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Debts due by the late Cawn Sahib of Tanjore to European Creditors at 12 p.c. p.r Annum.

1795 August 3d	By Bond in favor of Lieutenant Wilson		400	" "
June 29th	By Ditto ... Ditto Lieutenant Fennel		1400	" "
February 27th	By Ditto ... Ditto Lieutenant Cunningham		3300	" "
February 1st	By Ditto ... Ditto Lieutenant Dallies	1508		
February 10th	By Ditto ... Ditto ... Ditto	180	1680	" "
July 10th	By Ditto ... Ditto ... Ditto		6000	" "
August 17th	By Ditto ... Ditto Lieutenant Scoby		6367	" "
October 1st	By Ditto ... Ditto Captain Innes			
July 10th	By Ditto ... Ditto Captain Pearson	10.000		
June 1st	By Ditto ... Ditto ... Ditto	3.000	13.000	" "
October 5th	By Ditto ... Ditto ... Ditto		2.700	" "
August 19th	By Ditto ... Ditto Mrs Lambkies		19590	" "
August 11th	By Ditto ... Ditto Lieutenant Butler			
August 11th	By Ditto ... Ditto Dr Kennedy	6.000		
July 20th	By Ditto ... Ditto ... Ditto	1.100	7.100	" "
September 10th	By Ditto ... Ditto ... Ditto	600		
September 1st	By Ditto ... Ditto Captain Halberton			
		24.114	24.714	" "
November 20th	By Ditto ... Ditto ... Ditto		12.449	" "
August 22d	By Ditto ... Ditto Major Smart		50.000	" "
August 10th	By Ditto ... Ditto Major Dalrymple		6.725	" "
August 17th	By Ditto ... Ditto Dr Gibbie and Lieut.t Macpherson			
		Star Pagodas	161.425	" "

(Signed by the Heirs of Cawn Sahib)

A true Copy.

(Signed) Alexr. Macleod
President.

Recorded.

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Minute thereon

Resolved to inform the Resident at Tanjore that the Board are not at liberty to go into a consideration of the claims upon the late Khan Sahib of Tanjore without reference to the Honble Court of Directors.-

Read the following letters from the Military Board.-

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord.

From the Military Board submitting detailed Regulations for the care and preservation of Military Buildings and Camp Equipage - and for the limitation allotment &c. of the Tent and Store Lascars &c. with reference to the proportion of Tents allowed to Field Officers - Europe Malapabad at the permanent Cantonment for the 25th Dragoons and that Sheds be built for the Guards at Nellimpaly

The Commands of Government communicated to us under date the 15th. of March last with copy of a Minute by your Lordships on the subject of regulating the Camp Equipage on this Establishment having in connexion with former Instructions from Government of 28th. November 1792 in regard to the Store and Tent Lascars and Minute in consequence of the late Military Auditor General been fully considered by a Committee of Our Board: and the detailed Regulations suggested by by them for the care and preservation of Military Buildings and Camp Equipage; as well as for the Store

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and Asst Surgeons appearing to us to be in every respect calculated to answer the purposes of the Service and likely to be productive of a considerable saving to the Company by establish-
=ing an efficient check and Controul over a very expensive —
Department which stood in great need of such Regulations.

We accordingly do ourselves the honor to forward herewith the Proceedings of that Committee comprehending the detailed Regulations and recommend that if approved they may constitute a part of the general System of the Stores Depart-
=ment and be considered the 14th and 15th Sections thereof.—

We deem it necessary to state to your — Lordships that in regulating the proportions of Camp Equipage for the several Ranks our Board from motives of economy as well as to facilitate the movement of the Army by lessening its equipment as far as circumstances would warrant and taking likewise into consideration the great increase of Officers under the new System, especially in the higher — Ranks and the consequent increase of Camp Equipage to be carried with the Troops in the Field, have judged it indis-
=pensably necessary to confine the allowance for Baggage

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Sent to the rank of Field officer - a denomination which
though to a certain degree unfavorable to the accommodation
of some individuals, appears to be fully authorized by the
general exigency of Field Service. -

With respect to the concluding Paragraph
of Governments letter of the 19th. Ultimo. we have the honor
to inform your Lordship that. on a consideration of the
many advantages resulting from the situation of Wallajanbad.
in comparison with those of Trichinopoly. Chundanaum
Plain. and other Stations. as well in regard to Barracks -
being already built there for Officers - the certain ample supply
of good Water and Forage - and the easy communication
with other neighbouring Military Posts. and the Presidency.
We recommend that Barracks and Stables for the accommodation
of His Majestys 25th. Regiment Light Dragoons be erected
at that Cantonment. -

We have to acknowledge the receipt of a
letter from Government bearing date the 10th. Instant. and on
the subject of the enclosure from Major General Floyd referred
for our consideration. do ourselves the honor to report to your
Lordship

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Lordships opinion that in point of economy, as well as convenience, the construction of the Sheds recommended by Major General Floyd for the Guards at Trichinopoly should be authorized.—

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) George Harris

" Patrick Ross

" W. Sydenham

" Jnº. Richardson

" D'y. Close

" George Hall.

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Proceedings of a Committee of the Military Board

appointed in meeting the 27th. of March 1797. for the purpose of framing Regulations for the care and preservation of Military Quarters and Camp Equipage consisting of

Major General Ross Chief Engineer

Major General Sydenham Mily. Sudr. Genl.

Lieutenant Colonel Hall Commissy. Genl. of Stores

The Committee having perused with attention the Letter from

† These Regulations with some few alterations as published in G. O. under date 6th. June Vide G. O. Book No. 79. where the different terms intended in the Appendix are also entered.—

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From Government with the Minute of the Right Honble Lord Hobart on the subject of Military Quarters, Bard Camp Equipage - and having also given due consideration to the Records of the Board referred to therein - proceed to detail such Regulations as appear to them most likely to answer the end proposed -

1st That the Quartermaster General shall be vested with the general charge of all Military Quarters, Barracks and Camp Equipage -

2nd That the Barrack Masters and Officers respectively in charge of Military Quarters and Camp Equipage shall make Returns Monthly to the Quarter Master General according to Forms No. 1 and 2 hereto appended specifying the particular state and condition of the Guard Rooms, Quarters, Barracks, Barrack Furniture and Camp Equipage under their charge, noting and accounting for any changes or Casualties that may have occurred since the preceding Return -

3rd That the Quarter Master General shall form these Returns form a Quarterly Report to be laid before

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before the Military Board on or before the 15th day of
May. August. November and February respectively which
Reports shall contain such marks and observations as
he may judge necessary for their information.—

4th That at such periods as shall be regulated
by the Military Board. the Quarter Master General shall
inspect in person assisted by two or more officers at in
each Station. (one of whom shall be a Quarter Master. if
there should be an Officer of that denomination present.)
formed into a Committee for that purpose. the general
state of the Military Quarters. Barracks and Camp
Equipage at the principal Stations. and make such
a Report to the Military Board. as shall ascertain that
proper attention has been paid to their preservation
by the Officers respectively in charge. or that in the
event of their having neglected their duty. they may be
made answerable for such neglect.—

5th The Barrack Master shall have the
Guard Rooms. Barracks and Quarters at the several
Stations

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Stations in their respective Divisions numbered. and in the Returns thereof to be made to the Quarter Master General shall express the number of Officers and Soldiers which the Barracks and Quarters can respectively accommodate.—

6th That the Quarter Master General shall upon the same principle form a General Register of the Guard Rooms Military Quarters and Barracks to be referred to when necessary.—

7th That whenever repairs of Guard Rooms. Quarters or Barracks are completed. the Superintending Engineer shall deliver them with the Keys &c. belonging thereto. in charge to the Barrack Master. whose receipt for the same is to specify the number of Doors and Windows in the several Apartments.- particularizing the Furniture and Fixtures in each.— and is to include the Sentry Boxes assigned to each Guard. Quarter. or Barrack.—

8th That upon Barracks and Quarters being assigned to any Corps. Barrack Masters shall deliver over to the Quarter Master. or other proper Officer an Inventory

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of the Cotts. Doors. Windows. Shelves. Arm Racks. Picket Hooks and every other Article, whether moveable or fixture, together with the Keys of the several Apartments, for which the Quarter Master, or other proper Officer, is to give a corresponding Receipt, and will be held responsible for every article that shall have been lost or damaged, unless the cause of such loss or damage is satisfactorily accounted for.—

9th It shall therefore be the duty of Quarter Masters of Corps, or their Officers receiving charge as before mentioned to see that no misapplication has been made of any of the articles delivered for the accommodation of the Officers and Soldiers of their particular Battalions or Corps.— If at any time it shall appear that the Barracks, Cotts. Fixtures &c &c or any part thereof has been damaged or broken through carelessness or neglect the expence of repairing or replacing them, shall be defrayed by the Corps.— the Commanding Officer of which is hereby directed to recover the amount by Stoppages from the Company or Companies in whose

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whole particular division of the Barracks such deficiencies have happened.—

10th That when new Cotts are to be provided they are to be made up in the manner directed by the 18th. article of the Barrack Regulations of the 7th December 1792. and the Proceedings of the Quarterly Boards of Survey shall be transmitted to the Quarter Master General agreeably to the 23rd article of those Regulations.—

11th That the Cotts are likewise to be surveyed by the Committee of Inspection ordered in the 4th article of these Regulations, and report of their state to be made to the Military Board.— The Barrack Masters are to attend the Committees of Inspection to give such explanations as may be required.—

12th That Barrack Serjeants shall be fixed at every Station where there are Military Quarters or Barracks of any consequence, to be entirely under the directions of the Barrack Masters, and not subject to removal on the relief of the Troops.—

Camp

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Camp Equipage

13th. That the number of Tents to be constantly kept up as a peace Establishment shall not exceed two thirds of the quantity required for the whole of the Corps and Departments of the army, unless specially authorized by Government. —

14th. It being highly expedient for the care and preservation of the Camp Equipage, that an Establishment of Lascars should be formed expressly for the service of the Tents, the following is the peace Establishment judged necessary for that purpose. —

Detail of Tents equal to 2/3 of the Established Strength of the army, and peace Establishment of Tent Lascars, consisting of 18 Companies, and each Company of 1 Syrang, 1 - 1st Tindal, 2 - 2nd Tindals and 50 Lascars. —

Tents of each Description										Peace Establishment Tent Lascars
Commanders Chief Dining	Commanders Chief Sleeping	Field Officers	Flies	Privates	Bells	Kitchens	Sergeants	Hospitals	Staff Officers	
1	1	96	532	1594	484	188	18	18	36	900

15th. That the Tent Lascars shall be under the general

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general Controuls of the Military Board.

16th. As the peace Establishment of Europe Lascars may not at all times be equal to furnish the quota required for the Service of Ships that may be ordered occasionally for partial Field Services. applications on all such occasions must be made to the Military Board. who will adopt the necessary measures for supplying the additional numbers required. and also take care that such Extra Lascars are not continued longer in pay than the service on which they are employed absolutely requires; whatever proportion of their number it may be expedient to retain in the service to supply casualties that may have happened in the peace Establishment. It is to be observed as an invariable rule that a preference shall be given to the Men who have been with Ships in the Field.

17th. The Lascars to be admitted on the Pension and Invalid Lists. in the same manner as regulated for the Native Troops.

18th. As in particular situations it may become necessary

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nessary to lodge Tents in Regimental Store the following is the detail of Lascars to accompany them, together with a proportion of Syrangs and Tindals according to the Established Strength of each Company, and the Military Board in their distribution of Tents in Store at the several Stations will be guided by the same proportions in appointing the Tent Lascars.—

General Tent at 3 Lascars each
Field Officers ... at 1. Ditto ... Ditto
Officers ..... at 1. to 2 Tents
Privates ... at 1. to 4 Ditto
Bell ..... at 1. to 9 Ditto
Necessary ... at 1. to 4 Ditto

19th It is to be understood when Tents are lodged in Regimental Store that the same forms of Returns and Inspections are to be observed as has been ordered for Tents in the charge of Ordnance Officers.—

20th That the Tents of each description shall be of the dimensions specified in Table No. 2. (vide appendix)

21st That all Tents made up by Contractors, or others

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thers employed to furnish them for the Service, are to be marked with the initial letters of the Contractors, or the Agents name, and the year in which they were provided — The Tents of each description made up in the same year, shall also be numbered from one to the extent that may have been furnished. for Example if Sixty Field Officers Tents be the quantity provided in one year, they are to be numbered from 1. to 60. which rule applies equally to every separate description of Tents made up in the same year. — The above marks and numbers shall be put upon each Tent, or parts of a Tent, in four distinct places — Viz. upon the Fly — the Inner Tent and Walls of each Officers Tent, the Shell and Wall of each Private, and Necessary Tent, and upon each Bell Tent. —

22nd. That the Quarter Master General shall keep a General Register of Tents upon the above Plan, to be referred to when necessary; and in order to enable him to correct the General Register lists, corresponding with the

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with the casualties in the Monthly Returns. exhibiting the particular Initials. Date and Number on each Tent. received and issued shall accompany the Monthly Returns according to Form No. 4 (vide Appendix) and Corps. Departments. and thus receiving Tents from the Stores. are to be punctual in transmitting lists to the Quarter Master Generals Office at Fort St. George. agreeably to the abovementioned Form. describing the Initials. date and numbers on each Tent respectively. —

23d. That the Tents in Store. and the Establishment of Tent Lascars at the several Stations. shall be in charge of the Commissaries or other Persons having charge of the Military Stores. who are to be held responsible for the care and preservation of the Camp Equipage. —

24th. That when new Tents are delivered by the Contractor. Agent or other Person employed to make them up. they are to be inspected. if at the Presidency by a Committee of the Military Board. and at out Stations by the Officer Commanding. assisted by two or

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to allow them to be pitched for any Garrison purpose whatever. unless in cases of emergency to be immediately reported to the Military Board. —

32nd Officers Commanding Corps. Commissaries or others in charge of Camp Equipage are to be responsible that Tents be not pitched at any time except for the public Service; nor are officers on leave of absence to be allowed on any account to take with them Tents that are the property of the Honorable Company. —

33rd After Tents in Store or those received from any Corps. Detachment or Service have been repaired it shall be the duty of the Commissary to report the same to the Commanding Officer of the Station. who will immediately thereafter form a Committee as before directed. for their inspection. and the Reports of Inspection with all Bills for such repairs are to be transmitted to the Military Board to be compared with the Estimates or other Proceedings which have taken place on the subject. after they shall have been attested by the Commanding

Officer

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Officer of the Station in these Words. "I hereby Certify that
"the repairs charged for in this Bill have been duly
"executed." —

When the Bills for such repairs are
passed by the Military Board. under the signature of
their Secretary. it shall be the authority of the Paymaster
of the Station for discharging them. —

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If it shall appear to the Commanding
Officer of the Station. and the Officers he may appoint
to assist them in the inspection. that the repairs have
not been properly executed. he is to direct the necessary
alterations to be made without delay: but for which
no charge will be admitted beyond the original Estimate.
and the Commanding Officer of the Station shall report
every such circumstance to the Military Board. as also.
if the Commissary shall at any time neglect to execute
the requisits of Tents in due time. —

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All Tents supplied from the Presidency
to out Garrisons. for the purpose of being lodged in Store.
shall

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Each thereof, or on a separate Paper, which Receipts with Indents, are consequently to be forwarded as Necessary Vouchers with the accounts of the Commissary, or other Persons by whom such Issues have been made.—

3rd Indents at the Presidency to be countersigned by the Secretary of the Military Board, by order.— at out Stations by the Officers Commanding, and in the Field by the Quarter Master General; and it shall be the duty of those Officers respectively, to ascertain that the Tents, Tent Lascars, Carriage &c. Indented for, bear a due proportion to each other, and to the effective strength of Corps, as directed in the Preceding Article.—

4th When the Heads of Corps, Departments, and Individuals in the Field, shall find the Camp Equipage under their respective charge, to be in want of repair, a representation thereof shall be made to the Quarter Master General of the Army, and by him laid before the Commander in Chief, who being satisfied of the expediency of such repairs, will order a Committee

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of Inspection, to consist of the Quarter Master General
President, with two or more Officers, one of whom shall
be a Quarter Master.—

5th When the Committee of Inspection have carefully examined the Tents requiring repairs, their Proceedings containing Estimates of the necessary Quantity of Materials, according to Form No. 27 or 28 as appendix, shall be laid before the Commander in Chief, for his approval and Signature, which being obtained, the Quarter Master General will in consequence transmit a Copy of the Proceedings to the Commissary of Stores, with an order expressed thereon for the Issue of the Materials of each Description to Corps, Departments and Individuals respectively whose Receipts for such Materials shall be his Voucher for the delivery:— but in all cases, whether in the Field or Garrison, the repairs are to be executed by the Tent Lascars, and other Establishments attached to Corps and Departments.—

6th As soon as the Repairs are completed, a report

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a report thereof shall be made to the Quarter Master General,
who shall assemble the same Committee, that before inspected
the Tents, whose duty it will be to examine them, and
to see that the repairs have been properly executed. -

7th Monthly Returns of Tents, Tent Lascars,
Bamboo Coolies, and Draught and Carriage Cattle, employed
in the Service of the Equipage, to be made to the Quarter
Master General, and he is to transmit Quarterly Returns
of the same to the Military Board, together with the
Proceedings of all Committees of Inspection, and accounts
of the quantity of Materials for the repairs of Tents, that
have in every case been drawn for under his Countersignature
from the public Stores. -

8th Daily reports of Casualties respecting
the Tents, - Tent Lascars, Bamboo Coolies, and Draught
and Carriage Cattle, employed with the Camp Equipage,
to be made to the Quarter Master General. -

9th The above regulations for the Main
Army in the Field, respecting Returns, Reports

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and Committees. apply equally to smaller Divisions and Detachments. consequently the Officer who may be officiating with each Division or Detachment. will be the same of duty of the Quarter Master General. is to follow the same Rules in every respect as directed to be observed by him. —

10th The Commissary of Stores is to lay before the Commander in Chief. Monthly. a detailed account of the expence of the Materials. the date of their being issued. and the cost of the different Articles which have been required for the Tents of Corps. Departments. and Individuals. and in order that the Commander in Chief may not only have before him Monthly. in this manner. the amount of the whole expences so incurred. but also have an opportunity of judging of the attention that has been paid to the preservation of the Tents. by the parties respectively in charge of them. the account to be presented by the Commissary of Stores. must exhibit separately the detail of the

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expence for each Corps. Department and Individual.—

11th. The great and constant expence to which the Company are subject on account of Camp Equipage especially in time of War, requiring the most vigilant superintendance and controul, it is considered to be the duty of Officers Commanding Corps and Departments to use every means in their power for the care and preservation of the Tents under their general charge, and to require the same attention from the Persons to whose particular care they have been respectively committed: and with a view to determine where responsibility should attach, Officers relieving them in charge of Corps or Departments, are to receive a present State of the Camp Equipage with the present State of the Troops: and in cases where the same charge shall devolve from Casualties, not admitting of the like precaution, such Officers shall ascertain as soon as possible thereafter the actual State of the Camp Equipage by means of a Committee of Inspection, and proof

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composed of Officers under their immediate Command.

12th As all Estimates for the repair of Camp Equipage both in Garrison and in the Field will be referred to the examination and report of the Quarter Master General, it will be expected of him in all cases to annex thereto the Certificate and affirmation prescribed to the Chief Engineer with respect to Estimates for the execution and repair of Public Works under his directions.

(signed) Patrick Ross
President.

Appendix to the Regulations for the Ordnance, Store, Military Buildings and Camp Equipage Departments.

No.

Form for making out Return of Quarters under charge of Barrack Masters ..... 1.

——— for Dimensions of Tents for the Army 2

——— for Monthly Return of Tents in Store, shewing the Receipts Issues and Remains 3

——— for List of Tents received and issued shewing the Initials of the makers Name, Marks and Numbers to correspond with the Monthly Return ..... 4.

for

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No.

Form for keeping a Committee of Survey on Camp Equipage in Store at ——— ..... 5.

——— for Tents, Bullocks, Lascars, Coolies, Doolies and Artificers for a Complete Regiment of European Cavalry on Service ..... 6.

Ammunition and Stores to be carried with a Regiment of European Cavalry on Service ..... 7.

——— for Tents, Bullocks, Lascars, Coolies, Doolies and Artificers for a complete Troop of European Cavalry on Service ..... 7.

Ammunition and Stores to be carried with a Troop of European Cavalry on Service ..... 8.

——— for Tents, Bullocks, Lascars, Coolies, Doolies and Artificers for a complete Battalion of Artillery on Service ..... 8.

Ammunition and Stores to be carried with a complete Battalion of Artillery on Service ..... 9.

——— for Tents, Bullocks, Lascars, Coolies, Doolies and Artificers for a complete Company of Artillery detached on Service ..... 9.

Ammunition and Stores to be carried with a complete Company of Artillery on Service ..... 10.

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No.

Form for Tents. Bullocks. Lascars. Coolies. Doolies and Artificers for a complete Regiment of European Infantry on Service. - - - - - - - - - - - - 10

Ammunition and Stores to be Carried with a complete Regiment of European Infantry on Service

——— for Tents. Bullocks. Lascars. Coolies. Doolies and Artificers. for a complete Company of European Infantry detached on Service - - - - - - - - - - 11.

Ammunition and Stores. to be carried with a complete Company of European Infantry on Service

——— for Tents. Bullocks. Lascars. Coolies. Doolies and Artificers. for a complete Regiment of Native Cavalry on Service - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 12.

Ammunition and Stores. to be carried with a Regiment of Native Cavalry on Service - - - - - -

——— for Tents. Bullocks. Lascars. Coolies. Doolies and Artificers. for a complete Troop of Native Cavalry detached on Service - - - - - - - - - - 13.

Ammunition and Stores. to be carried with a Troop of Native Cavalry detached on Service

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Form of Indent for Dooly Bearers Pushallies and Bombo Coolies ..... } 26.

——— for holding a Committee of Inspection on Camp Equipage ..... } 27.

Equipage in the Field .....

Store and Tent Lascars.

1st The Committee having adverted particularly to the present Establishment of Garrison Lascars and being of opinion that it is capable of great reform so as to answer the purposes of the Service better in all respects than at present, it is proposed with a view to this Object in connexion with the Regulations for Camp Equipage now submitted that the whole of the Garrison Lascars be formed into 45 Companies as follows. ~

	Serangs	1st Tindals	2d Tindals	Lascars
Store Department				
27 Companies ...	27	27	27	1350
Tent Establishment of				
Tent Lascars 18 Companies ..	18	18	36	900
Companies 45	45	45	63	2250

† These proceedings with some few alterations published in G. Orders Date 6th June vide G.O. Book No. 78. ..

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2nd The Establishment of Tent Lascars is nearly the same as that already detailed in the Ordonnance Regulations. — The Tent Lascars are meant to be employed in time of Peace in the Care and preservation and in occasional repairs of Tents as well as on all Services which require a proportion of Lascars with the Camp Equipage issued to Corps and Detachments marching from one Station to another — In proposing a Separate Establishment of Tent Lascars the Committee have referred to the Suggestions of the late or Military Auditor General on the subject in his private Letter under date the 25th February 1796. and the advantages likely to result from it are obvious. for as the Lascars allotted to the Store Department cannot be removed without great inconvenience to the Service it becomes necessary to form a distinct Corps for the Camp Equipage. to avoid the enormous alternative of hiring new people on every occasion who without any knowledge superior to common coolies or any attachment to the Service will neglect and strip the Tents and take the first opportunity of deserting certain of for

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being left without employ when the Service for which they
are hired is performed. but as the it has been judged expedi-
=ent to postpone distant Establishments of Lascars for the
Stor Department and Camp Equipage. still it is to be
understood that each Establishment shall be employed
in the Duties of the other. as well as in such other Services
as circumstances may require. —

3d The Secretary of the Military Board shall
keep a Register of all the Stor and Tent Lascars in the
Service according to a Form No 1. for which purpose the
Officers respectively in charge are to send him Descriptive
Rolls corresponding thereto. and in future to transmit to
him Monthly Returns. with a list of Casualties agreeably
to Form No 2. —

4th When Vacancies happen for promotion
in the Lascars. Officers in charge are to forward to the Se-
=cretary of the Military Board recommendatory Certificates
of persons to fill such Vacancies. founded on merit and
length of Service. —

5th No promotions or removals of any part
of the Lascar Establishment shall take place except

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Under the authority of the Military Board —

6th Their Clothing to be provided by Contract. and
the Allowances disposed of as Government may deem proper.
and no Stoppages whatever shall be made from the Pay
of the Lascars. but such as are authorized by these
Regulations. —

7th As it appears that the Chief Engineer at
the Presidency has always had an Establishment of Lascars
for assisting in keeping the Fortifications. and other public
Works in order. the Committee beg leave to suggest that 5
Companies of Store Lascars be constantly employed under
the Commissary General of Stores. for the Duties of the
Arsenal and Laboratory. and 2 Companies under the
Chief Engineer. making together the number assigned
to the Store Department in the Ordnance Regulations.
of 7 Companies. 14 Serdals and 350 Lascars. — —

8th The Committee propose that the Fort
Lascars be stationed according to the following arrange-
ment. subject to such alterations in each Division.
as

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as the Military Board may find it necessary to direct.

Fort St. George ..... 6 Companies

Coimbatore and South of the Coleroon .. 4 Ditto

Ceded Districts ..... 1 Company

Vellore and adjacent Stations ..... 2 Ditto

Pondicherry and Cuddalore ..... 1 Ditto

Masulipatam ..... 2 Ditto

Vizagapatam ..... 1 Ditto

Ganjam ..... ½ Ditto

Guntoor District ..... ½ Ditto

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9th The present Establishment of Garrison Lascars paid by the Company, exclusive of those employed to the Eastward, and on the Island of Ceylon, is 46 Syrangs 138 Tindals and 2527 Lascars, and the proposed Establishment of Store and Tent Lascars is 45 Syrangs, 46 first Tindals, 63 Second Tindals, and 2250 Lascars, making a difference of 1 Syrang 30 Tindals and 377 Lascars.

10th The Establishment of Garrison Lascars leaving now no intermediate rank between the Syrang who is the Native Officer at the Head of a Company

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and the private Lascar, except that of Tindal, which occasions
a practice open to irregularity and abuse, by the order which
gives a Tindal when in charge of a party an Extra pay
of 2 Fanams per Month. The Committee think it
will be for the good of the Service, and an encouragement
to deserving Lascars if the same ranks were established
for the Store and Tent Lascars as with the Gun Lascars—
viz. Syrangs, first Tindals and Second Tindals.—

11th The Pay of the Syrangs and Lascars to be the
same as at present. the 1st Tindal 2 Pd. 2 Fs. and the Second 2
Pagodas 5 Fs. Month. both to receive in the Field the Batta
at present allowed to a Tindal.— Two Second Tindals are
included for each Company of Tent Lascars on account
of the manner in which they are distributed in the Field.—

12th The Lascars employed in the Ordnance
and Store Department to be mustered daily in presence
of an Ordnance Officer, and those in the Engineers—
Department by an Officer of that Corps, or other person
appointed by the Chief Engineer; an Abstract Return
of the Muster according to Form No. 3. shall be entered
daily

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daily in a Book to be kept for that purpose, copy of which shall accompany the Pay abstract. The Pay of those reported absent without leave to be deducted from the Total amount of the abstract according to the number of days they are so reported. —

13th. The Pay abstracts of the Lascars at the Presidency to be signed by the Offrs in charge, and countersigned by the Secretary of the Military Board by order, and at the Out Stations by Commanding Offrs respectively. —

14th. The Pay to be distributed to the Lascars under the same regulations as specified for the payment of the Establishment of Ordnance Officers at the Presidency and out Stations. —

15th. If any Syrang, Tindal or Lascar shall presume to make any Stoppage from the Pay of the Lascars or benefit in the smallest degree by their absence they shall be punished in the most exemplary manner. —

16th. Lascars are on no account to be made use

of.

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as Peons. Servants or Coolies. or employed on any private business by the Officers or others under whose orders they are placed.—

17th Every Lyscarry. Tindal and Lascar desirous of being discharged. shall be brought before the Division or Committees at the same periods with the men of the different Companies of Native Infantry and Gun Lascars recommended to be Invalided or Pensioned. and a column for discharging is to be accordingly added to the Form described for those Committees. but no man is to be brought before a Committee for the purpose of being discharged. unless his application be in the first instance approved by the Commanding Officer of the Station.—

18th The causes of the applications and duty recommended are to be placed opposite to each mans name applying to be discharged. in the same manner as followed for those that are produced as objects to be Invalided. or Pensioned.—

19th No native of any rank in the Lascars shall

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shall receive his Discharge Certificate until the appointment of the Military Board shall be signified, and the discharge of every Man shall be signed by the Officer in charge, and countersigned by the Secretary by order of the Military Board. —

20th Every Discharge Certificate to set forth the Amount of Pay and Clothing, or any other Arrears that may be due, and in full terms the cause of the discharge being granted. —

21st It is to be considered as the special duty of the Sjrangs and Sr Sindals of each Company to make themselves acquainted with the private views, attachments and connections of the Men of their Companies. Sjrangs manifesting either neglect or indifference to this essential part of their duty, are to be reported to the Military Board, that in case it shall judge a compliance necessary, the Sjrang complained of may be dismissed the Service: and Sr Sindals offending as above, shall in like manner be reported to the Military Board, with the views of their being accounted improper Men to be promoted. —

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22nd In order to ascertain to the Military Board the delinquency of Syrangs and Sr. Sirdars in the matters of duty stated in the preceding article, a Court of Enquiry composed of European Officers shall be ordered by the command-ing Officer of the Station, and their proceedings to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Military Board.—

23rd Lascars wanting to complete to the Establishment in time of Peace, shall be entertained by the Officers in charge with the approbation of the Military Board if at the Presidency and at out Stations of the Officer Commanding.—

Field Service

24th The Pay for the Lascars employed in the Store Department in the Field is to be drawn the same as in Garison, by the Ordnance Officer in charge, but the abstract in this case to be countersigned by the Commandant of Artillery, or Senior Officer of that Corps present.—

25th The Lascars attached to European Corps in the Field, to be drawn for by the Quarter Master, those with Native Corps, and the Engineer Department by the adjutants, and the abstracts to be countersigned by the Officer Commanding the Corps, and by the Chief or Senior Engineer respectively.—

26th

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26th The Lascars in the Departments of Individuals not included in the abstracts before mentioned shall be drawn for by the Heads of such Departments or Individuals and the abstracts to be countersigned by the Quarter Master General. —

27th Lascars wanting to complete the different Establishments in the Field, shall be recruited by the Officers in charge under the authority of the Officers countersigning the Pay abstracts as before directed. —

28th The Quarter Master General having been directed to transmit Quarterly Returns to the Military Board of all the Lascars employed with the Corps Equipage in the Field, it shall be in like manner the duty of the Commissary of Stores to send to the Secretary of the Military Board at the same period Similar Returns of all the Lascars in the Ordnance and Store Department. —

/signed/ Patrick Ross
President.

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Form No. 1.

Description Roll of the 1st Company for a Detachment from / of Pent or Star Lascars in the Garrison of ——— for the Month of ——— 179 ———

Number	Names.	Rank	Age	Cast	Colour	Village	Length of Service	Remarks.
1.	Mayah	Lyang	33.	Moorman	Light Bamboo	Pondicherry	20.	
1.	John Cavon	1st Jemdal	63.	Edeyen	Black	Chinglepet	26.	
1.	Ayah Mahomed	2d Jemdal	52.	Moorman	Ditto	Arcot	27.	Laboratory
1.	Choory	Lascar	38.	Vanien	Brown	Putnam	20.	
2	Moot.	"	33.	Ditto	Dark Bamboo	Chingee	9	
3	Allapayn	"	21.	Ditto	Black	Dessoore	10.	on Duty at ...
4	Valeduru	"	29.	Augamedan	Ditto	Conjeveram	9.	
5	Ninapah	"	35	Vadegan	Brown	Permanil	10.	
6	Cundapah	"	36	Pullee	Bamboo	Carangoly	13.	
7	Narinah	"	25	Reddee	Ditto	Cuddalore	14.	
8	Eraun Cann	"	22	Moorman	Black	Pungapettah	2.	
9.	Nellapah	"	39	Villayen	Ditto	Nellore	18.	

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Form N.º 2.

Return of the 2nd Company 1st Detachment Europ. Regt.

or Store Lascars in the Garrison of _____ for the Month

of _____ 1797. _____

Present for Duty _____
Sick present _____
Absent — on Command _____
on Furlough _____
Sick _____

Total _____

Wanting to Complete ...
Establishment _____

_____ Alterations and Casualties since last Return _____

Names	No. Rank	Deaths	Deserted	Discharged	Dismissed	Enlisted	Inlisted	Promoted	Reduced	Transferred	Struck off	From	To	Month and Days	Inclusive	No. Inclusive
Kastoorh Reddy	3 Lascar	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2d May 97	1	"
Shaik Ally	7 Lascar	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	15th May 97	"	1
Ramadoo	15 1st Tindal	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2d May 97	"	1
Ram Sing	4 "	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	2nd Tindal	1st Tindal	9th	"	1

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Form No. 3.

Daily Report of the Lascars employed in the Revenue Store or Engineers /

Department at _____ for the Month of June 1797.

	Present			Absent			Total		
	Tindals		Lascars	Tindals		Lascars	Tindals		Lascars
	1st	2nd		1st	2nd		1st	2nd	
June 1st									
2d									
3d									
4th									
5th									
6th									
7th									
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Minute on the Regulations proposed by the Military Board for the care and preservation of the Military Buildings and Camp Equipage and establishment of the Store and Tent Lascars -

The Board entirely approve the detailed Regulations which the Military Board have recommended for the care and preservation of Military Buildings and Camp Equipage as well as for the Store and Tent Lascars. - Resolved accordingly that they be established as part of the General System for the Store Department and published in General Orders. -

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c &c &c.

My Lord.

From the Military Board relative to the future mode of keeping the Books of the Military Board the attendance of Government called for the increased salary of the Secretary and abolishing the Office of Military Auditor General

The Military Auditor General having laid before us a Copy of Regulations established at Bengal, and transmitted to them by the Military Auditor General at that Presidency, for keeping the Books of the Military Board in communication with the other Public Offices, and which appearing to be applicable in all respects to the System lately introduced here for the Ordnance and Store Department. We beg leave to submit the accompanying draft of Regulations framed thereon with Minutes of our Board in consequence

and

Minute on the Regulations proposed by the Military Board for the care and preservation of the Military Buildings and Camp Equipage. Establishment &c. of the Store and Tent Lascars. -

From the Military Board relative to the future mode of keeping the Books of the Military Board the attendance of Government called for the increased salary of the Secretary and abolishing the Office of Military Auditor General and the responsibility devolving on him by the new Regulations as it relates to the mode of keeping of the Office Establishment - Minutes of Military General Yeats - on relation to the abuses which has prevailed the former system of paying, collecting and employing the Gunpowder Lascars and their indigent allowance

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allowance which Government have allotted to the Superintendent of the Gun powder Manufactory with Minutes of the different Members on the Subject submitted to the determination of Government.

and recommend in the event of its meeting your Lordships approbation, that the necessary communications may be made to the different Offices which they respectively concern.

We enclose also a Copy of the Minute of the Military Board at Bengal and of the Letter from the Secretary to Government communicating the same to Us, & Military Auditor General and the other Departments thereon mentioned.

We have the honor of laying before your Lordships in Council a Copy of a Memorandum and Letter addressed to us by the Secretary of our Board respecting his Office Establishment with Minutes and Letter of the Commandant of Artillery and Minutes of the Adjutant General and Military Auditor General in consequence, which we have to the Establishment of Garrison Lascars - a Subject which your Lordships will perceive has undergone considerable discussion We beg leave at the same time to submit to the consideration of Government an Establishment proposed for the Military Board Office. And having recommended in the detailed Regulations for the Store and Fort Lascars that they shall be

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in future Allotted by the Contractors which consequently
deprives the Secretary from deriving any advantage therefrom,
We request that your Lordships will be pleased to take
into consideration the present Salary of the Secretary and
Deputy and the additions which in your Lordships judge-
ment may appear necessary to be made thereto in
consequence of the great increase of Business and responsibility
accruing to the Office from the introduction of the new
System —

We have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) George Harris

" Patrick Ross

" Thomas Teils

" W. Sydenham

" Jn.° Richardson

" Dr. Close

" George Hall

Fort S. George
27th May 1797

Proposed

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Proposed Regulations for keeping the Books of the Military Board Office in connection with the Military Books of this Presidency as applicable to the new System for the Ordnance and Store Departments —

1st " That as soon after the 30th April 1797 as may be possible a General Return to be made out of all the Military Stores remaining on hand under the heads of "Serviceable" and Repairable" in the Arsenal, Magazines and with Corps so as to exhibit the whole of the Articles of every denomination in Store, under the above Heads agreeably to the Form hereunto annexed —

2nd " That a Medium Table of rates be formed to be applied generally to the Serviceable Stores contained in the general Returns above mentioned, estimating the Repairable Stores at 2/3 of the value of those that are Serviceable so as to exhibit the estimated value of the whole by the application of the same Rule at the end of each Official year —

3rd " That the rule for the formation of the above medium Table of Rates be as follows —

First. That the Medium of the European Invoice rates for a —

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Series of 6 years past. comprehending 3 years of Peace. and 3 years of War. be applied to all articles upon the Returns which are usually sent out by the Company from England. and the Contract prices to all articles which may be supplied under any specific engagement. —

Second. The medium of the rates established by Government under date the 18th. April 1797. shall be applied in the same principle to such Stores as are permitted to be furnished by the Commissaries of Supplies at the different Stations. —

Third. The average rates of Stores furnished by the Agent of Supplies at the Presidency. to be applied to all articles in the above General Return. which are not comprehended under either of the two foregoing descriptions. —

Fourth. Should any article of Store be found upon the General Return to which no rate is applicable by either of the above Rules. the Secretary is directed to ascertain as nearly as he can the current value of such articles. and insert it accordingly with the sanction of the Board. —

4th. That the Table of rates so formed, shall continue in

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in use until Government may think proper to order its being revised. —

5th That when the value of the Military Stores on hand on the 30th April 1797 shall have been ascertained as above directed it shall be notified to the Military Auditor General, in order to be brought in the Books of his office, and hereafter by communications from him, on those of the Military Paymaster General, to the debit of the head "Military Board". —

6th That the cost of all Stores furnished by the Agent, or Commissaries of Supplies, be charged on the Books of the Military Auditor General, and Military Paymaster General to the debit of the "Military Board". —

7th In order to give a complete view of the aggregate of Ordnance and Military Stores on the Books of the Military Auditor General, and Military Paymaster General, it is necessary that the cost of the Military and Ordnance Stores, sent out by the Company should also appear — Resolved therefore to recommend to Government, to direct

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The Accountant General to furnish the Military Paymaster General from time to time with Invoices of the Stores Recieved either from Europe, or from the other Presidencies, and receipts from the Commissary General of Stores for the quantities so recieved, and the amounts allowed on audit to be included in the Accountant Generals account of advances to the Military Department, in order that the same may be likewise carried to the debit of the Military Board, on the Books of the Auditor General, and Paymaster General. &c

8th That upon the same principle the Accountant General be directed to furnish the Military Paymaster General from time to time with accounts of all Stores supplied to the Military Department, either from the Import Warehouse, or by the Marine Storekeeper, with the receipts of the Officer to whom issued, which is in like manner to be included after audit, in the account of advances to the Military Department, and brought to debit as above mentioned. &c

9th As by the above process the Military Board will have been charged with the whole expence, both of the Military

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Military and Ordnance Stores on hand on the 30th of April 1797. as well as of those received into Store in the course of the Year 1797/8.— it is further directed. that the Estimated value of Stores remaining on the 30th April 1798. shall as soon as ascertained in the mode already prescribed be deducted from the Total amount standing to the debit of the Military Board: and the difference which will show the amount of the actual Expenditure of Ordnance and Military Stores, in the course of the official year. shall be transferred to the debit of Charges Military of the year 1797/8. and this process is to be observed annually.—

10th That the Secretary to this Board. be directed to furnish the Military Auditor General at the end of each official year with Accounts of the amount of Stores furnished in the course of the year to any of the Kings Regiments. or to either of the other Presidencies. or to the Civil Departments for the value of which the Military Board will have Credit. and the other proper heads be debited.—

Minute

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Minutes of the Military Board.—

The Board approve the Regulations
submitted by the Military Auditor General with his Minute
of the 18th Instant:— and as it becomes requisent that the
other Departments with which points of Official connections are
necessarily introduced in the above Regulations should be advised
of them. Resolved. that a Copy thereof be laid before the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council with the request of this
Board. that he will be pleased to order.—

1st That the Military Auditor General be desired
to soon as he shall be informed by the Secretary of this
Board of the value of Military Stores issued the 30th of
April 1797. to notify the same to the Military Pay Master
General. in order that they may be brought to the debit
of the head "Military Board" on the Books of both offices—

2nd That the Military Auditor General and
Military Pay Master General be further informed that
the cost of all Stores furnished by the Agent or Commissariat
of Supplies. is to be charged in like manner to the debit of
the head "Military Board"—

3rd

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3d That the Accountant General be desired to furnish the Military Pay Master General from time to time with the Invoices of the Stores received either from Europe or from the other Presidencies including the amount thereof in the account of advances to the Military Department the Pay Master General being debited on the account of advances he will credit General Books and debit the Military Board for the same.—

4th That as soon as the deficiencies in the delivery of the Stores if any shall have been ascertained an account thereof be transmitted by the Secretary of the Military Board to the Military Auditor General and the Military Pay Master General in order that they may debit and credit the proper heads and information of those adjustments are to be transmitted to the Accountant General by the Military Pay Master General.—

5th That the Accountant General be desired to furnish the Military Pay Master General from time to time with accounts of all Stores supplied to the Military Department from the Import Ware House.

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The Marine Store Keeper or any other Officer in the Civil Department, together with the receipts of the Officers to whom issued, including the amount thereof in the account of advances.—

6th. That the Military Auditor General, auditor General and Military Paymaster General, be respectively made acquainted with the principle on which the annual of the actual annual Expenditure of Ordnance and Military Stores will in future be established and transferred to the debit of "Charges Military" as pointed out under article 9th. of the accompanying Regulations.—

25th. May 1797.—

True Copy,
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Lt. and Actg. Sec. Mil. Board

Minute by the Military Board the 13th April 1796

The Board meeting to their Proceedings under date the 21st. of April last, when the several rules to be observed in the mode of keeping the Books of this Department on the new System were adopted and ordered to be carried into effect. observe that through the arrangements thereon

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Thereon detailed were sanctioned by Government, yet as the other Departments with which points of official connection are necessarily introduced in these Regulations, should be advised of them, agreed that a Copy of the Regulations alluded to be sent up to the Governor General in Council with the request of this Board, that he will be pleased to order —

1st That the Military Auditor General be desired to cause it to be informed by the Secretary of this Board of the value of Military Stores on hand the 30th of April 1795, to notify the same to the Military Paymaster General in order that they may be brought to the debit of the Head "Military Board" in the Books of both Offices —

2nd That the Military Auditor General and Military Paymaster General be further informed, that the cost of all Stores furnished by the Agent of Stores or Commissaries of Supplies, is to be charged in like manner to the debit of the Head "Military Board" —

3rd That the Accountant General be desired to furnish the Military Paymaster General from time to

time

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time with Invoices of the Stores received either from Europe or from the other Presidencies, including the amount thereof in the account of advances to the Military Department. The Paymaster General being debited in the account of advances, he will Credit General Stores, and Debit the Military Board for the same.—

4th That as soon as the deficiencies in the delivery of the Stores, if any shall have been ascertained, an account thereof be transmitted by the Secretary of the Military Board to the Military Auditor General, and the Military Paymaster General, in order that they may debit and Credit the proper Heads, and information of those adjustments are to be transmitted to the Accountant General by the Military Paymaster General.—

5th That the Accountant General be desired to furnish the Military Paymaster General, from time to time, with accounts of all Stores supplied to the Military Department from the Export Warehouses, the Naval Storekeeper, or any other Officer in the Civil

Department

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Department, together with the receipts of the Officers to whom issued including the amount thereof on the account of advances.

6th That the Military Auditor General, Accountant General and Military Paymaster General, be respectively made acquainted with the principle on which the amount of the actual annual Expenditure of Ordnance and Military Stores will in future be calculated, and transferred to the debit of the "Charges Military" as appointed not under Article 9th of the accompanying Regulations.—

A true Copy.
(Signed) Isaac Humphreys
Sec.y & Accountt. Mil.y Board

A true Copy.
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil.y and Gen.l

A true Copy.
(Signed) Fred.k Pearce
Sec.y & Accountt. Mil.y Board

To

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To Colonel John. Murray

Military Auditor General

Sir.

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit you the accompanying Copies of the Minutes of the Military Board, and the Regulations &c. therein referred to, the rules and instructions proposed, in which he desires you will be careful to observe, as far as they regard your Office.—

Council Chamber
the 20th April 1795.

I am &c. &c.
(signed) J. H. Harington
Sub. Sec.

True Copy.
(signed) Fred. Pierce
Fd. & Account. Mil. Board.

Memorandum of the Secretary, laid before the Board in a Special Meeting of 24th April 1797.—

The Secretary observing by the Government Order of the 11th Instant, that the new Regulations for the Ordnance and Store Departments, are to have effect

on

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on the 1st. day of next month, requests permission to bring to the Boards notice the 34th. article thereof whereby the Duty of the Secretary to the Military Board will be encreased to a most considerable extent, and himself involved in a degree of responsibility, to which he trusts it will appear to the Board that neither his present Salary, or Office Establishment is in any degree proportionate - especially when contrasted with that of each description attached to the same Appointment in Bengal, as well as to the Secretaries of two other Boards, and different situations of Trust and responsibility under this Presidency, few of them exceeding, if equalling, in that in which he is about to engage - The Secretary therefore respectfully solicits the Board's attention to the situation wherein he is likely to be placed in a few days, without possessing the means of performing the task allotted to him, and requests that they will be pleased to take measures towards obtaining an

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an encrease of Salary and Establishment to such an extent as on a consideration of the very laborious Duty which it will become his province to discharge, and the additional responsibility attaching to his Station under the new System, those circumstances may seem to warrant.

/Signed/ Fred. Pierce
Ld. Mily. Board.

/True Copy/
/Signed/ Fred. Pierce
Ld. & Accountt. Mily. Board.

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

Gentlemen

In conformity with your directions signified to me on Monday last, I have the honor to lay before you the present Establishment of this Office of your Secretary, together with a letter from my Predecessor, accompanying a Statement by him of the proposed increase thereon,

wherewith

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whenever the new Ordnance and Stores Regulations
(now published) should have effect and Resolution
of your Board thereupon, — also Establishment of the
like Office in Bengal. —

Although on a view of the proposed
Establishment, it may in comparison with the present
appear rather extensive, yet when the Board shall
recollect how very inadequate in Office Rent, and
Establishment the latter has invariably proved, even
for the Current duty, and take into consideration the
very great accumulation of business already allotted
for the Office to commence on the 1st. of May, besides
a very considerable addition which it is said there
is every probability of being shortly introduced, I have
no doubt that the Board will see the absolute —
necessity of a liberal Establishment being allowed,
and such as will ensure the Duty of the Office
being performed with promptitude and dispatch. —

Whitelock

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Whilst on the subject of these Offices

I take the liberty of requesting your attention to a Fact

circumstance of a very unpleasant nature. And which

if not noticed, may ultimately tend to my disadvantage

at the time when any recommendation that you may

deem necessary to make in regard to this Office, shall come

under consideration of Government, and as such it was

Idea as generally entertained, as it is prevalent, and should

it reach the Ear of Authority, might possibly so far

impress the Members of Government with an erroneous

conception of the advantages attaching to my situation,

as to prevent my Office being put upon that footing of

respectability that I apprehend it must appear to

require in the Opinion of every unbiassed and impartial

person, acquainted with the constant labour attendant

on a discharge of the duty thereof. Viz^t. That from a

" considerable Emolument arising from the provision

" of the Lascars Clothing, estimated at several Thousand

Pagodas

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"Pagodas Annually, the post of Secretary to the Military
"Board is a most profitable Situation." but which on
the slightest investigation of the total cost of the Clothing
must prove to be as fallacious as absurd — I therefore with
a view of affording to you Gentlemen, the most positive
proof in my power of the little credit which the
assertion merits with from me, and in the hope of
effectually preventing Government from being misled
by so delusive an Idea, I must respectfully submit
to your consideration, for recommendation or not to
Government a proposal of henceforward discontinuing
the practice of the Clothing being provided by the
Secretary, and that it may be made up by Contract.
or other manner as Government shall think proper
to determine upon, and the Amount of the Profit.
(if any) accruing therefrom be disposed of at their
pleasure — which mode should it be adopted, and
a liberal and sufficient Salary annexed to the
appointment

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appointment of Secretary, will not only be much more satisfactory to my feelings, as giving me a determinate and avowed income, but also prevent the Secretary's suffering in the opinion of the Public, under the supposition that he derives a considerable portion of his Emolument from a practice connected with Government.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(signed) Fred. Darrell

Sub. Mily. Board.

Fort St. George
28th. April 1797.—

True Copy,

Fred. Darrell

Sub. & Accomt. Mily. Board.

To Colonel John Braithwaite

President &c. Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor in conformity to your directions to lay before you the present Establishment of Writers

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Writers &c employed in my Office as Secretary to your Board, together with the Establishment I conceive to be necessary to transact the business in the Office, when the Regulations called for by Government for the guidance of those concerned in the Ordnance and Military Stores Departments shall take effect. —

I beg leave to remark that your Proceedings have for some time past encreased so much that I have found the present Establishment very inadequate to keep them up, and I only postponed representing this circumstance to your notice, and making an application for the proposed number of Writers, - I have now the honor to lay before you in the Secretary's Department until I ascertained what additional business would devolve upon me in consequence of the Regulations before alluded to, and the duties to be executed by the Military Board as directed by Government. —

I embrace this opportunity of remarking to you the insufficiency of my present allowance

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Allowance for Office Rent (Viz.t 25 Pagodas) to procure a House sufficiently convenient for the accommodation of my Writers and arrangement of the Records and Papers. — and I trust that you will see the propriety of recommending such an augmentation to my Allowance on that account, as will not only enable me to make the proper arrangements in my Office, but also to procure a House suitable for the Board to hold their meetings, which will tend much to the facility and despatch of business —

At the same time trust that you will in considering the laborious duty of my Office recommend to the Right Honorable the President in Council such an encrease to my Salary and also to that of my Deputies as you may (in comparison with those allowed to the Secretary's and their Deputies to other offices at this Presidency) deem proper —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. Brodie

Sec.y Mil.y Board

Fort St. George
26th. February 1795.

True Copy

(Signed) Fred.k Pierce

Sec.y & Account.t Mil.y Board

Establishment —

Establishment of the Secretary's Office to the Military Board

Present Establishment

	Pag.s	Fam.s	Cash
1 Secretary	100	"	"
1 Deputy Secretary	50	"	"
8 Writers @ 15 P.s Each	120	"	"
1 Mootchie	3	"	"
2 Concoplies	6	22	40
Office Rent	25	"	"
12 Peons	24	"	"
Candle allowance	8	"	"
Pagodas	336	22	40

Proposed new Establishment

Secretary's Department

	Pag.s	Fam.s	Cash
1 Secretary and Accountant			
1 Deputy Secretary			
2 Writers for the Europe Sett of the Proceedings @ 20 Pag.s each	40	"	"
2 Writers for Duplicate D.o @ 20 d.o d.o	40	"	"
2 Writers for Office Sett D.o @ 20 d.o d.o	40	"	"
2 Writers for Miscellany Sett D.o @ 15 d.o d.o	30	"	"
4 Writers for Current Business @ 15 d.o d.o	60	"	"
1 Writer for Lascars D.o	15	"	"
2 Examiners @ 40 d.o d.o	80	"	"
2 Indexers @ 40 d.o d.o	80	"	"

Accountants Department

	Pag.s	Fam.s	Cash
1 Head Assistant	90	15	40
1 Second Assistant	60	10	10
1 Writer – for Annual Account of Receipts and Issues with their quantities	20	"	"
1 Writer – for General Annual Return of all Ordnance and Military Stores remaining at the end of each Year	20	"	"
1 Writer – for List of Repairable Stores the principal articles remaining at the end of each Year to be valued as nearly as can be Estimated and the Account entered in the General Abstract	20	"	"
1 Writer – for General Abstract value of all Military Stores & Provisions supplied for the Military Establishments in the course of the Year to be furnished to the Accountant General	20	"	"
1 Writer – for Statement of Accoutrements passed upon Indents that have not been complied with to be prepared and laid before the Military Board Quarterly shewing supplies and deficiencies of each Article	20	"	"
3 Mootchies	9	"	"
12 Peons	24	"	"
Candle allowance	8	"	"
Office Rent			

(Signed) J. Brodie Sec.y Mil.y Board

True Copy (Signed) Fred. Pierce Sec.y & Acc.t Mil.y Board

Establishment

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Establishment of the Office of the Secretary to the Military Board. —

Accountants Department

Secretary and Accountant		1000
Head Assistant		300
First Assistant		400
Second Assistant		200
2 Assistants	at 150 Each	300
1 Hindoo Writer		150
1 Ditto		60
3 Ditto	at 25 Each	75 — 2485 — —

Secretarys Department

1 European Examiner and Indexer		140
1 Hindoo Writer		60
1 Ditto		25
1 Ditto		20
1 Ditto		25
3 Hindoo Writers - Copyists at 20 Each		60
Office Peons and other Servants		43
Office Rent		250 — 623 — —

Total Sonaut Rupees - 3108 — —

It appears by the Minutes of Council published on Bengal dated 16th June 1786 - that the Secretary to the Military Board & the Military Officers is entitled to draw full Batta —

True Copy
signed, Fred: Pierce
Sec.y & Accomt. Mil.y Board
Asst.

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Report of the Military Auditor General

in Special Meeting 8th May 1797 —

The Military Auditor General having given particular attention to the Letter and Memorandum from the Secretary, with the other papers on the subject of the Office Establishment of the Military Board, reported to him at the last Meeting, is of opinion that the great increase of business and responsibility, which has fallen on the Office in consequence of the New Store Regulations and the probability that the Grain and Provisions will also be brought in like manner under the Controul of the Board, renders it indispensably necessary that a suitable Establishment should be fixed to enable the Secretary to execute the extensive business of this Department with regularity

regularity, efficiency and despatch. For which
purpose that the Board may have the means
of forming a Judgment on the subject and
to make the necessary Report to Government
the Military Auditor General has on the
accompanying Statement detailed the Offices
Establishment of the Military Board at Bengal
taken from a copy of the Military Statement
prepared at that Presidency for Parliament in
the Year 1789/90. and annexed thereto an
Establishment which he conceives will be found
equal to the Duties of the Military Board
Office at Fort St. George, and the allowances to
Individuals such as are best suited for those
on a comparison with the rates usually paid
in the

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will enable the Secretary to entertain persons of each description properly qualified to assist him.—

The House and Office Rent is stated at the same rate as that allowed to the Adjutant and Quarter Master General.— The Military Auditor General has not thought himself competent to give an opinion respecting the Salary of the Secretary and his Deputy, as it depends on Government alone to determine what may be proper in consideration of the increased Duty and Responsibility which the New Regulations have entailed.—

(Signed) W. Sydenham
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True Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy & Accountt Mily Board

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Comparative View of the Establishment of the Military Board Office at Bengal } With

		Rupees			£.	S.	D.
Accountants Department							
Secretary and Accountant		1000			312	21	-
1 Head Assistant		300			93	31	40
1 First Assistant		400			125	-	-
1 Second Assistant		200			62	21	-
2 Assistants	@ 150	300			93	31	40
1 Hindoo Writer		150			46	36	60
1 Ditto - Ditto		60			18	31	40
3 Ditto - Ditto	25	75			23	18	40
Secretary's Department							
1 European Examiner and Indexer		140			43	31	40
1 Hindoo Writer		60			18	31	40
1 Ditto - Ditto		25			7	34	10
1 Ditto - Ditto		20			6	10	40
1 Ditto - Ditto		25			7	34	10
3 Ditto - and Copyists	@ 20	60			18	31	40
Peons and Servants		43			13	18	30
Office Rent		250			78	5	20
					971	10	50

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The proposed Establishment for the Military Board Office at Fort St. George.

				£	ƒ	£
	Secretary					
	Deputy Secretary			70	"	"
1	First European Assistant			40	"	"
1	Second Ditto	Ditto	@ 20.	40	"	"
2	Writers		" 15	30	"	"
2	Native Writers			10	"	"
1	Ditto	Ditto	6.	36	"	"
6	Ditto	Ditto		30	"	"
1	Examiner and Indexer			15	"	"
1	Native Writer		10	30	"	"
3	Ditto	Ditto	6.	12.	"	"
2	Ditto	Ditto		5	"	"
1	Ditto	Ditto	@ 3	6	"	"
2	Moochies		@ 2.	16	"	"
8	Peons			50	"	"
	House and Office Rent			8	"	"
	Candle allowance			398	"	"

/Signed/ W. Sydenham.
Mily. Audr. Genl.

/True Copy/
/Signed/ Fred: Pierce
Secy & Accountt. Mily Board

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In perusing the Secretary's Letter on the subject of his Establishment, Major General Gells perfectly agrees, that his appointments should not only be liberal and avowed, but of such extent, as to enable him to conduct the multiplex duties of his Office, with ease and dispatch.—

The last Paragraph of Captain Pierce's Letter, may have had rise from a conversation, Major General Gells has frequently held in Company, and even expressed at the Board, that the Establishment of Store or Garrison Lascars, he believed to be generally an imposition, as little more he understood than a third part of them were forthcoming to the Service. Now that Captain Pierce has himself come forward, in the manner he has, Major General Gells would deem it a want of attention to the interests of the Public, were he not to state the grounds on which he had formed this opinion, for the information of the Board, and Government.—

When the Committee of Works visited,

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the Lascars at the Presidency were placed under their Secretary,
who was generally supposed to be in the monthly receipt
of 500 Pagodas exclusive of his other appointments arising
from the Payment and Clothing of the Lascars. or 6.000 ℞
Pagodas annually: and as the number of Lascars at ℞
Madras was known to be little more than 1/5th. of the
whole Lascars in the pay of the Company during peace.
this was assumed as a data: from whence it was concluded
that a Sum not less than 30.000 Pagodas. was drawn annually
during Peace from the Treasury. more than was bonâ fide.
disbursed under that Head: and as 3.000 Lascars was the
number said to be in the Company's Pay upon the Coast.
if half their pay was diverted to another purpose. it was
an easy conclusion. that half the number or 1.500 Lascars.
must be equal in time of Peace. to all the duties of the
Establishment. or in other words. that only half the Number
drawn for. were forthcoming to the Service. Major General
Gels had his doubts of this being true. and objected to it.

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the Monthly Muster which Lascars were liable to. but in this he was set right by being told that notwithstanding they were duly mustered. yet the System of stopping the pay from Absentees in both Lascars and artificers in place of other punishment made up the deficiency: and that under this Idea it was a matter of no moment to the Public, whether 3,000 Lascars wrought 15 Days, or 1,500 Lascars wrought thirty. in either case there were more than 1,500 employed during the whole of any one Month. —

Without enquiring, whether this may or may not be the case at present. it appears to him every way improper that the Secretary of the Military Board should have any but avowed allowances, and that consequently he should not have any thing to do with the payment, or Clothing of the Garrison Lascars. and he would propose that a Committee of the Board be appointed to take the subject into their consideration and be empowered to call upon all, and every such person they may think proper, or who may be able to

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throw any light upon the subject. observing that notwithstanding they may lessen the number. not more than one half of the present number of Garrison Lascars shall be allowed for all the Garrisons and Stations upon the Coast. —

Major General Gels is aware of opposition being made to such an investigation. and to the measure at large. He would therefore recommend that Government should be previously informed. and their countenance and support solicited; which they would afford. on being made sensible of the extent the saving would be to the Public: 30.000 Pagodas would meet the annual Expence of the Auditor Generals Office. —

Official Men will not fail to exaggerate the Services of Store or Garrison Lascars. in making — Roads. and being necessarily employed at the Company's Gardens. and in other public situations. that a certain number of Gardners should be allowed at the Company's Garden. there can be no doubt. but that Lascars should not be employed there. is equally clear. —

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and more especially as it may be made use of as a future
for keeping up an expensive and useless Establishment. The Employment of Lascars on the
public Roads will be the next Theme to expatiate upon,
but if any Man will be at the trouble to reckon the pay
of Lascars and the little work they perform while employed
in making Roads, it will be found beyond example the
most expensive mode of making Roads that could be
adopted. Major General Gillespie will answer for it, the
materials may be brought in Carts even from the distance
of the Mount and laid on the Roads in the vicinity of
Madras, for infinitely less Money than employing Lascars
on such work costs the Company. - Another Thing is, that
a Stone Lascars pay should be fixed at 4½ Pagodas in
Garrison, and 2 Pagodas in the Field, and neither Batta
nor Clothing should be allowed them. Tent Lascars are the
same description of People, and should receive the same
pay that Officers usually employ as their Housekeepers and
Cooks; and it becomes difficult to get an Honest trusty
people

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people when the public hold out extraordinary pay, batta and even Clothing to them; surely such a System is as neither prudent nor economical. —

With the countenance and support of Government all this and much more may possibly be amended, but without such countenance Major General Geils would despair of any thing effectual being done, even the odium of proposing such a reform as it would be considered by those interested, would be fully compensated for, and immediately done away. - and the immense sum saving it would produce, would leave only an astonishment, that so vile a System should have met with favourers, or held its ground for so many Years, in opposition to common sense, and common honesty. —

/Signed/ Thomas Geils M. G.

30th April 1797.

/True Copy/
/Signed/ Fredk. Pierce
Sec.y and Accountt. Mil.y Board

Minute

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Minute by the Adjutant Genl. at

Meeting 4th. May 1797 —

I have attended to Major General

Gibbs Minute of this date, and am decidedly of opinion

that the Cloathing of the Garrison Lascars should not

be allowed to be source of emolument to the Secretary of

the Military Board, for whom a Salary should doubtless

be fixed suitable to the duties and responsibility of

his Office. — The profits arising from this Cloathing he

is willing to explain. — Upwards of Seven Years have

elapsed since the Committee of Works was done away-

so that it must now be difficult to ascertain the amount

which the Secretary of that Committee derived monthly

or Annually from having had charge of the Garrison

Lascars: and indeed correct information on the point,

after a lapse of so long a period, might be attended with

but little advantage or satisfaction, as considering the

the changes which generally take place in Office, it would

might now be difficult to effect a reform of Sevens

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realized by means of the speculation alluded to. - of this however our Superiors must be the best judge - on an investigation of the subject they will be enabled to determine how far it may be expedient for the sake of justice and example to pursue the information now submitted to them. - to ascertain what satisfactory proof is obtainable against the Individual Offenders. and what means may be resorted to for bringing them to punishment. - But in every view of the subject it must be regretted. that as the frauds were so generally understood. they were not openly detected. -

A Committee of the Board is now sedulously employed in forming an arrangement for the better regulation of the Camp Equipage. and Tent Lascars. which will probably be soon submitted for consideration and approval. still as Major General Gisli's Minute encourages the apprehension that at present the charge and payment of the Garrison Lascars

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Lascars is not free from peculation, which should be pursued to its authors. I may venture to promise that in every instance where his endeavours can lead to the establishment of such guilt, he will meet with all due support from this Board, and our Superiors.

(Signed) D. C.

(True Copy)

(Signed) Fred: Pierce

Sec.y 2nd Account.t Milt. Board.

Mount 8th. May 1797.

Major General Goils doems it unnecessary only in reply to the Adjutant Generals Minute of the 4th. Instant, to disclaim every wish on his part of going into retrospect regarding the Store Lascars, such an Idea never once entered his mind, nor does he apprehend that either the Letter or spirit of his Minute of the 30th. Ultimo, to which the Adjutant General has reference, can warrant a conclusion of that tendency, notwithstanding the

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the Adjutant General has drawn one, - Major General Gells in pursuing the line of his duty, as a Member of the Military Board, has pointed out particular abuses in the Service, and with all due deference has left it to Government to apply such remedy as they in their wisdom may judge most expedient. -

Major General Gells concurs in opinion with the Adjutant General, that it is to be regretted that as those abuses were generally understood, or rather that they existed many years ago, they were not then openly detected. - at the period alluded to, Major General Gells was not a Member of the Military Board, and therefore it was not in his power to bring them forward. had they been within his knowledge - as the past cannot perhaps be more tortured on with any good effect. Major General Gells feels himself fully satisfied in benefitting by the present moment to root out an existing evil. so that it may not be injurious in future. -

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The extent of the frauds as the Adjutant General has been pleased to denominate the abuses. Major General Gells had laid before the view of the Board for their consideration, and as far as it may be within their power their correction, by an easy analogy justifies the assertion. That one half of the present number of Cavalry are sufficient for all the duties they ought to perform, and it is consistent with Major General Gells knowledge and opinion. That one third of them, are as many as ought to be allowed in time of peace. — How far this opinion relative to their pay may be received, and consequently how far there may be a further saving to the Company, rests entirely with Government. —

In concluding this reply Major General Gells wishes to impress on the records of the Board. That in submitting to their consideration abuses that had come within his observation, he never meant that prosecutions should be carried on "against individual offenders." Firmly convinced that

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that the Company would not derive any advantage from the measure, even if it were practicable.— a correction of those abuses, a saving of £. 30,000 Pagodas a year to the Company, and the evident good of the Service, as the certain consequence of such correction, was his only object, and in his humble conception a meritorious one.—

/Signed/ Thomas Teils

True Copy/

/Signed/ Fred: Pierce

Sec.d and Account.t to Mil.y Board

Captain Pierce

Secretary to the Military Board

Sir,

I feel myself much at a loss what to say on the subject of the Powder Manufactures: as notwithstanding Mr. Webb has delivered over the Mills and implements to the Superintendent.t of Mills and implements to the Superintendent.t of Mills and implements to the Superintendent.t of

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you still to keep the materials which Mr Bishop wrote to
draw at Stated Periods: the saving a variety of Accounts he
thinks Both my opinion not to be overlooked and that
work people to be paid individually by the Paymaster —
In regard to the Salt Petre it appears
to me that it cannot be accounted for every 30 days: as
the first refining will only yield a certain quantity
of purified Nitre, the remainder will if you attend the
expression, revolve in the Manufacture a long time,
and some of it possibly to the end of the Season — Indeed
I must think it will be very difficult for the Superin-
tendent to carry on the Manufacture under these
Regulations. — I have much dependance on Mr
Bishop's honor as well as his abilities and shall
be surprised to learn that he was satisfied with 39
Pagodas a Month, for the conduct of a business in
which he runs the daily, and perpetually Hazards
of his life, while a writer in the Accountant General's
Office receives 100 Pagodas, and sits the whole day at his
ease —

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case - should Mr Bishop declare himself satisfied with
his allowance I should suppose it is because he is
afraid of giving offence, or that he has already shook
Hands with Cashewah the Stone Conicopley -

It appears to me that unless some
person who really understands the process is employed
in making out the regulations they can never be
abided by. - The best process for refining Salt Petre to
this hour has never been determined upon and may
long remain a doubt. - The Paper from Bombay on
the Subject the Bengal account the process here.
the fluctuation of the produce from any given quantity
of the crude material and the authority of every
author who has gone at large into the Subject bear
testimony to the truth of this observation. -

The wood for Charcoal I observe
is to be purchased by the Agent and sent to the Powder
mills to be burnt under the Superintendent - and
throughout all this circuitous form I do not see that

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the Public Interest is at all better secured. The best mode to be followed in my Humble Opinion is to make Mr. Bishop independent by giving him an handsome Salary, and to request that he would point out what he thinks best adapted for carrying on the manufacture under the present System, and to conclude a Contract with him as soon afterwards as the present establishment for Guns took on it in such light shall have convinced Government of the prosperity of the measure. In the mean time I will call upon the Superintendent to assist me in remarking on such parts of the 8th Section of the Regulations as may appear objectionable, and stating what I would wish should be substituted conformably to your Note of yesterday, at the desire of the Commander in Chief. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Thomas Teils

A true Copy

Signed, Fred. Pierce

Sec'y to Govt. & Mil. Board.

Minute

Mount

10th May 1797. —

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Minute of the Military Auditor General 11th May 1797

The Military Auditor General in consequence of Major General Gib's Minute of the 30th Ultimo. thinks it necessary to state for the Information of the Board that since the year 1793. the Garrison Lascars both at Fort St. George and at all the out Garrisons have been regularly mustered in the same manner as the Troops and the Muster Rolls from which the Pay Abstracts are always checked transmitted at the same period to the Military Auditor Generals Office. - He is however of opinion that some interior Regulations wanting effectually to guard against abuses and to make the Body of Lascars more efficient for the public Service than heretofore and it has been this consideration which has induced the Committee of which Major General Sydenham is a Member to enter on the subject at large and to submit to the Board such Regulations as they conceive most likely to answer the end desired. - The Military Auditor General is of opinion

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&c &c
(Signed) Thomas Teals

Mount
10th May 1797.

(A true Copy)
Signed, Fred. Pierce
Sec'y to Govt. Mil. Board.
Secretariat

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Minute of the Military Auditor General 1st May 1797

The Military Auditor General in consequence of Major General Gils's Minute of the 30th Ultimo. thinks it necessary to state for the Information of the Board. that since the year 1793. the Garrison Lascars both at Fort St. George, and at all the Out Garrisons, have been regularly mustered in the same manner as the Troops, and the Muster Rolls from which the Pay Abstracts are always checked, transmitted at the same period to the Military Auditor Generals Office. - He is however of opinion that some interior Regulations wanting effectually to guard against abuses, and to make the Body of Lascars more efficient for the public Service than heretofore, and it has been this consideration which has induced the Committee of which Major General Sydenham is a Member, to enter on the subject at large, and to submit to the Board such Regulations as they conceive most likely to answer the end desired. - The Military Auditor General is of opinion

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opinion that the Secretary of the Military Board should have no Interest whatever in providing the Clothing of the Lascars, and that persons who hold Offices of great Responsibility and Trust, should have Liberal and avowed allowances, instead of precarious and undefined Emoluments.

If by the Observations contained in Major General Gaile's Minute respecting the Military Auditor General's Office, he means to state that it is attended with an Expence of 30,000 Pagodas per annum, it will easily be seen by the Public Accounts whether this Statement is correct. but if on the other hand he would infer that the Office itself is not beneficial in proportion to the Expence, such an Idea can scarcely accord with the solicitude which he has shewn for correcting abuses, and for preserving order and regularity in the different Departments of the Service.

The Military Auditor General having perused the letter from Major General Gaile to the Commander in Chief, referred to the Board by Government on the subject of certain allowances stated in the Pay Tables, and in the General Orders of the 21st. Ultimo.

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begs leave to State, that altho' the former specifys the Ranks in which the Gun Lascars draw Batta on a comparison with the same ranks in the Pioneers as directed by Government Orders of the 11th. July 1793. it can have no effect whatever to alter the rank in the Army which has been fixed for the Syrangs and Tindals in the Regulations of the 12th. April 1796. and to which corresponding Commissions have been issued to them —

The Regulations for Working parties, in which the Gun Lascars are not expressly mentioned, were copied from those published in the Field by Earl Cornwallis on the 1st. December 1791. and the Military Auditor General conceives he could not have adopted any Authority more respectable, since if the Gun Lascars were paid Working Money during the Mysore War under his Lordships Regulations, which can be seen on reference to the Disbursements of the Army at that period, there can be no hesitation in admitting its continuance —

With respect to the allowance for Stationary and for Pay Hav'ldars to the Companies of Gun Lascars, as different

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different from Companies of Native Infantry. The Military Auditor General sees only to observe that this distinction originated in the consideration that 3 Companies of Gun Lascars being attached by the orders of Government to each Company of European Artillery, and regularly included in the same Muster Rolls, and as the Captain of a Company of European Artillery had a Pay Serjeant and Stationary allowed, the proposed addition appeared sufficient. The Military Auditor General in framing those Arrangements by the Order of Government, kept in mind that it was easier to increase an allowance found inadequate on Trial, than to curtail an one which had been once admitted. - Major General Gells having stated the allowance to the Companies of Gun Lascars in the former point of view, the Military Auditor General will readily subscribe to any Opinion which the Board may give on the subject, and shall only add for their Information a Comparative Statement of the strength of a Company of European and Native Infantry

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Infantry, and of a Company of European artillery with 3
Companies of Gun Lascars attached. Tho it is to be observed
that the strength of the latter is now for reasons rendered
expedient by the situation of the Service considerably more
than the fixed Establishment, and may therefore require
to be differently considered in point of present allowances.

	Establishment
1 Company of European Artillery	84.
	183
3 Ditto of Gun Lascars	267.
1 Company European Infantry 106.	
1 Ditto Native Ditto 104.	210
Difference	57

At all events, the Military Auditor
General is of opinion that the Companies of European
Artillery, and Lascars should not be put on a better footing
than Companies of European and Native Infantry, and
consequently that the allowance of a Pay Havildar and
Stationary, if made to each Company of Gun Lascars
should not be extended to Detachments, which would
equally

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equally applyable to other Corps, and occasion numberless applications to Government for the same allowance —

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

True Copy,

(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Sub. & Account. Mil. Board.

Minute by the Adjutant General 13th May 1797 —

I beg leave to trouble the Board with a few observations on some of the papers which have lately been laid in circulation — —

Major General Gaile's minute of the 8th Instant, to my apprehension proves more than it has yielded — my conclusions it seems went too far: From the manner in which I adverted to it however, its scope and limits have been further explained. If its principal aim was to recommend a reform of the Lascar Establishment, I can only say that we have been occasionally employed on the subject since November

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November 1792. in consequence of Special orders from Govern-
-ment. and considering it to go to savings only, and not to re-
prosecutions or the detection of abuses. the means proposed
for the end in view are certainly not such as I should deem
unexceptionable. - If for the sake of saving. we are to be
so little scrupulous in discharging our savings indeed may
soon be enormous. - Our Coffers may soon be replenished. -
Great Retrenchments however are sometimes attended
with some little difficulty. - It has not yet been demonstrated
that the Service can readily dispense with half the
Establishment of Lascars. -

In speaking of alledged abuses. it
seems I have called them frauds. - Be it so. It is not my
intention to Argue whether in strictness, frauds and
abuses are convertible terms. -

Major General Gels in his public
Letter to the Secretary of the Board. dated 10th Instant.
seems surprized that Mr Webb has not delivered over
to Mr Bishop. the several materials remaining at
the

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the Powder Mills. I hope it is the intention of this Board that Mr Bishop shall not prevent any materials or be authorized to commence on the manufacture of Gun Powder, until specific regulations are passed by Government for conducting his Department.

Section 8th of the new Regulations lately submitted by the Military Auditor General and the Commissary General of Stores, appears to me to be well calculated for the purpose, and as they are framed on the outline prescribed by Government, and the Powder Works will probably be soon in a state of preparation for the Manufacture commencing. I trust the Board will find it convenient to give them a full consideration at next meeting, in order to their being sent in to Government.

Whether the Salt Petre delivered for the Manufacture can be conveniently accounted for every 30 Days appears to me to be matter of little import. - Mr Bishop's Monthly Returns exhibit the quantity of Salt petre in his possession, whether it be accounted

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estimated on a refined, or ascertained on a crude state. —
It will be his Duty, as it will be undoubtedly his
inclination, to refine the Salt petre with as little loss
as possible. — and so long as his Indents for this article
are properly checked and regulated, it must signify little
whether they are sent in every month, or every two months.
or at larger periods. —

In my Judgement there is no necessity
whatever, that the mode of process to be observed in manu-
facturing the Powder should make a part of the Standing
Regulations alluded to. — any process that may be now
prescribed must be subject to alteration, as Science
improves, or as experience may suggest. — and Submit
to the Board, whether in the present stage of the
business Major General Geils, as Commandant of
Artillery, and President of the Committee on the
manufacture of Powder, shall not be requested to lay
before the Board the mode of process which he thinks
should be observed by Mr. Bishop in conducting the Manufacture.

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In regard to the Salary which Government has fixed for this Gentleman, I have nothing to offer, save that I have always understood it to amount to 70 Pagodas pr Month, exclusive of his Pay and allowances as Deputy Commissary of Stores — of the adequacy of it, or otherwise Government must be the sole judges — It has not been left with this Board I believe to present any opinion upon the subject —

I am doubtful whether Mr Bishop should be consulted regarding any parts of the proposed Regulations which are to operate for checking the Department. However should it be judged necessary to do so I think he should be referred to by this Board I suppose — indeed no Member separately is at liberty to communicate to them any part of our proceedings

(Signed) B. C.

True Copy

(Signed) Fred. Pauel

Lieut. & Accomt. Mad. Board

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No.		Dates
1.	Report to Government	27th May 1797
2.	Proposed Regulations for Keeping the Books of the Military Board Office in connection with the Military Books of this Presidency, as applicable to the New System for the Ordnance and Store Departments	25th " " "
3	Minute of the Military Board	13th April 1795
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5.	Letter from Mr. Sub Secretary Harrington to the Military Auditor General at Bengal	24th " " 1797
6.	Memorandum of the Secretary to the Military Board	28th " " "
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8.	Letter from the late Secretary to the Military Board	
9.	Present Office Establishment with a proposed one	
10.	Office Establishment of the Secretary to the Military Board at Bengal	8th May 1797
11.	Minute of the Military Auditor General	
12.	Comparative View of the Establishment of the Military Board Office at Bengal with the proposed Establishment for the Military Board Office at Fort St. George	30th April "
13.	Minute of the Commandant of Artillery	4th May " "
14	Minute of the Adjutant General	8th " " "
15.	Minute of the Commandant of Artillery	10th " " "
16.	Letter from the Commandant of Artillery	11th " " "
17.	Minute of the Military Auditor General	13th " " "
18.	Minute of the Adjutant General	

Military Board Office
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signed Fred: Pierce
Lieut. & Acct. Mil. Board.

Having

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Minutes upon the foregoing Letter and Enclosures from the Military Board. —

Having already expressed Ourselves sensible of the great increase of the Affairs of the Military Board: the Board can have no hesitation in authorizing the Establishment which has been recommended, amounting to Pagodas 398 per Month until the pleasure of the Honble Court of Directors can be known. —

In consideration also of the great personal labour which will now be required from the Secretary, and of the public zeal and attention which has distinguished Captain Pierce. Resolved to grant his Salary from the 1st Instant upon the same footing with that of the Secretaries to the other Boards. Viz.t Three Pagodas per Month. —

Resolved that Major General Gent. be called upon to bring forward the abuses to which he alluded upon the Subject of Garrison Lascars, and to assure him of the support of Government in the punishment of those who may be proved to have committed them. —

Resolved that the minutes proceedings on this point

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Part of General Gaits in respecting the allowance fixed by Government for the Superintendant of the Gun Powder Manufacture be fully provided out to the notice of the Military Board. —

Read the following letter from his Excellency the Admiral. —

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

My Lord

I have the honour of your Lordships Letter in Council of the 25th instant. inclosing for my observation one from Dr. Harris Surgeon on the late Expedition under my orders to the Moluccas Islands: and in reply having duly considered the contents. I think it incumbent on me to inform your Lordship. that in the Capacity to which I gave him the Appointment he refers to. as far as ever came within my notice.

Fr

From Rear Admiral Rainier - relating in favorable Terms the Conduct of Dr. Harris while employed under his orders to the Eastward. —

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be discharged the duty of that situation with great propriety and in every respect to my satisfaction. The kind and tender treatment of the Officers who came under that charge and who were generally accommodated in this room, merits every commendation. —

Victorious
Madras Road
29th May 1797.

I have the honour to be
&c &c
(Signed) Peter Rainier

Minute thereon

In consideration of the favorable testimony which his Excellency bears to the Conduct of Dr. Hunter
Resolved that that Gentleman be permitted to draw the
difference between Head Surgeons and Surgeons allowances
from the 1st Month of December 1795 to the 30th of September
1796 being the period he served on that establishment
of his Excellency. —

Ordered the following Letter from the
Military Auditor General. —

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

1. I have the honor to lay before your Lordships the accompanying Statement of objectionables Charges Retrenched from the Disbursements of Mr. John Mc Dowal Military Paymaster at Colombo upon which the parties concerned have requested a reference to Government.—

2. I beg leave to avail myself of this occasion of submitting to your Lordships consideration some Observations on the extra expence incurred in the Departments on consequence of the increased rate of pay charged for Artificers of every description.—

3 When public Followers were collecting for the Expedition against Trincomalee Government found it necessary on the spur of the occasion to sanction a high rate of pay for the Artificers engaged on that Service.

Since

a From the Military Auditor General to substitute Mr. Mc Dowalls appeal from Retrenchments made on his accounts of Extra Gratuity paid Captain Drummond as an acting Engineer and Extra pay to Mr Mallet - proposes a Reduction of the Extra pay hitherto given to Artificers employed on Ceylon - and a fixed allowance to the Barrack Master for watering the Yatts of the European Barracks at Masulipatam during the Land Winds.—

and subsequently employed at Columbo where at last on
allowed to the established artificers attached to Corps above
appearing that they could not be rendered to go on Foreign
Service so distant from their Families upon any other
terms, but at the constant intercourse between Cylon
and the Coast that in a great measure if not entirely
removed their original prejudices added to the probability
of constant employment on the same allowances as in the
Field without being exposed to the same danger. Thereby
conceive that measures should be adopted for reduction
of their pay, not only to prevent the discontent among
the established Artificers of Corps on the Island which a
disparity of allowances generally creates on principles of the
same profession, but that the Company may be relieved
from an unnecessary expence, which of long continued
might be drawn into an established precedent for any
future occasions of the same kind —

4. That reductions is the more practicable
in consequence of the constant attention of Government

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to the Families of the Artificers &c. who may die or be killed
on Foreign Service, placing them on an exact footing
in respect to Gratuity with the Families of the Troops
an Indulgence which deprives them of every claim to
any higher pay than what is established for the Artificers
and Pioneers attached to Corps —

5. I have nothing further to state
to your Lordship on this subject, than on the examination
of the Public accounts from the Pay Offices on Ceylon I
observe several charges for Cingalese Artificers upon much
smaller pay than what the established Artificers of
Corps receive: whether those men were employed thro
necessity, or whether they have a proportion of Rice
issued to them in addition to their pay, I cannot take
upon me to say, however if it should appear upon
enquiry that they are equal in point of skill and
industry to the Coast Artificers, and that the same
dependance can be placed on them, means I presume
should be taken in case the Artificers in the Departments
at

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St Thomé &c. are averse to the proposed Reduction. that they never can be recruited either from the Native Artificers on Ceylon or from the Coast. the former I conceive to be the preferable mode, if practicable whether in the event of our retaining or relinquishing the possession of that Island. in the first by the policy of encouraging the Natives. and in the last by convenience of not having useless Followers to bring away —

6. In the event of these Suggestions meeting with your Lordships approbation, your Instructions to Major General Doyle in consequence will ascertain how far they may be carried into execution without detriment to the public Service —

7. I have the honor to enclose an Estimate of the Artificers on Ceylon with the rates at which they are paid over and above those established for the Artificers on the Coast. and with Corps in the Island and at every one that the number with the public Departments might be reduced as the original establishment was intended for the Siege of Columbo. and I apprehend the same number may not be absolutely necessary as a fixed Establishment on that

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subject however the Military Board would be most competent to give an opinion for the information of Government should your Lordships be pleased to refer it to their consideration.

8. The Barrack Master in the Northern Division having on the representation of the Commanding Officer and Surgeon of the 2nd Division of the 2nd Regiment European Infantry at Masulipatam furnished Watermen and Pots for the purpose of watering the Gunnies of the European Barracks and Hospital during the severe Land Winds which prevail in that quarter attended with an expence of Ninety Eight Pagodas and Twenty four Fanams (Pagodas 98.. 24) for the months of June and July 1796. which I did not consider myself at liberty to pass without the Sanction of Government, and as a similar charge has been stated as indispensably necessary during the present season for the health and convenience of the European Soldiers, I do myself the honor to forward for your Lordships information Copy of a letter from Captain Taylor on the subject with Copy of one to him from the acting Head Surgeon in the Circars, and also an Estimate of the probable expence, which being considerably more than was incurred in the preceding year, in case therefore your Lordships should be pleased to sanction a charge on that account I conceive the expence should be limited to what may appear a reasonable allowance during the period the Land Winds are disposed to blow, generally about 2 months in the year, and perhaps the expence of the year 1796 about Pagodas 100 may be considered as a guide upon which to regulate a charge of the same nature in future - This Expence might be still reduced by directing a proportion of the Garrison Lascars to be employed for watering the Gunnies of the Soldiers Barracks and Hospital during the very hot weather, in which case no other charge than for Vessels to draw and contain water would be necessary.

I have the honor to be with great respect &c &c

Signed W. Sydenham
Mil. Aud. Genl.
Paymasters

Military Auditor
Generals Office
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Paymasters Objectionable Charges and Military Auditor Generals Remarks thereon.	Paymasters replies to the Retrenchments	Reference to Government	Decision of Government.
September 1795.			
Captain Norris draws for Lieutenant Drummond of His Majesty's 19th Light Dragoons (acting as an Engineer Officer) Gratuity for 27 days in August . . . . . Ps. 6. 31. 40	Captain Drummond having been ordered to Europe upon duty before an Audit on any part of my accounts had been received. I do not suppose that Captain Norris can be held responsible for the amount of this Retrenchment he knew of no order against drawing double Gratuity and finding it had been paid by Mr. Thompson of course included it for Lieutenant Drummond.	As Government have lately rejected a similar claim of Lieut. Haytor for Gratuity in a Double Capacity as being contrary to the regulations of the Service. the Military Auditor General would not have considered it expedient to refer the Subject of this Retrenchment for the decision of Government. and had it not been for the Plea set up by the Paymaster that as Captain Drummond died in Europe previous to the receipt of the first audit of of his disbursements, he conceives he has a right to be exonerated from any responsibility on account	
Lieutenant Drummond having received Gratuity with his Regiment for August this Charge is Inadmissible — Gratuity is not allowed in a double Capacity except to Certain Officers by special order. — Retrenched . . . . . Ps. 6. 31. 40.			
October 1795.			
The same as in the preceding Month . . . . . } 7. 21. —			
November			
The same as in September 7. 31. 40			
December.			
The same as in September . . . . 7. 21. —			

Additional Reply

Copy of a Letter from Mr. McDowall to the Military

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January 1796.

The same as in September . . . 7. 31. 40

Total Retrenched Pay.s . . . 37. 10. 40.

Auditor General.

Marked No. 1.

of Retrenchments against that Officer. The Paymaster also adduces in support of this Plea the length of time that elapsed between the Payment of the Charges in question and his receiving the Auditor Generals remarks upon them. However it will readily occur that the Disbursements on account of a foreign Expedition in which a great variety of new Charges are introduced cannot be audited with the same facility and despatch as the Current Disbursements of an Established Pay Office.

Government alone can determine whether under the Circumstances of the case the refund may be dispensed with.

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Asst. Aud.r Gen.l

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Paymasters objectionable Charges and Military Auditor Generals Remarks thereon. —	Paymasters replies to the Retrenchment.	Report to Government	Decision of Government
October 1796.			
Quarter Master Generals Department. There is Charged for 10 Beesties from 16th to 30th September 14 days at the rate of Ps. 5 - 38 pr. month . . . . . Ps. 27 - 12 - 40	Extract of a letter from Captain Graham acting Deputy Quarter master General on Ceylon to the Paymaster. — "With regard to the charge of "Pags. 5 - 38 pr. month for each Peckally &c "I have only to observe that sum was stated "as their Monthly Pay in a letter to Major "Smart from the Honble Basil Cochrane "and I always understood, that there had "been a difference from the Established "rates allowed, owing to the nature of the "service they were going on." —	As the Public officers to whose Departments the Beesties were attached have quoted the Statements they received from the Honble B. Cochrane as their authority for paying these followers at an advanced rate. The Military Auditor General found it necessary to request that Mr. Cochrane would inform him whether he had the sanction of Government for fixing the Pay of Beesties entertained for the Expedition to Ceylon at the rate of Pags. 5 - 38 pr. month. — a Copy of Mr. Cochranes reply is herewith forwarded Marked No. 3 the Pay of the Artificers not belonging to Corps hired for the Expedition to Ceylon was considerably raised in order to induce them to go on foreign Service and the arrangement for that purpose sanctioned by Government. — It	
Admitted at the Established rate of pay for Peckallies Vizt. Ps. 3 - 8 - 32 pr. month and 2 fanams pr. day Batta. Pags. 21 - 5 - 15 and the overcharge is Retrenched. — Pags. 6 - 7 - 25.			
November. Retrenched on account of Pay for Artificers overcharged to 10 Beesties employed in the Quarter Master Generals Department and to 3 Beesties attached to the Brigade Staff for 1 month and 14 days — } 87 - 33 - 49.	Extract of a letter from Captain Rodgers Quarter master of Brigade to the Paymaster. — "I have also the pleasure to "enclose you Copy of account of Pay and "allowances granted to the Artificers &c. "on the Expedition to Ceylon signed by Mr. Cochrane Military Paymaster by		
December. Retrenched as in the preceding month . . . . . } 16 - 24 - 40			
January 1796. The same as in November . . . . 15 - 40 - 64			
February. The same as in November . . . . 15 - 40 - 64			

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The same as in November	17.. 10.. —
April — Retrenched on account of Pay over-charged for 5 Bustees employed in the Quarter Master Generals department and 3 Bustees attached to the Brigade Staff	9.. 34.. 64
May — The same as in April	10.. 8.. 64
June — The same as in April	9.. 34.. 64
July — The same as in April	10.. 8.. 64
August — Retrenched on account of Pay over-charged for 7 Bustees employed in the Qr. Mr. Generals Department and 3 Bustees attached to the Brigade Staff	11.. —.. 8.
September — The same as in August	11.. 39.. —
October — The same as in August	12.. 32.. —
November — The same as in August	12.. 12.. —
December — The same as in August	12.. 32.. —
Pagodas	190.. 24.. 6.

which you will perceive that Bustees are allowed 5 Pags. 38 fans. monthly. —

Additional Reply.

Copy of a letter from Captain Rodgers in charge of the Quarter Master Generals Department on Ceylon, to the Paymaster Marked No. 2. with a Copy enclosed of a Statement furnished by the Honble Basil Cochrane to Major Smart. of the pay to be allowed to artificers and Bustees sent with him to Ceylon No. 3. —

is therefore probable that had the Peck-allies been included at an advanced rate under the Circumstances stated in Mr. Cochrane's letter. that for reasons of Expediency connected with the Public Service. it would have been admitted. —

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Wlt. Aud. Genl.

So.

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To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir.

As the Result of my accounts has not admitted the amount of Gratuity paid to Captain Drummond as an acting Engineer at Trincomalee notwithstanding every Reply to the Audit I have to request that you will refer the Subject to the Right Honble the Governor in Council.—

The Amount Retrenched being Pags 37. 10. 00. will point out to his Lordship that the Gratuity was drawn for some Months before any Remark on my Accounts was Received and the Retrenchment was only Communicated to me in September last some time after Captain Drummond had Died in Europe having been sent from this place by General Stuart with Dispatches for his Majesty's Ministers on the Surrender of Columbo.—

I have already stated in my Reply to the

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the Retrenchment of Gratuity from acting Engineers that I had followed the example of another Paymaster who had paid one months allowance in advance to Lieut.t Hayter and trust that as this account cannot be recovered His Lordship will not hold me Responsible for it after such a lapse of time and before which Circumstances had prevented the Audit of my accounts. —

I have the honor to enclose a letter from Quarter Master of Brigade Rodgers Relative to the Pay of Puckallies on this Island which you have not thought proper to Admit. on Record. requesting that it may be referred to Government as he does not think himself authorized to make the Stoppages Required by your Audit and am to answer to the Retrenchment against Captain Kenny for the same purpose. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) John Mc. Donall

Paymaster

Columbo

27th. April 1797.

A true Copy.

(Signed) J. Brunton

Dpty. Mily. Audr. Genl.

John

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John Mc. Douall Esqr.

Paymaster Columbo

Sir

I am answer to your letter requesting me that my explanation under date the 27th October ult. respecting the pay of 5 Pay.s 38 fund.s Monthly to Puckallies attached to the Staff of the Native Brigade in the Island of Ceylon had not been deemed sufficiently satisfactory by the Auditor General to prevent the Estimate ment then stated. I have only to request that their pay having been settled by Wm. Cockrane the Paymaster of to Fort St. George at 5 Pags. 38 and two Months entire paid them by him at that rate previous to their leaving Madras and unacquainted as I am with any authority for its being altered. I request this letter may be forwarded to the Auditor General to be laid before Government for their final decision for without an order to that effect I cannot hold myself responsible for putting these Men under reduction of Staff pay

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Stoppages for the Repayment of a charge thus established, and which has actually been paid to them.—

In order to save the trouble of a reference to Government on the same subject of the Puckallies attached to Head Quarters and which have been under my charge ever since Captain Allan left Columbo. I beg leave to state that they are in every respect in the same predicament with those attached to the Staff of the Native Brigades, and were furnished in the same manner by Mr. Cochrane to Major Lennet with written Instructions for their being paid at that rate as per Copy of which accompanies this Letter.—

I have the honor to be

Sir Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) J. Rodgers Capt.

Dy. Mr. Brigade in charge of the

Dy. Mr. Generals Department

Columbo

27th. April 1797.—

A true Copy

(Signed) J. B Brunton

Dpty. Mr. Gen.

For

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To Major General William Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir

I have been favored with your Letter of the 16th Instant requiring the Authority under which Bheasties entertained for Foreign Service. Have leave to inform you, that the Bheasties furnished by me to the Commanding Officers of the Corps and Detachments for the Expedition to Trincomalee and Malacca under General Stewart and Colonel Brown could not be procured at the usual rate of Pay and full Batta. I was under the necessity of entertaining them at the same rate as allowed by Government to all artificers that were sent on the same Service. The List submitted to Government was drawn up by myself but by an oversight the Bheasties were left out. Likewise they might have been authorized at the same time for the men positively refused to go on foreign Service under the sum paid them. being Star Pags 5. 38. —

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
23d May 1797.

Sir Sir
(Signed) Basil Cochrane
Mil. Paymr. Fort St. George

A true Copy.
(Signed) J. Brereton
Dept. Auditor Gen.

Ans

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An Account of Pay and allowances to the Artificers sent with Major Charles Smart Deputy Commissary General of Stores under Colonel Sal. Stewart.

			Rs. To be paid to their Families at Madras	Rs. To be paid to them at Pimenallie	Rs. Total	Rs. Grand Total
Artificiers.						
Carpenter Mastry 1.		" "		7. 18.	7. 18.	7. 18
Vellauve						
Carpenter 1		" "		6. "	6. "	6. "
1 European Carpenter Bilgrock						
Smith 1		3. "		3. "	6. "	6. "
Patteam Taylor						
Armourer 1.		" "		6. "	6. "	6. "
Jean Boy						
Kammuruun 1.		" "		5. "	5. "	5. "
Cuddalore Rammasammy						
Chuckler 1.		3. "		1. "	4. "	4. "
Vispey Curreen						
Chickleer 1.		3. "		3. "	6. "	6. "
Patteam Arinadeen						
Beasties 10.		3. "			2. 38.	
Shake Dauden		" "			5. 38.	
Shake Augeen		" "			5. 38.	
Shake Mahomed		" "			5. 38.	
Shake Edreen		" "			5. 38.	
Shake Dadoo		" "			5. 38.	
Shake Emmeyon		" "			5. 38.	
Saib Auge		" "			5. 38.	
Vellen		" "			5. 38.	
Shaike Usseen						
Shaike Ally						

The within Men has received their Pay in advance up to the 16th September 1795. and no further —

/signed/ Basil Cochrane Mustr. Paymr. Fort St. George

A true Copy,
/signed/ J. Rodgers Capt. Dy. Qrr. Mr. Brigade
in charge of Quarter Master Generals Department —

A true Copy/
/signed/ J. Brereton
Dpy. Mustr. and Gen.

Statement.

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Statement of the Artificers and Puckallies entertained for the Expedition against Ceylon.

Where employed and to what Corps or Department attached.		Pay per Month to each of the Artificers entertained for Foreign Service.	Pay for 31 days and Batta for 30 Days to the same Description of people according to the Establishment Rates.	Difference in favor of each Man entitled for Foreign Service.	Total difference in favor of each description of Men entitled for Foreign Service.
Columbo					
Attached to the Commissary of Stores Department	Maistrie Bricklayers	2	7 18 .	6 6 .	1 12 . 2 24 .
	" Smiths	1	7 18 .	6 6 .	1 12 . 1 12 .
	Carpenters	10	6 . .	4 16 .	1 26 . 16 8 .
	Smiths	9	6 . .	4 16 .	1 26 . 14 22 .
	Hammermen	9	5 . .	3 12 .	1 30 . 15 18 .
	armourers	3	6 . .	4 16 .	1 26 . 4 36 .
	Chickleers	3	5 . .	3 12 .	1 30 . 5 6 .
	Turners	1	6 . .	4 . 40	1 41 40 1 41 40
	Mortishie	1	6 . .	3 12 .	2 30 . 2 30 .
	Caulker	1	5 . .		
	Painter	1	5 . .	3 12 .	1 30 . 1 30 .
	Chunkler	1	4 . .	3 12 .	. 30 . . 30 .
	Massalgie	1	4 . .		
	Puckallies	2	5 38 .	4 26 32	1 11 68 2 23 16 -
Puckallies attached to the Quarter Masters Generals Department		7	5 38 .	4 26 32	1 11 68 8 39 16 -
Ditto to the Brigade Staff		3	5 38 .	4 26 32	1 11 68 3 34 64 -
Trincomale					
Attached to the Ordnance Civil Establishment	Maistrie European	1	7 18 .	6 6 .	1 12 . 1 12 .
	Carpenters	2	6 . .	4 16 .	1 26 . 3 10 .
	Armourers	2	6 . .	4 16 .	1 26 . 3 10 .
	Smiths	2	6 . .	4 16 .	1 26 . 3 10 .
	Chickleers	1	6 . .	3 12 .	2 30 . 2 30 .
	Hammermen	1	4 . .	3 12 .	. 30 . . 30 .
Attached to the Commissary of Stores Department	Maistrie	1	7 18 .	6 6 .	1 12 . 1 12 .
	Carpenters	2	6 . .	4 16 .	1 26 . 3 10 .
	Smiths	2	6 . .	4 16 .	1 26 . 3 11 .
	Hammermen	2	4 . .	3 12 .	1 26 . 1 18 .
	armourers	2	6 . .	3 12 .	. 30 . 3 10 .
	Chickleers	2	6 . .	4 16 .	1 26 . 3 18 .
	Chunklers	2	5 . .	3 12 .	1 30 . 3 18 .
		2	4 . .	3 12 .	. 30 . 1 18 .
Laboratory Tinman		1	6 . .	4 . 40	1 41 40 1 41 40
					116 8 16.

N.B. The Engineer at Columbo usually employs Cingalese artificers at the following rates of pay

Maistrie Carpenter @ 7..20 per day = D°. 6..14..60 per month.
Carpenters ... @ 4..20. D° ... 3..6..60 D°.
Bricklayers .. @ 6.. - D° ... 3..29.. - D°.

W. Sydenham
Mate Storekeeper

To

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To Major General William Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir

In consequence of the enclosed letter from the acting Asst Surgeon in the Circars forwarded for your Perusal. I have deemed it expedient to Comply with the Indents of Lieutenant Colonel Wahab. and Doctor Anderson for the supply of some Watermen. with a proportion of large Potts for the purpose of watering the Gunners round the Barracks of the 2nd Division 2nd Regiment and the General Hospital at the Masulipatam Cantonments. during the Hot winds - The Watermen I have hired at 2 Pagodas to a Maistry. and 1 Pagoda 21 fanams to each Waterman. this with the expence for Potts cannot at the utmost I should suppose amount to above 200 Pagodas during the season. - I am induced therefore to hope. that from the very evident advantage to be derived to the Soldiery from this Indulgence. and the trifling expence attending it. that this Charge may be

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admitted by you in my accounts. Should you however not consider yourself authorized to Pass it as not being in exact conformity to the Regulations for the Barrack Department. I have to request you will lay the Circumstance before the Right Honble the President in Council with such recommendation as you may deem the Charge to deserve. It may be necessary likewise to lay down some Regulation on the subject for my future observance. may I request to be favored with a speedy answer. as I do not consider it correct to make any Charge whatsoever under this Head. until I have your authority so to do. &c

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J. Taylor
Barrack Master
Northern Division

Ganjam
4th. May 1797.

A true Copy.
(Signed) Dal. Bruce
Aust. Mil. Aud. Genl.

&c.

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To Captain John Taylor

Barrack Master

Cirears.

Sir

The European Troops of this Cantonment having experienced great advantage during the hot weather of last year, from your exertions in enabling us to water the Grounds of the Barracks and Hospital during that inclement Season. I am induced from motives of humanity to again address you on the Subject in the hopes that an Establishment of Bullocks and allowance for Carts may be made for the purpose of watering the Grounds of the Barracks and Hospital during the hot weather. and Land winds which are known to prevail in this district to an uncommon degree of severity.—

It may be necessary in corroboration of what I have above intimated to make a short Statement of the Situation of the Troops at Ellore. when the Grounds I believe were never watered. and last year at Masulipatam when the Troops Enjoyed that Comfort in the year 1796. when I joined the 4th. Regiment at Ellore. there were no fewer than

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than Thirteen Casualties from the 8th of May to the 8th of June. and there were above 60 men taken suddenly ill from the effects of the hot winds. some of whom died within 3 hours after they fell down many of these were recovered with great difficulty - On referring to the Returns of Corps Stationed at Ellore in former years. - I find their sufferings were equal to what I have now stated - during the hot winds last year at Masulipatam and they were reckoned unusually severe. there was one Casualty of an Invalid. and one man of the Regiment taken ill from the hot winds and his indisposition was so slight as not to require Hospital treatment. —

I am satisfied if the above Statement is laid before Government that the Establishment will be immediately allowed for the Expence attending it. which must the very trifling. can never be put in Comparison with the health and comfort of the Troops. —

Masulipatam
10th April 1797 -

I am &c &c

/Signed/ A: Anderson
acting Head Surgeon -

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ Pat: Bruce
Asst. Adjt. Gen.

Statement

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Statement of the probable Expence attending a Supply of Watermen and Pots for the purpose of watering the Gunners round the European Barracks and Hospital at the Masulipatam Cantonments during the Hot Season. Estimated at 2 Months.—

	£	Pags.	F.	C.
Indent by Colonel Wahab for 1 Braistry and 21 Watermen and by Doctor Anderson for 1 Braistry and 16 Watermen from the 15th April to the 15th June @ 2 Pagodas to a Braistry and 1½ to a Waterman P.r Month	116	"	"	
Indent for Laudus or Large Tubs for holding water for the Barracks and Hospital 125 @ 15 fanams each	44	27	"	
Allow Supplies for breakage during the Season 75	26	33	"	
Supply of small Pots for throwing Water on the Gunners	6	—	"	
Total Expence likely to be incurred during the Hot Season	£ Pags.	193	18	—

Masulipatam
15th May 1797.—

(Signed) I. Taylor Barrack Master Northern Division

A true Copy.
(Signed) Pat: Bruce
Assist. Mil. Aud.r General

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Military auditor General.—

The Board concur in the opinion of the Military Auditor General of the expediency of reducing the Number as well as the pay of the Artificers employed on the Island of Ceylon:—

Resolved accordingly that instructions be sent for that purpose to Major General Doyle.—

The

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Deaths of Conductor William Norman.

The Secretary reports to the Board the death of Mr William Norman conductor of ordnance.

" Hubert

" Geo. Hewett

" Chr. Mansfield

John Turing Esq.

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Received the undermentioned

Letters entered in Mis. No. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22.

From Mr. Warden - inclosing

From the Head Assistant at Bombay. - a Letter for the Committee of the Bombay Government at Tellicherry. -

From Mr. Secretary Mowat

From the Secretary at Do. - with another Letter to the same address. -

From Captain Doveton - requesting that an advance of Cash may be made him to subsist the Families of the Prisoners who have arrived at the Presidency from Ceylon in great Distress. -

From the Command-ant of Prisoners.

From Major Barbutt - acknowledging Receipt of Boats orders for sending the Malay Corps now at Jaffnapatam to Trincomale. -

From the Com-mandant at Jaffanapatam.

From Mr. Torriano - advising of his having shipped on the Marcut for Trincomale 20 Cases of Rice which completes the Quantity he was ordered to forward to Captain Rivington. -

From the Resident at Nagore. -

From

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From the Officer Commanding the 73d Regiment –

From Lieutenant Colonel A St Johns – requesting that the Assistant Surgeon of his Regiment who he left to administer temporary Relief to the Sick of the Prisoners at Point Pedro may be ordered to join his Corps. –

Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M B. Nos. 23. 24. –

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

To Mr. J. A. Grant forwarding the three Letters from Bombay above noticed. –

To the Sea Customer

To Mr. Call – desiring that Mr. Cochrane may be allowed to land 70 Half Leaguers of Batavia Arrack from the Danish Ship Prince Marie on paying 2½ p Cent Duty and all other of that Charges & Description imported for the use of the Navy provided he will enter into proper Security that it be not Shipped for

Received the following Letters. –

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

We have the honor to ack-
-nowledge the receipt Governmt's Letter
of the 25th Ultimo, with Enclosures referred
to Our consideration from Major General
Floyd, and Lieutenant Colonel Oliver; and
on the subject of those from the former, We
beg leave to submit to your Lordship, as
Our opinion, that it will be more economi-
-cal to permit the Officers stationed at P
Warrore to draw the usual Monthly P
allowance for House Rent, than to expend
the Sum stated by the Engineer to be P
requisite for the repair of their Quarters
and consequently to recommend that the
same have effect upon the prescribed P
Certificates from the Barrack Master -
as also, that the Repairs to the Soldiers
Barracks, and Hospital, be authorized
conformably to the Estimates for those P
purposes, amounting to Pagodas 63. 24. 42. -

Captain

From the Military Board recommend that the Officers stationed at Warrore be allowed House Rent and that certain repairs be executed at Tricheno-poly the Storekeeper at Arcka declining becoming the agent for the supply of small Stores upon the terms fixed by Government, enclose Indents for Stationery and Furniture required for their offices Bills of the Gun carriage Contractor recommended for Payment -

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Captain Webber Commanding
at Ganjam, having transmitted to us a
Letter which he received from Mr. A
Commander Cooper in consequence of A
Captain Webber having Indented upon
him, in his capacity of Commissary
of Supplies, for the usual Quarterly
supply of Petty Stores, We accordingly
do ourselves the honor to forward Copy
thereof to your Lordships in Council.-

We have the honor to lay
before your Lordships in Council A
Indents for Stationary and Furniture
required for the use of the Military
Board Office: That for the former is
Annual, requiring the Sanction of A
Government to be passed by the Board
of Trade in order to its being complied
with, and exhibits the quantity of A
Articles Indented for, together A
with what it now judged necessary
in consequence of the great increase
of Business by the introduction of

the

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the new System; and We beg leave to assure Y
your Lordship that, although Our Board cannot
ascertain the exact supply of Stationary that
may be Annually required, or consequently
expenditure shall be incurred, but any Surplus
that may remain be carried to the account of
of the following Year — The Indent for Furniture
is become necessary from the increase in the
the Office Establishment, and appears to not
not to exceed the actual consequent demand.

The accompanying Bill, a
amounting to Pagodas 1572. 26. 7 received
from the Agent to the Gun Carriage &c. C
Contractors for Articles of Military Store
delivered by them into the Arsenal, which
having undergone examination by a Committee
of Our Board, are found to be in every R
respect fit for the Public Service, We do
Ourselves the honor to recommend may be
passed for payment.

We have the Honor to be
Sir &c
Signed &c
Geo. Harris
Patrick Ross
Thomas Reid
W. Sydenham
Jos Richardson
By Close
George Hall
Jo

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5th June 1797

(or)

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To Captain Henry Webber

President of the

Committee of Stores

Sir

I am just honored by the
receipt of your Letter of this date, and have
perused the Orders of Government of the
18th Instant respecting the Supply of Stores
at Out Stations. As I am totally unacquain-
ted with the nature, or mode, of making up
Stores, and the prescribed time so very
short that the undertaking it just at this
crisis would not only be very inconvenient
but also from the want of knowledge &
and experience in it, might in the
very first Instance expose the
Gt. Article involve me in the forfeiture
of the value of the whole amount
of the Indent, I must therefore
that Government will release me
from undertaking a charge I am so
totally unacquainted with unless they
will be pleased to in the first
Instance

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Instance to allow me time sufficient to
make myself Master of the business entrusted
to me.—

Ganjam
17th May 1797.

Sam.l Lee Lt.

(Signed) Thomas Cooper
Paym.r of Ganjam Stoke

True Copy
(Signed) Fred.k Pierce
Lieu.t & Account.t Mil.y Board

To
S. Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you
for the information of the Right Hon.ble the
President in Council a Copy of a Letter
I yesterday received from Captain Kirkpatrick
Officiating Resident at his Highness the
Nizam's Court and to request that you will
inform the Right Hon.ble the President &
that in conformity to the Requisition
therein contained I purpose leaving the
whole of the Guns and Military Stores &
at this place under charge of the Deputy
Commissary

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts leaving his Guns and Stores attached at Mungaul in consequence of a Requisition to that Effect from Captain Kirkpatrick &c.—

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Commissary with the Lascars and Artificers belonging to that Department and a few Gun Lascars which with the Subsidary Guard already stationed at Mangaul I conceive will be quite sufficient for the protection of the above Guns and Stores

Camp Mangaul
30th. May 1797.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) George Roberts
Lt. Colo.

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 absence of the Bengal Detachment, I 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 Agnedmans march from Condapilly to Mangaul, you leave your Guns and Military Stores under a sufficient Guard

&c

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at the latter Place to be delivered over to that Officer upon his eventual arrival there. -

Permit me to request that you will favour me with an early answer to this Letter. -

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Hyderabad
27th May 1797.

J. Webbe Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 10th. 12th. and 13th. Instant received late last night. -

From the Commandant at Trincamale - conidus the orders lately issued by Government for clearing away the Jungle &c highly conducive to the Health of the Troops - wishes to move the Native Troops to the outside of the Fort - complains of a want of Cash to pay the Troops. -

I am happy to report that a visible improvement in point of Health has already taken place here and at Fort Ostenburgh in consequence of the work I have been authorized to Execute by the Right Honble the President in Council. -

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I am persuaded that as soon as their orders are executed and the Troops supplyed with fresh Provisions from the Coast our Garrisons will be as healthy as any in India.—

His Lordship having so completely anticipated and directed what it so necessary to contribute to the Health and Comfort of the Troops, that very little is left for me to say on the Subject.—

Cleanliness and a free circulation of Air is most essential to the preservation of Health in so warm a Climate as this: the former has been as much attended to as Circumstances would admit of; in neither Case can we be perfect till the Sepoys are moved out of their Garrisons where filth which I cannot persuade them to take away is very bad indeed and their Huts which are numerous are no Ground more miserable than I can possibly describe and which has been the cause of much ill Health particularly among Women and

What

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What I beg leave to submit to
Government is, to have the Sepoys and Lascars
moved to a most eligible spot of Ground about
Six hundred yards from the Fort convenient
to wood and water, they will build a Bungalow
at a small Expence, it will contribute much
to their Health, as well as to those that Garrison
the Fort - As I suppose you have heard of the
disturbances at Batticaloa / in my District / I
send the enclosed as it will no doubt give
much Satisfaction to find the Inhabitants
are returned to their Homes &c. —

Money is so scarce that I have
not been able to send a detachment of Sepoys
to Batticaloa / as ordered by Major General Doyle /
for want of Cash to subsist them on the March. —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signed / J. Champagne —
Lt. Colt. Comg

Trincomallie
May 26th 1797.

Colonel Champagne
&c &c &c

Sir

In a former Letter I had
the

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the Honor of writing to you, I informed you that I would give you the result of a Conference I then expected to have had with the Inhabitants of this district which did not take place 'till the day before Yesterday – Every head Man with a multitude of their dependants waited on me – I communicated to them your Instructions to me and informed them that your greatest wish was to restore peace to the District, and Harmony amongst the People; which only could be done by fulfilling their Obligations with the Company, and referring their private disputes to the Catchary where Justice would be done them – I also informed them that the Ameldar was the only person appointed to transact the Country Concerns and that their duty was to look up to him as Mr. Andrews assistant, and that they must obey him as such. –

As I deemed it necessary that the Inhabitants in the full possession of his powers, I took care that it should be explained

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to them, that my orders were to comply with every requisition he should make for A
assistance. –

The Inhabitants appeared to be highly pleased with what was said to them, and promised that in future they would give no cause of complaint. Knowing your anxiety for the welfare of this district I embrace the opportunity of a Canoes A sailing this day of giving you the pleasing News that by communicating your Instructions to the Inhabitants, it has produced the A desired Effect. Peace is restored, Cultivation is going on, Respect paid to the Amildar and his Orders obeyed in the remotest parts of this district. –

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Jas. Nagle
Capt.n Commanding

Batticaloa
19.th May 1797

The

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Military Auditor General opinion respecting sundry appointments made by Commandants Stations of Assistant Surgeons to the charge of Detachments from Native Corps –

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 25th Ultimo referring to my consideration applications for the temporary appointment of medical Gentlemen to Detachments of Corps from the Officers Commanding at Sankledoog Vellore, Guntoor, Vizagapatam and the Baramaul and in consequence I have to state my opinion. –

2 That Mr. Assistant Surgeon Peyton appearing to have been appointed to the charge of the detail of Native Troops at Sankledoog as a case of necessity and that his conduct in that charge has met the approbation of his Commanding Officer may if your Lordship pleases be allowed to draw the regulated allowance of ½ Pagoda for every 100 men from the period they have been under his care, the Gun

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Lascars excepted, who are to be provided by the Regimental Surgeon.—

3 The same allowance will also be admissible to Mr. Head Surgeon Watson and Mr. Assistant Surgeon Wise appointed by Major General Colling to the temporary charge, the former of the Sick of the 2d Battalion 5th Regement and the latter of the Sick of the Detachment of the 1st Battalion 6th Regement at Vellore, and to Mr. Assistant Surgeon Peat having a similar charge with the 3 Companies of the 1st Battalion 7th Regement at Guntoor, and Mr. Ogilvy Surgeon with a Detachment of the 2d Battalion 8th Regement at Vizagapatam on the appointments of Lieutenant Colonels Leighton and Fotheringham equally on the plea of attention to the health of the Sick, provided your Lordship shall be pleased to consider the reasons and authority sufficient for the periods preceding the late Regulation directing that such appointments in future were not to be made without the Sanction of Government— It appears

however

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however that Mr. Watson having the charge of the Sick of part of a Native Battalion at Vellore is incompatible with his situation of Head Surgeon, and tho it may be justified in the present instance considered in the light of a temporary expedient I apprehend it should now be discontinued and an Assistant Surgeon nominated to that charge. —

4th Lieutenant Colonel Read in his letter to your Lordship as well as the enclosure from Major Doveton states the necessity of an Assistant Surgeon being appointed to the charge of the Sick at Ryacotah and occasionally to visit the Neighboring Garrisons of Chinnaroydoorg and Verabuddadoorg and should your Lordship approve of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Carnes being nominated to those stations I beg leave to offer my opinion on the allowances which he ought to receive. —

Medical allowance for the Garrison of Ryacottah 10 Pagodas p Month

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and for the Native Troops at the three stations
/ Lascars excepted / 4 Pagodas p Month for P
every 100 Men present upon the prescribed
Certificate from the Commanding Officer

5 Before I quit this subject
I beg leave to solicit your Lordships
authority for passing the Bills of Surgeons
or Assistant Surgeons, in the temporary
charge of Sick by authority of Commanding
Officers previous to the General Order of
of the 3.d Instant, as such authority will
enable me to decide on their claims and
prevent many references to Government.—

I have the honor to be with
great respect.—

&c &c

/ Signed / W. Sydenham
Mily Aud. Genl

Military Auditor
Genls Office
Fort St. George
2.d June 1797.—

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Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters as entered in Mb.s No.s 25. 26. 27. 28. 29.
30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38.—

&c

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To the Military Auditor General

To Major General William Sydenham advising him of the Sanction given by Government to a charge on account of Compensation to a Detachment of the 35th Native Battalion for the loss of their Baggage in crossing a river on Ceylon - and desiring that Lieutenant Gordon may receive the amount £247 disbursed by him on that occasion. -

To the Officer Commanding the Forces on the Island of Ceylon. -

To Major General Doyle notifying the purport of the abovementioned Letter

To Mr. Henry Harris - permitting him to draw the difference between the allowances of a Head Surgeon and Surgeon for the period that he officiated in the former rank under the orders of Rear Admiral

To Mr. H. Harris

Mariner

To Major General Sydenham

To the Military Auditor General

authorizing the Payment of the abovementioned difference of allowances to Mr. Surgeon Harris.

To Ditto - Ditto.

To D° desiring he also authorize the Military Paymaster to advance to Captain Dowse a sufficient sum for the Relief of the Families

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Families of the Pioneers lately arrived from Ceylon.—

To the Commandant at Trincomale and Columbo.

To Colonel Champayne and Major General Doyle desiring they will take the earliest means of sending to the Presidency all the empty Casks of whatever Description in store at Trincomale and Columbo.—

To the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

To Mr. Sharon desiring him to cause all the Casks of Salt Provisions at Trincomale and Columbo to be repaired and put into a proper State for Exportation.—

To the Accountant General military auditor General and Military Paymaster Genl.

To the officers noted in the Margin—enclosing Copies of the regulations which have been adopted for keeping the Books of the Military Board, and desiring they will attend to such parts as effect the accounts of their respective Departments.—

To the Officer Commanding the Bengal Detachment.—

To Major General Erskine informing him that the Troops under his immediate command as well as Major Kyndmans Detachment will be furnished with Stores from the nearest Stations of Depôt—and that the Payment of the latter Detachment

will

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8th will be provided for a conformity with the
existing Engagements between His Highness
the Nizam and the Company. —

To the Medical Board — To the Medical Board informing
them that Mr. Lucas will be entitled to
participate in Lord Clives Bounty Fund
upon making the usual Affidavit

To Mr. James Birdie. — To the Garrison Storekeeper
informing him that an advance of 10,000 Pags
will be made to him on application at
the Treasury, desiring him to extend the
provision of Biscuit to 520 Candies — and
apprizing him that no articles will be
paid for which may be rejected by the
Committee of the Military Board, who will
be appointed to inspect the Provisions of
all Descriptions laid up for the Troops
ordered on Foreign Service. —

To the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the army. — To Major General Floyd
authorizing the erection of the Sheds &
for the Guards at Trichinopoly as &
recommended in his Letter of the 4th &
May. —

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To the Military auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham

Approving his Suggestion on the Subject of reducing the Pay of the Artificers serving on Ceylon - authorizing the original Disbursement of One hundred Pagodas to the Barrack Master at Masulipatam for watering the Tatts of the European Barracks during the hot season - desiring that Captain Hill be in future only allowed the half Batta of his Rank and that the difference between full and half Batta from the 12th July may be deducted from the first payment made to that Officer on account of Overcharges. -

To Do enclosing a Certificate

Do entitled the Widow of Conductor Fotheringham to participate of Lord Clives Fund

Received the following Letter.

9th Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

From the Garrison Storekeeper - the Contractor for Water casks declares his entire inability to complete his Engagements - Suggestions on the Subject. -

Sir

I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying letter received yesterday Evening from the Contractor for Water

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backs, declaratory of his inability to perform his Contract – whatever construction he may think proper to put upon the conditions thereof, it appears to me that he should not only be called upon for the penalty but also for the proportion of Casks due to Government from the date of my applications to him until yesterday which would produce as follows. –

	Casks
on the 17th Ultimo the date of my application –	100.
1st Instant – – – – – – – – – – – – – –	100 –
8th Do. – – – – – – – – – – – – – –	44. –
Total –	244.

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I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
[Signed] Jas. Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper –

To Mr. James Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge
the

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9th the receipt of your Letter of the 5th Instant and beg leave to inform you, that when I addressed you on the 20th Ulteimo I was impressed with the Idea that I was not obliged to deliver more than 3000 Gallons of Casks - but since then I have been given to understand by indifferent Persons that a different interpretation may be given to my Contract, to what I imagined, and that it may perhaps be constructed to imply, that I am bound deliver every fifteen days Casks to contain 15000 Gallons a Contract which at any period I should find almost an impossibility of fulfilling, and which at the present period from circumstances already explained to you, I am absolutely unequal to - I am therefore under the necessity of declaring my inabelity to fulfill my Contract or to deliver any more Casks. -

I am &c. &c.

Signed Geo. Innes

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

My Lord

From Lieutenant Colonel Fotheringham advising of the Disturbances excited in the Vizagapatam District by the Insurrection of Pycherry Rauze.

I may have been to blame for not sooner doing myself the Honour of Communicating to your Lordship, the appearance of some Disturbances in this District, as dated in the accompanying Copies of Letters but I considered it as of two trifling and unsubstantial a Nature to trouble your Lordship with and although a small Detachment from the Barrackpore Corps have actually marched against the insurgent Ryapah Rauze I am still of opinion that the matter will terminate without Bloodshed, or actual Hostility on the part of the Honble Company's Troops, & I shall not however fail of transmitting to your Lordship any further Information I may receive of this Transaction, tho it will hardly fall to my share to report future Occurrences in the District as Major General Erskine is

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is expected at Chicacole on the 6th. Instant
It is in Consequence of Instructions from
him, to act in every Respect, as before his
Appointment by Government to the Command
of the District untill his Arrival, that I
now presume to address your Lordship
on this Subject.-

The first Information I
received of any appearance of insurrection since
the charge of the District was delivered over
to me on the 2d. of last February by Lieutenant
Colonel Stuart was from Capt. Barclay
Commanding a Detachment at Woodadely
who in a Letter of the 4th. of may acquainted
me that he had received Orders to move
his Corps leaving one Company in the
Neighbourhood of Madgole to Bumaram
situated between Gopaulpelle & Andrah
to assist the Zemindar Juggarnaut
Boopathy in establishing his Authority
over the Deserters of his Country, the
particular Object of the present Movement

being

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being to prevent the Zemindars in that
Quarter / affording assistance to Sabah
Ayapah Rauze, who had lately Committed
Hostelities against his Relation the P
Tullah Zemindar Muttapah Rauze - I
received another Letter from Lieutenant
Barclay dated the 18th. of may at Andoah
only intimating the Arrival of his P
Detachment at that place --

Not having heard any thing
from Mr. Webb in all this Time induced me
to Consider this Business in no alarming Shape.
N.1 is a Copy of the first Letter I received
from him, and your Lordship will P
perceive that I immediately Complied with
his Suggestion by the Copy of my answer
N.2 - and my Instructions to Captain P
Gerard in Consequence Copy N.3. -

It was not till this morning
that I heard any thing further of the Business
N.4 is Copy of a Letter from Captain
Gerard covering Copy N.5 of Mr. Webbs
Instructions

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Instructions to Lieut. N.o 6 is Copy of a Letter received also this morning from Lieutenant Barclay dated at Paunchpentah whither he had removed it by desire of Mr. Webb

It is not my Intention to reply to either of these Letters, unless Hostilities actually Commenc'd and even if there in my Opinion, the troops with Captain Girard and Lieutenant Barclay are abundantly sufficient, at least to keep this Fellow in Check, until the Arrival of the Two Companys of the 8th Regiment from Chicacole at Gopaulpillie which is immediately to follow the Entrance of General Erskine with the Bengal Regiment into the District and I have apprised Mr. Webb as well as Captn. Girard and Lieutenant Barclay of this Reinforcement.-

With the most perfect Respect

I have the Honour to subscribe myself

&c. &c.

(Signed) Geo. Fothergingham

Lt. Colt. Senior Officer

of the Troops Vizagapatam

District

Vizagapatam

3.d June 1797.

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To Lieutenant Colonel Fothringham

Commanding the Troops in the Vizagapatam District.

Sir

Jadah Royapah Nauze a Relation of Mullapah Nauze the Zemindar of Jadah and the same Person against whom Lieutenant Mackintosh was detached with two Companies last year, having again renounced his allegience and betaken himself to the Hills with a view to excite disturbances in the Jadah Zemindary, I have directed Lieutenant Barclay to advance his Detachment from Andrah where it is at present stationed to Pauncherpentah distant about Eight Kos in a Northerly Direction from Andrah in order to afford Mullapah Nauze such assistance as he may stand in need of, in his operations to expel Royapah Nauze from his Country, and I request you will please to order a Company of

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of regular Sepoys to replace Lieutenant P
Barclays Detachment at Andrah, where
it will be necessary to have some force to
prevent the Zemindar in that part of the
District affording Noyapah Rauze any P
assistance. -

Without presuming to dictate
the particular Arrangement whereby the
subject of the present application may be
accomplished of which you must be the
most competent Judge, I shall take the
liberty of mentioning that the presence
of the Company at present stationed at
Gopaulpilly is not immediately necessary
there should you judge fit to employ it
at Andrah. -

I am induced to believe the
Force under Lieutenant Barclay will
enable him to afford Mullapah Rauze
such assistance as may be requisite to
restrain Noyapah Rauze on that side
and as Ramchinderdoo the Jayapore P

Zemindar

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Zemindar has engaged to act against
him to the Westward, I am in hopes this
Disturbance considering the other parts
of the District on an entire Tranquility
will prove of no long Duration. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Vizianagrum
22d May 1797.

/Signed/ Natht. Webb —
Coll. 2 Dr P. 2 Dr

a true Copy
/Signed/ Geo. Fothringham
Lt. Col.

Natt. Webb Esqr.
Collector 2d Division Vizagpatam District
Vizianagrum

Sir

I have had the Honour to
receive your Letter of the 22d Instant &
Copy of which, together with Orders to
Captain Gerard to move his Detach-
=ment immediately to Andrah, I enclose
open for your perusal, and request

you

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9th you would dispatch the Letter to him I consider
myself as much obliged by your pointing out
the only Resource we could have had recourse to
and hope it may Answer the Intention. -
you will perceive that I have
directed Captain Gerard to Correspond with
you as to the Object of attainment, with
which you must be much better acquainted
than I am. -

I have the Honour &c
/Signed/ Geo. Fotheringham Lt Col
/Senior Officer of the Troops Vizagapatam

Vizagapatam
24th May 1797.

P.S. May I request the Favour of you
to forward along with my Letter, a few Lines
to Captain Gerard explanatory of
the Object in view -

Captain Gerard Commanding the Field &
Station of Gopaulpilly
Sir. I enclose herewith Copy of
a Letter I have this Day received from Mr.

Collector

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Collector Webb, and to direct that you
may immediatly on Receipt of this move
your Detachment to Andrah Conformable
to Mr Webbs Request. you will also
Correspond with him on the Subject of
attainment and for the present obey
such Instructions as you may receive
from him.—

I have the Honour &c
/Signed/ Geo. Fotheringham Lt Col
Com. Officer of the Troops &c &c

Viz agapatam
24th. May 1797.

A true Copy
/Signed/ Geo. Fotheringham
Lt. Col

Lieutenant Colonel Fotheringham
Commanding the Troops in the District

Sir

I have the honor to
acquaint you that I marched
from Gopaulpilly yesterday Evening
to this place, and purpose to be at
Andrah the place of my distination

this

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This Evening - I enclose you a Copy of the Letter of Instructions received from Mr. Collector Webb and am.

Sir &c &c

/Signed/ W. J. Gerard

Lt & Captn. by B.

Gopaulpilly
31st May 1797.

a true Copy

/Signed/ Geo. Fotheringham

Lt. Col.

Captain Giraud

Commanding a Detachment at Gopaulpilly

Sir

Having applied to Lieutenant Colonel Fotheringham Commanding the Troops in the District for a Company to be Stationed at Andrah, and he having as I find directed that which I you Commanded at Gopaulpilly I to proceed thither, I take the liberty to inform you that the particular I object which induced my application

for

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for such assistance is that considering the Probability if not deviated by the Presence of a Detachment of the Company's Troops of Royapah Rauze who is making disturbances in the Tadah Country, being secretly assisted as is too commonly the Practice by the Zemindars in the Vicinity of the Taddah Country I have been led to conclude it expedient to have a Small Force at Andrah as a Check upon their Conduct, that Situation appearing to me well adopted to the purpose at present but should it on further information appear expedient to change the Situation of your Detachment I shall address you hereafter upon the Subject.—

Raman Dorah the Zemindar of Andrah is here at present, He has been made acquainted with your taking up Lieutenant Barclay's Ground at Andrah and required to assist in supplying Provisions for your Detachment.

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Barclay is at P
present Stationed at Cauveh Cantah and
I would take the liberty of suggesting P
your opening a Correspondence with him
as it may redound to the advantage of
the present Service. -

I have the honor to be
&c &c

/Signed/ N. Webb
Collector

Vizianagrum
29th May 1797.

A true Copy
/Signed/ Geo. Fotheringham
Lt Col

To Lieutenant Colonel George Fotheringham
or Officer Commanding in the District of Vizagapatam

Sir

I have the honor to inform
you that I arrived here with the party of
the Revenue Battalion on the 25th in the P
morning - that the Zemindar and his P
two Sons having waited upon me in P
the evening I acquainted him with the
purport of my instructions Vizt to P
Cooperate

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Cooperate or assist him in subduing his Rebellious relation Royapah. Dawje and desired in return to be made acquainted with his plan. They agreed upon this — that the eldest Son should march by the way of Sadah, and get behind him — if he fled, pursue him and endeavour to make him prisoner — if he stood the youngest Son to go with a party and attack him on front while the other prepared him in the rear — I then asked if they would have any Sepoys — they answered none at present but if they wanted any afterwards they would apply. —

The eldest Son accordingly took his final leave yesterday morning and having seen some part of the disposition of Royapahs people on his March sent back order for his Brother to advance He brought me this report at 11 o'clock last night, and he would set out before day light and

end

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9th and requested a Subadar and a Complete Company to attend him. I then repeated a question which they had declined answering the first day Viz: what was the Enemys force and what each of the Brothers had - This man with some hesitation said or admitted his Brother carried 500 men with him and he himself would have three score match locks with about half as many otherwise armed followers and that Royapah Rauze had not above 100 match lock Men the rest of his followers about 100 more were only plunderers and of no account - I then informed him the people intended to join me not having as yet arrived I could not spare him a complete Company with all leaving myself with only about 15 Sepoys - but that I would give him 40 Sepoys with the Compliment of Officers which I thought was enough for the force he had mentioned to be with Royapah Rauze - He then said

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they might be out for light days and if requested particularly they might go. if without Tents on account of the delay if they would occasion in attending Hills promissing to give them always the preference in accommodations - and at the hour required, I sent him 1 Subedar 1 Jemmedar 3 Havildars 3 Naigs 1 Drummer 1 Sepoy Fifer 1 Sepoy Washerman 1 Puckalie and 40 Sepoys, in all 46 firelocks with 36 rounds of ammunition and 3 flints each. -

I have the honor to be

&c &c

[Signed] R Barclay

Lt Comdg R.B.

Camp at
Paunchpentah
29th May 1797.

A true Copy

[Signed] Geo. Fotheringham

Lt. Col

Despatched

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Despatched the undermentioned

Letters entered in Mis N. 39. 40.-

To the Contractor for Clothing.-

To W. Sutherland - advising him of the Terms allowed former Contractor for conveying the Clothing to the different Stations; and desiring, if he is willing to undertake the Duty at the same rate, to send off the Clothing already prepared, without Loss of Time.-

To the Secretary at Bombay.-

To Mr. Secretary Moore enclosing further returns of Provisions and Stores received from, and issued to the Detachment of Bombay Troops serving on Ceylon.-

Sent also the following

Letters.-

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To Lieutenant General Harris
9th
President & members of the
Military Board

Gentlemen

We have received your several
Letters of 22d. 27th. and 28th. ult. with their
respective inclosures. -

We entirely approve the
detailed regulations which you have
recommended for the care and preservation
of military buildings and camp equipage
as well as for the store and tent Lascars
and we have accordingly Constituted
their part of the general system for the
Store department. -

We desire in compliance
with your recommendation that you
will lay before us an estimate of the
expence to be incurred in erecting
barracks and stables for the accomodation
of his Majesty's 25th Regiment Dragoons
at Walajahbad

We

To the Military board
the regulations sug-
-gested for the care of
the Military Quarters
and Camp Equipage
and for keeping the
Books of the military
board approved the
Salary and office &
Establishment of
their Secretary detail-
orders relative to
major General &
Gillis's assertions
of the abuses that
have been committed
in the Department
of the Garrison &
Lascars and remarks
on the Impropriety
of that Officer's
in employing the
allowance fixed by
Government for the
superintendent of
the Gunpowder &
Manufactory - reports
of the Commandant
at Tanjore of the
damage done to the
works &c by the
late Storm and
recommendation
of the Chief Engineer
respecting the works
on the Sea face
referred to their
consideration - orders
to be issued for
complying with
Major General
Stuckey's and major
Hyndman's Dem-
-and for Stores. -

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We approve the regulations which you have recommended for keeping the books of the military Board in its relation to the other public Officers, and orders have in consequence been issued to the Accountant General Military auditor General and military Paymaster General for observing those regulations as far as their respective Offices may be affected by them.—

Having already expressed ourselves fully sensible of the great increase of business in your Secretary's Office, we have no hesitation in authorizing the establishment you have recommended amounting to Pagodas 398. per month, and in consideration of the great personal labour, which will now be required from him and of the public Zeal and attention which has distinguished Captain Peirce we have resolved to put his Salary from the 1st. Instant upon

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upon the same footing with that of the
secretaries to the other Boards viz. three &
hundred Pagodas per month.—

We have perused the minutes
which have been recorded at your board
upon the subject of the garrison Lascars
by the first minute of the commandant
of artillery we were led to expect a
specific information of abuses within
his knowledge and the power that
subject so as to have furnished us with the
means of punishing those who had been
guilty of such shameful violations
of their Public Duty's as he has alleged
against them we should have taken
the most effectual steps in our power
for that purpose.—

As the on military board
have recently recommended a reform
of the establishment of the Lascars, which
has been approved by us, it is unnecessary
-sary for us to make any further
observation

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observation upon the subject than to desire
Major General Geils will bring forward
the abuses, to which he has alluded and to
to assure him of the support of Government
in the punishment of those who may
have committed them —

Much as we feel the
necessity of the most minute attention
to economy in the several departments
of Government we cannot but admit
the wisdom of liberal allowances in
particular situations; and under that
impression we were induced to fix what
we thought all circumstances considered
an adequate salary for Mr. Bishops
appointment — We were therefore surprized
that Major General Geils should so far
have mistaken the fact, as to have
stated upon the public records of your
Board that the Salary granted to Mr.
Bishop amounted to no more than thirty
nine Pagodas per month — If he had
taken

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taken the trouble to have informed himself
he would have found that Mr. Bishop &
draws as deputy commissary of stores &
Pagodas 38. 5. 20. and as superintendent of
the gun powder manufactory Pags. 60 &
per month exclusive of house rent this
information might have deterred the
general from expressing his surprize
at Mr. Bishops acquiescence in a so
liberal compensation for his labor, and
ought to have guarded them against &
the impropriety of impeaching the
allowance fixed by the authority of
Government as well as against the
extraordinary chance of rendering a man
lately advanced from a subordinate
office to a situation of great responsibility
and importance dissatisfied with
the conduct of his superiors - a
proceeding which considering general
Gibbs relative situation to the
Government itself we were little
prepared

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prepared to expect, or more especially when
we adert to the Salary heretofore received by
General Geils himself as Director of the &
Laboratory which was precisely the same
as that now allowed to Mr. Bishop for &
superintending the Gun powder manufactory.—

We refer for your considera-
tion copies of two Letters from the commandant
at Tanjore respecting the explosion of the
magazine at that place — and of a letter
with an estimate of expence from the &
chief engineer to be incurred in completing
the East front of the fort. —

We desire that the usual
orders may be given for furnishing the &
detachments of Bengal troops under the &
command of Major General Erskine and &
Major Hyndman with such stores as they
may respectably require —

We are &c. &c.

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7th June 1797

/Signed/ Hobart
Dir in Council

To

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

Gentlemen

To the Military Board inclosing returns of the troops ordered to be in readiness for Foreign Service Statement of the Shipping ordnance & Supplies expected from Bengal. & of Provisions &c ordered to be laid in at this place and desiring them to report the Nature and Extent of the articles & remaining to be provided. —

I am directed to inform you that the Right Honble the President in Council has resolved in concert with the Supreme Government to equip a very large detachment for foreign Service under the command of Major General Braithwaite and has issued orders for the purchase of such articles, as cannot be procured from the Bengal, by the garrison Storekeeper & contracts have also been entered into for the provision of a small proportion. Under both conditions the President in Council has ordered that the articles to be supplied for the use of the troops during the voyage shall be of the best quality: & is pleased to desire that a committee of your Board may be appointed to examine them before they are admitted into Store

having

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being resolved not to allow any charge for the
articles that may be rejected by your Board.

I enclose a Detaile of the troops
which are intended for the expedetion a Memoriandum of the ordnance and a Statement of the
different articles, which will be supplied from
Bengal. I also enclose extract of a communica-
tion, which has been received from the Ps
garrison storekeper respecting the supply
of extraordinary articles for the use of the troops
together with a list of such articles as have
been already ordered to be supplied. -

You will therefore be pleased
to report your opinion as soon as possible upon
the nature and quantity of the articles to be
supplied, observing that your calculations
are not to include his majestys 33d Ps
Regiment or the Bengal marine Battalion.

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

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Memoranda

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Memoranda for the Military Board

Application has been made to Bengal for

Arrack . . . . . 215 Leaguers

Salt Beef . . . . 1700 Firkins

Rice . . . . . 10,000 Bags

Dholl . . . . . 1500 Ditto

Battering Train as per Mem: of Colonel Hall
dated 26th April Marked A -

And for the following Articles in addition to those
mentioned in Colonel Halls Memorandum

2 . . . 10 Inch
2 . . . 8. Ditto } Mortar Beds. & 2000 Barrels of Gunpowder

Mr Brodie has been desired to provide the following
Articles to be ready by the 20th June. -

+ Biscuit as much as can be made up by the 25th June + On the 13th May Mr Brodie was ordered to stop the baking of Biscuit and report the quantity he had provided which was on the 6th May 230 Candies - and on the 7th instant Mr Brodie was desired to + continue baking + Biscuit till the quantity in Store amounted to + 520 Candies. -

required about 1,100 Candies

Ghee . . . 370 Candies

Jemarind 370 Ditto

Chillies . 30 Ditto

Garlick 15 Ditto

Onions . 15 Ditto

Salt Fish 24,000

Mullays . 3,100

A Contract

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A Contract has been made with Mr. Maitland
to provide the following Articles by the 20th June

Eastern Pepper - - - - - - 30 Candies
Bengal Turmerick - - - - 15 Ditto
Achean White Betlenut - - - 60 Ditto

Another Contract has been made with Sundry
Fairwood Merchants to deliver
500,000 Billets of Shakreestah Firewood
and 500,000 Ditto of Rameiseram Ditto
/Common Sort/ on or before the 20th June

On the 5th May application made to Bengal & Bombay
for Supplies of Water Casks but no answer has yet
been received from the latter Presidency.-
On the 7th June Orders sent to Trincomale to repair
the whole of the Provision Casks in Store so that
they may be ready for Exportation at a Moments
warning.-
Ditto. . . Orders sent to Trincomale and
Columbo to send to the Presidency by
the earliest opportunity the whole
of the Empty Casks in Store of
whatever description.-

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List of the Packet to the Military Board

9th June 1797.

No 1 Letter of this Date.

2 Returns of Troops ordered to be in readiness for Foreign Service

3 Memorandums of Articles required & ordered to be

provided for the above Service with an Enclosure

marked A

4 Copy of a Letter from the Secretary at Bengal respecting

Stores and Provisions to be supplied for the above

Service from Bengal dated 22d May 1797

5 Copy of a Letter from the Secretary at Bengal

respecting the Shipping to be furnished from

that Presidency for the above Service dated 20th May 1797

6 Papers received from the Garrison Storekeeper

respecting additional articles of Provisions

considered necessary for the Troops ordered

on the above Service.

7 List of the Packet.

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To

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To Alexander Macleod

Resident at

Tanjour

Sir

To the Resident at Tanjore respecting the mode of providing the annual supply of Paddy for Serfoge the Bird unable to interfere on the adjustment of the claims of Individuals upon the late Chhan Saheb of Tanjore.—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 26 ultimo — and to desire that if it should be impossible to supply Sherfoge with his annual quantity of grain from the district of Mayaveram you will cause the necessary quantity to be issued from the public stores until it can be replaced from the districts under the Company's management.—

I am also to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st Instant and to inform you that the Right Honble the President in Council is not at liberty to enter into the consideration of the claims upon the late Khan Saheb of Tanjore without reference to the Honble the Court of Directors.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Government

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9th June 1797.

Received

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Received and sent the undermentioned

Letters entered in M.B. Nos 41. 42.-

From the Sub Secretary at Bombay.-

10th From Mr. H. S. Pearson &

enclosing a Letter addressed to the Committee

of the Bombay Government in Malabar

To Mr. J. A. Grant

To Mr. J. A. Grant forwarding

the Letter above mentioned.-

11th Received the undermentioned &

Letters entered in M.B. Nos 43. 44. 45.

46. 47. 48.-

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

From Mr. Sheldon - enclosing

Copy of Information given by the Gram

Comccoply of the late Mr. E. H. White

respecting the deficiency on the Store of

Paddy at Cottapatam; and requesting

Instructions on the Subject.-

From the Chief Engineer

From Major General Ross

stating that the Surgeons Quarters at the

General Hospital and the offices of the

Medical Board require a thorough Repair

- Estimates enclosed.-

From

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From the Commandant at Arcot.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Murray advising of his Intention to proceed to the Sea Coast for the Benefit of his Health.—

From the Commandant at Masulipatam.

From Major General Bridges communicating Intelligence relative to the progress made by Lieutenant Colonel Roberts Detachment on their March towards Masulipatam.—

From the Contractor for Army Clothing

From Mr. Sutherland engaging to transport the Clothing to the different Stations on the Terms allowed the former Contractor exclusive of the Stations to the Eastward and on Ceylon.—

From the Commandant at Condapillee.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Burr advising of the arrival of Lieutenant Colonel Roberts Detachment at Condapillee on its March towards Masulipatam.—

Sent the following Letters

To

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Fort St. George June 8th 1797

To Lieutenant Colonel Vigors
Commanding at Ongole

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to transmit to you the accompanying Copies of Papers regarding charges of a very serious Nature, alleged by His Highness the Nabob against Captain Nathaniel Forbes, the Commanding officer at Nellore —

The President in Council being unable, from the contradictory assertions of the Nabobs Servants to Captain Forbes to form any correct opinion on the subject of these Papers, desires you would proceed to Nellore, and make such Enquiry as shall enable you to ascertain — first the authenticity or otherwise of the Nabobs Letter Mahazer enclosed in the Nabobs Letter of the 23d. May, and the counter Declarations of the Inhabitants said to have subscribed the abovementioned mahazer / transmitted by /

To Lieutenant Colonel Vigors with Instructions for proceeding to Nellore to investigate certain points connected with the complaints lately preferred by the Nabob against Captain Forbes —

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by Captain Forbes in his Letter of the 31st ult.
as to in secondly, whether any and what
compulsive measures were used, in either
case, and by whom, to induce the Inhabitants
to sign those Papers.—

His Highness the Nabob
and Captain Forbes have been advised of
the nature of the Investigation committed
to your charge, and desire to give orders for
the attendance of such Persons as you
may find it necessary to call upon for
Information on the subject.—

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

Fort St. George
15th June 1797.

To Captain N. Forbes
Commandg at
Nellore

To Captain Forbes
relative to the
Enquiry on which
Lieutenant Colonel
Wigers has been
deputed to Nellore.

Sir

I am directed by the Right
Honble the President in Council to
acquaint you that he has judged it
necessary

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necessary to depute Lieutenant Colonel Vigors to Nellore in order to ascertain the following points - first - the authority or otherwise of the Mahajer enclosed in the Nabobs Letter to Government of 23d ultimo and the Counter Declarations of the Inhabitants said to have subscribed the abovementioned Mahajer / transmitted with your Letter of the 31st ultimo - secondly whether any and what compulsive measures were used in either Case, and by whom, to induce the Inhabitants to sign those papers - you will in consequence give orders to the persons under your Command to attend the Summons of Lieutenant Colonel Vigors and afford him such Information as he may require. -

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10th June 1797.

I am
&c &c

/Signed/ J. Webbe
Secy to Government

Sent

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Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

11th Sent also a Letter to the Nabob entered in L. L. No. 60 / requesting he will send orders to the persons residing under His Highness's authority at Nellore to attend the Summons of Lieutenant Colonel Vigors and afford him such Information as he may require on the Subject which has been committed to his Investigation —

12th Received the following Letters.—

J. Webbe Esq.

Military Secretary

Sir

I have received your letters of the 24th. and 25th. Instant with directions to the chief Engineer accordingly. —

From the Commandant at Trincomale defers cutting down the whole of the Cocoa nut and palmaira Trees on account of the individual Destruction it will occasion to the Inhabitants until the result of the Board's reconsideration of the Measure shall be communicated to him. —

Captain Mayer of the Artillery shall be sent to Madras on the arrival of Lieutenant Linnand — Lieutenant Fitzpatrick is not yet arrived, nor the "Harriet" or "Eliza Ann" Transports or Malay Corps. —

By the order of Government dated April 26th. I am directed to thin the Trees

between

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12th between Trincomallie and the Harbour so that no body of Men, may be able to pass without being seen from the Fort—no orders can be more proper, nor any Officer more willing to obey them than I am, but I wish the Right Honble the President in Council may be informed that the trees to be cut down (about 30,000) are Cocoa and Palmira, all private property that they are the chief support of the owners and if paid for would amount to an immense expence as they are valued at three Rupees each—This alarms me so much that I will forbear that part of my Instructions (except a few necessary to be removed to open a more free line of Communication between the two Forts) till I receive further directions from the Government.—

Ostenburgh is become so healthy from the Jungle being cut down

that

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That we send sick Men there to recover

Ivirconnallie
June 9th 1797.

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

Lieutenant Colonel Close
Adjutant General
Sir

From the Commandant at Trincomale five Artillery Men whose time of Service is expired to enlist on board his Majesty's Ship La Sybille.

I have the honor to inform you that the under named Men belonging to the Coast Artillery are reported to me to have served their time, that in consequence they refuse to do any more duty in this Garrison, that they throw away their Arms & behaved so very irregular as to induce me to bring them to a Garrison Court Martial by which they are sentenced severe Punishment. -

As they have positively refused to reinlist but offer to enter into His Majesty's Navy, as per enclosed, and as Captain Cooke whose letter

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Letter accompanies this / Represents the Sickly state of His Ships Company. I have consented to their being taken on board His Majestys Ship La Sybille. —

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

/Signed/ J. Champagne

Lt. Col. Commanding

Wm. Stone
Timothy Keating
John Bony
Thos. Smith
John Weatherspoon —

Trincomallee
June 5th 1797.

Sir —

We the undermentioned Men belonging to the Coast Artillery whose Time of Service is duly Expired are willing to Enter in His Majestys Service on Board H the Sybe Frigate, we have to request Sir you will be so good as Speak to the H Commanding Officer concerning us. —

Wm. Stone
Timy Keating.
John Bony.
Thos. Smith.
Jno. Weatherspoon.

Trincomallie
5th June 1797.

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Champagne

Commanding

Soufriere Militia

Sir

There being five men of the artillery at this place who have volunteer'd to serve on board His Majesty's Ship P la Sybille under my Command, the time P for which they entered into the Honorable Company's Service having expired. I have to beg you will grant their request; as from the weak & sickly state of my Crew the acquisition of five stout men, who P have so willingly offered themselves is of P considerable importance to His Majesty's P Naval service, in a Country where Sea men are not to be had

I am &c &c

/signed/ E. Cooke

La Sybille - Basse Terre

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

I beg leave to inform your L.

From Major H. Hyndman intitled proceeding on his March towards Hydrabad in consequence of Instructions to that Effect from Captain Kirkpatrick.

that I have this day received Orders from the acting Resident at Hyderabad to continue my March to that place unless I have or may receive directions from your Lordship to the contrary – I have therefore directed the Company of artillery which Colonel Burr was so good to afford Quarters to allowing the Batt to join Detachment this Evening and will March to Purtoal to morrow

Camp

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) H Hyndman
Comd Dett

To

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To 12th
Josiah Webb Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir

From Lieutenant Colonel macpherson requests that he may be allowed to draw the Tent allowance of his rank while on the present Service instead of ordering for Camp Equipage to the Stores at Vellore. –

I have the honor to signify through you, to the Right Honorable the President in Council that having arrived here agreeable to what was mentioned as my intention in my last Letter and I having had the honor of receiving your Letter of the 31st Ultimo have very anxiously looked out for the Government Dubash for the Marche of the three Companies which have not as yet reached me. –

I have been equally solicitous to learn the sentiments of the Right Honble the President upon what I mather ally & myself had settled with the Sultans people as also mentioned in my last. –

In consequence I continued the Expence, I discharged the Tent Bullocks Lascars

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Lascars &c. &c. which were employed with my Tents while up the Ghauts & as I may soon have again to repair to those parts I beg leave to solicit his Lordships sanction for my Drawing the established Tent allowance of my Rank rather than delaying to get Tents complied with from Bellore the Expence will be very nearly the same to, if not in favor of the Service. That is the actual expence for putting and carrying since I was out, came to about 31 Pagodas p Month and the Lieutenant Colonels Tent allowance is only ten Pagodas more

The Bearer from Madanapelly has written, that he has received Orders to take any Cash which we give him and to return - we wait for approbation from Madras has been the Answer to him from us. -

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

[Signed] A. Macpherson
Lt. Colt. Commg at Amboor

Received

the 9th of June 1797.

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Received also the undermentioned

Letters entered in M B. N°. 49. 50. 57. -

From Mr. Skardon - recommending

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. -

that the Paddy stored in the Barracks at Masulipatam be immediately disposed of to the best advantage. -

From Lieutenant Kelly -

From Lieutenant G. R. Kelly. -

requesting that the arrears of Subsistence due to him from the period of his Departure from this Country for England may be discharged. -

From Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson - enclosing a return of Prisoners in Confinement - and Bills for the Batta of the Party under his Command experiencing the good effect of the small Guards left above the Ghauts. -

From the Command-ant at Amboor

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The following Proceedings of the Medical Board were read in this Dept Council and the orders annexed proposed thereon. -

Medical

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Resolutions in Council
13th June 1797.

Medical Board
12th June 1797.

From the Medical Board – recommend that Mr. Betty be admitted on the Establishment and stationed at Nagapatam. –

Ordered

Mr. William Betty Assistant Surgeon, having produced a Letter to from the Secretary at the India-House granting him permission to return to his duty on this Establishment without prejudice to his rank we recommend he may be admitted accordingly. –

As Government have been pleased to permit Mr. B. forthwith to

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Approved.

with his Majesty's
71st Regement during
the absence of the 2d
Regimental Surgeon
we recommend that
Mr. Betty be appoin-
-ted to do duty at
Negapatam Nagore
and Karical / in
his room / —

/ Signed / Jas. Anderson
Physician general
W. Raine
Chief Surgeon

By Order of the Right
Honble the President in Council. —

A.C

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor President

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders and

Ernst William Falkofield } Esquires

Tuesday

13th June 1797.

Minutes of last consultation

read and approved.-

Read the following letters

from Hydrabad

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad with Intelligence respecting Supposed communications with the French Embassador at Seringapatam and the State of the Works of that Fortress

I have the honour to transmit for the notice of your Lordship in Council Extracts of Communications from a secret agent of Major Kirkpatrick.

From the account given in these Extracts by the Shirkarruka lately arrived from Seringapatam of the high

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high favour in which the newly arrived
French Ambassador stands with Tippoo I should
almost I confess be led to suspect that the
the former Intendant of Pondicherry M.
Monsieur Leger mentioned in Mr. Wickhams
Letter of the 24th. December last to Mr.
Nathaniel Crowe as having accepted of
of a Commission from the Directory to
that Prince had actually arrived at the
place of his destination, did not the
shortness of the intervening period, render
it so extremely improbable, if not indeed
next to impossible. -

I have likewise the honour
to enclose for the notice of your Lordship
in Council, Extract of a Letter from
Kauzim ali Khan of the 8th. Ultimo
from Seringapatam the information
contained in which, relative to the Mines
at that the Fortifications of that City, may
eventually be deserving of

some

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some attention. –

I have the honor to be with

the greatest respect. –

&c. &c.

/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick

a.g.t. &

Hyderabad
30th May 1797.

P.S.

I am waiting the effect of Memorial which I have found it necessary to address the Nizam, on the subject of his late requisition for the advance of the Bengal Detachment; and your Lordship may be assured, that the moment I receive his Highness's answer, I shall lose no time in apprizing you of the result.

Extract of a Letter from Seringapatam dated 8th April 1797. –

The old Fort of Seringapatam is entirely destroyed and the Fortifications now carrying out, are upon a new Construction – There are now four Separate Walls, with each a Wet

ditch

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ditch - without these, there is a fifth ditch
left purposely dry with Mines under, and
on each Scarp of it, which are meant to
be sprung upon an Enemy's attempting
to Cross it - Twenty thousand Coolies are
Continually employed on the works, which
would not appear to be carrying on with
equal dispatch throughout the whole
extent, as in some parts a Strip of wall
and its Corresponding ditch appears half
finished, and in others scarcity more than
marked out Indeed the whole undertaking
which is great, would seem to require many
years for completion. -

A true Extract and Translate
/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Extracts of Communications from a Secret
Agent of Major Kirkpatrick - Hyderabad
28th May 1797. -

"This pair of Harcarahs who
"left Seringapatam on the 26th of April
affirm

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From the Nature of the cypher it is not possible from the Manner in which it is written to ascertain whether the number of Ships be 15 or 5.

affirm very positively that 15 French Ships with four thousand Europeans on board have actually arrived at Mangalore and that more are now expected that an Embassador on the part of the French Republic was at Seringapatam attended Durbar regularly, and was frequently closetted with the sultaun that the said Embassador appeared to be a person of great importance and dignity." —

"The pair of Hirkarrahs who lately came from Seringapatam happened to come to day in my presence with Madena Saheb about the French Embassador lately arrived at Seringapatam I heard them declare that he was a man of very great Consequence, that he was attended by four other French men apparently of some Consequence also who paid him however a good deal of respect and deference: that the Domestics of his Household alone, could not well (as far as they had an opportunity of judging

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judging / fall much short of two Hundred
that he was much noticed by, and appeared
to be a personal favorite with the Sultaun
that the language which I spoke according
to the common report at Seringapatam of
held to the Embassador in question, was
this "do not you and the force belonging
to your Nation which is now arrived
in my Dominions procure me to no
purpose a bad name, and draw me once
more into a dilemma. If your determination
really is either to be exterpated yourselves
or to drive your National foe from this
Quarter of the Globe you are welcome
to these parts; and I will myself moreover
enter into all your Wrongs, and Unite
with you in Avenging them" to which
the Embassador is said to have replied
as follows. I swear to you Ok Sultaun
by all that I hold sacred that it is by
no means the intention of my nation
to make peace with the English and
if my present assertion prove false

Consider

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Considers me all my race as Viles than Dogs, at the very outcast in short of the human race. That Tippoo thereupon entered into a Treaty with him, by which the French engaged to furnish the Sultaun with two thousand European and twenty thousand disciplined, and undisciplined Blacks. That the Expence of this Force was to be defrayed by T. Tippoo but that the French were to T. give him / Tippoo Credit in the account to be kept on this occasion, for the sums he formerly advanced to them. That T. the concerted plans of operation between them was this: That the French were with a separate force, fruit to make a descent upon some part of the T. Companys Territories, upon which T. Tippoo was to attack their possessions T. in various quarters. upon the above plan being mutually agreed upon, one of the French officers who accompanied the Embassador to Seringapatam set out immediately

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immediately for Mangalore accompanied by four Principal Aumils who had the most positive orders from the Sultaun to comply with all demands that these French men should make of them, in their respective districts."—

True Extracts & Translated

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad with Information respecting the Situation of Succaram Pundit and the Negotiations carried on by the French Embassador at Seringapatam.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit for the information of your Lordship in Council Translate of a Communication from a secret Agent of Major Kirkpatrick Succaram Pundit the person therein mentioned is recently arrived here from Seringapatam your Lordship may recollect that he resided here about a twelvemonth ago, in the capacity of a Vackal

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packet from Tippoo as far as I have yet been able to ascertain, — he returned hither with no such credentials, and of whatever nature his errand may be, he has judged it prudent, in consequence of an intimation from his Patron the Row Royaun of Ajemir al Omrahs shortly expected arrival, and of the risk he thereby ran of personal safety, to make a precipitate retreat from hence. —

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

Hyderabad
31st May 1797.

&c &c
/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick
assistant

Translate of a communication from a Durut agent of Major Kirkpatrick, dated 31st May 1797. —

Medna Saib informs me that Succaram Pundet, who lately arrived here, and disappeared again so suddenly, happening to fall in at the village of Raja-poor with two neighbours

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of his Medena Saheb's married sheer undaje
Khan, and Shumsheer Khan told them in
the Course of Conversation that a French
Force was arrived at Mangalore and that
a French Imbassader was actually at
Seringapatam Carrying on negotiations
with Tippoo Sultaun and upon the two
aforesaid Persons return to Town they
Communicated the same to him Medena
Saheb

Medenie Saheb has desired
me to Communicate the above Circumstance
to Intezad Dowlet by way of Confirma-
tion of what he has already advised
him of on this same Subject from his
own particular Knowledge.—

a True Copy and Translate
/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

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J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

From Captain Kirkpatrick sends Instructions to Major Wyndman to recommence his March towards Hyderabad

I herewith transmit 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 &c

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Hyderabad

13th June 1797.

Major H. Wyndman

Commanding a Detachment

Sir

Agreeable to the intimation conveyed in my Letters to you of the 26th and 27th ultimo, I have the pleasure to acquaint you that having sufficiently established certain points a previous attention to which became necessary I now see no objection to an immediate compliance

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compliance with his Highness the Nizam's
Requisition for the advance of the Detachment
under your Command, and I have accordingly
the honor to desire that you will Continue
your march hither without further P
delay, provided that in Consequence of
the late dispensation of this Court with
the Services of any of our Troops you P
should when this reaches you have P
received no orders from the Right Honble
the President in Council of Fort St George
tending to alter the original destination
of the Detachment under your Command

Should the latter happen
to be the case, it will of Course be necessary
for you I presume, to await the result
of a further reference to the Government
of Fort St. George. -

I have the honor to P
acknowledge the receipt of your letters
of the 29th and 30th Ultimo, and to acquaint
you that the Nizam's officer Bauker

Ali

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Ali Khan whom I announced to you
in my last, leaves this tomorrow to
meet you near Mongaut, taking with
him from hence such articles of supply
for your Detachment, as he knows
from experience, the Villages on the
Route are not capable of furnishing.—

I have the honor to be &c.
[Signed] J. A. Kirkpatrick —
a.f.c. —

Hyderabad
the 4th June 1797.

A true Copy
[Signed] J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant —

I have the following letter &
from Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple. —
The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor &c. &c. &c.
Fort St. George

From Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple representing the Nature of his claims on the Estate of the late Khan Saheb of Tanjore and requesting that Government will interpose its Authority in procuring Payment of the Sum due by the Rajah to the Khans Estate. —

My Lord

I take the Liberty of &
laying before your Lordship my &
Situation is a Principle Creditor of &
Khan Saib of Tanjore, and of the &
present

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present Situation of the Kauns Estate
In the year 1795 I lent Nemeka Kaun
a Sowcar and merchant of Tanjore a
considerable Sum of money on his Bond
at a meeting of the Kauns Creditors a
after his Death which happened in
December 1795 it appeared that the a
Rajah of Tanjore was his principle a
Debtor and that he (the Rajah) had a
got possession of almost the whole of a
the Kauns Estate. From the Kauns a
death till this time, nearly eighteen a
months, there has been no payment a
whatever from the Rajah, nor arrangement
for payment to the infinite destress
and ruin of Kauns family and a
Creditors. -

May leave for a moment
to turn your Lordships mind to the
Nature of my Debt, It is for money
lent a Sowcar, without any concetion a
whatever on my part with the Palace
of Tanjore, I had no securities or a
mortgages

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mortgages of lands in the Country, and the Bond was granted for its full Value Bona fide paid in cash and at the legal Interest. -

In this Situation I appeal to your Lordships Justice and Humanity & for Protection to the Known Estate family & and Creditors. -

I am well aware that the High Public Situation your Lordship & holds, out every loan of an Individual & to natives improper, but I trust my Ld Lord when you consider the distress & and utter ruin that must inevitably & ensue to so many men and their families without your Lordships assistance that you will be induced to grant such relief as may be in your Power and that you may see just either in this Country or by your Recommendation for protection at home. -

I have the Honor to be with respect. -

L^d L^p

Signed S. P. Dalrymple

Walajabad
6th June 1797.

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Minute thereon. The Secretary is ordered to a-
acquaint Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple
that the Board are not at liberty to interfere
in the debts of the late Khan Saheb without
the sanction of the Honble Court of D
Directors.-

Read the following letter
from the Secretary in Bengal.-

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

Sir

From the Secretary at Bengal advising of the promotion made to fill up the Vacancies of Officers who have been two years in England

1 I am directed to transmit to
you the accompanying Copy of Resolutions p
passed by the Governor General in Council
on the 8th Instant and to request you will
lay them before the Right Honble the p
President in Council for his Information.-

2 I am also directed to acquaint
you for the Information of his Lordship
in Council that the Martha sailed p
from England on the 25th of April last
and that in order to determine what p
Officers

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Officers of this Establishment now at Home
were to be struck off the strength of Corps
according to the Resolutions, the date of
each Officers Departure from Bengal
was ascertained, and Six Months allowed
for his Passage to England

I am &c. &c.

Fort William
the 26th of May 1797

[Signed] G. H. Barlow
Secy to the Govt

Extract from the Resolutions passed by the
Governor General in Council on the 8th of
May 1797.—

The Governor General in
Council having maturely considered the
orders of the Honble Court of Directors
contained in their Letters of the 8th January
22d April and 27th July 1796, Resolves as
follows.—

That such of the Officers
eligible to return according to the List
transmitted with the Letter from the
Honble Court dated the 8th January 1796
as

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as had been in England for the period of two years from the date of their arrival & previous to the sailing of the last Ships of 1795/6 and of the extension of whose leave of absence no intimation has been received from the Honble Court, and who did not return to their duty before the 25th. of April 1797 are not entitled to be continued posted to Corps.—

That such Officers as had not been in England for the space of two years on the sailing of the last ships of 1795/6 and such as went home under the permission of this Government under date the 15th. December 1795, or are included in it, and in the Confirmation of it by the Honble Court of Directors, are entitled to be continued posted to Corps until their leave of absence is expired according to the above Construction of the orders of the Honble Court.—

That the above Resolutions

be

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be Considered to extend equally to officers eligible to the Command of Regiments or Similar situations. -

[Signed] G. H. Barlow
Secy to the Govt.

Minute thereon

The Board are of opinion that under existing circumstances it is not advisable to take any measures in consequence of the foregoing communication from the Supreme Government. -

Read the following letter from Captain Gowan. -

From Captain Gowan requesting permission to proceed to England on Furlough.

Lieutenant General Harris
Commander in Chief
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

The late Ships from Europe having brought me Letters by which I learn that my return to England is essentially necessary for

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for the arrangement of some private affairs, I beg leave to request your permission to proceed thither on Furlough and that I may be permitted to Embark on one of the Ships now about to sail for the Cape of Good Hope. —

I have the Honor to be with the highest respect. —

Fort St. George &c. &c.
8th June 1797. /Signed/ Richd. Gomonde
Capt.n 2d Batt.n E. I.

M — Minute thereon

Resolved that Captain Gomonde be permitted to return to England on Furlough. —

Read the following letter from the Prize agents to the captors of Columbo &c.,

To,

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor &c. in Council of

Fort St. George

My Lord

We have had the honor
to receive Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter
of the 30th Ulto. and as your
Lordship in Council do not consider
yourselves at Liberty to purchase the
Ordnance and Military Stores from
the Captors or Ceylon without previously
obtaining the Sanction of the Court
of Directors for that purpose, — we
beg leave to request you will be
pleased to order those Documents
in support of the Captors claim
which accompanied our Letter of
the 19th Ulto. to be returned
to us, and we trust that in
your next dispatches to the Honble
Court of Directors you will
recommend the Captors claims for

the

From the Prize agents to the Captors of Columbos &c requesting that the vouchers on which the Captors have claimed payment for the Ordnance and Military Stores may be returned, and that the subject may by the first opportunity be referred to the Court of Directors Request Payment for ordnance actually Conveyancing &c delivered to the public Officers on Ceylon. —

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the military Stores to their favorable attention. —

We have now the honor to inclose you Sundry Vouchers as follows. —

N.1. Mr. McDonall's Receipt 27 dec.r 1796, Pag.s 5320. —

2 Do. — Do. — — — 31 Dec.r — — — — 2783.4.26 —

We also inclose Nine Certificates for Sundries delivered by the Proje Agents to different Officers in the Company's Service as Certified by the Heads of those departments who received them. —

N.1 Proje Property delivered to the Comp.y of Grain and Provisions — Pag.s 5891. 30. 20.

2 Do. — Do. delivered to Do. — 10,826. 44. 60

3 Do. — — Do. — — — Do. — — 2759. 3. 36 —

4 Do. — — — Do. to the Commercial Resident 108. 3. 20 —

5 Do. — — — Do. to the Engineer departm.t 442. 17. 40 —

6 Do. — — to the Commissary of Stores — 2137. 10. 62 —

7 Do. — — Comp.y of Grain and Provisions — 1827. 26. 60 —

8 Do. — — under charge of Genl. Doyle — 1,658. 26. 20

9 Do. — — for Elephants and Boats as per Receipt thereunto of Messrs. Andrews and Alexander — — — 1605. 1. —

Pag.s 28256. 37. 78.

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No 7 has annexed to it 5 Receipts for the
Articles issued by General Stewarts Order
The Amount of these Sundry Vouchers &
and the Receipts from the Paymaster together
Pag. 903. 40. 40 / making £ Pag. 37,360. 36. 38.
We request your Lordships will be
pleased to discharge in the usual manner
with the Interest due thereon this day &
from the Periods of the respective
Issues of Cash to the Paymaster and
the dates of the Certificates which Amount
to £ Pag. 2,024. 39. 47. as per Specification
accompanying this Letter

We have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordships most Obed.
Humble Servants
/Signed/ Chase Lavell & Chase
Prize agents for the Navy
& Attd to the Army
Prize agents

Fort St. George
5th June 1797.

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Minutes on the foregoing Letters from the agents for Captors of Columbo &c.

At the whole of the articles appear to have been received by the different departments on Ceylon Ordered that bonds bearing interest at 8 per cent per annum be issued for the principal sum of S. Pag. 37,360. 36. 38. and that a bond not bearing interest but payable in one year for the interest due upon the several sums from the day of delivery of the articles for which they are respectively charged amounting to Star P. 2026.39.47. be issued to the prize agents.—

Ordered that the different vouchers be passed to the different departments, in which the amounts have been respectively received

Ordered

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Ordered that the bonds to be
issued be dated 5.th Instant

" Hubert

" Geo: Harris

" Cow.d Saunders

" C Whitefield

John Turing &c.