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Diary

Received the following Letter

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

My Lord

I have the honor to enclose a letter

from Lieutenant Colonel Fetheringham - reports a prospect of quelling the Insurrection of Poygapaly Rauze - forwarded to Chittoor to Brig. Major General Erskine and to deliver over charge of the Vizagapatam District -

received this Morning from Captain Swan No 1 &
Covering one from Mr Collector Webb No 2 directing &
Captain Grand to Return with the Exception &
of a small Guard to his former Station at Gopaul-
-pully - I hope your Lordship may hear no more of
this petty Insurrection -
I arrived here this Morning to meet &
Major General Erskine, to deliver over to him the Charge
of the District, and to give him such Information as
I am Capable of or he may Require - Private Concerns
will dictate this Gentleman's to-morrow Morning at this
Station

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Station - When I have performed this, I hope not
unnecessary Duty, I shall immediately Return
to Vizagapatam

Chicacole
6th June 1797

With the most perfect Respect,
I have the honor to subscribe myself
Sir &c. &c.
(Signed) Geo Fothringham Lt. Col.
Senior Officer of the Troops
Vizagapatam District

To Lieutenant Colonel Fothringham.
Commanding the Troops in the
Sir Vizagapatam District

I have the honor to acquaint you &
that I have just received a letter from Mr Collector
Webb, of which the Accompanying is a Copy; and
I shall in Consequence send a Party tomorrow &
Morning to Company consisting of 1 Jemadar &
1 Havildar 1 Naigue 2d Sepoys with the &
Instructions he directs and then march with
remainder of the Detachment to my former
Station

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No 3

Station at Gopaulpilly.-

Andrah
3.d June 1797

Shaue the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) W.m T. Peraud
Capt.n by Brev.t

(A True Copy)
(Signed) Geo: Fotheringham Lt. Col.

To Captain W. T. Peraud

Commanding at

Andrah

Sir,

The Zemindar of Andrah having entered into a Strict Engagement to afford no Assistance or encouragement whatever to Tadah Ryapah Rauze in Consequence of which it is appears no longer Necessary to keep your Detachment Stationed at Andrah; I request you will Station a Jemedars Party at Company two Cos distant from Poram, for the purpose of Checking the Inhabitants of that part

of

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of the Country from affording any Assistance to the Person abovementioned, / the Necessary / Instruction for which you will please to Communicate to the Officer Commanding the Party / and withdraw the remainder of your Detachment to Gopaul pilly.—

Vizianagaram
2nd June 1797.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
/Signed/ N: Webb Col: 2D. V. Z.

A true Copy
/Signed/ Geo: Totheringham
Lt. Col.

To J. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Secretary to Major General Doyle enclosing letters from Mr Atkinson in which he recommends the stock of Rice & Arrack at Columbo be completed to the quantity requisite for 12 Months Consumption.

I am directed by Major General Doyle to enclose to you the accompanying Copies of Letters, №1 and 2 from Mr Atkinson the Commissary of Grain and Provisions, which he requests may be laid before the Right Honble

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Honorable the President in Council that the
necessary Orders may be issued in consequence
of the Statements they contain.-

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) J Willson
Capt Engrs

Head Quarters
Columbo 1st June 1797

To Major General Doyle
Commanding the Troops upon the Island
of Ceylone

Sir,

I have the honor to inform
you that I have received an Indent from
the Commercial Resident for Fifty Six
Garce of Rice, and another Indent from him
upon
the Stores at Galle for fifteen Garce for the
use of the Cinnamon Peelers, and that after
completing these Indents there will not
remain

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remain in Store sufficient for the Troops &
composing these Ganisons for three Months.—

I think it necessary to apprise
you of this circumstance that you may
represent the same to the Honorable the
Governor in Council and procure His Lordships
permission to make a purchase of Rice upon
the Spot until a supply can be sent from
Bengal, but which cannot be expected before
the Month of October or November.—

In a Letter which I addressed to
General Stuart in July last, was enclosed a
Statement of the quantity necessary for
the Consumption of the two Ganisons for
twelve Months, and Recommended that that
Quantity Viz.t 468 Garce for the Troops and
114 Garce for the Cinnamon Peelers — about
3,000 Bags should be sent from Bengal,
but I only Required from thence by the Pegu

and

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and the four Indiamen 13,694 tons

Head Quarters
Columbo 29th May 1797

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Edw.d Atkinson
Commissary of Grain and
Provisions.—

(A true Copy)
(Signed) J Willson
Act.g Secry

To Major General Doyle
Commanding the Troops upon the Island
of Ceylon

Sir

The Arrack in Store being nearly
expended, I request your permission to purchase
sufficient for the Troops in Garrison for Six or
twelve Months:— also the same Quantity at
Galle.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Edw.d Atkinson
Com.y of Grain and
Provisions—

Columbo
1st June 1797

A true Copy
(Signed) J Willson
Act.g Secry

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From Lieutenant
Colonel Champagné
the Orpheus arrives
at Tincomali
with treasure
the health of the
troops much
improved

J: Webbe Esq.r
Mil.y: Secretary

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge by Return of Tapall your two letters of the 5th inst.

The Commands of the Right Honble the President in Council shall be strictly attended to.—

I believe the report made of the sickly of the 1st Battalion 1st Regiment Native Infantry is not exactly correct.—

The "Orpheus" Arrived on the 30th ultimo and by her Received every seasonable Supply of Cash.—

The "Harriott" and "Eliza Anne" have not yet made their appearance — I have Firewood Ready to load them on their Arrival —

The Troops here and at Fort Ostenburgh are daily getting better, particularly at the latter, which formerly was the most

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unhealthy situation.

I have the honor to be,

&c: &c:

Francoeur

June 2nd 1797

(Signed) Josias Champagné

Lieut Col: Commanding —

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Substance of a letter from the Nabob

Received Letter from the Nabob entered in C.C. No 61 advising of his having completed the payment of his June Kist — requests that he may be furnished with an acknowledgment of the receipt of the whole of his Kists for the present

Fasly —

Received the following Letter

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart &c

Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lords,

From the Attorneys &c to the Colombo Pagoda &c requesting the payment of a Bill which has been discharged from the Pagoda Treasury —

We have the honor to inclose you an account against the Company for Star & Pagodas 243.. 22.. 35 with the necessary Vouchers in support of this Claim, we beg leave to request Payment

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Payment in an 8 ℘ Cent Bond similar in form to those already issued.—

We have the honor to be,

Madras
13th June 1797

&c. &c.

(Signed) Chase Sewell and Chase
Prize Agents for the Navy
& Agts to the Army Prize Agents.

To the Hoepen Wickeman

Advance to the following Company's Slaves and Condemned Criminals the Sum of One hundred and Sixty Nine Rix Dollars and Thirty six Stivers for Subsistence for this Month Viz.t

122 Men Company's Slaves as per Roon
61 Ordinary Peons Diet Money @ Fs. 1.6 each Rs. 6230.
60 —— Do. Do. Money @ 30 Stivers 37.24.
1 as Conisopoly —— 1.6
Rs. 107.12.

44 Women Company's Slaves @ 18 Stivers each —— 16.24.
23 Children —— Do. —— 6 —— 2.42.
Sum Rs. 126.30.

67 Men Condemned Criminals, ordinary Diet Money at 18 Stivers Fs. —— 25.6.
Of whom one receives extra Diet Money —— 24 Rs. 25.30
3 Condemned Women @ 14 Stivers each —— 42.
1 free China Man who is put as Overseer in the Cinnamon Garden at Pettiyne —— 30
7 Men Condemned Coonies @ Fs. 1.24.
3 Women Do —— @ 10.24 ——
5 Children Do —— 1.3.
—— 24.2.24. 16.—
37 Person receive Diet Money —— Rs. 42.6
Rs. 169.36.

Columbo 1 March 1796

for mustering this out
Lt. & Ch. R. Ludekens
Lieut. & Capt. —— Lieutenant

(Sign'd) L. Stuart
P. A. Agent
C. W. Gerecke
Fs.

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Mr. Wickerman

Advance to the following Company's Slaves and condemned Criminals the Sum of one hundred and Seventy five Rixdollars and Eight Stivers Subsistence for this Month, Viz.t

116 Men Company's Slaves; of whom
55 Ordinary & extra Diet Money @ Rd. 1. 6. p. 61. 42.
60 ..... Diet Money .... 30 Stiv.. 37. 24
1 as Canocapely ——— 1. 6. —— Rd. 100. 24. ..
43 Women Company's Slaves @ 18 Stiv: each ——— 16. 6. ..
23 Children D.o ——— 6 ——— 2. 42. ..
Rd. 119 24. ..

46 Men condemned Criminals ordinary
Diet Money @ 18 Stivers each Rd. 17. 12.
of which two extra Diet Money @ 24 Stiv. 1. .. 18. 12.

1 Condemned Woman ——— .. 16 ..
1 free China Man who is placed in the
Cinnamon Garden at Pettegoe as overseer —— 30 -
7 Men Cadoopet - Condemned Crimi
nals ——— @ Rd 1. 24 p. 10. 24.
3 Women .. D.o ——— 1. — 3. .. ..
5 Children D.o ——— .. 24. 2. 24. 16. .. 35. 8 ..

Firewood for the Store house for the last Month ——— 2. 24 ..
Sum Rd. 157. 8. ..

To the following native Servants which from
Medio Feby to Ultimo March have served
in the Store house; Viz.t

3 Doctors ——— @ Rd. 3 each per Month Rd. 13. 24.

1 Barber
1 Washerman } — @ 1. 24 ——— 4. 24. 18. ..
Sum Rd. 175. 8. ..

Columbo 1.st April 1796

The above to be issued from the Captured Property in Store here ——— (signed) J. Stewart

for making this out
(signed) J.n R.o Ludekens
(signed) — Ludekens

(signed) J. Mc Donell
Com.y G.l
(signed) W. Gerrelle
Comm.y

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Mr. Wickerman

Advance to the following Company's Slaves &
and condemned Criminals the Sum of Seven &
Rex Dollars and Thirty Stivers Subsistence for
this Month; Viz.t -

7 Men Company's Slaves; of whom
5 Ordinary and extra Diet
Money @ 2 Ds. 16 Cd ... Rds. 5. 30 --
2 ..... 30 Stivers Cd ..... 1. 12.
Rds. 6. 42 --
2 Ds. Condemned Criminals @ 18 Stivers Cd ..... 36 --
Sum Rds ..... 7. 30 --

Columbo 1st April 1796

Issue the above from the Captured property in
Store of the late Dutch Company. -

(Signed) J. McDowall
Commissary

(Signed) L.t B.e Leede Kerr
Received
(Signed) — Leede Kerr

(Signed) C. W. Gerecke
trans.r Cl.k

Advance

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To Advance to the ~~following~~ Company's Slaves and Condemned Criminals the Sum of one Hundred and Sixty seven Rixdollars and thirty two Stivers their Subsistence for this Month Viz.t—

117 Men, Company's Slaves; of whom

60 in Ordinary Pagoda Diet Money @ Rd 1.6 ea. ... 67. 24
56 " Ordinary Diet Money @ 30 Stivers ... 35. "
1 as Canacapoly ... 1. 6. 103. 30.

43 Women Company's Slaves @ 18 ea ... 16. 6.
6 ... 2. 42.

23 Children ...

37 Men Condemned Criminals ordinary diet Money at 18 Stivers each ... Rd. 13. 42.

of whom two receive extra Diet Money @ 24 Stivers ... 1. " ... 14. 42.

1 Condemned Woman ... 14.
1 free China Man who is put as overseer in the Cinnamon Garden at Pettigoe ... 30
7 Men Dodoopet - condemned Criminals at Rd. 1.24 @ Rd. 10. 24.
3 Women ... @ ... 1.8. ... 3.
5 Children @ ... 24. ... 2. 24. 16.

Firewood Money for the Store House for the last Month ... 2. 24.

Sum Rd. 156. 44.

To the following native Servants which have served in the Store House during the last Month of April Viz.t

3 Dooties at Rd 3 each ... Rd 9.

1 Barber ... 3. ... 12.
1 Washerman ... 1.24.

Sum Rd. ... 168. 44

Deduct diet Money of two Men, Company's Slaves who have been absent in the Month of April and have received nothing @ 30 Stivers ea ... 1. 12.

Remains as above Rd. 167. 32.

Colombo 1.st May 1796

Pay the above ... (signed) J. Stuart

For making this out
(signed) J.s R. Ludekens
Recieving
(signed) = Ludekens

(signed) Jn.o M.c Donall
Com.r J.
M.r Mackinnon
Cash Keeper &.c &.c

To John Mac Donall Esq.r
Paym.r &.c &.c &.c

(signed) Le Mesurier
Asst C.

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council,

Madras

My Lords,

From Bombay Collected 200 Water Leaguers and will procure as many more as possible.—

We yesterday had the honor to Receive your letter of the 10th Instant, and have the pleasure to acquaint you that We have already secured two hundred leaguers as Water Casks which will be forwarded to you, with as many more as We can possibly procure, by the earliest opportunity.—

We have the honor to Remain

&c. &c.

Bombay Castle
30th May 1797.—

(Signed) C. W. Malet

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To the Right Honorable
Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

My Lord

From the Committee for receiving Mr. Johnston's Accounts desiring Instructions relative to certain Documents laid before them by Mr. Johnston which they consider unconnected with the object of their appointment.—

We have been honored by the Receipt of your Secretary's letter of the 12th April directing that the Investigation of our Committee be entirely confined to the Vouchers which Mr. Samuel Johnston may able to produce in diminution of the balance of Star Pagodas 19,516. 30 carried to his Debit as

J.

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Advance to the following Persons who have served here in the Store house the Sum of three Hundred and Ninety two Rixdollars and forty three and three quard Stivers their Pay for the Time as follows, Viz.t

1 Overseer in Pay per Month ℔ 30 or ..... Rix. 12-24.
Dust Money per Month 3-9¼
50 ℔ Cent on the Dust Money per Month 1-28¾
Income per Month 45-
For one Month ..... Rix. 62-14¼
or for 3¼ Months from Medio February to Ultimo may last ... Rix 218-1-¾
1 Overseer in Pay per Month ℔ 16 or ..... Rix. 6. 32.
Dust Money per Month ..... 1. 32.
50 ℔ Cent on it ..... 40.
For one Month ..... Rix. 9. 8.
or for 3¼ Months as above ..... 32. 4.
Sum ... Rix. 250. 5. ¾

To the Native Servants who have served in the last Month.—
2 Doctors at Rix. 3 each ..... 6.—
1 Barber ... 1½ each ..... 3.
1 Washerman ... 1½ each ..... 3.
9.—

To the following Company's Slaves and condemned Criminals for their Subsistence for this Month; Viz.t
109 Men Company's Slaves, of which
1 a Lascar apply ..... 20. 1. 6.—
61 an ordinary and extra Dust Money at 20. 1. 6 ... 68. 30.
47 — D.o dust Money at Rix. 30 each ..... 29. 18.
Rix. 99. 6.
34 Women Company's Slaves at 18 Stivers each ..... 12. 36.—
23 Children — D.o ..... 6 ..... 2. 42.
Rix. 114. 36
39 Men condemned Criminals, in ordinary dust Money at 18 Stivers each ... Rix. 16. 30.
Among whom two Received extra Dust Money a 24 Stivers each ..... 1. .
1 Condemned Woman ..... 16.—
5 Children do do ... condemned at 24 Stivers ea. 2. 24.
1 Free China Man who is sent into the Common Garden at Pellegon as convict ..... 30.
19. 2.—
133. 38.
Sum Rix.s ... 392. 43¾

Columbo 1.st June 1796
To John Mc Donall Esq.r Paym.r Hon.ble Co.y
for making up these
(signed) D.o B.s Luckkens
Received
(Signed) Luckkens

pay the above
(Signed) I Stuart
Paym.r
(signed) C. H.t Agricult J. Mc Donall
Transf.

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The Honble Company Dr.

For Cash issued as follows from the Prize fund by Mr. Mc Donall late Commissary and by Order of Major General Stewart--

A Dr. No Pat F. Co.

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March 6th To Cash paid Subsistence of the Convicts and Slaves as per 4th Voucher 16936

April 1st To Do. ... Do. ... Do. ... as ff Do. 175.8

To Do. ... Do. ... Do. ... as ff Do. 7.30

May ... 1 To Do. ... Do. ... Do. ... as ff Do. 16732

June ... 1 To Do. ... Do. ... Do. ... as ff Do. 3924¾

9135½ 243 22 35

Errors Excepted

(Signed) Wm Young Lieut
Actg for Major Gray
J. Rodgers Captain
Fort St. Bt 1st Regt N. Infy
S. Torrens Lieut 52d Regt
Prize Agents for the Army

P.T.O.

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No 14.

We have the honor to be
with great Respect.—
&c: &c: &c:
/Signed/ T. Oakes
Benj.n Torin
Tho.s Scott Jackson.—

Fort St. George
14th June 8797.—

To Josias Webbe Esq.r

Secretary of Government &c: &c: &c:

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Fothringham — enclosing copy of the Dispositions Distributed to Major General Dunlop —

I have the Honor to acquaint the Right Honorable The Governor in Council, that the Honor to acquaint you, that Major General Dunlop, arrived at this Station, with his Detachment this Morning and has taken upon himself the Command of the District. —

I have the honor to be,
&c.a &c.a
/Signed/ Geo: Fothringham
Lt Col.
Commanding Dispositions

Chicacole
7th June 1797.—

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To
S. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government.

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Major General Erskine to the Commd. of the Vizigapatam District.—

I have the Honor to acquaint you, for the information of The Right Honorable the President in Council, that I arrived here with the 4th Regiment Bengal Native Infantry Yesterday Morning, and have Entered on the Command of the Troops in the District — I also beg leave to inform you, that as soon as the Pay for the last Month can be Issued, which I imagine will be the day after tomorrow, I shall direct the first Battalion of the Regement to March, — two Companies will be ordered to Cajimcottah and four Companies to Vizagapatam —

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Erskine
M. G. Commdg. on the District

Chicacole
8th June 1797

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Dispatches the under mentioned

Letters Entered in M.B. N.o 52. 53. 54.. 55.. 56. 57

58.. 59. 60.. 61.. 62.. 63.. 64. 65.. 66

To the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army at Trichinopoly –

To Major General Floyd informing him that the Officers stationed at Warriore will be allowed to draw House Rent – Authorizing the execution of the Repairs he has Recommended to the Hospital and Soldiers Barracks, and d desiring to dispose of the Horses lately Cast at Trichinopoly instead of sending them to the Presidency. –

To the Military and Sec.t

To Major General Sydenham – authorizing him to pass the Bills of Surgeons in the temporary Charge of Sick by Appointment from Commanding Officer previous to the General Order of the 4 3.d Instant – and desiring that the Officers d stationed at Warriore may be allowed to draw the usual Monthly Sum on Account of House Rent

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To Ditto - desiring that Instructions

To the Military & Quarter Master Genl. - may be sent to the Paymaster at Pondichery for making certain Monthly Payment of Subsistence to the Wives and Children of Officers who have lately proceeded to Europe. -

To Mr. Sharden - desiring him to see

To the Paymaster at Pondichery. - that the Subsistence above mentioned be destributed to the proper persons. -

To Mr. Secretary Barlow - informing

To the Secretary at Bengal him of the purchase made of Government of 2,30,000 Dollars for the use of the Troops ordered on the Manilla Expedition and that Bills for their Value have been drawn upon the Supreme Government. -

To Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson &

To the Commandant at Amboyna. - Approving the Arrangement made for satisfying the Demand of the Madanapelly people on Account of plundered property - and informing him that his proposal respecting Tent Allowance &

has

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No 15.

has been referred to the Consideration of the Military Board

To Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple

To Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple informing him that the Board are not at Liberty to interfere with the Debts of the late Cawn Sahib of Tanjore without the Sanction of the Honorable Court of Directors.

To the Garrison Storekeeper

To Mr. Baodeu desiring him to call upon the Contractor for the Supply of Water Casks to pay the penalty which he has incurred by the failure in the Contract as well as to make good the Number of Casks due by him previous to his failure.

To the Commandant at Vincomale

To Lieutenant Colonel Champagné authorizing him to remove the Sepoys and Lascars out of the Fort, and to adopt any any internal Arrangement that he may consider conducive to the Comfort and convenience of the Garrison — & desiring him to state his opinion explicitly how far the Measure of Cutting down the Palmira and Cocoanut Trees is necessary to the Defence of

the

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the Fort, and in the mean time to take Measures for compelling the proprietors to desist from drawing Toddy - pointing out the Irregularity of his Conduct in allowing the Artillery Men to entertain on board the Sybelle - and desiring that, on the Arrival at Trincomale of the party of Pioneers under Lieutenant Fitzpatrick, Mr. Gouge, Assistant Surgeon of the 73d Regement may be ordered to join his Corps. -

To the Military Board

To the Military Board. the Indents for Stationary and Furniture for their Office ordered to be complied - with. Repairs Ordered to the Surgeons Quarters at the General Hospital, and to the Office of the Medical Board - & desiring them to make the necessary Distribution of the Garrison and Store Lascars conformably to the late Resolutions of Government -

To Captain Gomonde

To Captain Gomonde - permitting him to return to Europe on Furlough. -

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To the Resident at Nagore.—

To Mr Torriano - desiring him to Report whether the Ships Harriet and Eliza Ann have touched lately at Nagore or Negapatam & and whether they removed or discharged any and what Cargo at those ports.—

To the Commandant at Pondicherry.—

To Major General Braithwaite & -desiring similar Information respecting the Harriet and Eliza Ann in regard to their Communication with Pondicherry - and that he would submit a list of the Officers to be employed in & the new Tribunal of Justice with the Monthly pay of each.—

To the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

To Mr. Skardon with Instructions for ascertaining the State of the Cottanpatam Grain at the Time of its being landed; and to order the release of the Conicoply Venkatapully - directing also the immediate Sale of the Paddy stored in the Barracks at Masulipatam.—

To the Commandant at Ganjam.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Murray &c informing him that the Board will be ready to

comply

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Comply with his application, when regularly made, for leave of Absence from his Station.—

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 67. 68. 69. 70

From the Military Paymaster General

From M.r Roebuck enclosing an additional estimate of Cash for the Month of June.—

From the Military Auditor General

From Major General Sydenham & enclosing his Letter of Audit on Lieutenant Colonel Beresfords Accounts from the 25 March to the 24th April 1797

From the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops

From Lieutenant Colonel Beresford enclosing the Abstracts of his Deputy and Cashier of Ceylon from the 25th February to the 24th April 1797

From the Secretary at Bombay

From M.r Secretary Morris enclosing a Letter for the Committee of the Bombay & Government at Tellicherry.—

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 71. 72.—

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To the Secretary to the 1st Committee of the Bombay Government at Tellicherry

To M.r J. A. Grant - enclosing the abovementioned Letter received from M.r Secretary Morris.-

To the Secretary at Bengal & to the Assistant Resident Poona & Hydrabad

To M.r Secretary Barlow, M.r Malcolm and Captain Kirkpatrick - forwarding Copies of Intelligence Received from the Mysore Country.-

16 Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M: B: N.r 73-74-75.

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions and Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks.-

From M.r Skardon - enclosing two Bills for victualling Troops on board of his Majesty's Ships Arrogant.-

From the Secretary to the Military Board.-

From Captain Peirce - enclosing a Packet for the Secretary to the Military Board at Fort William - enclosing Quarterly statement of Ordnance and Military Stores &c.

From M.r Surgeon James Barber.-

From M.r Barber - recommending that Captain Lieutenant Geoghahan be admitted a patient into the Lunatic Hospital.-

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M: B: N.r 76-77-78-79-80-

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To M.r Conolly desiring that a

To the Superintendant of the Lunatic Hospital

Captain Lieutenant Geoghahan may be admitted

a patient into the Lunatic Hospital.—

To M.r Secretary Barlow—transmitting

To the Secretary at Bengal

a Packet for the Secretary to the Military Board at

Fort William containing a Quarterly Return of

the Ordnance and Military Stores in the Arsenal

of Fort St.t George and principal Magazines &

subordinate thereto—

To Major General Sydenham—desiring

To the Military Auditor General

that the Arrears of Subsistence due to Lieutenant

G. H. Kelly may be discharged.—

To the Honorable Basil Cochrane

To the Military Paym.r of Fort St. George—

desiring him to sell by publick Auction such

Effects as will be delivered over to him by

the Adjutant General.—

To Major General Sydenham—referring

To the Secretary & Auditor General.

for Examination the Accounts of Subsistence &

to the King's Troops serving on Ceylon from

the 24th February to the 24th April 1797.—

Received

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Subsistence of a letter from the Nabob -

Received Letter from the Nabob &c entered in C. C. N.o 62 advising of his having deputed Hader Nawaz Khan Bahadeer to attend at the Examination ordered to be made into the Complaints preferred against Captain Nathaniel Forbes -

Received also the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. N.o 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87

From the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army -

From Major General Bridges advising of his Intention to send to the Presidency agreeably to the G.l O.rs 29th May the Detachment of the 2nd Battalion 2nd European Regiment - the Company of Gun Lascars at Masulipatam and some Men whose Term of Service has expired, by the first Sea Conveyance. -

From the Military Paym.r General. -

From M.r Babcock - desiring Instructions relative to the Payment of Bills to the Extent of 6000 Pagodas on Account of the Works at Pycacottah carrying on under the Directions of Captain Lennon. -

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From the Garrison Storekeeper.—

From Mr. Brodie — desiring to Know if he may cancel the Contract for providing Water Casks on receipt of the Amount of the Stipulated Penalty.—

From the Chief Engineer and Barrack Master at the Presidency.—

From Major General Ross and Lieut Maclean reporting that the Casemates for the Reception of the Stores of the Kings Regiment are completed, and enclosing a Bill for the Work

From the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army.—

From Major General Bridges — reporting the Arrival of Lieutenant Colonel Roberts Detachment at Masulipatam.—

From Lieut Colonel Roberts at Masulipatam.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts to the same Effect.—

From the Commissary of Musters to the Kings Troops.—

From Mr. R. Yeldham — requesting that the Board will Authorize Payment of the Arrear of House Rent and Press Money due to him which he had omitted to draw owing to his not Knowing the Established Allowances when he first took Charge of his Employ.—

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To the Military Auditor General —

Sent Letter to the Military Auditor General entered in M: B: No 88 requiring for Examination Estimates of Cash Required by the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions and the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month —

Recvd the following Letters

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

From Bengal - desiring to be furnished with some Amount of Accounts Subsisting to the Kings Troops serving under this Presidency -

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Extract of a Letter from the Compiler of the Kings Troops Accounts, and to request you will represent to the Right Honorable the President in Council the Wishes of this Government, that the Papers required by the Compiler may be furnished as soon as they can be conveniently

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Conveniently prepared.--

Fort William
the 2nd of June 1797.

Sam, Sir, &c. &c.

(Signed) J Thornhill
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Extract of a Letter from James Lockhart, Compiler of the Kings Troops Accounts, to the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart. Governor General &c. &c. in Council, dated the 27th of May, 1797.-

3 A few days ago, I Received from the Military Auditor General, Accounts of Subsistence and Extraordinaries, including Staff Allowances and Pay, Office Charges paid at Fort St. George between the 25th of December, 1795 and 24th June 1796.- These Papers were transmitted to him by Thornhills Letter of the 12th Instant: but I have not Received, nor do I find that the Auditor General has yet been furnished with the Accounts of Payments to His Majesty's Land Force

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Forces at Fort St. George for the period between
the 25th of June and 24th of December 1795;
and if they have not yet come to hand, I
leave humbly to suggest the Propriety of
applying to the Madras Government to transmit
them to this Presidency, as soon as possible,
being the only Papers wanted to enable me to
prepare a Continuation of the Accounts of the
King's Troops at the Three Presidencies, &
down to the latter end of June, 1796.

/ A true Extract /

/ Signed / J. Thornhill
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To Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government
&c. &c.

Sir,

From Major General Stuart Brigade recommending the immediate Repair of the Gate ways in the Fort of Masulipatam.

I finding on my Arrival at this Fort
that the West or principal Gate for Carriages
to pass through stood in great need of repair
and the East Gate which is most convenient
for

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for the Native Inhabitants was closed, I directed the Engineer to give me a report of the state of them and account for the condition of the one and the disuse of the other. I have now the honor, for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council, to transmit to Lieutenant Colonel Prescott's letter to me, with his Report. –

I have further to remark that after inspecting the state of the several bridges with more particular attention I perfectly coincide in opinion with the Engineer that from their present appearance a short period will render the whole impassable. –

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Thomas Bridges

Masulipatam
13th June 1797

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To Major General Bridges

Commanding the Northern Division of the

Army

Sir,

Immediately upon my Arrival here, it was my intention through the Assistance Commanding it to lay a Report and Representation upon the State of the several Bridges to this Fortress, before the Right Honorable the President in Council, whilst the necessary Plans Sections &c. were in preparation to forward to the Chief Engineer, along Indisposition intervened in an essential point of my Duty.

I have lost no time in conformity with your desire, in compleating the whole, and I have now the honor to accompany my Report with Plans and Sections for your further information, I propose forwarding them to Major General Ross whenever the Right Honble

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Honorable President may be pleased to call
for them They will be in readiness to be laid
before him. Although a reference to the Plans
and Sections would readily bring to Lord Hobart
view the dimensions of the two Gates and
Bridges upon the West face, with that to
the East, and that their several purposes would
then occur to his Lordship, yet I have thought
it my Duty to subjoin the demensions to
my Report as well as to explain the intended
purposes of the Gates and Bridges aforementioned;
and to remark also, that the Westgate Bridge
became impassable for carriages, the Pettah
Gate bridge ought to have been reserved for
the intended purpose only, with the usual
exceptions; from what information I can
collect, it has been dangerous to pass the
West Gate Bridge in carriages for some time
previous to my Arrival, the only Outlet now
was

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was the Pettah Gate, which will in some sort
account for the state of the Plank of it's Bridge;
I cannot learn that the West or Last Gate, &
bridges have undergone any material Repair &
since their construction and finishing by the
late Major Stevens Thirty Years ago, the
Drawbridge to the West gate excepted.

The Pettah Gate in the time of Lieut
Beatson acting Engineer was removed from &
the Salient Angle of the Pettah Bastion to
the Adjacent Curtain in the Year 1780, when
I conceive the whole was new, which will amount
to Lord Hobart for its present better state than
those of the West and East — My Duty calls upon
me to conclude with the observation that in
a few Months more, there will not be one Bridge
passable for Carriages to this Fortress. —

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June 8th — 1797.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) W.m Prescott Major Engr.
and Lieut Colonel. —

Report

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Report upon the State of the West gate, Gateway Draw bridge, Bascule, and standing part of the Bridge, in Timber, Plank and Railing on Brick Piers, over the Ditch.—

Gateway in Masonry and brick Work in good order

Bascule and Pont Axes in Wood work in good Order
Iron Work, in part in different and decayed—

Standing part in Timber on brick Piers,
Plank, and Railing, entirely decayed and
unserviceable.—

Dimensions—	Feet—	Inches
Gateway clear Width	12..	0..
Standing part of the Bridge in Plank, out and out Width—	14..	6..
Length of the standing part of the Bridge	126..	0..

N.B. This Gateway was intended for the purpose of passing Ordnance and Carriages of all description in and out of the Fort on the land side; It is the only one of sufficient Width to have Ingress & Regress out of the Fort; the Sea gate is equally calculated to admit one.—

Report

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Report upon the State of the Pettah Gate, & Gateway Port Lewis and Bascule, with the standing part of the Bridge, in Timber, Plank and Railing, on Brick Piers over the Ditch.—

Gateway in brick Work on each side extremely decayed
Port Lewis and Bascule in all their parts, Wood and
Iron Work require Repair.—

Standing part of the Bridge, all the Timber, Good.
Plank and Railing much Worn it will soon be
unserviceable.—

Dimensions

	Feet
Gateway clear Width	8.—
Standing part of the bridge in Plank out and out.— Width	10.—
Length of the whole standing part of the bridge over the Ditch	119.—

N.B.

The purpose of this Gateway was intended & for Palankeen and foot passengers only, being a Cavalry of sufficient Width to pass a & Carriage.—

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Report upon the State of the East Gate, Gateway and Post Lines, with the standing part of the Bridge, in Timber, Plank and Railing & on Brick Piers over the Ditch, together with the Hull of the two hand Windlasses, their Chains and Iron Work, adjusted on each side for the purpose of working the Draw bridge.—

Gateway in brick work, the interior of the passage the floor, the exterior and interior fronts, extremely out of Repair and defaced.—

The draw bridge, hand Windlasses, chains Iron Work, remaining plank, and Timber to the standing part of the bridge, on brick Piers over the Ditch, altogether gone to decay and Unserviceable

Railing none left.—

Dimensions	Feet
Gateway Clear Width	7.—
Standing part of the bridge in Plank out and out Width	8.—
Drawbridge 9 Feet by 8 Feet	
Length of the whole standing Part over the Ditch	396.

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The Gate and Bridge was intended for foot passengers only, it is the single outlet from the Fort, the whole of the East Face, it was the great means of keeping the Fort cleanly, being situated contiguous to that part wholly inhabited by the Natives, from the near convenience of the Salt Water it afforded them what is so necessary to them, besides a great part of fresh Water for common use they brought from a Tank to the Eastward; it is also a ready communication to the several Villages Coast ways and is of great utility and convenience it has been shut up since October 1796.—

Masulipatam
July 6th 1797.—

(Signed) W. Prescott Major Engr
and Lieut Colonel.—

To, I. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have with regret that I acquaint you for the information of Government, that between the hours of four and five this Morning a Lurkia Naig Poligar, who was confined in this Garrison

From Major Genl Colliers reporting that Lurkia Naig the Moorpara & Poligar had effected his Escape from Confinement.—

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17. Garison by order of Government, made his escape from the Guard of a Naigue and Six Sepoys who had charge of him - As there was only one passage from the apartment in which he was kept that he could have got out, at and that passage guarded by a sentinel who got the Charge of him at four Oclock, it cannot but be supposed that the Sentinel was asleep on his post - as he and the Naigue who commanded deny having any Knowledge of the manner of his escape, they are confined in the Main Guard until the pleasure of Government shall be known - I have detached five parties consisting of fifty Men in search of Lutchia Naig, and offered a Reward of one hundred Pagodas for apprehending him -

I have the honor to be,

Vellore 15th June 1797

&c. &c.

(Signed) Edwd. Collens

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20. Recvd the undermentioned Letters &

entered in M: B: Nos 89. 90. 91. 92. 93.

From Captain N. Forbes requesting &

From the Commandant at Vellore. —

that Captain Ridge may be ordered to attend as a witness

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a Witness on his Behalf

From the Commandant at Chandernagore —

From Captain Mealy — advising of his having sent the two Companies of the 1st Battalion 6th Regiment under Command of Lieutenant Davis to join Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson at Palamcotta or Colmaspully —

From Messrs Coll Baker Day & Co

From Messrs Coll Baker Day & Co tendering a Quantity of Brimstone for sale to the Company —

From the Commandant at Pondicherry —

From Major General Braithwaite & stating that the Harriet anchored on the Roads of Pondicherry on the 2d May last did not discharge or receive any Cargo — and that the Eliza Anne has not touched there —

From the acting Executor of the late Captain H: B: Bowles of Invalids —

From W. J. Tullok requesting Payment of Arrears due to the late Captain H: B: Bowles of Invalids to the Date of his Death —

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At a Consultation
Present
The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor President
Lieutenant General Harris
Edward Saunders — } Esqrs —
and
Ernst Willm Falconfield }

Tuesday
6th June

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved —

Read the following letters from
Poonah and Hydrabad —

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor of
Fort St George

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose for your Lordship's Information, Extract of my

from the Assistant Resident Poonah — Application from Appajee Chief visit on Occasion of Annual Festivals to Tippoo communicating his Intention to visit Hydrabad — The Letter from Appajee to be granted by the Enquirer to Delhi to the Rajah of Jeypore and Extract from Bardet Hindia on Subject thereof — Letter to him intimating same to Bombay Charges &c — on Bombay Account —

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my address of this Date to the Governor General.

The Deputation to Agiee at Amra, therein mentioned, was composed of Abba Silotree and Ballajee Koonjer, on the Part of the Peshwa; Dada Gujoor, on the Part of Mooro Tirmawes; Atmaram Paingnaves, on the Part of Dowlut Row Sindia; and Ramshender Pundit Vakeel, on the part of Bajajee Bhonsla. Govin Kirken and Govin Pinglah were also of the Party.—

The Principal Part of the Guard at the Peshwa's Palace in Poona is still composed of the Troops of Dowlut Row Sindia, who have not been put in Possession of the Fort of Ahmednuggur, which, it is confidently said, the Peshwa has agreed to make over to them.—

I have the Honor to be very respectfully,

&c: &c:

(Signed) J. Shaltkhoff

Poona
3d June 1797.—

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Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Uhthoff to the Governor General, dated Poona 5th June 1797

My latest and most Authentic &
Intelligence from the Camp of Azim ul Omra, &
for the Truth of which, however, I cannot vouch,
is, that the Deputation from Poona had taken
their leave of Azim ul Omrah and were about to
Return. That Azim ul Omrah had made one short
March from Sidda Seyd, and that it was his
Intention to proceed to Hydrabad, by the Way
of Punderpore; which Route, though not the &
most direct, was the most convenient for Water, &
and would keep his Army the longer within the
Maratta Districts an Object desirable as destroying
the Mahattas and Preserving Nizam Ally Khan's &
Country in the greater Degree from the Depredations
of the Army.—

I am given to understand that Soobow
left Poona some Time ago, with Hommut Sing
and the Rest of his Party, but that He is since &
returned

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returned hither, with a few of his infirm Followers,
partly for the Purpose of collecting some Cash for the
Expenses of his Journey, having been reduced to
some Distress: and still more, with a View to procure
the Title from the King of Dehli for Rama Raja
of Travancore, of the Grant of which you are
already acquainted, but the Papers are stand-
-ing, yet in Doubt how Sindeah's Camp, or
the Hands of the Son of Shah Hanjee, Sindeah
Now Minister with the King, which are
withheld on Account of the non Payment
of about a Lack of Rupees, the Price of the
Patent, and other Durbar Charges, in which
Soobrow has involved himself of Rama Raja
The latter I am told, now writes, that his
Object in the Mission of Soobrow was to obtain
the Friendship of the Peshwa and Sindeah, in
consequence of an Advance from those two
Personages, in the Course of which He has made
them very considerable Presents, but that if a Lack

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of Rupees in addition is required, what is become of the Friendship that was professed?

Appearances here at present indicate that both Doulut Row Sindia and Rajoje Bhonsla will canton in this Neighbourhood during the Rains, though there is a Rumour that Rajoje & Bhonsla will proceed shortly to Naugpore.—

Since writing the above, there is Some Reason to think that the Deputation have not taken Leave of Azem ul Omra.—

True Extract
(signed) J. Udny

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I am just honoured with the sentiments of your Lordship in Council relative to my late pecuniary transactions with the Collector of Masulipatam, as conveyed to me through your Secretary in his Letter of the 17th Instant.

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From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad relative to his application for Deputation of the Nizam's intention to grant a further Assignment on the Peishcush towards Payment of the Company's Troops—Copies of Correspondence with Mr Wrighton relative to payments of Major Palmer's Detachment and Lord Cyndmans Detachment and suggestion relative to a surplus remittance of 50,000 Rupees made to him by Mr Wrighton

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In Answer to the Charges contained in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter permit me to refer you to the inclosed Copies of my Latter Correspondence with Mr. Collector Monghan, the Contents of which I am hopeful will satisfactorily evince to your Lordship in Council, that I have neither anticipated the intentions of the Nizam with regard to the Balance of Paishcush for 2nd Kist of A. F. 1205 nor been deficient in the Attentions due from me to your Lordship's Government Though the former part of this Assertion may appear at the first glance to be at variance with a passage in the last Paragraph of my Letter of the 5th Instant to Mr. Monghan, yet I have little doubt of proving to the satisfaction of your Lordship in Council, that they are very reconcileable with each other - The Anticipation which

I have

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Ithen speak of in terms of regret, applies
/as the Spirit and Contexte of the whole. &
Paragraph shew) to the actual draft of
a piece from the Company's Territories; which
might possibly had I not at length agreed
to accept of an Assignment upon it, have
lain uncalled for by his Highness for a
Month or two longer; but by no means to
any forestalment of the Nizam's intentions
of liquidating his debt of Arrears to the
Company on Account of subsidy, by granting
an Assignment on such Balance of Peishcush,
arose on the contrary, conformably to the &
Instructions of the Supreme Government
I invested such mode of liquidation as
long as it was proper or convenient to
do so.- The Pecuniary distress which at
particular Circumstances enabled me to

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foresee the Bengal Detachment might
eventually be liable to, after its Arrival in these
Territories, determined me to provide against it
as much as possible by agreeing at length to
accept the Assignment which had so long
been presed upon me, as the passage of the
Detachment through the Masulipatam &
District, would afford me a favorable opportu-
nity of realizing it. I accordingly apprized
Mr Wrangham of my intentions, that
he might be prepared on his part to
give effect to them, whenever I shall be
duly authorized on mine by being in
possession of the Requisite Assignment
from his Highness to call upon him to do so

Should the above explanation satisfy
your Lordship in Council, that anticipated
Appropriation of any funds claimable by this
State does not lay to my Charge, I shall
indulge the pleasing hope, that a Response

to

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to the sentiments expressed in my Letter of
the 13th. Instant to Mr. Wrangham, will have
the further effect of evincing, that my Conduct
has been strictly regulated throughout these
transactions, by a due attention to your &
Lordships Government.—

With a view of obviating as far as
possible the inconveniences liable to result
from any further drafts being made from
hence upon the Masulipatam Treasury on
Account of the Balance of Peishcush for A.F. 1205;
the Amount of Subsidy now due by his Highness
on Account of the Ellore Detachment Amounting
on a rough Calculation to about one Lack and
forty Thousand Rupees, may be set off against
such Balance, which does not now exceed in
round Numbers One Lack and Seventy two or
three Thousand Rupees; by which Arrangement
the demand of this Durbar on the Masulipatam
Treasury, will be reduced / granting the statement
to

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to be tolerably Correct) to the Sum of about 4
thirty three thousand Rupees. Should your 4
Lordship in Council approve of this proposition;
to give effect to it, it will be necessary that 4
Orders be sent without delay to Mr. Monroe,
directing him to withdraw from Major 4
Hyndman whatever Sums he may have 4
transmitted to him, beyond the Amount of
the Residue of the Draft for the Balance of
Assignment on the 2nd Kist of Paitheath for A. D. 1795.
for subsidy for the Months of December and January
last, which I granted to that Officer on the
Masulipatam Treasury; while on my part
I can return him the Draft for fifty thousand
Rupees on a Banker of this City, which he forwarded
to me a short time since and retain in the
interim I will defer the realization of.—

Hyderabad
2nd May 1797

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect
&c. &c.
[signed] J. Kirkpatrick
Assistant
Resident

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John Wrangham Esqr.

Collector

Masulipatam

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you of my having drawn upon you this day at Sight in favor of Major H. Hyndman, for the Sum of Sixty one Thousand four Hundred and Twenty Six Rupees, four Anas, and Six Pcs (61,426..4..6) and if paid in Gold, at the Exchange of Three & Hundred and Eighty two Rupees per Hundred & Current or Pagodas of the Currency at Masulipatam being in full liquidation of the Balance of Assignment on the 2nd Kist of A.D. 1205 for Subsidy for the Months of Dcember and & January last. To save time (which considering the near approach of Major Hyndman is a great object) I herewith inclose Duplicate of my Draft upon you in that Officers favor.

I hope

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I beg to be enabled by tomorrow or next days Post at furthest to forward Major Hyndman with another Draft upon you for 53,700 and odd Rupees - if not indeed for twice this Sum in consequence of a further Assignment being about to be granted home by the Bombay for Subsidy, on Account of one, and perhaps of two Months on the Remaining Balance of Bullion still in your Custody for the 2d. Kist of the Subsidy year 1205. -

Hyderabad
the 9th May 1797

I have the honourable &c:
(Signed) J. A Kirkpatrick
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P. S.

I doubt I need it necessary to make any next projected Draft upon you payable at sight, I am hopefull that the urgency of the occasion, and the length of time which the Funds it is will be drawn upon, have been laying at your disposit in your Treasury, may approve any apologyes for such deviation from the common practice on other occasion -

(Signed) J. A Kirkpatrick

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John Wrangham Esqr

Collector at

Masulipatam

Sir,

Having just raised Ten thousand Rupees with a Premium of one P.Cent for a draft on your Treasury I lose no time in apprizing you of this Circumstance, to the end, that you may make a proportionate deduction in the Sum of Sixty one thousand four Hundred and Twenty Six Rupees, four Annas, Six Pice /61426. 4. 6/ Balance of Assignment in your hands for Sicundy for the Months of December and January last, and for which I transmitted a draft upon you to Mayor & Hyndman on the 9th Instant, enclosing a Duplicate of the same to you for your information on the same day.—

I am Sir &c

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I confidently rely on your excusing the additional trouble I may thereby be putting you to, as well as the irregularity perhaps of the proceeding itself, in consideration of the benefit according to the public Service, since the Sum for which I propose granting a Draft upon you will at once enable me to Compleat the requisite Cash for a Months disbursement to the Ellore Detachment of (Lieutenant Colonel Roberts) save the expence and trouble attending its conveyance hither, and occasion the retention of so much Specie in our own Territories.—

My expectations of a further Assignment from his Highness on Account of Subsidy for one or perhaps for two Months, on the Balance of the 2nd Kist of A.D. 1205 still Remaining with you are not as yet realized, the Moment however

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however it is granted to me, I shall lose no time in advising you thereof.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
[Signed] J. Kirkpatrick
Asst.

P. S.

I forward Copy of this letter to Major Wyndham by this Post for his information and guidance.—

John Wrangham Esqr
Collector.

Hyderabad
the 11th May 1797

Masulipatam

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant and beg leave to offer you at the same time my acknowledgments for the prompt & satisfactory attention therein evinced to the subject of my address to you

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of the 5th Instant.—

In consequence of the unfavorable picture you have drawn both of the present State of your Treasury, and of your expectations with respect to its replenishment, it shall be my duty to subject you to the least inconvenience possible on the Score of any further Drafts upon it. To this end I propose declining if practicable the Assignment on Account of Subsidy for the last and the Current 4th Month, now tendered me on the Balance stated due to this date of the 2nd Kist of the Sufsidy year 1795, my projected acceptance of which I lately had the honor of advising you, or limiting it at least, to the Amount of Subsidy for one Month. But as I have already, from Motives which had a Reference to the future pecuniary Supplies for Major Hyndmans Detachment, given

a bill

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sort of acquiescence in the proposed mode of the liquidation of the Carnatic Subsidy it may not perhaps be in my power to draw back even partially, should this Matter be persisted in and tenaciously urged home to me. In the mean time however, you will have only to provide for the discharge of the residue of the draft in favor of Major Hyndman for 6,426 Rupees odd Annas. Duplicate of which I had the honor of enclosing to you in my Letter of the 9th Instant - The Sooner it may be in your power to send off this sum to Ellore the less will be the delay in the proceeding of the Detachment, that will be left behind by Major Hyndman at that place to Receive and escort it hither. The Expences attending the Conveyance of this or any other Sums of Money accruing from Assignments and intended for the Payment of the Detachment of our Troops Serving this State are no doubt most fairly Chargeable to his Highness, and I have therefore to request that

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that you will be so good as to keep an open account of the same for adjustment with this Court, whenever Circumstances may require or admit of it.—

I have only to add that I perfectly subscribe to the justness of your reasoning both in a general and particular point of view, with respect to the expediency of submitting to temporary inconvenience rather than even risk the introduction of permanent evils.—

I have the honorable,
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. A Kirkpatrick

Hyderabad
23d May 1797

John Wrangam Esqr. Actg.
Collector
Sir,
Masulipatam

His Highness the Nizam having thought proper to dispense for the present with the Services of any Detachment of our
Troops

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troops whatever it becomes necessary for me
under such determination, to provide either
for the present or future pecuniary wants of
Major Wyndmans Detachment, should you
not as yet therefrom, have honored the draft
which I granted that Officer upon your
Treasury, I have to request that you will
suspend such intended Measure, untill I shall
have had the pleasure of Communicating
further with you on this Subject. I have
requested Major Wyndman, in the event of
your having actually forwarded the Corsicar
Amount of such draft to Ellore, to consider
it in the light of a Deposit, on no Account to
be broken in upon, without my previous
Concurrence.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asst.—

Hyderabad
16 May 1797.—

John

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John Wrangham Esqr.

Collector at

Masulipatam

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 18th Instant giving cover to a Bill of Exchange on this place for the Sum of Fifty thousand Rupees drawn & payable at Ten days sight to Major Wyndman or his order. —

Major Wyndman having apprized me however, that he has actually Received from you Twelve thousand five hundred Madras Pagodas towards the discharge of the Residue of the draft which I furnished him on your Treasury for Sixty One thousand four hundred and twenty Six Rupees odd Annas /61,426.- A. I am rather at a loss to account for your Remittance either of a further Sum of Fifty thousand Rupees, and more particularly so, from

the

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the Circumstance of the Bill in question, being made &
payable to that Officer.—

Had the intemation conveyed to
you in my letter of the 16th Instant, have changed
to peach you a day or two sooner, it might perhaps
have saved you the trouble both of sending off any
Treasure to Major Hyndman, or of procuring any
Remittance on this place, by way of providing
funds for the future pecuniary demands of
the Detachment under his Command.—

I shoula Inventually deem it &
expedient however, to accept of an assignment
on the Balance of Pagtocash still accountable
for by you of the 2nd Kist of A.D. 1205, for part
or whole of the Amount of Subsidy now remaining
due by the Nizam, the produce of your Bill of
Exchange on this City, can be applied towards the
liquidation of such assignment, which may &
probably be for somewhat more than two Months
and a half of subsidy or upon a rough &
Calculation, for near one Lack and forty &
Thousand

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Thousand Rupees.—

Hyderabad
22nd May 1797.—

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

John Wrangham Esqr.
Collector at
Masulipatam

Sir,

I am just honored with your
letter of the 19th Instant.—

Though the Balance of subsidy due
by his Highness the Nizam on Account of the
Ellore Detachment is not finally adjusted
and I have consequently not yet received an
Assignment in liquidation of it; yet it will
not be long I trust, ere, this is granted to me.
As I foresee some advantages likely to arise
from Agreeing to such Assignment being made
payable out of the Balance of Peishcush still in
your Custody for the 2nd Kist of A.F. 1205, in
preference to its being deducted from the
5th

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1st Kist of A. F. 1206 which fell due on the 31st
March last. I propose accepting it accordingly &
whenever this Assignment shall actually be &
granted to me, the Bill of exchange on this
City for fifty thousand Rupees (50,000 Rs) &
enclosed to me in your last letter and the &
overplus of your remittance in Specie to Major
Wyndman, beyond what actually was forthcoming
to him from the Residue of his draft upon your
Treasury, may both be applied towards the &
liquidation, and inserted (in such event) in your
Accounts accordingly.—

My principal object in procuring
an Assignment on the Balance still due to
his Highness on the 2d Kist of 1205, is to keep
so much Specie in our own Territory, which
would otherwise I apprehend be very soon &
drawn from it by this State, and I am well
assured that your endeavours will not be &
wanting, to promote this end to your &
utmost, by procuring if possible further

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remittances on the Bankers of this City —

From the mention made in the 4th

Conclusion of your letter of so large a Sum as

Three Lacks of Rupees, being now at your

disposal for the liquidation in part of this

Court's pecuniary demands upon the Company,

I am led to suppose that you may consider

the discharge of the Current Paishcush as

likewise devolving upon you. Under such

an impression, it cannot be improper to

inform you that the Supreme Government

have taken the payment of the 1st Kist of

Paishcush for A.F. 1206 upon themselves,

and that the Residents both of this Court

and that of Poona, did in Consequence, long

ago receive instructions, to raise Money for

the purpose by bills on Bengal. —

Hyderabad
23rd May 1797

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Jas. Kirkpatrick
a.d.c.

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P.S. The Bill of Exchange for 50,000 Rupees has been presented to Benewarry Dose, Doarkah Dose, who affirms that it is drawn at twenty and not at ten days sight as specified in your letter. —

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asst —

True Copies

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

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

Sir,

I herewith enclose for the Notice of the Right Honorable the President in Council, Translate of the latest Intelligence received by me from Goatti Quarters —

I am,
Sir,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant,
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant
Translate

From the Assistant at Hyderabad Resident at Hyderabad forwarding Intelligence from the Mysore Country collected at Goatty —

Hyderabad
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Translate of the Report of two Hirkarahs, who reached Goote on the 19th May, and left it on the 30th on their Return thither

The Troops in the Camp at Goote, are exercised twice a Week, under the superintendance of Syed Ghuffaar and Bintoone Hussain alternately. On the 23rd May, fifty Mules, laden with Treasure Arrived at Goote from Seringapatam; and immediately after Musters, two Months Pay will be issued to the Troops - Orders have been received from the Sultaun, directing Sieb Rao, with his Rafsallah to repair to the Capital it is accordingly to Commence its March immediately after the issue of Pay - All the Talookdars and Aumildars of Tippoo's Dominions have agreeably to Summons Repaired to the Capital. Meerauun Saheb took his departure on the 25th May for

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for Seringapatam.—

Sometime ago a Report was prevalent at Goote, that Kummur ud Deen Khan; the Binky Nabob; Baker Saheb; & Gholaum Alikhan; and Jeevun Rao had been thrown into Confinement by the Sultaun, but a Baamin lately from Seringapatam & affirms the real State of the Case to be this, "That the abovementioned Persons jealous of the "high favour in which Meer Sadie stood with "the Sultaun, forged Letters of traiterous & "Correspondence between him and the Mahrattahs "and delivered the Same to Tippoo, and upon "this Reaching Meer Sadies ears, he brought "similar Charges attended by similar proofs "against him— That hereupon Tippoo sent for "his Dewan Purneah and directed him to "interrogate both parties, and endeavour to "ascertain the truth of their Charges against "each other. That upon Purneahs obeying the

Sultaun's

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"Sultaun's orders Kummer od dein Khan spoke
"in very slighting terms of Meer Sadie, and it
"seemed much hurt that Tippoo should want
"to give that Foreigner equal Credit with it
"himself his Subject born, and his Relation.
"that though the Sultaun was thereby moved
"to show or affect great displeasure against
"Meer Sadie, yet he nevertheless condemned it
"Sewren Rao to death, and Baukir Saheb to
"perpetual confinement. It is said however it
"that the present grand Assemblage of Ammildars
"&c. at the Capital, will be called upon by Tippoo
"before they separate to investigate the
"Charges against Meer Sadie. This Brannin
"also affirmed that the Nobles of Tippoo's
"Court, were much at variance, and continually
"plotting each others Ruin".

The aforesaid Brannin further reported
that the Sultaun had recalled Kheir Jung
from

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from Hurripunthy, and Dispatched him
to Tulgháât to succeed the Binky Nabob
who had been recalled to the presence / in the
Command of the Force collected there. That a
a second disembarkation of French had
taken place at Mangalore; and that the
same Frenchman who with four others riding
in Palanqueens, and accompanied by two hundred
Troopers arrived sometime since at Seringapatam,
always attend Durbar accompanied occasionally
by Young Sally (Vizy) That the Sultaun of late
seemed to Consult no one but this Frenchman
and the Dewan Purnaik; and that one of
the four Frenchmen riding in Palanqueens
had lately returned to Mangalore - That the
French Ambassador in question, moreover was
adjusting the Subsidy to be paid by the
Sultaun for the use of a body of ten Thousand
French and Coffries - That he stipulated &

particularly

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particularly for their Pay being issued regularly to them and recommended whenever he came to rupture with the English, that he should follow his Father Hyder's plan, of playing waste the Carnatic with his Cavalry. The above were the Common topics of Conversation at Seringapatam, when the Brahmin left that City.

This said that Meestaun Lakeb is to be Removed from the Guardianship of Goolam and that Chunder Pundit and Budderudeen Khan are to succeed him. Thurry Naick the Kunnekghiny Zemindar is himself at Koompetty, but his Peons commit great outrages on the Inhabitants of the Talook of Bulkari (belonging to the Nizam).—

Two thousand Infantry and three hundred horse belonging to Tippoo who are stationed at Koompetty, protect and abet Thurry Naick's Peons in their depredations

on

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in the Bulkare District.—

A true Translate

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Asst.

Read the following letter from

Bengal.—

To The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

My Lord,

We have had the honor to receive your letter of the 26th Ultimo, and have to acquaint you that the Subalterns promoted to the Rank of Captains by Brevet by our Resolution of the 20th March last, were appointed Cadets by the Honorable Court of Directors for the Season of 1781 and not of 1782 as erroneously stated by the Subalterns on your Establishment—

We

From Bengal stating that the officers promoted there on the 20th March to the Rank of Brevet Captain were Cadets of 1781 and not of 1782 as stated by the Officers—

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Fort William
the 22nd May 1797.

We have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
/Signed/ J. Shore
Alured Clarke
Peter Speke
Willm. Cowper

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

My Lords,

We have to acknowledge the Receipt of Letter of the 30th Ultimo from Mr. Secretary Webbe transmitting for our consideration a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Yates, with the enclosure from Captain Sheriffe; and as it occurs to Us that, should Captain Sheriffe's application for a reimbursement of the Amount

From the Mr. Ordnance Board - opinion on Captain Sheriff's application respecting his Quarter Master that an Allowance be made for the purpose of erecting Temporary Works of Fortification &c. in which Advances of Cash should be made to the Agent for the Supply of Military Stores, also on the Eligibility of opening a Road of Communication between Dindygul & Palgautchery &c. desire to be furnished with a Recent State of the Armed Detachments & different Stations as they stood on the 30th April - referred to the Division of Government Copies of their Correspondence with Mr. Webb relative to the repair of Carriages that Establishment & from Carriages delivered &c. to Mr. Civil Smith

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Amount laid out by him in the improvement of his Quarter be added to, it will not only be a deviation from the express Regulations of the Service, but afford encouragement for numberless similar Applications We cannot Recommend to your Lordship a Compliance & herewith.—

The Chief Engineer having laid before Our Board a letter from Colonel Gent containing a proposal for constructing an Air Furnace & According to a plan which has been so much approved in England as to procure a Patent to the Inventor, a model whereof accompanied the communication, We accordingly do Ourselves the honor to submit to your Lordships & consideration Copy thereof; and to recommend that the Building of a Furnace, in such & situation in the vicinity of the Powder Mills as the Chief Engineer shall deem best adopted to the objects for which it is intended, may be & authorized

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Authorized as likely to answer many useful purposes.—

We have the honor to submit for your Lordships in Council our opinion, that in making advances of Cash, on Account of Quarterly, or other Indents, of the Agent for Supply for Military Stores passed by our Board, one third of the Amount of the Indent may be advanced on the commencement of each of the two first Months, and the remaining third, after the Articles completing the Indents shall have been delivered and reported upon, And as the Agent has now applied for an Advance on the Amount of Stores directed to be provided in the present Quarter—Wn. Pagodas 8,602:5:65, We beg leave to recommend that one third thereof or Pagodas 2,867-13-75, be advanced immediately—One third on the 1st of July—and the Remaining third on the completion of the Indents

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Indent, and the Articles being reported upon,
in conformity with the Regulations. —

It would seem from a non-com-
pliance with the General Order of the 11th
April last directing the transmitting to
Our Board Quarterly Returns of Arms, Accoutre-
ments, and Regimental Stores, that it has been
generally misunderstood, on a supposition
that such transmission was to commence on
the 15th of August only, instead of the 15th of May,
We have to request, with a View of enabling
Our Secretary to furnish to the Accountant
General a compleat Valuation of Military Stores
at the Close of the Official Year 96/7, that
an order may be issued to direct Commanding
Officers of Corps, and Heads of Departments, to
forward with all expedition to the Secretary
of the Military Board, a State of the Arms,
Accoutrements and Regimental Stores of each,
as they stood on the 30th of April 1797, agreeably

to

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to the Town herewith transmitted. —

As Government will doubtless
expect that, in consequence of their Letter to
Our Board of the 22d of March last, the
repair of the Unserviceable Musketry in the
Arsenal is now under execution; but to
commence on which, in such manner, and
under such penalty, as appeared to Us
necessary to ensure a speedy performance
thereof; Mr. Webb has stated some Objections, &
We deem it Our duty to lay before your Lordship
in Council, Copies of Our Board's communication
to him, with his Replies, on the subject. —

With Respect to the Enclosures
from Lieutenant Colonel Oliver on the
subject of establishing a Route between
Dindigul and Palagautcherry, which
accompanied the Letter from Government to
Our Board under Date the 25th Ultimo, We
beg leave to recommend that Lieutenant
Colonel

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Colonel Browne be furnished with Mr. Romney's and Major Haliburton's, Communications with a view to his making such further enquiry on the subject, as may tend to ascertain the practica= =bility, or otherwise, of such a design, an Object which We Conceive to be highly desireable.—

It appearing from a Report of a Committee of Our Board appointed to Survey Thirteen /13/ Garrison Gun Carriages— Two /2/ Light Field Carriages— Fifty one /51/ Ammunition Tumbrils— and Six /6/ 18 lbr Field Gun Carriages, with Limbers, dated 8th Instant, that the whole are in so Unserviceable a state as to be totally unfit for any use whatever, and that when put up to sale a very small Sum was offered for them, We in consequence Recommend that a proposal made some time ago by Mr Neil Smith to purchase the whole for five hundred /500/ Pagodas

may

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may be accepted; especially as the Carriages & lumber the Fort, and if broke up, the Old ... Iron only can be brought to Account. —

We have the honor to be,

&c: &c: &c:

George Harris

Patrick Ross

Thomas Geils

Wm Sydenham

Jno. Richardson

By. Close

George Halle

Fort St. George
12th June 1797. —

Major General Ross

Chief Engineer. —

Sir,

I beg to inform you that I have not been able to Cast a Metallic Bed for the Cylinder

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Cylinder Mills at the Powder Works though I have done every thing in my power to accomplish it, and the Reason, is owing to the Magnitude of the Work, and the great quantity of Metal required to be Melted beyond what has ever been attempted here, it is necessary a proper Furnace be constructed for the purpose, and which I cannot afford to build on my own Account, I request therefore you will be pleased to Represent to the Military Board, that if an Air Furnace is constructed near the Powder Mills, it will not only serve for Casting any large Metallic Work that may be required in the Manufacture of Gun Powder, but may Serve many useful purposes as will appear obvious to the Board.

I have the honor to send a Model of an Air furnace made from one, constructed by M. Watt Engineer at Birmingham, and for which he obtained a patent, should you approve of it, I Request you will lay it before the Military Board

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Board, I have not been able to calculate the expence exactly, but I think it will not exceed the Sum of Pagodas 300 the Chimney which is the greatest expence, must be 40 feet high, and the lining to the Furnace and Chimney, must be done with Bricks made of Pamelain Clay, which is brought from Mr. Parmadour, Sheds must also be made over the Body of Furnace, and near it, for screening the Moulds and Workmen from the Weather.—

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1st June 1797.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Gent Lt. Col.
Engineer

True Copy
(Signed) Fred: Pierce
Secy & Accountt. Mil. Board

Form

A Present State of Arms, Accoutrements, and Regimental Stores belonging to the — Battalion of — as they stood on the 30th of April 1797

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Military Board Office

To Mr. William Webb

Military Store Keeper

Fort St. George

Sir,

By direction of the Military Board,
I am to inform you that Government have been
pleased to Authorize the Acceptance of your proposal,
under date 10th February 1796, of putting into
a perfectly Serviceable State as many of the unserviceable
Muskets in the Arsenal, as the general Condition
of the whole of that description of Arms will admit
of, at the rate of 2½ Pagodas per Musket, upon
condition of certain Assistance being afforded to
you; and, that in consequence, a paper of Obligation
for the performance thereof, will be prepared for you
to execute.—

Conformably to the Authority of
Government for the purpose, I am also to signify
the desire of the Military Board that you Apply
to the Town Major of Fort St. George for a place &
within

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within the Fort Suited to the purpose of a Workshop - as well as, that you make to the Board a Monthly Report of the Number of Muskets that shall have been put into a perfectly & Serviceable State during the preceding Month, & in order that a Committee may be appointed to inspect, and Report upon them - previous to Authority being given for their being removed, and brought to Account, on the Books and Returns of the Arsenal as "Serviceable Arms" -

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Frederick Pierce
Secy Mily Board

A true Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy & Accountant Mily Bd.

Fort St. George
8th April 1797

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

I have been honored with your
letter of the 8th Instant, wherein I am informed that
Government

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Government have been pleased to Authorize
the Board to accept my Proposal under date
the 10th February 1796. for Repairing the H
Unserviceable Arms in the Arsenal at the Rate
of Pagodas 2 ½ per Musket, upon condition
of certain Assistance being afforded me. That a
Paper of obligation for the performance H
thereof would be prepared for me to execute, H
and that I should apply to the Town Major
of Fort St. George for a place within the Fort
a Workshop &c. —

For the information of the Board H
I beg leave to make a brief recapitulation of
such parts of my proposal as the Board have
not noticed in their Letter, contained in my H
Letters to the Board under date the 10th February,
and 30th of March 1796. —

"That to put the Arms in a perfectly
"Serviceable State, I be allowed Pag.s 2: 22: 40 H
"each Musket Government permitting me to
borrow

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"borrow Tools from the Arsenal, or allow one one
"eighth of a Pagoda each Musket in lieu thereof
"and a small Guard of Sepoys for the Protection
"of the Artificers, as is usual on such Occasions."

The whole of the Unserviceable Arms
Viz.t 10,461 shall be delivered to me; out of
which number, I engage to Return into Store
7,000 Muskets in a perfect & Serviceable state,
at the rate of 500 Muskets per Month, and
commence delivering them in One Month after
this proposal may be agreed to. That on the
day this Agreement is entered into, I be advanced
1,000 Pagodas to procure Materials Artificers
&c.a which Sum will be allowed by me in Account
That an advance of Pagodas 600 be made me
Monthly, to commence one Month after an
Agreement is entered into: and whenever 500
Muskets shall have been approved by the
Board The Amount Remaining shall be
discharged in Cash.

On

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On these terms I am now ready
to undertake the Repair, although the Storekeepers
which at that time I had a prospect of procuring,
are now not to be had, on which Account I am
induced to hope the Board will not bind me to
the delivery of so large a Number as 500 the 1st
first two Months.—

Pursuant to the Orders of the Board,
I have applied to the Town Major for a Place
within the Fort for a Workshop, and he has
allotted me the Old Mint, which will answer
the purpose very well.—

If it should appear to the Board
that including all the unserviceable Arms on
the Returns at Out Garrisons, an Object worth
their attention, I should wish, they might be
also be specified in the Paper of obligation, as
it would Warrant me to lay in a large stock of
Materials, some of which can only be obtained
from

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from distant places, and others will in a short time be very scarce in this Settlement.

I am with Respect

&c: &c: &c:

Wm Webb

Fort St. George
12th April 1797

Signed

True Copy

Signed Fred Pierce
Secy and Asst Mily Bd.

To
Mr. William Webb
Agent of Supply at
Fort St. George

Sir,

The Military Board having taken into consideration your Letter of the 12th Ultimo, direct me to inform you in Reply, that as the Object of the proposal made to you for Repairing Arms in the Arsenal was, that they should be completed with the period prescribed on Account of the great want of Muskets in Store, which rendered it necessary

that

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That the utmost expedition should be used, the Board cannot consequently depart from the Original Terms, which specified that the whole were to be finished at the rate of 500 Muskets Monthly; but in order to render a Compliance with the Agreement less difficult to you they will dispense with your delivering the whole of that Number for the first two Months, provided you will bind yourself by a written Agreement to furnish the 7000 Stand in the Course of fourteen Months, under such penalty as the Board may prescribe.— I am to acquaint you further, that on Receipt of your Answer the Board will communicate to Government for their final Orders, and at the same time Submit your requisition for an Advance of Cash.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
Frederick Pierce
Secy Bd Ord.

Fort St. George
8th May 1797.—

A true Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy & Accomt. Mil Board

(Signed)

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To Captain Frederick Pierce

Secretary to the

Military Board

Sir,

Indisposition has prevented my sooner giving an earlier Reply to your Letter regarding the Repairs of Arms. –

I must call to the recollection of the Military Board, that the "proposal for repairing Arms, was not made to me," but so long ago as February 1796, considering the great demand for Arms there had been in Europe, from various Miscellaneous Services; – I thought there was little probability of a Supply coming to this Country – and Knowing the low state of serviceable Arms in the Arsenal, my Zeal for the Service induced me to offer to new-Stock, and render completely fit for Service, a certain Number on Conditions which I explained fully when called on for that purpose, Among which, was the advance of Cash, which however

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however would not have been insisted on had it
been found inconvenient, - my offer long lay
unnoticed, I suppose from a press of more
important business, and I was obliged to
desist from preparations which I had made. -

Should the Board comply with my
terms it will of course be to my Interest to finish
the business as soon as can be done, in a proper
manner, but I cannot at this late Period, long
after the whole might have been completed, &
think of entering into the proposed Penalty. -

I am, Sir, &c. &c.
(Signed) Wm Webb

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1st June 1797. -

True Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy & Accountt Ord. B.

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(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy & Comms. W.B.

Read the following Letter from
Major General Nixon —

To

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To The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council.—

Fort St. George

My Lords,

From Major General Nixon soliciting the Board's consideration of his Claim to be employed on the General Staff of the Army.—

I am sorry to be under the necessity of troubling your Lordship in Council upon the subject of a Matter of grievance which has fallen individually hard upon myself, and whereby I suffer a very singular degradation in regard to the situation I had been primarily appointed to upon the Staff, and which the late Commander in Chief upon the Coast now Commander in Chief in India, adjudged me fully qualified to fill, and from which under the final Arrangements I still expected to be removed & especially as the present Commander in Chief upon this Establishment was fully apprized of my inclination and wish to be employed upon service in any part of India.—

Under

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Under all these Circumstances I hope it
may be allowed to represent a Removal not
unexpected, and which bears so severely upon me
in every point of View, as a singular Hardship;
and to solicit your favorable Recommendation of
the late Appointment of General Officers to the
Staff on this Establishment, which tends to
prejudice me, (who have served the Honorable Company
a longer period of Years than any Officer upon any
Establishment in India) in a manner which I
trust you may adjudge me not to have deserved,
and to Redress which I appeal to your Justice
- As the power therefore of removing the Number
of General Officers upon the Staff in turn appears
is vested in your honorable Board, I most earnestly
Request you will be pleased to extend that favor
towards me so far as to continue me upon the
Staff List until a favorable opportunity shall
occur of my being employed upon actual Service
or of Returning to Europe. —

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It is within the recollection of your #
honorable Board, that alth'o by the Orders of the #
honorable Court of Directors dated in January 1796,
the places of the General Officers upon the staff were
to be kept open until the Arrival of the last Ships
of the Season 1795 for the two General #
Officers for the Staff from the King's Service had
been actually appointed at home, and had therefore
a Claim to the Allowance of the situation, your
Honorable Board was pleased to grant them to
Major General Braithwaite and myself, thus #
preventing a Material distinction of circumstances
between the two Services, which must otherwise
have lasted for a certain interval – By this #
equitable Measure on the part of your honorable Board,
I found Myself advanced to that desireable situation,
to which from my Rank and standing I found I had
a fair Claim – I had then served five late and #
present Majesty and the Honorable Company near
forty years; I was then, as I now am, the second
Officer on the Company's Coast Establishment; and
alth'o

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altho' Assurance to Regulation unnecessarily delayed my final nomination to the Staff being published in General Orders, I found myself under the Selection of Government, substantially in possession of the Appointment by enjoying the Allowance of Sit in Command.—

In a situation so honorable, I can Do not but reflect with pleasure, that I had recently experienced a valuable proof of the approbation of my Superiors, equal to a full expression of their opinion, that I was duly qualified and capable of filling the elevated Station of which they had allowed me all the Advantages both of Emolument and Command for adverting to the distinguished Character of General Clarke, the then Commander in Chief, as well as to the respect which was due to all my Superiors in power, I could not for a Moment suspect, that they would raise my hopes by so substantial an Act to expose me to Chagrin, or so elevate me merely

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merely to subject me at this period of my Life
and Services to the accumulated pain of Suspen=
sion and consequent Degradation.—

I must here entreat the indulgence
of your Honorable Board, whilst I peruse
this Detail, if from diffidence of Mind and
the nature of any case I am Obliged to allude
to fact of a delicate tendency as they apply to
others, I shall endeavour to touch them so
as to evince that I do not mean the least
disrespect to any Quarter, but on the
Contrary am impressed with the fullest
deference and Respect for the Arrangements
adopted by my Honorable Masters— You
will here perceive the difficulties wherewith
I am embarrassed, and will I hope Anticipate
what I am so backward to express— Your
Honorable Board is sensible of the Manner
I have been affected by a late Arrangement
from England, which I acknowledge has
been

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been so qualified as to bear as lightly upon
me as the nature of it would permit, and
so as agreeably to Military usages, to
allow of my continuing to serve — Vide I
Requested permission to withdraw from India
at such a Crisis my Conduct might have
been open to a Reprobation which it was
my duty studiously to prevent — But while
with those Sentiments I sincerely Revere
all the circumstances of the Conjuncture, it never
occurred to me, that any thing resulting there-
from could have operated to deprive the
Appropriation so recently shown me by my
Superiors, or the direct steps which they had
taken to render me competent to serve my
King and Country, whom by the Nature of
my Commission I can serve on Indisonly —
My Case it will be allowed was
difficult and singular & formerly deserving
of Consideration, I was now under the Change of
Air

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in Command entitled to special regard, and it
is but a feeble expression of my feelings to,
say I was disappointed in not meeting with
it - But setting such Claims apart, I was
of opinion other Circumstances might have
favored me at home it was so managed as
not to deprive me of the honors and advantages
of serving, and advanced as I had been by the
Government, I could not be superceded at
first without being at the same time
degraded, and in such a Manner as to Subject
me to serious loss - Yet I have been degraded,
superceded and Subjected to Serious loss, &
without being conscious, that distinguished as
at the first was by having been placed upon
the Staff Allowances as decided Step towards
the final Appointment, any Conduct on my
part has afforded a shadow of Cause for
disapprobation. —

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What I have suffered and felt, and still continue to suffer and feel is now before your Honorable Board - and in conclusion as I rely upon your Candour and Justice for Redress, I earnestly solicit a Reconsideration of my Claims, in the hope that I may be restored to a Capacity of serving, by being included amongst the General Officers on the staff

I have the honor to be,
With the Highest respect,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Eccles Nixon
Major General

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Minute thereon.-

The Secretary is ordered to inform General Nixon that the Board having fully considered already all the Circumstances which could relate to the appointment of general Officers upon the Staff, see no reason for going into a reconsideration of that Subject.-

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Accountant General.—

To

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Accountant General - requesting to be furnished regularly with Copies of all Invoices of Military Stores & consigned to this Presidency—

I am honored with your Letter of the 7th Instant and in order to conform to the Regulations adopted for Keeping the books of the Military board, I Request you will give directions for my being constantly furnished with all the Invoices that may be received from Europe of the other presidencies or from any of the Subordinate Stations.—

I have the honor to be,

&c: &c:

(Signed) Robert Woolf
Acct. Genl.

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Accountant Genls
Office 21st June 1797.—

Ordered

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Minute thereon — Ordered accordingly that in future all invoices be sent to the Accountant General. —

The President delivers in the following Minute. —

Lord Hobart's Minute

in Council — the 20th June 1797

Lord Hobart's Minute of reflecting very fully on Lieutenant General Harris's late Minute relative to the Extent of the Authority which he considers should be vested in the Commander in Chief. — Considers the attempt made by the Commander in Chief to engross the whole of Patronage of the Military Department as tending to render the operation of Government and to divest it of the most efficacious principles, the powers rewarding professional Merit. —

Having seriously considered the Commander in Chief's Minute of the 26th Ultimo I could have wished to have found it possible to leave it upon the Records without observation from me; because the many and important duties which I have to attend, can ill admit of my allowing any time for Personal Controversy: but although Lieutenant General Harris might have flattered himself that his former Minute, "could not provoke animadversion" and that it was not the Nature of things it could meet opposition,

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as it accused me of invading the Rights and
Privileges of the Commander in Chief, by ⁊
assuming the functions of his Office, and ⁊
consequently, disobeying those orders of the ⁊
Court of Directors upon which the Rights and
Privileges of the Commander in Chief are
founded my silence became impossible. —

Whether the Commander in Chief is
entitled to Credit for his Forbearance, in ⁊
acceding to Propositions that did not accord
with his Judgment, as I am ignorant what
those Propositions were, I can neither admit
nor deny him, the Credit he has assumed,
but I can assure him that, having no object
in View but the Public Interest, once for
all wish him to understand, that I shall ⁊
always be more gratified by the Communication
of his objections to any measure I may propose
than by his tacit concurrence against ⁊

his

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his Judgment.—

The Commander in Chief is of opinion that a reference ought to have been made to the Supreme Government without explaining the grounds of that Reference—That the more, simple, dry & Matter of Fact, ought to have been submitted, without comment, or observation of any kind.—

I shall not presume to question the Competency of the Governor General in Council to have decided upon the reference made; but I may venture to assert that it would have been as remarkable for its Singularity, as it would have been degrading to the Government.—

Upon the following expression in my former Minute, "had the Commander in Chief given a Definition of his situation and stated the extent of his cases on the important

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"important Subject the Board might have given
"it a full consideration, and prevented much
"future discussion;" Lieutenant General Harris
"replies "but the Right Honorable the President
"does not say, that by such Means the Board
would, or could, have come to a Satisfactory Decision,
"and that, in consequence, a Reference to the Supreme
"power would have been rendered unnecessary; and,
"if not, the Commander in Chief; for the Reasons
"he Knows he has already urged, repeats that
"such Discretion and such Statement would
"have been highly improper, and that it is
"the Right Honorable President, and not the
Commander in Chief, who Courts Discussion."—

I must confess myself unable perfectly
to comprehend the Commander in Chief's
meaning on the foregoing Passage, unless it be, that
as, in all disputed Points, a decision between the
Parties cannot be expected to be satisfactory to
both

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both, he conceives that if I had it not in my
power to assure him the decision upon it
that at Jaffna between us would terminate
to his satisfaction. I would not be able to
declare the Capacity of the Board to come to
a satisfactory decision, and consequently, I am
the person who has created the present
discussion - Such a Mode of fixing the
continuance of the discussion upon me, cannot
be entitled to a serious refutation. -

In Matters that involve essentially
the Powers of the Commander in Chief he
says "he cannot submit to the opinions of
"the Right Honorable the President, who has
"entirely mistaken the extent of those powers, when
"he would be understood to confine them to
"Regimental Detail and Military Discipline,
"but in Regard to the former the Commander
"in Chief is at a loss to devine the Source of
"whence the Right Honorable the President could

have

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"have derived an Idea so contrary to Military System"

In the 42nd Article of the Instructions

sent out by the Court of Directors in the Year 1774

in consequence of the Disputes between the Governor

General, and the Commander in Chief, Lieutenant

General Harris will find, that all Orders respecting

Regimental Detail are to be given in the Name

of the Commander in Chief

It may also be proper to explain to

Lieutenant General Harris that by Regimental

Detail, it was my Intention to convey that

the General Principles of the interior Economy of

the Regiments on the Establishment, their field

exercise, recommendation for Vacancies in the

Command of Sepoy Corps, the removals from one

Regiment to another, as well as the Regimental &

Staff and the Transfer of Officers, according to

Circumstances, to the Invalid and Pension Lists,

are all powers which ought to be, and are exercised

by

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by the Commander in Chief: Whilst by Military
Discipline as connected with patronage, is to
be understood, that the Recommendation of the
Commander in Chief virtually goes to the
Appointment of every staff Officer under the
Government, from the General Officer
downwards, with the exception of the Fort
Major and Adjutant of Fort St. George, and
Adjutant of the Black Town: but I must here
again repeat that the Appointment of all
Officers of Trust, whether connected with the
Civil or Military Branch of the Service, when
filled by Military Men, should, in my
Opinion continue to originate with Govern-
ment. Their duties have no relation to the
Discipline of the Army; and they are directly
responsible to the Government for their Conduct.

With a view to further Illustration
of this part of the Subject I shall recite the
47th. Article of the Instructions above alluded to

wherein

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wherein the extent of the Patronage intended to
be given to the Commander in Chief is specifically
defined.—

"47th Article "That the Town of Fort Major
"be nominated by the Governor General only, and
"that the Commander in Chief shall Recommend to
"the Governor General in Council, all Officers for
the Staff, and those who shall be appointed to
fill all Vacancies in the Sepoy Corps; and that
"Gover.or General and Council are hereby directed
"to pay a proper Regard to the Recommendation
"of the Commander in Chief."—

Convinced of the impossibility of my
forgetting that personal Respect which is due to
the Commander in Chief I have felt no inconsiderable
Degree of pain at his Accusation of my having
treated him with Neglect and Indelicacy. I trust
however that a simple relation of the Fact will
remove an Imputation certainly not merited: the
Transaction alluded to was as follows.—

After

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After a long discussion at the Military Board, whether the Military Stores should be placed under the Custody of Gentlemen from amongst the Civil, or Military Servants of the Company it was determined, Chiefly upon a principle of Economy, in favor of the Military, but, as the existing System was to be changed, and new appointments to be made out under the proposed Plan, it was desirable that an Arrangement for the Accommodation of Government should be attended with as little Injury to Individuals as possible

Under that impression I had prepared an Arrangement for the Consideration of the Board: but previous to my submitting it, the Commander in Chief put into my hands a draft Arrangement which he had also prepared, upon the Same Subject to whom, on perusing it, I observed that there was no difference whatsoever in the Two Plans except in the Solitary Instance of Lieutenant Beauman. —

Whether

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Whether persevering in my own, & under such Circumstances, can justly warrant the Charge of having treated the Commander in Chief with Neglect and Indelicacy I must leave to the Board to decide —

With Respect to my not having previously consulted with the Commander in Chief, I should observe, / putting out of the Question certain dangerous principles & avowed, and still maintained, by Lieutenant Genl Harris, upon which I shall state my Sentiments hereafter / that I know of no better place for the discussion of public Business, with the Members of Council, than at this Board; and even if I had erred in point of delicacy, in producing the Arrangement for the Custody of Military Stores at the Council, in the first instance, the Commander in Chief having acted by me precisely in the same &

manner

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Manners was the last person who should have called the measure in question.—

No man can entertain a higher & respect and deference for the Sentiments of the Marquis Cornwallis than I do, but I know of no Recorded opinions of his, with respect to the Management of Military Business at this Presidency, which can in any degree, I impeach the line of conduct I have thought it my duty to pursue.—

When I arrived at Madras, aware of the Inconveniences which perpetually arise from Struggles for Patronage I took particular pains to inform myself of the mode of conducting the Military Business to which I have invariably adhered.—

I cannot, however, forego the advantage of availing myself of Mr. Fallofield's Sentiments upon this Subject— He says "The Right "Honorable the President, having, in the first

just

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"just read at the Board entered so fully into the Subject
"proposed by the Commander in Chief, of an Alteration
"on the System for conducting the Military Business
"under this Presidency, any further Observations #
"appear to me unnecessary - Having had the honor
"of a Seat at the Board for the last five years I cannot
"recollect a single Instance wherein the System #
"which has been invariably in practice during #
"that period, has been followed by any Public #
"Inconvenience. On the contrary in the various #
"difficult and important Enterprizes wherein the
"Troops of this Establishment have been almost
"constantly employed, their operation have #
"uniformly been attended with the most #
"complete Success" -

Without adverting to the use which
I have made of the nomination to Command, #
and which I may venture to assert would stand
the test of the Narrowest Investigation, I shall
briefly

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briefly state my conviction that the Public Service would materially suffer by their being taken out of the hands of Government and I must take the liberty of adding that, by not altering the existing System, so far from my assuming the powers that of right belong to the Commander in Chief; the is the Person who is grasping at powers which have uniformly been exercised by the President in Council.—

The Commander in Chief, for the purpose of elucidating the necessity of every description of Military Patronage being transferred to him & having (without the smallest Consideration for my feelings) asserted that, when left to the President in Council it is governed by "partial favor" and having adduced the Solitary Instance of Lieutenant Beauman, being "taken from his Duty in the Artillery Corps" "from which Corps he says" there were already 6

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too many Officers Absent", I shall now endeavour to shew, from the exercise of that Patronage, which is virtually placed in the hands of the Commander in Chief, that the Recommendations of Lieutenant General Harris are not exempt from "partial Favor", and then state the reasons which induced me to propose Lieutenant Beaumans appointment

When the General Officers were recently appointed to the Staff, they were directed to select Officers from the Establishment to be immediately attached to their persons in the Capacity of Aides de Camp and Major of Brigade

Major General Bridges, appointed to the Command of the Northern Division of the Army - Recommended Lieutenant Fraser, who had been for some time Secretary to the Northern Division of the Army under his Father, and, since his Death, under Major & General

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General Belleliffe, to be Major of Brigade &
possibly from the very Circumstance of the
Secretaryship having been abolished by the
new Regulations and certainly from far conviction
that he must have a thorough Knowledge of the
Business of the Northern Division —

The Selection of Officers who were to
be immediately attached to the person of
General Officers in Command, being made by
such General Officers was a principle
Admitted, in calling upon them for their
Recommendations: that the Majors of Brigade,
the Army not being brigaded, do actually fill
in the Situations formerly filled by the Secretaries
is also perfectly clear, and yet these Considerations
apparently deserving of so much attention
were not sufficiently urgent to induce the
Commander in Chief to forward the Recommendation
of Major General Bridges with his Sanction:

but

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but he substituted Captain Ogg, under
the plea of his having lost his Situation, by
the New Arrangement, altho' Lieutenant
Fraser stood precisely in the same Predicament
The Commander in Chief is nevertheless
supposed to be incapable of being influenced
by "partial Favor."—

Lieutenant General Harris having
animadverted upon Lieutenant Beaumont's
appointment upon two Grounds its having
unnecessarily occasioned the Removal of Lieut
Hall to Ganjam, which by the way has been
invidiously called a Supercession, and the
taking an Officer from the Artillery Corps, I
shall examine the Validity of his objections
and how far in point of Consistency, he is
justified in bringing them forward.—

Lieutenant Hall was Inspector
of Stores under the Old Arrangement of
Ordnance

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Ordenance Officers with a Salary of Eighteen Pagodas and Three Quarters of Month - Lieut. Beauman was Quarter Master of Brigade, to the Artillery, with allowance to the Amount of eighty seven Pagodas & Month. -

By recent Arraingements in the Military Department, to the Offices were abolished; but a Commissary of Stores was to be appointed at Masulipatam, and a Deputy Commissary at Ganjam The Salary of the Commissary of Stores was fixed at Thirty Seven & Pagodas and a half & Month, about one half less than that enjoyed by Lieutenant Beauman as Quarter Master of Brigade to the Artillery - The Salary given to the Deputy Commissary at Ganjam was precisly the same as that which had been employed by Lieutenant Hall in the Situation of Inspector at Masulipatam.

In providing for the two Men, it did not appear to me unjust to nominate

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Bauman to the appointment of which gave him the higher allowances, tho' greatly inferior to those of which he had been deprived; whilst I could secure to Lieutenant Hall an Office of the same Income and the same Respectability as that which he had relenquished.—

With Respect to the other objection viz.t that "Lieutenant Beauman was taken from the Artillery Corps, from which Corps" (the Commander in Chief observes) "there were already too many Officers Absent," I have already replied, that Masulipatam can never be left without an Artillery Officer, and consequently, if Lieutenant Beauman was not stationed there, some other Officer from that Corps must but is it not rather extraordinary that under the conviction of the Injury the Artillery Corps might sustain, from the absence of so many

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many of its Officers, that subsequent to Lieut
Beaumans appointment, the Commander in
Chief should have proposed to take another
Officer from the general Duties of the Corps, by
an unqualified Recommendation of Lieutenant
Sinclair, to the Major of Brigade, to Major
General Goils.—

Lieutenant General Harris having
assigned as a reason against Lieutenant
Baumans Appointment that it was
injurious to the Service to take an Officer
from the General Duties of the Artillery
upon what public Motive could he recommend
Lieutenant Sinclair, who stood exactly in
the same predicament, with respect to the
Corps. and who had not, as was the case
with Lieutenant Beauman, an acknowledged
Claim upon the Service.—

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The Commander in Chief, with a view
to embrace within his Grasp, the whole of the
Patronage of the Military Department, has
urged an Argument with respect to the Officers in
Charge of the Military Stores well calculated indeed
to Answer his purpose - but the Drift of which
cannot be misunderstood; and if he could succeed
in having his Principal so far admitted, I have
little doubt but the rest would soon follow -

Lieutenant General Harris should
recollect, that, as a Member of Government, all
Subjects Military as well as Civil, must come
under his Consideration - That Propositions for
the appointment of Officers to be entrusted with
the Charge of Military Stores are open to
Discussion - and if an improper or incompetent
Person be proposed by the Governor the
Commander in Chief is always at Liberty to
to object -

That

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That with respect to the good
regulation of the Ordnance Department it is
plain particularly under the Superintendance
of the Military Board, at which the
Commander in Chief presides; and, consequently,
if the Officers of that Department are neglectful
of their duty or unfit for their situations, a
representation from the Commander in Chief
ought and indeed must produce their Removal.

Lieutenant General Harris is at
a loss to devine why the Ordnance officers
should be less responsible to Government,
when appointed by him, than by the Government
itself - I do not know that they would; but, in
my opinion, the principle, of all appointments
to offices of trust originating with the
Government ought on no Account to be departed
from; and if the Commander in Chief, under
whose controul they are immediately placed,
has no interest in their appointment, his
conduct

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Conduct towards them will be less likely to
receive a bias from personal considerations. —

Lieutenant General Harris having
renewed the subject of my having cautioned
him against recording objections upon points
of little moment, least it should lead to a
similar proceeding on my part, by which that
harmony, which ought to subsist amongst
the Members of Government, would inevitably be
interrupted, to the injury of the Public Service
and having treated my intimation to him
"that, under the apprehension of the Mischief
"such a line of conduct was likely to produce
"I had forborne from stating objections which
"I really felt to certain Arrangements of his," as
a Menace to deter him from the execution of
his duty. I shall merely notice his want of
Candour, in attempting to attack an importance
to that intimation which the case certainly

could

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could not warrant; but should perhaps be
inclined to treat the Solemnity of this &
comment, with the levity it so obviously &
inspires, were I not deterred by the Serious
impression which the present discussion
has made upon my mind: and, when I draw
the Attention of the Board to the following
passage in the Commander in Chief's Minute
of the 26th Ultimo, I am satisfied they will
be of opinion, with me, that any thing like
levity would be extremely misplaced. The
Commander in Chief declares that "he sees
"no impropriety in bringing for the Notice of
"our Superiors every word that might be
"spoken by any Member of the Board. The
"Board meet to deliberate on means, before they
"adopt them; and such deliberations cannot be
"made too publick, that is if they are of
"consequence sufficient to deserve publicity —

and

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"and if they should comprehend the Character
"talents, and disposition, of individual Members,
"it is perhaps, the more reasonable and proper
"that the Court of Directors, who are under the
"the necessity of forming their judgement on
"paper Statement should be made acquainted
"with them."—

I really was in hopes, when the Commander in Chief first hazarded such a principle, that it was an act of indiscretion, which a little reflection would have taught him to retract but, after three weeks deliberation, that he should come forward with a justification of it, is to me the most astonishing circumstance that ever I have met with in the course of my political life.—

Does the Commander in Chief imagine that, having abolished all idea of confidence in each other, our communications will become

more

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more free and unreserved.—

I the Commander in Chief am aware, that, except in the Secret Consultations, the Books at the India House are, indeed, open to the whole World and that would the Commander in Chief think of a proposition to discuss the executive business of Government in open Court.—

It would be attempting to prove a self evident proposition, were I to argue against the Commander in Chief's principle, I shall therefore quit the subject—trusting however, for the sake of the public interest confided to their charge, for the sake of those who have now the honor of sitting at this Board with the Commander in Chief, and for the sake of those who may hereafter Members of their Government in India, that the Court of Directors will sufficiently signify their

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their sentiments, as to the propriety of recording every word that may be spoken by any member of the Board in the course of their consultations.—

For my part, I must freely declare, that, so long as the principle is maintained, & I shall refrain, in any case where individuals are concerned, from uttering a Syllable that & I would not publish but in so doing, I shall avail myself of the authority vested in me to prevent any injury arising to the Public Service.

Having quoted the orders of the & Court of Directors upon the Subject, I have already stated what I conceive to be the & rights of the Commander in Chief, with Regard to patronage.—

Lieutenant General Harris asserts that I have Assumed powers which & belongs to him, and, thereby, virtually & suspended his Authority.—

I call

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I call upon him for the proof. If I have assumed powers which the Company have vested in him, he unquestionably must be able to recite the orders of the Court of Directors from whence those powers are derived - let him produce them - and I can assure him he will not only have the pleasure of bringing this irksome discussion to an immediate & conclusion, but to such a one as he will find greatly to his satisfaction. -

In communicating upon my visit of a paragraph of a letter from the Court of Directors of the 26th of April 1786 I have Reference to the Act of the 26 of the King, the Commander in Chief has been pleased to ascribe a meaning to me which I shall disclaim without further remark confident that the Court of Directors will not believe that the Idea which Lieutenant General Harris first attributes to me, and then declares it to be "repugnant to Reason" has ever been entertained -

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The Commander in Chief has displayed a considerable extent of legal Reading, in tracing the progress of the late Acts of Parliament; and has discovered no Small degree of & legal casuistry in the interpretations which he has given. but I shall content myself with looking for the intention of the Legislature, in their overt Acts.—

It is sufficient to state that the & very same powers which were granted to the Governor in Council by the 26th of the King, while the Chair of this Presidency was filled by & Sir Archibald Campbell, as Governor and & Commander in Chief, were continued by that of the 33d— I am therefore to believe, notwith= =standing the interpretation of Lieutenant & General Harris, that the acts of the 26th and 33d of the King did originally intend, and do now positively constitute, a system of & Government

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Government which has no reference to the Proceedings of the Governor in Council and as the orders of the Court of Directors which I have quoted, against a computation for Power and Patronage, proceeded to be a commentary upon the System of Government which was then established and has since been continued; notwithstanding two Changes of the persons of the Governor in Council, I am compelled by my duty to consider them in full force, and as binding upon the Government for the time being, as the day they were issued.—

In the course of the Commander in Chief's legal research he has discovered a Report of the Select Committee of the House of Commons upon a protest of the late Sir Eyre Coote, and from thence has inferred an Argument, the scope of which I am unable to comprehend, since I am totally ignorant of the protest or the report in question.—

But as the Committee of the House

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House of Commons was appointed for the purpose
of collecting information, with a view to establish an
act of Parliament, for the better administration
of Affairs in the East Indies, I am bound &
to believe that the acts which were in consequence
passed, and are now in force, were the results &
of those researches; and that the wisdom of
Parliament has collected and promulgated, as
Law, every thing in those enquiries which they
judged beneficial to the State. —

Finding, therefore, in those, acts
no provisions which appear to have arisen
out of the proceeding in question, I have no
difficulty in treating the Protest itself, the
subsequent report of the Secret Committee, and
the late commentary of the Commander in
Chief, as equally irrelevant to the Subject
before the Board. —

Having gone through the laborious
and unpleasant task of following the &
Commander

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that

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It was not until after the 2d experience of centuries that England formed a system competent to those objects— these difficulties, it has been truly observed, were increased, when a Military Arrangement was to be adopted to the British Possessions in India— nor is it a small commendation to the Statesman who formed the Arrangement to say that, at least upon the Coast, he appears

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It was not until after the 18th experience of centuries that England formed a system competent to these objects— these difficulties, it has been truly observed, were encreased, when a Military Arrangement was to be adopted to the British Possessions in India— nor is it a small commendation to the Statesman who formed the Arrangement to say that, at least upon the Coast, he appears

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The Military state is perhaps that branch of a constitution which, in its formation, requires the most experienced political & Wisdom- Great historical research, an insight into the causes of human action joined to a Knowledge of the laws and Manners of the Country to be governed; its means of defence, and its relation with foreign Powers, are all requisite to the due execution of this Arduous and complicated Work.—

The legitimate end of civil institution is to protect the weakness of individuals, and to defend the realm against foreign and domestic enemies when these purposes are fulfilled, the System should be deemed practically & perfect, and be declared permanent In a free Country where the profession of a Soldier is an object of jealousy, it has ever been found difficult to realize those distinct; and sometimes apparently inconsistent objects-

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to have perfected all that he proposed.—

"He has adapted it to the spirit of
"the British Constitution and, at the same
"time made it accord with the Government
"required for the Natives—and with the
"judicial and financial powers of Government
—He has made it equal to the exegencies of
War, whether against Native States and Princes,
or against European Nations, having interests
or trade in the East, and to the vigorous Support
of the Civil and Commercial establishment"
and, were it not for the present struggle for
power,—it might be added "he has arranged it
"upon principles so simple and defined as to
"prevent jealousies respecting Rank or
"emolument among the different orders of men
"who are to compose or direct it".—

The Commander in Chief, however, has
discovered a defect in the System which calls for
its downfall—Viz.t It confers not upon him
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the entire patronage of the Military department,
throughout its various branches. —

This he proposes to correct, by transferring
to himself the Military patronage of Government,
and for the following reasons. —

Because he conceives it to be his right —

Because his official dignity, his
conscience his duty, to his King and employers
impel him to demand it. —

Because, by not demanding it, he
must tacitly acknowledge his incapacity to
use it with propriety. —

And because, "he does not comprehend
"what objects the Court of Directors could have
"had in View, when they appointed him, unless
"they conferred upon him the regulation and
"management of the entire Military department"

I shall now state my Reasons &
for rejecting his proposal. —

It

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It innovates an existing System of tried practical excellence, without a promising any benefit to counterbalance the possible evils of Innovation.—

It confers upon the Commander in Chief an unnecessary extension of Power, & eventually inconsistent with his situation.—

It is a Maxim of state Policy that all power delegated to an Individual, beyond what his duties require, is superfluous may be hurtfull, and should, therefore, be resumed.—

That the powers now claimed are unnecessary, my experience of this Government enables me to assert; and the recent examples of General Braithwaite and General Clarke, & who with precisely similar powers to those enjoyed by Lieutenant General Harris & conducted the Military business of this & Presidency, in times of considerable agitation,

and

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and difficulty with honor to themselves, and advantage to their Country, corroborate my assertion.—

Should, then, Lieutenant General Harris fail, his failure will be imputable to other causes than defect of System.—

By curtailing the Patronage of Government, its energies would be weakened and its influence narrowed over the Army.—

In monarchical Governments the Military System is most simple in its formation and least difficult in its management—Yet, even in such, an Army is an instrument of complex contrivance composed of beings & actuated by the same passions with the Rest of mankind, the same avarice, the same Spirit of Aggrandisement, the same restlessness, the same proneness to disaffection, the same disposition to counteract Authority, and not unfrequently,

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unfrequently the same party Spirit.—

To prevent these causes from operating against the state, consitutes, as a great & Political Writer observes, "the most essential "part of the precaution and State Craft of "the rulers of those Governments, which are "secured by standing armies.—

The proposed new system would destroy the means of Precaution and counteraction by divesting Government of its most efficacious prerogative the Power of Rewarding and gratifying professional merit.—

Two of the strongest incentives to humane action would be removed & from the reach of Government, and it & would be Known to the Army, by nothing & but the labour it imposes, the disgrace & and punishment it inflicts, or the & Emoluments it prevents or retrenches.—

Thus

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Thus constituted it would not be competent to generate attachment nor would it afford any rational consolation that what Government lost, the Commander in Chief had gained - His strength could not compensate for their weakness; his Patronage, for their inability to reward merit -

He might, or he might not, abuse his power, but he would possess the ability of so doing; and of erecting himself in times of heat and contest, into an Authority & paramount to the legitimate Authority of the State -

Laws are intended not to direct to what manner will do, but to guard & against what they may do; and the History of this Presidency is not barren of Events to warn us against deligating too extensive & powers to an Individual at the head & of the Army -

Yrs

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Of the necessity of great and extensive powers in these distant, and almost self supported Governments, to counteract the dissolution of an Army, this Country has afforded a alarming and melancholy proof: General Harris, during his Residence in India, must have felt, and, as a lover of this Country, deeply lamented it.—

Upon these grounds, I am Subjected to the proposed plan, as erroneous in its Principle and Dangerous in its tendencies, as a Measure which sacrifices public utility to personal & Aggrandisement, which is pregnant with & public Evil, and barren of any good that might Authorize the hazard of innovating an & established System speculatively; and & practically perfect.—

Such are the reflections which under any Circumstances that I can anticipate I should wish to record as containing & my

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my fixed and unalterable opinion &
upon the points at issue between &
the Commander in Chief and myself
I can therefore have little &
hesitation in declaring that, in times
like the present, I feel it my &
especial duty to be peculiarly &
jealous of the powers I have &
found vested in this Government, &
not merely because, upon a general
principle, it is incumbent on me &
to support them, but because &
I have witnessed their salutary &
operation.—

&c I cannot penetrate &

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into Men's hearts, I must judge
of them by their actions - and must
therefore confess, that, observing &
Lieutenant General Harris had &
Arrived from Bengal, with al
determination, as far as depended
upon him, to alter the Military &
System upon the Coast, - I could not
but experience an anxiety proportionate
to the probable danger that might &
result from such an attempt, - I could
trace no public Reason for Lieutenant
General Harris's Conduct - Had the
Army upon the Coast been as &
remarkable for its disorder, insubordination,
and

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and want of discipline, as it has been the re-
verse, I should have applauded that
Public Spirit which made him look
for reformation. —

Lieutenant General Harris &
declares that he has no private object — I shall
not contradict him — The Court of Directors
will judge upon that point, but in the &
mean time they may rest assured that
I am not insensible to the danger to which
their Government may be exposed, if I sacrifice
an atom of it's Authority; and the more tenacity
Lieutenant General Harris may shew for the
acquisition of his object, the more strongly &
I shall feel the necessity of resisting it. —
(signed) Hobart —

The Commander in Chief requests
to have a Copy of the Presidents Minute. —
Ordered Accordingly. —

The Commander in Chief to be
furnished at his request with
a Copy of the President's Minute.

Ordered

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Ordered that the Presidents Minute
be sent in circulation

Hobart
Geo: Harris
Edw: Saunders
C Wallace

John Turing Esq

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Diary

21st Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos 94. 95.-

To Mr. Hawkins, desiring him to pay unto the Arrears that may be due to the two Companies of Lyon Lascars lately arrived at Trichinopoly from Columbo.-

To Majr. Barlow and Lieutenant Kirkpatrick forward Copies of Intelligence received from the Mysore Country.-

To the Secretary at Bengal and Assistant Resident at Poona and Hyderabad.-

22d. Sent two Letters to the Nabob. Substance of the Letters to the Nabob.- entered in C. C. Nos 63. 64. the former enclosing a Duplicate and Copy of the Instructions to Lieutenant Colonel Vigors for enquiring into affairs at Vellore the latter acknowledging the receipt of His Highness's Visits up to the 1.st Inst.-

Despatched

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Despatched as per the under-
mentioned Letters entered on Bd. B.Bs.

96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 106. 107. -

To the Committee for revising Mr. Samuel Johnstons Accounts. -

To Messrs. Parker Town and Jackson respecting their having declined to examine the Papers brought forward by Mr. Johnston which appear connected with the object of their appointment. -

To the Military Auditor General -

To Major General Systerhaven. communicating the Boards Determination to dispense with the refunds demanded from Mr. Paymaster McDowall on account of Gratuity paid to Captain Drummond as an acting Engineer, and order Pay to the Puckallies sent to Ceylon from the Coast. -

To Ditto - Ditto

To Dr. desiring him to furnish certain Arrears of Accounts of Subsistence to the Kings Troops required from Bengal authorizing payment of Arrears due to the late Captain Bowles of Invalids and of

Arrears

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Arrears of allowances omitted to be drawn by the Commissary of Musters to the Kings Troops, desiring him to authorize the Military Paymaster General to comply with the Tenders of the Agent of Supply for Pay.s 2867. 15. 75. and for the same sum on the 1.st July.-

To the Commissary of Musters to the Kings Troops.

To Mr. Yeldhams informing him that orders have been given for discharging the Arrears of House Rent and Peons Wages due to him from the 1.st November 1795. to the 30.th May 1796.-

To the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army at Trichinopoly.-

To Major General Floyd, desiring him to call upon Major Cuppage to state the particular Circumstances upon which he found his late recommendation of Subadar Abdul Cawder and the first Tendal of Lascars employed on Service in the Warriore Pollam District.-

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To Major General Nixon — To Major General Nixon informing him that the Board having fully considered the whole of the Circumstances which could relate to the appointment of General Officers upon the Staff see no reason for going into a reconsideration of that Subject —

To the Garrison Storekeeper — To Mr. Brodie desiring him to receive the Penalty of 1000 Pagodas from the Contractor for water Casks, cancel his Contract, and advertize for proposals for a New Contract —

To the Commandant at Dindigul — To Lieutenant Colonel Brown enclosing Copies of Papers on the Subject of establishing a route between Paniyani Cherry and Dindigul and desiring him to endeavour to ascertain by further enquiry how far it may be practicable to accomplish so desirable an Object

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To Lieutenant Colonel Pater

To the Officer Commanding the 3.d Regiment Native Cavalry.-

informing him that the Board cannot comply with the late application of Captain Sherriff on the Subject of his Quarters.-

To the Military Board.-

To the Military Board desiring that the said Furnace recommended may be erected. approving their suggestions in relation to the proportions of advances to be made to the agent for the supply of Military Stores. and informing them that orders have been issued for making the advance of Cash immediately required by Mr. Webb. orders on the Subject of repairing the unserviceable Arms. Mr. Smiths proposal for purchasing the unserviceable Guns Carriages &c. to be accepted. Letter from Major General Bridges, recommending the repair of the Gate ways at Mauliepa. to be referred to the Commissioner. Letter from Messrs. Colt Baker & Co. tendering a quantity of Brimstone for sale referred to their Consideration.-

To

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To the Commandant
at Ramnad.

To Captain Ridge desiring him
to proceed to Vellore, to give evidence on
some Matters of Complaint preferred against
Captain Forbes by the Nabob.

To Dto at Vellore

To Captain Forbes requesting him
that Captain Ridge's Evidence may be
Vellore, agreeably to his desire.

Sent also the following Letter to
the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad.

To Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant Resident at
Hydrabad

Sir,

To Captain Kirkpatrick with order for closing the Money transactions referred to in his last letter, Information required on the State of Company's account with the Nizam, and in regard to the Sums likely to be realized by himself and the Assistant Resident at Poonah for Bills on Bengal.

The President in Council having been disappointed in his Expectation of Receiving a Communication from Mr. Wrangham which might throw some additional Light on the different Money Transactions referred to in your Letter of the 27th Ultimo, desires me to inform you, that he leaves it

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To your discretion to make such arrange
=ments for closing the Transactions referred
to in the last Paragraph of your Letter, as
you may consider most conducive to the
Publick Interests.-

As soon as you shall have made
the Adjustment above directed, the President
in Council desires you will lose no time
in Transmitting a Statement of the Com=
=pany's Account with His Highness
the Nizam to the period to which the
Rists are payable by this Government,
comprising the Receipts and Payments
on account of the Detachment.-

The President in Council farther
desires you would state, as nearly
as possible, the Extent to which you
expect that Cash will be realized,
towards the Payment of the first Rist
of the Peishcush for Fusly 1206, by
the Bills which you Presidency, as well
as

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As Head of Pioneers, has been authorized to draw in this account, upon the Govern. General in Council.

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21st June 1797.

Sam
W. W.
Signed J. Webbe
Secy to Govt.

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117.

From the Commandant at Bangalore.

From Lieutenant Colonel Vigors advising of his Intention to Detach for Vellore on the 21st Instant.

From the Collector in the 1st Division of the Vizagapatam District.

From Mr. Brown advising of the arrival of Six Companies of Bengal Sepoys at Cuddapah & where they are to be Stationed.

From the Military Paymaster General.

From Mr. Roebuck enclosing his General Cash Estimate for July.

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions and Principal Agent for Draught & Carriage Bullocks.

From Mr. Skardon enclosing his Cash Estimates for July.

From

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From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Rochuck - desiring the Boards orders on the subject of an application made by Captain Jeannerd now at Cuddalore / for an advance of 300 Pagodas to enable him to join his Corps at Point de Galle -

From Captain Lieutenant Mr. Oliphant

From Captain Lieutenant Mr. Oliphant - requesting permission to proceed to England for the Recovery of his Health -

From the Commandant at Palamcotah -

From Major Smart - enclosing a Petition addressed to him by some Sepoys representing the Hardship of their being discharged the Service after a period of twenty or thirty Years Service -

From the President at Trichinopoly -

From Mr. Sorriano - communicating the Information required by Government respecting the Harriet and Elizabeth -

From

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From the Officer Commanding the Nizam's Detachment.

From Major Sydenham advising of his having ordered the Treasure of His Highness the Nizam with the Detachment under his Command.-

From the Officer Commanding the Troops in the Vizagapatam District.-

From Major General Corkran advising of his having ordered three Companies of Sepoys from Jeypoor Polly to Vizianagrum on the requisition of Mr. Webb the Collector.-

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Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 118, 119.-

To Captain Lieutenant Shephard.-

To Captain Lieutenant Shephard permitting him to proceed to England on Furlough for the benefit of his Health.-

To the Military Auditor General.-

To Major General Sydenham referring for Examination Majr. Roebuck and Shardon's Cash Accounts for July.-

Received the following Letters.-

Mr

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

Sir.

I have the honor through you,
of signifying to the Right Honorable
the President in Council, that on the
15th Instant, I arrived here, with the
Company of the 1st Battalion 6th Regiment
ordered direct from Vellore for this Place
and have every reason to think that
this proved a seasonable relief to this
place and Palmanair, both of which
were threatened with being Plundered
and burnt by about 4,000 armed People,
belonging to the Chittoor Poligars
and those of the Rebels from the
Sultans Country, headed by the
late Poligar of this Place, Dundy Roiy
on the night of the 15th & Jeard,

From

From Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson requests that an Assistant Surgeon may be appointed to the Detachment under his Command and that the Troops may be returned, paid, and mustered as a Detachment from the Garrison of Amboor. The Nabob orders the Effects of the Col maipelly Poligar to be appropriated Towards the Payment of the Sum agreed to be given to the Mudanapelly people.—

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From hence, got there before dark and they thought best proper to disperse, that is from near Palamanair where they had assembled. Shi Polygar Davis Naig, had sent and caused to be affixed, several writings, at the Gates of Pagodas and other Public places, purporting, to the Inhabitants of Palamanair, that unless they abscorded, they would be visited with fire and Sword by him. Our arrival however and that of Lieutenant Davis; which I hourly expect with the two Companies from Dindegul will by enabling me to place the needful Parties every where, inspire over awe with confidence and the Polygars People with dread.-

To obviate some difficulties in respect to the Monthly Returns, Pay abstracts and muster Rolls, I beg leave

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Leave to Request that the Right
Honorable the President, would
be pleased to publish a Government
General Order purporting that the
Companies of the 1st Battalion 6th
Regiment employed under me along
the Western Frontier, should be Re-
turned, Payed and Mustered, as a
Detachment from the Garrison of
Arcot until further Orders. I
should be sorry if the expediency
of this Matter, for the Service, should
not appear to his Lordship, as my
only Motive for presuming that it
as well as the following circums-
tance, should be suggested Viz.
that there being only one Assistant
Surgeon, appointed at present, to
the 6th Regiment and he being
with the 2d Battalion at Arnee,

Therefore

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Therefore were another appointed, to
Complete the Established allowance
he could, should Sire Lordship deem
it expedient, be ordered to join the
5th Battalion under my Orders, to be
Stationed with this Detachment
for the present. The prospect of
Medical assistance, being very much
wanted here, is so evident, as that
the Surgeon at Anjengo, can not render
it, so as to be efficient, from such a
distance and doing the Garrison
duty there also--

There are daily people wounded
on the different Villages, who tho'
not strictly entitled to our Medical
assistance, yet from Motives of
Policy and humanity, we should
do all in our power, to assist poor
wretches, who are suffering innocently
for us. Six have been sent to me

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me, since my Coming up the Ghauts,
some with very bad Wounds.

His Highness the Nabob has only
been pleased to order Payment to the
Sultaun's people, from Madanapalli out
of the effects of the deserted Poligar,
of this place, which is productive to
the Amount agreed on being now
paid, must prove very far short of the
expectations of these people, as to time.
They are very urgent with me to be
allowed to go back, even without the
Money rather than be delayed a
longer.

I have the honor to be
H. H.

Camp at Colmapilly
the 19th June 1797.

Signed A. Macpherson
Lieut. Coll. Com. Canbon.

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To Lieutenant Colonel Close.

Adjutant General of the Army.

Sir,

From the Adjutant General on Ceylon to the Adjutant General of the Army. representing that the late G.O. respecting the Exchange of Sterlings in payment to the Troops on the Coast will be productive of much Loss to the Sepoys, if extended to Ceylon—

I am directed by Major General Doyle, who is prevented by Indisposition from personally addressing the Commander in Chief, to request you will submit to his Perusal the enclosed Letters which this day received, that the determination of Government on the Subject of Complaint may be obtained.. The Great Scarcity of Gold in this Island and the consequent enhancement of Exchange between Ceylon and the Coast of Coromandel for its Supply, gave rise to a Resolution of Government, notified to the Troops on this Service in May 1796, that the Coast per Coin

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Coin of the Island at a fixed Exchange should be used in Payments to the Troops, and that all Accounts to prevent as much as possible discussions on the subject of Exchange, should be kept in Ceylon, in Rix Dollars and Stuivers.

The late Orders respecting Payments seem to have been drawn without adverting to the peculiar circumstances which exist on this Island, and the Paragraph quoted in the enclosed address, with its subsequent explanation in the G.O. of the 16th Instant will be productive of very serious inconvenience, making it difficult if not impossible to use the Copper Coin which forms almost the only Currency of Ceylon in Payments, without a Considerable loss to Government or an apparent injustice

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injustice to the Troops to whom it is issued.

Although Ceylon is virtually under "the Presidency of Fort St. George" the terms generally used to mark the limits to which the Orders of the Madras Government have reference, many of the Provisions of recent Orders which are ably calculated for the Service of the Carnatic, are totally inapplicable, or injurious to the circumstances of Affairs in Ceylon. Hence, a Specification in all Regulatory Orders of the Stations to which they apply, or of the exceptions to their operation, becomes almost a necessary Measure, to prevent the ill consequences which must arise from their present uniform tenor and general effect, which contrasted with the variety of local circumstances which

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which influence their applications will produce continual occasions of reference to Head Quarters, embarrassment to Public Officers, and injury to the Service at large.-

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

[Signed] P. A. Agnew
Adj. Genl. on Ceylon

Columbo
June 10th 1797.

Major Agnew
Adjutant General.-

Sir.

By the approbation of Colonel Bonnevaux, I have the honor to send you enclosed a letter from the Officers Commanding Companies in the 1st Battalion 9th Regiment &c. and have to request you will

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I will have the goodness to beg it
before the General.

Galle
June 8th 4/97.-

I am with Respect
&c. &c.

Signed James Graham
Capt. Com. 1st B. 9th Regt

To Captain James Graham
Commanding 1st Battalion 9th Regiment
Native Infantry.

Sir,

The Responsibility of
proceeding over Companies during
now immediately united in us
from a view of doing them justice
as well as from an inclination
of obeying the orders of our Superiors
- We are impelled to represent to
you the very great loss our Com-
=panies will sustain by the
mode of payment proposed by
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Lieutenant Welsh the Deputy Pay-
master Vessl of half Cost per at the rate
of forty five fanams to a Pagoda when
the exchange on the Bazaar is fifty
or fifty one fanams. We beg permission
to refer you to the 32d. Paragraph of
the G. O. of the 24th: of March 1797. Re-
-specting the two Methods of payment
when it fully appears to us if our
Companies are not paid in the
Pagodas they are to have the full
exchange Current in the Bazar.

We have the Honor to be
Sir &c &c

Signed Sha. Godfrey Lt. & Com.
Robt. McCulloch Lt. C.
J. W. Hazard Lieut & Com.
R. Shepheard Lt. Com. 3d Batt.
J. Storey Lieut. Com.
5th B. C.

Point De Galle
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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort S. George

My Lord,

From Bombay procure Casks sufficient to Contain 60,000 Gallons but find a difficulty in getting them Conveyed to Madras.

In our Letter of the 30th Ultimo we acquainted you with our having Commenced our preparation of Water Casks immediately on receipt of your application, and on the Instant of receiving a Report that our Orders had been completed to the extent practicable 60,000 Gallons in different kinds of Casks, we appointed to Captain Osborne for conveyance as far as he might be able to accommodate Government, but from which he advised us he was entirely precluded by the State of his Ships, deprived also of all hope of transporting the Casks &c. on the Cotton Ships, by the nature of their

their Cargo, we immediately advertised for Tonnage, but have to regret that this necessary process has deprived us of the opportunity of sending what we have been able to procure under the protection of the Trident, you may however rely on their being forwarded as soon as Tonnage can be procured with a large quantity of Kings Stores which have been delayed by the above causes.-

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Bombay Castle
9th June 1797.-

(Signed) C. W. Malet
Jam.s Rivett

Right Honble the Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Major General Floyd, appointing Brevet Captain Maitland to the temporary Command of Manaar, with Instructions for endeavouring to secure the persons of Lutchea Naig and his Family.-

I have received information thro' Mr. Secretary Webbe, of the Escape of Lutchea Naig, from the Fort of Vellore, in the Morning of the 15th Instant

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and have taken such Measures as occur, to acquire information concerning him, in order, if practicable, to apprehend him.—

At this very time I have a verbal report that the Polygars of that Pollaree, are disorderly.—

Captain Elephant having been compelled by extreme bad Health, and furnished with a Certificate of the Head Surgeon of this Division, of the necessity of immediate change of Air Sea Voyage, proceeded, in consequence, to the Presidency, on the view of proceeding to the Cape, or to England.

His absence, and the present occurrence, have determined me to send Brevet Captain Marthand, of the 1st Battalion 5th Regiment Native Infantry to take on him the Command of Manapar.

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Maniapar, until all your orders are known,
on that Subject. He appears to me
a proper Man for the Post and I propose
increasing his Detachment from 50 to
100 Men for the present.

I have also given Captain
Maitland sealed Orders to secure the
person of Sheikh Naig'dore, and of
as many of the Family as possible,
in case a favorable opportunity should
offer. but not otherwise to undertake
the exploit. I have great confidence
in Captain Maitland's Discretion.

If this Measure succeeds it may
afford the means of recovering Sheikh
Naig or at least of preserving the
tranquility of the Pollam.

This is what occurs to me. But I
shall hope for your further
Command

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23 Commands either to confirm or to correct what is done.

Trichinopoly
June 20th 1797.

Shews the Honor to be
Hon. Sir
Signed J. Floyd
Lieut. 4.

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24 Received the undermentioned
Letters entered in Mil. B. Nos. 120, 121.

From the officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army.—

From Major General Bridges
advising of his having ordered a
Company of Sepoys from Samulcotah
to Rajahmundry on the Requisition
of Mr. Brownfield the Collector.—

From the Military Pay-master General.

From Mr. Roebuck. Stating
that Cafetiers Shingatoty have not kept
received the sum of Pagodas 30,060 which
Mr. Andrews was ordered to remit to
him so long ago as the Month of
February.—

25 Dispatched the undermentioned
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Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 122, 123, 124, 125, 126.

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board.- desiring to know of the progress made in the Works at Ryacottah warrants an advance of Cash to the Extent, for which Captain Lennon has drawn Bills on the Military Paymaster General Their opinion required on Estimates for repairing and making the Commissary's Buildings in Fort St. George Captain Caldwell to be provided with Carrs. Equipage from the Public Stores while employed on the Survey of Tanks in the Chicacole Havelly.-

To Major General Floyd- desiring

To the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army.- that the Dubash, now in Confinement, under his charge of Murdering a Toddy Man, may be delivered over for Tryal to the authority of His Highness the Nabob.-

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To the Commandant at Palamcottah

To Major Smart informing him that provision has been made in the late Regulations for the situation of the Lascars, whose Petitions he forwarded to Government on the 8th Instant

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr. Roebuck authorizing an advance of 300 Pagodas to Major Sewell

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham advising him of the advance ordered to be made to Major Sewell and desiring his opinion on the Letter from the Adjutant General on Ceylon entered in a former part of this Diary for the Subject of Exchange

26 Received the undermentioned Letters entered in No. B. N. 127, 128.

From Military Auditor General

From Major General Sydenham forwarding a Duplicate of his Letter, which accompanied the Statement of Subsistence to the Kings Troops lately called for from Bengal - a Duplicate of that Statement,

and

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and account, in Continuation of Subsistence from 25th June to 24th December 1796 and Company's allowances from 1st July to 31st December 1796, enclosed.-

From Lieutenant Thomas Nuthall to the Officer Commanding 2d Regiment Native Cavalry-

From Lieutenant Nuthall soliciting a reconsideration of his Claim to compensation for the Loss of his two Regimental Horses.-

Received also the following Letters.-

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

Sir

From Bengal intend to employ Major General St. Leger on the Expedition against Manilla.-

I am directed to request you will acquaint the Right Honble the President in Council, that the Governor General in Council has determined to employ Major General St. Ledger on the Expedition against Manilla, and that he will embark with

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with his Staff, with the Troops that
are to proceed from hence -

Fort William
12th June 1797 -

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Leonard G. H. Barlow
Sec.y to the Govern.t

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
President in Council -

My Lord,

From Mr. M.Dowall
-offering his services
in procuring Arrack,
on the Company's Ac-
-count if allowed a
Commission and on
a separate Establish-
-ment of Servants &c.

I have the honor to transmit for your Lordship's information a Letter from Mr. M.Dowall, offering his services to procure Arrack on the Company's account, if allowed a Commission and on a separate Establishment of Servants &c.

Understanding that a new arrangement is to take place in the Mode of supplying Arrack for the use of the Troops on the Coast Establishment I beg leave to offer my Services to act as the agent of Supply here if that should be the mode adopted.

As the Private agent of the Naval Contractor I have been in the constant habit of attending to the purchase of that Article, and know the Company cannot procure their

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their subsistence by contract as necessary
must therefore be had to Agency here
either publickly or privately I hope
your Lordships will not think 10 p.cent
Commission an exorbitant demand
upon the Invoice Price of so laborious
a Purchase as Arrack in this Country-
The charge for a small establishment
of Writers Comicoopolys and Coopers &c.
would be the only additional one
except when no Public godowns could
be had to store it from July when
it must be purchased until March
or April when Ships could come
here to Transport it to the Coast for
consumption- an allowance for
Leakage upon new Casks when with
me may be settled by any person
your Lordships thinks qualified
thereto-

To enable me to make the
purchase

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purchase it would only be necessary to make an advance to my agents of one half the estimated amount of the quantity to be procured as Returned by one or Board when the other half should be advanced to enable them to answer my drafts for such sums of Money as I could procure the shipment and discharge of which would save the loss of sending Specie from the Carnatick.-

If this proposal which appears to me the cheapest for the Company meets with your approbation you will make use of this Letter, and to assure you of the most unremitted attention to the trust confided to my care.-

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
I Signed John McDonald
Esq.

Columbo
12th June 1797.-

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From W. Andrews with Information regarding the Quantity of Arrack to be procured at Colombo and its averaged Price—

I have been honored with your letter of the 25th Ultimo directing me to enquire what quantity of Arrack could occasionally be supplied from hence by Contract, & investigating the Subject I have been informed from good authority that the annual product of what is termed Colombo Arrack is from 2500 to 3000 Leagers and that different Commissions or Contracts are now or have been to what amount and that, including the Leager at the rate of 100 to 105 Rix Dollars Pr. Leager— the most effectual mode which appears to me for securing any large quantity to the Company's use

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case would be extending the limits of the Arrack Renter at this place and there obliging him by the terms of his Cowle to deliver a certain quantity at a fixt rate a provision made being adopted at Point de Gale, Matura Colletura and other Stations where the principal distilleries are established would I should imagine provide an ample Supply or if Composals for Contract are preferred the Contractor must be supported in the exclusive possibility of purchase untill the quantity contracted for is provided when it might be procured at the rate of 300 Pagodas Rix Dollars per Leager the price of which is included. There are Natives of the Island and at Columbo whom I could procure supplies of Arrack from time to time and that at a reasonable price allowing them a Commission of

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of 8½ p.t Cent on the purchase and this if any immediate surplus is required I conceive the most feasible plan.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) R. Andrews
Res.t & Asspet. Revenue

Columbo
12.th June 1797.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor President
Lieutenant Jeneral Harris
Edward Saunders
and
Ernst William Tallofield. } Esquires

Tuesday
27.th June
1797.

Minutes of last Consultation
Read and Approved.—

Read the following letters
from Hydrabad.—

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J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir Fort S. George

From Captain Kirkpatrick communicating Intelligence collected from different quarters regarding the views of a French Embassador lately arrived at Tippoo Sultaun.

I herewith enclose for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council, Translates of the latest intelligence from Seringapatam together with Translate of a Communication from a Secret Agent of Major Kirkpatrick. were it not however for a certain degree of weight (making of course a very liberal allowance for that exaggeration which is found more or less in all Country intelligence) which the two former appear to me to derive from the Corroborating Testimonies contained in the latter, I should not have thought it proper to have troubled the Right Honorable the President in

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in Council with Them.

Hydrabad
11th June 1797.

Jam
&c. &c.

/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Intelligence from Farmeery - the 27th May.

Syed Sahel the Brother
of Meer Ally Gurreem Coondah, Wullah
who some time ago encamped at Colar
at the head of a considerable Force.

The English Chief Commanding in
the Barramahal some time since
addressed a letter to Syed Sahel requiring
to know the reason of so large a body
of Troops being assembled in that Quarter,
mentioning at the same time the
impropriety of Tippoo while at Peace
with the English inviting their Enemies
the French in to his Dominions, and in
hinting pretty plainly that such a
Proceeding might eventually be the
cause

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Cause of a Rupture between the two States ...

Syed Saheb immediately forwarded this Letter to the Gentlemen who upon Receipt thereof Convened a Council of his great Chieftains, at which the French Vakeel also was invited to assist. Those Sirdars and the French Vakeel having accordingly met together, Letter delivered to them the Substance of the Letter from the English Chiefs in the Barramahal to Syed Saheb the French Vakeel thereupon addressing himself the Gentlemen entreated him not to account to Listen to the Suggestions of the English, and to despise their Threats, for that by the Blessing of God they / the French / could furnish them not only with as much a body of Europeans and Coffres, and could moreover as effectually & Corporate

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Co-operate with them by a descent on the
Coast of Coromandel, as should not only
enable them to recover his lost territory
but even get possession of Madras itself.
Some Chieftains of note however are
said to have delivered very different o
opinions, at this grand Council o
reminding their Master how often
he had been deceived by the French
and pointing out the difficulties
and hazards attending a War with
the English. The Member however
who spoke at this Council on this
side of the Question was comparatively
small, while the Majority sided with
their Sovereign, who seems perfectly
infatuated with this same French
Vakeel. It is even affirmed that
the Seithaver will enter his Lands
with a view of attacking the English
Possessions

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Postscript, Soon after the Cavalcade
(Head of Quarters 8th June)--

Above Translate
(Signed) J. H. Kirkpatrick

Translate of Intelligence from Tannary
to
from the 28th May to the 31st--

A Reshen of Every Hour
ers English Encampment of Five
Thousand Infantry, and a body
of a Thousand Europeans, with Forty
Pieces of Cannon, with intentions
(as is said) Hostile to Tipsoo--

Likeby a force consisting
of one Thousand French Europeans,
attended by two Thousand of the
Sultaneis own Infantry arrived
from Mangalore at Seringapatam,
and encamped on the Banks of the
Cauvery There are five or six officers
of distinction amongst them. Those
officers

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Officers are said to have already begun erecting habitations on the Banks of the River (Cauvery). It is reported that a further reinforcement of French is expected shortly by Tipsoo. Meer Sadeir Tipsoo's Vizier, in concert with two other Brahmins having entered into a traiterous Correspondence with the English: and one of their Letters being intercepted by some well wishers of the State were delivered to Tipsoo, who after a short investigation ordered the two Brahmins to be put to death, and Meer Sadeir to be thrown into Confinement.

The force stationed at Sheitledroog, consisting of 5,000 Horse, and 10,000 Infantry has been summoned to the presence. Other Troops likewise in different parts of the Sultan's Dominions have been ordered to repair to the Capital, and are in consequence marching

Thither

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Mr Thos Strom will Dispatches.

It is Currently Reported that the Sultaun intends declaring War against the English, and that he will with three Days after the Eid Ozha / Feast of Sacrifices fall out on the 8th. Inst.

Mr Strom Translate

/ Signed / J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Translate of a Communication from a Short Agent, Received the 10th. of June 1797.

Medenna Saheb sent me yester-day to Busteem Bajee with the following intelligence which he requested of him to transmit to Bijeem sel Emrah.

"The News of the arrival of "French Ships full of troops at "Mangalore, having reached the Govr "of Madras, he deputed a Vakeel to Tippoo, Congratulating

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„Requiering to know the Reason of his
„receiving French Troops into his Domi-
„nions whilst at peace with the English.
„The only positive Reply made by Tippoo
„to this interrogation was, that he would
„answer it after the feast of Sacrifices.
„he secretly however caused it to be
„signified to Mr Wood that he had
„at different times advanced the French
„to the Amount of Sixty Lacks of Pagodas,
„which debt it was now their intention
„to wipe off by furnishing him
„with a Body of Troops, if however the
„English would engage to make good
„to him the sums in question and
„restore to him their Conquests during
„the late War, he would order all French-
men out of his Dominions, and break off
„all future Connexion with them -

„After this Tippoo Communicated
„to the French ambassador the purport of
the

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The Errand of the English Vackeel from Madras, Reminding him of the Same Time of the debt owing to him by the Nation; To Whis the Same ambassador Replied that his Constituents had never determined to pay off this debt by Surrendering him with a large Body of Troops, the expences of which they must to defray Therefore to a certain degree that he (Tipsoo) must be under no apprehension of a Peace between England and France, breaking off the Treaty for that every time Treachery had Sworn never to Disturb the Segmetes of our united Their detested Enemies (the English) were interpated to a Man. This declaration so rejoiced Tipsoo that he immediately issued the necessary Orders for the French Troops lately dis- embarked at Mangalore proceeding to Seringapatam.

Before

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Upon my communicating the above to Rustum Beg, he desired me to tell Mudeenu Sahib that being himself occasionally in the habits of correspondence with Azeem ul Omrah. he had better impart this intelligence to him himself, unless he should think it as well to post-pone it until the Ministers arrival here, which would now take place very shortly.-

A true Translate

J. Sigrist J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I herewith enclose for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council, the Report of a Spair of Hircarrahs whom with a particular view, I engaged about two

From Captain Kirkpatrick - communicating reports prevalent in the Mysore Country respecting the arrival of French Troops at Mangalore ...

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two Months since he formed the Design
of Seringapatam, which circumstances however
prevented. Where from nothing. -

Hyderabad
14.th June 1797.

Sworn
8.th 8.th

Sign.d J. A. Kirkpatrick
a.d.c. and off.g Res.t

Translate of the Report of two Harkarras sent by
Captain Kirkpatrick on Operations of Intelligence to
Seringapatam but who got no further than here,
in consequence of being Kept under restraint there
by the Killedar for the Space of twenty five days
which alleged there upon making their escape for which
they died on the 29.th of May to Return direct to Hyderabad
where they arrived on the 12.th June 1797.

* about 30 Coss from Seringapatam.

Upon our arrival at Hare*
we took up our abode in a Choultry
in the Pettah, where we had not
been many hours, before we were
visited by the Killedar who said in

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in the Fort, and who offered us Service,
which upon our declining he confined
us as Slaves, and would not suffer us to
go outside of the Gates for twenty five
Days at the end of which time however
we contrived to effect our Escape. During
our Stay at that place we learned
that the Garrison in the Fort consisted
of three hundred Regular Infantry;
five hundred Carnatic Peadahs, and
forty Horsemen. We were given to understand
that there were full three Thousand
Cavalry dispersed at Foraging Stations
throughout the Sera District, and three
days before we made our Escape, we heard
that orders had just been received from
the Sultaun directing this body of Cavalry
to assemble and march to the Capital,
whither they were preparing to proceed
accordingly.

The following News were the

common

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Common Talk of both Towns and Country others not left here. "That "accounts had been received by Bahader "Khan the Killedar of Sera, That "Meer Sadie / Tipsoo's Vezier / having "been detected with others in a traiterous "Correspondence two of his accomplices "were put to death by order of the "Sultaun, and Meer Sadie himself "for the present forbidden the presence, "until Tipsoo shall have determined "what his punishment is to be.-

"That Tipsoo Sultaun has "Summoned all the Talookdars through "out his Dominions to Court. and "That they are in consequence repairing "thither from all Quarters. That the "Bunky Nabob has been recalled "from Tulgha'at" / comprizing the Erode and Coimbatore Countries &c.") - "That "a Mansion is erecting by the Sultaun's orders

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"Orders are this day given for the
"French Vakeel who receives frequent
"audiences and is consulted on all
"occasions, the Dewan Purneah indeed
"excepted, no Person at Court standing
"higher in Tippoos good graces than this
"Frenchman.

"That the Sultaun has ordered
"the French Troops that arrived some
"time since at Mangalore to Seringa-
"patam, and upon their arrival at
"his Capital intends (it is said) to de-
"patch them with a body of his own
"Troops under the Command of the
"Bibby Bahob, and Kummeruddeen
"Khan to Tulgherry, and upon this
"receiving accounts of their safe arrival
"there, to enter this Territs himself. That
"the Sultaun is quite taken up in
"finishing as expeditiously as possible
"the Works of Seringapatam, and is no

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"Less attention to his Foundaries of
"Cannon. He has moreover ordered large
"Magazines of Grain to be laid up in
"all the Considerable Forts of his Do-
"minions. —

A true Translate

J Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
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J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

Fort St. George

Sir,

I herewith transmit
for the information of the Right
Honorable the President in Council,
Translate of the Latest Intelligence
Received here from Tanjore, together with
Extract of a Communication from a Secret
Agent of Major Kirkpatrick. —

From Captain Kirk-
patrick with further
Intelligence respecting
Dispositions supposed to
intention of engaging
a considerable Body
of French Troops in
the pay with a view
to act in Hostility
against the English —

Hyderabad
the 16th June 1797 —

I have
&c. &c.
J Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
aDecamt

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Translate of Intelligence from Tumcurry dated the 6.th June 1797-

On the 6.th June a Person
from Interpreter of Language arrived
here from Seringapatam, who brings
the following Intelligence-

That the Sultaun was
at Seringapatam, where he had just
completed within the precincts of his
Palace a lofty Tower / Reynahl / from
whence he amuses himself with sur-
veying different Parts of the City-

That he generally rides out
every Evening to Sultaun pett, in order
to view the Barracks erecting there
for the accommodation of the French
Officers and Men. Every other day the
same French Vakeel is closeted with
him. That thirty more French Vessels
laden with warlike Stores are expected

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Lest Attention to his Fouraderies of Cannon. He has moreover ordered large Magazines of Grain to be laid up in all the Considerable Forts of his Dominions.

A true Translate

J Legrd J. A. Kirkpatrick
aspt

J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

Fort St. George

Sir,

I herewith transmit for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, Translate of the Latest Intelligence Received here from Tanjore, together with Extract of a Communication from a Secret Agent of Major Kirkpatrick.

From Captain Kirkpatrick with further Intelligence respecting Dupleix assistance & intention of engaging a Considerable Body of French Troops in the pay with a view to set up the Family of the Dupleix

Hyderabad
the 16th June 1797

I have
&c. &c.
J Legrd J. A. Kirkpatrick
aspt

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Translate of Intelligence from Tarmuny dated the 8.th June 1797.—

On the 6.th June a Person from Interpreter of Languages arrived here from Seringapatam, who brings the following Intelligence.—

That the Sultaun was at Seringapatam, where he had just completed within the precincts of his Palace a lofty Tower / Rymahl / from whence he amuses himself with dis-: -veying different Parts of the City.—

That he generally rides out every Evening to Sultaun Pett, in order to view the Barracks erecting there for the accommodation of the French Officers and Men. Every other day the same French Vakeel is closeted with him. That Thirty more French Vessels laden with warlike Stores are expected

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at Mangalore, and that some of them it was suspposed would first call at Pondichery. That the Sultaun's Troops were assembling at the Capital, and it was reported he would shortly enter his Dominions in person. That an English Corps of observation was forming at Kistnagherry: and that large Magazines of Grain, and warlike Stores were Lodging up in all Tippoo's principal Forts.—

Price Current of Grain at Seringapatam when the Interpreter left that City.—

Rice	10 Seers	for Rupee
Wheat	9 D°	D° D°
Raggie	30 D°	D° D°
Gram	12 D°	D° D°
Doll	12 D°	D° D°
Ghee	2½ D°	D° D°
Jaggery	5 D°	D° D°
Cocoanuts	12 D°	D° D°
Hoothee } Horse Gram }	15 D°	D° D°

A true Translate
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant
Colonel

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Extract of a Communication from a Secret Agent of Major Kirkpatrick received the 4th. June 1797.-

"At this visit Meddina Sahib informed me, that Tipsoo Sultaun had a notable Scheme in his head „of recovering from the English Company „a debt of Sixty four Lacks of Pagodas, „borrowed of him long ago by the French „That the Scheme in question was this, „There being War at present between „the English and French and a Body „of the latter having actually landed „in his Dominions for proposing to pay „off the debt in question by their personal „Services, he/Tipsoo/ intended learning „it to the option of the English/in the „event of their becoming jealous, and „complaining to him of the arrival „of the Troops in question/to effect this

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Total dismission from his Territories,
"by agreeing to discharge the Sum of
"Sixty five Lacks of Pagodas which they
"(the French) stood indebted to him, when
"(they) the English) declined Coming
"into this proposal, he Tippoo should
"feel himself at liberty to employ this
"Body of French Troops, in such Services,
"as might best suit his purposes,
"they being perfectly ready to Second
"them to their very utmost in the
"most desperate undertakings Medna
"Sahib added that Tippoo only waited
"a favorable Moment to broach this
"proposal of his, the rejection of which
"would leave them as a Convenient pretext
"for Striking on first disturbances".-

A true Extract Translate

(Signed) A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Read

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Read the following letters from the Commandant at Pondicherry.-

To the Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Major General Braithwaite with a detail of the Police Department under the new System and Copy of his Instructions to Captain Blair the Superintendant.

I have now the honor in obedience to your Lordships Commands conveyed to me in Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 14th Instant to lay before your Lordship the detail of the Police department as established by me on the 10th Instant, precisely according to the Plan I had the honor to submit to your Lordships consideration, and which Mr. Webbs Letter of the 31st ultimo authorized me to carry into effect.

Could I have made any retrench-ment without prejudice to the efficacy of the Department I assuredly would

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To Lal this mission from his Territories,
„by agreeing to discharge the Sum of
„Sixty five Lacks of Pagodas which they
„(the French) stood indebted to him, whe-
„reby (the English) declined Coming
„into this proposal, the Tipsoo should
„feel himself at liberty to employ this
„Body of French Troops, in such Services,
„as might best suit his purposes,
„they being perfectly ready to Second
„him to their very utmost in the
„most desperate undertakings Midna
„Sahib added that Tipsoo only waited
„a favorable Moment to break this
„proposal of his, the rejection of which
„would serve him as a Convenient pretext
„for Keeping on foot disturbances".—

A true Extract Translate

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Read

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Read the following letter from the Commandant at Pondicherry.-

To the Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Major General Braithwaite with a detail of the Police Department under the new System and a Copy of his Instructions to Captain Blair the Superintendant.

I have now the honor in obedience to your Lordships Commands conveyed to me in Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 24th Instant to lay before your Lordship the detail of the Police department as established by me on the 10th Instant, precisely according to the Plan I had the honor to submit to your Lordships consideration, and which Mr. Webbs Letter of the 31st ultimo authorized me to carry into effect.

Could I have made every retrench-ment without prejudice to the efficacy of the Department I assuredly would

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could but after the fullest consideration it did not appear to me that I could, as it now stands, I think I can be answerable for its efficacy. The enclosed papers No. 1. 2. 3. and 4 speak explicitly for themselves, What they need no comment from me, and I hope your Lordship will be satisfied that every precaution has been taken on my part to give efficacy, which, I am convinced is so essentially necessary here. The Department consists of as follows:—

Captain David Blair, Chief or Superintendant of Police, for his Salary, Stationary, Lights, and all charges of his office	Monthly allowance of Rupees	200,
Two Deputies to do Lieut.s Pierre Lavrede, and Stanislaus Le Febure, at 50 Rupees each		100,
Two Writers at 30 Rupees each, Rayaroyel and Sulambrum		60

Two

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	monthly allowance of Rupees
Two Topaz Serjeants Sarmoney, and Charles Pavie, at 20 Rupees each	40
Two Malabar Interpreters, at 15 Rupees each Narrissa, and Soubarayen	30
Four Hircarrahs, Goorroomoody, Ayaerty, Govindoo and Soubaramany at 8 Rupees each	32
Four Peons, Patchiapah, Ramen, Ryaloo, and Veerpermaul at 4 Rupees each	16
For Som Toms, Coiers, &c employed as occasion Requires	16
Total Rupees 494.	

Pondicherry
20th June 1797

Know the Senior to be

&c &c

Signed John Brathwaite

Ordinance

By John Brathwaite Esq. Major General of His Majestys and the Honble

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Honble Company's forces serving on the Coast of Coromandel, Colonel of the 2d. Regiment European Infantry and Commandant of Pondicherry.—

To all whom it may concern

This is to give Notice that the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor of Madras in Council, has by a Resolution of Council bearing date 30th. day of May 1797. Vested the Sole and entire Control of the Police of Pondicherry in the hands of the Commandant leaving it to his discretion to nominate and appoint such Officers and Agents and to frame such Regulations as may be necessary and best calculated for the security of Persons and Properties and for the Maintenance of Sobriety, good order and decent Subordination among the Inhabitants of the said City &c.— &c

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In virtue of the above cited authority I have thought it necessary to constitute and appoint, and do hereby constitute and appoint Captain David Blair the Town Major of this place to be the im-mediate Superintendant of the Police of this City, and Lieutenant Pierre Leride and Stanislaus le Febure to be his Deputies and have directed that such Agents or Servants shall be attached to the Depart-ment as may be necessary for the better discharging the duties thereof, and have strictly Commanded and Enjoined them to maintain the Police of this City, according to the Regulations heretofore in use where the same was under the Control of the French Governor. To this Office therefore and his Deputies, and to such regulations above cited, and to all such as may hereafter be published

by

3923 Fort St. George 27th June 1794.-

by my authority.- All Persons inhabiting this Town are duely to conform, as they may be assured that in failure thereof all Orders for the Establishing and maintaining a good Police will without partiality or distinction be enforc.-

Given under my hand and Seal at the Government House of Pondicherry this Seventh day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven -

/ Signed / John Braithwaite
/ A.D.C /

A true Copy

/ Signed / David Blair
Chief of the Police

To Captain David Blair

Town Major of Pondicherry.-

Sir,

In virtue of an authority in me vested by the Right Honorable the Governor

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Governor of Madras in Council under date
31st May 1797 for the better introducing of the
Police of this place which is thereby ordained
entirely to my Contract. —

I have thought it necessary
to address you Deputation Court of the
Police, and herewith I enclose my Warrant
addressed to you, authorizing you to
exercise the powers and to discharge
the duties of the said important trust,
and to enable you the better so to do, I
herewith also enclose, Warrants addressed
to Lawrence and Pierre Leride, and Thomas
le Febure, appointing them severally to
be your Deputies, and you will be
pleased to deliver the same to them. and
I desire, that you Sir, with the said
Deputies will appear before me on this
day at Eleven o'Clock in the forenoon in
order to make oath severally that you
will to the best of your abilities, with
integrity, and without Partiality
prejudice

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for prejudice or favour discharge the duties of the said Department for which the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has authorized that the following Monthly allowance shall be drawn which may be considered notwithstanding the date of this my Letter, as taking place from the 1st. of this Month, in conformity to the date of the authority of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.—

For yourself as Superintendant of the Police for Stationary, Lights, and all charges for your Office		Rupees 200
For your Deputies, fifty Rupees each, for the two consequently		100
For two Writers at 30 Rupees each		60
For two Tom Tom Serjeants at 20 each		40
Two Malabar Interpreters, one of which is constantly to be on waiting night and day at 15 Rupees each		30
Four Peons or Tom Toms Spies, at 8 Rupees each		32
Four Peons at 4 Rupees each		16
For Tom Toms Criers, Mookerjee for posting up Placards &c.		16
Total Rupees		494

2 Peons

3926 Fort S.t George 27.th June 1797—

These several charges you will be pleased to insert in one abstract headed Charges for the Police Department at Pondicherry, which I shall countersign. I shall expect that you will be attentive to look for Persons of good Character for the several employs, and it will be best if some Security is given to you for their Conduct, and I shall expect that they are at any time forthcoming when I call for them —

Pondicherry
June 16.th 1797—

I am,
Sir,
Your most
obedient Servant
[Signed] John Braithwaite

A true Copy
[Signed] David Blair
Chief of the Police

John Braithwaite Esqr. Major General of His Majesty's and the Honorable East India Company's Forces on the Coast of Coromandel - Colonel of the 2.d Regiment of European Infantry, and Commandant of Pondicherry —

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W.m W.re

Pondicherry
June 16.th 1797–

/Signed/ John Braithwaite

a true Copy
/Signed/ David Blair
Chief of the Police

John Braithwaite Esq.r Major General of His Majesty's and the Honorable East India Company's Forces on the Coast of Coromandel – Colonel of the 2.d Regiment of European Infantry, and Commandant of Pondicherry –

To

Fort St. George 27th June 1797.

To Captain David Blair
Prefent.

In virtue of the Power and authority delegated by the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras in Council under date 30th May 1797 to me the Commandant of this Station by Special appointment to provide and appoint an Establishment for the due Government of the Police of this City.—

Having full confidence in your Zeal, affiduity and Integrity I do by these presents Nominate, Constitute and appoint you David Blair Esqr. Captain of Infantry, and Town Major of this place to be Chief or Superintendant of the Police, and do hereby authorize and Empower you to discharge all the Duties and functions and to exercise

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exercise all the powers and authorities
appertaining to the same in obedience
to existing Regulations or such others
as may hereafter be devised and sanctioned
by me or any future Commandant of
this Place specially appointed and
authorized by the Right Honble the
Governor of Madras in Council -

And I do hereby Command
you David Blair Esqr. M.D. to discharge
the said trust and exercise the said powers
and authorities without partiality favor, or
affection, in conformity to the Oath you
have sworn either by yourself or by means
of Deputies regularly constituted and
appointed under a similar authority
and for your so doing this shall
be unto you and all whom it may
concern a good and sufficient Warrant.

And further I do hereby authorize
you in virtue of this Nomination
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Morethly to draw the several Sums allotted for the expences of the Departments which have been authorized by the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras in Council, and which are set forth in my Letter to you of this date.—

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my Hand and Seal at the Government House in Pondicherry this tenth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand, seven hundred and ninety seven.—

/Signed/ John Braithwaite

/Attest Copy/

/Signed/ David Blair
Chief of the Police.

John Braithwaite Esqr. Major General of His Majesty's and the Honorable East India Company's Forces on the Coast of Coromandel.—
Colonel of the 2d Regiment of European Infantry, and Commandant of Pondicherry.

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To Lieutenant Pierre Lerride.

Greeting

In virtue of the powers and authority delegated by the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras in Council under date 30th May 1797. to me the Commandant of this Station by Special appointment, to provide and appoint an Establishment for the due Government of the Police of this City.

Having full confidence in your Zeal, affidelity, and Integrity I do by these presents nominate, constitute, and appoint you, Pierre Lerride, Gentleman, and Lieutenant of Infantry in the French Service to be one of the Deputies to Captain David Blair, the Chief or Superintendant of the Police of this City, and do hereby authorize and empower you to discharge all the duties and functions, and exercise the powers and authorities necessary for the discharge of the said trust in obedience to existing regulations

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Regulations, and such other orders as may be entrusted to your execution by the said Captain David Blair, or such other Chief or Superintendant of the Police, as may hereafter be specially appointed under a similar or competent authority.

And I do hereby command you to discharge such trust, and to exercise such powers and authorities, as may be confided to you by Captain David Blair, or the regularly constituted Chief of the Police for the time being, without partiality, favour, or affection, according to the best you have skown, and for your so doing this shall be to you, and all whom it may concern a good and sufficient Warrant.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal at the Government House in Pondicherry this

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3952 Fort St. George 27th. June 1797.

Tenth day of June, in the year of our Lord
One Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety
Seven.

I Signed) John Braithwaite
Lt.

N.B. Lieutenant Stanislaus de
Pelves the other Deputy, has had a
similar Warrant to the above given to
him.

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I Signed) David Blair
Chief of the Police.

Minute on the foregoing Letter.

The Board approve the foregoing establishment of the police at Pondicherry.

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

From Major General Braithwaite. the new Tribunal of Justice constituted with proper Security- a Detail of the Officers employed, and a representation of Mr. Mallet, the President, regarding the Regulations enclosed.

My Lord,

I have now the honor, in obedience to your Lordships Commands conveyed to me in Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter

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Letter of the 16th instant, to lay before your Lordship a detailed Report of the establishment of the Tribunals of justice here, in conformity to the Resolutions of your Lordship in the Council held on May 30th and your Lordship's Commands in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 31st.—

As soon as possible after my arrival I caused translations of these papers to be Made, and communicated them to Mons.r Mollet the intended President, and desired he would notify to the several Members of the Council their appointment, and summon them with all the Officers attached to the Tribunal to meet at the Council House at eight o'Clock in the morning on Saturday the 10th instant when I would attend to administer the Oaths to them—

agreeable

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Agreeable to these notifications Mons.r Mottet, V.e waited upon me at half an hour past three o'clock on the day appointed, when I accompanied them to the Council House, and into the Hall of audience which was open, and attended by many people.

There I delivered in form the papers above mentioned to Mons.r Mottet, who delivered them to the Greffier who read the French Translations of them aloud. I then proceeded to administer the Oath in the usual form and words to Mons.r Mottet, V.e one after the other, and a Salute was fired, and they all took their seats according to their appointments. Mons.r Mottet then delivered the Papers above mentioned to the procureur du Roi, who in my presence and in the presence of the Council verified them. The Council being thus established

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established & decreed that those papers should be recorded by the Greffier, and made known as the authority under which they acted.

It did not appear necessary for me there to take the Oaths myself, or administer that prescribed for Mons.r Mollet, and Mond.r Gerard the Senior Member of the Council, as component parts of the Tribunal of Revision and dernier resort, or that to be taken by Mons.r Mollet and myself as composing the Tribunal of the Administrators, thinking that Oath would with more propriety be taken and administered where any case moved which should call those Tribunals into action, and knowing explained that I took my Leave.-

The papers Registered are, Mr. Webbs Letter of the 31. May, and the

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The enclosed resolution of the Council of the 30th and its Mr. Webbs Letter the appointments and Salaries annexed to them stand as follows:-

		Per Month
Mons.r Mallet	President	117 Rupees
Mons.r Gerard	Member	110 D.o
Mons.r Collins	D.o	D.o D.o
Mons.r Beaufort	D.o	D.o D.o
Mons.r St. Paul	D.o	D.o D.o
Mons.r Colleredon	Griffiers	100 D.o
Mons.r Mallet Junr.	Register	D.o D.o

But it has been since hinted that as this is altogether a nice appointment, the Name of the Person who is to hold the office of Treasurer der Roi, and all others who hold Offices in the Tribunal or attached to it as they held them by your Lordships appointment, and only during your pleasure, should be inserted and it has therefore been proposed to

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me to procure an amended Copy of that Letter under the same date. Something has also been said to me concerning the Salaries, which do not appear to be the same precisely as heretofore, particularly that of the President.-

In consequence of this communication I have the honor to insert a List of the Tribunal as it will now be composed Marking every person specially. but have annexed no Salaries to any of the Names except to those that were entirely omitted in Mr. Webbe's Letter, and it will rest with your Lordship to determine whether the President and Members forming whom only the deviation exists, and that of the Members is only five farrers/ shall receive the Salaries heretofore annexed to their several Stations, which are mentioned in my Letter of the 19th

of

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of January 1797. or those now directed by Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 31st. of May.

The list of the Tribunal and its officers as it is now composed is as follows.

Mons.r Mallet President for himself, Juges Assesseurs Majestrats W. of the Court	170. Rupees p. Month	
Messrs. Girard, Collins, Beaufort, S. Paul	Members each 110	D.o D.o
Mons.r Caillaud Procureur du Roi for himself and two Clerks	161	2 fanams
Mons.r Collombon Greffier	100	D.o D.o
vide Mons.r Fairay Commis Greffier	33	
Mons.r Mallet Asst. Greffier to the Tribunal of Revision and dernier Ressort, also to the Tribunal of the Administrators	100	
Mons.r Geurre, Curateur aux biens vacants	30	
Mons.r Lyvancourt Huissier	33	
Apa Sawmy Malabar Interpreter, salary for the Son of the late Interpreter during his Minority	40	

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The late Malabar Interpreter was a man of very respectable character, and executed that trust with fidelity for more than forty years, and had a furnished his son, who has received an education to qualify him, who has received an education to qualify him, should relieve him when he came of a proper age, or succeed him in case of his death.—

The President and also the Procureur du Roi said to me something touching the paragraph relative to the Perceptions of the Peagüés which they conceived was not according to the French usage intended to be established. I desired the President to deliver to me in writing what he had to say upon the subject, which writing I have now the honor to enclose, and had not for which my report would have earlier been laid before your Lordships.—

* These Salaries left in Blank by Major General Braithwaite filled up by order of the Board.—

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