Dozn Pieces | | |
| | Salt Beef | 208 Hogshead Cg. | 13,706 | | |
| | | | Galls. | Drams | |
| | Arrack | 14 Leaguer Contg. | 9,957 | 6. | |
| | Buckets | | 18 | | |
| | Gallons Measures | | 2 | | |
| | Half Gallon do | | 2 | | |
| | Quarter do | | 2 | | |

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| | | Gallns | Dram |
|---|---|---|---|
| 27th | Pint | 1 | |
| | Dram Cups | 4 | |
| | Seer Measures | 4 | |
| | Scales and Weights | 4 Sets | |
| | Lanthorns | 3 | |
| | Wax Candles | 1 Mound | |
| | Mullays | 300 | |
| | Copper Pumps | 2 | |
| | Pewter Pint Pot | 1 | |
| | Half Pint do | 1 | |
| | Quarter Pint do | 1 | |
| | Brass Pot | 1 | wanting |
| | Bottle Bundles | 3 | 1 |
| | | 93 | |

Fort St George
19th July 1796

(Signed) Jn Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper

## Deficiencies.

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|---|---|
| Duriis | 1220 |
| Sheet Lead | 12 feet long by 8 broad |
| Lanthorns | 3 |
| Wax Candles | 1 Mound |
| Copper Pumps | 2 |
| Brass Pots | 1 |
| Ghee Dubbers | 9 |
| Water Casks | 48 |

(Signed) William Jones
Comm.y Grain and Prov.n
to the Ear.l of Elph.n

Sent

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27th Sent a Letter to the Military Auditor
General entered in M. B. No. 159 referring an additional
To the Military Auditor General. Estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster of Fort St. George
for the Current Month.

Recieved the undermentioned Letters
entered in M. B. Nos. 160. 161, 162, 163.

From Major General Gells - requesting
that orders may be given for Payment of his proportion
From Major General Gells. of profits on the Arrack Agency for the period of his
Arrest in 1795.

From Mr. John Pringle - advising of
the Embarkation of seven Men of the 80th Regiment
From Mr. John Pringle. on board the Zephyr Captain Scott and of the quan-
-tity of Provisions put on board for their use.

From Captain John Munro takes
charge of the Fort and Garrison of Salem.
From the Command- ant at Salem.

From Mr. Brodie - requesting an ad-
-vance of ten thousand Pagodas on account of his
From the Garrison Storekeper. Employ.

29th Sent a Letter to the Garrison Store-
-keeper entered in M. B. No. 164 directing him to
To the Garrison Storekeper. call upon the owners or Agents of the Ship Jane

to

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29 to make good the Deficiencies in her Cargo.

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos 165. 166. 167.

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

From Mr. Skardon. reporting the dangerous State of the Granary at Nameul - and recommending that the damaged Paddy contained in it be immediately sold by publick Outcry.

From the Commandant in the Guntoor Circar.

From Lieut.t Colonel Leighton - advising of the arrival at Bauhapilly of a Jemidar and thirty Troopers belonging to the Nizam who are said to be on their way to Chintapilly in order to receive Money due from the Rajah of that Place to the Nizam on account of Rent.

From the Officer Commanding the 2d. Regiment of Cavalry.

From Lieutenant Colonel Patterson forwarding an Application from Captain Sheroff for reimbursement of Expences incurred in enlarging his Quarters at Conatoor were originally built for a Subaltern.

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Received the following Letters.

To

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Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I beg leave to acquaint your Lordship that 'tis my intention to proceed to Sea with his Majesty's Ships Victorious and Arrogant on Friday next to join His Majesty's Ships at Trincomale, in quest and hasten their repairs, and of those that have since returned and also with the farther view of keeping the line of Battle Ships together for the present, having ordered a Frigate to this road for its protection during my absence —

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Peter Rainier.

From Rear Admiral Rainier - intends proceeding to Trincomale with a view to expedite and hasten the preparation of the Ships laying there for the intended expedition.

Victorious

Madras road.

May 29th 1797.

To J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Judge Advocate in the Castle Division - requesting to be furnished with an attested Copy of the late Trial of Captain Lieut. Geoghagan and Lieut. Murray.

Captain Lieutenant Geoghagan and

Lieutenant

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30th. Lieutenant. Murray of the. Artillery having lately been con-victed before the Criminal Court of a Felony and confined in consequence for Six. Months in Gaol, the Commander in Chief has determined to submit the conduct of these Officers to the investigation of a General Court. Martial, and he has for that purpose, directed me to make a requisition to Government for an attested Copy of the Proceedings in full and Sentence, as past by the Criminal Court on their trials.-

I have the honor to be

Sir &c.

(Signed) J. Leith.

Judge Advocate

. Madras
30th. May 1797.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

Auditor Generals report on the Military Paymaster Generals Cash Estimate for June

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of June 1797. I have the honor to report that the Sum of Two Lacks, eighty

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30th nighty Seven thousand eight Hundred and forty Nine Pagodas, five Fanams and Seventy three Cash (Pagodas 2,87,849.5.73) is required for the payment of such Military Charges as become due on the first of the ensuing Month.

| | P | F. | C |
|---|---|---|---|
| From the General Treasury..... | 2,23,033, | 29, | 13 |
| By Bills on the Military Paymaster General..... | 64,815, | 18, | 60 |
| | 2,87,849. | 5, | 73 |

In the gross Sum herein reported on, is included fifteen thousand Seven hundred Pagodas (Pagodas 15700) the amount of Regimental Contingencies — due to his Majesty's Troops serving on the Coast which has usually been passed in the Estimates for June and December.

The Amount contained in the addition-al Estimate of the Military Paymaster at the Presidency, which accompanied Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 26th instant viz.t two thousand four hundred and forty Pagodas, and Seventeen Fanams (Pagodas 2440..17) is required for Mr. Brounker, Secretary to his Excellency Rear Admiral Rainier, for the —

Payment

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Fort St. George, May 1797.

30th payment of Extra Allowances granted by Government to the Officers and Seamen of his Majesty's Navy, for Work performed by them at the Siege of Trincomale in August 1795. the Bill for which, after examination, was passed in my Office on the 17th Instant. no objection can therefore I presume be made to the same being advanced from the General Treasury.

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sir
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil. Aud. Genl.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
30th May 1797.

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

My Lord,

Auditor General's report on the Estimate of Cash required in the Department of Grain and Provisions for June.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter Dated 23rd Instant with the Estimates of the expected Disbursements in the Department of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for the

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30th the Month of June 1797 and to report thereon as follows.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Expected Disbursements at Madras | 149 | 31 | |
| Chingleput | 193 | " | |
| Vellore | 141 | 12 | |
| Trichinopoly | 700 | " | |
| Tanjore | 12 | 30 | |
| Madura and Dindegul | 22 | " | |
| Palamcotah | 23 | 22 | 40 |
| Baramahl | 121 | " | " |
| Ongole | 104 | 33 | 48 |
| Trincomale | 1070 | 30 | 0 |
| Pagodas | 2538 | 33 | 8. |

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

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Madura | 149 | 31 | |
| Vellore | 141 | 12 | |
| Tanjore | 12 | 30 | |
| Baramahl | 121 | " | |
| Ongole | 104 | 33 | 48 |
| Trincomale | 1070 | 30 | |
| Pagodas | 1600 | 10 | 48 |

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Consequently the Amount payable at the Presidency on Account of Disbursements in June 1797 as per Estimate of the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions is Nine Hundred and Thirty Eight Pagodas, Twenty two Fanams and fourty Cash (Pagodas 938-22 40 Cash).

I have the honor to be

Hon. Sir

Signed W. Sydenham
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Military Auditor Generals Office.
Fort St. George
30th May 1797.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George.

My Lord,

I have the honor to report as follows upon the General Estimate of the acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for the Month of June 1797. Accompanying Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 23rd Instant.

Auditor Generals report on the Estimate of Cash required for the Bullock Agency for June.

Expected Disbursements at Madras - 4340 - 16 - 40

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Vellore | | | |
| Trichinopoly | 32 | " | " |
| Palamcottah | 2000 | " | " |
| Baramahl | 339 | " | " |
| Cheracole | 150 | " | " |
| With Lieut Col Roberts Detachment | 215 | " | " |
| | 877 | 39 | |
| Pagodas - | 7954 | 13 | 40 |

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From the Total Amount of expected Disbursements as above stated the Acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks deducts the following Sums as not issuable from the General Treasury at the Presidency but payable from the Subordinate Treasuries for which Bills will be drawn upon them and transferred through the General Treasury.

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|---|---|
| Vellore | 32 |
| Baramahl | 150 |
| Chicacole | 215 |
| Lieut. Col. Roberts Detachment | 877:39 |
| Pagodas | 1274:39 |

Consequently the Amount issuable at the Presidency as per Estimate of the Acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for June 1797 is Six Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Nine Pagodas, Sixteen Fanams and fourty Cash (Pagodas 6679:16:40).

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Sydenham.
Mil. Aud Genl.

To
Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St George
30th May 1797.

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# The Right Honble Lord Hobart.

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General reporting on the Lists of Claims on the Gratuity Funds referred to his examination.

1 Agreeably to the instructions contained in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 24th Instant, I have the honor to report as follows upon the Claims of his Majesty's and the Honorable Company's Officers to share in the Gratuity Fund for the periods expressed in the Lists enclosed

2 The Statement for the Honorable Company's Field Officers is correct in all respects.

3 In the List of his Majesty's Officers from the 1st to 31st May 1796 Lieutenant Colonel Robertson, as Deputy Adjutant General of his Majesty's Troops is included in that Rank - upon which subject I beg leave to refer to my report of the 2nd on a similar Claim of that Officer, and to the Decision of Government thereon, communicated to me in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 3rd of the present

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30. preceed. Month.

It is proper however to observe that
this Distribution states the Gratuity of a Lieutenant
Colonel to Lieutenant Colonel Cliffe, holding that rank
by Brevet, and serving in India as Aid de Camp to
the Commander in Chief - and I find that Gratuity
was allowed to him in that Rank in the previous
Distribution for 1795/6, for 106 Days, as appears
in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter to the late Mi-
nistary Auditor General, dated 29th June 1796 "for
the reasons assigned in a Letter from his Majesty's
"Deputy Adjutant General" under date the 10th of that
Month which not expressing particularly that Lieut-
-enant Colonel Cliffe held that rank by Brevet,
I apprehend that Government must have concluded
that his title thereto was founded on the general
practice of the Service, and no doubt the admission
of that Claim has induced Lieutenant Colonel
Robertson to consider his own to be on a similar
footing.

5th The period stated for the Field Officers
of

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of the Swiss Regiment de Meuron corresponds to the date of their being taken into the British Service, but as the Gratuity of a Colonel has already been passed to the Count de Meuron as Colonel Proprietaire, it remains with your Lordship to determine whether Brigadier General De Meuron the Colonel Commandant, in the actual charge of the Regiment shall also be permitted to share in that Rank or in that of Lieutenant Colonel, conformably to the Establishment of Field Officers in His Majesty's British Regiments - The Case is altogether New and possibly your Lordship may be of Opinion, that the Claim of the Colonel Commanding the Regiment cannot be affected by the admission of the Gratuity to the Colonel Proprietaire, especially as it is for a broken period, and as the allowance has entirely ceased from the Commencement of the new Military Arrangements.

I have the honor to be
&c &c.
(Signed) W. Sydenham
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To

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
30th May 1797.

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# Right Honble The Governor in Council

My Lord,

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly advises Sauvoy Pillah and Maduranaig Pillah the Bullock Conveyors - Chinnia Naig solicits the Interference of Government in obtaining restoration of his Property seized by the Nabobs Servants.

Chinnayah Naick the Bullock Maistry having appeared here yesterday, and having delivered in direct terms that he was fully satisfied with the Security given by Sauvoy Pillah, and Maduranaig Pillah, for the adjustment of their Account, these two Men were immediately released from confinement, conformably to your Lordships' instructions dated the 17th Instant.

Chinnayah Naick requested me to say that he humbly hopes for your Lordships influence with his Highness the Nabob, for the repayment of the Money and Valuables taken from him.

I have the honor to be

Hon Hon

Trichinopoly

May 27th 1797.

Signed J. Floyd M.G.

Agreeably to the Resolution of the Board recorded in the Minutes of Consultation of

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Lease of the Lunatic Hospital for a period of ten Years at the Monthly rent of two hundred and fifty Pagodas, executed by the Government and Mr. Conolly.—

30th of the 23rd Instant the Lease of the Lunatic Hospital for the period of ten Years was this Day executed—The following is a Copy of the Indenture—one counterpart having been delivered to Mr. Conolly and another lodged in the Office.

Copy of the Indenture.—

This Indenture made the thirtieth Day of May in the thirty Seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland Defender of the Faith, and so forth, and in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven Between Mr. Valentine Conolly of Fort Saint George on the one part, and the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor of Fort Saint George and President of the Council thereof and the rest of the said Council, for and on behalf of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies on the other part, Witnesseth that the said Valentine Conolly, for and in Consideration of the Rents

and

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30th and Covenants hereafter in these presents mentioned on the part and behalf of the said Right Honorable the Lord Hobart Governor of Fort Saint George and President of the Council thereof and the rest of the said Council for and on behalf of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies to be paid, done and performed, Hath, — Demised, Granted, and to farm, Let, and by these presents Doth Demise, Grant and to farm, Let unto the said Right Honorable the Lord Hobart Governor and President of the Council of Fort Saint George aforesaid, and the rest of the said Council their Successors, or Successors for and on behalf of the said United Company All the Messuage or Tenement with the Appurtenances now used and occupied on the Account of the said Company as a public Hospital for the reception of Insane — Persons, and all out-houses and Buildings there- — unto belonging And also all that piece or parcel

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parcel of Ground Surrounding and inclosing the said Messuage or Tenement Containing Ten Saint Thomé Cannais bounded on the North side by the Road to Keelpauxum, on the East side by the Village of Pa-
-rashawaucam, on the South and West Sides by other pieces or parcels of Ground likewise belonging to the said Valentine Conolly, all which said Messuage Land and premises are situated and being in the Village of Parashawaucum To have and to hold the said Messuage Land and premises above De-
-mised, unto the said Right Honorable the Lord Hobart Governor and President of the Council of Fort Saint George aforesaid, and the rest of the Council thereof, his or their Successor or Successors for and on Account of the said United Company from the Date of these Presents, for and during, and unto the full end and term of Ten Years Yielding and Paying therefore Monthly and

every

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30th every Month, during the said Term, unto the said
Valentine Conolly, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators
and Assigns, the Monthly rent of two Hundred
and fifty Star Pagodas of the Current Money of
Madras, on the first day of each and every Month-
and the said Right Honorable the Lord Hobart
Governor and President of the Council of Fort Saint
George and the rest of the said Council, for and
on Account of the said United Company and their
and their Successors and Successors, Do Covenant, pro-
mise and Grant to and with the said Valentine
Conolly his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and
Assigns, that the said Right Honorable the Lord
Hobart Governor and President of the said Council
as aforesaid, and the rest of the said Council and
his and their Successors and Successors for and on
Account of the said United Company, shall and
will, well and truly pay or cause to be paid to

the

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30th the said Valentine Conolly his Heirs, Executors, Ad-
-ministrators and Assigns, the said Monthly rent of
Two Hundred and Fifty Star Pagodas, hereinbe-
-fore reserved at the day and time hereby before-
limited and appointed for the payment thereof
during the said term. And also that it shall
and may be lawful to and for the said Valentine
Conolly, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and
Administrators and Assigns, with Workmen and
others at Convenient times during the same term
to enter and come into and upon the said demised
premises and every part thereof to amend and
repair the same, the repairing and amendment of
the said Premises being to be done and performed
at the Cost of the said Valentine Conolly. And
the said Valentine Conolly for himself, his Heirs
Executors, Administrators and Assigns Doth Cov-
-enant, promise and Grant to and with the

and

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30th said Right Honorable the Lord Hobart, Governor and President in Council aforesaid, and the rest of the said Council, his and their Successor or Successors for and on Account of the said United Company, paying the said Monthly Rent of Two Hundred and Fifty Star Pagodas in manner and form aforesaid, and performing and keeping, all and Singular the Covenants, Grants, Articles, and Agreements before in these presents contained on his and their part and behalf to be performed and kept, shall and may from time to time and at all times, during the said hereby demised Term of Ten Years peaceably and quietly, have, hold, occupy, and enjoy the said Messuage, Land, and other the premises with the appurtenances herein before demised without any Let, trouble, disturbance or Interruption of or by him the said Valentine Conolly his Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, or of, or by any other person or persons lawfully

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1/30 lawfully claiming or to claim from or under him, them or any of them, or by his, their, or any of their means, default or procurement. In Witness whereof the said Parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and Seals, the Day and Year first before Written.—

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
(where no Stamp paper is used or to be had)
In the presence of
(signed) George Parry
" J. Fullerton

(signed) Hobart
" Geo Harris
" Edwd. Saunders
" E. W. Fallofield

(signed) V. Connolly—

(A true Copy)
(signed) George Parry.
Sub: Secy—

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Gov: Pres.
Lieutenant General Harris.
Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires.

Tuesday
30th May.

Minutes

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Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The President lays before the Board a Minute of Council for the Establishment of a Court of Justice at Pondicherry founded upon the recommendation of the Commandant at that place as entered in the Minutes of Consultation the 24th. January last.

Minute of Council for the establishment of a Court of Justice at Pondicherry

The President submits to the Board the Draft of a proposed

Fort St. George the thirtieth Day of May 1797.

In Council

Present.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart Pres.
Lieutenant General Harris
Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires.

The Right Honorable the President in Council having taken into Consideration the several matters of Complaint laid before him by Major General Braithwaite Commandant of the Garrison at Pondicherry against the Courts of Justice which were

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permitted during the Administration of Sir Charles Oakely Bart. to resume their functions until his Majesty's pleasure should be known - and taking further into consideration the present total want of Justice at that Settlement by reason of the suspension in consequence of these Complaints, of the Authorities vested in the said Courts - and conceiving that by increasing the number of Members of the Superior Council from three to five, the said Court may recover the confidence of the Inhabitants and the respectability it formerly possessed, is pleased to order and direct that the said Superior Council shall in future consist of five Members, to wit, one President & four Councellors who shall from time to time be appointed by, and shall hold their respective Situations during the pleasure of this Government and no longer - and that there shall be attached to the said Superior Council one Greffier, and one Curateur des biens Vacans and such number

of

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& Hurjoorie Clerks Assistants and Servants as
shall be found necessary for transacting the busines
of the said Court, who shall also be from time to
time appointed by and hold their respective situa-
tions during the pleasure of this Government no
longer - And he is further pleased to order and
direct that there shall be at Pondicherry afore-
said one Procurier General who shall have
charge of the Seal of the said Superior Council and
shall execute all the duties incident to the said Office
of Procurier General who shall likewise be from time
to time appointed by and hold his Situation during
the pleasure of this Government and no longer - And
that the said several persons shall respectively take
the usual Oaths of Office, and having taken such
Oaths shall enter in their several and respective
functions and shall have full power and authority
to use and exercise such functions in the same
or the like manner, as nearly as actual
circumstances

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Circumstances will admit, as persons in these Situ-
-ations lawfully used and exercised the same dur-
-ing the reign of the late most Christian King
Lewis the 16th and no further or otherwise - provi-
-ded that no Sentence of Death passed on any Cri-
-minal by the said Superior Council shall be carried
into execution without the express order of this
Government, provided also that the Authority of
of the said Court shall in no wise extend to any
Suit or Case wherein the public Revenue may
be concerned to any British Subject nor to any
of the late French Factories except such as are
under the immediate protection of this Govern-
-ment - And the Right Honorable the President
in Council is further pleased to order and di-
-rect that the four Councellors of the said Supe-
-rior Council shall alternately sit for three Months
each as Judge or President of the Choultry
Court, to which Court there shall be attached

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one Griffier, and such native Officers and Servants as shall be necessary for the business of that Court, who shall be from time to time appointed by and shall hold their Situations during the pleasure of this Government and no longer - And that the said Judge or President of the Choultry Court and the said other persons attached thereto shall have full power and Authority to discharge the functions of their respective Situations having first taken the usual Oaths of Office, in the same manner as they lawfully could or might have done during the reign of the said late King, and not further or otherwise - And the Right Honorable the President in Council apprehensive that should the Police of the Town of Pondicherry be given in charge to any of the French Inhabitants, the tranquility thereof may be interrupted; is further pleased to order and direct that the said Police shall be under the immediate Charge of the Commandant of the Garrison of Pondicherry for the time being who shall have

power

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power and Authority to appoint such Officers under him as he shall from time to time judge necessary who shall and may use and exercise the Functions heretofore used and exercised by Officers of the Police and shall obey such orders as the said Commandant may from time to time think requisite to issue for the preservation of peace and order in the Settlement.

And the Right Honorable the President in Council taking into further Consideration the late defective State of the Judicature at Pondicherry, and desirous effectually to observe the due Administration of justice there in such cases as shall originate or may have originated in the Superior Council and to give the Suitors in that Court the like remedy against irregular or illegal Arrêts or other proceedings as they have heretofore enjoyed by Requête to the said late King Louis the 16th. in his former Council, is pleased to appoint and establish until his Majesty's pleasure shall be known that the Commandant of the Garrison

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Garrison of Pondicherry for the time being when spe-
-cially appointed by Government, the Presidentin
of the said Superior Council for the time being, the Se-
-nior Member of the said Council for the time being
and two respectable Inhabitants of that Town to be
named by the said Commandant or any three of them
whom the said Commandant or the said President, shall
be one, shall be a Court of Revision and dernier resort -
and shall and may appoint a Greffier and other
necessary Officers during the pleasure of this Govern-
-ment, and shall have power and authority to re-
-ceive, hear and finally determine all Requêtes -,
Civiles and Requetes in Cessation, in the like -
manner, as near as the actual Situation of -
Pondicherry will allow, as the same might
or would have been received, heard and determined
by the said late King in his privy Council, and
no further or otherwise provided that no requête
shall be received against any Arrêt of the
said

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said Superior Council passed in their appellate & jurisdiction in any cause brought before them by Appeal from the judgment or decision of the Choultry Court, nor until the party procuring the same shall lodge with the Greffier of the said Court of Revision the Amende of 450 Livres required by the Ordinances, and further provided that no such Requête shall be heard or determined until the Judges of the said Court of Revision shall severally have taken the following Oath viz — I, A.B. do solemnly Swear that I will hear & and determine to the best of my judgment all Requêtes Civiles, and Requêtes en Cassation that shall come before this Court according to the local Regulations of Pondicherry, and when they are silent according to the Royal Ordinances of France, and that I will so hear and determine the same without fear, favor, affection or reward so help me God. — And the said Right Honble

Sir

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President in Council, for the due Administration of Justice
in Cases not hitherto provided for by this Govern-
ment, is further pleased to appoint and establish
that the said Commandant of Pondicherry for the
time being and the President of the said Superior
Council for the time being, shall be a Court of
Civil jurisdiction to be called the Tribunal of the
Administrations for the trial of all causes arising
between the European Inhabitants of Pondicherry
or the Descendants of such European Inhabitants
and Individuals of any other Nation as also be-
tween Foreigners and Foreigners, which Court
shall have power and authority to hear and
determine the said Causes in like manner as they
were heretofore heard and determined by the French
Administrators of Pondicherry, and that the
said Commandant and President shall and may
appoint a Greffier and other necessary Officers
to the said Court during the pleasure of this
Government

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Government - provided nevertheless that the power and authority of the said Court shall not extend to British Subjects nor to any other Matter or thing than is hereinbefore expressly mentioned - provided also that the said Commandant, and the said President shall not hear or determine any such Cause until they shall severally have taken the following Oath viz I A, B, do solemnly swear that I will to the best of my Judgement administer Justice & duly and impartially in all Causes which shall come before this Court, without fear, favor & affection or reward, So help me God - provided & also that if any person shall think himself aggrieved by the Arrest or Judgement of the said Court, he shall and may within 14 Days af-ter that from the same to this Government - And the said Right Honorable President in Council is further pleased to order and direct that these Regulations shall be registered in the Supreme Court

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Council of Pondicherry in the same manner as Ordinances and Regulations have at any time heretofore been registered therein."—

Resolved that the foregoing Minute be carried into execution by the Commandant at Pondicherry.—

The proposed Minute approved by the Board and the Court to be established

The President proposes the following Establishment of Officers for the Tribunal of Justice—

Mons.r Mottet President.... 170 Rupees per Month

Mons.r Gerard Member..... 110

Mons.r Colin ... D.o..... D.o

Mons.r Beaufort D.o..... D.o

Mons.r St. Paul..... D.o

Mons.r Caillaud Procureur du Roi 141 R.s.. D.o

Mons.r Collenden Greffier 100

Mons.r Mottet Junr..... D.o D.o
Greffier to the Tribunal of Revision and dernier resort as also to the Tribunal of the Administrators.....

Officers appointed to form the Tribunal of Justice at Pondicherry and their Salaries fixed.—

The President also proposes that the present pension of fifty Rupees per Month to Mr. Mottet Junr. shall cease.—

The

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A new Police Office Established at Pondicherry and the monthly expence thereof limited to 194 Rupees—

The President further proposes that the Establishment for a police at Pondicherry as recommended in the Commandants letter of 13th January last amounting to Rupees 194 per Month shall be confirmed

accordingly.

Read the following Letter from the Commandant at Amboor.

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Commandant at Amboor recommending that three Companies of the 1st Batt. 6th Regiment A. be placed under his immediate Command and stationed between Cadapapatam and Palmaneir for preserving Tranquility on the Borders the Rebel Tumaah espouses the Cause of Dapatah Naig the fugitive Polegar of Colmapilly.

Contrary to my expectations when I had the honor of last writing you, on the 18th Instant We have not removed from hence — Because first upon a further Consideration, the appearance of the Detachments, might so intimidate, the peaceable disposed part of the Inhabitants, — Farmers and Ryots, as to make them fly into the Jungles, and render it difficult for the Amildar to settle any Cowl with them — Secondly because Meer Ally Khan, wished to assemble the other Polegars with their Peons, by means of whom the

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He is in hopes to apprehend the Rebel Dafsip Naig, in his Jungles, now it is very well known, that as yet he is not far off, though not to be surprized by any people - Lastly because that to a proposition which we made to the Sultaums People from Madmapilly, they required time to obtain Instructions, from the Asaph - which as yet they have not received - From what I have remarked of the Disposition of the Poligars who have come in, to Meer Ally Khan, and from the support, which Dafsip Naig is likely to obtain, from the other Pollams, I have no hesitation in offering it to the Right Honorable the President as my firm Opinion that some Companies of the Honorable Company's Troops, not less than three should be stationed for some Months to come, along the Borders from Cadapanatam to Palmaneir.

To answer this purpose I beg leave to express my Wish that these Companies in the event of their being judged, necessary by his Lordship might be from the Detachments, of my Corps (the 1st Batt. 6th Reg.t) which are now stationed

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stationed at Vellore, and Chandanaghurry - that is the
two Companys, which are now at Chandanaghurry might
be ordered to proceed, direct from thence by the Mugle
Pass to Palmaneer, or the Pass as they might
receive Instructions from Me - so soon as they were
relieved by two of the 3 Companys, which are at
present at Vellore - And the remaining Company
of the Corps at that place might be ordered to
proceed to Amboor - I beg leave, further to mention
that my reason for suggesting, that the two Compa-
-nys from Chandanaghurry, should be sent direct
here is, a favorable effect, which a Detachment
from that Quarter, at this particular period would
have towards hindering, support or assistance being
given from the Chittoor Pollam by the Polygars, and
also, towards Dospits Naig, being apprehended, as
well as the other Delinquents - I have only further
humbly to request that as Lieutenant Davies is
the only Subaltern of standing in expectance who is
with

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with the said Detachments, at present, he might be ordered to proceed to Chandernagherry, and from thence to take charge of the Company's, which are to come for the Ghauts- The more especially as the two Company's which remain at Chandernagherry will be under the Command of Captain Meady, who belongs to the Corps.

The Intelligence which we have received, within these few Days, states with great certainty, that Tunmah and some of his Sons, together with Chinnaeia Naig have been with the Fugitive Dasoji Naig late of this Place and assured him of ample support; Should support is really to be afforded, it can only be from the Polygars, of the Nine Shittur Pollams, or from the Levy's, which I had the honor to mention, in my last, said to be raised by the Sons of Tunmah, at the instigation of the Managers, of the Shittore Circar- And in either case, I should humbly conceive may be easily prevented by his Highness's Orders, and Injunctions, if forwarded, without delay to his Servants, and the Poligars in those parts. I have

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caumind, the surplus incumbent Expence which, the simple removal of the Companies in the manner I have mentioned, would occasion, and I do not find, it would be 120 Pagodas if so much.

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sr.
(Signed) A. Macpherson.

Camp
Almaspilly
Upon the Ghauts
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# Translation of a Guntoor Letter from Mahomed Ismadar at Dachapilly To Colonel Loughton at Guntoor Dated 22d. May

That a Ismidar with thirty Horsemen belonging to Nabob Nezam Ally Cawn arrived here and proceeded to Vauvu Reddy Venkiah at Chintapulla saying they were sent to him by the Nabob respecting a Sum of Money, I write this for your Information.

In compliance with your letter directing Me to send up to you the Sepoys with a Naig belonging to Rummo that are expected from Hydrabad without fail I sent Yesterday two that arrived here without fail

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forlocks I was afraid of sending them first, but think-
ing I will meet your displeasure by detaining them
here I thought proper to dispatch them under the care
of a Man. I wish to know whether I am to send up to
you any Sepoy that may come here from Rumno with-
out Pasticock - I find between two and four come here
at a time, but not the Six with a Jemidar which
you mentioned in your Letter shall I wait their
Arrival or continue to send up to you any number
of Sepoys that may come here frequently without
Pasticock - I wish to know your order that I may
Act accordingly all the Inhabitants of this Country
are in the Service of Rumno who come here
frequently for the Wedding, and enquire after their
family and Children, am I to consider them as
such and wait until the arrival of Six Sepoys
with a Navy, the two Sepoys that were sent
to you yesterday by me were told that they were to
be deserters from the Company's Service to prevent
them.

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Them from coming to the knowledge of an order of sayeng —

and sending the Sepoys from Ramnad.

A true Translation

(Signed) Anna Sawmy

Interpreter

Read the following Address from the

Poligar of Warriorpollam

Translation of a Malabar Representation from Cauker. Ayer —

Ruragapah Caulamattola Wodyaree Poligar of Woriarpollam.

To the Right Honble the Governor

Representation of the Poligar of Warriorpollam relative to the Injustice exercised against him by the Nabob and the cause of the late Dispute and warfare with her Highness Soliciting Cowle from the Company and their interference in procuring him Redress for the Injuries he has suffered —

My Family held the Hereditary Right of Woriarpollam District from time immemorial and continued to enjoy the same by having paid an Annual Peshcush of 12500 Porto Nova Pagodas according to the Perwanah of Assofja of the Subah, which is entered on the records of the Cangoe, the Nabob entertained a Displeasure, imposed an additional Peshcush and Distressed us by having sent Troops, we were obliged to leave the place and proceeded to the Western Country, where we felt much

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much Distress and returned at the time when the
Western People (meaning Hyderally) commenced a War
and waited upon the Honorable Company, who have
pleased to grant a Cowle and restored my family to
their Right, We were then very Assiduous in the
Company's Affairs and obeyed their orders, but when
the Revenues of the Carnatic were restored to the
Nabob, The Collection of the Polegars Peshcush were
seperated and put under the Company's Management
. My family was prevented by the Nabob from sending
their Representations to the Government, which prevent-
-ed my Pollams from being placed under the Company
in similar to all other Pollams and as the Nabob
sent People to take charge of it. I left the Country
and repaired to the Durbar to treat with the Nabob
with hopes of being restored and to that effect paid
a visit to his Highness, who therefore promised to
restore me to my Right, but without having done
so, put me under such a Distress that I found
impossibility

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impossibility of maintaining myself, nor has he made any allowance for my Subsistence, so I waited five Years subjected to severe Distress without representing my Grievances to the Government for fear of incurring the Nabobs Displeasure but his Highness has not been pleased to restore me to his favorable Opinion yet, Those who became Renters of this District, engaged to pay twelve Thaun the amount produce of the Country which being 60 or 70,000 Pagodas including Nazar Etc for the District when it is capable of producing only 30,000 Pagodas and committed extortions on the Inhabitants which occasioned them to dispose all their property, such as Cattles, Houses, Grain, Slaves and all other effects for the Payment of the Extortions and deserted through inability of making further Payments, all the allowance due to the Office of Watching, have been assigned, the Watchers were required to apprehend the Deserters without even allowing them their Rights and Privileges, they have left the Country against my

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my order and deserted, while the Affairs was thus Distracted Venkatachelliah (My late Servant) has been appointed Amaldar of this District with orders to recover from me the Amount of the Loss sustained in the Country and to extort an Agreement from me to that effect also to put me and family under confinement there. I therefore left the Country with my family, but the Dubash without sending a Couple to the Deserters so as they may be recovered from the fear they entertained and return to the Place, determined to send Troops, we in order to save our lives escaped, trusting to be preserved by the Company's protection I do not know — the Company's Troops were sent to assist the Nabob, this Troops at Night surrounded the Cawelcarah or Watchers (meaning Poligar Peons) without sending a Message of their having been such, who acted in opposition through Ignorance. I hope therefore to be excused, we have been greatly oppressed by the Nabob and reduced to a Miserable state, we

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could place no confidence on his Highness's Cowle, We entreat to be favored with a Cowle from your Lordship and trust entirely on your Candour and Mercy with hope of gaining the Company's Protection, Intreat therefore to be favored with a Cowle, promising to order an investigation to be made into the Injurys done to me and to restore me to my Rights also to make the usual Allowance of Rights and Privileges to the Watchers and Inhabitants, Iwish likewise to give an Order for Moving the Nabob's Troops from the Country, Iwill on the Confidence of the Cowle prevail upon the Inhabitants and Watchers &c to attend to their Duty readily and obey your orders in every respect and solicit a Vakeel to wait on your Lordship.

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Rungachuch
Canlagatolu
Madapara
in Gentoos

A true Translation

(Signed) Anna Sawmy
Interpreter

Read

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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 enclosing Copy of a letter addressed to him by Lieut Gourlay apologizing for the disrespect shewn to this Office -

I have the honor to lay before your Lordships in Council, the enclosed letter dated the 29th. Instant from Lieutenant Gourlay of the Corps of Artillery

As that Officer appears to be sensible of, and concerned for the improper and disrespectful — Conduct which he has observed towards my Office and to the Orders of Government; And as I have no feelings on the occasion but those of public duty I would solicit your Lordships favorable consideration of the very ample Apology which he has offered, and while I avail myself of this opportunity of expressing my warmest gratitude for the liberal and effectual — support which Government has uniformly given to the Office of Audit, I beg leave to add thereto — the assurance of my constant endeavours to —

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must its continuance, and to assure myself with the
highest respect.

My Lord,

Your &c.

(Sign.d) W. Sydenham

Mil.y Aud. Genl.

Major General Sydenham.

Military Auditor General

Sir.

Your &c. &c.

Being unacquainted with forms and
I had unintentionally given Offence to your Office -
which I meant should be altogether done away - I
addressed the accompanying Letter to His Lordship
in Council - should any thing beyond this be required
I must request you, yourself Sir as the Head of the
Office, will dictate what that shall be, which
shall be instantly complied with, and I can safely
aver however unguarded I may have been in some
expressions made use of, I never meant, nor intended
giving your Office either Officially or Personally -
I have therefore to beg, you will either declare, -

yourself

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yourself satisfied with my apology to His Lordship in Coun-
-cil or that you will point out, what further steps are
Necessary to be taken on my part towards effecting this,
and of relieving me from the effect of the heavy displea-
-sure, I at present labour under.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) John Gowdall

Mount
29th. May 1797.

A true Copy.

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Aud. Genl.

My Lord,

Having expressed my immediate feelings
to Mr. Secretary Webbe on the second requisition of Govern-
-ment for my apologising to Major General Sydenham
as it seems the Secretary should have expressed in his
first Letter.

I find upon reflection I have been too
hasty in not adverting at the Moment to the very
an order of Government, which I am extremely sorry
for - and now request that your Lordship would be
pleased to desire Mr. Secretary Webbe to dictate a
such Apology as Major General Sydenham the
Auditor

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Auditor General ought to acquiesce and your Lordship is of opinion I can Consistantly make an Concession.

I am extremely sorry for having given your Lordship so much trouble, and have taken the Liberty to save time, to Direct this Letter immediately to your Lordship, being with much respect,

Your Lordships

Mount
26th. May 1797.

Obn. Hbn.

(Signed) John Gourlay
Lieut. Artt.

Minute on the foregoing letter and resolution of the Board to restore Lieut. Gourlay to his rank in the Service.

The Board are happy that a reconsideration of his Conduct should have induced Lieutenant Gourlay to make the foregoing Apology to the Military Auditor General. Resolved therefore in consideration of that Apology and of the intercession of the Military Auditor General that Lieutenant Gourlay be restored to his rank in the Company's Service from this Date.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

From the Military Auditor General suggesting relative to the mode to be adopted to enable W. E. Garrows agent to recover retrenchment made

President and Governor in Council of
Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt

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made on his accounts from the officers drawing unauthorized allowances opinion on Mr. Garrows Claims to reimbursement for Extra Expence for Servants in the Provision Department

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jacksons Letter under date 17th February last, accompanying Extract of a Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors, with Copy of a Letter from Mr. Edward Garrow formerly Paymaster and Commissary to the Garrisons of Trichinopoly and Tiagar upon which I am directed to report.

I have accordingly examined the records lodged in my Office respecting those accounts, particularly by the reference prepared by the late Military Auditor General on the various retrenchments then outstanding against Mr. Garrow, with the resolution of Government thereon, from which I have been enabled to detail in the accompanying List for your Lordships Information, the names of the Officers from whose Abstracts and Bills, Retrenchments were made and ultimately confirmed, and from whom the Paymaster, had he remained on the Coast, would have been authorised to recover the Sums respectively standing against them in consequence of the following extract

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Extract of a Letter from Mr Deputy Secretary Jones to the late Auditor General dated 25th July 1794. "The "Board upon reconsideration, are of opinion that Mr "Garrow is entitled to relief under the present System "from the Officers upon the whole of the Retrenchments on "their Abstracts and Bills and resolve accordingly."

The whole amount declared inadmissible in Mr Garrows accounts was refunded and paid into the hands of the Military Paymaster General previous to his Departure for Europe, in which was of course included the Sums retrenched from Officers the Paymaster being held accountable for all unauthorised Charges in his Accounts.

The G. O of the 3rd April 1792 upon which the foregoing Resolution of Government has been founded affords the Paymaster an opportunity of indemnifying himself for such Sums as he has refunded on account of Officers by causing regular Monthly Deductions (with the exception of Pay) to be made from their Monthly Abstracts or Bills until the whole of the Retrenchments are liquidated, should your Lordship therefore

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therefore think proper to authorise Mr. Garrow Agent on the Coast to proceed to the recovery of those Retrenchments, it may in a great Measure tend to the Satisfaction of the parties concerned and accelerate the Adjustments thereof if a particular Statement specifying the grounds upon which the Retrenchments were made and confirmed by Government is forwarded from my Office to the Paymaster's Agent, and which appears to me to be necessary as there are a few of the Officers included in the beforementioned List particularly Lieutenant Colonel Torrens and Captain Dyce who will I presume take measures to remove the objections stated on the Audit of their Charges. On this subject I beg leave to observe to your Lordship that in the Audit of Mr Garrows Disbursements as well as of every other Paymaster the smallest irregularity whether it proceeds from a want of form in the Vouchers transmitted in support of the Charge or an omission of the necessary Signatures, occasions a Retrenchment in order to ensure consistency and method in the public

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publick Accounts, the Sum outstanding against Captain Depue is for Short Service Money disbursed by him whilst Commanding at Cannore during a part of the last War which Government directed should be paid back to Mr. Garrow in the mint of Captain Depue's transmitting to the Office of Audit the prescribed Voucher for Charges of that description. Part of the Retrenchments against Lieutenant Colonel Torrens is for a Set of Colours provided for the late 35th. Battalion Native Infantry the Bill for which was not Countersigned by the Adjutant General of the Army agreeably to the Regulations of the Service and Consequently objected to on Audit.

Having attentively Considered the Retrenchments against Mr Garrow for Servants employed by him in the Grain and Provision Department amounting to Pagodas 1161. and also the Certificate of Mr Thomas Cockburn then at the Head of that Department, which accompanies

Sir

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His letter it appears to me that the great responsibility attached to Mr Garrows Situation and the Zeal manifested by him in procuring provisions &c for the use of the Army at a period when the most active exertions became necessary, and when — Servants in whom trust could be reposed must have been difficult to procure; especially at — Carrore, a post in the Enemys Country then in our possession and where large quantities of Grain were laid up; may perhaps induce your Lordship to remit the Retrenchment provided he makes oath to the actual Disbursement of the money, — which Mr Cockburn states he professed himself ready to do when required —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

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(Signed) W. Sydenham
Aud Gen
Lieut

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List of Officers from whose Abstracts and Bills — Retrenchments were made on the Audit of Mr. Edwards Garrow's Accounts formerly Paymaster to the Garrisons of Trichinopoly, Tiagar and Carore and — confirmed on reference to Government —

| | ₱ | ₣ | C |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lieut Col. D.d Smith Artillery | 5 | 14 | 28 |
| Lieut Col. Geo.a Conyngham | 10 | 3 | 16 |
| Capt.n Edward Fergusson | 16 | 6 | 60 |
| Lieut.t Hoare Gibbons | 29 | 21 | — |
| Doctor Neol Mein | 60 | " | " |
| Captain Francis Forrons | 110 | 22 | 40 |
| Captain Kinsey | 24 | 33 | 48 |
| Captain Herring Engineers | 63 | 7 | 85 |
| Lieut.t Jordan Artillery | 3 | " | " |
| Assistant Surgeon Hawkes | " | 21 | " |
| Doctor M.c Mahon | 6 | 35 | 40 |
| The late Captain Hope | 5 | 30 | — |
| Captain R. Bell Artillery | 33 | — | — |
| Captain Dyce Barrack Master | 20 | — | — |
| Brigade Major Cosby | 170 | — | — |

These Retrenchments were Remitted agreeably to Mr.s Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 11.th March & 15 April 1795 the amount should therefore be repaid to Mr. Garrow against which the Abstract of Paymaster General —

Total at Trichinopoly Pag.s 1116.3.47

At Tiagar

Captain Wahab of the late 11.th Bn. N.I. } 217.27.56

At Carore

Lieut.t Peter Dese — 513. 8 —

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Abstract

| | P | ℳ | C |
|---|---|---|---|
| Trichinopoly | 1146. | 3. | 47 |
| Tiagar | 217. | 27. | 56 |
| Carore | 513. | 18. | .. |
| Total Pagodas | 1877. | 7. | 93 |

(signed) W. Lydenham
Mjr Gen.

Minute thereon

Resolved that the Military Auditor General be authorized to enter into correspondence with the officers from whom Mr. Garrow is entitled to recovery for retrenchments made in his accounts, with a view of bringing this matter to a final close.

Ordered that the foregoing report upon Mr. Garrows letter be noticed to the Honorable Court of Directors in conformity with their orders of the 27th July 1796.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From the Military Auditor General requesting Permission to open a Leak in the Military Books of Agents for the public property found at Malacca and other Dutch Settlements to the Eastward desires to be informed whether the Families of Gun and Garrison Lascars, Artificers and Pinkallies are to be considered entitled to the Gratuity granted to Families of Sepoys who may die or be killed on Foreign Service.

My Lord

The Paymaster at Malacca in his Accounts for May June and July 1796 gives Credit for

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several sums of money received from the Dutch Treasury, and from the agents for the public property at that Settlement—

2 I have therefore to request your Lordships permission to open an account of "Agents "for the public property found at Malacca and other "Dutch Settlements to the Eastward" in the Military Books of this Presidency, to which account all sums that may be received from the agents at Amboyna, Banda, or any other of the Dutch Settlements in our possession to the Eastward may be carried, particularising the Sums received at each, and whether from the agents, or from the Dutch Treasuries—

3. His Government order of the 19th March last granting a Gratuity to the Families of Sepoys who die or are killed on Foreign Service, I have considered as applying generally to the Native Commissioned, Non Commissioned and Privates of the Corps of Native Infantry but as it does not admit of a construction in favor of any other description of Native employed on Foreign Service, I request your Lordships Instructions whether the Gratuity is also to be extended to

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to the Families of Lyranys. Lindals and privates of the Gun and Garrison Lascars who may die or be killed while so detached; for as these Men have in common with the Sepoys the benefit of the Invalid and Pensioned List when no longer fit for Service, and the former are equally with Sepoys considered as Fighting Men, it may perhaps appear equitable to your Lordship that their Families should participate of the Bounty of Government in like manner as those of the Sepoys, and upon the same principle Viz: that of encouraging them to embark with alacrity and chearfulness on distant expeditions whenever required.

It has also occurred to me that if the like Bounty was extended to the Families of artificers and Puckallies not included with Corps, it might greatly facilitate the obtaining this necessary discription of people to go on Foreign Service, and the expence would be so trifling as not to be an object in comparison with the public advantages which would result from the measure; should your Lordship be pleased to acquiesce in these suggestions, I beg leave to propose, that the

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Determination of Government on the subject may be published in General Orders and as well as the former Order of the 19th March made generally known at all the stations by being read on the parades of the different Corps and by beat of Tom Tom. least any of the connexions of the Troops in public followers above described. should be left in ignorance of an indulgence so humane in its motive and so beneficial in its effects—

5. I would likewise propose that — directions should be given that the amount of all Certificates for such Bounty passed in the Military Auditor General's Office. should be paid to the Claimants in presence of the public Staff Officer of the Station, or such other person as the Commanding Officer on the spot may appoint for that purpose.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Signed W. Lydenham

Mily Auditor Genl.

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The Board can have no hesitation in directing that the gratuity granted by the ——— general order of 19th March to the families of Sepoys may be extended to those of the Syrangs Tindals, and privates of the gun and garrison Lascars, who may die or be killed on Foreign Service, as well as to the puckallies and artificers, not included in corps —

Read the following letter from Captain Lill —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

From the Commandant of the Madras Batt.n representing the insufficiency of the allowances granted him —

My Lord.

Emboldened by that flattering attention which your Lordship has been pleased to shew me since I have had the honor to — command the Madras Battalion, I take the liberty to bring to your notice certain circum= =stances relative to my situation, which will not I trust be deemed undeserving of consideration

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consideration —

When originally appointed to the command of the Corps. I need scarcely call to your Lordships recollection. I had only the rank of Lieutenant and the Full Batta of Captain was granted me by your Lordship as an additional allowance adequate to the station I filled — As I am by the late Regulations a Captain in the Army and officers at every station drawing half Batta. The only increase of allowance I now receive from commanding the Madras Battalion is the difference between half and full Batta a Sum I hope will in no degree be thought proportionate to the first allowance granted and trust also your Lordship will not consider it adequate to the station I am placed in —

I therefore while I reflect with gratitude and pride on the notice both your Lordship and the Commander in Chief have been pleased to take of my efforts to discipline this

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this Corps, I am encouraged to hope that my ——
soliciting to be placed on a similar footing with
the Captain Commandants of Native Battalions
extra to Establishment with respect to Off reckonings
will neither be deemed improper, nor presumptious

The Duties which the Corps
now takes, and the manner in which it is appointed
make me bolder on this occasion, should however
my expectations not meet your Lordships ——
approbation. I have only to beg this intrusion may
be pardoned. And have the Honor to be

Yr &c

Madras
May 16th 1797 —

Signed Jos. Hill
Captain

Minute thereon

Resolved that Captain Hill
be permitted to draw a sum equal to the average
off reckonings of a corps of the strength of the
Madras Battalion from the 12th July last, as a
reward for the Zealous exertions of that Officer
in bringing that Battalion to its present state
of discipline —

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In consideration of the foregoing allowance Resolved that the difference between half and full Batta be deducted from Captain Hills Effects coming from 17th July last —

Read the following letter from the agents for the captors of Columbo —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor &c. in Council

Fort St. George

From the agents for the Prize Captors of Columbo demanding payment of the value of the ordnance, Military &c Stores captured in the different Forts &c. on Ceylon —

My Lord.

We have the Honor to inclose your Lordship in Council a Statement with necessary documents accompanying it for sundry articles delivered over to the Honorable Company on the Island of Ceylon with the valuation of each discription ascertained by Committees appointed for that purpose and countersigned by the Heads of the several departments in due form the amount with the Interest due on each from their respective date at 8 p Cent

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Pannum is St. Pags. 1,146,583. 34-45- which we request your Lordship will be pleased to discharge-

We have the honor to be

&c &c

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19th May 1797.

(Signd) Chase Lewell & Chase
agents for the Navy & Army
& the Army Prize Agents

## Statement

No. Valuation of Ordnance and Military Stores
at Columbo Pags. 87,533-32-30
2 Do. Small arms at do ——— 17,233-34-72
3 Do. articles from the Material Department at Do ——— 536-41-60 105,305-1-2
4 Do. of Ordnance & Stat. at Negumbo ——— 454-31-72
5 Do. of Ordnance & Stat. at Point de Galle 30346-22-43
5 Do. of Small Arms Do ——— 2952-14-46 33299-1-9
6 Do. of Ordnance &c. at Coletara ——— 617-9-1

St. Pags. 139679-7-6

Interest on the following Sums from their respective dates to this day at 8 ₹ Cent Pann.

on Pags. 87533-32-30 for 258 days 4949-31-3.
17233-34-72 for 255 do 963-7-55
454-31-72 for 21 do 2-3-30
30346-32-43 for 136 do 904-21-11
2952-14-46 for 136 do 88-11-20

6,907-27-39

Star Pagodas 1,146,583-34-45

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Errors Excepted
(Signd) Chase Lewell & Chase
agents for the Navy & Army
to the Army Prize Agents

Resolved

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Minute thereon.

Resolved that the Board do not consider themselves at liberty to purchase the ordnance and Military Stores from the Captors on Ceylon without previously obtaining the sanction of the Court of Directors for that purpose.

Read the following letter from Mr. Luciros

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

From Mr. Luciros claiming Payment of Rent of two Houses his property at St. Thome, for the period they were occupied by Troops from the year 1783 to 1786.

My Lord,

Having been a considerable sufferer in a landed property held at St. Thome near Madras, I humbly entreat your Lordships indulgent attention to the Justice of my claim on the Honorable Company's on account of two Houses which were for a period of many years in the Possession of the Government of Fort St. George, without my having been allowed as yet the smallest Compensation or Equivalent either for the rents justly due to me for the Hire

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Hire of those houses, & the Damages which they
sustained during such possession, to the great detriment
of my property and interests—

Confiding in your Lordships
distinguished character for the strictest equity, I
trust on your Pardon for reviving before your—
Tribunal a claim so long dormant altho I am
free to say that the Facts relative to it need only
to be stated for convincing your Lordships mind
of my just Title to the compensation I solicit—
The obstacles which on my former application—
prevented the Honorable Board at Fort St. George
from affording me that redress, which they left
in silence as due to me from their Justice, being
now completely removed by a fortunate change,
my claim, I trust, shall meet at last from your
Lordships favorable sentence that just Success,
which equity commands and my long sufferance
deserves—

My Lord, the two houses I have
at St. Thome were in former times almost—
constantly

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constantly tenanted at the rent of 50 Pagodas per month by Gentlemen of the highest Rank in the Company's Service, and it was only at that period of confusion, and Terror, when the Dread of surrounding Dangers from Hyder's Sudden invasion of the Carnatick prompted all Tenants of Houses in the Country to retire within the Town of Madras my Houses then became unoccupied, but they were taken Care of by my servants Kept in my Pay for that purpose. Government having at that time occasion of Lodgings for their officers were pleased to take them in August or September 1782. and Kept possession thereof till the End of April 1786. when they were delivered up to my agents Messrs. de Fries at Madras, after a Lapse of 4 years — what has been done, and wrote by them during that Interval of time will in a more regular order, appear in a paper of Extracts from their Correspondence with me, which I have the honor to annex for your Lordship's Perusal. I fully persuaded that it will impress your mind with

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with a strong conviction of the Justice of my Demand, particularly when your Lordship will be pleased to attend to the following Facts. Viz.t- The delivery of Mrs. Carrathis House to her so early as in 1783. when it was immediately sold at 4,020 Pagodas. the Subsequent sale of Mrs. de Souzas House while mine which notwithstanding all the Disadventageous Circumstances, were at that very period estimated at 3000 Pagodas, were not even allowed the chance of a Sale, owing to the Company keeping forcibly possession of them, thereby making me a great Sufferer indeed, not only by depriving me of the amount should have realized from that property, which I was so desirous to sell, but also by subjecting me to the further Loss of a considerable Sum which I have incurred for repairing the Damages and Destructions which they actually committed by an ill treatment of 6 years

That I have not neglected to prefer my claim to the Madras Government at a proper time. That I have since renewed my application to

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to them will without any comment from me, appear evident to your Lordship from my agents correspondence, to which I beg leave to add copy of a note to Mr. Edward Hay from Colonel Charles Morgan, who both were so good as to interest themselves in my favor; the former of these Gentlemen has several times since done me the Kindness to remind the Secretary at Madras of my claim on that Government. Should it now appear of a Long standing no Blame for neglect can with Justice be imputed to me, whose submissive and patient conduct will, I hope in the contrary, attract your Lordship's benevolent attention to the peculiar hardship of my case — and if the sole reasons — existing at the time of my former application, Viz. the want of means to discharge said claims owing to the situation of the Company's Finances being then very low, have now vanished under the auspices of your Lordship's administration my humble Petition shall now, I trust, be favorably received, and such Sum be ordered to be paid to me, or my order as to your Lordships known Wisdom, and Justice may

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may appear a fair and proper compensation - In short My Lord, I have the most confident Hope that you will allow as justly due to me, the amount of the very moderate demand I made in the year 1786. with the legal Interest accrued thereon during a Period of Eight years - I have the Honor to subscribe myself with the greatest respect -

My Lord

&c. &c.

Calcutta
20th april 1797

(Signd) Jos. Queiros

Extracts of Letters from Mr. Adrian de Rees of Madras to Mr. Joseph Queiros about the Houses at St. Thome -

18th September 1782 - I duly received your letter of the 19th ultimo, and we are sorry to learn therein of Mrs. Queiros Illness - In regard to her Houses at St. Thome my Father says a method to get rent for them will be, if Mr. Hastings writes to Lord Macartney to pay it -

24th July 1783. At present I cannot take charge of your Houses at St. Thome, as they are taken up by the Company, and are full with Military men and no likelihood of their quitting them as Sick Ships

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Ships are arrived from Europe, and they have sent more Troops there - whenever there shall be a change of things I will let you know immediately, in the mean while I must tell you that the Houses will require a great deal of repairs, as they have been very much ill treated by the People that live in them -

10th October 1783. I have received your favor of 6th ultimo the Government promised to deliver up the Houses the beginning of next year. Both my Father and self dont think your presence here will mend the cause. Mrs Carvalho shared the same fate, altho she did not want for powerful Interest and Protection. and it was but a few days ago that it was given up to her and put up at Publick Outcry, and sold for 1020 Pagodas. So that there is Hope that your Houses may fetch also a good Price - I intend to advertize them for sale, in which case you should send me the Bills of Sale of both of them.

9 January 1784 I duly received your favor of 8th November & 13th ultimo. inclosing in the former copies

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copies of the Title Deed of your Houses, and a Sketch of them, to all which you may depend shall pay due attention - they are still occupied by Government and am sorry to say that the officers living in them do not prevent their People from doing continual Damages to them. part of the Wall fell down with the bad weather which we had lately - we purpose claiming rent from Government since the Beginning of the year 1783. as we might lately have rented our Houses for, as also an Indemnification for the Damages done to them, and we shall see what reception this demand may meet with from them - 12th February 1784 - Nothing done yet in regard to your Houses. they being still occupied by the Military we are flattered with continual hopes of a speedy Peace with Tippoo, which I think is not unlikely - 9th April 1784 I am sorry I cannot as yet give you any good news of your Houses. they being — still occupied by the Military People. altho a Peace with Tippoo has been concluded. since the 11th of last month -

J.

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26th May 1784 I shall be able to render you very little service in regard to your St Thome Houses. The Prisoners that are returned from Tippoo are all cantoned there and no likelihood of the Houses being given up. Invited in Colonel Morgan but did not meet him at home, I sent him your letter with a few Lines from myself, representing the situation the Houses were in, as you will observe by the enclosed copy of my Letter -

"Mr Andrian De Froes presents
"his compliments to Colonel Morgan, having done
"himself the pleasure to wait on him this morning,
"but Colonel Morgan not being at home, takes
"this method of handing him a letter from Mr.
"Queiros, whose two Houses are still occupied by
"the Company and have been in their possession for
"2 years and half, without any allowance of rent,
and the Houses much ill treated."

9th July 1784 I observe what Colonel Morgan says to Mr Kay about the St Thome Houses, there is no likelihood yet of their being cleared of the Troops

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Troops - new ones being continually sent. mean while the Houses are running into ruin's from want of repairs. and ill used -

3.d November 1784 I am sorry to inform you that your Houses are not given up yet by the Company, and until that is done. it's needless sending you an Estimate of the Sum. which you can expect for them - But as to their value according to the present —— circumstances. I dont believe they will fetch more than 3000 Pagodas. Colonel Floyd. who is now —— Quartered in your Houses. has pulled down the Godowns. and Cookrooms. and built there some —— Horses Stables -

13.th November 1784. It is currently said that the Houses at S.t Thome are to be given up on the 1.st of January next. I wish it may be so -

25.th Decmber 1784 Mr. Manoella Roda a the De Souzais House at S.t Thome was put up at outcry 3 days ago. and sold. but it will be just enough to pay off all her special Legacies. and nothing left to be devided among her relations -

23.d June

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23d June 1785 Colonel Floyd, who occupied your houses, assured me that they will be delivered up in a very short time: The troops at St. Thome being to be quartered at Arcot. and they will set off as soon as the present Courts martial on the Kings Officers are ended. so that I hope now to convey you soon the agreeable news of your Houses being really given up to me—

1 August 1785. We have been promised for a month together that the Houses at St. Thome will be cleared from the Military - Colonel Floyd who commands the cavalry. is gone out with General Dalling to mark out the Grounds for cantonments. which when done. the Military are to quit St. Thome

14th August 1785. Altho Colonel Floyd has been returned and the Grounds marked out for — cantonments. yet the Houses at St. Thome are not cleared from the Military —

20th april 1786. Your Houses are at last delivered up.

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up. that they are in so ruinous a condition. that they are hardly tenantable. and have been already at some expence to secure them —

12.th May 1786. Inclosed is an Estimate of the necessary repairs required to be made for your Houses, amounting to Pagodas 286. to make them tenantable as at present they are not in a condition to be let. —

21.st May 1786. Shall lay in before the Governor and Council your claim for House rent in the manner you desire. as soon as I can get the necessary Information for establishing your Right — At present I can only state for certain that Colonel Floyd occupied the Houses from March 1784 to the End of march last making 2 years. but those who occupied them before that Period I have not been able to learn yet. and I fancy it will not be an Easy matter. as I find the Native Servants cannot remember the names of former Tenants —

22.d July 1786. I have duly received your letters of the 5.th and 23.d ultimo. Enclosed is copy of my

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my letter to the Governor and Council about your claim for house rent. I have lowered the amount of the rent to leave no room to Government to say any thing on that Head. and as a Consideration to make it pass the more easily. your Houses are just given up. and I shall commence the repairs if the weather will permit it.—

To the Honorable Major General Sir Archibald Campbell KB Governor President & Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs.

At the particular request and Instructions of Mr Queiros the owner of the two Houses at St. Thome. which were left under my charge, and occupied by the Honorable Company from the Beginning of the year 1782. I take the liberty of tendering a Bill for the amount of the rents. which he claims from the Company. and begs the favor of your reply on the subject. that the same may be transmitted to him in Bengal.

Your Honor & Sirs will please to observe that the rent

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rent is charged only from the time that the news was received here of the General Peace, and at a moderate rate. The preceding time, being one year and half, nothing is charged for, in consideration of the General necessity of the times, and the Houses during the time that they were occupied by the Troops suffered Considerable damage, to repair which will require a good deal of Money. the Houses before the War fetched a rent of 50 Pagodas per month: Colonel Floyd Commanding the Dragoons, lived in them for upwards of two years—

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

&c. &c.

11th July 1786. /Signd A. de Fries

The Honorable Company - Dr.

For House rent of two Houses to the Southward of the Flag Staff at St Thome from 30th June 1783 to 31st March 1786. being 2 years & 9 months at 30 Pagodas per month is ------ Pags 990

8th September 1786. The repairs of your Houses are begun

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begun. all excepting that part of the great House, where there were Godowns &c originally, and at the time of Colonel Floyds Habitation he pulled them down, and made stables in their Stead. I shall order to make there the necessary places the same as before. but they cannot be done until January next. the rains being nearly to set in I must — to inform you that there will be an additional expence for rebuilding those Godowns which were not included in the first Estimate.

J. Dacres Esq.

My Dear Sir.

I have the pleasure to return the Letter which you proposed addressing to my Lord Hobart. and were so good as to send to me for my previous perusal / I am sorry to confess several months ago / relative to your property at Madras constant Interruptions. with much to do. and. latterly. frequent Indisposition. while I was in the

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the Secretarys Office, and some Illness since that time, furnish the best excuse I can make for the delay, and Hope that you will do me the favor of accepting it. It will be necessary of course, that the date of your letter should be altered —

After a deligent Search among my papers I have met with a letter, which I received from General Morgan some years ago, when Lord Macartney was at Madras, upon this Business, and I will enclose an Extract from it that you may send it, if you please, to your Friends there, to shew the opinion which his Lordship had of your Claim — Indeed taking the Circumstances as they are stated, I do not think that there can be two opinions as to the Justice of it — and altho' I have not the honor of being personally acquainted with my Lord Hobart, I am very well persuaded from his Lordship's

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Lordships Character, and the several Instances — I have heard of his liberal attention to the fair Claims of Individuals, that yours will be — properly attended to —

Should any rule or order of the Government at Fort St George be adverse to the discharge of Claim of long standing I should imagine that the applications, which have been made in your behalf to the Government, at — different periods, would take your Demand entirely out of the Scope of such a Regulation, and remove that objection. Could it be stated, — against a compliance with it —

I am with great Esteem

Calcutta
12th. april 1797.

&c. &c.

[Sign'd] E. Hay

Extract of a Letter dated 29th. of May 1784 from Colonel Morgan to Mr. Hay —

Tell Mr. Duncan I have received his

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his letter, and have a second time mentioned his Business to Lord Macartney, who assures me the Troops will very shortly be removed from St Thome and that the Proprietors of the Houses will be paid Rent for them, so soon as the Company are in Cash, which I am sorry to say, is not likely to be the Case very soon —

Minute on the foregoing letter from Mr. Queiros

The Secretary is ordered to inform Mr. Queiros that at this distance of time from the period, to which his claim refers, the Board are unable to comply with his application without reference to the Court of Directors —

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Medical Board
29th May 1797.

From the Medical Board recommending that J. C. Lancourt be permitted to do duty with the 7th Regt. Mr. Lucas solicits a pension from the Company Mr. Beddy returns from England. Assistant Surgeon Mackay requests leave to visit the Residency and Sub Assistant Boyce to resign the Service Daniel Barrett recommended for the appointment of a Sub Assistant Mr. Street proposed to take charge of the 1st Battn 5th Regt Native Infantry and Mr. Carnie to do Duty with the 2d Division of European Regts at Pondicherry

The Commander in Chief having transmitted to us a letter from Colonel Baird requesting that Mr. Jacob Cassivilaun Lancourt, Assistant Surgeon, should be permitted to do duty with His Majesty's

Permitted

7th

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71st Regiment during the absence of the Surgeon, we see no objection to it, and recommend that permission may be granted.

We have the Honor to forward an address to the Right Honorable the President in Council from the widow of the late Chief Surgeon Lucas, and as we understand the Medical Establishment is included in the benefit to be derived from Lord Clives Military Fund, we trust Mrs. Lucas will be entitled to a pension proportionate to the rank her Husband so long held in the Service.

Ordered to lie for further consideration.

We have the Honor to acquaint Government that Mr. William Batty, Assistant Surgeon

Ordered to lie for consideration

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Surgeon, is returned from
Europe with the permission
of the Honorable the Court of
Directors—

We recommend that
Mr. Joseph Street, Assistant
Surgeon, be directed to take
charge of the Sick of the 1st
Battalion of the 5th Regiment
of Native Infantry, until
further orders—

Approved

Mr. Edward Mackay
Assistant Surgeon, requests
one months leave of absence
from his station which we
accommend may be granted
as he has procured the
permission of his Commanding
Officer—

Permitted

We recommend
that Mr. John Carnie,
Assistant Surgeon, be
appointed

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approved

appointed to the 1st European Regiment, and directed to do duty with the 2d Division of that Corps at Trincomalle.

Read a Letter from Mr. John Boyce, Sub Assistant Surgeon, requesting permission to resign the Service, as in consequence of some favorable circumstances, his prospects in life have been considerably improved—

Permitted

We recommend Mr. Boyce's request may be granted, and that Mr. Daniel Barrett be appointed a Sub. Assistant Surgeon in his room—

approved.

/Signed Jas. Anderson
Physician Genl.

W. Raine
Chief Surgeon

By order of the Right Honorable the President in Council

/Signed Jos. Webbe Sec.y to Govt.

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord.

As a Provision has been

made by Government for the Widow

of Mr. Gordon. who was one of the

Head Surgeons in the Honorable —

Company's Service on this Establishment.

I flatter myself that as my Circumstances

are such as to afford me no hope

of any thing but a most scanty and

Comfortless Subsistence from them. I

shall be Excused for trespassing on

Your

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your Lordships time for a few moments to request you to take my situation into Consideration, when I have no doubt that the long services of my deceased Husband M. Lucas who filled the Station of Chief Surgeon on the Coast will operate to procure for me also a proportionate Provision—

I have the Honor to be with the most profound Respect My Lord Your Lordships very humble Servant

Vipery May 29th 1797

Signed M. Lucas

Addressed

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Ordered that the undermentioned

Issues of Cash be made from the General

Treasury

Advances of Cash ordered from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General and Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions—

To the Military Paymaster General on account of Mr. Paymasters Cochranes additional Estimate for May — Pos 2440 . 17 . 0

To Do. on account of his General Estimate for June — 2,23,033 . 29 . 13

To the Actg Commissy Genl. of Grain and Provisions for — Do. 938 — 22 — 40

To the acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for Do — 66 79 — 16 — 40

Payadas — 2,33,092 . 1 . 13

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Frances Howard Willington having obtained a Commission on His Majesty's 80th Regiment is ordered to receive his discharge from the Company's Service.—

The Commander in Chief informs the Board that Frances Howard Willington who goes by the name of Frances Williamson a private in the 2nd Regiment of European Infantry has been appointed to an Ensigncy in His Majesty's 80th Regiment by Lieutenant General Clarke and requests that a discharge may be granted the said Williamson from the Company's Service.—

Ordered accordingly.—

" Hobart

" Geo: Harris

" Edwd Saunders

" [illegible]

John Turing Esqr.—

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# Diary.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered

in Book Nos. 168 - 169 - 170 - 171 - 172 - 173 - 174 - 175 - 176 - 177 -

178 - 179. —

To the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. —

To Mr. Shardon - desiring that the Paddy in Store at Nannuel may be immediately sold off by publick Outcry. —

To the Secretary to the Committee of the Bombay Government at Tellicherry

To Mr. J. A. Grant - transmitting a Letter — addressed to the Committee received from Bengal. —

To the Offic. Comm.d. the Madras Battalion

To Captain Joseph Hill - permitting him as a reward for his zealous exertions in bringing his Corps to its present State of Discipline, to draw from the 12th. July last. a Sum equal to the average of the Rukomungi of a Corps of the same Strength with his Battalion. —

To the Collector at Rammad. —

To Mr. Jackson - desiring him to open a Correspondence with the Commanding Officer at Trincomalie on the Subject of supplying his Garrison with Cattle and Sheep - and approving his intention to limit the Investigation into

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31.st into the Nabobs Complaints & Transactions which may have occurred within the last twelve Months. —

To the Military Board

To the Military Board — referring to their Consideration an Application from Captain Sheriff upon the Subject of his Quarters. —

To Mr. Joseph Lewis at Calcutta. —

To Mr. Lewis — informing him that at this distance of time from the Period to which his Claim on account of House Rent &c.a refers, the Board cannot comply with his Application without reference to the Honble Court of Directors. —

To the Military Paym.r General. —

To Mr. Roebuck — informing him that the Sums recommended in the Auditor's Report on his general Cash Estimate for June, and Mr. Cochrane's additional Estimate for May, will be issued on his Application at the General Treasury. —

To the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions and Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks. —

To Mr. Shandon — enclosing Copies of the Auditor's Reports on his different Estimates of Cash for June, and informing him that the Sums recommended will be issued on his Application at the Treasury. —

To

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To the Commandant of Chandernaghurry — 31st. To Captain Mealy - desiring that on the — arrival in his Garrison of the two Companies of Sepoys — ordered thither from Vellore, he will detach two Companies of the 1st. Battalion 6th. Regiment under the Command of Lieut. Davies, to join Lieut. Colonel Macpherson, by the most expeditious passage which at Colmaspilly or Palamnair as that Officer may direct. —

To the Commandant of Vellore — To Colonel Sale - desiring him to detach one Company of the 1st. Battalion 6th. Regiment Native Infantry to join Lieut. Colonel Macpherson at Colmaspilly, and two Companies under Lieut. Davies to Chandernaghurry. —

To the Commandant of Amboor. — To Lieut. Colonel Macpherson - advising him of the above orders having been issued to Colonel Sale, and Captain Mealy - and enclosing Copy of a letter from the Nabob, in which he denies the charge laid against the Jaghiredar of Chittoor of having afforded protection to the Marauders Ponma and Bessop. —

To Major General Gells. — To Major General Gells - informing him that orders have been issued for paying him the proportion of the

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31st the Profits of the Arrack Agency due to the Commanding Officer at the Mount during the period of his arrest.

Received the following Letters

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council &c &c &c

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Administrator to the Estate of the Revd Mr. Bambridge requesting Permission to attend at the Nabob's Durbar in order to procure certain Documents necessary to elucidate the Nature of his Claim on the Company for the immediate payment of this Bond standing in the Name of Major Peter Davidson.

I is with extreme regret I feel myself compelled by unavoidable necessity to trouble your Lordship in Council again on the Subject of the Bond granted by his late Highness the Nabob to the late Major Peter Davidson, now in my possession, and which Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter to me dated the 12th April last mentions to be "noted in the List of unacknowledged claims which was referred to his Highness the Nabob on the 14th October 1788." The extreme peculiarity of this circumstance, together with some previous enquiries I had made on the Subject, led me to think there must be some mistake in this business which might be traced to its source.

31st. source, under this impression. Sent a Copy of the Bond to a person employed by his Highness with a request that he would inform me what objection was made to that Bond in particular when all the others which composed the remainder of the debt to Major Davidson. and each of which bore a particular reference to the Bond in question. were confirmed and paid. – the information I received on this head was that my Bond with all the others was Certified by his late Highness's order on the 23d. February 1788. and the Copy was returned to me with a Memorandum to that effect. and which I now beg leave to enclose for your Lordships's inspection. – Should any further doubts arise with regard to his Highness having acknowledged this Bond. as well as all the rest. a reference to the Books at the Durbar will. I hope remove them. or could I be indulged with permission to attend at his Highness's Durbar for this purpose alone. I am led to hope I should be able to obtain such Certificates as would convince your Lordships in Council that no objection was made by his late Highness. and that the delay which has attended the Liquidation of this Bond was merely an oversight.

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31st oversight of the Committee in the Statement they gave in to Government on that occasion, and that they acknowledged claim which they mention on account of the late Gen.l Bainbridge must be a Bond from this Highness in favor of a Captain Dibden, which Bond is now also in my possession — Considering the very disagreeable predicament in which I stand with regard to this claim, I trust and hope your Lordships in Council will not consider it improper in me to entreat, in the most earnest manner, that you will be pleased to grant this claim a reconsideration, and that you will also be pleased to grant me the means I have taken the liberty of mentioning to furnish such proofs of what I have stated on this occasion as may remove the Doubts which at present seem to exist. —

I have the honor to remain with the profoundest respect

Madras
30th May 1797. —

Y: Y:
(Signed) Peter Macey Cassin
Admr. to the Estate of the Late Gen.l Wm
Bainbridge Deceased. —

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor President in Council &c &c

Fort St. George

My Lord

I am concerned to inform your Lordship that yesterday about 4 Oclock P. M. a violent Thunder Storm set in here. - after having continued with encreased violence for half an hour. the Principal Powder Magazine on the Hill Fort. / containing upwards of 1200 Barrells of Gun Powder. / was struck by Lightning and instantly blew up with a dreadful explosion. - In consequence of which two Store Rooms contiguous to it. / in which Firelocks and various other Stores were deposited / have been totally destroyed. the Terraces having fallen in. and the Walls rent to the foundation. - the Stores however are not materially injured. - a Gun Shade has been entirely thrown down as well as a considerable part of the Wall on the East Face of the Fort. - Piles of Masonry and logs of Wood were scattered.

From the Commandant at Trayor - stating the extent of the Damage done to the Works at that Place by a Violent Thunder Storm. recommends that the Sepoy Barracks be immediately repaired - -

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38th scattered over the lower Fort which have agreed much injured the Officer's Quarters. — Mr. Shaw Conductor in Charge of the Ordnance Department, has been active in collecting and recovering such Stores as have been scattered by the explosion. and removing them from the ruins of the Store Rooms — I have ordered a Committee of Officers to ascertain accurately the damage done to the public Buildings, and the quantity of Stores lost or rendered unserviceable. The report of the Committee I shall have the honor to transmit to your Lordships — I am happy to add that no lives have been lost. but Four Seapoys of the Fort Guard are severely maimed by Stones and Splinters. —

For a former occasion I had the honor of informing your Lordships that the Seapoy Barracks were in a ruinous state, and are no longer habitable, as the Eastern is now far advanced I trust your Lordships will deem it necessary for the accommodation of the People, and safety of the Stores, that the public Buildings of the Garrison are

may

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31st may undergo such Repairs as may be judged necessary

previous to the Monsoon. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

(Signed) G. Hadow

Captain Commanding Seagar

Seagar

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

We have the honor to lay before your

Lordship in Council, two Bills amounting to Pagodas —

12.738..9..63. viz. from the late Contractors for Buildings

and Repairs for Work performed by them at Arnee —

The prescribed affirmation accompanied

the Bills to wit. and to the amount of each Estimate they

are certified to be executed by Colonel Kyd in consequence

of his having held the situation of the Chief Engineer at

the time the Buildings were erected. and as it appears

that a small charge in excess to the Estimates is included

in

From the Military Board - Bills of the Contractors for work done at Arnee recommended for Payment - propose that the extra allowance of Batta drawn by People employed in drying and sifting Gunpowder be discontinued —

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31st. in both Bills for additional work that has been performed. — although not provided for therein and which the Chief Engineer has represented to be work of propriety. We beg leave to recommend that the Charges be admitted and the Bills accordingly passed for payment. —

It having been sometimes necessary for Ordnance Officers and others employed in the operation of drying and sifting Gun Powder at this Presidency Station to draw full Batta for the period they were so employed. which appearing to us as occurring an expence not at all warranted by any extraordinary trouble or danger attending that Duty. we would accordingly recommend that a discontinuance of such allowance be notified in General Orders. —

We have the Honor to be

Sirs Sirs

Port St. George
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Signed / George Harris
" Patrick Ross
" Thomas Geils
" Wm. Sydenham
" Jno. Richardson
" B.Z. Close
" George Halle.

Josias

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Josias Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir.

From the Resident at Tanjore stated that Shurfojee is much distressed in consequence of the Rajah's failure in the annual supply of Paddy —

Shurfojee has applied to me requesting payment of the Annual Allowance due to him from Government — While he resided at Tanjore the allowance was 15,000 Callums of Paddy — in lieu of which while at Madras he received as I understand Star Pagodas 2,500 —

In order to obtain the Paddy as cheap as possible, I applied to the Rajah at Shurfojees request that his Excellency might sell him the 15,000 Callums at the fair market Price, when Grain was at its lowest rate — This would have been advantageous both to Shurfojee and the Rajah affording the latter an additional Sale of the quantity mentioned — the Rajah after much hesitation promised the quantity but has delayed giving any orders on the Subject, till Shurfojee finds himself extremely embarrassed.

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embargo laid on as to the transportation of Grain to the Fort: for the Rivers are all come down. In this Situation he will be under the necessity of purchasing Paddy at a great disadvantage; and the longer this delay, the greater will the disadvantage become. He therefore requests that the Right Honorable the President in Council may be pleased to give an order either that the usual Yearly allowance may be paid to him in Money, or such other measure adopted as may relieve him from a Reliance on his Farmers for the supply of Paddy.

There is still also a considerable arrear of the usual quarterly allowances paid by the Rajah. Shrifgee however has not mentioned that to me at present.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Alexr. Macleod
President.

Tanjore
26th May 1797.

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart.

President in Council &c &c

My Lord.

I was this day honored with Mr. Secretary Webb's letter of the 24th. Instant, written by your Lordship's order, calling on me for an explanation for the seizure of certain Artificers, as represented in a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore.—

From the Commandant at Tanjore stating the circumstances which occasioned the Rajahs complaint of his seizing certain Artificers engaged in the late Disputes amongst the Castes.—

I am extremely sorry to give your Lordship so much trouble, but I trust my answer with the enclosures will prove to the perfect satisfaction of your Lordship, that I not only did my duty, but that I acted in the most moderate and cautious manner.— the business of the Right and Left hand Cast your Lordship is already acquainted with, and the annual disturbance this Festival causes, in almost every part of the Carnatic.—

By paper marked No. 1. a letter from the Military Board, you will easily conceive, how anxious I must be

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31st. Due to put their orders into execution, which was impossible without the Company's Artificers belonging to the Garrison. And receiving the Company's pay being present. —

By paper marked No. 2. you will see the particulars of the Guard that was sent out and the cause. —

By paper marked No. 3. you will see how I acted as far as was in my power at a very early period and how very far I was from either encouraging or abetting. —

Hoping to take up as little of your Lordships time as possible, I have confined my answer to the narrowest limits, but cannot conclude, without Calling on your Lordships for information how to act, as the Artificers of His Majesty's 52nd Regiment, the Garrison of Vellore and the 36th Battalion are still prevented from returning (tho very desirous) to their duty by some Vile interference of the Polaghs people.

The absence of these Artificers causes the greatest distress to the different departments, and a total stop to the public works. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) H. Monson Major

Commanding

Vellore

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To

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Military Board Office

31st

To the Honble Major Monson

President & Mr. Members Committee of Stores

at Tanjore

Gentlemen!

The Proceedings of Committee of Stores held on the 19th Ultimo at Tanjore, having been laid before this Military Board, I am directed to inform you that it has been recommended to Government to authorize the repair of one thousand and fifty three (1053) Muskets agreeably to the Estimate for the purpose, amounting to Pagodas 907. 27. 75. as also to signify the Board's desire that the Muskets stocked with the Plumb. Tree Wood, may as expeditiously as possible be forwarded to the Presidency for the Boards inspection.

With respect to the Committee's Report on the commencement of drying and sifting Gun Powder at Tanjore, I have it in direction to intimate the desire of the Board, to be informed of the quantity of the Powder

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31st Powder that has been lost by that operation —

Shave the Barber to Lee.

Pd. Pd.

Pd. Fred.k Pierce

Lieut. Artillery Pd.

Pd. H.n Monson

Pd.

Pd.

Pd.

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31st. went outside of the Fort. as usual to Suspicion. Seized us by four Men each. and carried us by force. and put us under Confinement in a Room. locking the door on us; therefore by whom could we send word to Captain Innes of our Confinement. —

Now since five or six days they allowes us to go out for Water and Victuals on Parole. not to go away. — as soon as you receive this Oley by the Boys. send two Sepoys and we and the Artificers of the General Store will come to Sunjour. — After our arrival there Captain Innes must support us. for it will bring Shame if Captain Innes gives us punishment. — and they will turn us out of the Cast if they know that we send this Oley. — you will get a Letter from Captain Innes as promise to support us. —

N.B. The Oley was brought by two Bellows Boys of the Battalion who were carried off by the rest of the Artificers of the Battalion on the 2nd. April. —

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This being the first certain information received of the Artificers of the Battalion. and Captain Innes being anxious for

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31st for their return, on account of the great inconvenience the Battalion was put to by their absence; he sent a Sepoy unarmed and his Gardener to the palace provided not near a Village about seven Miles from the Fort. — They found the Dmaistry above named, and the two Carpenters of the Battalion with whom they were returning peaceably to the Fort: — when they were assaulted, beat in a cruel manner and the three were rescued from them and the Dmaistry severely beaten. —

The foregoing circumstances being reported by Captain Innes to the Honble Major Monson, and his protection claimed for the Men forced from the Battalion and detained Prisoners, he was pleased to give Captain Innes directions to detach a Serjeant's Guard with orders to secure and protect the Artificers of the General Stores. 52nd Regiment and 36th Battalion, and the head men who were the cause of the trouble and assault on the Sepoy and Artificers. — The Guard was sent off accordingly on the Night of the 1st. May and returned in the Morning early — with

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31st with the Uncle of one of the Head Men, and two armed Artificers employed as Hircarrahs, on whom an Oley was found, which was delivered to Major Monson, and the three Men lodged in the Main Guard. - The Serridar could procure no other information of the Artificers, than that they had been removed the preceding Morning to some of the other Villages - and his orders did not permit him to follow them ~

The Artificers of the 36th Battalion continued at work near one Month after the Artificers of the Palace had combined, and quitted the Garrison in consequence of a dispute between the Right and left hand Casts - but their forcing the Company's Servants into it is a new business and may be attended with very serious consequences to the Service if not put a stop to. - Captain Innes had engaged a new set of Artificers for the Battalion at Pulicat only; but those belonging to this Palace, by threats prevented their Coming, and Captain Innes understands

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N.B. understand the Paymaster was in the same manner

disappointed in regard to Rum for the General Stores.

Sanjour

14th May 1797.

[signed] James Innes

Capt. Comm.g 96th Regt. N.I.

To the Honble. Major Monson

Commanding

Sir. Sanjour

The order that was Some Time ago issued for the little Fort on the 28th. March last. was that of any of the Officers Black Servants, or Cook Boys belonging to the Soldiers molested or interfered with the people of the left hand Cast. they would be severely punished.

I am

&c. &c.

Sanjour

28th May 1797.

[signed] J. D. Breuler

Town Majr.

Sent the following Letters.

To

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31st

To Major General Braithwaite

Commanding at

Pondicherry

Sir

I am directed to inform you that the Right Honble the President in Council upon full consideration of the Correspondence which has passed with you upon the means of restoring the Administration of Justice in Pondicherry has been pleased to pass the enclosed Minute of Council for the Establishment and regulation of a tribunal of Police at that place: you will therefore be pleased to carry the said Minute of Council into effect with all convenient expedition — —

For this purpose the Right Honble the President in Council has been pleased to appoint the following Establishment of Officers for the Tribunals of Justice — —

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mons.r Mollet | President | 170 | Rupees per Month |
| Mons.r Gerard | Member | 110 | Ditto |
| Mons.r Collin | Ditto | Ditto | Ditto |
| Mons.r Beaufort | Ditto | Ditto | Ditto |
| Mons.r St. Paul | Ditto | Ditto | Ditto |
| Mons.r Caillaud | Procureur du Roi | 165 | Ditto |
| Mons.r Collindon | Greffier | 100 | Ditto |
| Mons.r Mollet Junior | Greffier | Ditto | Ditto |

to the Tribunal of Revision and Arrangement as also to the Tribunal of the administration — —

In

To the Commandant at Pondicherry — inclosing the Minute of Council for Establishing the new Tribunals of Justice at Pondicherry — Instructions on the subject thereof — Establishment of the Police Department commanded by him approved — —

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31st.

In consequence of this arrangement the present Pension of fifty Rupees per Month to Mons. Mallet ceases from the Establishment of the Tribunal of Justice, which however is not to affect the pension of Mons. Mallet Senr. -

The President in Council has also been pleased to acquiesce in the recommendation contained in your letter of 13th. January for a police Establishment amounting to Rupees 494 per Month. -

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(signed) J. Webbe

Sec. to Government

To Messrs. Chase Sewell & Chase.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th. Instant. and to inform you that the Right Honble the President in Council does not consider himself at liberty to purchase the Ordnance and

To the attorney for the Columbo Prize agents acquainting them that Government are not at liberty to purchase the Ordnance and Military Stores without the previous sanction of the Court of Directors. -

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31st and Military Stores from the Captors on Ceylon without previously obtaining the sanction of the Court of Directors for that purpose. —

I am
&c &c
(Signed) I. Webbe
Sec.y to Government

Fort St. George
30th May 1797.

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated 23d 25th 26th and 30th Instant. —

The President in Council entirely approves the grounds upon which you have made Retrenchments — amounting to Pagodas 223.16.40. from the accounts of the Paymaster in the Baramahal. but in consideration of the Servants being actually in employ when Captain Conner took charge of the Office and of his affirmation that the Sums charged have been actually paid. the President

To the Military Auditor General - retrenchments on Captain Conners account entitled - Decision on Lieut.t Colonel Macaly Charges on account of House Rent and Miscarriage Staff allowances drawn by Lieut.t Braidwall as Field Adjutant to the Troops in the Vizagapatam District &c. &c. entitled - orders respecting the temporary Barrack Built at Vizagapatam authority given him to compound with the parties from whom Mr Garrow is entitled to claim Reimbursement of unauthorized charges. and to open a Head of "agents

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"agents for the publick Property found at Malacca and other Dutch Settlements to the Eastward"- the Gratuity allowed to the families of Sepoys who die on foreign Service extended to the families of Lascars artificers and Pushkallies or equivalent for off reckonings allowed to Captain Hill- and payment of Arrack Money ordered to be made to Major General Goddard for the period of his arrest.-

31st President in Council forbears to insist upon the overpaid the Amount.-

Upon a perusal of your reference upon this Subject it has occurred to the President in Council that much inconvenience might be avoided, if the Governor Paymasters should immediately upon the receipt of your audit discontinue the objectionable disbursements without awaiting the result of an Appeal.-

The President in Council cannot deviate from the established regulations of the Service, and therefore confirms the retrenchment which you have made from the amount charged by Lieut.t Colonel Munro for Horsekeep.-

The President in Council is fully sensible of the necessity which Lieut.t Colonel Munro has stated of employing Harcarrahs beyond the period to which the Audit had limited his charge on that account; and therefore directs that the sum charged may be admitted; but this allowance is not to be continued to the Officer who

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31st. who has succeeded Lieut.t Colnl. Mecat. in the Command of the Vizagapatam district.—

As the President in Council is fully impressed with a sense of the judicious arrangements made by Lieut.t Colnl. Mecat. and of the beneficial consequences which followed them in suppressing the disturbances of that district. his Lordship will have much pleasure in reimbursing him for any expences he may have incurred for intelligence (not included in the above allowance for Harcarahs) upon the usual affirmation in such cases.—

As Lieutenant Mc. Dowal has been permitted to draw the arrears of a Quarter master. the President in Council cannot consent that he should also draw the staff allowance of field adjutant to the Troops in the field: and therefore confirms the retrenchment you have made on this account.—

The President in Council confirms the retrenchment which you have made of forty Pagodas per Month for the rent of a barrack at Vizagapatam:

last

3425 Fort St. George 8 May 1797.

31st Last as the temporary building appears to have been erected for the accommodation of the Troops, and to have been since employed for that purpose, the President in Council is willing to reimburse the Barrack Master in the amount of the original cost, and of the subsequent repairs which must be established on oath.—

The President in Council authorizes you to enter into correspondence with the Officers from whom Mr. Garrow is entitled to receive for advancements made in his accounts, with the view of bringing that matter to a final close.—

In compliance with your recommendation the President in Council permits you to open in your Books, the head of "Agents for the public property saved "at Malacca and other Dutch Settlements to the Eastward".—

The President in Council can have no hesitation in directing that the gratuity granted by the General order of 19th March to the families of Sepoys, may be extended to those of the Syces and Lascars and privates

3426 Fort St. George 30th May 1797.-

31st privates of the Gun and Garrison Lascars who may die or be killed on foreign Service, as well as to the Puckallies and artificers not included in Corps; and a General Order has on according to your suggestion been published on that head.-

The President in Council is pleased to permit Captain Joseph Hill Commanding the Madras Battalion to draw a Sum equal to the average Off reckonings of a Corps of that strength from the 12th July last as a reward for the Zealous exertions of that Officer in bringing the Battalion to its present state of discipline.-

The President in Council is pleased to desire that the Military Paymaster may be authorized to pay to Major General Geils the Sum of 13.513.18. being the amount of profit on the sales of Arrack which was distributed to Lieut. Colonel Smith during the arrest of General Geils from 1st July to 31st January 1796.-

Tanam's Cash

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(signed) J. Webbe

Sec. to Government

Fort St. George
30th May 1797.-

Received

3427 Fort St. George — May 1797 —

31st Received the undermentioned Letters entered in

MD. Nos. 180-181-182-183-184-185-186.—

From the Officer Commanding the Bengal Detachment

From Major General Erskine — acknowledging receipt of the Board's orders relative to the disposal of the Troops under his Command. and desiring Information & regarding the manner in which Major Hyndmans Detachment is to be paid and furnished with Stores. —

From the Military auditor General.

From Major General Sydenham — enclosing his Audits on the account of the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops from the 25th February to the 24th March 1797. —

From Captain A. Sinclair. —

From Captain Sinclair — advising of his arrival at Chemundalum Cantonment, and of his leaving delivered over charge of this Detachment to Lieut.t Colonel Orr. the Commanding Officer. —

From the Adjutant General on Ceylon to the adjutant General of the army. —

From Major Agnew — requesting that Government will reimburse the losses sustained by a party of the Corps in consequence of the sinking of a Boat in which they were crossing a River on duty. —

From Brigadier General De Meuron. —

From Brigadier General De Meuron. requesting

3428 Fort St. George — May 1797.—

31st That Government will publish in G.O. the promotion of Captain Lieut.t J.F. Meyer to be Captain of a Company Vice De Meuron De la Tour deceased. and Lieut.t E. Merkie to be Captain Lieut.t Vice Meyer promoted.—

From Ditto. requesting permission to select from the Companies at Vellore thirty Men to be incorporated into the Flank Companies of the Regiment and to supply the place of the Men so drafted by an equal detail from Pondamallie.—

From Major General Floyd. advising of the return of Major Cuppage Detachment into Garrison.—

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly.—

June — 2nd Received a Letter from the Nabob. entered in C.C No 59. stating that Captain Forbes has forcibly obliged the Inhabitants to contradict the Circumstances set forth in the Malcapes which his Highness lately forwarded to Government.—

Substance of a letter from the Nabob—

Received the following Letters.—

To

3429 Fort St. George 2 June 1797.

2d

To J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir.

From Captain N Forbes. in reply to the Complaints preferred against him by the Nabob. relative the Malwaze said to have been written by the Inhabitants to him most that same a forgery and that those people who had signed it did so thro fear, and were entirely ignorant of its purport. original Documents in proof of his assertions inclosed.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 26th Instant. accompanied by a Copy of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob to Government. a Malwaze and other papers containing numerous accusations of a very serious Nature indeed against me, which had I been guilty of, I should consider myself unworthy of holding my present or any Situation in the Service.-

I cannot with-hold expressing my surprize that his Highness the Nabob would have made such representations on Vague assertions, and which will appear to have been unjustly obtained against me by the Renter of this place, who has solely propagated these groundless charges- The peculiar nature of which if true must involve my reputation, Bread and every thing that is dear to me in this Life, and I consequently consider myself

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2nd myself much indebted to the liberality of the Right Honble the President in Council, giving me so just and fair an opportunity of exculpating myself from such horrible and malignant fabrications: which I trust I shall be able fully to accomplish: and hope for his Lordships further indulgence should my replys appear Defective, the charges alledged being Multifarious.—

The Mahzar, which it would seem this Highness wishes to impress, as indicating the greatest culpability on my part from the number of respectable Signatures affixed to it, I must confess I feel much astonishment on perusing, and being perfectly conscious of the unfounded assertions therein contained. I conceived it a duty incumbent in me to assemble as many of the Persons whose Names appeared to this Paper as could be collected / some being detained by the Renter in his Cutcherie and thereby prevented attending / in order to ascertain personally upon what grounds, and by what united — Instigation

3431 Fort St. George 2 June 1797.

2nd Investigation they could have been prevailed on to subscribe their Names to such a collection of diabolical falsehoods & and without troubling his Lordship with further comment I beg leave to refer to the accompanying voluntary declaration of fourteen out of the Nineteen said to have affixed their Signatures to the several charges contained in the Markzar (No 1.) which declaration was Publickly taken in the presence of Mr. assistant Surgeon McKay - Dhall Kistna Native Commandant the Subidar of my Company - Mahomed Razah - Giranaje Pantalew a principal Head Renter and other respectable Inhabitants. whose affadavits will be found attesting that the several declarations were Voluntarily made in their presence, and subscribed to in the individual hand Writing of each person the whole Markzar having been previously translated into Gentoos that they might the better understand its contents. -

I beg leave to send an attested Copy of their Several Declarations in Gentoos and English. as also the translation made from the Markzar as above

Stated

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2.nd stated of what is pretended they have asserted against me. and rest satisfied that the above voluntary declarations being in such direct contradiction to the pretended charges said to be exhibited against me by those very people, will at once appear to His Lordships impartial Judgement and Discernment. that the whole must have originated and been maliciously fabricated by the Punter himself: from what cause I really cannot possibly divine. unless I have incurred this Mans insatiable Enmity. by discharging my duty in reporting to Government the illegal assumption of Criminal Jurisdiction exercised by him here. and I shall only observe. that with respect to the subtility of the egregious charges contained in the Markyar. it will clearly appear by the accompanying voluntary declarations that many of the Persons whose names are affixed were not present at the time of its formation. or had authorized any person to affix their Names to it. and were totally ignorant of any such transactions.- consequently such an illegal act amounts to a direct Forgery. which places the Lives

and

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2nd and Character of the best disposed and most innocent persons.
in a precarious and evidently dangerous predicament. if such
Vile conduct be found to meet sanction, as in the present instance
from His Highness the Nabob. ~

The Vague and idle assertion of the Nabobs
Sepoys being prevented from passing into the Fort. Lead to much
absurdity about Langooties &c &c ~ I presume will be deemed in
itself truly ridiculous, and could be only intended to mislead
and deceive His Highness. On this Head I declare on my Honor
no alteration or other regulation has taken place, but what
has been the usage and Custom with all former Commanders since
my appointment to this Station, and which is in strict confor-
mity to the orders of Government, made over to me by my
predecessor, and were in succession consequence of the Nabobs Troops
with their then Renter at their Head, having forced their Gates
of the Garrison by knocking down the Centry and disarming
the Guards, and thereby effectually doing away the Authority
of the Commanding Officer, which proceedings are to be found
upon record. Indeed had no such order existed, the established

customs

2nd. custom of the Service prevents the admittance of any armed force into a Garrison, without a request being made to the Commanding Officer, and his previous sanction obtained. The latter has never been refused by me when applyed for. but such necessary application it would seem is considered by the present Punter / Vanhot Jan Brannen / as a degradation. The reply said to be given by me to a message from the Punter marked by inverted commas. is really too absurd I should hope to be attended to. - The Armidar is never prevented from coming into. or going out of the Fort as often as he may think proper and attended by the prescribed number of armed attendants. and the usual Courtesy Mussick. with which he does not appear to be satisfyed. conceiving himself entitled to Military Parade, and his arrival in. or departure from the Fort. to be announced by Drummers and Fifers beating the Grenadiers March before him which of course I could not with propriety admit of - To follow every particular charge and reply to them in the minute manner they are stated. would I apprehend be

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2nd. by engrossing too much of his Lordships time —

The charge of my having ordered the Com-
manding Officer of Rampore with Fifty Sepoys to Guardoor
on my particular business must of itself appear highly
ridiculous to his Lordship, nor did such a thought ever
solemnly declare ever enter my Mind. Captain Ridge is
my Senior and of course not subject to my orders, nor can
I imagine he would have attended to any such absurd a
requisition had I been so deficient of common sense as to have
required it, and my Subsidiary deposition which accompanys
this, will fully serve to paint that part of the anecdote in
false assertions in their true light. —

And I am now really at a loss for words
sufficiently to express the just indignation I feel on the
horrible charge of being in any way accessary directly
or indirectly to the Death of a fellow Creature — My God!
What an assemblage of depravity and Malevolence the
Wretch must possess, who had dared to charge me with
so Criminal and Sanguinary a Crime; The Man who

Sir

3436 Fort St. George 2 June 1797.-

2nd I am stated to have treated with so much inhumanity never in his Life did me the smallest injury. nor did I them. either in thought. word. or deed. and to be thus charged with such an act. makes my very Blood shudder. - Ellen Kistnaridy the Man in question. I do not recollect to have seen more than once or twice in my life. and the last was on his coming to my House soliciting me to use my influence with Doctor M.Kay to afford him his Medical aid. for the cure of an abass or some such complaint. that he had laboured under a considerable time. and which was ultimately the cause of the poor Mans Death. as will more fully appear by the accompanying Certificate N.o 3. of Doctor M.Kay who attended him until his Death. - And I hope his Lordship will be pleased to Notice with his highest disapprobation such diabolical conspiracies: I may in fact say against my Life. - I must beg permission to observe in reply to this Highness's great apprehension of my wreaking my Vengeance upon his poor Ryotts on my being made acquainted

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2nd. acquainted with the present Complaints being made against me, That had the Inhabitants of this District never experienced more harsh, or ill treatment than they have received at my Hands they would have much reason to rejoice indeed- as I can truly aver I never exercised any other Authority than that of Administering Strict Justice within the Fort.- the subject of Complaint as Stated against me in the Paper of the 18th. Instant. instead of being a matter of Complaint, was an egregious offence on the part of the Renter. having Ordered one of the Nabob's Sepoys to be rescued on my sending him under charge of a Centoe to represent to the Renter the nature of the Mans offence, and all the I had repeatedly demanded the Restitution of the offender. he positively refused giving him up. and when he found me determined to support my Authority. he only by the persuasion of (Syed Casam) one of the Nabobs Native Officers, who brought the prisoner and delivered him up to my Guard. and instead of being Inflexible to all intercession and ordering the Prisoner to be flogged out of the Fort as falsely Stated. I in fact ordered him

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2.nd him to be ordered early on the following Morning in consider-
=ation of the accommodating conduct of the Native Commandant
/Syed Casim/ on the occasion: altho' it was not the life —
sensible of the improper and contumacious Conduct the
Renter had observed to me, and professed to my Subidar a total
indifference of my authority. which circumstance I could
not have failed as my duty reporting to Government. but
felt averse to give so much trouble. Having since gone at length
into a more minute reply than I could have wished to trouble
ylis Lordship with: but the Nature and Magnitude of the
Charges exhibited against me, and are again/ as the Renter
sent me word yesterday /preparing afresh - feeling as I suppose
a disappointment at the honest declaration of the Inhabitants
disavowing the purport of the several charges. to which their
Names had been affixed without the consent or knowledge
of the greatest part of them. and he now does not hesitate
avowing publickly in his Cutcherry of effecting my Disgrace
and consequent Removal. should such cost them Five Thousand
Pagodas. which premeditated and persevering Malignity

I trust.

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2nd. Street will only tend to frustrate with this Lordships this
ill disposed Mans Inveteracy towards me. —

I have the Honor to be

Nellore
31st. May 1797. —

&c &c

/signed/ Nath.l Forbes
Captain Commanding

Copy of the Tentoo declarations with the English translation of the
People whose Signatures are said to be affixed to the Mahzar. —

N.o 1. I declare when the Mahzar was written that
I was not at Nellore, or do I know any thing about it. —

/signed/ Canam Boodie.
Mootal Reddy.

2. That ten People were present at the Kutcherie
when I was desired to sign the Mahzar, but I declare that I
know nothing of the Contents. —

/signed/ Cheda Leerdeeda Vorda Charloo.

3. At the time the Mahzar was written I knew
nothing of the Contents, but being desired I signed it in the
presence of Several People then present. —

/signed/ Vankatroon Vackell.
Sid Abdul Kader Khan Kellidar Killie
overdue hurry — &c

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2nd 4. I saw nothing of the Contents of the Makzar but was desired by the Circar Writers to sign it. which I did

Test. —

(signed) Pegada Row. Narsoo Cull
Curney Nellore

5. Exactly as the foregoing. —

(signed) Paula Chuna Nersoo Reddy

6. I was sent for to the Kitchenee and ordered to put my Name to the Makzar. which I did from seeing others do so. but knew nothing of the contents. —

(signed) Padiconda Sheyshow
Gomasta Chelletur Kistnama Neidoo
Polygar.

7. I declare that I was not present when Chilledevi Gomasta signed the Makzar for Corla Var my Master —

(signed) Vanthayalpettah
Ramana Gomasta to
Mootada Venketatey.

8. I never signed my Name to the Makzar. or do I know any thing about it. —

(signed) Seshum Reddy
Shashandry Reddy

9 L

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2nd. Trust will only tend to frustrate with this Lordship this ill disposed Manis Insolency towards me.—

I have the Honor to be

Nellore
31st. May 1797.—

&c &c

/signed/ Nath.l Forbes
Captain Commanding

Copy of the Telugu declarations with the English translation of the People whose Signatures are said to be affixed to the Mahzar.—

No.1. I declare when the Mahzar was written that I was not at Nellore, or do I know any thing about it.—

/signed/ Canam Boodie.
Mootal Reddy.

2. That the People were present at the Kutcherie when I was desired to sign the Mahzar, but I declare that I know nothing of the Contents.—

/signed/ Chedaleerdeen Vorda Chardoo.

3. At the time the Mahzar was written I knew nothing of the Contents, but being desired I signed it in the presence of Several People then present.—

/signed/ Vankatrow Vackell.
Syd Abdul Kader Khan Killedar Killie
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Fort St. George — June 1797. —

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/Signed/ Pegada Row. Narsoo Cull
Curney Nellore

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Gomasta Collector Kistnama Neidoo
Polygar.

7. I declare that I was not present when Chilledevi Gomasta signed the Makzar for Corla Var my Master —

/Signed/ Vanchayalpittah
Ramana Gomasta to
Mootada Venkatatary.

8. I never signed any Name to the Makzar. or do I know any thing about it. —

/Signed/ Suchum Reddy
Shashaindry Reddy

9 L

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2nd D. 9. Exactly as the foregoing

(Signed) Tremuel Reddy Venkata Reddy

10. Exactly as the above.

(Signed) Pauper Reddy Nanaia Reddy

11. I never put my Name to the Makzer or did my Partner Basheer Reddy.

(Signed) Pomocotty Venkatareddy

12. I did sign my Masters Name but I know nothing of the Contents of the Makzer.

(Signed) Roosonarow Vankana

Gomasta Verderid.s.

13. I signed the Paper to the following purport viz.

I know Captain Frazer allowed any Natives to go to come into the Garrison without his leave.

I know the Renter sent to Captain F. to know if it was by the orders of the Governor in Council that he prevented the Natives from coming into the Fort. or whether it was by his own Order.- what the answer was I know not.

I know

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2nd I know nothing of allowances being granted to Captain F.
further than by hearsay. ~

I know Captain F. never prevented the Renter from entering
the Fort. but would not admit the Sepoys without leave ~
leave. ~

I know that the two Gardens alluded to in the Makzar
were in the possession of the Circar formerly. and that they
are at present in the possession of Captain F. but whether
he took them by force or not I dont know. ~

I know that the Garden on the East side of the Fort. formerly
was a Revenue of 20 Pagodas per Annum. and that the
one in the Fort was a Revenue of 12. Pagodas per Annum.

We have had no dealings with Captain Forbes. ~

I never saw any paper of agreement from Captain F. ~
about Grain Customs. but only heard there were such. ~

I know it is customary to Pay Custom for goods brought
to the Fort. but not for any thing brought for private use. ~

I know that when the people went to beat Tom Tom for
Marriages

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2nd Marriages or other purposes they always apply to Captain F. for leave — —

I never know Captain F. interfere in the Collections of the Country. — I know Captain F. beat the Arrack Godowns upon the same footing that Captain Dighton formerly had. — I know that Monsieur Brodelier has been between 7 and 8 years in this Garrison. During that time all the Commanding Officers during that time. but I know nothing of his having taken Bribes from the Inhabitants. or his having made any Disturbances. but is good friends with all the Inhabitants about the place. —

I never knew any Sepoys belonging to the Company make the least disturbance, or interfering with the Country People. —

I heard in the Kutcherie that 56 Sepoys had been sent to Gundoor, but know nothing of the Gundoor or Arnee Boy having Deserted. —

I know

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2.nd I know nothing of Captain F. having taken Compound Interest from Korla Verra Reddy.-

I know not that Captain F. made any disturbance with Ellore Narain Reddy or Ervum Reddy Kistna Reddy

I declare that I wrote the Makzar entirely by the desire of the Renter.-

I know that the Gundor Inhabitants did not run away but are with the Amildar at Mottal Paado.-

I wrote the above as having come within my knowledge.-

Signed/ Mootoo Cauy Rama Chundroo.

Palaverum of Circar Certapilly &c.-

14. Signed the Makzar as I commonly do. all Prospers for

Reeka Rauy Venkata Narsoo Nilla Currec.

15. Syed Hussain } Detained by the Renter at

16. Chercomoody Pauspanah } his House.-

17. Moongamooty Soobanah. Absent from the Fort

18. Mahomed Ebram ... Ditto.

19.

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2nd. 19. Defore Teddy Mootoul Teddy — No such Name in the District or is to be known by any of the People that were present. —

The above are the Signatures in the Hand writing of each person respectively, and taken in the presence of — without any kind of Compulsion. —

(Signed) Em.Kay Assistant Surgeon
. Ball Kistna Comm.dt
. Pretaub Sing. —
. Mahomed Raza Subr.
. Gennaga Pontalow —

Nellore
30th. May 1797. —

(A true Copy)
(Signed) Shashapah
(A true Copy of the English Translation)
(Signed) Em.Kay. —

Mahomed Rasah Subidar in the 5th. Company 2nd. Battalion 9th. Regiment Native Infantry being duly Sworn agreable to the Custom of his Cast maketh Oath. that he never knew or heard of Captain Forbes Com= manding — having at any time employed any of the Company's

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2nd Company's Sepoys composing this Garrison or any other duty except that appertaining to the Company's Service.

Taken at Vellore this 31st Day of May 1797.

Witness
Signed/ Em. Kay.

I do hereby Certify and am ready to testify on Oath that Ellore Kistna Reddy. who I understood to be a principal Renter of the Village of Gundoor applied to me on or about the 20th of March last for my advice. His case was an abcess on the Back. under which I learnt he had laboured for upwards of four Months. When I saw him the abcess extended from below the Shoulders to the Loins. which abcess I opened and regularly dressed twice a day. but from the length of time. and the immense discharge of matter that had formed. the Man / tho Robust / acquired from Debility— That during the period I attended the above Reddy. which was about five and Twenty days. I never observed or understood that he laboured under any oppression. or excepting when harrassed by Circar Sepoys. and that I

Thought

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2nd Thought too frequent, and was under the necessity of sometimes preventing - the debilitated State in which the Man was. - requiring rest both of Body and Mind. -

Nellore
31st May 1797.

/Signed/ Em.l Kay Asst.te Surgeon
Garrison of Nellore

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart.
Governor in Council.

My Lord,

From the Chief Engineer, recommends that a Mount work be raised on the Salient angles of the two Faces. Estimate of the Expence enclosed. -

Permit me to call your attention to the present State of the Repair of the Sea Line of Fort St. George, it having already remained unfinished fifteen years. - and to represent to your Lordship, that the arches of the Casemates having been thereby so long deprived of their necessary Superincumbent weight, now begin to fail the want of that protection - Admitting the water to soak through in several places. - and if some measure be not speedily taken for their preservation, the most serious ill Consequences are to be apprehended, especially should the heavy Guns placed on the Cittern be repeatedly fired. -

H.

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2nd It was the original intention to have the Guns for the defence of the Sea face put upon the advanced works. purposely left without Cisterns: and that they should be mounted on Carriages of a proper Construction for the situation of which Description Ten Carriages are at the Arsenal in readiness to be put in Battery as the works being completed—

This would relieve us from all apprehension of Injury to the Cisterns by the firing of the Guns now Standing over them: and from every Inconvenience that may attend the Recoil of Guns on trial Carriages. quickly fired upon a Narrow Rampart: and would greatly contribute to the general appearance of the place, as well as materially add to its Defence: The formation of the new Carriages admitting of the Guns being wrought by a very Small proportion of Artillery Men.—

I therefore take the Liberty of submitting to your Lordship an Estimate of the Expence required to complete the most Essential part of these works.—

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
2nd June 1797.

[Signed] Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer M. G.

Estimate

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2nd Estimate of the Expence of Completing the Revetment of the advanced Works of the East Front.—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Brick Work in Chunam Cub. feet 111305 @ 2. 20. 5 C. p. foot | 616 | 14 | 20. |
| Wall Brick on Edge 1 Course in Chunam Sup.l. feet 1028. @ 2. 29. 40 per Square | 27. | 32 | 62. |
| Wall Brick flat 1 Course in Chunam Sup.l. feet 60 @ 1. 15. 60 p. Square | | 34 | 62. |
| Silly and Chunam Sup.l. feet 11278 @ 2. 31. 30 p. Square | 321 | 30 | 58. |
| Terrace Brick 1 Course flat in Chunam Sup.l. feet 11007 at 1. 11. 40 p. Square | 140 | 8 | 59. |
| Plaistering with 2 Coats Chunam Sup.l. feet 11007 @ 2 p. p. Square | 220 | 5 | 70. |
| Gravel of 5 Inches deep - Sup.l. feet 11007 at 4 Pag.s p. Square | 440 | 11 | 60 |
| Blue Stone in Chunam to the Ramp. Sup.l. feet 12. @ 6 fan.s p. foot | 1 | 30 | . |
| Iron Stone in Chunam to do. - Sup.l. feet 12. at 3 fan.s p. foot | | | 36 " |
| Blue Stone Scarp and Brick Work for 10 Guns at 10 Pagodas each | 100 | " | " |
| 30 Rock Wood Fascines for the Scarp pieces | 8 | 24 | " |
| Pagodas | 1878 | 18 | 61 |

Estimate

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## Estimate of the Expence of Completing the Rampart of the Curtain East Front. ~

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|---|---|---|
| Terrace Bricks one Course flat in Chunam Sup.ᵉ feet 13.979 @ 1. 11. 4⁰ ℔ᵗ Square ~ | } | 178. 2. 61 |
| Selly in Chunam D.ᵒ 13.979 @ 2. 31. 3⁰ ℔ᵗ Square ~ | | 384 ~ 22 |
| Plaistering with 2 Coats Chunam Sup.ᵉ feet 27.881 @ 2 Pag.ᵗˢ ℔ᵗ Square ~ | } | 557 26 3 |
| Gravel 5 Inches deep Sup.ᵉ feet 27.881 @ 4 Pag.ᵗˢ ℔ᵗ Square ~ | | 1,115 10 6 |
| Clay and Selly 6 Inches deep over the Cashroom. Cub.ᵗ feet 1.800 | | 25 ~ ~ |
| 20 Red Wood Gratings for Scuppers ~ | | 5 30 ~ |
| Pagodas ~ | | 2,265 27 12 ~ |

## Abstract of the Amount of the Estimate of the Expence of Completing the Ramparts of the Curtains and advanced Works of the East Front. ~

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|---|---|
| Completing the Ramparts of the advanced Work ~ | 1878 18 61. |
| Ditto the Rampart of the Curtains ~ | 2265.27.12 |
| Pagodas ~ | 4144 3 73 |

(Signed) Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer M.E.

To

3451 Fort St. George 2nd June 1797.

2nd

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir

From Lieut.t Colonel Macpherson inclosing copy of the agreement concluded with Mudumpelly Poligar for the Payment of 8078½ Rupees as an equivalent for the Property plundered from the Mysore Country people returning to Canbore with the principal part of his Detachment leaving a small party to give Confidence to the Inhabitants.—

No Answer having arrived to the Proposition I had the honor to mention in my last of the 25th Instant. Meer Ally Khan and myself conceived it expedient not to delay any longer coming to some termit with the Sultaun's People here.— Contrary to the Twelve Thousand Pagodas which was mentioned in the Asoph's Letter, it was found upon examination of their accounts, from the People of the different small Villages, which had been plundered, the total amount only came to Eighteen Thousand Rupees.— Upon arguing and assuring to the impossibility of such an enormous Sum having been in these Villages. The Sultaun and People, it was agreed to reconsider the accounts and in consequence gave us as their opinion that 8.078½ Rupees was the just compensation.— To this Sum they strenuously adhered against all our arguments.

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2nd arguments and for the sake of speedy adjustment. of so — disagreeable a business. We acquiesced upon the following Conditions. — Viz. that as His Highness the Nabobs Circar was only responsible immediately for the share which fell to Dasipa Naig. late Polygar of this Place. that consequently it would be proper to divide the said Sum 8,078½ Rupees supposed to be the amount of the Plunder. into four equal parts. — one for the Colmas fully Mar. for which His Highness the Nabobs Circar was responsible. in consequence of the positive proof of His delinquency. — and the other three for Tummah — Bishop. and Chinnum Naigum. who according to the best accounts we could obtain had each their share. — To this after some considerable demur. the Sultaums People agreed. — and the — enclosed, signed, and sealed by Venketakisama sichachil a patamaiden the Polygar. and principal person sent here from the Sultaum upon this occasion. — In addition to this. I beg leave to signify that it was my humble opinion. that this Sum of 8.078½ Rupees. was too trifling to make any division of. between the Circar of His Highness the Nabob. and that of the — Sultaum

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2nd Sultaun. Fateh us Sound that Meer ally Khan was very averse to this from his apprehensions, that little or no Revenue could be collected from the Almost fully Ceded Country, for some time to come, and that the other persons who might be equally Culpable with him might be in a still longer period without being detected - I therefore gave my consent and to agreable thereto, the enclosed Paper contains a Copy of the same tenor is given to them to be forwarded. Signed and Sealed by Meer Ally Khan and myself to their Superiors - and still pending upon their approbation, as well as that of ours - Meer Ally Khan has requested I would continue in these parts from 70 to 80 Men for the present, to countenance the Inhabitants and establish Quietness - With the remainder of the two Companys I shall proceeding tomorrow Morning to Ambur with a view of Opening as soon, and as much as possible the expence incurred from Batta &c which may not be immediately necessary - The three Companys which I have already recommended to be sent to those Parts, I am perfectly convinced within my own mind will be necessary, and

for that purpose

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2d. perhaps much sooner than they will be ordered notwithstanding the Detachment I have in those parts. I beg leave to acquaint in mentioning that I have not received a line in reply to what I have written on this Subject.- since the first orders of Government with which I was honored to proceed on this Duty.-

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) A. Macpherson Lieut. Col.

Camp Amapolly
above the Ghauts
20th May 1797.-

Translation of a Gunta Agreement from Veeata Kistnama Sashashellapaty Naig Zemindar of Madanapullay. Dated 19th Vyauseu of Nala year or 2nd Jelaje Jyeu 1211 answering to 29th May 1796.-

Having furnished Colonel Macpherson Commandant of Amboor and Mahavally Cawn Sahib of Amildar of Amboor and Sautghur with an account to the amount of Rupies 8078½ being the property of the Inhabitants plundered by Chinneen Nauga Summah and Bijapah in Goonda Amurra &c Villages in the above Districts of Madanapullay. the Colonel and Cawn Sahib

consulted

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2nd. combulled together and settled. that the three Shares of —
Bispah. Sumrah and Shimeon Negre amounted to —
Pagodas 6058-14. should be paid by them if they may be
found but if they will not be found. the Peligar of their —
Country who may be found to have given them assistance.
shall be considered as Guilty and made accountable for
the Amount of these three Shares. the fourth Share amounting
to Pagodas 2019.10. is ordered to be paid by Dumbapah Naig
of Channchenapelly in consequence of his having given
protection and assistance to those three Persons. Shave —
agreed for this decision and given this agreement voluntarily
Dated. Fort St. George. Chowltry of Pingalee the 29th May 1797 —
(Signed) Rayastree Venkatachiteramma Sathuchullapelly Naido.

(A Stone Translation)

(Signed) Anna Sawmy
Interpreter.

The

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord.

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship Copies of Lists of Stores issued to and received from the Bombay Troops on the Island of Ceylon in the Months of March and April last, together with a Return and abstract of Provisions served to the same Detachment from the 1st. February 1796. to the 30th. April 1797. for the purpose of being forwarded to Bombay as suggested in a Letter addressed to your Lordship by the Governor in Council at that Presidency under date the 2nd. of December 1796.—

I have annexed the Madras rates to the List of Stores in order that it may be known at Bombay how much that Presidency stands charged for on this account—

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

&c &c

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Mily. Aud. Genl.

From the Military Auditor General — enclosing further Returns of Stores and Provisions delivered to and received from the Detachment of Bombay Troops serving on Ceylon.—

Rec'd

Military Auditor
Genl's Office
Fort St. George
2nd June 1797.—

March

March 11th Issued to a Detachment of the Grenadier Battalion as p.r Indent ..... 1 A 44 D F C Musquets 2

Cartridges Musquet Shotted ..... 150 . . . 3 4 16

23rd Do the 1st Division of the Grenadier Battalion as p.r Indent

Cartridges Musquet Shotted ..... 7.000 . . 38 . .

Pagodas 38 34 16

Columbo
1st April 1797.

A true Copy

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

(Signed) J.n G. Scott
Commiss.y of Stores

Ceylon Inventories 1797

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Fort St. George 9th. Octr. 1797.

Sir

Madras Yates

1 a w B. F C

Issued to the Grenadier Battalion in April 1797.-

1797.
April 9th. Issued for the use of the 2nd Division Grenadier Battalion

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cartridges Musquet Shotted | 5.000 | " | 276. | | | |
| Received from the Grenadier Battalion | | | | | | |
| Cartridges Musquet Shotted | | " | 60 | | | |
| " " Ball | 2.550 | " | 308 | 3 | 38 | 38 |
| Tents Privates | | " | 52 | | | |
| " Serjts | | " | 1 | | | |
| " Bell | | " | 7 | | | |

Colombo
1st. May 1797.-

1 Atteste Copy
1 signed 1 W. Lydenburgh
Mil. Audr. Genl.

1 signed 1 J. F. Scott
Commissr. Stores on Ceylon

Returns

3459 Copy of Letter dated 5th Inst.

No 2

# Return of Sundry Articles Issued &c. to the Bombay Detachment at Colombo

From 1st February 1796 to 30th April 1797.

| | Arrack | | | | Rice | | | Salt | | | Dholl | | | Ghee | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Gallons | Drams | Water Casks | Oyster Butts | Garce | Measure | Seers | Garce | Measure | Seers | Garce | Measure | Seers | Chatty | Measure | Bottles | Bottles Extra |
| Extra Drams as per Order in February 1796 | 25 | 16 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Issued to the Native Troops | - | - | - | - | 7 | 242 | 4½ | - | 209 | 10½ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Delivered Mr Benson Bombay Commissary | - | - | - | - | 16 | 200 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 363 |
| Sent on Board the Elgin Arm for 450 Men for 20 Days | - | - | 66 | 9 | 1 | 332 | 7 | - | 45 | - | - | 234 | - | 2 | 5 | - | - |
| Ditto Carolina for 350 ditto for 21 days | - | - | 73 | 2 | 2 | 130 | ½ | - | 52 | - | - | 222 | - | 2 | 12 | 12 | - |
| Total | 25 | 16 | 139 | 11 | 28 | 155 | - | - | 306 | 14½ | 1 | 56 | - | 4 | 17 | 12 | 363 |

Above Copy

Signed W. Sydenham
Asst. Audr. Genl.

Signed Edward Atkinson
Commissy. of Grain and Provisions

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2nd

Abstract of Sundry Issues &c. made from the 1st. February 1796 to 30th. April 1797. at Columbo. to and on Account of the Bombay Detachment with the Rates affixed to each Article. —

| | | £ | F | C. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 437 | 20 | 60 |
| To 6.882 Mens Dry Batta and 121 Arrack Stoppd. | @ 20 fans. pr. Gallon | 11 | 13 | " |
| 25 Gallons 16 Drams Arrack | @ 22 A. D. ea | 815 | 21 | " |
| 139 Water Casks | @ 70 Ps. pr. Garce | 1987 | 5 | 52½ |
| 28 Garce 155 Mds. of Rice | @ 30 Ps. pr. Garce | 23 | 1 | 3 |
| 306 Mercals 10½ Seers of Salt | @ 100 Pags. pr. Garce | 114 | " | " |
| 14 and 56 Mds. of Dholl | @ 45 Pags. pr. Garce | 219 | 14 | 68 |
| 4 Candies 57 Maunds and 12 lbs Ghee | @ 2 Pags. each | 726 | " | " |
| 363 Slaughter Cattle | | 269 | 16 | " |
| 11 Brass Kettles | | 52 | 40 | " |
| Water fillcd and sent on Board, for the Grenadier Battalion | | 110 | 12 | 40 |
| Ditto | Ditto | | | |
| Forewood | | | | |

Star Pagodas -- 4756 9 63½

Errors Excepted

(Signed) Edward Atkinson

Commissr. of Grain and Provisions

Columbo

A true Copy/

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Mily. Audr. Genl.

3rd To the Secretary at Bengal and Assistant Residents at Poona and Hyderabad.

Sent Letters to Mr. Secretary Barlow. Mr. Whitehill and Capt. Kirkpatrick enclosing Intelligence received from the Mysore Country.

Received

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Rec.d 4th Do. Received the following Letter.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord.

From the Accountant General enclosing a Statement of Expences incurred on account of the Suffolk Tender

In compliance with the orders contained in Mr. Sub Secretary Barry's Letter of the 8th April last. I have the honor to enclose a Statement of the Sums of Money disbursed, and of the value of Provisions and Stores supplied from the different Offices on account of the Ship Suffolk Tender, amounting to Pagodas 14.899.35.73. The Disbursements at Bengal are carried to the debit of this Presidency as per their Accountant General's Letter of the 13th Ultimo inclosing the Sum of Rupees 1.000.. .. advanced to Lieut.t Collier for which it is stated he is to account to this Presidency. The Bengal Cost of the Pagodas 3538.20.60. is inserted in a Note at the foot of the Statement. —

I have the honor to be with great respect. —

Fort St. George
Account.t Gen.l
Office 3d June 1797.

I have &c.
(signed) Robert Woolf
Accountant General

Statement

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Statement of the Sums of Money disbursed, and of the Value of Provisions and Stores of different descriptions supplied on account of the Ship Suffolkis Tender —

| | | Rupees & Pags. | Rupees & Pags. & C. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash advanced at Bengal for Pay of the Captain officers and Crew | | 6276. 15. 6. | |
| Paid at D.o to Lieut.t Cellier an advance of Cash for which he is to account to the Madras Government | 1.000. " " | 6276. 15. 6 | |
| | | 3840. 13. 11 | |
| D.o at do. Sundry Bills for Supplies and repairs | | 4599. 10. - | |
| Stores D.o supplied at Ditto | | | |
| Deduct amount of Stores returned and sold by Public auction | 29. 11. 3 | 4669. 14. 9 | |
| Sicca Rupees | | 14687. 12. 2 or | 4443. 31. 26 |
| Cash advanced and Bills paid by the Civil Paymaster General Pag.s | | 1344. 11. 55 | |
| Ditto for Bills paid by the Military Paymaster General | | 233. 33. 40 | 1578. 9. 15 |
| Ditto for Bills paid by the Garrison Storekeeper | | 2675. 27. 18. | |
| Provisions supplied by the Garrison Storekeeper | | | |
| Ditto from the department of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions at Chumbo and Tuticoreally | | 638. 21. 46 | 3314. 12. 64 |
| | | 28. 20. 64 | |
| Stores supplied by the Military Storekeeper | | 5534. 33. 64 | |
| Ditto — by the Import Warehouse keeper | | | 5563. 18. 48. |
| Star Pagodas | | | 14899. 35. 73 |

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Errors Excepted

Signed/ Cecil Smith

Dep.y Accountt. —

Memorandum.

Paid Captain Macdonald for the Purchase of the Suffolkis Tender formerly the Brig Catherine Pag.s 2538. 20. 60. —

Josiah.

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To

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir.

From the Revenue Department stating the Embarkation of the Labourers under the provisions of the articles ordered to be got together from the most Reasonable sufficient manner of Cash. Encloses copies of Communications with Major General Braithwaite respecting additional articles and newly drafted Provisions for the Native Troops. —

Your having mentioned to me yesterday that Government deemed the Advances of Cash made me for the fore preparation of Provisions ordered under date the 2nd Ultimo sufficiently adequate. — induces me to State to you for the Honorable Boards information that the probable Estimate expence of executing their orders, limiting the quantity of Biscuit to two hundred and thirty Candies will according to the usual charges in my Office, amount to Star Pagodas Sixty thousand (60.000) including the additional expence that will necessarily be incurred by the Provision of the Sundry extra articles which in communication with Genl Braithwaite, you desired me to procure. — a Copy of whose letter on their Subject and the enclosures I refer to I have now the honor to forward for the information of Government. — and humbly hope that they will see the expediency

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3rd 4th expediency of my being permitted to draw such sums of Money as may enable me to carry on the duties of my department with alacrity - the more particularly at a time when the scarcity of Money creates the utmost want of confidence. I trust that the Honorable Board will also perceive the difficulty of complying with their commands in the advances already made, amounting to Star Pagodas fifteen thousand /15.000/ fourteen hundred and thirty five of which have been paid to the Firewood Contractors. I think it moreover proper to state to Government that the various Merchants who furnish the Sundry articles in Question, are extremely indigent and have always been accustomed to immediate payment. and this arises from the very trifling quantity they respectively possess of the Provisions now wanted. -

I have only to add that if a comparative view of the Advances to my Predecessors on similar occasions is taken the permission I now request will

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will I am persuaded not disapprove my conduct.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) Sam.l Brodie

Garrison Storekeeper

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Copy of a Letter from Major General Abercrombie to Mr. S. Brodie

Dear Sir.

I return you enclosed the List you left with me of Articles to be provided for the Native Troops, also a Letter from Lieut.t Colonel Munro to my Secretary Captain Welsh.

Knowing that Lieut.t Colonel Munro had been so many years attached to a Native Corps, and that he had embarked with them, I desired Captain Welsh to submit the List to him, and to say what I desired but opinion on the subject. In consequence of which he wrote the letter which I enclose, and as there is much good sense in it, resulting from attention and Experience I shall be obliged to you to communicate it to Lord Hobart, when you

I have

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4th. I have no doubt will authorize you to act in your department accordingly —

I am particularly pleased with that part of Lieut.te Colonel Macats letter relative to the laying in a Stock of ready dressed provisions if I may so term the four articles he has mentioned. and of which he has sent — Musters which I now send to you with this letter. —

I should consider an ample supply of these articles very necessary were the voyage of the Despoys alone to be considered - but on such a Service as we are about to engage in I consider them as indispensibly necessary - as it is more than probable. that for some time after our first landing the Native Sepoys will have little or no time to spare for the dressing his victuals. I shall only add one — circumstance which has escaped Lieut.te Colonel Macat. but which I know to be of Material consequence namely that the water Casks intended for the supply of the Natives should be kept apart. and filled in the first instance

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Extr. instructions by those of the superior Cote. which is to the
Supply as material as that the water should subsequently
be served out by them.—

Although the passage may not be more
than two months. I should hope that you will be authorized
to make provision for double that time at the very least.—
It is within possibility that we may be forwarded from
effecting what we intend. and it is probable that in the
event of making good our landing. we shall nonetheless
for some time. be obliged to depend intirely upon our
own resources.—

I have &c &c

May 11th 1797.

/Signed/ John Braithwaite

/A true Copy/

/Signed/ James Brodie

Garrison Storekeeper.

Lieut

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No. 4. List of Extraordinary Articles to be provided for Native and European Troops, say 4000 Natives and 3000 Europeans going on Service by Sea. — for twenty days agreeable to General Braithwaite's opinion. —

| | | | Gro. | Mds. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chuvah | for 4.000 Natives @ 3/8 | Mds. per Diem | 9 | 150 |
| Dates | for 3.000 Europeans @ 1/2 | Ps. per Ditto | 4 | 13 .. 18 3/4 |
| Raisins | for Ditto | Ditto @ 1/2 Ps. per Ditto | 4 | 13 .. 18 3/4 |
| Shoot Grams dressed | for 4.000 @ 3/8 | Mds. per Ditto | 9 | 150 |
| Sweetmeat | for Do. D. @ 1. Pdr. | per Ditto | 12 | 10. |
| Vinegar | for 3.000 Europeans @ 3/2 | Gallons per Diem | 525 | |
| Wax Candles | | | 2 | Candies |
| Lanthorns | | | 20. | |
| Water Pumps | | | 20. | |
| Fire Places | | | 20 | |
| Copper Pots | @ 2 for 100 Natives and 1. for 100 Europeans | | 100. | |
| Bamboo Mats and Cadjan Mats | | | 5.000 | |
| Gunny Bags | | | 4.000 | |
| Buckets | | | 60. | |
| Chairs | | | 8.000 | |
| Seirs and Measures | | | 20 | Sets |
| Scales and Weights | | | 20. | |
| Sugar | for 4.000 Natives @ 1 Lb. per 100 Men | | Cwt. 221 | qrs. 8. |
| Flour | for 3.000 Europeans @ 3. per 10 Men | | 36. | - - |

Seals.

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| | lb. | Gun Oz. |
|---|---|---|
| 4th Peas for 3000 Ditto @ 4 ℔ 10 Men | 2 | 237½ |
| Ditto for 4000 dressed @ 4 ℔ 10 Men | 3 | 182½ |
| Stones for grinding Curry Stuff | | 120. |
| Earthen Pots | | |
| Ditto Chatties | | |
| Army Pease for 4000 Natives @ ⅛ ℔ | Qual. 9 | Gr. Men 150 |
| Tobacco for 4000 Ditto @ 1 Oz. ℔ | 102 | 15. |
| Bill hooks | | 20. |
| Water Casks @ 1 Gals ℔ for 7000 Men | | 1207 Butts |
| Provision Casks for 3000 Europeans @ 1 ℔ | | 2531 Tierces |
| Nut Jarrys | | 20. |

A true Copy.
(Signed) J. Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper

Copy of a Letter from Lieut. Colonel Munro to Captain Walter Wilson

My Dear Sir

I return the papers which you gave me by the General's desire: and how far I can speak to it is as follows.—

I went with the 9th Battalion (the first I believe ever embarked as an entire Corps from this establishment) in 1775 from Anjengo to Bombay by sea: the passage was April & May and June having been upwards of two Months

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2½ Months and had myself the charge of two Companies in a

Vessel of about 500 tons. —

I believe that the List contains all the necessary

articles of raw or undressed provisions. but I do not observe stones

for pounding and grinding Curry stuff. of which there should

be at least twelve Setts. (each consisting of a roller and a flatt)

in every Ship. and it is much more agreeable to the Sepoys and

likewise more eligible that they should have the preparing

of it themselves. than that it should be delivered ready mixed

and ground. Neither in the List are Earthen pots / Copper ones

will not do for them. / nor Chatties mentioned. although these

so indispensable articles must of course be understood. —

From what I have witnessed I think there

might be the greatest utility in having a small store of

dry eatables for the Native troops ready dressed. against the

chance of bad weather so as to prevent Cookery: a circumstance

we suffered from in the voyage to Bombay. and which

occasioned me much uneasiness: because tho the Sepoys

will in general bear want with more fortitude than

Europeans

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4. Europeans yet it evidently discharmed and discouraged them.
These prepared eatables are to be found in every Bazar: they
will keep for any length of time, and the very small cost
of them can be no object to Government comparative to
the end in view. — Sweetmeats are an improper substitute.
as if used in any quantity they will bring on bowel
disorders. Another reason, and perhaps indeed a more
powerful one, for there being such provision made on
the intended expedition is that on landing, and the —
Service immediately consequent, any opportunity or
means of dressing Victuals soon can hardly be expected.
A very small portion of these prepared eatables, and such
as can be no manner of incumbrance for each man to
carry, will sustain him for 24 or even 48 hours: and such
resource may admit of having the knapsacks on board
untill the first meal and following repast is over. —

There are four sorts of them easily —
procurable which may best answer the purpose, as they
will neither soil nor spoil any thing they might be
come

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4 Sir

I might come in contact with, and specimens of each to accompany this as follows. —

No. 1. is a paste cut into small thin bits made of rice, which the natives of all Casts and descriptions from the Brahmin to the Parryar, and the Moormen also are extremely fond of. It is now sold in the retail boutiques for one fanam the Madras measure. It is named in Moors Chowdeay. in Gentoos Attucholoo. and in Malabars Avil

No. 2. is rice first swelled a little in water and salt or in Sea water, and then parched over the fire. It also is eaten by all casts. although not so substantial as No. 1. which I believe they in general prefer to it. It may serve however for a change, and is perhaps a lighter food: it is also somewhat cheaper. In Moors it is named Chawulka Moremoory. in Gentoos Beeyum Poorrogoolo. and in Malabars Arecy Poory ..

No. 3. is a large kind of Grain, probably what in the List is called Boot Grain, first parched over a fire

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Ft 4 a fore. chun soaked in salt and water, and afterwards dried in the Sun. It seems a strong heartening food, is eaten by all casts, and is now retailed for one fanam the Madras Measure. The Moors call it Chunney. the Gentoos Sawagoda and the Malabars Kadaley. —

N. 12 is parched paase, and the dhol paase are mostly imported from Bengal. it is a splendid article in all the Bazars, and is retailed for one fanam the Madras Measure. All Casts eat it. the Moors it is named Buttanay — the Gentoos Buttanayloo, and the Malabars Puttanay —

The chief difficulty with the Native Troops at Sea, is the necessity of providing them with separate fuel for Cooking according to their Casts, entirely unconnected with those established for the Ships Crew. But there may be all comprehended in, and reduced to three Sorts. —

one for the Moormen

one for the Arajaports Gentoos and Malabars

one for the Parjaars. —

The Arajaports indeed however trifling in number, will sometimes

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4 sometimes pretend to a place for themselves above: and the only man of that tribe in my two Companies on the voyage to Bombay accused me falsely of falsehood. and had out a fast of three days. untill he was glad to join with the Gentoos and Malabars. the refusing a Cooking place to the Rajaputs whose number in the Coast troops is very inconsiderable. is a point of great conveniency: because altho in very large vessels it might not be of much consequence. yet in smaller ones it might make a great difference. and the room be very ill spared for indulgence to a few individuals. who in fact have no proper claims to it. there being nothing in the least material against the Rajaputs Coking with the Gentoos. altho the Depoy abovementioned told me that I had lied to him. when I pawned my word that every man should Cook without prejudice to his Cast. three separate places however. I held in all cases be pertinaciously — insisted upon: nor any compromise yielded to European Masters of transports manned by Natives. who are in general most troublesomely averse to any thing out of the

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4th the common road. and unless such things are positively
and previously settled will dispute them shortly after or
imbarkation. com to the hazard of Mutiny amongst the
troops. They are very ready to propose a junction of Cabury
between the Sipoys and their Lascars. But the inland
Moormen hold all those of the Sea faring Class in a most
contemptible light nor will willingly Cook or eat with them.
Neither are the inland Gentoos and Malabars on familiar
to their Marine brethren - and the Pargaris being
universally excluded by all these, must on every one
have a place for themselves. -

In regard to the construction of these
Fire places. they are the same for all Casts. a better invention
hath perhaps since been fallen upon. but that made
use of in the Voyage to Bombay was extremely simple
and appeared to answer the purpose sufficiently well.
The Cookrooms then were nothing more than Stoong or
Wooden trays made of thick plank. they were four feet
Square

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4. Square and two feet deep. filled to the height of eighteen inches with clean dry sand from the beach and furnished with a few stones or bricks for setting the pots upon over the holes in the sand in which the fires were made. Three of these will be required for each transport agreeably to the stowing of Casks before mentioned. and may be placed on the upper deck close to the Gunwale to secured as to be made fast for the time but occasionally moveable. either in a row with small intervals between. or in places more distant from each other as the convenience of the ships may admit of. Each of such frames will allow of half a dozen pots being boiled at once which is fully enough. Their being lined with tin would certainly be an improvement. as being a further security against taking fire. altho I had neither time nor materials in store constructed at Anjengo for such precautions; nor was there any

accident

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4th accident happened, as no Cooking in the night time was permitted - Covers or roofs to them are inconvenient and indeed useless: they are inconvenient because they render them more cumbersome to the Ships and are in the way of the ropes and prevent the Sepoys from sitting round the three open sides to watch their Cookery: - and they are useless because in a Storm they will not render their Cooking places more serviceable. And as a Sepoy sets his pot over the hole before he kindles the fire, and covers the pot with an earthen plate or Chatty: rain alone never interrupts his Cookery -

In regard to the distribution of Water there arises no difficulty whatever on account of Caste. for on the well known principle that an Inferior will receive any thing from the hand of a Superior tho a Superior will not from an Inferior, nothing more is required of the Ship, than that one Cask or two as may suffice for expence of the day, be placed any where the most

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[illegible] most convenient. and that the Commanding Officer orders
a Boat post or Gentoo to attend to serve it out from his brass
pot as called for; - a Protestant will receive it from those
of his Duty would not from a Papist. -

With respect to Sick Lascars. too little indeed
no attention has been hitherto paid to the accommodation
of Native Troops at Sea. and so much the worse. - They
have been indiscriminately forced to go to the Head of the
Ship in common with its Crew. whether Europeans or
Lascars. this must be attended with very obvious disgusts.
and I have known some of them suffer very much in
health from reluctance to it. - There surely therefore can
be no objection / the expence being next to nothing / in getting
three constructed for each Transport. such as are commonly
seen hung over the sides of all the Country Vessels commanded
by Natives. and to have those slung over before the
embarkation. wherever the Commander chuses. I know
no reason why this has not always been done. except
the

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By the stubborn adherence of most of the European transport masters to their own customs, for which they will on most occasions fight on board battle, if any latitude be given. —

But I shall not shoot at present: if any thing further occurs I will trouble you with it. In the mean time request that you will have the goodness to lay this before the General. —

I remain
&c &c
(Signed) Geo: Muat —

Madras
13th May 1797

P.S. I had almost forgot to say that I see no Tobacco in the List. and think a few Bill hooks for splitting the firewood might be useful. —

A true Copy,
(Signed) Jas. Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper

To Captain Walter Wilson. —

Jo

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to transmit to you for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council Proceedings of a Committee of Survey held here to ascertain the damage done by a Thunder Storm and explosion of a Gun Powder Magazine on the 28th Ultimo ~

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

H. H. G. Hadow

Captain Commandt Tiagar

Tiagar

1st June 1797 ~

From the Commandant at Tiagar enclosing the proceedings of the Committee appointed to ascertain the damages done to the publick Buildings and the quantity of Military Stores lost in consequence of the late Storm ~

Tiagar 1st June 1797 ~

Proceedings of a Committee of Survey consisting of

Lieutenant Wm Peacocke

Hugh Frazer

"

Gnr Conductor John Shaw ~

Held by order of Captain George Hudson Commanding at

Tiagar

ascertain

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4. Ascertain and Report upon the damages done to the — Public Buildings the quantity of Military Stores lost or rendered Unserviceable by the Storm and explosion of the — Gun powder Magazine on the 28th. Ultimo. —

The Committee having examined the — public Works on the upper Fort find them to be in the following State Viz.t The principle Gun powder Magazine — razed to the Ground. The Roofs of two Store Houses lately built adjacent to the Magazine thrown in the end and side Walls much shook and otherwise injured. the temporary Thatched Gun Shade blown down. two small Guard Rooms much shocked. and the Roofs injured. the Doors of two Store houses blown open by which the Locks and Staples were lost and the Doors much injured. —

They likewise find two large Breaches in the East face of the Garrison and the Fortifications in the — vicinity of the Magazine much shook and otherwise — materially injured. and that the following articles of Military Stores are lost or buried in the Ruins by the explosion of the Magazine and the falling in of the Public Buildings Viz.t —

Brot

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4th

| | | Invalids | Artificers | Women & Children | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 450 | 460 | | 910. |
| Bags Gunny | Sand large | 25 | 15 | | 40 |
| " | " small | 12 | 7 | | 19. |
| " | Powder | 10 | 9 | | 19. |
| " | Shot and Shells | 12000 | " | " | 12.000 |
| Balls Leaden | Musket | 1.600 | " | " | 1.600 |
| " | Fuze | 6 Box | 800 | " | " 800 |
| Cartridges | Cloth Empty | 1 | " | " | 1 |
| Cloths | Powder | 1 | " | " | 1. |
| Flags | Garrison Union | 4½ Inch | 18000 | " | " 18.000 |
| Fuzes | drove | Grenade | 300 | " | " 300 |
| " | " | ½ Carcass | 2 | " | " 2. |
| Grease | | | 10 | " | " 10. |
| Handspikes | Purchasing | | 10 | " | " 10. |
| Heads | Drum | 12 Box | 4 | " | " 4 |
| " | Rammer | 12 Ditto | 6 | " | " 6. |
| " | " | 6 Ditto | 9 | " | " 9. |
| " | " | 3 Ditto | 7 | " | " 7. |
| " | " | 18 Ditto | 3 | " | " 3. |
| " | Sponge | 12 Ditto | 5 | " | " 5. |
| " | " | 6 Ditto | 11 | " | " 11. |
| " | " | 3 Ditto | 5 | " | " 5. |
| " | " | | 568 | " | " 568. |
| " | " | | 6 | " | " 6. |
| Hoops | Copper | | | | |
| Locks | Iron with Keys | Chains | 10 | " | " 10. |
| Match | Quick | | | " | 60 " 60 |
| Muskets | with Bayonets | | | | |
| | | Needles | | | |

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| | | | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th | | | | |
| Needles Gunny | 28 | .. | .. | 28. |
| " Sail | 12 | .. | .. | 12. |
| " Sewing | 300 | .. | .. | 300. |
| Powder Guns Madras Lb Barrels | 129 | .. | .. | 129. |
| " Mds | 1 | .. | .. | 1. |
| Portfires dozen | 700 | .. | .. | 700 |
| Perfundiculars Gunners | 1 | .. | .. | 1. |
| Sciives powder brass double | 2 | " | " | 2 |
| " " " Single | 1 | " | " | 1. |
| " " Hair | 1 | " | " | 1. |
| " " Lawn | " | 2 | " | 2. |
| Serge Flannel pieces | " | " | " | " |
| Sponges with Ram heads | 19 Doz. | 3 | " | 3 |
| " " | 12 Ditto | 3 | " | 3. |
| " " | 6 Ditto | 7 | " | 7. |
| Tar and Grease | Kegs | 2 | " | 2. |
| Tarpaulins large | 1 | " | " | 1. |
| " Small | 1 | " | " | 1. |
| Tubes Copper filled | 12 Doz. | 400 | " | 400 |
| " " | 3 Ditto | 600 | " | 600. |
| " " | 1½ D° | 116 | " | 116 |
| " Empty | 3 D° | 582 | " | 582. |
| Vices hand small | 1 | " | " | 1. |

Note in the lower Fort they find
the Offices Quarters. Sepoy Barracks and
Hospital

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Hospital much shook by the explosion, and the falling of
4th large pieces of the Joists and Beams of the Gun powder
Magazine on them.

[signed] W. Peacocke
Lieut. 2nd Battn. 1st Regiment

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council
at
Fort St. George

My Lord

We have had the honor to receive your
Lordships letter of the 26th of April, and conceive it unnecessary to apologize for transmitting you the accompanying
Copy of our Letter we have thought it necessary to address the
Governor General under this date, although it appears to us needless
to trouble your Lordship with the details of our Proceedings referred to therein.

We have the honor to be &c &c
[signed] C. W. Malet.
" William Page

From Bombay with Copy of their dispatch to the Governor General in Council relative to the present deplorable State of that Garrison

Bombay Castle
19th May 1797.

To

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Fort St. George 10 June 1797.

4th

To Peter Speke Esqr.

Vice President and Deputy Governor at

Fort William

Honble Sir.

At the present eventful Juncture, we feel it our duty to lay before you an Extract of our proceedings under the 9th Instant, and this day with a Return of Troops in this Garrison at the end of the preceding Month.

2. Although we have the satisfaction of reflecting, that since the Commencement of our temporary administration, every Measure has been taken, and will be yet pursued, to the extent of our resources, for the preservation of this invaluable Fortress from any attempts of the enterprizing and implacable Enemy with whom the Nation is now engaged in a War of unprecedented hostility and danger; and although we doubt not but that the Movement of the formidable Armament of whose departure from Brest we have been so recently informed, will be effectually watched by the Prowdence and Vigilance of Government at home

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4th June. yet within we so fleet that even a Division of that Fleet reaching the French Islands and being there joined by Seven Squadron. will or without assistance from the Spanish Ships. said to be assembled at Manilla. would enable the French to fit out an Equipment from the Mauritius that. under the advantage of the sure and rapid approach by the South West Monsoon. might expose this important Place to imminent danger. cut off at that Season from any Succour from without. and reduced by the heavy drafts of our Troops attached to the Malabar Province. to the very inadequate Force exhibited by the within Return. and a considerable portion of which are but Recruits. whereas the War Complement assigned by the late Governor Campbell was not less than five thousand effectives — We deem it indispensably incumbent upon ourselves. at so this awful Juncture. to bring these Circumstances in the strongest manner to your view. in the hope that. should you see the Danger to be formidable. from the Circumstances above alluded to. you may be induced to obviate it by such Succour and means as you may have at your Command-

We

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7 4th

3. We persuade ourselves that no
much explication of Argument is requisite to prove the expediency
of Reinforcement being promptly furnished, if deemed
necessary, since the present weak state of the Garrison is
known, and the vast National importance of the Fortress
leading if in Possession of an Enemy, to an immediate
connexion with the Mamullah Empire, and Tippoo Sultaun,
and thereby affecting the Safety and Tranquility of the
Power in Bengal and the Carnatic is too well known to
require elaborate discussion or profix Elucidation. —

We have the honor to be

Sir Sir

Bombay Castle
19th May 1797. —

Signed C. W. Malet
. William Page
Countersigned
Signed J. George Barry Lt Secy

. Enclosures

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4th Enclosures

No. 1.

Statement of the Effective Rank and file at Bombay on the 31st May 1797.

143. European Artillery
225. Artillery Lascars
596. European Infantry
1247. Native Ditto
226. Marine Battalion

True Statement,
(Signed) H. S. Pearson
Sub Sec.

No. 2.

War Complement assigned by the late Governor Campbell. for the Garrison of Bombay.

1200 European Infantry
300 " Artillery
1000 Lascars.
5000 Sepoys.

True Statement,
(Signed) H. S. Pearson
Sub Sec.

Duplicated.
(Signed) George Parry. Sub Secretary
Recd.

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4th Received also the undermentioned Letters entered

in M.B. Nos 2-3-4-5-6-7-8. —

From the Sub Secretary at Bombay — From Mr. H. S. Pearson — enclosing a Letter for the Committee of the Bombay Government at Tellicherry. —

From the Cloathing Contractor. — From Mr. J. Sutherland — requesting Instructions on the Subject of forwarding the Cloathing he has prepared to the different out Stations. and desiring to know the Terms on which former Contractors engaged to deliver the Cloathing at their own Risk. —

From the Commander of His Majestys Ship Carysfort. — From Captain Adams — requesting Payment of Freight for the Treasure conveyed on his Ships from Bridadras to Columbo. —

From the Collector of the 1st Division of the Vizagapatams District — From Mr. Brown — acknowledging Receipt of the Boards Orders for affording every Assistance in his power towards cantoning the Men of Major General Erskines Detachment. —

From the Resident at the Cape of Good Hope — From Mr. Pringle — sends by recovered Men and a Woman of the 80 Regiment embarked the 1st Royal Charlotte. —

From

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From the Commandant 4th in the Ganjam District.

From Captain Poole - advising of his having appointed Mr. Mc Gibbon to take charge of Detachments from the 1st Regiment of Native Infantry doing duty in the Ganjam District.-

From Ditto - in the Guntoor Circar -

From Lieut.t Colonel Leighton. advising of his having ordered Mr. Peat to attend upon the Sick of a Detachment from the 2nd Battalion of the 9th Regiment Native Infantry doing duty at Guntoor. -

5th Despatched the undermentioned Letters &c

entered in M.B. Nos 9-10-11-12. -

To Mr. J. A. Grant - enclosing a Letter addressed to the Secretary to the Committee of the Bombay Government at Tellicherry

To the Committee of the Bombay Government at Tellicherry

received from Bombay. -

To Major General Sydenham - enclosing Lists of Officers intitled to participate in the Gratuity Fund for 1795/96. and for the Months of May 1796/97. desiring him to ascertain the exact amount due to each Officer. and to give orders for their being paid in 8 per Cent Bonds bearing

To the Military Auditor General -

Date the 25th April 1797. -

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To the Military Board —

5th To the Military Board — advising that —
Captain Lieut.t Robert Barclay Commanding the Subsidy
Corps in the Vizianagram Zemindary may be provided with
four Privates and six Bill Tents. —

To the Secretary at Bombay and Bengal

To Messrs. Morris and Barlow — inclosing
Despatches for their respective Governments received by the
Royal Charlotte Extra Ship. —

6th Received the undermentioned Letters entered
in M.B. Nos. 13 — 14 — 15 — 16. —

From Lieut.t Colonel Roberts —

From Lieut.t Colonel Roberts — advising of his
having entered the limits of the Company's Territories on his
March towards Masulipatam. —

From the Commandant at Boulloe —

From Captain Dallas — expressing his
acknowledgements for the appointment conferred upon him. —

From the Agent Victualler to the Navy

From the Honble Basil Cochrane — requesting
that he may be allowed to land Seventy half Leaguers of Batavia
Arrack for the use of the Navy from the Danish Ship Koon
Princessa Marei on paying the former Duty of 2½ p.c. Cust
ad valorem. —

From

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6th

From Major General Collins — stating that

From Major General Collins at Vellore

he has delayed delivering over Command of Vellore till relieved by the Officer especially appointed to the charge —

At a Consultation

Present.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart.

Governor — President.

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders and

Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following letters from Poonah and Hyderabad

Tuesday

6th June 1797.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart.

Governor &c. Fort St. George

My Lord.

From the Assistant Resident at Poonah reporting the Nature of his Communications with Azim ul Omrah on the Subject of the Nyanie

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 10th Instant. and to enclose for

3493 Fort St. George 6th June 1797.

Nizams Determination to dispense altogether with the services of the confining Europeans the Death of my Friends favorite Ministers - and the situation of the Troops of the different parties -

for your Lordships Information. Extract of my Letter of this Date to the Assistant at Hyderabad. -

Ayaji Pal Comrah was by the last accounts encamped with a large Army at Siddee Tayh on the Bheema about 53 Miles to the Eastward of Poonah. -

A few Days ago died Luxa Kishna Bhagwa one of Dowlat Row Sindeas most confidential Ministers. -

Bapojy Row Chimna Appa Ernest Row and Mamma Furnavees reside in Town and Dowlat Row Sindeea, Aggye Bhonsla and Tukoje Holkar &c are encamped in this Neighbourhood with large Bodies of Troops. -

I have the honor to be very respectfully

Sir

Your

Most Obedt Hble Servt

(Signed) J. Uhthoff

25th May 1797. -

Extract of a Letter from Mr Jochim Uhthoff to the Assistant at Hyderabad. dated Poona 23rd May 1797. -

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters of the 16th and 17th Instant. -

Immediately

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Immediately on Receipt of the former I communicated to Azeem ul Omrah the abrupt Dismission of the Madras Detachment by Nizam ally Khan, without replacing them by the Bengal Troops, who had actually arrived on his Highness's Frontier, in consequence of an Arrangement which had been previously made for that Purpose, soon after sending the above Message both to Azeem ul Omrah direct, and to Ragotum Row his Agent in Poona. I received a Communication from the former to the following Purport, That certain Persons at Hyderabad had represented to Nizam ally Khan that the Company were desirous of withdrawing from his Highness's Service the Madras Detachment composed of experienced good Troops, for the Purpose of employing them in Malabar, and replacing them by new raised undisciplined Troops from Bengal; but that of what use could the latter be; and why should his Highness be at the Expence of supporting useless Troops: That his Highness had made in consequence signified to Omir Allum, that he could for the present dispense with the Services of the Company's Troops and

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and had represented the whole affair to Azeem ul omrah
and desired his Sentiments on the Subject. In reply to which
he Azeem ul omrah had recommended in the strongest
manner to his Highness to send instantly for the Bengal
Troops who could be disciplined in a very short time, of which
his Highness might have ocular Demonstration by reviewing
them in a Month or two. —

I immediately replied that it was very true
that the Madras Troops had in the course of their Service with
Regum ally Khan proved themselves good and useful, but that
as to their being required to be employed in Pratabar; or that
the Bengal Detachment was raw and undisciplined. they were
mistaken, that the latter was composed of the Troops commanded
by Major Hyndeman, an able experienced officer, who had served
in the West of India many years ago under General Goddard,
and in Mysore under Lord Cornwallis during the last War against
Tippoo Sultaun. that it was worthy of notice that the Persons who
to serve an interested purpose were now so loud in their Praises
of the Madras Detachment, were the very Persons who only a
few Months ago had instigated Nizam ally Khan to dismiss
that very Detachment —

True Extract
Signed. J. Whitehill

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

Sir.

I herewith enclose for the notice of the Right Honble the President in Council. Copy of my Letter of this date to the Officer Commanding the Bengal Detachment.—

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

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad with Copy of his Letter to Major Hyndman in consequence of his Expectation of a requisition from the Durbar for the advance of this Detachment

Hyderabad
26th May 1797.—

To
Major H. Hyndman
Commanding a Detachment

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 25th instant.—

In transmitting you any thing beyond the Residue amount of the Draft which I furnished you upon the Masulipatam Treasury, Mr. Wrangham (no doubt with the best

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and had represented the whole affair to Azeem ul omrah.
and delivered his Sentiments on the Subject. In reply to which
he Azeem ul omrah had recommended in the strongest
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them in a Month or two. —

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that the Madras Troops had in the course of their Service with
Nizam ally Khan proved themselves good and useful, but that
as to their being required to be employed in Malabar, or that
the Bengal Detachment was raw and undisciplined. they were
mistaken. that the latter was composed of the Troops commanded
by Major Hyndorman, an able experienced officer, who had served
in the West of India many years ago under General Goddard.
and in Mysore under Lord Cornwallis during the last War against
Tippoo Sultaun. that it was worthy of notice that the Persons who
to serve an interested purpose were now so loud in their Praises
of the Madras Detachment, were the very Persons who only a
few Months ago had instigated Nizam ally Khan to dismiss
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3496 Fort St. George 6th June 1797.

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

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From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad with Copy of his Letter to Major Hyndman in consequence of his Expectation of a requisition from the Durbar for the advance of this Detachment

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

Hyderabadd
26th May 1797.—

To Major H. Hyndman
Commanding a Detachment

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 25th instant.—

In transmitting you any thing beyond the Bill for amount of the Draft which I furnished you upon the Masulipatam Treasury, Mr. Wrangham no doubt with the best

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last instructions unquestionably exceeded my authority that it could be in my power to delegate to them for such occasion. - As the matter stands however he must be the judge of the expediency of withdrawing such troops from you or otherwise. -

The drought and heat from all I can collect has been greater this year in the Carnatic than for many years back. and your Europeans therefore are perhaps now suffering in a great measure from the consequences of the long and fatiguing March they have lately undergone. Bezwarah and its environs along the banks of the Kistnah has the reputation I believe of being one of the healthiest spots in the Masulipatnam District. - At all events it must be considered as very fortunate that the circumstances which led to your present halt manifested themselves in sufficient time to prevent your passing Condapilly. which will afford shelter for your Europeans. while the vicinity of the

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the Kistnah must secure you an adequate supply of water—

I think it proper to apprize you. that I

have this moment received an intimation from the Durbar

that his Highness the Nizam has it in contemplation to

make an official requisition to me in writing in the course

of tomorrow or next day. for the advance of the Detachment

under your Command. In consequence however of the compleat

dismission of the English Troops lately serving this State. it

becomes incumbent on me to await the pleasure of the

Supreme Government on this subject. unless this Court

should in the interim agree to certain previous points in

which event indeed I shall feel myself at liberty with the

concurrence of the Right Honble the President in Council

of Fort St. George to take a latitude on this occasion. by

requiring your immediate advance without awaiting

an answer to my official reference to the Honble the

Governor General. on the subject of his Highness's present

intended

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intended requisitions.—

It is proposed that the officer of this state who has for so many years attended the Ellore Detachment shall be dispatched from hence in the course of a day or two. to prepare for the due supply of your Detachment on its entrance into his Highness's territories and it shall be my particular care that the requisite forage and provisions be not wanting during your route hither — The four Harkarrahs whom I dispatched to you from hence on the 12th instant, have probably joined you before this, and as I instructed them to be very particular in their Inquiries on starting either on their way to you, they may be able to give you very useful information on this essential point. —

With a view to facilitate your march as far as will through the worst part of your Route hither, which I take to be between Condapilly and Bezingaul, I propose submitting by tomorrow's Post to Lieutenant Colonel Roberts the expediency of leaving his Guns and Battering Stores at Bezingaul

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Mungaul or some where in its neighbourhood under a sufficient Guard to await your arrival there.—

I have the honour to be

&c &c

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Hyderabad

26th May 1797.—

A true Copy

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick.

Assistant.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George.

My Lord.

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad— receives from the Nizam an official Requisition for the advance of Major Hyndman's Detachment

Agreeably to the intimation conveyed by my Letter of yesterday's date to Major Hyndman. Copy of which I forwarded by the same Dispatch to Mr. Secretary Webbe. I have now the honor to advise your Lordship in Council of my having just received the expected Letter from his Highness the Nizam. requiring the advance of the Bengal Detachment;— I shall probably be enabled to determine by tomorrow evening, whether it will be advisable to testify an immediate acquiescence in

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in such requisitions, which I shall of course not fail to give due and prompt notice to your Lordship in Council, trusting to your liberal construction of my motives, I should hire this meantime, deem it expedient to require Major Hyndman immediate advances without having first obtained your concurrence in such a measure. —

I have the honour to be

Hyderabad
27th May 1797. —

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

To
Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

From the Assistant
Resident at Hyderabad
sends Instructions to
Lieut. Colonel Roberts
to leave his Guns and
Ordnance Stores at
Mangaul in order to their
being transported and
attached to Major Hyndman's
Detachment —

Hyderabad
27th May 1797. —

Sir.

I herewith enclose for the notice of the Right Honble the President in Council. Copy of a Letter I have this day addressed to Lieut. Colonel Roberts. —

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

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Roberts

Commanding the Ellore Detachment.

Sir

Having reason to think that many days will not elapse before I shall judge it necessary to require the advance of the Bengal Detachment. Lose no time in apprizing you of this circumstance, as it appears to me advisable that with a view of facilitating as much as possible Major Hyndmans March from Condapilly to Murgaul you leave your Guns and Military Stores under a Sufficient Guard at the latter place to be delivered over to that Officer upon his eventual arrival there.—

Permit me to request that you will favor me with an early answer to this Letter.—

I have the honour to be

Sir &c &c

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Hyderabad

27th May 1797.—

(True Copy)

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore.

# The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council
Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Resident at Tanjore. The Heirs and private Creditors of the late Cauvn Saheb request the interference of Government towards procuring Payment of the Amount due to the Estate of the Rajah ordering the punctually discharging Situation of Mr. Cambellais.

Some time ago I received an application from the Heirs of the late Cauvn Saheb of Tanjore requesting that I would use my endeavours to procure payment from the Rajah of a Sum of Money due by his Excellency to the Estate of the deceased.- Upon Inquiry I find that the above claim is founded in Justice, and that on a Settlement of accounts the same was clearly proved and acknowledged by his Excellency's Servants who had made the above Settlement by his authority.-

The Heirs are also in Possession of his Excellency's Bonds which they have shewn me. It appears also that the

Rajah

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Rajah this respectfully urged has made no sort of payment or arrangement towards a payment since the death of the Cavm: a period now of nearly a year and a half.—

The Heirs were the more pressing as Cavm Sahib died considerably indebted to several Gentlemen whose Demands they found it impossible to discharge—some of the Gentlemen had at different times mentioned to me their claims on the Cavm's Estate. And regretted the want of an existing legal authority which might take Effectual Cognizance of them.—

When I had made further inquiries into the particulars of the subject. I informed the Gentlemen it was clear to me that the Heirs had not the means of present payment in their Hands. because large Sums were still due to the Estate from Individuals: and among others from his Excellency occasional Contracts made with the Cavm for supplying the different Departments of the Palace with the various necessary articles.—

I have frequently talked to the Rajah the situation of the Heirs and he as often assured me that he would put his debt to the Estate into a train of payment.—
Nothing however has been done in this respect: and as his Excellency

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Gentlemen

We will neither pay the amount themselves owe nor compell payment from the Natives who are also indebted to the Estate. The Heirs with the rest of numerous and respectable Family are reduced to great Distress, and a number of Gentlemen are involved in imminent danger of loosing the whole of their Property.

One of the Principal sufferers in the present case and one whose Situation seems particularly unfortunate is Mrs Lambalies mentioned in the inclosed List for her money having been long in the hands of the Rajah of Tanjore it was recovered thro' the humane interference of the Court of Directors and she had placed it in the hands of the late Cawn as affording at one time the most respectable and secure deposit for money in Tanjore --

Seeing no other prospect of Relief from this distressing Situation the Persons named in the inclosed List have requested me to state their Situation to your Lordship relying on the hope of obtaining your favorable Consideration of their Peculiar Circumstances and your recommendation of such means of relief as may appear to your Lordship consistent with Justice and Propriety --

I have the honor to be
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(Signed) Alexr. Macleod.
President

Tanjore
1st June 1797.

Debts.