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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58.

To Lieutenant Robert Shaw

To Lieutenant Robert Shaw - informing him that on a Reconsideration of his Case the Government have agreed to allow him to draw Field Allowance from the Date of his first setting out from Vizagapatam to join his Corps at Hydrabad - but that in regard to his Application for full Batta they cannot deviate from the Established Regulations of the Service -

To Lieutenant Colonel Munro

To Lieutenant Colonel Munro - informing him that the Board cannot dispense with the established Regulations of the Service in favor of his Claim for House Rent -

To the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To Mr. Skardon - desiring that the damaged Grain in Store at Kistnaghurry & Sankeydroog may be immediately disposed of

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To Major Agnew - desiring Information

To Major Agnew at Columbo.— respecting a demand advanced by Captain Bond

of the Bombay Marine on Account of his &

Accomodation from Tutacoryn to Columbo

and back again.—

To Captain Scott - desiring him to

To the Commander of the Chartered Ship Zephyr— receive on board his Ship as Passengers &

for Calcutta two Officers and Thirty Men of

His Majesty's 33d Regiment.—

To Do desiring him to receive on &

To D°. board certain Commissioned and Warrant &

Officers of his Majesty's Navy.—

To M.r Brodie desiring him to send

To the Garrison Storekeeper on board Provisions for the Detachment of

the 33d Regiment.—

To Do. with Papers respecting the

To Ditto. Firewood and Water Casks brought from &

Trincomale on the Harriet and Instructions

regarding their Appropriation.—

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To Major General Lyden ham

To the Military Auditor General.—

desiring him to lay before the Board a statement of the Advances of Cash to be made to Mr Lys Agreeably to the Terms of his Contract and to pass for payment certain Bills for Arears of Pay and Allowances claimed by Lieutenant Coupland of Invalids.—

To Lieutenant Coupland advising him of the orders sent to the Auditor General.—

To Lieutenant C.— Coupland of the Invalids

To Mr V. Corbett desiring him to state the Cause of his declining to furnish Lieutenant Coupland with a Certificate of the Date to which he has Drawn his Pay and Allowances from the Manulipatam Pay Office

To the acting Paymaster at Manulipatam.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson

To the Commandant at Amboon.—

desiring him to state the causes which may render Necessary the longer continuance of his Detachment in the Field, as well as his opinion of the further period for which it is

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It Services may be required.—

To Major General Erskine—desiring it

To the Officer Commanding the Bengal Detachment coming in the Carnatic— that the Paymaster to the Bengal Detachment may be instructed to forward certain Documents connected with his Monthly receipts and Disbursements for the Guidance of the Military Auditor General.—

To Mr Roebuck—notifying the Resolutions of Government on the Military Auditor General's Report on the additional Estimates of Cash &c which accompanied his Letters of the 29th and 30th Ultimo

To the Military Payor General—

To Lieutenant Colonel Close—enclosing

To the Adjutant General of the Army— Copy of the 10th Paragraph of the Court of Directors Letter of the 20th January 1797 and desiring him to furnish the Information therein Required relative to Thomas Baillie a Soldier in this Establishment.—

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To Lieutenant Colonel Champagne

To the Commandant at Trincomalee

enclosing Copy of Captain Morings Instructions for bringing the Detachment of Pioneers from Point Pedro to the Presidency.—

I sent also the following Letters.—

To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated 11th Instant.—

The President in Council deeming it expedient that some Rule should be established for regulating the Allowances to be drawn by Officers attached to corps on the Island of Ceylon or to the Eastward is pleased to direct that all Officers, who may be compelled by Sickness to repair to the Coast, shall

To the Military Auditor General ordering the period in which Officers quitting Ceylon or Stations to the Eastward are to be restricted in their allowances of Full Batta—Officers belonging to the Company Charge of Stations under the Command of Field & Colonels to draw the difference between half and full Batta from the Company—Decision in favor of Lieutenant Hunt's Claim communicated.—

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shall draw their full batta up to the day of
their Arrival on the Coast, and from the day of
their embarkation to rejoin their Corps: but
in regard to Officers, who may be absent on
Account of private business, the President
in Council is pleased to direct that their
full batta shall cease from the day of
quitting their Station and that it shall
not recommence until the Day of their
joining.—

In Answer to the Reference which
you have made to the President in Council
upon the case of Officers drawing full batta
who may Joined to Temporary Command I
Am directed to acquaint you that the
difference between half and full Batta to
an Officer who may Joined a Colonel Commandant
is to be defrayed by the Company, but that

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When Officers under the Rank of Colonel may be allowed temporary Leave of Absence the deference of batta is to be made good by him to the Officer on whom the Command may devolve.—

Upon a Reconsideration of the circumstances stated by Lieutenant Shaw of the 8th 1st Battalion 11th Regiment The Right Honorable the President in Council has been pleased to grant him tent Allowance from the day of his first setting out from Vizagapatam to join his Corps at Hydrabad; and I am directed to desire that you will issue the necessary instructions for the Payment of this demand.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Jos: Webbe Secy to Govt.

Fort St. George
12th July 1797.—

To

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To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c. Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letters of

20th Ultimo and 3d Instant.—

We approve the additional &

Regulations, which you have suggested.

for your Board; and herewith send a

Copy of them for your Guidance

We have published in General &

Orders the improved Regulations, which

you recommend for the future execution

of buildings and Repairs.—

As the bills of the Lake &

Contracton Amounting to Star Pagodas

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to

To the Military Board the additional Regulation for their Board and for the future Execution of Buildings and Repairs approved.— & a particular Report required on the unauthorized Work executed by the Contractor at Arnee and Trugar.— the Rampart upon the Sea Face to be completed.— their Control over the Ordnance Department Extended to Ceylon.— Extract of Orders from the Court of Directors relative to Certificates required for Ordnance and Naval Stores Invoiced from England.—

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to our consideration are prima facie &
inadmissible as being for unauthorized &
Charges, and as you have stated no opinion
upon the Subject, We desire that you will
go into an investigation of the Circumstances
which led to these Charge and State &
your opinion fully upon the necessity of
deviating from established usage. —

In compliance with your &
Recommendation We consent that the &
Rampart upon the East face may be completed
& an Engineer upon estimate and desire
that the necessary orders may be accordingly
issued to Lieutenant Colonel Gent. —

We desire that you will consider
your Control and Superintendance to extend
to the different Departments on Ceylon on
the same manner as any other place subject.

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to the authority of this Government and that you will therefore proceed to consider the proceedings of the Committee upon the examination of the carriages made up by Major Barton, adverting that no express Authority was granted by us for the provision of these Stores.—

We inclose for your information extract of a letter from the Honorable Court of Directors dated 20th June last and desire that the instructions contained therein may be punctually observed.—

Fort St. George
12th July 1797.—

We are,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Hobart
&c. Council

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To Major P. A. Agnew

Adjutant General to the Forces.

on the Island of

Ceylon

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to enclose Copy of a letter to Brigadier General Dumouriez, and of the Proclamation therein mentioned & vesting them with the Civil and Military Authority upon the island of Ceylon.—

I am, Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) Jos: Webbe

Secy to Govt.

To the Adjutant General on Ceylon — with Copy of Brigadier General Dumouriez's letter of appointment to the Chief Command and General Controul of Affairs on Ceylon. —

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No 54.

Received the following Letter

J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government,

Fort St George

Sir,

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad with Intelligence regarding the Forces at Goote.

I herewith inclose to you for the notice of the Right Honorable the President in Council, Translate of the latest Intelligence Received by me from Goote, which though as little no doubt to be depended upon as any other Hirkarrah Intelligence upon this occasion; for what regards Seringapatam occurrences; sufficiently establishes the fact of Syed Ghuffoor being still in force in the neighbourhood of that place.—

I am &c. &c.

Hyderabad
8th July 1797.—

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Translation

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Translate of Intelligence from Goote, from 7th June 1797
to the 28th brought by a pair of Major Kirkpatricks
Hirkarahs who left it in the Evening of that day and
reached Hydrabad 7th July 1797.—

Durbar is daily held as usual
at Syed Ghuffaars.—

The Common Report in Camp is,
that soon after the Mohurrum, the force
at present at Goodi, will be relieved by the
same proportion of Troops from Seringa-
patam, headed by a French Officer. A Detach-
ment of one hundred and fifty Sepoys &
deserters from the Army at Goote, and seven
of them having been taken, were hung up
in the highways by Order of Syed Ghuffaar,

This Commander has lately received an
Order from the Sultaun to cut down every
Khujjoor / Toddy / Tree in the District, &
which

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which he is Carrying into execution at
Budder ul deen Khan was stell at Koompally
with three thousand Foot, and Thirty Nair[illegible] the
Kummeekghurry Zemindar also with three
with two thousand Payadahs, and Thirty
horsmen; scarce a Week passing without
the latter making successful predatory
invasions into the Talooks of Kummeekghurry,
and Adoni. The Force belonging to his
Highness the Nizam, in the Talook of
Kummeekghurry, does not Amount to
more than three thousand horse.—

The French Vakeel at Seringapt.m
having Satisfactorily demonstrated to the
Sultaun the badness of the present
season for this Insantry Tippoo has
empowered him to embodie a force as
etc.

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it room into a certain Number of Corps selected for the purpose of this experiment.—

The French Commander of Lally's Corps & has lately hoisted the New French National Colours.—

Gholaum Ali Beig a Sirdar of some note accompanied by a Frenchman, is gone to Mangalore. to attend the French Ambassador lately Arrived there upon the Capital.—

The Mahrattah Vakeel who was at Seringapatam had received his dismission, and had set out on his Return for Poona accompanied by a person deputed on the part of the Sultaun to Dowlut Row Saindeah.—

There is a House building in the Shahr Ganjam for the Accommodation of the French Officers expected.—

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The whole of Tippoo's Army was a
lately assembled at the Capital, but a
Detachment of five Thousand Infantry, and
Two Thousand Horse, has recently been d
attached from it towards Coddapah Gutty,
in the Coimbetore Quarter.

It is said, that all the Amildars,
of the Sultaun's Dominions who have for
some time past been assembled at the
Capital, will receive their dismission to
their respective Districts immediately &
It is added that the
to the Mohurrum.
Sultaun will then immediately enter his
Tents and what seems to countenance this
report is, that all the Bunjarahs
through out Mysore (not even excepting
those at Goote) have received orders to
repair to the Capital with their Bullocks

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laden with Grain.—

A true Translation

/Signed/ D.e J. Kirkpatrick

Asistant

To Josiah Webb Esq.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit for the

From Lieutenant & Colonel Macpherson inclosing Bills for Batta to the Detachment under his command & for Subsistence of Prisoners and for Writers and Hircarahs during Suspension of hostilities respecting the Allowance to be drawn by him on account of the Provisions Carriage of Tents.—

your Signature, eleven Batta Certificates of the 1st Battalion 6th N.I. also a Bill for the Subsistence of Prisoners Robbers and Thieves Confined by Order of Government, in Amboyna, accompanied by a Monthly Report of them — The Number of Writers and Hircarahs which I have had occasion to keep in pay and employment, having been greatly increased, in the Course of last Month and the Bills sent me for them, being the same as last Month, I shall have the honor of forwarding such as well be Correct and, I hope meet the Right Honorable the President in Council's approbation in a day or two — Not having had the honor of hearing from the Military Board, respecting my application for Tent Allowance, I am left ignorant, how to Indent, or be indemnified for my Disbursements in that time during the last Month.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

/Signed/ A. Macpherson

Lt. Col. Comd. Amboyna &c.

Camp at Palmanair

the 10th July 1797.—

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List of Persons now in Confinement in the Fort of Amboor Com=

Names	Occupation and Cast	Place of Residence	When Confined in the Fort of Amboor
Chinnookaun	Weaver	Paria Chinakpelly	12 March 1797
Shaik Budoo		Moor Chargull	12 " "
Shaik Emom		Do Do	12 " "
Shaik Ismail		Do Do	12 " "
Kistnah	Shepman	Gentoo Narsimpettah	15 " "
Anamunto Gydoo	Weaver	Parian Moondesah	21 " "
Pawaten	Toter	Do Baloor	24 " "
Boohin Gadoo	Plowman	Bader Anattah	26 " "
Trimtee Gydoo	Bullockman	Do Do	26 " "
Mann Chetty	Bazarman	Baser Chetter Do	26 " "
Samiah	Coin apply to Vinakpah Naidoo Ramah Naidoo and Gurpah Head Peloan at Attalah	Brahmine Do	28 " "
Changan	Smith	Malabar Do	29 " "
Venkatty Gadoo	Gold Smith	Gentoo Kalapillah	3 April
Venkett Ramadoo	Do	Do Do	3 Do
Poonahpah	Merchant	Comadie Old Amboor	13 May
Ram Chetty	Bazarman	Canatee Bapanapelly	13 Do
Narsimapoo	Plowman	Gentoo Comarenunpettah	26 Do
Dowden	Toty	Parian Cannanoor	26 Do
Anandie	Snake Catcher	Malabar Allam Pampoo	26 "

N: B: Those Villages Marked thus o are in the Sultans Dominions

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manded by Lieutenant Colonel Alex: Macpherson Amboor 1st July 1797

Crimes.—

Plundering and Robbing in the Arnee Districts.

Known to be a plunderer and Robber by Shaik Nattier

— — Do. — — — — — — Do. — — — — — — Do.

— — — — Do. — — — — — — Do. — — — — — — Do.

Murdering a Villager of Wallajaw Sythurs near Annallore Robbing them of about
40 Pagodas part of which he restored and owned to the Crime.—

Plundering and Robbing in the Arnee Districts.—

Plundering and Robbing in the Amboor and Vellore Districts along with
some Peons that came from Chargull.—

Do. — — — — — — Do. in the Arnee D.t along with some Peons that
came from Mallnaigpilly.—

— — Do. — — — — — — Do. — — — — — — Do. — — — — — — Do.

Giving Sanction and provisions to some Peons that had been plundering in the
Arnee District and for having part of the plundered property now in his possession

For Receiving into his House Plundered Property keeping it for a few days and the sharing with
the Plunderers.—

Plundering and Robbing in the Arnee Districts and for furnishing Arms to other Peons to plunder with

For attempting to Plunder in the Agaram District with a Party of Peons that came from Davanpore

— — Do. — — — — — — Do. — — — — — — Do. — — — — — — Do.

Crime not yet received, was sent by Lieutenant Colonel Read.—

— — Do. — — — — — — Do. — — — — — — Do. — — — — — — Do.

Do. — — Do. } sent in by the Renter with the Assistance of a Guard
Do. — — Do. } from the 1st Battalion 6th Regement N.I.
Do. — — Do. }

/Signed/ Alex.r Macpherson
Lt. Col.

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Received the undermentioned &

Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63

From Mr. Brodie - requesting

From the Garrison Storekeeper — Permission to sell some Banksalls for the accommodation of perishable Articles & providing for the use of the Troops about to embark for foreign Service —

From Major General Floyd - &

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly — advising of his intention to commence his Circuit of Review on the 16th Instant —

From Lieutenant Colonel Close

From the Adjutant General of the Army — recommending promotions to fill up & vacancies occasioned by the Death of Captain Frank. —

From Captain Archer - noticing

From the Commander of the Ship Harriet — his Return from Trincomale on the & 11th Instant. —

From Mr. Pearson - enclosing a letter

From the Consul at Bombay — for the Committee of the Bombay & Government at Tellicherry. —

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Dispatched the undermentioned

Letters entered in M. B. Nº 64. 65.

To Mr Kant enclosing the Letter

To the Secretary to the Committee of the H. Company Government at Tellicherry. —

mentioned. —

To Major General Sydenham —

To the Military Auditor General. —

referring additional Estimates of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month. —

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Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nº 66. 67. 68 69. —

From Ensign Toniano — requesting

From Ensign W. H. Toniano of the Engineers —

that he may be permitted to proceed to England via Bengal — and that orders may pass for his Receiving Passage Money, the Arrears of Allowances due to him and Six Months Advance of Subsistence. —

From Captain G. Hadow requesting

From the Commandant at Tiger —

that Assistance Surgeon Gilmore may be permitted to draw the established Allowance on account of his attendance on the Detachment of

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of the 2nd Battalion 1st Native Regiment
doing duty at Tiagar.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Murray
From the Commandant at Arcot.—
advising of his Return to his Station and
Command.—

From M.B. Bishop—requesting
From the Superintendant of the Fort Powder Manufactory.—
that a Subsistence may be allowed to the
Families of the Bullock Drivers and Mill
Coolies killed by the last Explosion of the
Powder Mills.—

Dispatches the undermentioned
Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 70—71—72—73—

To Mr. Secretary Barlow Mr. I.—
To the Secretary at Bengal Assistant Resident at Hydrabad and Poona—
Ubthoff and Captain Kirkpatrick—enclosing
Copy of Mysore Intelligence communicated
by Captain Macleod.—

To Mr. Brodie—permitting him
To the Garrison Storekeeper
to hire Bankshalls for the Accommodation of
the perishable Articles of Provisions.—

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15 To Major General Lydenham -

To the Military Auditor General -

desiring him to pass Ensign Torriano's Bills for Passage Money, Arrears of Allowances & and Advance of Six Months Subsistence -

To Ensign Torriano - advising him of the purport of the above Letter. -

To Ensign W.H. Torriano of Engineers

16 Sent the following Letter. -

To Alexander Macleod Esq^r

President at

Tanjore

Sir,

To the Resident at Tanjore with directions for assuming the Management of the Manargoody Soubah & which is to be transferred to the Charge of Mr. G Balman. -

In consequence of the failure of his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to make good any part of his Kist due the 4th Instant I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to desire that immediate measures may be taken for

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For Appointing the Management of the Soubah of Manargoody for the Company &

agreeably to the terms of the Treaty with his Excellency —

The President in Council having appointed Mr. George Balcraine to be Collector of Manargoody has directed that Gentleman to proceed with all expedition to assume Charge of the Soubah; and you will accordingly deliver it over to him —

I have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
16th July 1797

[Signed] Jos: Webbe Secy to Govt.

To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Right Honorable the President in Council has been pleased to appoint Brigadier

To Military Auditor General notifying the Allowance to be made by Brigadier General De Maurez —

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Brigadier General De Meuron to succeed Major General Doyle in the Command of the forces on Ceylon, that during this & is to draw the same Allowances as the late General Doyle but that his other allowances as a Brigadier General upon the establish= =ment are in consequence to cease.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signed Jos: Webbe
Secry to Govt.

Fort St. George
16th July 1797.—

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Recvd the undermentioned Letters entered in M: B: Nos 74. 75. 76.—

From the Commandant at Wallajanbad.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Baird—
complaining of Mr Pla[illegible]'s Inattention to the Orders of Government for Supplying the Number of Sheep required for the Subsistence of the Troops.—

From Colonel P. Bonneveaux at Columbo.—

From Colonel Bonneveaux advising of his having Assumed the Military Command on

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on Ceylon - and noticing the peculiar & situation of the Brigade Major and & Aid de Camp attached to the late Major General Doyle.

From Lieutenant Colonel Orr -

From the Offices Commanding the 3d. Regiment Native Cavalry at Chemmundalum -

Captain St. Leger having joined his Corps, requests that he may be allowed to resume his Agency. -

From Captain St. Leger requesting

From Capt. St. Leger of the 3. Regiment Native Cavalry. -

that a House at Puttoor his Property now occupied for the public Service may be given up to him, or that he may be repaid its values. -

First Letter to Lieutenant Colonel Leighton entered in M.B. No. 78 desiring

To the Commandant in the Guntoor Circar. -

that the Stores in the Morgue at Guntoor may be removed and the place given up for public prayer. -

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor President

Tuesday
18th July -

Lieutenant General Harris
Edward Saunders —— } Esqrs.
and
Ernst William Falloofield

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

Lord Hobart lays before the Board a Paper relative to the circumstances attending the Rajah of Tanjore's failure in the Payment of this July Kist. -

Referring to the orders, which were dispatched to the Resident at Tanjour on the 16th Instant for the Assumption of the Managoody Soubah, the President judges it necessary to lay before the Board the following Circumstances which relate to the failure in the Payment of the Rajah's last Kist. —

Late in the Evening of the 15th Instant the Vakeel of his Excellency the Rajah waited upon the

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The Secretary at the Government House and a
States that he had prepared 70,000 Pagodas
in part payment of the Rist then due, but that
he had not paid it into the treasury, but &
notwithstanding the discharge of so great a part
one of the Soubahs of this Masters Country &
Should be Assumed by the Company for the
Remainder of the Rist According to Treaty the
Vakeel further stated that if he could be &
Assured that a Soubah would not be &
immediately Assumed, and that a small indulgence
of the Balance the 70,000 Pagodas should be
immediately paid into the Treasury — This
communication the Secretary immediately &
made Known to Lord Hobart, and after
deliberation upon the Subject, was authorized
by his Lordship to give the Assurance which
the Vakeel required that no Soubah would &
be

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be immediately apaid if the 70,000 Pagodas should be paid, and to allow him an indulgence for payment of the Remainder in point of time till the Friday following, which he requested might be extended tell the Sunday following. And which was accordingly granted—

This the Secretary Accordingly made known to the Vakeel, and granted him in the full idea that the Money would be immediately paid.—

Early on the next Morning however the Vakeel waited on Mr. Webbe at his Country house, and stated that after the communication which had passed the preceding Evening, the persons with whom he made the Arrangement for paying the 70,000 Pagodas had expressed doubts of the possibility of completing the whole Kist by the time allowed, and that as they had consequently Resolved not to part with

Money.

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Money left after so considerable an Advance one of the Soubahs should still be assumed, and the Security for their Money taken out of their hands he had been compelled to swerve from the Agreement which he had made the Night before.—

Minutes on the foregoing Subject.—

The President proposes that a Copy of the foregoing Paper be transmitted to the Governor General in Council; and acquainted the Board that he shall take a future opportunity of recording his Sentiments upon this Transaction.—

Ordered Accordingly that the Supreme Government be made acquainted with the failure of his Excellency the Rajah to make good his Kist due the 1st Instant, and that a Copy of the foregoing Paper be transmitted at the same time for their information.—

Read

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Read the following letter

from Bengal.—

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council,

at

Fort St. George

My Lords,

From Bengal acknowledging receipt of the last communication from Fort St. George on the subject of the Tanjore Country, their reply to which they defer in expectation of the arrival of the Marquis Cornwallis.—

We have had under consideration the letters from your Lordships in Council of the annexed dates regarding the Affairs of Tanjore. Presuming however that the Honble Court of Directors will have furnished Marquis Cornwallis with full instructions on this important subject, and as his Arrival in India may be daily expected, We have deemed it expedient to defer coming to any determination on the several points to which you have referred

for

The 15th March
Two letters 19th April
9th
26th } Ultimo

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15 March
Two letters 19 April
26 Ultimo

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for our decision.-

We have the honor to be,

Fort William
the 26th June 1797.-

Sir &c &c
(Signed) J. Shore
P. Speke
W. Cowper

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Receipt of the a-
foregoing Letter be acknowledged.-

Read the following Letter from
the Assistant at Poonah.-

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor of
Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have already had the honor
to advise your Lordship of the Arrival in a
Doulut Row Sindea's Camp of Kauder Yar Khan
said to be a vakeel from the Nawaub of the a-
Carnatic, respecting whom, I have collected
the following particulars.- That about five
years

From the Assistant Resident at Poonah on the subject of the Nabob Wallajahs View in a-
pointing a Vackeel to Sindia
and the intervening Letter a-
given by the latter, in favor
of Almeram Purshoram, to
the Government of Fort St.
George detail the History of
Sabaram and the Circumstances
which have occasioned his
Retrospect and an introductory
Letter to this Government
expressive only surprise that
the Board have not sent replies
to Letters addressed to them by
Nanna Furnavees and Bal-
on occasion of the Letter &c
Accession to the Peishwaship

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years ago, he was employed by the late Nawaub
of the Carnatic, to build a religious place
at Ajmere; for which purpose, he waited
on the late Mhadjee Sundia, while at Chittore
who granted the requisite permission to
Kauder Yar Khan for the building in question
That he has brought, as a present for
Doulut Row, some Marble Vessels, the
Manufacture of Ajmere, and Some strings for
Musical instruments, together with a letter
from the Nawaub of the Carnatic. That he
has with him two Camels, and two or three
horses. That he professes an intention of
to his new Master Amdut ul Omra, the
present Nawaub of the Carnatic, of the
execution of which, however, there is
some doubt, particularly as his health is
in a bad state. I have before heard of
the Nawaub of the Carnatic having
an

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an Agent at Ajoreu. No intercourse whatever
has passed between Kauder Yar Khan and
this Residency.-

About the Middle of June, soon
after Loobrow had taken leave of Doulut &
Row Sindea, Gunpeat Roy, Colonel Palmers
Agent with Doulut Row, intimated to me,
that Loobrow was very desirous of paying
me a visit, and Requested I would grant &
him a letter to your Lordship, for the &
promotion of the objects of his employment
by Doulut Row. I replied, that I had
frequently heard of such a person as
Loobrow, who understood professed himself
to be the Agent of Ram Rajah of Travancore,
but that considering, that if he were &
really so, He surely from the close and
Cordial connexion subsisting between &
the Company and the Rajah, would have had
some

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some intercourse with this Residency (which had not been the case) I was at a loss to conceive to who he could be, and requested he would favor me with some Account of himself, that I might judge of the propriety of a Meeting with him. The following is the Account of himself that he in consequence furnished me with & through Gunpuet Roy.—

That he was formerly in the service of the Raja of Kalhusht) Kolastry, Chelium / near Madras, and that on differences occurring between the Rajah and his Son, he attached himself to the latter, whose cause not prospering, he (Soobow) took his dismission, and proceeded to the Camp of Hurry Punt Furkia, while Acting with Lord Cornwallis in the war against Tippoo, and had a Meeting with

Gover

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Goven Kirkon, who introduced him to
Hurry Punt, with whom he came to Poona,
& was introduced to Nana Furnavees
by Goven Pringleh, when some time
elapsed without his getting any
employment, after which, he was
introduced by Hullian Row to the late
Mhadjee Sindia, and the procural of
Elephants from Malabar being
suggested, both Sindia and Nanna
Commissioned Jone, and letters from
Ram Rajah of Travancore were procured
from the Pesheva through Goven
Pringleh, and from Sindia through Abba
Chitnavees. In consequence of which, he
brought some Choice Elephants as
presents for the Pesheva and Sindia,
and some for sale. That now the
Pesheva had been pleased to appoint

him

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him as his Vakeel to the Rajah of Tanjore,
in the Room of the present one, who was
dismissed That Agreeably thereto, the
Peishwas had granted him a Letter to
Lord Hobart, and That he was to enjoy
the Same Salary as the former Vakeel
That Doulut Row Sindia also had been
pleased to grant him a Salary. That
presents for Ram Rajah, of horses,
jewels, and Cloths, were delivered into
his Charge, and that he intended proceeding
to Tanjore and Mallabar, for which
purpose, he requested a Letter from me to
Lord Hobart, in the same Manner as
one had been formerly granted by
Sir Charles Malet; and that he
should Return to Poonah with Elephants,
and other choice Articles. Soobrow added,
that he had a letter to my address from
Doulut

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Doubet Row Sendia, which he wished to deliver in person. I desired that it might be sent to me, wishing to be acquainted with Doubet Row's sentiments, for the regulation of my Conduct toward Soobrow. It was inconsequence sent, and I have the honor to enclose a translation of it, which will be found to differ from Soobrow's Account of himself. I desired it to be intimated to Doubet Row, through Bhow Buckshy, the Sendian Minister for the Company's Affairs, that from the Cordial friendship which had so long subsisted between the two states, to their mutual advantage, it would afford us much satisfaction to contribute to the gratification of his wishes, and that, from my regard towards him, I could not conceal from him my apprehension

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Apprehension, that much inconvenience and obstruction were likely to occur in the prosecution of the Objects in View, through the Management of such a person as Soobrow, who, as suited his convenience or caprice, Assumed the Character of Agent from Ram Rajah of Travancore to the Peshwa or Doulet Row Sindia; or from the two Latter personages to the Rajah of Travancore, or to the Rajah of Tanjore &c. Besides which, he was a Man of general bad Character, and had been guilty of great Misconduct in the Carnatic; where he was, I understood, much involved in debt. He was, in Reply, intimated to me through the same Channel, that Soobrow had been twice before employed in the purchase of Elephants for Doulet Row in the Quarter in question; that I ought not to

entertain

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entertain any suspicion of Soobrow for
that the purchase of Elephants was the
only Object of his employment; repeating
the Request, that I would grant Soobrow a
Letter to your Lordships Address.—

I Replied, that, notwithstanding
the Representation I had made to him of
about Soobrow, in the way of friendship, he
still persisted in his intention of employing
him, and requested a Letter to the Governor
of Madras, I would, from the friendship
subsisting between the two States, grant
him the Letter in question, which I ac-
cordingly did, as I enclosed Copy, repeating,
however, my apprehension of the evil that
was but too likely to occur from the
employment of such person as Soobrow. I have
declined a Meeting with Soobrow. Every thing
that has occurred in this quarter, I
correspond

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respecting Soobow, has been regularly announced
to your Lordship, and I have to regret not
having been honored with any instructions
or Communication from your Lordship, or the
Governor General, for the Regulation of the
conduct of this Residency on the Subject; in
the absence of which, a Silent acquiescence in
Doulut Row's wishes might, perhaps have
been the most prudent part I could have
taken, but from which I was deverted, by
a consideration of the Successfully intriguing
Conduct of Soobow, who had contrived to obtain
an honorary dismission both from the Peshwa
and from Doulut Row Sindia, and who was
said by Emrut Row to have been engaged in
the most hostile designs against us, as
mentioned in my address to the Governor
General of the 12 April last. I am not without
hopes that my Remonstrance to Doulut Row
may operate in some degree against the employment
of

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of such intrigues, or at least, shew him that
We are not blind to his improper and insidious
applications. It will, at all events, prepare
the way for your Lordships Scrupulous
watching the Conduct of Soobrow, and checking
him should you think proper, which may
be done in various ways, to which Doulut
Row cannot take reasonable exception, after
the warning we have given him; some little
resentment towards me may probably be
harboured in the Mind of Doulut Row
on this occasion, which is not to be lamented
in an official point of View, since Resistance,
in Support of a just cause, may be expected
to be attended with advantage rather than
detriment; and even should it be thought
that my conduct has been somewhat
deficient in conciliation on the occasion; if
the evil, at most not weighty, can be, like

my

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my Situation, but temporary, and will be more than counterbalanced by Conciliation on the part of Colonel Palmer, whose accession to this Residency may be shortly expected, & having additional Weight in the estimation of Doulut Row, from comparison with his conduct in the case in question. —

I understand that Atmaram & Paugnavees, one of Doulut Row Sindea's Ministers has lately obtained from his Master, Letters to the address of your Lordship, and the Nawaub of the Carnatic for permission to erect Some religious building at Trepetty, which may possibly be the very building alluded to in Doulut Row's Letter to me; particularly, as in one of his last Messages, he observes, that the sole object of Soobaw's employment is the purchase of Elephants; Atmaram has, I believe, & one or more Correspondents at or near Madras. —

Since

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Since writing the above, I learn that Kauder Yar Khan has come hither & that Kauder Yar Khan has come hither & that the Letters direct from Tipoo, and that the Letters he has brought are from the late Nawaub of the Carnatic to the late Mhadjee Sindia.

I also learn, that both Doulut Row Sindia and Ateniram Pungrauves are desirous of establishing separate Authorities at Tripatty, and that the former means to distribute ten Thousand Rupees annually in alms there.-

I have Received the Governor Generals Answer to the Letters from Baajy Row and Nanna Furnavees, announcing the accession of the former to the Peishwaship, which I expect to present in person in a day or two. I have been informed by the Bombay, that similar Letters from your Lordship were sent through the Peishwa Agent

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Agent at Madras.-

It is not unworthy Notice, in the case of Soobrow, that their Court have repeatedly evinced a disposition to prefer Claims to interference in the Affairs of Tanjore, the Rajah of which is, I understand, a descendant of the same family as the Marratta Rajas of Sattara, who formerly assumed Supremacy over Tanjore.-

Though Ernest Vos's communication to me, mentioned in my address to the Governor General of the 12th April last Copy of which was transmitted to your Lordship, may not, at the Period in question have involved very dangerous consequences to us; yet surely, combined with Soobrow's general Character and Conduct, it affords ground for Suspicion against him, (Soobrow) and warrants our watching him scrupulously

and

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Since writing the above, I learn that Hauder Ger Khan has come hither & direct from Ajmere, and that the Letters he has brought are from the late Nawaub of the Carnatic to the late Mhadjee Sindia.

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and endeavouring to check his intrigues.—

At the reiterated Request of the Sindiah Dunbar, I have granted a passport to Soobrow as Enclosed Copy, which I deliver'd, with an observation, that Sir Charles Malet had formerly granted to Soobrow a Letter for the Governor of Madras without a passport, which I had also done on the present occasion, and which was, in fact, sufficient; but as they had been pleased to express so Anxious a Desire for a passport, I complied therewith

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully, &c. &c.
(Signed) J Uhthoff

Poona
1st July 1797.—

Translation of a Letter from Doulut Row Sindia to Joshua Uhthoff — Recived at Poona 25th June 1797

After Compliments.—

Soobrow has lately been despatched for the purpose of purchasing Elephants &

and

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and Sanghams, and animals for the chase,
and building an Anchutter, that is a place
for the Distribution of provisions and other
alms to Bramins and indegent passengers,
on the hill of Venkoba, near the Pagoda of
Ballajee / at Tripetty / The aforesaid person
will go to Madras, and Meeting Lord Hobart,
will make the requisite Representation to
his Lordship on the above points. Since the
Union between the two states is perfect, I
address you, to request you will write a
letter to his Lordship, soliciting his
recommendation to the Nawaub Wallajah,
to instruct the Aumils and Ministers of
Tripetty, that they take the requisite
measures to prevent any molestation or inconvenience
to the said Soobrow, in the erection of the Anchutter;
and that exemption from duties be granted on
the Articles used therein; also, that whatever
other applications he may have to make

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Omdut ul Omrah

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on the subject, be treated with attention. &
Likewise, that on his going to Mallabar, &
for the purpose of purchasing the Articles &
that have been Commissioned, and on his &
return Passports of exemption from duties
be granted. Letters from myself to Lord &
Hobart, and to the Nawaub Walla Jah, have
been granted to Soobrow, also, a letter for
Kirt Ram Raja of Travancore, in Answer to
one that was sometime ago Received from
him. I have also sent by Soobrow some
Cloths, Horses, &c., customary Khillat &
Honorary present. The above is &
communicated for your information.-

True Translation

(Signed) J Uhlthoff

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor &c

Fort St. George

My Lord

By desire of Doulet Row Sundia, I grant this letter to Soobrow, respecting whom, I shall have the honor to address your Lordship more at large by post.-

I have the honor to be very Respectfully

My Lord

29th June 1797

Your Lordships most Obd.t humble Servant,

/Signd/ P Uhthoff

True Copy

/Signd/ P. Uhthoff

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29th June 1797

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humble Servant,

/Signed/ P Uhthoff

True Copy

/Signed/ P. Uhthoff

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Company's Seal

It is Requested that the Bearer, Soobrow, who is on his way from Poona to Madras, on the Part of Doulut Row Sendia, may be permitted to pass without interruption.-

Poona 1st July 1797 /Signed/ Joshua Ulthoff (Private Seal)

True Copy
/Signed/ J Ulthoff

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Assistant Resident at Poonah.-

The Secretary is ordered to acknowledge the Receipt of the above letter and to inform the Assistant Resident that particular attention will be paid to his Suggestions in Regard to Soobrow upon his Arrival & with the Territories under this Presidency.-

The letters which the Assistant mentions to have been transmitted hither upon the & succession of Bhagerow have never, the & Board observe, been Received.-

Read

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Read the following letter from

Bengal.—

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

From Bengal—with Lists of Ships which will be dispatched respectively to Fort St George and Penang for the Service of the Expedition

Sir,

I am directed to request you will lay the following Papers before the Right Honorable the President in Council.—

No 1... a List of the Ships to be employed on the expedition which are under orders to proceed from hence direct to Penang.—

No 2 a List of the Ships destined for Fort St. George to convey the Troops, Stores &c. to be embarked from hence.—

2 The Ships specified in No 1, will be dispatched with his Majesty's Ship Heroine, and a Fire Ship and a Bomb Keleh, so as to Reach Penang by the 20th of August next at

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at fullest.—

3 Returns of the Troops, and lists of the Artillery, Ammunition, Stores, Provisions &c.a embarked on these Ships are preparing and will be shortly forwarded to his Lordship in Council For the present, I am directed generally to observe that they will convey, his Majestys 33d Regiment, the Battalion, and the whole of the Battering & train (excepting the 12 Eighteen Pounders and their Ammunition &c.a shipped on the Pitt, & Lascelles, Royal Admiral and Busbridge) and the field Train, which his Lordship in Council requested might be provided at this Presidency, together with their Ammunition, Stores &c.a; and a proportion of provisions and Firewood.—

4 With respect to the Ships specified in N.o 2, complete lists of the Artillery, Stores & Provisions and Firewood shipped on them will also be shortly transmitted to his Lordship in Council.—

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	Tons.
Pitt	775.
Royal Admiral	914.
Lascelles	824.
Busbridge	677.
Indra	800.
Martha	406
Princess Mary	470.
Triton	950
Calcutta	750.

5 Of these Ships, the Pitt, Royal A Admiral, Lascelles, and Busbridge, and the Indra Country Ship, have been despatched to Fort St. George, and the Martha and Princess Mary have taken in their lading, and it is expected that they will be able to proceed on their Voyage without delay. The Governor General in Council however entertains great doubts whether the Triton and Calcutta can be A dispatched so as to reach Fort St. George by the time when it will be necessary that the Troops should embark from thence. He therefore proposes at present to dispatch the Triton and Calcutta, and also the Martha, and Princess Mary (if contrary to present expectation their immediate departure should be prevented) direct for Penang, with the Ships specified in A 7. At all events he requests that his Lordship in Council will not calculate on the A

Arrival

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Arrival of the four last mentioned Ships at Madras, but that he will provide as much Tonnage, as in addition to the Pitt, Royal Admiral, Lascelles, Busbridge, and Indra, and any room that can be spared in his Majesty's Ships, will be sufficient to convey the whole of the Troops, Stores &c. to be shipped from Fort St. George to Penang, where the Triton, Calcutta, & Princess Mary and Martha will be ready to Receive such Troops or Stores as it may be deemed advisable to embark on them, and where any of the Ships entertained at Fort St. George, if not wanted to proceed further, may be discharged. —

6 The Governor General in Council has provided nearly two Lacks of Dollars, and he hopes to be able to supply such

further

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further Sum in Silver, as with the two lacks
and thirty thousand Dollars procured by his
Lordship, will be sufficient for the purposes
of the expedition. —

7 I am directed by the Governor General &
in Council to add that the Ships specified
in the two lists, will convey the whole of
the Troops and also the Artillery, Ammunition,
Stores, Provisions, Firewood and other Articles,
which his Lordship in Council was informed
would be furnished from home, and he hopes
that it will have been in his power to &
provide all the Remaining Articles, necessary
to complete the Equipment. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant,
/signed/ G. H. Barlow
Secy to the Govt.

Fort William
the 4th July 1797. —

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No 1

List of Ships, with the Estimate of their Tonnage, allotted for his Ma for the Carriage &c. of eight of the light Iron 12 Pounder Guns to be sent on the Ammunition &c. required for the Troops and Guns, being exclusive of the 12. Ships destined for Fort St. George. —

Estimate of the Tonnage of

Ships Kentledge	Estimated Tonnage of Ships, Guns, Stores Provisions &c. & Crews 125 Men	Estimated Tonnage applicable to the Accommodation of Troops, their Camp Equipage &c. & Ordnance. —
	Tons	Tons
Lord Macartney	97	253	250
Lord Camden	94	256	250
Lord Hawkesbury	98	252	250
Phaenix	97	253	250
Sir Stephen Lushington	74	166	216
	460	1180	1216

Transports

General Goddard Indiaman Chartered Tonnage 799
Deduct Kentledge ? this Ship and the 3 armed Indiamen to carry the 33d Regt 97 — 702

			Tons
Nancy Country Ship Chartered for			705
Abercrombie	Ditto	allotted to the marine Battalion and Stores	600
General Aurker	Ditto		460
Hercules	Ditto	Ditto to Stores &c.	450
Charlotte	Ditto		350
Munster Lass	Ditto		350
Union	Ditto		350
Charlotte	Ditto		450
		Total Tons	4417
			5633. —

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jesty's 33rd Regt. and the Marine Battalion for the Batteringand field Train
Hawkesbury and Phonix, together with the Provisions, Stores, &
18 Pounders thier Stores &c. &c. the Provision &c. embarked on the

the five armed Ships

Estimated Tonnage to bring the Ships to their best sailing Trim	Draft of Water for the Ships best sailing Trim	Unoccupied Tonnage if kept at their best sailing Trim	Charter Party Tonnage
Tons	Feet	Tons	Tons
600	19	196	796
600	Do	175	775
600	Do	203	803
600	Do	200	800
456	17.. 6 Inches	152	608
2856		926	3782

(Signed) John Bristow
Actg Secrt. to the Bd of Trade

(A true Copy)
(Signed) G.W. Barlow Secry to the Govt.
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List of Ships, with their Tonnage destined to Fort St. George

	Tons	Tons
Busbridge full Armed	677	
Pitt — dismantled	775.	
Royal Admiral	914.	
Lascelles	824.	
Princess Mary	470.	
Martha	406	
		4066.

Country Ships.—

Indra	800	
Triton	950	
Calcutta	750	
		2500
Tons	6566	Total Tonnage of the Ships destined to Fort St. George.

(Signed) Geo. H. Barlow
Secy to the Govt.

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Military Board.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord

We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 1st Instant, referring to Our Consideration and Report, Extract of a Letter from the Military Auditor General, with Copies of Regulations suggested by him for the Department of Grain and Provisions.—

From the Military Board submitting a Code of Regulations for the Grain and Provision Department—Recommend that an advance of Cash be made to the Agent of Supplies and the Purchase of 600 Pieces of Gunnies.—

Having accordingly given the particular attention thereto, and proposed such alterations as appeared to Us necessary, We now beg leave to lay the* Regulations before your Lordship in Council, and at the same time to

* These Regulations not differing very materially from those submitted by the Military Auditor General and entered on the Proceedings of the 30th June are lodged in the Office, having, with some trifling alterations been published in G. O —— dt. 93—19. July 1797.—

(signed) George Berry
Sub Secy

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to express Our opinion that in their present form
they are well calculated for the Public Service

We have likewise the honor to
acknowledge the Receipt of a Letter from the
Government dated the 7th Instant, directing
Us to give the necessary Instructions to the
Agent of Supply for providing sundry Articles
of Military Stores, Agreeably to a List We
had the honor to submit to your Lordship
in Council, the Estimate for which Amounts
to Pagodas 11,261: 21: 20; and in consequence
beg leave to Recommend that Authority be
granted for an immediate Advance being
made to Mr. Webb of two thirds thereof, or
Pagodas 7507: 28: 12. and the Remaining
third after delivery, and approval, of the
Articles, which deviation from the
established mode of making advances on
periodical

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periodical Indents, We are induced to propose
from the urgency of the demand for the
Articles, as well as to guard against failure
or disappointment.—

In obedience to Your Lordship's
Commands signified to Us in M.r Secretary
Webb's Letter of the 8th May last, We directed
the Agent for Supply to advertize for the
delivery, by the 20th of June following of 6,400
pieces of Madras Gunney; and the Agent
having Reported to Our Board under date
the 8th Instant that he had accordingly
advertized, but without Receiving any proposal
in Consequence, We deem it Our duty to forward
herewith Copy of M.r Webb's Letter on the
Subject, and to inform Your Lordship in
Council, that the four hundred (400) pieces
of Madras Gunny, which he can now
procure

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procure, appear, from the Muster Sheets
laid before Us, to be good, and agreable to
the usual Market prices at the Presidency—

We have the honor to be,
&c: &c: &c:
(Signed) George Harris.
" Patrick Ross.
" Thomas Teils.
" Wm Sydenham.
" John Richardson.
" B.J. Close.
" George Hall.

Fort St. George
14th July 1797.

To Captain Pierce
Secretary to the
Military Board

Sir

In answer to your Letter of the 28th May last,
I request you will inform the Board that I
agreably to their Instructions advertized for
the provision of 6,400 Madras pieces of Gunnies,
but

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but Receiving no offer for their supply, I made enquiries in the Bazars, from which I could only procure Two Musters, these I send to the Board, No.1 is a Gunny Bag, of which I can procure about 1,000 at 5 Pagodas ₹ 0/0 at present, and the remainder shall be supplied as soon as possible,- No.2 is Gunny in Pieces, of which I can procure not more than 400 Pieces at five Pieces for a Pagoda at present. —

Should the Board approve these Samples, I know of no way by which I can procure the Remainder, unless I send into the Countries to have them made up, which will Require a period of three Months, before they can be received at the Presidency - I request to be favored with the resolution of the Board on this Subject.—

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) Wm Webb
Agent for Supplies.

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8th July 1797.

(True Copy)
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy & Accountant M.P.D.

Read

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The letter from the Military Auditor General of the 30th June regarding the New regulations for the Pay Department read.—

Read again letter from the Military Auditor General of 30th Ultimo as entered in the Consultation of that Date.—

The President delivers in the following Minute.—

Lord Hobart's Minute in Council 18th July 1797

Lord Hobart's Minute on the New Regulations for the Military Pay offices on the Coast, the Salaries to be drawn by each Paymaster — and the objections that arise against the appointment of Regimental Paymasters, desires that the Sentiments of the Auditor General in Bengal on that Subject may be entered on the Records of this Government — Notices the peculiar Merits of Major General Sydenham in bringing into form the whole of the Regulations for establishing an Efficient Check and Control over the Military Expenditures.—

In offering my sentiments upon the Measures necessary to be taken, in consequence of the Letter of the Military Auditor General of the 30th Ultimo, I cannot forego the opportunity, to express the very strong sense I feel of the Assiduity and Talents Manifested by Major General Sydenham, in the execution of the several important duties attached to his Office.—

To effect a complete System of Check and Control throughout all the Departments of Military Expenditure, has been a desideratum of long

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long looked for at the Presidency, and if that
which has now been adopted should prove #
as efficient, as, if followed up, there is every
reason to expect it will, I must in Justice, #
anticipate a large portion of it's Merit to the
indefatigable exertions of Major General Sydenham.

Under that impression I consider
it a duty to the Service to Recommend to the
Board that a Paragraph be inserted in the #
next General Letter attracting the particular #
notice of the Court of Directors to the conduct of
their Military Auditor General, resting his
pretensions to a continuance of their favor, not
upon any inadequate expressions of my #
approbation, but to the solid and substantial
Claims which he must derive from a Minute
examination into the manner in which he has
performed the functions of a situation, which

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can only be completely executed when the rare &
Qualifications of Diligence, Temper, Firmness
and Integrity are united in the same Person &

Reflecting on the heavy expences of
the Military Establishment, I can suggest no
increase, however necessary, without Reluctance
but whilst the proposed increase to the Salaries
of the Paymasters is trifling compared to the
object, I have the satisfaction to feel a
conviction in my own Mind that the &
Regulations now adopted for the Controul
of the Military Expenditure must have &
the effect of diminishing the Extraordinary
Disbursements in a very great degree, and &
that a Principle of Salutary Economy has
been introduced, which, tho' it allows &
liberally for necessary expences, must shut
the door against a variety of contingent abuses
which can only be prevented by regularity &

and

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and System. –

When I consider the extensive duties and responsibility imposed upon the Military Paymasters both in the issue of Money, and in the Provision Department, I have seriously to regret that the occasions of this Presidency will not warrant my proposing such Salaries as, in my Opinion, would be fully adequate to their Respective Employments for where there is a great Trust, it is Politic, as well as ultimately Economical to annex handsome Emolument – Restricted, however, by our Means I cannot venture farther than to recommend that the Paymaster at the Presidency and of Extraordinaries the 4 Paymasters at Trichinopoly, Masulipatam, Vellore, and the Barramahal, should receive Pagodas 300 a Month, and those of Vizagapatam,

Madura

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Madura, and Innaconda Pagl 250. The Monthly
disbursements of the five first being so much
larger than the other three will be found to
justify the difference in the allowance, &
and I have the satisfaction to be able to
state to the Board that the proposed
Arrangement for the Pay Department will
be productive of little additional Expence
to the Company, provided the unanswerable
Arguments of the late Military Auditor General
in Bengal, contained in his Letter of the 11th
July 1796 (which I desire may be entered on our
Records) should have the effect of proving
the very great inconvenience that must
arise from the Appointment of Regimental
Paymasters to the Company's Troops &
An inconvenience which, from the
scattered situation of the Army upon

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the Coast would be more settled than than
in Bengal.—

The annexed Paper will shew
the present Expence of the Military Pay
Department and the Expence of that it
which is proposed to take Credit for the
Salaries of Regimental Paymasters, &
and making some Allowance for
the Gain the Company may be
expected to derive from the Exchange, &
which, occasionally as well appear by the
Military Auditor Generals Paper No 2,—
Amounted to a considerable Sum.—

[Signed] Hobart

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Statement of the Present Establishment of Military and to the Eastward, compared with the proposed Present Establishment

		Per Month.		
		P.	F.	C.
1	Military Paymaster General	500.	..	..
12	Paymasters Pay and Batta at P. 93: 31: 40 each for 30 days	1125.	..	..
	Salaries	1625.	..	..
	Office Establishments 30th April 1796	2146.	19.	..
	Stationary	214.	4.	62
	Total present Establishment Pagodas	3985.	23.	62

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Pay Masters exclusive of the Paymasters on the Island of Ceylon

New Establishment. —

	Proposed Establishment on encreased allowances	P.	F.	C.
		Per Month		
1	Military Paymaster General	500.	..	..
1	Paymaster at the Presidency and of Extraordinaries	300.	..	..
4	Paymaster at Masulipatam, Tschinopoly, Vellore and Chitnaghery at 300 Pag.s each	1200.	..	..
3	Paymasters at Madura, Innaicondah and Vizagapatam at 250 Pagodas each	750.	..	..
	Proposed Salaries	2750.	..	..
	D.o Office Establishments	2024.	30.	..
	D.o Allowance for Stationary	213.	6.	65.
	Total proposed Establishment	4987.	36	65
	D.o present D.o	3985.	23.	62
	Total encreased Expence by the New Arrangement	1002.	13.	3.

From which may be deducted supposing that Regimental Paymasters to the Company's Corps should not be appointed, the following allowances, estimated by those paid to the Paymasters of his Majesty's Regiments in India —

2 Regiments of European Infantry
2 Battalions D.o Artillery
4 Regiments Native Cavalry
11 D.o ..... D.o Infantry
19 Paymasters on a Salary of £120 P.r Annum

Total — Pagodas 25.. — — — each, or per Month

Writers and Stationary per Month ..... 20.. — .. —

19 Paymaster at P.r ..... 45 each ..... 855. .. ..

Difference per Month by this Calculation between the present and proposed Establishment ..... 147. 13. 3.

(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
M.r Aud. Gen.l

To

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To the Military Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir,

Correspondence of the Mily Auditor Genl in Bengal detailing his Objections to the Ho'ble appointment of Regimental Paymasters as ordered by the Court of Directors.

It being Reported that Colonel Malcolm intended to Return to Europe by one of the Ships that lately went from hence, I am uncertain whether the Papers of which the enclosed are Copies have reached the Office as they were sent to his address on the 19th Ultimo, and deeming it of importance that the Officer at the head of the Department should be acquainted with the contents of the Papers, I enclose a Duplicate of them, and beg leave to observe that the Supreme Government has determined to continue the present System of Pay and Contol without any additional Paymasters.—

I am &c &c

Fort William
Mily: Aud.r Gen.ls Office
3rd August 1796

/Signed/ John Murray
Mely Aud. Genl

a true Copy
W Sydenham
Mily Aud Genl

Colonel

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Colonel Sir John Murray Bart.

Military Auditor General

Sir,

The Commander in Chief, having been requested to lay before the Board, such Regulations as he may deem necessary, for conducting the Payments of the Troops, on the new establishment of the Army, is desirous to avail himself of the experience, which your official situation, and long acquaintance with that important branch, must necessarily give you. He therefore Requests, you will be pleased to make him acquainted with your Sentiments, on the best plan to be adopted, to ensure regularity in the payments of the Army, on the principle, that paymasters are to be appointed to the several Regiments of Cavalry, and Infantry, and Battalions of

Artillery

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Artillery, with such Observations as may occur to you, on the practicability of executing the duties of the Pay Office, without the intervention of Station Paymasters, and the efficiency of the proposed System, Contrasted with the one, which has hereto fore prevailed, adverting to the general principle now established, that Commanding Officers are not to be Concerned in, but to be Check on the issues of their Respective Corps.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) S. Auchmuty
Secy.

Calcutta
July 5th 1796

(A true Copy)
(Signed) F.K. Corfield
Aid de Camp and Secy.

General Sir Robert Abercrombyk.b
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I have received your Secretary's Letter of the 5th Instant, in which you do me the honor to

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to request my Sentiments on the best Plan to be adopted to ensure Regularity in the Payment of the Army, on the Principle that Regimental Paymasters are to be appointed to the several Corps; and my Opinion on the practicability of executing the duties of the Pay Office, without the intervention of Station Paymasters—

2 I advert, with great Satisfaction, to the Rule established to ensure justice to the Soldiers Respecting their Pay; for altho' I am not aware of imperfections in the Principle of the System of Accounts Established, it was impossible to be blind to the radical defect in the Channel of distribution of the Money issued for the Native Corps.—

3 I have uniformly combated the unsound Principle upon which this was tolerated, as you may perceive from the enclosures referred to on the Margin, and it

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was not till the Mischiefs, resulting from inattention to these, and to Similar Suggestions of others, had operated to dangerous Extent, that the defect was at last corrected, by the substitution of the easy Remedy, that has long been obvious—

4 The System of Accounts having in the course of a Series of years, of unremitted Labour, and attention, been reduced to great regularity, and the Vicious defect in the Channel of Issue, being now rectified, nothing remains, in my humble opinion, but to maintain it steadily, the Control Established.—

5 Respecting the appointment of Regimental Paymasters; without imputing the least ill intention to any of the Gentlemen who might be appointed to those situations, I must in Justice own that, instead of looking for any advantage from the measure, I am confident it will not be easy to prevent their occasioning confusion

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Confusion in the Accounts, but on the Supposition
that such Officers are to be established, the
draft of Regulations already prepared at Head
Quarters, with a view to obviate the difficulties
apprehended, may be sufficient to set out
with; and there is no doubt that many cases
will occur to Suggest future improvements—

6 The Question of the practicability
of executing the duties of the Pay Office, without
the intervention of Station Paymasters, involves
in it one of great importance, namely, whether
or not the present System of Control, which
has been established at the Presidencies, by
Orders of the Court of Directors and of their
Supreme Government, is to be overset, and
the Pay-Office-General to become a great Office
of most extensive detail; instead of continuing
as it is, an Office of Check over the inferior Paymasters

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The Paymaster General now, in effect, discharges the functions of Accountant General to the Military Department, and consequently affords Aid to the Office of Audit; but if the principle were reversed the Pay Office-General itself would soon become too strong for Control.-

7 Lord Cornwallis was so earnestly solicitous to maintain the existing System, that he even took the Payment of the small Body of Kings Troops, serving here, out of the hands of the Paymaster General, by a special Resolution of Council, of which the accompanying is a Copy. The present Government has repeatedly, and recently recognized the Soundness of the general Rule which precludes the Pay Office General from being a Department of Pay in detail, which is undoubtedly wise, for otherwise the Pay Office General would soon become, from some degree of necessity a House of Agency to all the Regiments

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in the Service; in intimate intercourse with the
Private Agents; the probable consequences
of which need not be described.—

8 If the Station Paymasters were
abolished, the Regimental Paymasters for
the whole Army could only be Supplied with
Cash, either directly from the Paymaster General
or upon his Bills of Exchange, which would
give that Department a very dangerous, but
lucrative, influence, in Regulating the Rate
of Exchange on this Side India, and as the
Aggregate of the Demands on the Department
would be great, Advances by the Million or
half a Million, might, in the course of a little
time, be applied for, as in England, or at least
of Sums for which it would be unwise to
accept any Private Security, whereas, at
present, the Balances in the hands of all the
Paymasters, seldom exceed 12 or 15,000 £, by which

means

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means the Interest of large Sums is saved to
the Company.—

9 Without the intervention of Station
Paymasters, Voluminous Correspondence would be
unavoidable between the Pay Office General and
Regimental Paymasters, respecting their various
Duties, in transmitting Bills for Audit, &
application on all points of reference to the
Control, and ultimately to Government. The
whole of the details, that now occupy several
Offices, would be thrown into one Department,
multiplied, exceedingly, as these Details would
be, because instead of Correspondence with Six
or Seven Gentlemen well acquainted with their
duty, the Paymaster General would have Twenty
Officers of inexperience to transact business
with, and altho' a Paymaster General, with 4
additional assistance, might be willing to
undertake the whole, for the sake of the very
extensive

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extensive, and uncontroutable, Emoluments that it would Result, it is impossible that the business should be carried on as regularly, and expeditiously, as at present, without which the Audits, by being retarded, would be nugatory - It is not likely that the Annual Accounts would be made up in due time for Parliament, nor can it be too often repeated that whereas the Pay Office General, under the existing Regulations, is an Auxiliary to the Military Auditor General, this advantage would be totally lost, and the Military Auditor General instead of being assisted by the Military Paymaster General, in exercising Control over a few Men of long experience, would have a Succession of new Men with the Paymaster General for the time being, at their head, to contend with. -

10 Tho' the introduction of Regimental Paymasters, without any obvious advantage to the Company, has a tendency, in my humble opinion

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opinion, to create trouble and confusion, I have little doubt that ill effects may be prevented by the Assistance and instruction of the # Station Paymasters, but I should despair of it otherwise: and here it may be in point to observe that, even in England, the Agents come between the Pay Office General, and the # Regimental Paymasters, from whom, without some such intervention, I conceive it would be impracticable to obtain Regular Accounts; and if Regimental Paymasters be established, the Station Paymasters in the Country will intervene with the best effect for the Public Interest.—

11 The frequent unavoidable Changes of Regimental Paymasters, by Absence, whether on Military Duty, through Sickness, or # Furlough in Europe, Removals by Promotions, Changes of Colonels, and other Casualties, would unavoidably occasion a fluctuation that would

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serve to perpetuate inexperience; nor is it of
light consideration that these Circumstances
would often occasion Accounts and Balances
being left unadjusted.—

12 I am persuaded that in your Reflections
on this Subject, you must have foreseen difficulties
in effecting the regular Payment of the Troops
by Regimental Paymasters, particularly in
cases of Detachments from Corps; as it is
not to be expected that Government would grant
discretionary Powers to Regimental Paymasters, or
to those acting occasionally for them, to take up
Money at their pleasure, for drafts on the
Paymaster General, tho' this is safely done by
Station Paymasters, under ample Security, in
the hands of Government for the Trust reposed
in them. It might be also noticed that there
have been many Instances of the waste of Public
Money by Commanders; and if such should be
employed hereafter, Paymasters of their appointment
might

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might greatly facilitate, and cover dissipation

13 Independant of the foregoing objections to the abolition of Station Paymasters, it is necessary to remark that Regimental Paymasters only, would not be Sufficient for Detachments sent on Service consisting of several Corps, & where the greatest attention to Regularity and Precision, is particularly necessary, and unless one Individual was vested with the responsibility, disorder would ensue. — Bills for Contingent Charges would be multiplied, and come to Government through various Channels, and the Commanding Officer of the whole would find his trouble & encreased in proportion to the Number of Paymasters. — at present the Commanding Officer of a Detachment on Foreign Service is not only obliged to Countersigned the Accounts of the Detachment Paymaster, but is held, personally, responsible for Contingencies, &

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incurred by his Orders, untill the Bills be sanctioned by Government, and it could not be reasonably expected that such Commanding Officer should put the same Confidence in, or become Answerable for Regimental Paymasters, over whom he could not have the same efficient Check as on the Disbursements of a Person placed in a confidential Situation by Government, and jointly Responsible with himself for the Public Money—

14 It might likewise be considered whether in every case of this sort, where there was no Detachment Paymaster, the Commanding Office of a Detachment, and those of the several Corps composing it should be jointly and severally held Answerable for the same irregular Issues; and whether supposing Regimental Paymasters had the Power of taking up Money at pleasure, on Bills of Exchange, Government would think it justifiable to rely on the implied Security of

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Commanding Officers of Detachments and Corps,
instead of having Regular Bonds from responsible
Men, as required at present from the Paymasters-

15 It cannot have escaped your observation
that, exclusive of the Extraordinaries there are a
great Variety of heavy Military Disbursements,
which it is impossible to consider as Regimental,
and which could not therefore, with any propriety
be included in Abstract, but must be entered
on the Disbursements of other Paymasters;
nor is it to be forgotten that, besides being
Commissaries of Bazars, the Station Paymasters
Act as Commissaries of Supplies of Pettys +
Stores, without any separate Salaries or +
that Account and tho these Supplies are &
indespensably necessary, they are not of sufficient
Magnitude to be fit objects for distinct &
Appointments: neither, if the Station Paymasters
were abolished, could Bills, not Regimental,
be

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be paid at the Subordinate Stations, without
Agents on the part of the Paymaster General
because Individuals could not go to the
Collector, nor the Collector to them, to pay
Bills of Exchange, which would be very
numerous, and frequently of trivial moment.—
16 In the Orders of the Court of
Directors there is not the least hint of
any defects in the System of Bengal
Military Accounts, and it is not usual
to adopt alteration without Satisfactory
reasons— without some manifest Advantage
to be derived, but nothing of the kind is held
out in this Case.— Considering the increase
of Military Charges, it is impossible that
the Company should not be more desirous
than ever to maintain efficient control,
and they could not, I humbly think, approve
measures that would have a different tendency—

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It consists with the knowledge of this Government,
and of the Court of Directors, as well as with
my own experience, not only that the System
of Military Accounts of the Bengal Presidency
is regular and simple, but that sufficient Check
is maintained over them, which would not
otherwise be practicable; and as incessant
pains have been bestowed by successive
Governments, in bringing the Control to its
present State, of which the enclosure No 5, may
enable you to form some Idea, I should
feel extreme Concern at seeing the existing
System subverted, for the sake of experimental
Innovation, in favour of which I do not
conceive it possible for any disinterested man,
intimately acquainted with the Subject, to offer
one Substantial Argument, and I am convinced
by the Test of experience it may be generally laid
down as an Axiom that wherever there is a desire to
accomodate

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accumulate Money transactions into any of
particular Channel, professions of Public
Zeal should be received with caution, the
Object Sought, being too much at variance
with the Principle professed.-

17 Upon the whole I am clearly of
opinion that the Station Paymaster who
have been in the habit of paying Corps
by Companies, may with ease, pay the
Army regularly, without Regimental Paymasters-
that the Appointment of the latter, without
the Continuance of the former, would, be a
to Military Charges would be more disadvant-
-ageous to the Company than making the
Pay-Office-General a Department of Issue of
Money in detail; and consequently, that the
intervention of Station Paymasters is essentially
necessary to ensure due attention to the Public
Interest

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Interest, Regularity of Accounts, and efficacy of Controul.-

18 Having notified to Government, several Months ago, my intention to return to England in the approaching Season, it is evident I cannot have any Personal Object in giving my Opinion, one way or the other, on this question, nor are the observations I have stated, and to which more might be added, to be at all regarded as personal to any body:- they are offered on general principles- but I think it right to say that if I were to remain long in this Country, I would much rather decline continuing at the head of this Department, than hazard my Credit, by undertaking to carry on Controul, under principles which I should consider unsound, and against the difficulties that would be Multiplied by the abolition of the Station Paymasters, of whose number I think no more than one could, at present

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present, be spared without disadvantage to
the Company.-

Military Auditor
General's Office
11th July — 1796.-

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
&c. &c.
(Signed) John Murray
Military Aud.r Gen.l —

P. S. The ill consequences that, contrary
to your intention, would result to the
Company from the abolition of the Station
Paymasters, and from the subversion of the
Principles of Control involved in that Change
of System, are so strongly impressed on my
mind, that I consider it a duty to request
that this Letter, with its Enclosures, may
be laid before the Governor General in Council for
reconsideration to his deciding on the Subject.—

(A true Copy)
(Signed) Fr.k Corfield
Asst to the Mily Aud.r Gen.l —

Extract

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(Signed) Fr.k Corfield
Asst to the Mily Aud.r Gen.l —

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Extract from the Commissary General's Letter to the Bengal Government dated the 30th of Jany 1786

It seems, as if it had been intended, that the income of the Company's Servants should arise Chiefly from undefined Emoluments. I confess however, that my own Ideas have uniformly gone to the Establishment of liberal Stipends, or ascertained perquisites, suited to the Various Situations of their Servants, as being at once the most agreeable road they could have to competencies, and a certain & Source of Substantial advantage to the Company—

Gentlemen, who hold a Situation of Trust, and Responsibility, should be put not merely above necessity, but on such Establishments, as may compensate their Labours, and amply reward and fortify their Integrity. — It remains for Superior Wisdom to determine how far a Contrary

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a Contrary System can Answer so desirable a purpose.—

On another Occasion, I used the freedom of Remarking, that the Company should expand their Ideas to the Liberality which becomes a great and opulent Body, that their Servants should not be left by a Mistaken Oeconomy to think, that they must help themselves, that such Ideas if would be very prejudicial, and that the Honorable Court ought to erase them, on a Scale of enlarged Policy by conferring on the Company's Servants, beneficial and gratifying Remarks of approbation according to their Services and Merits.—

/a true Extract/

/Signed/ Jn.k Corfield

Asst to the Mjr Genl.—

Extract of the 32d. Paragraph of the Military Auditor Generals Letter to Earl Cornwallis in Council Dated the 27th. April 1791.—

The pay of the European Corps here is issued by Companies to the Officers Commanding

these

these Companies, and the same, in my humble &
Opinion, ought to be the mode of paying the
Native Corps.—

The Money should be issued to the H
Men by or in the immediate presence of their
Respective Commanding Officers, under the
Control, and Inspection of the Officers Commanding
the Battalion, who would thus be placed in
his proper Situation to see ample Justice done
to the inferior Officers and Men of his Corps. H
I cannot be of the opinion stated in the Article
under Remark, though it is a popular one, namely
that the practice Recommended may be a means
of attaching the Sepoys to their Commandant"
on the contrary, I think that, upon General H
principles, it would be Reasonable to expect, that
they would be more attached to him when they
should view him, solely, in the Capacity of
their Leader, and as their protector against H
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any Injuries relative to their pay - and I should conceive that the Commandants would be a more efficient Check upon the Junior Officers, than these could be upon their Commanding & Officers.-

/A true Extract/
/Signed/ J.K Corfield
Asst. to the Mj. Aud. Genl.

Extract Supplement to Colonel Murray's Report to the Governor General in Council dated 12 August 1793 relative to the Military Regulations of Fort Saint George

15 January 1793.- Commanding Officers of Native Battalions to draw the Abstracts of their Corps.-	Vide opinion on this Subject in the Extracts of the Supreme Boards Letter to the Government of Bombay, dated 22nd October 1792, Paragraph 45: which accompanied my Report of the 12th of August 1793.- On this point it is to

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to be remarked, that the Court of
Directors never Received aworse &
advise or more unsound opinion,
than that which indued them
to overset the Regulations &
relative to the Native Corps
adopted by Mr. Hastings on
the Suggestion of General Stibbert,
the General principle of which,
was wise, because it substituted
adequate Allowances in place
of undefined Emoluments, by
annexing suitable Incomes, to
responsible Situations, and &
making the European Commandants
of Native Corps Officers of
discipline and Control only.—

(A true Extract)
(Signed) J. K. Corfield
Asst. to the Mr. Genl.— Extract

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Extract Minutes of Council dated the 22d October 1792
Published in General Orders the 8th November 1792.

The Governor General in Council,
having taken into consideration to whom the
Duty of Paymaster of the Company's Allowances
to the Kings Troops shall devolve in future, it
has been determined, that after the first of
ensuing Month, it shall be performed by the
Deputy Paymaster General; such an Arrange=
ment being Required by a necessary adherence
to a General System, which precludes the
Paymaster General himself from exercising
the Office of a Paymaster in detail.- The
Governor General in Council has deemed it
proper to Record this Reason for the Arrangment,
in Order to shew, that it does not arise from
any dissatisfaction with the mode in which
the duties have been hitherto executed by
Mr. Farquharson, who is permitted to
Draw

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Draw the full Salary, and Establishment for the Office, from the Period of the Return of the King's Troops to the Presidency, until the end of the present Month, from which time, and until the Arrival of the 73d. Regement the Deputy Paymaster General will draw a Reduced Salary of Sonant Rupees 300 per Mensem, as Paymaster of the Company's Allowances to the King's Troops, and the former Establishment of an Assistant and a Native Writer.—

/A true Extract/
/Signed/ T. Canfield
Asst. to the Mr. and Genl.

To Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.
Governor General &c. &c. &c. in Council
Military Department—

Honorable Sir,

1st I have the honor to lay before you, in order to be forwarded to the Honorable Court of Directors, if you think proper, a Continuation of the

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The Reports of Audits of the Military Accounts of Disbursements in this Office, from the 1st of May 1795, to the 30th April 1796, by which it appears, that the Medium Number of days they have been determined for Audit is 11.

2 I had the honor to intimate to you on the 20th of February, my intention to return to Europe, by one of the Ships of the ensuing Season, and as the Official Year, of which the Audits are just finished will probably be the last year of my Control, of the Military Accounts of the Presidency, I have thought it proper to bring into one View, for your Notice and that of the Court of Directors a Statement of the Audits between my Return, to this Country, in 1788, and the Close of the last Official Year, from which it appears that the Average of the time the Paymasters Monthly Accounts of Disbursements have been under Audit is Seven Years and Eight Months is

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about Fifteen days.- a Circumstance which clearly evinces that the Control may, with due Application, be closely kept up; and I doubt whether under any other Government in the World, the Multifarious & Accounts of so great a Military Establishment, are as regularly brought up, and receive such early Audit.-

I have the honor to be with greatest Respect
&c: &c:
(Signed) John Murray
Mily Aud. Genl.

Military Auditor
General's Office
10th June 1796.-

Abstract Statement Shewing the Annual Average Number of Days the Accounts of Disbursements have been under Audit since the 1st September 1788.

	No. of Vouchers	No. of days under Audit	Annual average No. of Days
From 1st September 1788 to 30th April 1789	96.	1732	18 4/96
From 1st May 1789 to 30th April 1790	154	2509.	16 45/154
From 1st May 1790 to 30th April 1791	177.	3526.	19 63/177
From 1st May 1791 to 30th April 1792	170	2389.	14 1/170
From 1st May 1792 to 30th April 1793	117.	1649.	14 7/117
From 1st May 1793 to 30th April 1794	144.	2461.	17 12/144
From 1st May 1794 to 30th April 1795	151.	2118.	14 4/151
From 1st May 1795 to 30th April 1796	149.	1668.	11 27/149
	1158.	18,052.	15 682/1158

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/a true Copy/
(Signed) James Lockhart
Asst. Aud.t

/Signed/ James Lockhart
Accountant

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The Board entirely concur in the
Sentiments expressed by the President

The President proposes that the
following alteration be made in the Regulations
for Paymasters suggested by the Military Auditor
General in respect to leave of absence.—

Art: 38 Whenever a Paymaster may have
occasion to apply for leave of Absence, he is to give
Notice in writing of his intention to the Commanding
Officer of the principal Station, and to transmit
his application to the Military Paymaster &
General, who will take the necessary measures
for obtaining leave, and Report it to the Military
Auditor General.—

39 Upon receiving Notice of a Paymasters
intention to apply for leave of absence a Commanding
Officer shall have reason to think such leave of
absence injurious to the Public Service, he is to
state those reasons to the Governor in Council.—

Agreed

Articles 38 and 39 of the Regulations for Paymasters Substituted in the room of those standing in the Code entered on the Records of the 30th June.—

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Agreed to and ordered Accordingly

The new Regulations for the Military Pay offices &c published in G.O. and to have effect from the 1st October next.—

Resolved that the regulation for the Paymasters Department be adopted with the foregoing amendment suggested by the President, published in General Orders, and put in force from the 1st October next.—

Regulations suggested by the Military Auditor & General for the Offices of the Military Paymaster General, Military Paymrs and Military Auditor Genl as entered in Consult 30 June approved - and to be sent to those Departments.—

The Board adopt the Regulations & suggested by Major General Sydenham for the & Offices of the Military Paymaster General, & Military Paymasters and Military Auditor General: Ordered therefore that copies of the & Regulations under the Authority of Government be transmitted for the Guidance of those departments respectively.—

Regulations for Paying Detachments of Troops in the Field or on Foreign Service approved, as also those respecting & Family Payments.

The Board also adopt the Regulations for paying Detachments of Troops in the Field or on foreign Service as well as those for Family Payments - Ordered Accordingly that a Copy of the former under the Authority of Government &

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be furnished to all Paymasters who may be appointed to Detachments, and that the latter be published in General Orders.—

The Board having paid particular attention to the Regulations for the Grain and Provision department, the victualling Department the Gram Agency, and for Draught and Carriage bullocks as suggested by the Military Auditor General, and Revised by the Military Board, and having made such alterations as appear to them necessary, Resolve that they be adopted & and published in general Orders.—

The Regulations for the Grain and Provision Department, the victualling Department Gram Agency and Draught and Carriage Bullocks adopted and published in G.O.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord

We do Ourselves the honor to forward herewith to your Lordship in Council, Statements of Artificers and Lascars-Stores, and Stationary &c.—

From the Military Board with the Statements of Artificers and Lascars Stores &c. required for the Engineer's Department on the Expedition—recommending advance of Cash to the Agent for Supplies on account of Wax Cloth and the [illegible] Barrels required for the Expedition—

Said

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laid before our Board by the Chief Engineer as being
requires for the Detail of this Department about
to be employed on Foreign Service.—

" Having judged it necessary to &
Indent on the Agent for Supply for eight &
hundred (800) tin foiled Barrels for the purpose
of Storing therein the Musket Ammunition to
be sent on the intended Expedition, Barrels of
that description being more Secure against
Water than the Common Sort: and three &
hundred (300) Pieces of Wax Cloth, the provision
of which admits of no delay, We are Accordingly
induced to deviate from the mode approved by
Government for making Advances of Cash to
the Agent and beg leave to Recommend to &
Your Lordship in Council that an Advance of
two thirds of the Amount of the Cost thereof &
being Pagodas 840.. 35.— be immediately &

made

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made to Mr. Webb. and the remaining third after delivery and Approval of the Articles.—

We have the honor to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships'

very Obedient

Humble Servants,

(Signed) "George Harris

"Patrick Ross

"Thomas Geils

"

"John Richardson

"B. Close

"George Hall

Fort St. George
10th July 1797.—

Return

Return of Artificers and Lascars in the Engineers Departmt. for the Intended Expedition

	Warder	Mate Lascars	Serjeant and Lascars	Camp Colour Man	Drumsticks Man	Peons	Interpreter	Bricklayers Mistress	Bricklayers	Carpenters Mistress	Carpenters	Smith Mistress	Smiths	Hammermen	Bellows Boys	Barges Mastery	Barges	Hand Lascars	Chunkolies	Coolies	Bonnetters	Chunkolies	Moorsty	Head Coniephys	Coniephys	Sepoys	Lascars	Lascars	Farriers Mastery	Armrs Mastrys	Farriers and Jobbing Smiths	
	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	2.	1.	1.	2.	2.	20.	2.	12	12	12	1.	1.	5.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	2.	5.	10.	250.	1.	2.	25.

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/Signed/ Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer M. G.

/True Copy/
/Signed/ Fred: Pierce
Secry to Government Mary Dept.

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Return of Stores in the Engineer's Department for the Intended Expedition.—

Carpenters Tools

Adzes		6.
Plains of Sorts		2.
Chisels		10.
Mortice		1.
Pincher		1.
Hand Saws		4.
Cross Cut Saws		2.
Augers ½ Inch		2.
Spike Gimblets		5.
Grinding Stone with trough and handle Complete		1.
Chalk	H.	20.
Calliper		1.
Compass	Pr.	1.
Two feet Rulers		12.
Gouges		2.
Pump Nails	H.	1.
Glue	H.	5.

Smiths Tools

Beak Irons		3.
Hand Vice		1.
Bench Vice		1.
Hammers Sledge large		2.
Files of Sorts	Dozen	1.
Bellows Sackits	Pr.	6.
Tue Irons		6.
Smiths hand hammers		3.
Long handle Pinchers		3.
Crooked headed Do		3.

Sundries

Iron	Bars	2.
30 Nails	H.	300.
24 Do	H.	100
20 Do	H.	50
10 Do	H.	20.
6 Do	H.	15.
4 Do	H.	15.
3 Do	H.	10.
Brads	H.	2.
Steel	Bars	2.
Screw Nails	Dozen	6.
Twine Case	H.	6.
Augers for boring the Platforms		12.
Gimblets for Do Do		12.
Leather	Sides	3.

Bricklayers Tools

Trowels Iron	8.
Do Brass	6.
10 feet Rods	4.
6 Do Do	12.
5 Do Do	24.
3 Do Do	16.
Plumb Rules	12.
Squares	4.
Levels	4.
Sight Boards	4.
Mallets Small	20.

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Picquets	300	Male Bamboo 8 ft. long each	
Log Reals each with two Lines	4	and not less than 2 1/4 Inch	
Rammers	10	Diameter	50.
Cotton Rope Coil	1.	Iron Staples as p. Muster	800
Plummet Lead	4.		
Mamoties	40.	**Instruments**	
Pick Axes	40.	Theodolite	1.
Bill hooks	40.	Levelling Instrument	1.
Saf hooks	12.	Azimuth Compass	1.
Pioners Tools		Pocket Instrument Cases	2.
Iron Wedges	40.	Parallel Rulers	2.
Borrer in Joints	2.	Perambulator	1.
Baskets	2000.	Brass Plan case	1.
Miners Tools		Tracing Glass	1
Mattocks	20.	Flags	
Pin Maules	10	Brass Chain of 50 feet	1
Rugets 200 feet long	14	Dark Lanthorns	2.
Stores		Colour Box	1
Casks to contain 8 Gallons each with Iron hoops and Rings to be put up in Packs	250		
Europe Rope New 2 Inches Coil.	4.		
D° Rat Lines D°	4.		

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/Signed/ Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer M.G.

True Copy
/Signed/ Fred: Pierce
Secy & Accountant Mily Bd

Return

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Return of Stationary in the Engineers Depart.ment for the Intended Expeditions.—

A Box of Stationary Viz.t

		Nr.			Nr.
Imperial	Quires	4	Blotting Paper	Quires	4.
Royal	"		Memorandum Books		12.
Demy		10.	Folio		6.
Tools Cap		15.	Quarto		6.
Quarter Post		15.	Black Lead Pencils	Dr.	8.
Cartridge		6.	Hone		1.
Vellum	Sheets	4.	Scissors	Pr.	1.
Sealing Wax	Sticks	20.	Soap		1.
Quills		600.	Pocket Books for Working Parties		6.
Penknives Ivory handles		4.	Pocket Books		4.
Pewter Inkstand		1.	Wafers		3.
Ivory folder		1.	a Box to Contain the above 2.6 by 1.6. by 1.1 with hinges Lock and Key Covered on the Top with Canvass and Painted.—		
Tape	Pr.	6.			
Pounce	Dr.	1.			
Ink Powder		12.			

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/Signed/ Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer M: G.

True Copy
/Signed/ Fred: Pierce
Secy & Accountant Mily Bd.

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Resolved that the Military board be authorized to give the necessary Orders for providing the Stationary Stores, Artificers, and Lascars required in the Engineers Department for foreign Service according to the foregoing returns.-

Read the following Letters from Bengal

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Bengal inclosing Invoices and Bills of lading of Ordnance Stores and Provisions shipped on the Pitt and Royal admiral for the Expedition consigned to Madras.-

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit to you to be laid before the Right Honorable the President in Council the accompanying Invoices and Bills of lading of Ordnance, Stores, and Sundry Articles shipped on the Pitt, and Royal Admiral Indiamen destined for the Expedition.-

2 of these Ships have been dispatched for Fort St. George.-

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) G: H: Barlow
Secy to the Govt.

Fort William
30th June 1797.-

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Invoice of Ordnance, and Stores, despatched by Order of the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart. Governor General in Council on the Ship Pitt, & Captain John Gerrard Commander, for Fort St. George and goes consigned to the Governor and Council there. — Fort William the 15th June 1797

Beds	Mortar	English	8 Inch	1.
Carriages	Field Gun and Limbers	for Iron Guns	18. Pr.	4. —
Chains —	Draught	for Do.	18. Do.	4.
Coins	Gun Carriage		18. Do.	8.
Collars	Tompion	in the Limber Box		3.
				8.
Handspikes	Traversing			250.
Hides	Coco			3.
Ordnance	Iron Guns	English Cwt. 122.7	18 Pr.	3.
Tompions	Gun	in the Limber Box	18. Do.	3. —
Mauntles	with Helves			7.
Axes	Pick	Do.		4.
	Felling	Do.		4.
Hatchets	Hand	Do.		3.
Wrenches	for Nut Screws	with 2 Squares		6.
Key	for Capsquare			14.
Eyes	for Chains			3.
Hammers	Gun			3.
Pincers	Tube			3
Hammers	Hand	Claw		

In One Dual Chest.

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Priming	Wires			3.
Bitts	Gun			3.
Locks	Pad Brass			4.
Aprons	Lead			3.
Saws	Hand			3.
Knives	Laboratory			3.
Lanthorns	Dark			3.
Sights to	Gunners			3.
Palms	Steel			3.
Nails	Tack			300.
Needles	Sail			8.
"	Sewing			15.
Candle	Wax	(25)		3.
Silk	Sewing		Seers	12.
Lines	Seizing	Country	Chitts	3.
"	Log	Europe	Ms	3.
Twine	Europe	/Chitts 13/	do	5.
Pouches	Cannon	Cartridge	do	6.
"		Priming		3.
Buckets	Gun			7.
Drift	Gun Steel			9.
Wax	Bees		Chitts	12.
Linstocks	with Cocks			4.

(Sic) For the foregoing Dead Stock:-

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Match	Gun Country in 1 Bale (3md 5 11)		Mds	32.
Ladles	Copper Gun with Wad Hooks in 1 Bundle	18 Prs		3.
Spunge	Gun with Rammer Patent with Caps in 3	18 Prs		18.
Cartridges	Empty Serge in 12 Bales	18 Prs		320 —
	in one Bundle	18 Pcs	Setts	5 —
Dragropes	Gun			14. —
Iron	Europe Bar (2 Bars) in one	Do	Surs	33..10 —
Handspikes	Common			150. —
Shot fixt to Bottoms	Grape in 13 Mangoe Boxes	18 Prs		792. —
	Do			124. —
	loose Round			124. —
Powder	Bengal Coarse 100lb Barrels			57. —
"	" Medium Do Do			19. —
Yokes	unfixt for Chains for 2 Bullocks in 15 Bundles			
Do	Do for Store Carriages in 5 Do			

Package

			13.
Boxes	Mangoe		1.
Chests	Deal Large		248.
Gunny	Shutties	Sacs	2.8.
Nails	8d		25..
	Tack	Sacs	29.. —
Oakum	(6md 5 33.. 11 cl)	Mains	151.. —
Rope	Inte Lashing	Mds	1.. 13.. 8.
	Spunyarn	Sacs	9.. 4.
	Twine Bengal	Pacs	37.. —
	Wax Cloth	Sont R	113.. 8.. —

Charges Shipping

A true Copy

(Signed) Isaac Humpherys
Secy and Asst Mily Bd

(Signed) Tho: Anbursey
Comm of Stores

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Invoice of Sundry Articles Laden by the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart. Governor General in Council of Fort William on board the Pitt Indiaman John Gerard Commander bound to Fort St. George and Consigned to the Governor in Council there being on Account and Risque of the Honorable United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies Marked as ℳ Margin.—

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E. V. I. C.

Rum ..... 59 Leaguers Cont. 8,488 Gallons @ 15. 8 ℳ Gallon ..... 8,311. 2. 8.—
Salt Beef Country 72 Casks Cont. each 360 lb.
@ 78. 11. 2 ℳ Cask ..... 5,666. 4. .
D. D. D. 8. D. D. D. 180. D. .
@ 39. 11. 2 D. ..... 317. 9. 4.—
D. D. D. 1 D. D. D. 400. D. .
@ 87. 2. 2. D. ..... 87. 2. 2.—
D. D. D. 1. D. D. D. 560. D.
@ 120. 14. 8 D. ..... 120. 14. 8.—
Salt Pork Country 14 D. D. D. 360. D. .
@ 62. 11. 2. D. ..... 877. 12. 4.—
D. D. D. 1. D. D. D. 180. D.
@ 31. 11. 2 D. ..... 31. 11. 2.—
D. D. D. 1. D. D. D. 440. D.
@ 76. 6 D. ..... 76. 6.—
Salt Humps D. 1. D. D. 300. D.
@ 72. 5. 11. D. ..... 72. 5. 11.—
D. D. D. 1. D. D. 400. D.
@ 87. 2. 2 D. ..... 87. 2. 2.—
D. D. D. 2. D. D. 180. D.
@ 39. 11. 2 D. ..... 79. 6. 4.—
102 Casks 7,416. 4. 7. 15,727 7. 3—

Salt Beef Country 8 Dble Casks @ 360 Each
@ 80 ℳ ℳ Cask ..... 640. . .
D. D. D. 30 Single D. @ 180
D. @ 40 ℳ ℳ D. ..... 1200. . .
D. Pork D. 12 D. @ 180 each
@ 30 ℳ ℳ D. ..... 360. . . 2200.—
Rice Pachery Coarse 2000 Dble Bags Cont.g
4000 Maund @ 1. 2. 6 ℳ Maund ..... 4625. . .

Carried forward ..... 22,552. 7. 3—

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Brought forward ——— 22,352 7. 2.

Charges Merchandize

Charges on the Rice

4600 Gunny Bags for Cust. the Rice ..... @ 7. 4. ₰ ℅ — 290. " "
Coolies on —— Do —— ..... @ - 1. 6 ₰ ℅ .... 3. 12. "
Coolies on —— Do —— ..... @ - 5. 4 ₰ ℅ .... 13. 5. 4.
Weighmans Work on 4000 Mds. of Do —— @ 1. " " ₰ ℅ .... 20. " "
Packermans Do. on 2000 Bags of Do .... @ " 2. ₰ ℅ .... 2. 8. "
Marking .... Do. — Do. — ..... @ 1. 12. each ... 43. 12. "
Boats hire .. 20 Sloopings — Do. ....
Do. Demurage 5 Do. —— Do. ——
25 —— ..... @ 1. 12. each ... 43. 12. "
Coolies putting the Bags of Rice on Boats — @ 1. 12 ₰ ℅ .... 35. " "
Mats Durma 400 ..... @ 5. " ₰ ℅ .... 20. " "
Coolies and Do —— ..... @ 4. " ₰ ℅ .... 1. " "
Teakey Peons 25 attending with Boats
Do —— Do. — 5 .... Do with Seates
30 —— ..... @ - 2. 6. each ... 4. 11. "
Dengy hire passing and Repairing on board the Sloops ..... 10. "
Packermans Work Repairing bags —— @ 4 - each } .... 1. 4. "
on board the Sloops for 5 days .....
2 Sloops hire Sending the 2000 Bags of Rice
on board the Ship. Pitt ..... 347. 8. "
2 Peons attending on board the Sloops ..... @ 2. 8 each —— 5. " "
788. 6. 4.

Charges on the 59 Casks of Rum
Boats hire 7 for Slooping Do
Do. Demurage 4 for Do. — Do.
11 ..... @ 1. 12 each — 19. 4. "
Coolies for Carrying the 59 Casks of Rum from the
Genl. Storekeepers Store to Ballochaut ..... @ 12. each .... 44. 4. "
Dengy hire for Passing and Repassing on board the Sloop. ..... 4. "
Sloop hire Sending 59 Casks of Rum on board the
Ship. Pitt — @ 2 Rs. ₰ Cask ..... 118. " "

Charges on the 102 Casks of Salt Provisions.
Boats hire — 6 Slooping — Do
Do. Demurage 3 — Do —— Do
9 —— ..... @ 1. 12 — each ..... 15. 12. "
Coolies for Carry. the 102 Casks of Provisions from the Garrison } 38. 4. "
Storekepers Store to Ballochaut ... @ 6. 4 ₰ each .....
Dingy hire for Passing and Repassing on board the Sloop ..... 4. "
Sloop hire Sending the 102 Casks of Salt Provisions on board
the Ship Pitt @ 1 Rs. ₰ Cask ..... 102. " "
Peon attending on Do ..... 3. " "

Carried forward 1129. 6. 4. 22,352 7. 3.

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Brought forward ——— 22,552 7. 3

Charges Merchandize Cont. Brought forwd — 1129. 6. 4

Paid Mr. Murdock for Driving Hoops and fitting
up Pickle into the 50 Casks of Salt Provisions
which Shipped from the Diamond Harbour — 41. 11. —

Store Keepers Commission on Sa. Rs. 5796. 1. 4 @ 10 ⅌ Ct. 579. 9. 8.

1750. 11. —

Sicca Rupees — 24,303. 2. 3.

Fort William
Accountant Generals Office
the 30th June 1797.—

Errors Excepted
Signed Tho.s Myers
Acct. Genl.

Invoice of Ordnance, and Stores, dispatched by Order of the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart. Governor General in Council, on the Ship "Royal Admt." Captain William Dorset Fillowes, Commander for Fort St. George and goes Consigned to the Governor and Council there — Fort William 15th June 1797—

Beds Mortar English			1.
Carriages Field Gun and Limbers for Iron Guns		18. Pr.	2.
Chain Draught for Ditto		18. Pr.	4.
Coins Gun Carriages		18. Pr.	8.
Collar Tompion in a Limber Box			3.
Handspikes Traversing			8.
Hides Cow			250.
Ordnance Iron Guns English Cwt. 123. 3. 20		18. Pr.	3.
Tompion Gun in a Limber Box		18. Pr.	3.

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Mamuties	with Helve	tot. 17. 6	7.
Axes	Pick with D°		4.
	Felling with D°		4.
Hatchets	Hand with D°		4.
Wrenches for Nuts	with 2 Squares		3.
Keys	Capsquare		6.
Eyes	for Chain (Spare)		14.
Hammer Gun			3.
Pincers	Tube	on a large deal Chest	3.
Hammer Hand Claw			3.
Primingwires			3.
Bitts	Gun		3.
Locks	Pad Brass		4.
Aprons	Lead		3
Saws	Hand		3.
Knives	Laboratory		3.
Lanthorns	Dark		3.
Sights	Gunners		3.
Palms	Steel		3.
Nails	Tack Europe		300.
Needles	Sail		8.
	Sewing		15.

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Candles	Wax		Seers	3.
Silk	Sewing		Chittacks	12.
Lines	Seizing	Country	Skains	3.
		Log Europe	Do	3.
			Chittacks	" 13.
Pouches	Cannon	Cartridge		16.
		Priming		3.
Buckets	Fire or Gun			7.
Drifts	Gun Steel			9.
Wax	Bees		Chittacks	" 12.
Linstocks	With Cocks			4. -
Ladles Copper	Gun & Wadhooks		in one Bundle 18 Pr.	3.
Sponges	With Rammers Patent	with Caps	in 3 Bundles 18 Pr.	18.
Match Gun Country	18 Pr. 3. 7. 4.		in one Bale Skains	31.
Cartridge Empty	Serge		in 12. Do 188 Pr.	3,240
Dragropes	Gun		in One Bundle Sett 18 Pr.	5.
Iron	Europe Bar (2 Bars)		in One Do Seers	26. 2.
Handspikes	Common			14. -
Powder Bengal	Coarse 100 lb Barrels			124.
	Medium 100 Do			124.
Yokes unfit for	Chains for 2 Bullock		in 15 Bundles	57.

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Yokes Unfixt for Chain for spare Carriages in 5 Bundles ---- 19.

Shot Loose Round ---- 18 Prs 2773.

fixt to Bottoms Grape in 13 Mango Boxes -- 18 Prs 150

Package

Boxes ---- Mango ---- 13.

Chests ---- Deal Large ---- 1.

Gunny ---- Chuttie ---- 248.

Nails ---- Europe ---- 8d ---- Sorts ---- 2.

Jack or Pump Country ---- 25.

Oakum ---- Sorts ---- 29.

Rope ---- Jute Lashing 1/2 6 32 2 ---- Skains 151.

Spunyarn ---- M.ds ---- 1 7 -

Twine ---- Bengal ---- Sorts ---- 9 4.

Wax ---- Cloth ---- Pieces ---- 37 -

Charges Shipping Sent Rs 113 8 -

Signed Tho.s Anbrey
Commissary of Stores

A true Copy

Signed Isaac Humphreys
Secy & Accountant M:ly Bd

Invoice

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Invoice of Sundry Articles Laden by the Honble Sir John Shore Bart. Governor General in Council of Fort William on board the Ship Royal Admiral — Tellows Commander bound to Fort St. George and Consigned to the Governor in Council there being on Account and Risque of the Honble United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies Marked as ℳ Margin —

56	Leaguers of Bengal Rum Containing 8547 Gallons			8,235.	6. 3
71	Casks of Country Salt Beef each Cwt. 360 lbs				
	at Rs. 78 ℳ Cask 5538				
8	Do. of Do. Do. Rs. 180				
	@ 39 ℳ Do.	312.	.		
1	Do. of Do. Do. Do. 400				
	@ 87 ℳ Do.	87.	.		
1	Do. of Do. Do. Do. 368				
	@ 80 ℳ Do.	80	.		
1	Do. of Do. Do. Do. 560				
	@ 120 ℳ Do.	120	.		
11	Do. of Do. Pork Do. 360				
	@ 63 ℳ Do.	882.	.		
1	Do. of Do. Do. Do. 276				
	@ 40 ℳ Do.	40.	.		
1	Do. of Do. Do. Do. 230				
	@ 41 ℳ Do.	41.	.		
1	Do. of Do. Do. Do. 180.				
	@ 31 ℳ Do.	31.	.		
1	Do. of Thumps & Tongues Do. 260.				
	@ 57 ℳ Do.	57.	.		
2	Do. of Do. Do. Do. 380.				
	@ 82 ℳ Do.	164.	.		
		7352	.	15,587.	6. 3
8	Casks of Country Salt Beef @ Cwt. 360 lbs				
	@ 80 ℳ Do.	640.	.		
30	Do. of Do. Do. @ 180 @ 40 ℳ Do.	1200.	.		
12	Do. of Do. Do. @ 180 @ 30 ℳ Do.	360.	.		
				2,200.	. .
	Rice Patchery Coarse 3000 bags Cont. 6000 Mds @ 1. 2. 6 ℳ Md.			6937.	8. .

Charges Merchandize

Charges on the Rice

6000	Gunny bags Cost the Rice @ 7. 4 ℳ C.	435.	.	
	Coolies on Ditto	1.6 Do. 5. 10.	.	
	Carried Forward	440. 10.	.	24,724. 14. 3.

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Brought Forward ------ 24,724 14. 3.

Charges Merchandize ---- Brought forward ------ 440. 10 ..

Weighmans Work on 6000 Mds @ ---------- 5. 4 ps/m. 20. .. ..

Packmans --- Do --- on 3000 Bags @ ---------- 1 .. ps/c bags 30. .. ..

Marking ---------- Do ---- @ ---------- 2 ps/o. Do .. 3. 12 ..

Boats hire --- 30

Do Demurrage --- 7

37 Sloops the Rice --- @ 1. 12 d ---- 64. 12 ..

Coolies putting the bags of Rice on boats --- @ 1. 12 ps/o .. 52. 8. ..

Malls Durma 900 ---------- @ 5. ps/o ---- 45. .. ..

Coolies on Ditto ---------- @ 4. Do ---- 2. 4. ..

Tiakey Peons 37 attending the Boats

Ditto --- 7 --- Do the Sealing.

14 ---------- @ 2. 6. d ---- 6. 14. ..

Dingy hire passing and repassing on board the Sloop --- .. 15 ..

Packmans Work Repairing the bags on board

the Sloop for 7 Days ---------- 1. 12 ..

3 Sloops hire sending the 3000 Bags of Rice on

Board the Royal Admiral ---------- 185. .. ..

3 Peons attending on Ditto ---------- 9. .. ..

Charges on the 56 Casks of Rum

Boats hire --- 6.

Do Demurrage --- 4

10 Boats Sloopeng the Rum

@ 1. 12. each ---- 17. 8. ..

Coolies Carrying the 56 Casks of Rum

from the Garrison Storekeepers Store to

Ballaghaut @ .. 12 .. d ---------- 42. .. ..

Carried Forward --- 1221. 15. .. 24,724. 14. 3

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	Brought forward	24,724.. 14.. 3
	Brought forward S.Rs.	1221. 15. ..
Dingy hire passing and Repassing on board the Sloop	4. ..	
Sloop hire Sending the 56 Casks of Rum on board the Ship Royal Admiral at 2 Rs. ea.	112. ..	
Charges on the 102 Casks of Salt Provisions		
Boat hire — 6		
D. Demurrage — 3/9 Slooping D. at 1.. 12 ea.	15. 12. ..	
Coolies Carrying 102 Casks of Provisions from the Garison Storekepers Store to Balloa Ghaut at 6 Ans each	38. 4. ..	
Dingy hire passing and repassing on board the Sloop	4. ..	
Sloop hire Sending the 102 Casks of Salt Provisions on board the Ship Royal Admiral at 1. Rs each	102. ..	
Pions Attending	3. ..	
Paid M. Mendack for Driving Hoops and fitting up Pickle into the 50 Cask of Salt Provisions which were Shipped from Diamond Harbour	41 11. ..	
Storekepers Commission on S.Rs. 8472. 10. @ 10 p.c.	847. 4. 2.	2,382. 6. 2.
	Sicca Rupees 27,107. 4. 5.	

Fort William
Aud. Gen.ls office
the 30th June 1797.—

Errors Excepted
P Tho.s Myers
Accountant Genl.
To

4608 Fort St. George 18th July 1797

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

Sir,

From Bengal enclosing Invoices and Bills of Lading of Ordnance Stores and Provisions Shipped on the Busbridge Indiaman and Indra Country Ship for the Expedition. —

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit to you, to be laid before the Right Honorable the President in Council, the undermentioned Invoices and Bills of Lading of Ordnance, Stores, and Sundry other Articles shipped on the Busbridge Indiamen, and Indra Country Ships, destined for the expedition. —

2 These Ships have been dispatched to Fort St. George. —

Invoice & Bill of lading of Ordnance and Stores shipped on the Busbridge. —

Invoice and Bill of Lading of Sundry Articles Ditto

Ditto by the Garrison Storekeeper

Bill of Lading of a flat bottomed Boat on Ditto

Bill of Lading of a flat bottomed Boat Shipped on the Indra. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) G. H. Barlow
Secy to the Govt. —

Fort William
the 3d July 1797. —

Invoice

4609 Fort St. George. 18th July 1797

Invoice of Ordnance and Stores dispatched by Order of the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart. Governor General in Council, on the Ship Bainbridge Captain John Dobrie Commander for Fort St. George, and goes Consigned to the Governor and Council there. — Fort William 15th June 1797

Powder Bengal Coarse 100lbs Bs			124
Medium ... Do			124
Beds Mortar English		10 Inch	1
Carriages Field Gun and Limber for Iron Guns		18 Prs	3
Chains — Draught — Do		18 Do	3
Coins Gun Carriage		Do	6
Collars — Tompion	in the Limber Boxes		3
Tompions Gun	in the Limber Boxes	18 Prs	3
Handspikes — Traversing			6
Hides Cow			250
Ordnance Iron Guns English Cwt 123..1..13		18 Prs	3
Ladles — Copper Gun and Wad hooks in a Bundle		18 Do	3
Sponges with Rammers Patent (with Caps) in 3 Bundles		18 Do	18
Cartridges Empty Serge	in 12 Bales	18 Do	3,200
Match Gun Country (lb. 3. 7. 4)	in 1 Bale	Lbs	31
Handspikes Common			14
Iron — Europe Bar (2 Bars) in a Bundle		Tons	33.10
		Shot	

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Shot	fist to Bottoms	Grape in 13 Mangoe Boxes	188 Ps	150
Mamuties	with helves	Sizes 17. 6.		7.
Axes	Pick	with helves		3.
	Felling	with Do		3.
Hatchets	Hand	with Do	in 1 large Dead chest	3.
Wrenches	for Nuts	with two Squares		4.
Keys	Capsquare			6.
Cases	Spare	for Chains		14.
Hammers	Gun			3.
Pincers	Tube			3.
Hammers	Hand	Claw		3.
Priming	Wires			3.
Betts	Gun			3.
Locks	Pad	Brass		3.
Aprons	Lead		188 Ps	3.
Saws	Hand		in the foregoing Dead chest.	3.
Knives	Laboratory			3.
Lanthorns	Dark			3.
Sights	Gunners			3.
Palms	Steel			300
Nails	Tack or Sump	Europe		7.
Needles	Sail			15.
	Sewing		Sizes	3.
Candles	Wax		Chts	12.
Silk	Sewing			

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Lines	Seizing	Country		Sht.	3.
"	Log	Europe		Do	3.
Twine		Europe		Cht.	13
Pouches	Cannon	Cartridge			6.-
"	"	Priming	in the foregoing Deal Chest		3.
Buckets		Gun			7.
Drafts	Gun	Steel			3.
Wax		Bees		Cht.	12
Yokes	Unfitt for Chains for two Bullocks		in 15 Bundles		57.-
Dragropes		Gun	in a Bundle	18 Sht.	5.
		Package			
Box		Mangoe			13.
Chests		Deal Large			1.
Gunny		Chuttes			248.
Nails		Europe	8d	Sund. Cht.	2.4.
"		Tank or Pump	Country		25.-
Oakum					29.
Rope		Tarr Laskins	[Wt. 6:35:8]	Sun.	152
Spunyarn				Bd.	1.7.-
Twine		Bengal		Sun.	9.4
Wax Cloth				Pces.	37.

Charges Shipping ..... Sonaut R. 113.8.-

[Signed] Thomas Astbury
Commissary of Stores

[A true Copy]

[Signed] Isaac Humphreys
Secretary & Acct. Mily Board

Invoice

4612 Fort St. George 18th July 1797

Invoice of Sundry Articles Laden by the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart. Governor General in Council of Fort William on board the Ship Busbridge John Dobree Commander bound to Fort George and Consigned to the Governor in Council there being on Account and Risque of the Honorable United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies Marked as ℔ Margin.—

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63 Leaguers of Bengal Rum Containing 8566 Gall.
@ 13 An. ℔ Gallon ..... 6959 4. .

71 Casks of Country Salt Beef each Cnt.
360 lb @ 78 ℔ Cask ..... 5538. . .
8 .... D° .... D° .... D°
180. @ 39 .... D° ..... 312 . .
1 .... D° .... D° .... D°
400. @ 87 .... D° ..... 87 . .
1 .... D° .... D° .... D°
368. @ 80 .... D° ..... 80. . .
1 .... D° .... D° .... D°
560. @ 120 .... D° ..... 120. . .
14 .... D° .... D° Pork D°
360 . @ 62 .... D° ..... 868 . .
1. D° .... D° .... D°
327. @ 57 .... D° ..... 57 . .
1 D° .... D° .... D°
323. @ 56 D° ..... 56. . .
1 .... D° Salted Tongues .... D° .....
608. @ 131 D° ..... 131. . .
1 .... D° .... D° .... D°
579. @ 125 D° ..... 125. . . 7374. . .

7 Casks of Country Salt Beef each Cnt ℔ .....
360 lb @ 80 S.R. ℔ Cask .... 560 . .
26 .... D° .... D° .... D°
180 .... @ 40 .... D° ..... 1040. . .
17 .... D° .... D° .... D°
180. @ 30. D° ..... 510. . . 2110. . .

16443. 14. .

Carried forward ..... 16443. 14. .

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Lines	Seizing	Country		Nos.	3.
"	Log	Europe		Do.	3.
Twine		Europe		Chs.	13
Pouches	Cannon Cartridge				6.
"	"	Priming	in the foregoing Dead chest		3.
Buckets	Gun				7.
Brushes	Gun Steel				3.
Wax	Bees			Chs.	12
Yokes	Unfitted for Chains for two Bullocks in 15 Bundles				57.
Dragropes	Gun		in a Bundle	18 Pr. Sett	5.
Box	Package Mangoe				13.
Chests	Deal Large				1.
Gunny	Chuttes				248.
Nails	Europe		8d	Sunds & Chts.	2.4.
"	Tack or Pump	Country			25.
Oakum					29.
Rope	Tarr Lashing [Wt. 6:35:8]			Sers.	152
Spunyarn				Nos.	1.7.
Twine	Bengal			Do.	9.4
Tea Cloth				Sers.	37.

Charges Shipping ..... Sonnet R. ... 113.8.

[Signed] Thomas Arbuckle
Commissary of Stores

[A true Copy]

[Signed] Isaac Humphreys
Secretary & Acct. Mily Board

Invoice

4612 Fort St. George 18th July 1797

Invoice of Sundry Articles Laden by the ..

Honorable Sir John Shore Bart. Governor General in Council of Fort William on
board the Ship Busbridge John Dobree Commander bound to
4 Fort George and Consigned to the Governor in Council there, being on Account
and Risque of the Honorable United Company of Merchants of England
trading to the East Indies Marked as ℳ Margin. —

63 Leaguers of Bengal Rum Containing 8566 Gall.
@ 13 An. ℳ Gallon ——— 6959 14. ..

71 Casks of Country Salt Petre each Cnt.
360 lb @ 78 ℳ Cask ——— 5538. .. ..
8 ... Do ... Do ... Do
180 .. @ 39 ... Do ——— 312 .. ..
1 ... Do ... Do ... Do
400 .. @ 87 ... Do ——— 87 .. ..
1 ... Do ... Do ... Do
368 .. @ 80 ... Do ——— 80. .. ..
1 ... Do ... Do ... Do
560 .. @ 120 ... Do ——— 120. .. ..
14 ... Do ... Do ... Do Pork Do
360 .. @ 62 ... Do ——— 868 .. ..
1 ... Do ... Do ... Do
327 .. @ 57 ... Do ——— 57. .. ..
1 ... Do ... Do ... Do
323 .. @ 56 Do ——— 56. .. ..
1 ... Do Salted Tongues ... Do ...
608 .. @ 131 Do ——— 131. .. ..
1 ... Do ... Do ... Do
579 .. @ 125 Do ——— 125. .. .. 7374. .. ..

7 Casks of Country Salt Petre Cont.
360 lb @ 80 S.P. ℳ Cask ... 560 .. ..
26 ... Do ... Do ... Do
180 .. @ 40 .. Do ——— 1040. .. ..
17 ... Do ... Do ... Do
180 .. @ 30. Do ——— 510. .. .. 2110. .. ..

16443. 14. ..

Carried forward ——— 16443. 14. ..

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Brought forward ..... 1643. 14 -

Rice Patcherry Coarse 2000 Bbls Bags Cont. 4000 Mds @ 1.2.6 ₱ Mund 4625 .. ..

Charges Merchandize

Charges on the Rice

4000 Gunny Bags for Cont.g the Rice @ 7..4 ₱ ℂ 290 .. ..

Coolies on D° ..... @ ..... 1.1.6 D° 3. 12 ..

Weighmans Work on 4000 Mds @ ..... 5. 4. ₱ ℂ m.d 13. 5. 4

Pattamans .. D° on 2000 Bags @ ..... 1 ₱ ℂ 17 .. 20. .. ..

Making ..... D° ..... D° ..... @ ..... 2 .. D° .. 2. 8. -

Boats hire 20

D° Demurrage .. 6

26 Slooping the Rice @ 1. 12 d ... 45. 8. ..

Coolies putting the Bags of Rice on boats @ 1.. 12 ₱ ℂ ... 35. .. ..

Matts Durma 600 ..... @ 5 ₱ ℂ .... 30. .. ..

Coolies on .. D° ..... @ 4 D° ..... 1. 8. ..

Teakey Peons 26 attending the boats

D° ... D° .. 5 ... D° .. the Sealing

31 ..... @ 2: 6 each 4. 13. 6

Dingy hire Passing and Repassing on board the Sloop ... .. 10. ..

Pattamans Work Repairing the Bags on board the Sloop for 5 days ..... 1. 4. ..

2 Sloops hire Sending the 2000 Bags of Rice on board the Ship Bustridge ..... 347. 8. ..

2 Peons attending on ... D° ..... 6. .. ..

801. 12. 10

Charges on the 63 Casks of Rum

Boat hire 8

D° Demurrage .... 3.

11 for Slooping the Rum 1: 12: 2d ... 19. 4. ..

Coolies Carrying the 63 Casks of Rum from the Garrison to the Rum Store to Ballast ..... @ .. 12 d ... 47. 4. -

Dingy hire for Passing and Repassing on board the Sloop ..... 4.

Sloop hire Sending the 63 Casks of Rum on board the Ship Bustridge ..... @ 20 ₱ Cask ..... 126. .. ..

Carried Forward ... 994. 8. 10. 21,068. 14. ..

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Brought forward ..... 21,068. 14. ..

Charges Merchandize Cont.d 8 b.ts 994. 8. 10

Charges on the 100 Casks of Salt Provisions

Boats hire ... 6.
Do. Demurage 2.
8 Sloops D.o @ 1. 12. d. ... 14. .. ..

Coolies Carrying 100 Casks of Provisions from the Garrison Storekeepers Stores to Ballon Ghaut @ 6. d ..... 37. 8. ..

Dingy hire passing and repassing on board the Sloops ..... 4. ..

Sloops hire sending the 100 Casks of Salt Provision on board the Ships ..... 100. .. ..

Bunbridge @ 1. P. each ..... 3. .. ..

Peons attending on D.o ..... 3. .. ..

Paid W. Murdoch for Driving Hoops and filling up 50 Casks of Provisions with Pickle which were Shipped from the Diamond Harbour ..... 41. 11. .. 196. 7. ..

Store Keepers Commission on 1.st A.t 5,815. 15. 10 @ 10 p.c ..... 581. 9. 7. 1,772. 9 5.

Sicca Rupees 22,841 7. 5.

Fort William
Account.t Gen.l Office
the 5.th July 1797.

Errors Excepted
/Signed/ Tho.s Myers
Aud.t Genl.

To

4615

Fort St. George 18th July 1797

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

Sir,

From Bengal with 4 Invoices and Bills of Lading of Ordnance Stores and Provisions Shipped on the Lascelles for the Expedition and Consigned to Fort St. George

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit to you for the Information of the Right Honorable the President in Council the accompanying 4 Invoices and Bills of Lading of Ordnance and Sundry other Articles Shipped on the Lascelles together with the Bills of Lading of two Flat Bottomed Boats embarked on the 4 Country Ships Triton and Calcutta.—

Fort William
the 10th July 1797.

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) G. H. Barlow
Secy to the Government

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Invoice of Sundry Articles Laden by the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart. Governor General in Council of Fort William on board the Ship Lascelles Francis Kempt Commander bound to Fort St. George and Consigned to the Governor in Council there, being on account and Risque of the Honorable United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies Marked as in Margin.

53 Leagues of Bengal Rum Cont.g 8547 Gallons 15 p.c 8 p.c ff Gallons			8368.15.-
71 Casks of Country Salt Beef ea Cont.g 360 lb @ 79 Rs ff Cask		5609.-	
8 Do Do @ 180 Do @ 41 Do		328.-	
1 Do Do Do 400 Do @ 87 Do		87.-	
1 Do Do Do 640 Do @ 138 Do		138.-	
1 Do Do Do 200 Do @ 43 Do		43.-	
15 Do of Do Pork ea 360 Do @ 62 Do		930.-	
1 Do of Do Do Do 378 Do @ 65 Do		65.-	
1 Do of Do Do Do 313 Do @ 54 Do		54.-	
1 Do of Do Humps Do 200 Do @ 43 Do		43.-	
1 Do of Do Tongues 557 Do @ 120 Do	120.-	7417.-	
8 Casks of Country Salt Beef each Containing 360 lb @ 80 Rs ff Cask		640.-	
30 Do of Do Do ea Do 180 Do @ 40 Do		1200.-	
12 Do of Do Pork ea Do 180 Do @ 30 Do	360.-	2200.-	17985.15.-
Rice Patchery Coarse 3500 Bbls Bag Cont.g 7000 md @ 1.2.6 ff Maund			8093.12.-
		Carried forward	26079.11.-

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Brought forward ..... 26079. 11. ..

Charges Merchandize

Charges on the Rice

7000 Gunnybags for Cntr the Rice at 1. 7. 4. ₱ ℅ ..... 507. 8. -
Coolies on ..... D°. ..... @ 1. 6 ₱ D° ..... 6. 9 ..
Weighmans Work on 7000 Mds. ..... @ 5. 4. D° ..... 23. 5. 4.
Packermans D°. on 3500 Bags ... @ 1. 4 . D° ..... 35. .. ..
Marking ..... D° ..... @ 2. .. D° ..... 4. 6. ..
Boats hire ... 35
D°. Demurrage ... 8.
43 Sloopsing the Rice @ 1. 12 each ..... 75. 4. -
Coolies putting the Bags of Rice on boats @ 12 ₱ ℅ ..... 61. 4. -
Matts Durma 1050 ..... @ 5 ..... ₱ ℅ ..... 52. 8. -
Coolies on Ditto ..... @ 4. D° ..... 2. 10. ..
Teakey Peons 43. attending the Boats
D°. .. D°. .. 8 .. D°. the Scalling
51 ... @ 2. 6 each 7. 15. 6
Dingy hire passing and repassing on board the Sloop ..... 1. 1. ..
Packermans Work Repairing the Bags on board the Sloops for 8 days } 2. .. .. } 811. 4. ..
Sloops hire Sending the Rice on board the Ship Lasculles .....
Peon attending .... on .... D°. ..... 5. .. ..

Charges on 1100 Bags of Rice which were put on board a Sloop to be Shipped on the Lasculles but afterwards Relanded as follows. -

Demurrage on the Sloop for 4 Days at 12 P. ₱ day ... 48. .. ..
Boat hire ... 18 for Sloopsing and Relanding the 1100 Bags of Rice @ 1. 12 each ..... 31. 8. ..
Coolies for putting the 1100 Bags of Rice in the boat @ 1. 12. ₱ ℅ 19. 4. ..
D°. .. for Relanding ... Ditto ..... 19. 4. .. 118. .. ..

Charges on the 53 Leaguers of Bengal Rum

D°. Boat Hire .. 6
D°. Demurrage .. 4
10 Sloopsing the Rum @ 1. 12. each ..... 17. 8. ..
Coolies Carrying the .. 53 Casks of Rum from the Garrison Store Keepers Store to Balloe Ghaut @ 2 and 12 each ..... 39. 12. ..
Dingy hire passing and Repassing on board the Sloops ... 4. ..
Sloop hire Sending the 53 Casks of Rum on board the Lasculles @ 2 R. ₱ Cask ..... 106. .. .. 163 8. ..

Carried forward ..... 1877. 2. 10. 26079. 11. -

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Brought forward		26.079. 11. -
Charges Merchandize Cont. & Brot forwad		1877. 2 10.
Charges on the 101 Casks of Salt Provisions		
Boat hire — 6		
Do Demurrage — 2 — 8 Slooping the Salt Provisions at 1. 12 each	14. - -	
Coolies Carrying 101 Casks of Salt Provisions from the Garrison Storekeepers Store to Ballon Gaut at 6 each	37. 14. -	
Dingy hire passing and Repassing on board the Sloop	4. - -	
Sloop hire Sending 101 Casks of Salt Provisions on board the Lascelles at 1 R each	101. - -	
Peons Attending on Do	3. - -	
Paid W.m Murdock for Driving Hoops and putting up Pickle into the 50 Casks of Salt Provisions which Shipped at Deomond Harbour	41. 11. -	197. 13. -
Storekeepers Commission on S.t Rs 10,163. 11. 10 @ 10 p.t Cent	1016. 13. 11.	3091. 13. 9.
Sicca Rupees		29.171. 8. 9.

Fort William
Accountant Generals Office
the 11th July 1797. —

Errors Excepted
(Signed) Tho.s Myers
Accountant General

Invoice

1619 Fort St. George 18th July 1797

Invoice of Ordnance and Stores dispatched by Order of the Honble Sir John Shore Bart. Governor General in Council On the Ship Lascelles Captain Francis Kempt Commander for Fort St. George, and goes & Consigned to the Governor and Council there.-

Fort William the 15th June 1797

Powder	Bengal	Coarse	100 lb Barrels		124
"	"	Medium	Dc		124
Dragropes	Gun	in a Bundle	Setts	18 Pr.	5 -
Beds	Mortar	English		8 Inch	1 -
Callars	Tompion				3.
Tompions	Gun			18 Pr.	3.
Carriages	Field Gun	Limbers for Iron Gun		18 Dc.	3
Chains	Draught	Dc		18 Dc.	3 -
Coins	Gun	Carriage		Dc.	6
Handspikes	Traversing				6.
Hides	Cow				250
Ordnance	Iron Guns	English Cwt. 123.. 3.. 16		18 Pr.	3
Shot	fist to Bottoms	Grape - in 13 Mangoe Boxes		18 Dc.	150 -
Linstocks	with	Cocks			4.
Match	Gun	Country / Wt. 3.. 7.. 4 / in one Bale -		Mds.	31 -
Iron	Europe	Bar / 2 Bars Hoops /		Seers	31 -
Ladles	Copper	Gun	Wadhooks in a Bundle	18 Pr.	3 -
Sponges	with	Rammers Patent w.h Caps / in 3 Bundles /		18 Dc.	18 -

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Handspikes	Common			14.
Cartridges	Empty	Serge	in 12 Bales . . 188 Pcs	3200
Mamuties	with Helves	/. 17. 6/		7.
Axes	Pick	with Helve		3.
"	Felling	do		3.
Hatchets	Hand	do	In Large Deal Chest	3
Wrenches	for Nuts	with two Squares		4.
Keys	Capsquare			6.
Ejes	Spare	for Chains		14.
Hammers	Gun			3
Pincers	Tube			3
Hammers	Hand Claw			3
Priming	Wires			3
Bitts	Gun			3
Locks	Pad	Brass	in the foregoing Deal Chest 188 Pcs	3
Aprons	Lead			3
Saws	Hand			3
Knives	Laboratory			3
Lanthorns	Dark			3
Sights	Gunners			3
Palms	Steel			300
Nails	Tack			7
Needles	Sail			15
"	Sewing			

1619 Fort St. George 18th July 1797

Invoice of Ordnance and Stores dispatched by Order of the Honble Sir John Shore Bart. Governor General in Council On the Ship Lavalles Captain Francis Kempt Commander for Fort St. George, and goes & Consigned to the Governor and Council there. –

Fort William the 15th June 1797

Powder	Bengal Coarse	100 lb Barrels			124
"	"	Medium	Dº		124
Dragropes	Gun	in a Bundle	Setts	18 Pr.	5 –
Bed	Mortar	English		8 Inch	1 –
Callars	Tompion				3
Tompions	Gun			18 Pr.	3
Carriages	Field Gun	Limbers for Iron Gun		18 Dº	3
Chains	Draught	Dº		18 Dº	3 –
Coins	Gun	Carriage		Dº	6
Handspikes	Traversing				6
Hides	Cow				250
Ordnance	Iron Guns	English Cwt. 123. 3. 16		18 Pr.	3
Shot	fixt to Bottoms	Grape	in 13 Mangoe Boxes	18 Pr.	150 –
Linstocks	with	Cocks			4
Match	Gun	Country	Wt. 3. 7. 4	in one Bale	Nº 1	31 –
Iron	Europe	Bar	2 Bars Hoops		Sizes	31 –
Ladles	Copper	Gun	Wadhooks	in a Bundle	18 Pr.	3 –
Sponges	with	Rammers	Patent w.h Caps	in 3 Bundles	18 Pr.	18 –

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Handspikes	Common			14.
Cartridges	Empty	Serge	in 12 Bales 188 lbs	3200
Mamuties with helves		/. 17. 6/		7.
Axes	Pick with helve			3.
"	Felling	do.		3
Hatchets	Hand	do.	In Large Deal Chest	4.
Wrenches for Nuts with two Squares				6.
Keyes	Capsquare			14.
Clues	Spare for Chains			3
Hammers	Gun			3
Pincers	Tube			3
Hammers	Hand Claw			3
Priming	Wires			3
Bitts	Gun			3
Locks	Pad	Brass	in the foregoing Deal Chest 188 lbs	3
Aprons	Lead			3
Saws	Hand			3
Knives	Laboratory			3
Lanthorns	Dark			3
Sights	Gunners			3
Palms	Steel			300
Nails	Tack			7
Needles	Sail			15
"	Sewing			

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Candle Wax				Jars	3.
Silk	Sewing			Chatts	12
Lines	Seizing	Country		Ms	3.
"	Log	Europe			3
Twine		Europe		Chatts	13
Pouches		Cannon Cartridge	in the foregoing Deal Chest		6
"		Priming			3.
Buckets		Gun			7.
Drifts		Gun	Steel		3.
Wax		Bees		Chatts	12
Yokes unfit for Chains for two Bullocks in 15 Bundles					57

Package

Boxes	Mangoe			13.
Chests	Deal	Large		1.
Gunny	Chattees			248
Nails	8d		Jars	2. 4
Nails	Tack			25
Oakum			Jars	29
Rope	Jute	Lashing /Mds 6. 37. 5/	Skains	153
Spunyarn			Mds	1. 7.
Twine	Bengal		Jars	9. 4
Wax	Cloth		Pieces	37.

/Signed/ Tho.s Anburey
Comy of Stores

Ordered

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Ordered that Copies of the 4
foregoing Invoices of Stores and provisions be
sent for the information of the Military Board

The Invoices received from Bengal to be sent to the Military Board.—

Read the following Letter from
Mr Samuel Johnston.—

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President in Council &c. &c. &c.
Fort St. George

From Mr. Samuel Johnston with Vouchers in support of a Claim & advanced upon the Company

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit
to your Lordship in Council, Sundry
Vouchers and explanations in support
of a demand I have against the Company,
they are arranged under four heads in
order to make them as clear as possible 4
Viz.t.— No 1

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No 1 ... Abstract of Sundry Claims in demenution of abalance paid the Company .. 8667..27..—

2 .... D.. with explanation and References to the Regulation supported by Charges of the Paymasters ..... } 2696..22..60

3 .... Vouchers hitherto omitted to be charged, and which have not been exhebited ..... } 2226..25..14 —

4 .... Balance of Grain Account Current ..... } 3484..36..72 —

Pagodas 17073..27..46 —

I have to request your Lordship will be pleased to take these papers under your Consideration, and that you will give the necessary directions for their Examination

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most Obd.t
and very humble Servant
Signed / Sam.l Johnston

Gardens
14th July 1797

Abstract

Abstract of Sundry Claims in support of which Mr Johnston offers his Explanations, hoping, that if they shall prove Satisfactory to Government the Amount will be allowed to go in dimenution of a Balance of Pagodas 19,516. 31. 16 paid by him to the Company. —

	Mr Pags. fs. Cs.
The Amount of Charges upon Gunny Agreably, to what was made by Mr Lyon and Mr Strange, as appeals by their Account in the Military Auditor Genural's Office, but deduct from Mr Johnston making a difference of ———	2757 32.78
This Amount deduct from Mr Johnston, in Account of Wastage of Grain; Mr Johnston Knows the Rules of the Service give the Storekeeper an Allowance of 5 P Cent of Annum, as an indemnity for the Wastage on Grain, the Grain having been just stored when Mr Johnston quitted his situation, he subjects the Wastage is more in the first Months than in the Subsequent ones, he found it so and Claimed no more than the Absolute Wastage ———	2290 10.13
For the Amount in Clothing Certificate delivered to the Trichinopolly Committee who passed a Genual Receipt Mr Johnston dated 20th December for Vouchers delivered to them Several Months after the Vouchers had been out of Mr Johnston's hands, and sent by the Committee to Madras, he was told there was a deficiency of the Amount in Question Mr Johnston is positive he delivered the Committee an variety of Certificates in Small Sums making an Amount of Pagodas 4740. 26. 39 and which by the Committee's Report were Signed by the former Paymaster, the Agent for Clothing, the Commanding Officer and the Commissary General, and Submitted them to the inspection of the Comptroller General. Mr Johnston presumes the Committee examined their Vouchers as they were expressly directed by Government to do on the Spot, had they then shewn Mr Johnston the deficiency he would have nothing to Complain of, as they did not, he contends he is not to be the Sufferer. —	1259. 2. 9
Carried Over ———	6307. 3.20

Received 18th July 1801

Brought Over	6307	3. 20
To the Amount of Repairs done to the Paymaster's house at Tiekinopoly, and upon which the Tiekinopoly Committee make the following Report, they find that Sundry Repairs and alterations were made some Years ago by M. Polk, but not charged by him to the Company — M. Johnston has made some alterations to the Offices and having Reimbursed M. Polk, for this part of the Expence, he conceived the Company would admit the whole Charge being brought to their Account — No Repairs had been charged for 13 Years before the Committee admit the Repairs was done, and that M. Polk was Reimbursed, M. Johnston therefore appeals to the Candor of Government for the Amount, which must surely be considered very Moderate in so many Years	1029	" 18.
To the Amount of Repairs made by M. Johnston, at Belfont, on Tiekinopoly Plain, M. Johnston paid an Annual Rent for it, he made it habitable for his family M. Andrews the Collector applied to Government for the house, and was directed to take possession upon which M. Johnston Charged the Sums expended by him for Repairs to the Company	600	" "
For this Sum being a Difference in the Cost of Cattle 2943 of Paddy my Property Seized by M. Vaughan Paymaster at Madura for Account of the Company at 12 Jan. ₱ Cuttum — 7893 — " —		
Deduct for the Sum Received from the Military Paymaster General — 1209. 20. 50	283.	22. 32
To the Amount of an Abstract Relative to Puckallys which Contains M. Johnstons observations in Support of the Charge — particulars A	193.	8. 64
To Ditto — of an Abstract of Cooly's for Carrying Battalion Books and Medicines for the use of the Regiment and Battalion — particulars B	164.	16. 16
To the Amount of Secret Service Money paid to General Home and Major Darley	90.	19. "
	8,667.	27. "

Madras 13th July 1797

Errors Excepted

Signed Samuel Johnston

Copy of Report 18th July 1797

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Charges made by Mr. Johnston, Paymaster at Trichinopoly from January 1789 to May 1790

1789					
January.	"	Paid batta to 8 Pultallys with 14 Battn.		4.	9. 44
		Do. to 6 Do. first Battn. C. I. " " "		7	18. 60
		Do. to 2 Do. 5th Battn. for 4 days		1.	9. "
		Do. to 8 Do. 6th Do. for Do.		1.	14. "
		Do. to 8 Do. 6th Do. for 11 days		3.	28. —
		Do. to 8 Do. 7th Do. for 11 days		10.	14. "
		Do. to 8 Do. 16th Do. for Jany.		3.	28. —
		Do. to 8 Do. 20th Do. for 11 days		8.	21. "
		Do. to 17 Do. 72d. Regt. for 12 days		4.	" "
		Do. to 12 Do. 1st Battn. for 8 days			35. "
February.	"	Do. to 1st Do. Native Cavalry		9	14. "
		Do. to 18th Do. 16th Battn.		7	" "
		Do. to 6 Do. 2d Regiment			31. 40
		Do. to 6 Do. 3 Regiment 3 days		1.	10. 40
		Do. to 6 Do. 5th Regt. Cavalry 4 Do.		1.	" "
		Do. to 6 Do. 5 Do. 3		10.	30. "
		Do. to 10 Do. with 1st Battalion		10.	12. "
		Do. to 8 Do. 5 Battn. for Feby		10.	12. "
		Do. to 8 Do. 6 Do.		10.	12. "
		Do. to 8 Do. 7 Do.		2.	24. —
		Do. to 2 Do. 19 Battn. Do.		10.	12. "
		Do. to 8 Do. 20 Battn. Do.		12.	21. "
		Do. to 30 Do. 36 Regt from 19 to 28 February		21.	36. "
		Do. to 17 Do. 72 Regt for Feby		16.	32. "
		Do. to 12 Do. 2 Battalion Artillery Feby			28. "
		Do. to 4 Do. 2d Battalion artillery for 4 days in January			
		Carried Over		170.	32. 44

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Brought Over ———	170 32 44	
Paid Batta to 5 Puckallys 2d Battn. of Artillery for 11 days ———	2. 12. 20	
Paid Batta to 9 D.o 2nd Battalion Artillery for Ditto	11. 24. —	
Paid 12 Puckallys Pay and Batta attached to 1st Battn. C. I. ———	58. 34 44	
Deduct this Amount for Pay and batta to Puckallies as fixed by the Regulations	54. 16. 64	
Paid Batta to 1 Puckally attached to 16th Battalion from 15th Novr. 1789 to 28th February 1790 ———	9. 445. 12.	
Deduct Conformably to Regulations —	15. 18. 32	
	4. 5. 60	
	193 8. 64	

Mr. Johnston in Support of the above disbursements says, that the Regulations allow Batta to Puckallys in the field, and that the Charges, are made agreeable thereto; Messrs. Colt, Hoar and Farrow paid them at the same Rate, and their Charges were approved of, and passed by the Comptroller General.—

Signed Sam.l Johnston—

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The following Disbursements were made by Mr. Johnstone, Paymaster at Tschinopoly—

1789.
September Paid Cooleys for Carrying the Stationary of the 72nd Regement ---------- 6 " "

1790
Jany ---- " Paid ---- Do ---- Do ---- for this Month ---------- 6. " "

paid 3 Cooleys for Adjutant of Artillery for 4 days ---------- 2. 8. 32.—

paid Do. for Acting Adjutant of Artily for 18 days ---------- 3. 25. 14.—

paid do. for Adjt. of Cavalry for 11 days ---------- 2. 8. 32.—

paid do. to Do. of 1st Batt. for 8 days ---------- 1. 23. 16.—

paid Do to Do. of 1st Batt Dear ---------- 6. " "

paid Do for Act'g Adjutant of 1st Batt Dear ---------- 6. " "

paid Do for ---- do ---- Jany ---------- 6. " "

paid Do for 20th Batt'n for 11 days Jany ---------- 2. 8 32.—

Do 10 Cooleys with the Surgeon of 16 Bo. Batt'n for January at 2 Pag. each ---------- 20. " "

Regulation Allow 1 Mastry and 6 Cooleys @ 2 Pag. to the former and 1 3/4 Pag. to the latter ---------- 12. 21. "

paid 14 Cooleys and 1 Mastry with the 16 Battalion Native Infantry ---------- 30. 21. "

Allowed by Regulations ---------- 26. 21. " ---------- 4. " "

Paid 5 Cooleys carrying Arms to Camp 8 d. ---------- 2. 8 32

Paid 2 Cooleys employed in Laboratory @ 3 Pag. a day ---------- " 168.— ---------- 3. 25. 16.—

As by Regulation 2 Pag. a day ---------- " 112. " ---------- 56 "

Paid 3 Cooleys act'g Adjutancy for February ---------- 6. " "

Paid 3 Cooleys for Act'g Adjt. of Artly. ---------- 6. " "

Paid Do for 2 Regt of Cavalry ---------- 6. " "

Paid Do for 5 Regt ---- do ---- ---------- 6. " "

Carried Over 83. 7. 64

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Brought Over 83. 7. 64

Paid 3 Cooleys for the Adjutant 1st B.t E.I. ..... 6. " "

Paid Do for 1st Batt.n N.I. ..... 6. " "

Paid Do for 5th Do Do ..... 6. " "

Paid Do for 6th Do Do ..... 6. " "

Paid Do for 7th Batt.n Do ..... 6. " "

Paid Do for 20th Batt.n Do ..... 6. " "

Paid 10 Cooleys for the Carriage of Medicines
of 16 Batt.n at 12 Pas.s each ..... 20. " "
Reduct as said of Regulation ..... 12. 21. " 7. 21.-

Paid for 12 Cooleys to carry the Medicine
Boxes for the 8th Regt. of Native Cav.y
from Wallajanbad to Trichinopoly
from 15th January to 24th Febuary 31. 8. 32
Said to be allowed by Regulation ..... 12. 31. " 18. 29. 32.-

Paid 12 Cooleys carrying Medicine of
5th Regt. N.C. from 22d Febry to 22d March — 24. " "
Said to be allowed of Regulation ..... 12. 21. " 11. 21. "

Paid 10 Cooleys carrying Medicines for
the 1st Battalion N.I. ..... 20. " "
Said to be allowed by Regulation ..... 12. 21. " 7. 21. "

164. 16. 16-

Mr. Johnston has to Remark upon the above Charges —
That it appears by Mr. Colts Accounts that 4 Pas.s were
allowed for 2 Cooleys for carrying the Books of the
Adjutants and Quarter Masters of the several Regiments
and

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and Battalions, it seems that Mr Johnston has
inadvertently paid 6 Pagodas instead of 4, so
far as that Loss goes he submits to suffer,
but expects to be allowed in the same manner
as Mr Call and other Paymasters were. —

2nd Upon reference to the Remarks of the
Comptroller General Mr Johnston admits that
the Comptroller General may be right as to the
Number of Coolys specified in the Regulations
it is not in the Numbers that the difference
arises — Mr Garrow and others charged at the
Rate of 2 Pags for a Mestry and 2 Pags for a Coly
and did so agreeably to the General Orders of 4th
10th March 1790, and the Charges so supported were
admitted by the Comptroller General, and upon
the same ground Mr Johnstone requires that
his Charges may be admitted. —

Mr Johnston begs leave to add further
to what he has said on No 1. that he understands
that the Charge has been usually admitted, and in one

Case

case the particulars of which he does not immediately recollect, it was referred to Government and allowed by them —

Mr. Johnston made the following Disbursements as Paymaster of Tritchinopoly, which, having been objected to formerly, he now submits this explanation in support of them.—

1789

August Paid a Serjeant Major for 26 days he being on Detachment with Recruits for the Presidency ——— 3. 21. —

Paid 2 Camp Colourmen they being on Detachment with Recruits at 4 fanams a day ——— 4. 40. —

Upon the above Charges Mr. Johnston observes, no Serjeant Major was attached to the Recruits until their Arival at their Station, a Serjeant Major and 2 Camp Colourmen were then appointed to them, they brought Mr. Johnston their Chitts Signed by the Commanding Officer N:B: altho' the Regulations do not point out any immediate Authority for these Charges, yet they direct Allowances to be made from the date of their Appointments.—

Paid Extra Allowance to a Quarter Master of 72d Regt. .. 4. — " — "

Do. ... Do. ——— Do. ——— 4. — " —

——— 8. " "

This Man was appointed to act by the Commanding Officer, as Quarter Master to the Garrison, and he received this pay under the Signature of the Commanding Officer, which generally used to warrant trifling encident at Charges of this Nature. ———

Paid 9 Privates employed in pitching the Tents of the 1st Battalion of Europeans for 2 days at 5½ each day ——— 2. 15. "

The Regulation direct 4 fan. a day, therefore the Surplus Charge May be deducted.—

Paid an acting Artillery Serjeant as subsenduton with 16th Regt. fan. 216. 48.

deduct as said Regulation ——— Pag. 4 — " — " ——— 3. 19. 32

The same for a Conductor of Stores from Negapm ——— 3. 19. 32

The same for another Sub Conductor ——— 3. 19. 32

The same for 28 days ——— fan. 224. —

deduct of Regulation ——— 112. — ——— 2. 28. "

Carried over —

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Brought Over ——

M.r Johnston observes upon the four &
Circumstanced Articles that Eleven Fanams and
40 Cash ℔ day was allowed to the Serjeants
who were appointed to do duty of Sub Conductors
in the field, the same Charge has been &
uniformly allowed in M.r Colts Account, from
which M.r Johnston presumes to infer
that the Charge made by him is fully &
supported.-

Paid allowance to a Corporal as Grain Keeper with the 16 Batt.n 2 " 4 " "

This allowance was paid under the
Commanding Officer Signature, This man
attended in the Country for Collecting &
and Issuing Out Grain to the 16 Battalion

Paid one Writer and 8 Conicaply employed
with the Commissary of Stores at 10 Pag.s
to the former and 4 Pag.s to the latter --- 42 " "

Deduct as per Regulation an &
allowance of 4 P.s to each Conicaply 26 ---- 16 " "

Carried Over ——

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Brought Over ——.

Paid the Commissary of Stores Candle
allowance for 15 days in Janry & Febry —— —— 9.. ..

J. M. Johnston has made three two
payments contrary to the regulations, he ought
to have the Vouchers, delivered back to him so
that he may Reclaim the Amount from the
person who has overdrawn, if not M.r Johnston
submits he ought not to be the loser

Paid for Repairs done at the Main
Guard —— —— —— ——.....9.. 28.. 48.

Paid for Repairs of a for the
Mess of 1.st Batt.n European ——.....} 14.. 1. 16 —

Paid Repairs of some Tents —— 8.. 12.. — 31. 41. 64

Had these trifling Charges come under the #
Regulations an indent would have been
made out and Signed, they come under the
head of Charges ec extraordinary, and, in general
the Paymaster acted upon the best of his #
judgement as to small incedental Charges, #
which there is hardly any possibility of providing
against Colonel Bruce, who Commanded, is dead —

Carried Over —— 92. 36. ..

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Brought Over ——— 92. 36. -

Paid 11 Maistrys, and 480 dooley Boys
with the 36th Regiment from
Wallawjahbad as p Capt. White's
Indent ——————— 493. 31. 40
Amounted admitted by the Comptroller
General ——————— 397. 31. 40 ——— 96 . . .

If Mr. Johnston has really over paid here, he submits that the Vouchers ought to be returned to him, or that he should not be the loser, the Voucher he requires is an Indent signed by Captain White and Countersigned by Colonel Nixon

Paid Arears of Batta to Lascars from 1st March
1789 to 28th February 1790 in fanams ... 30369. 40 723. 3. 40

The Garrison Lascars were employed at different times on duty which entitled them to Batta, the Account was settled with them Once a Year, and as they are generally under the immediate direction of the Paymaster, no other Voucher was required from him; if Reference is made to Mr. Welch, Mr. Colt or Mr. Harris Accounts it will appear that their Signature was considered a sufficient Voucher and the Charges passed Accordingly. —

Paid 2 Vaquels of 6 Revenue Battalion 6 P.s instead
of P.s 1. 4.. 40 difference ——————— 4. 1. 40
Do. ——— Do. ——————— 4. 1. 40

The Regulations allow a Vaquel to each Company —

Carried Over —— 920. . 40.

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Brought Over ——— 920. " 40

Company, Mr. Johnston paid Pay and Batta to these 2 Vaequiels, they being intrusted with the whole Management of the Battalion Account. —

Paid 4 Bamboo Cooleys of 2d Regt. of Cavalry on Command of Shevagangah from 15th November to 28th February —— ... 28. " —. " —

instead of ——— ... 24. 21. " — 3. 21. "

Paid 5D. — Do. — Do. — Do. — 4. 22. "

Mr. Johnston charged 2 Pagodas for each Bamboo Cooley The Comptroller General objects to these Charge in Mr. Johnstons Account, and allows him only at the Rate of 1 3/4. Whereas in Mr. Ganows Accounts he expressly admits what he objected to in Mr. Johnstons, which makes the Amount of the two Articles in Question. —

86 dooleys delivered into the Stores in Consequence of the General Orders of 15th Jany 1790 directing every Kind of field Equipage to be in Readiness at 7 Pags ——— 602. " "

Mr. Johnston Observes that the Sub Monopoly Committee acknowledges having had from him, the Store Serjeants Reciept for the Number of Dooleys, but still admits it to the Comptroller General, whose Reason for not allowing the Charge Mr. Johnston is unacquainted with. The Dooleys were undoubtedly delivered into the Store Serjeants Reciept. —

Carried Over ——— 1535. 1. 40

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Brought Over	1535. 1. 40.
To an overcharge on Sheep supplied the Shevegungah Detachment under Colonel Stuart See Indent N.° 182	177. 21. -
Do	984. - - -
	1161. 21. -
	2,696 22. -

The Words of the Trichinopoly Report upon this Article are "with respect to the Sums charged for Sheep for the "Shevagungah Detachment, Mr. Johnston Refers to an "Indent of Colonel Stuart the Commanding Officer, "lying with the Comptroller General for the particulars "and the price" Whatever might have been the price charged by the Circar to Mr. Johnston, he passed them to the Company at the same, making allowance for Charges that might have attended keeping the Sheep and afterwards sending them to the Detachment, and Mr. Johnston, for the Information of Government, Refers to a Certificate given him by the Trichinopoly Circar, Mr. Johnston therefore hopes it will be found that he is entitled to Receive the full Amount of his Original Charges.-

A List

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A List of Vouchers which have not hitherto been exhibited by Mr. Johnston and for which he now claims to be Credited—

			P.		
	a Commission to Captain Baillie		10	—	—
	Do. to Captn. Robert Tutt		10	—	—
	Do. to Lieut. James Georg Scott		7½	—	
	Do. to Thomas Blackmore Esq. Lieut.		7½		
	Do. to Lieutenant Charles Rumley		7½		
	Do. to William Macentyre Lieut.		7½		
	Do. to Lieut. Richard Hall Frier		7½		
	Do. to Jam. Kennedy Lieut. Fireworker		5		
	Do. to Andrew Moms		5		
№ 1.	Bandy hire for the use of the Grain Department	67	21	=	
2	Batta to privates of the European Regement	28	22	40	—
3	Batta to a Syrang, Tindall and 25 Camp Lascars	5	27	—	
4	Batta paid Sepoys of the 6th Battalion N. I.	46	9	—	
5	Paid a Months Subsistence to three Artillery Men	"	30	22	—
6.	Do. Do. to four Do.	10	—	—	
7.	Do. for Killing Pariah Dogs in the Garrison	13	—	—	
8	Paid Bounty to John Faircl entertained in C. I.	8	32	—	
9	Paid travelling Batta to 4 Privates	15	—	"	"
10.	Paid a Months pay to pensioner Sepoy of 6th Batt.	2	9	32	—
11	Paid for Killing Pariah Dogs in the Garrison	1	—	"	"
12	Paid Clothing Money to Sundry Pensioners in Trichinopoly	22	—	—	
13	Paid in lieu of Clothing Money to Artillery Pensioners	60	—	—	
14	Paid Clothing Money for 1789 to pensioners	12	—	—	
15.	Paid Do. for 1789 to Private	8	—	—	
		1	15	—	
	Carr. Over	280	16	14	

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Brought Over ... 280.. 16.. 14.

No.
16 The Receipt of the Commissary of Grain and Provision ... 987.. .. ..

17 Doctor Stewards Indent for Dooly and Boys for the 72d Regement ... 688.. .. ..

18 Major Smarts Relative to Tallyars and Coolies ... 75.. 21.. —

19 Quarter Master Generals Indent ... 42. 1. 40

20 Military Auditor Generals Report respecting Sundry Articles Supplied the Commissary of Grain and Provision ... 153.. 28.. 40

Pag ... 2226„25.. 14.

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Errors Excepted
Signd/ Samuel Johnston

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D.r The Honble United East India Company for Gram

1790

July— To the Sum being the Cost of 1,27,074 Cullum of Paddy purchased by me by Order of Govt and plac'd in the Company's Stores at Trichinopoly, as appears by my Monthly Returns made to Mr. Cockburn from January tilll July 1790 — 56,668 33 20

Star Pag.r — 56,668 33 20

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Errors —
(Signed) Sam.l

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Purchased for the Trichy Stores, in Acct. Current with S. Johnstone ——— Cr.

1790

January —— 31 By Cash Remitted on Account with the Military Pay-master General ——— 4,766. 31. 20

February ——— " By —— Do —— Do ——— 3,900. " " ——— 8,666 31. 20

By Cash Received by Vydonadah Pullay in September 1791 from Wm. Garrow by Order of Government for the discharge of my Receipt and Certificate ——— 304. 29. "

By Do by Madeira Naigum Pilla —— Do —— Do ——— 2538. 4. "

By ditto by Mooden Saib —— Do. 1497. 35. 10 ——— 4340. 26. 10

By the Sum being the Amount of 89,279 Cullum of Paddy Claimed by me, but for which Sir Charles Oakely Ordered the Nabob to have Credit with the Company ——— 10,176. 22. 78

53,183 38. 28.

July 13 By Balance due upon the Account ——— 3484 36. 72

Star Pag. ——— 56668 33. 20

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Excepted

Johnstone

Andrew

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Ordered that copy of the &

Minute thereon foregoing Letter with the Original Vouchers

therein mentioned be transmitted for the

examination of the Committee.—

Read the following letters from

Sir Paul Jodrell.—

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Sir Paul Jodrell enclosing the Bond granted to him by His Highness the Nabob which he requests may be deposited in the Company's Treasury— I had the honor to receive your & letter of the 1st Instant informing me that in consequence of my letter of the 29th Ultimo The Right Honorable President in Council had ordered the Bond of his Highness the Nabob therein mentioned to be received into the Company's Treasury, and therewith & inclose the same for that purpose, requesting an acknowledgment of the Receipt of it & when ever it may be convenient. I have to request also that you will acquaint S.

the

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The Right Honorable President in Council

That Since my letter of the 29th Ultimo his

Highness the Nabob has been pleased to

augment the Instalments to Star Pagodas

/1500/ Fifteen hundred ₰ Month with the

first, which make the Annual payment

Star Pagodas /15,000/ Fifteen thousand.—

I have only to add, that I should

be wanting in respect and gratitude were I

to let pass this occasion, without

expressing my sincerest thanks for the

Obligations which the Right Honorable

President in Council has been pleased to

confer on Me; and which I shall consider it my

duty to make known and acknowledge by the

first opportunity as well to his Majesty, as

to the Honorable Court of Directors.—

I have the honor to be,

&c: &c:

/Signed/ Paul Jodrell

Ordered

Fort St. George

July 15th 1797.—

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Minute thereon.

Ordered that the bond be lodged in the Treasury, and a receipt for it given by the Secretary to Sir Paul Isdell.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.—

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

Military Auditor & General's report upon the additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month.—

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 13th Instant, enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Military Paymaster General with an additional Estimate of Cash for the present Month, I have the honor to Report, that the Amount thereof Twenty three Thousand, Seven hundred, and forty two Pagodas, Thirty four Fanams, and forty three Cash (Pagodas 23,742. 34. 43.) does not appear exceptionable and is payable as follows—

From the General Treasury		17566.	40. 3.
By Bills on the Military Paym.r Gen.l	6175.	36	40
Pagodas	23,742.	34.	43

The Amount is payable from the Treasury; is

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is for the purpose of discharging Bills drawn by the Military Paymasters at Amboyna, Malacca, Trincomalee and Columbo which I presume Govt. will order to be Paid as heretofore, as well as the discount on Bills drawn by the foregoing Paymasters between the 10th May and 30th June last, equal to two thousand Pagodas /2000/ for which the Authority of Government Communicated in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter to the Military Paymaster General dated the 3rd May 1797. has been forwarded to my Office.—

The Sum payable by Bills on the 4 Military Paymaster General, is the Amount required for the Payment of the Troops within the Chicacole district, for the present Month, the Estimate from that Day Office not having been transmitted with General Estimate upon which I had the honor to Report under date the 28th Ultimo

I have the honor to be with the highest respect
Sir
Your
(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mily Aud. Genl

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George 18th July 1797

Ordered that an advance be made from the Treasury of Seventeen thousand five hundred and Sixty Six Pagodas, forty fanams and three Cash to the Military Paymaster General on Aut. of Bills drawn upon them by the Paymasters at Malacca Trincomalé and Columbo. The

An advance of Cash ordered from the Treasury on the above account.—

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Death of Captain James Francis of the Infantry.—

The Secretary reports to the Board the Death of Captain James Francis of the Infantry at Vellore at the 10th Instant.—

Hobart

" Geo. Barnes

Edw. Saunders

"

" C. H. Talbot

John Turing Esqr

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Diary

18th Received the following Letters

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From the Military Board—
Bills for Work done at
Cuddalore and by the
Gun Carriage Contractors
recommended for Payment—

We do ourselves the honor to lay before Your Lordship in Council three Bills, amounting to Pagodas 164: 28: 20, for Repairs executed at Cuddalore under the Superintendence of Lieutenant Colonel DuPont, the Officer in command, which Bills having been accompanied by the necessary Vouchers of a due performance of the Work. We beg leave to recommend that they be accordingly passed for payment.—

We have also the Honor to forward the accompanying Bill, amounting to Pagodas 2137: 9: 56 for Articles of Military Store delivered into the Arsenal by the Agents to the Gun Carriage

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18.th Carriage &.c Contractors, all of which on a Survey by a Committee of Our Board have been found in every respect fit for the public Service, and to — recommend that the Bill be accordingly discharg=

=ed. —

We have the honor to be,

Fort S.t George
17.th July 1797

W.e &.c &.c

Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross.
Thomas Geils
Signed Wm. Sydenham
Jn.o Richardson
BJ Close
George Hall

To Josiah Webbe Esq.re
Secretary to the Government
at
Fort S.t George

From the Subsecretary at Bengal the Instructions sent by the Governor of Fort S.t George to the Commercial Resident at Banda on the subject of shipping Spices &.c entirely approved —

Sir,

I have the orders of the Governor General in

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in Council to acknowledge his receipt of a Letter of the 20th May last, from the Right Honorable the President in Council, and to communicate his entire concurrence in the Instructions which he has given to the Commercial Residents at Amboyna and Banda.—

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. Thornhill Judge Jr

Fort St. George
the 3. July 1797.

Received also the undermentioned Letters entered in W3 Nos. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83.—

From Major General Lydenham enclosing his Audit on the Accounts of the Deputy

From Military Auditor General

King's Paymaster on Ceylon, from the 24th February to the 24th March and a retrenchment upon reaudit of the Accounts of that Office from the 25th December 1796 to the 23. February 1797.—

From Mr. Skardon enclosing an Indent of Articles required for the use of the Troops at Trincamalle—

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain & Provisions—

From Mr. Roebuck enclosing

two

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From the Military Paymaster General

two additional Estimates of Cash required on account of the Troops composing the Nizams Detachment.—

From Mr. Roebuck enclosing his — General Estimate for the ensuing month.—

From D°. D°.

From Ditto with a further additional Estimate for the Current month.—

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To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham referring Mr. Roebucks additional Estimate of Cash above mentioned.—

To Ditto

To D°. referring Mr. Roebucks — General Estimate of Cash for August.

To Ditto

To D°. referring another Indent sent in by Mr. Roebuck — and desiring him to afford the Committee for revising Mr. Johnstons accounts such assistance or information as they may require.—

To the Committee for revising Mr. Johnstons Accounts.—

To Messrs. Oakes. Torin and Jackson — referring for their investigation Copy of a Letter with original Vouchers received from Mr. Johnston — and

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and advising them of the Instructions given to the Auditor to assist them in the objects of their enquiry.—

To the Collector in the Jaghire.— To Mr Lionel Place advising him of the Complaint preferred against him by Colonel Baird and enjoining his particular attention to the regular and adequate supply of Sheep for the Troops stationed at Walajahbad.—

To the Superintendent of the Gunpowder Manufactory.— To Mr Benjamin Bishop requiring information relative to the pecuniary circumstances of the Families of the two persons killed by the Explosion at the Gunpowder Manufactory in the Month of June 1796.—

To the Military Paymaster General.— To Mr Roebuck enclosing the Auditors Report on the additional Estimate which accompanied his Letter of the 12th Instant, and informing him that the necessary advances will accordingly be made to him.—

To the Military Board.— To the Military Board enclosing Copies of Invoices of Stores and Provisions Shipped by

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20th by the Supreme Government for the Service of the Expedition_ and referring Captain St. Legers' — & Application on the Subject of his Quarters. -

To the Secretary at Bengal and Assistant Residents at Poonah & Hydrabad

To Mr. Secretary Barlow. Mr. Uhthoff and Captain Kirkpatrick = forwarding — & Copies of Mysore Intelligence. —

21st Received the following letters

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

My Lord,

From Bombay dispatch the River with water Casks Copy of their agreement for the Freight of them enclosed — —

We have the pleasure to acquaint Your Lordship that the River Country Ship, Captain Taylor, is now dispatched to Madras with 510 Casks of different Sizes capable of — & holding 66028 Gallons of Water for the — & Freight of which the owner W. Harding, has Consented to receive payment at Fort St. George, as p. his agreement forwarded to your Lordship by our Secretary, under date — & the

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the 13th. Instant - duplicate of which is enclosed. -

We have the honor to be,

&c &c

Bombay Castle

1st July 1797.

C. W. Malet

Sign'd Jam.s Revett

To the Honorable Jonathan Duncan Esq.r

President and Governor in Council &c.

Honorable Sir,

In consequence of Government advertizement of the 8th Instant for the transportation of Stores to Madras, I beg leave to tender the Ship Ewer for that purpose, Warranting her to carry the whole 60,000 Gls of Water, and 25 to 50 Tons of Cordage &c. The Water at 20 Rs. pr Cask, Legar, or Butt, and 12 Rs. for half Casks, Legars or Butts, the Cordage &c at 50 Rs. pr Ton. The Company to be at all Expences of Shipping and landing, which is to be done in 10 days here, and the same at Madras, otherwise if longer to pay a demurage of 250 Rs. pr day, the freights to be paid on the Bills of lading being signed - or if it should be

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more suitable to Government, as I understand they
may be in want of Tonnage for the Cape, I will
let them have the Ship in question for that purpose,
which has had in on the Company's Acct. from
Bengal 586 Tons, at either so much pr Ton,
or Bag for the Trip, if pr. Ton a 90 R. for 95 if
I have the War risk of the Block, if pr Bag a 7
R. or 7/2, if I have the War risk, half to be paid
here, half at the Cape, with the usual allowances
for demurrage at her receiving and delivering Ports.

I have the honor to be,

Bombay
13th June 1797

Hon. & Dr.

(Signed) Jos. Harding.

True Copy

(Signed) H. S. Pearson
Subscy

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

From the Military Auditor General referring Captain Kenny's Claim to the Batta of Major in Virtue of his Command of the 35th Battalion also Assistant Surgeon Owens appeal from a Retrenchment made

President and Governor in Council

My Lord

Fort St. George

At the particular desire of Captain Kenny
Commanding

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made in his accounts of a charge for the Carriage of Medicines

Commanding the 35th Battalion of Native Infantry on the Island of Ceylon, I have the honor of forwarding the enclosed address from that Office to your Lordship in Council respecting a Retrenchment of the difference of Batta which he had drawn in advanced Rank under a misconstruction of the Government orders of the 12th July 1796.

2 As your Lordship had decided on this Question in the case of Major Tolfrey Commanding the 33d Battalion Native Infantry stated in my letter of the 28th February last, I declined in the first instance troubling Government with a similar claim on the part of Captain Kenny and gave him notice that if he should persist in his desire of having his letter laid before your Lordship it would be my duty to report at the same time that he had previously received from this Office a Communication of the Determination of Government in the case beforementioned - a Copy of my letter is enclosed as well as of his Answer addressed to the Paymaster

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in which he states some Circumstances connected with his present situation, which he hopes will entitle him to your Lordships favorable Consideration.—

I have likewise the honor of submitting to your Lordship the enclosed appeal from Mr. Thomas Owen Assistant Surgeon of the 35th Battalion of Native Infantry regarding a Retrenchment of Sums charged Monthly by him for the Carriage of Medicines with that Corps on the Island of Ceylon; it appearing to the Office of Audit, that the concluding paragraph of the Government orders of the 9th July 1795 prohibited the admission of any allowance beyond what was therein stated, Your Lordship will however determine how far it is reasonable that the Surgeons on the Island of Ceylon should also receive the established sum for the carriage of Medicines for the period only that the Corps are actually on the March from one station to another.—

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

(Sign'd) Wm. Sydenham Mil. Aud. Gl.

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Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council &c &c

My Lord,

I was some time ago furnished by the Paymaster on Ceylon with Extracts of Retrenchments, for difference of Batta in advance Rank drawn as I presumed agreeable to General Orders, under date July the 12th 1796. I had then the honor to address Your Lordship through the Commander in Chief, but that mode not being perfectly conformable to Government orders it was returned by the General direction to me, with a Copy of those issued in April 93.—

Ever attentive to the Commands of my Superiors, I immediately adopted the mode— prescribed; confident that every Attention will be shewn by Government, to the claims of individu- -als, however trifling their situation in life may be, when made on fair, and equitable grounds-

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how far mine are to your Lordships judgement I submit with pleasure.

A letter lately received from Wm. McDuall, with a similar refund, and a request it will be immediately made, determined me once more to intrude on you as I am well aware it could not be your Lordships intention to place an Officer in so distinguished a situation as at the head of a Corps, on a less eligible footing, in point of pecuniary advantages, than many my Juniors in the Service, who have casually fallen into the Command of Battalions. on the contrary, I deemed it a just, and benevolent act of Government, in consequence of a latitude Vested in them by the Honorable Court of Directors to alleviate the hardships sustained by the few, who have suffered from a recent change in our Service, among which, Your Lordship will I hope not conceive me presumptious, to place myself, after a Service of twenty two years, and still a Captain, with every probability of remaining to a considerable

period

21st period — which has not been the case with the person on whose claims for advance Batta the decision of Government had been made, and on which the Auditor General has retrenched mine — For by a reference to G.O. it will appear that Major Tolfrey was the last who benefited by — a arrangements — that few indeed have suffered from. —

I cannot help flattering myself that Govern= =ment will be pleased to throw a favorable glance on my situation placed as the head of a Corps on foreign Service — Obliged to support the Necessary dignity of a Commandant — while the Eyes of foreigners are fixed upon us — and every article requisite for human exis= =tance exorbitantly dear. —

I have further to hope your Lordship will not be displeased at my adducing a very recent instance of so well placed an indulgence, as that of Captains pay, granted to Brevet Captain — a Douse — as Commanding a Corps — and Though I may not be so fortunate to enjoy the abilities of so able, and deserving an Officer — allow me to say, I am ever ready, and will esteem myself highly

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honored, whenever I may be so fortunate, to be placed by your Lordship in a situation, to bring forward the feeble exertions I am possessed of, for the good of the Service. —

With the greatest respect I beg leave to say. —

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

(Signed) W. Kenny

Comm.g the 35th.

Columbo
June the 8. 1797.

To
Mr. John M.c Douall
Paymaster

Sir,

Columbo

I have duly received your Letter of the 8th Instant with an Address enclosed from Captain Kenny to the Right Honorable the President in Council, on the Subject of a Retrenchment made in this Office of the difference between Captains and Majors — & Batta drawn by him as Commanding the 35th Battalion native Infantry. —

As this Subject was referred to Govern=ment in the case of Major Solfrey, with a Letter from

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from that Office, in which he adduced every Argument essential to the support of the claim which was not=withstanding decided against for the reasons ——— expressed in the enclosed Extract, I cannot with propriety under this Circumstance, forward Captain Kenny's Letter, unless he shall still desire it, when of course it will be my duty to state that he had a previous Communication of the Decision which Government had before passed on the Subject. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Mily Asst Genl

Military
Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
22. June 1797.

A true Copy

(Signed) J. Brunton

Depy Mr Genl

C.

To Captain Kenny

Commanding the 35th Battalion Native Infantry

Sir,

I had the honor of receiving from you, an Extract of Retrenchments from your Abstract for the

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21st. the Carriage of Medicines &c confirmed upon recandit by the Auditor General. -

I am truly concerned to observe, that the reasons you assigned for the above charges, will not be admitted as a sufficient authority for my drawing them - I therefore beg you will be pleased to lay this before the Honorable Board, from whose candour, and Liberality, I have no doubt of support in an Equitable claim. -

The General Order dated 9th July under which these allowances are Retrenched, instead of diminishing the allowances of the Medical Department, was, I humbly conceive, intended by the Board in addition to the former Field allowances, to defray any Extra Expence that may accrue on Foreign Service, to the Surgeons of Native Battalions where it is well known what difficulty and additional Expence they must submit to, in procuring Coolies, and a number of Articles absolutely necessary for the sick, especially in those Battalions, which were obliged to march some hundred miles from the interior part of

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of the Coast to Columbo as the 35th Battalion was.—

Most of the other Battalions embarked from the Presidency or at least, had a very small way to march before they arrived at Columbo, therefore to them the Expence & fatigue and consequently, the retrenchments may be trifling, and consequently more admissable.—

This order being issued some time previous to my Arrival in India, I was upwards of five Months at Columbo before I became acquainted with it, and consequently did not draw the Extra Allowance, but— when the abstract for that purpose was presented to the paymaster, he refused to pay more than three Months allowances. assigning as a reason that the other was forfeited to Government, for not being sooner claimed, and consequently if drawn, would be retrenched— as it was not possible from my unsettled State, to become acquainted with all Orders issued previous to my Arrival in India—conceive I am peculiarly — unfortunate in suffering from it.—

You are likewise perfectly acquainted with the very sick State of the Corps, during the — months of September, October, November, December and

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and January when it was deemed indispensably necessary by the Commander in Chief on Ceylon, and the Head Surgeon, to grant an Additional Allowance to the Surgeon of the 1st Battalion 7th Regiment Native Infantry, for Wine and Spirits, which has been sanctioned by Government. And from what you have seen of the Expenditure in my Hospital, of those Articles, you must be well assured, I was at a similar Expence, tho' not drawn for. —

Should Government not be pleased, to allow the sums, retrenched on reaudit by the Auditor General, I hope they will have the Goodness to grant the two Months extra Allowance, as well as the above allowances granted to the Surgeon of the 1st Battalion 7th Regiment, for Wine &c. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Columbo
June 24th 1797.

/ Signed Thos. Owen
Hospl. Surgeon 35th Batt. N.I.

A true Copy

/ Signed J. Brunton
Dep.y Military Auditor General

J.

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J. A.c Dowall Esq.r

Paymaster on Ceylon &c. &c.

Sir,

I have had the honor to peruse General Sydenham's Letter to you, with an Extract of one from Mr. Secretary Webbe, which has induced the Auditor General to refuse me the indulgence of laying my replies, and address, before the Right Honorable the President in Council, conceiving my situation exactly similar with those Gentlemen, on whose claims the decisions of Government had been made, but as there appears to me some difference between them, from the necessary expence incurred by being on foreign Service, I cannot refrain (though with much reluctance) from intruding on his Lordship, from whom I have every reason to hope for a favorable determination - particularly, as the same indulgence has been extended to Brevet Captain Dowse, on the grounds I should suppose, of an expence unavoidably incurred by a Captain in Command of a Corps where every article is

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is exorbitantly dear, while for the Credit of the Service, I am obliged among foreigners, to support a respectability of appearance equal to that of a Field Officer, and to entertain occasionally, not only my own Officers but others of the settlement - I am therefore led to hope that on perusal of what I have stated, the Right Honorable the President in Council will be pleased to grant me the allowance, at least while on foreign Service - But, should that be deemed to great an indulgence, that his sanction may be given to what I have already drawn, as inserted in my — abstracts, under an Idea of being perfectly — Conformable to General Orders - and laid out on — family concerns, not to be recalled, while any — deduction from my allowances, would lay me under the greatest embarrassment. —

It would be needless for me to enter more minutely into particulars, but I flatter myself General Sydenham on a re-perusal, will see the propriety of what I have urged, and feel an inclination, if in his power to

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pays the charges in question, if not, I have only to request he will do me the honor to lay my replies, and address before the Right Honorable the President in Council.—

I have also to beg that this Letter may — accompany them, as a further explanation, and motive for so great an intrusion on his Lordships time.—

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Columbo
the
July the 4. 1797.

Signed W. Kenny
Comm.g the 35.th Batt.n

A true Copy
Signed J. Brunton
Dep.y Mil.y and Gov.t

To J. Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Colonel Bonnevaux forwarding an application from Lieutenant Fair for reimbursement of public Cash Stolen from him.—

I have the Honor to enclose you Copy of a letter addressed by Lieutenant Fair Commanding — a Molletivoe to Major Agnew Adjutant General on Ceylon which with this my Letter to you I have to beg you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable the President in Council should it accord with

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with his Lordships opinion to comply with the request of Lieutenant Fair I will feel myself highly — gratified as his character as an Officer and particularly his exertions in the execution of the public trust — entrusted to him at Mollitivoe have merited and repeatedly obtained the approbation and applause of the Officer Commanding at Trincomalee, and induce me to believe that the loss of the money as stated in his Letter is to be attributed to unavoidable — misfortune and in no way to carelessness on the — part of that Officer. —

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Signed P. Bonneaux

Colonel

Columbo

July 9th 1797.

To Major Agnew

Adjutant General on Ceylon

Sir,

Having been employed here for the space of nearly two years in the collection of Cattle for the Garrison of Trincomalee and

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21st. Ostenburgh and in the execution of which duty it being always necessary to have sums of the — Honorable Company's money by me, it has been my misfortune lately to be robbed of one — hundred and Seventy one Star Pagodas and — twenty eight fanams of Company's Cash. —

I take the liberty to request that you will submit the Circumstance to Major General Doyle's consideration that if he shall — think it necessary that the loss should be sustained by me it may be so, but if not that he may be pleased to authorize the Commissary of Provisions to repay me the amount, as I have already paid it to him. —

I have the honor to be,

W.c W.c

Sd/ A. Fair Lieutenant 1.st Batt.n
1.st Regiment Native Infantry
Comm.d

Mollativoe
28th June 1797.

A true Copy

Sd/ W. Kerr
acting Sec.y to Col.e Bonnevaux

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Right Honorable The President in Council

My Lord,

From Major General Floyd recommends that Quarters be built for the Troops stationed at Mellore and represents the unfinished State of the Sepoy Barracks at Trichinopoly begun by this Highness the Nabob the Bridge over the Puttoor Nullah completed.

Captain Dallas Commanding at Mellore having represented his quarters and that of his Sepoys, not only improperly situated, at a great distance from each other, but also wholly in ruins and irrepairable - and that a place to protect a Sepoy Guard from the weather was wanting, half way between Madura, and Mellore, there being nothing, I made repeated applications to his Highness the Nabobs Brother, Hussum ul Mulk Bahauder, who twice sent written orders to those in authority under him at Madura to construct what was wanting. But there orders having prodaced no effect while Hes Highness was here, it cannot be hoped they will have any, now he is absent at Madras - I am obliged to address your Lordship in order that such measures.

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measures as you think fit for the cover of Captain Dallas, and of his detachment may be effected, before the next Monsoon.—

I am obliged to report to your Lordship that the Sepoy Barracks built by His Highness in this Fort, remain in the same unfinished state, as when your Lordship inspected them yourself and that the Repairs of great part of the East face of the works here, having been very well executed by His Highness orders, some time ago nothing has since been done.—

A Brick Bridge over the Pettoor Nullah, which has so long been desired, is at length finished and very well constructed.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir &c.

Trichinopoly
July 18. 1797.

/ Signed / J. Floyd
Major General

The

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I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Trichinopoly
July 18th 1797.

(Signed) J. Floyd
Major General

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The Right Honorable the President in Council

My Lord,

From Major General Lloyd — Major Cuppage marches with the Colours of the Battalion for Sunkery droog — a House occupied by the 36th Regiment at Negapatam falls in and lives lost —

In consequence of your Commands, I have the honor to report that Major Cuppage, with three Companys of 1st Battalion 3d Regiment Native Infantry will march from this place for Sunkery Droog on the 21st or 22d Instant. —

Major Cuppage having applied to take the Colours of the — Battalion with him and to make his new station the Head Quarters of the Battalion, being the Senior Officer in India and the time not admitting of your Instructions on this point, before his March — I have taken it upon me to consent, not perceiving that your Lordship is likely to have objections. —

Should I be mistaken the alteration can be made with little difficulty. —

I have to report to your Lordship that a large House at Nagapatam, in which three

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2d. three Companys of His Majesty's 36th. Regiment were quartered, suddenly fell in, a short time ago - at 11 Clock at night - But the weather being close all the men were fortunately, on the outside, except two or three who were not materially hurt. -

Other Houses being in a suspicious State the Barrack Master of the Division proceeded to Ngapatam, and now report that he has Minutely surveyed the Quarters, supplyed the men who were thus deprived with good places for the present, and has prevailed on the House Holders to repair, and rebuild, so that His Majestys 36th. Regiment will be perfectly well covered before the Monsoon - and without any extraordinary expence — to Government. —

I have the honor to be,

Your Lordships most obedient

& most Humble Servant:

Trichinopoly

July 19th. 1797.

Sigd J. Floyd Major General

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord,

From the Military Board - with a Statement of provisions &c. remaining to be laid in for the Troops ordered on Foreign Service. - represent the want of Water Casks and propose that tanks be made as a substitute - - cannot recommend a - Decrease in the number of Tents proposed to be sent on the Expedition. -

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Governments' Letter under date the 7th Instant respecting Provisions, and other Articles of Equipment, for Foreign Service. - Having in consequence - called upon the Garrison Storekeeper for an account of the Provisions which he can supply from the Stores towards completing the quantity calculated for the Troops, as well as of the quantity remaining to be provided, We now do ourselves the honor of laying before Your Lordship in Council a Copy of the Statement with which we have been furnished in order that the necessary directions may be given for supply= =ing what is yet wanting. -

We have made every enquiry in our power as to the probable means of obtaining

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a further Supply of water Casks, as well as the best substitute to be found for the Number that may be afterwards deficient, and have to observe on this Subject, that two Months water for the Europeans and Native Troops, with a proportion of Public, and private followers, require 4,228 Butts of 116 Gallons each, at one Gallon a Man per day- of this Number the Garrison Storekeeper can supply 520,- 300 are expected from Bombay.- The Master attendant has engaged to furnish 208 Butts — and Pipes, and 80 half Leagers, besides which 88 Pegue Jars can be procured, each containing on an Average 80 Gallons, of which Number 18 are now in Store, and they will answer — perfectly well or holding water for present — consumption.- From this Statement it appears, that the Number of Casks &c that can be — provided are equal to 1129 Butts, and — consequently that 3099 are still wanting — We therefore judged it expedient to Consult

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the Master Attendant with regard to the practicability of constructing Tanks for containing Water on board Ship, and he has engaged to provide from 50 to 100 by the 25th of August, each to contain 10 Butts of Water and to be of the following dimensions - Viz.t 7 feet long, 6 broad, and 4 deep, the price of each of these Tanks is stated to be One hundred Pagodas, and should your Lordship determine that they shall be made, the Master Attendant requests the Assistance of a Guard of Sepoys for collecting Artificers, as without such aid he is apprehensive of not being able at this particular time to obtain a sufficient Number for the purpose - on the supposition that 80 Tanks, equal to 800 Butts, can be provided, there will then be a deficiency of 2299 Casks, and we can only lament our inability to suggest any means at present, by which even a part of that number can soon be obtained; unless Indiamen should arrive from Europe, on board

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board of which it is very probable there will be a number of spare Casks, as those Ships generally bring Troops, and it is understood that the quantity of water calculated for all the People on Board is usually Six Months, The Extra Ships might also be called upon for any Surplus Casks that they may be able to spare, and it is likewise to be considered that if the Ships of War should carry any part of the European Force, the number of Casks to be provided will be proportionably lessened. –

As the Lists referred to us by Government do not include the Stores &c. for the Engineers' Department, we request your Lordships instructions on this subject, as the provision of Artificers, and the arrangement of the Engineers' Stores, will be a work of some time. –

Respecting the reduction of the quantity of Camp Equipage which has been recommended to our consideration, we beg leave to observe, that the calculations in the

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the Statement are made according to the actual Strength of the Corps, and agreeably to the allotted proportions in the new Regulations for Field Service, and as no additional Tents are included for the variety of Contingencies which may be expected to occur, added to the probability of a Body of Seamen, with their Officers, being sent on Shore to act with the Land Forces, who will of course look to the Commanding Officer for accommodation, We are of opinion that lessening the Number of Tents might subject the Service to considerable inconvenience, especially as every Extra demand for Camp Equipage must be supplied by drawing a proportion of the established number of Tents with Corps and Departments. –

We have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
" Geo: Harris
" Patrick Ross
" Thomas Geils
" Wm Sydenham
" B.J. Close
" George Hall A.

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/ Signed

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A Statement of Provisions, shewing on Comparison with the Calculation sent from the Military Board, what remains to be added to those already provided by Order of Government

Articles	Quantity to be provided at Madras to Europeans as per Calculation of the Military Board	Quantity to be provided at Madras to Natives as per Calculation of the Military Board	Total	Quantity in Store	Wanted to be provided at Madras	Surplus Quantity
	Garce Mer Seer	Garce Mer Seer	Garce Mer Seer	Garce Mer Seer	Garce Mer Seer	Garce Mer Seer
Rice	83. 265. "	67. 161. "	151. 26. "	31. 252/16 "	119 173/16 "	" " "
Salt	3. 55 "	18 13/12 "	21. 192/16 "	8 122/8 "	13. 6 7/8 "	" " "
	cf. m. lb		cf. m. lb	cf. m. lb		
Biscuit	273. 8. 20	" " "	273. 8 20	604: 13: 5	" " "	331. 4. 10
Flour	133. 17. 5.	" " "	133 17. 5	45. " "	88. 17. 5.	" " "
Dates for Raisins	14. 10. 1	" " "	14. 10. 1	5. " "	9. 10. 1	" " "
	Garce mer "		Garce mer "	Garce mer "	Garce mer "	
Pease	4 99/12 "	" " "	4 99/12 "	2 240 "	1. 259/12 "	" " "
	cf. m. lb			cf. m. lb		
Sugar	43. 10 2/4	36. 10. 12	80. " 14/16	23 " "	57. " 14/4	" " "
Mustard Seeds	4. 16. 17.	" " "	4. 16. 17.	" 5. B.	4. 11 9	" " "
	Gallons		Gallons	Gallons		Gallons
Vinegar	1812 7/8 " "	" " "	1812 7/8 " "	4083/2 " "	" " "	2270 7/8 " "
	Casks	Casks	Casks	Casks	Casks	
Water	854 " "	3,374 " "	4228 " "	420 " "	3808 " "	" " "
	Billets					Billets
Firewood	267,720 " "	243720 " "	5,11,440 " "	10,1060 " "	" " "	4,89,620 " "
	lb		lb	lb		
Salt Beef	20,201 " "	" " "	20,201 " "	425984 " "	" " "	10,5783 " "
Salt Pork	174018 " "	" " "	174018 " "	8160 " "	165,858 " "	" " "
Copper Pots	23. " "	" " "	23. " "	125 " "	" " "	102. " "
		Garce mer "				
Dohll	" " "	10 44/12 "	10. 44/12 "	1. 84/16 "	8350/16 "	" " "
		cf. m. lb				
Ghee	" " "	275 2 22	275 2 22	106. 3. 5/8	174 19. 16 7/8	" " "
Tamarind	" " "	275 2 22	275 2 22	177. 3. 14/8	97. 19. 7/8	" cf. m. lb
						11 10 15/8
Chillies	" " "	30. 11. 11	30. 11. 11	42 2 5/8	" " "	8. 11 18/8
Pepper	" " "	30. 11. 11	30. 11. 11	39. 3. 14/8	" " "	
Corriander seeds	" " "	20. 7. 16.	20. 7. 16	" 12. 21/2	19. 14 19/2	" " "
Cummin seeds	" " "	10. 3. 20/2	10. 3. 20/2	" 5. 24.	9. 17. 21/2	" " "
Garlick	" " "	22 18 15	22. 18. 15	15. " 3/8	7. 18 14 5/8	" " "
Onions	" " "	22. 18. 15	22. 18. 15	10. " 1/4	12. 18 13/4	" " "
Turmarick	" " "	22. 18. 15	22. 18. 15	15 1 3/8	7. 17. 15/8	
Betle nut	" " "	61. 2. 22	61. 2. 22	" 1. 9/2	61. 1. 12/4	cf. m. lb
						27. 11 16/8
Tobacco	" " "	91. 14. 8.	91. 14. 8.	119. 5 24/8	" " "	27,065. " "
Salt Fish	" " "	5,86,980 " "	5,86,980 " "	7,24045 " "	" " "	
		Garce mer		Garce mer		
Avil or Churvah	" " "	27. 70. "	27. 70. "	9. 181 "	17. 289. "	" " "
Caddaley or Bhoot Gram	" " "	13. 235. "	13. 235. "	5. " "	8. 235. "	Garce mer "
				3. 300. "	" " "	3. 300 "
Peas, dressed	" " "	" " "	" " "	4 150. "	" " "	4. 150. "
Bhoot Gram dressed	" " "	" " "	" " "	1. " "	" " "	Seers " "
Arcey Poorey	" " "	" " "	" " "	Seers		
				120. " "	" " "	120. " "
Curry Stones & Rolers	" " "	" " "	" " "			NB

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N.B. Colonel Munro's recommendation for Cook Rooms, and Necessaries, having been approved of, 20 of each were consequently indented for on the master attendant. —

The Ghee, notwithstanding I had placed wet Gunnies over each Cask, leaked so much that I was obliged to put it into large earthern jars, & and Copper Potts, until it may be necessary to send it on Board Ship, when the Ghee may again be replaced in the Casks as I attribute the leakage to the hot land winds that at — present prevail. —

The Copper Potts in Store measure on an average from 45 to 50 Seers each, the others wanted to contain 15 Seers, can soon be procured when the number of Ships now destined for foreign — service is ascertained. —

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17th July 1797. —

/ Signed J. S. Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper

True Copy
/ Signed Fred.k Pierce
Secy & Accountt MS. Board

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24th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters &

entered in Mil. Con. 93. 94. 95

To Mr. G. Taswell desiring he will act

To the Master &
attendant

in concert with the Committee of the Military Board
appointed to adjust the detail of Arrangements for the
Expedition. —

To Captain Kirkpatrick desiring that

To the Assistant
Resident at Hydrabad

Captain Mackenzie of Engineers may be considered
until further Orders upon the strength of the Detache-
-ment serving with the Nizam and returned &
accordingly. —

To Mr. Secretary Barlow — Mr. I —

To the Secretary Bengal
and Assistant Residents
at Poona & Hydrabad

Uhthoff and Captain Kirkpatrick forwarding Copy
of Mysore Intelligence received from Major Doveton. —
Sent also the following Letters. —

To Major General Sydenham

To Major General Sydenham
bearing testimony to his
Zealous and able exertions
in the Establishment of
the late System of Check
and Control on Military
Disbursements the
regulations suggested by
him for the pay and
Grain and Provision
Departments approved
and adopted his report
required on a letter from
Bengal

Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable
the President in Council to acknowledge the
receipt

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Bengal respecting the Passage money to be allowed Officers going on Foreign Service. —

21st. receipt of your letter dated 30th Ultimo — and to acquaint you that the regulations therein suggested for the departments of pay grain and provisions have been adopted with a few exceptions and will be put in force from the 1st October next. —

The President in Council avails himself of this opportunity to express the very strong sense he feels of the assiduity and talents which you have manifested in the execution of the several important duties attached to your office, and directs me to inform you that the notice of the Court of Directors will be particularly attracted to your conduct in establishing a system of check and Controul through all the departments of military expenditure, the great advantages to be derived from which his Lordship in a great measure attributes to your indefatigable exertions. —

I inclose copy of a letter from Bengal and am directed to desire that you will furnish the information required by the Supreme Government in regard to the passage money

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money to be allowed to Officers going on foreign Service

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19th July 1797.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Signed J. Webbe Jr. to Govt.

To Wm. Joshua Uhthoff

assistant Resident at Poonah

Sir,

To Assistant Resident at Poonah in reply to his letter respecting Soobrow &c. The Letters said to have been written to this Government respecting Baajy Rows succession not received. —

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 1st Instant and to inform you that particular attention will be paid to your suggestions in regard to Soobarow upon his arrival within the territories under this Presidency. —

The letters, which you mention to have been transmitted hither upon the succession of Bhajerow have never been received. —

I am,

&c &c

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Signed J. Webbe Jr. to Govt.

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To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

Honorable Sir,

To Bengal receipt of their Letter of the 26th June acknowledged and advising of the Failure on the part of the Tanjore Rajah to make good his July Kist, and the Consequent Sequestration of the Managoody Soobah. —

We have had the honor of receiving your letter dated 26th Ultimo. —

In consequence of the entire failure of his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to make good any part of the Kist due from him on the 1st Instant we have been under the necessity of taking under the Company's Management the Soubah of Managoody in conformity with the 7th article of the Treaty of 1792, and for the particular circumstances, which attended this failure, we beg leave to refer you to the inclosed paper. —

We have the honor to be,

&c &c &c

Fort St. George
19th July 1797.

Signed Hobart

&c Council

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters — entered in W.B. W.s. 96-97-98-99- and A between N.99- and 100. -

To the Officer Commanding a detachment of the 5.th Regiment Native Infantry —

To Major Cuppage - desiring him to hasten the march of the Detachment under his Command to Sankerydroog in order that the troops under Major Oram may be relieved on time to admit of their arrival at their place of Destination by the 9.th August. -

To the Officer Commanding a Detachment of the 3. Regiment Native Infantry at Shenkerydroog. -

To Major Oram advising of the Instructions sent to Major Cuppage - and expressing the Boards hope that he will reach his Destination by the 9.th of August. -

To the Commander of the Ship Ewer

To Captain Taylor - desiring him to deliver over the Water Casks on board his Ship to the Garrison Storekeer. -

To the Garrison Storekeeper

To Mr. Brodie desiring him to receive the Water Casks, and keep them in readiness to be filled with water.

To Major General Brathwaite —

To Major General Brathwaite - desiring

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desiring him to proceed to the Presidency to Superintend the Preparations going forward for the Expedition. —

Received the undermentioned Letters. —

entered in the Wks Nos. 100. 101. 102. 103. —

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain & Provisions and Principal agent for Draft and Carriage Bullocks. —

From Wm. Skardon enclosing his Cash Estimates for August. —

From the agents of the Ship Ewer. —

From Messrs. Hunter and Hay tendering the Ship Ewer on Freight to the Company. —

From Commandant at Vizagapatam

From Lieutenant Colonel Fothering ham advising of his having embarked the clothing of the late 20th Battalion on board the Begler. —

From the acting Paymaster at Masulipatam —

From Wm. Vincentio Corbett explaining the claim of his not having complied with Lieutenant Coupland's Application. —

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Received the following Letters. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c. &c. &c.

From the aides de camp and Brigade majors attached to General Officers on the staff requesting that they may be allowed Full Batta and Tent allowance. —

My Lord,

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Having the honor of being appointed and attached as staff Officers to General Officers on the staff, who, from the nature of their appointments

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Appointments are not confined to a fixed point, but are expected to be ready to move on all occasions and on the shortest notice, it follows, that their Staff must be in readiness to move with them, otherwise the General Officers cannot be considered as fully prepared to move at the shortest Warning. To place the Staff therefore on a Correspondent footing in that respect with their principals is the motive for this address - and we beg permission to state to your Lordship, that the allowance we are at present authorised to draw is by no means adequate to the expense we are at in retaining — Servants, &c.; for such movement at the shortest — notice a consideration, which we most humbly hope will be favorably attended to by your Lordship, and that the granting to us full Batta and Tent allowance will not be deemed unreasonable indulgences - particularly when it is considered that the Staff attached to General Officers are, in point of receipts, on no superior footing to the Regimental Staff of Adjutants and Quarter Masters to native Corps, who are supposed to be fixed at the Head Quarters of their respective Regiments - and it may

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not appear to be foreign to our request to observe to your Lordship, that there are several discriptions of Staff Officers such as Barrack Masters. Judge advocates &c who have the allowance of full Batta sanctioned to them by the late Code of printed Regulations. —

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

July 5th 1797.

&c &c

W. Wilson

Brigade Major to General Brathwaite

John Samson

Aid de Camp to General Brathwaite

W. Monteath

Aid de Camp to Major General Floyd

/ Signed

T. Wilson

Brigade Major to General Floyd

T. Geils

Major of Brigade to Major Genl Geils

E. Geils

Aid de Camp to Major General Geils.

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council at Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Committee of the Bombay Government at Tellicherry calling the attention of Government to the Expediency of endeavouring to establish a route between Dindegul and Pylney and Paulghautcherry.

It having been lately suggested, that there is a communication by a Road, between Paulghautcherry and Pinoe, in Dindigul, which, though now become, in some degree, impassable, by being, but little frequented, for a considerable time past, is nevertheless, easily capable of reconstruction, in a line, that passes, clear of all the Sultauns Dominions, we have, in the view, not only of encouraging the Commercial intercourse, between the Company's Territories, on both sides of the Peninsula, but of eventually procuring, through that channel, a speedier conveyance, for the Official, and other correspondence, between this Coast, and Bombay, directed the Passage, thus indicated to be examined, under the authority of the Commissioners, and of Mr. Innes, and Mr. Waddell, the Gentlemen acting, under their orders

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orders, in the Southern Districts, and at Palghaut,
and as it may materially tend to the ascertainment
of what may really be depended on, respecting the
practicability, and safety of this Route, if your —
Lordship be pleased to direct the Resident, or Collector,
of Dindigul to make enquiry, on his part, and to
correspond with Mr. Waddell at Palghaut, on the
information that may on either side, be obtained, to
enable us to come to a conclusion, on the present
object of research, we, therefore, request your —
Lordships obliging assistance, on this occasion. There is
laid down in Rennell's published Map, of the —
marches of Colonels Fullerton, and Humberstone, in
the Coimbetoor, and Nair Countries, in the year 1783,
the Route of the first mentioned Officer from Trichino-
-poly to Paulghaut, but the one now indicated passes
considerably farther to the Southward, through part of
the Cochin Rajah's Territory, according to the enclosed*
sketch, as far as it has yet been explored by —
the

* deposited in the Chief Engineers' Office

I have &c
Signed George Parry
Lieut. & Sub. Engr.

the native Agents employed, for that purpose. —

We have the honor to remain.

Tellicherry
13th July 1797.

W. W.
Jon.n Duncan
Ligney
J.r Stuart

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General - submitting the claim of Mr. Pulteney Mein, Surgeon's mate to the 73d. Regiment, on account of Medical Servants employed on the Hospital at — Tripassore from — August 1794 to — January 1796 - also an appeal of Major General Nixon from a retrenchment demanded from him on account of Batta Charged for Sepoys employed in the Case of Sheep at Pondamallee. —

I have the honor to submit to your Lordships' decision a claim of Mr. Pulteney Mein Surgeon's Mate of his Majesty's 73d. Regiment, to Medical Servants at the rate of Ten Pagodas p.r — month, for attending the Hospital at Tripassore — from August 1794 to January 1796 Inclusive, amounting to one Hundred and Eighty Pagodas /180/. —

After attentively considering the orders of Government under date the 4th. December 1793 and 7th May 1795, upon which the present claim is founded, it becomes necessary to observe, that as —

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Mr. Mein appears to have been detached from his Corps at the express desire of Major General Brathwaite then Commander of the Army on the Coast, for the purpose of taking charge of the Invalids from his Majesty's — Regiments stationed at Tripasore, and as he was the only Surgeon doing duty in that Garrison from the — period that he was so detached, until he again joined his Corps, he may, perhaps, be considered in the same light as an Assistant Surgeon specially appointed to a station, who in such case would be fully entitled to the allowance claimed by Mr. Mein under the Order of May 1795. —

Although it would appear from the Accompanying Certificate N°1 signed by Major — General Brathwaite that it was to the best of his recollection some time in the year 1795 when Mr. Mein was sent to Tripasore by his direction, yet I find on reference to the abstracts of his — Majesty's 74th Regiment, that full Batta was drawn from the 20th December 1794 for Mr. Mein in consequence of his being ordered to take charge

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23. of the Sick at Tripassore.- should your Lordship be pleased to overlook the delay in not referring this matter in due time, under the explanation offered in the enclosed Letter from Mr. Mein to the Military Paymaster General No 2, and to consider his claim admissible on the principal of his being the only Medical Staff at Tripassore, it follows, that the allowance can only be granted from the period — from which he was detached, until he again joined his Corps in January 1796.-

I have further to observe that the Bills presented by Mr. Mein are regularly Countersigned by the respective Commandants at Tripassore.-

I beg leave at the same time to lay before Your Lordship in Council, Copy of a Letter addressed by Major General Nixon to the Military Paymaster at the Presidency for the purpose of being submitted to — Government, respecting a Retrenchment on Batta charged for Sepoys employed in the care of Sheep for the use of the Troops stationed at Poonamallee in August, September and October 1795, Amounting to Pagodas. 18. 3. -

This Retrenchment is grounded on the orders of Government bearing date the 21st. May 1795, which

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which direct Commanding Officers in the Jaghire to report to the Collector the number of Sheep required for the use of the Troops, and the days on which they were to be furnished, it was therefore understood, that the Collector upon receiving the monthly Indents for Sheep would order the number applied for to be delivered to the Butchers of the Station sent to receive them, consequently all charges of Batta for Sepoys employed on this duty was considered inadmissible, previous however to the publication of the foregoing order, it had been usual to detach Sepoys to collect Sheep for the Troops stationed within the Jaghire, and to allow them the regulated Batta, upon a Vouches properly attested by the Commanding Officer, this practice still prevails at most of the other Stations on the Coast where European Corps are quartered, and when the charges are properly attested and found reasonable they are passed on Audit, as it has been often found necessary to employ a few Sepoys to assist the public Butchers, on occasions where the Inhabitants refuse to bring in their Sheep at a fair Price, as

specified

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— specified in the Regulations published on the Subject in Government orders of the 15th May 1793, it therefore rests with your Lordship to determine, whether charges of this description Sanctioned by long custom at other Stations are admissible at the different posts within the Jaghire under the Government orders of 21st May 1795. —

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

Military
Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
22d July 1797.

W. &c.

Signed W. Sydenham
Mily Aud. Genl.

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To Benjamin Roebuck Esq.
Military Paymaster General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor herewith of transmitting you the Bills of my charges on the Honorable Company for Medical Servants while in charge of the Invalids of His Majestys 36th 52nd 73rd and 74th Regiments at Tripassore. The inclosed Bills were presented

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presented to you in the month of may 1795 and returned to me a few days afterwards accompanied with a letter from you, objecting to the payment of them Having however been sent to that Station by Colonel Sterling at the desire of Major General Brathwaite, then Commander of the Army on the Coast, I still considered myself authorized to draw an allowance of 10 P.S ℔ Month, granted to assist Surgeons of Stations, agreeable to the Orders of Government of the 8.th November 1792 and confirmed by a subsequent order of Government of the 7.th May 1795 — from a thorough conviction in my own mind that I was entitled to the allowance above alluded to / and having been informed that Surgeons similarly situated had drawn that allowance / induced me without hesitation to lay my claims before Colonel Malcolm, and after he had attentively considered the business, he was pleased to say, that he would represent the matter to Government and flattered me with the hopes of obtaining a favourable

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Answer thereto - Unwilling to be thought troublesome,
I allowed several months to elapse before I called at the
Auditor General's Office, to know the result of my —
application and when I had mentioned to Colonel
Malcolm the purport of my call, I was informed that
my little busines had entirely escaped his memory
from the time that I had first mentioned it to him,
as this conversation took place a few weeks previous
to his departure for Europe when matters of greater
importance occupied his time, prevented him from
paying that attention to my application which I am
convinced he otherwise would have done, had he
remained a few months longer in the Country. -

Thus circumstanced, I lately wrote to
the Auditor General on the subject, and he has been
pleased to signify to me, that if I could procure a
certificate from General Brathwaite, that it was by
his Orders, as Commander in Chief, that I was sent
to Tripassore, that Government might on that —
account, be induced to lend a favourable consi-
-deration to my claim - General Brathwaite
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from a recollection of the Circumstance has granted me a Certificate to the above effect which I now have the pleasure of enclosing you, as General Sydenham has informed me, that the regular channel is through the Paymaster General - I have therefore to request that you will make known my claim to the Auditor General who will lay it before Government in addition to this I take the liberty of begging your good offices on the occasion, as it will doubtless appear to you that my claims are founded on the strictest equity. -

I have the honor to be,

W.c W.c

Sign.d Pulteney Mein

Surgeons mate 74.th Reg.t -

Ponamallee
10.th May 1797.

A true Copy

Sign.d B. Roebuck

M. P. G.l

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I do hereby Certify that to the best of my recollection in the year 1795 there were Invalids from his majesty's 36.th 52.d 73.d and 74.th Regiments at Tripassore in want of medical assistance, and that upon enquiry I found

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found that a Surgeons mate could be spared from the 74th. and I directed Lieutenant Colonel Sterling then Commanding the 74th. to send to Tripassore a Surgeons mate - and he did so, and I believe the name of the Gentlemen so employed was Mein. -

Madras
May 1st 1797.

Signed John Brathwaite
Major General

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The Honorable Basil Cochrane,

Military Paymaster

Fort St. George

Sir,

The Military Auditor General having upon re-audit Continued a Retrenchment against me amounting to Pagodas 18: f. 3 for Batta that was actually paid to Sepoys employed in taking care of the public Sheep, for the Garrison of Poonamallee, which had been a long practice in the Service, and never prohibited by any orders I have seen, let the Sheep be found, where, or by whom they would, if upon this Explanation, the Military Auditor General does not pass the Amount,

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I beg that it may be referred to Government. —

Fort St. George
17th July 1797.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Sgnd C. Nixon

True Copy
Sgnd J. Brunton
Depy. Mr. Genl.

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

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We have received your letters of the 10th 14th and 20th Instant with their several enclosures. —

We authorize you to give the necessary orders for providing the Engineer with the stationary Stores, artificers and Lascars required in his — department for foreign Service according to the returns, which you have submitted to us. —

Having paid particular attention to the

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24 the regulations suggested by the Military Auditor General and revised by your Board we have resolved to adopt them and have ordered them to be put in force from the 1st October next.—

We have authorized the advance you recommend for the Agent of Supply on account of military Stores to be provided for foreign Service, and we desire that you will direct him to purchase the 400 pieces of madras Gunnies which you have recommended and that that you will take the best means in your power for supplying the deficiency on this Article.—

We desire that you will issue the orders which may be requisite for providing the Articles which are yet wanting for foreign Service, and we have instructed the Garrison Storekeeper to pay implicit obedience to your direction.—

We are concerned to observe that there should yet be so great a deficiency of water Casks, but we rely upon your exertions to increase the means of conveying water for the troops

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troops We observe however that you have not calculated upon the Number of Casks received from Trincomale of which the Garrison Storekeeper will render you an Account, as well as the exact quantity received from Bombay.—

We are,

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25. July 1797.

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Sygny Hobart

W.c Council

To Mr William Hawkins

Sir,

Circular Letter
To the
different Paymasters on
the new arrangement
enclosing Instructions
-and Security Bonds for
the trust Committed to
them.—

I am directed to inform you that the Right Honorable the President in Council has been pleased to appoint you Paymaster and Garrison Storekeeper at Trichinopoly and its dependent range of Garrisons, as explained in the general Orders of the 19.th Instant.—

Herewith I transmit a sett of Regulations established by the Authority of Govern=ment, to which as well as to the abovementioned orders of 19.th Instant you are required strictly to conform your conduct in the trust now committed to

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to your charge.—

In consideration of the extensive duties and responsibility now imposed upon you, the President in Council is pleased to grant you a Salary of 300 Pag.s ℔ Month. —

The establishment of Servants, which has been fixed for the different Garrisons with your range, will be transmitted to you from the Office of Audit. —

Herewith you will receive a Bond to be executed by you, which you will return to me with the names of two responsible persons as your Securities in the sum of S.r Pag.s /2500/ each who are to sign an obligation for your due —— performance of this engagement. —

Sam,

W.m W.m

/ Sign.d J. Webbe Jun.r to Gov.r

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The same to the Honble Basil Cochrane

Paymaster at the Presidency and its Dependencies.
and of Extraordinaries Salary 300 P.s Bond 5000 Pag.s
and Securities Pagodas 2500 each — W.m

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Mr. John Humphrey Skardon

Paymaster at Vellore and its Dependencies

Salary 300 Ps. Bond 5000 Pagodas and Securities

Pagodas 2500 each.

Mr. Thomas Scott Jackson

Paymaster at Kistnagherry and its Dependencies

Salary 300 Ps. Bond 5000 Pags. and Securities

Pagodas 2500 each.

The Honorable L. G. K. Murray

Paymaster at Innacondah and its Dependencies

Salary 250 Pagodas Bond 3000 Pagodas

and Securities Pagodas 1500 each

Mr. William Gordon

Paymaster at Masulipatam and its Dependencies

Salary 300 Ps. Bond 5000 Pagodas and

Securities Pagodas 2500 each

Mr. George Wilson

Paymaster at Vizagapatam and its Dependencies

Salary 250 Ps. Bond 3000 Pags. and Securities

Pagodas 1500 each

Mr. Robert Hughes

Paymaster at Madura Salary 250 Pagodas

Bond 3000 Pags. and Securities Ps. 1500 each

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To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

To the Military Auditor General enclosing a Code of regulations for conducting the Duties of his Office - also Copies of Instructions issued to the Paymasters and the Establishment of Servants fixed for each.

The Right Honorable the President in Council having taken into consideration the regulations proposed in your letter of 30th ultimo for the Offices of pay and Audits has been pleased to approve them and I accordingly transmit the code of regulations established by the authority of Government for conducting the Office of the Military Auditor General.-

The regulations for the guidance of the Military Paymaster General and of the Paymasters under this Presidency have been transmitted to them immediately from my Office Copies of them are herewith transmitted for your information and I am directed to express the desire of the President in Council that you will enforce the strictest observation of them as far as it may depend upon the Office of Audit.-

I also transmit the fixed establishment of Servants which the President in Council has been pleased to allow for conducting the

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24th. the several pay Offices according to the new system which has been adopted for this department, and am directed to desire that the establishment of each Paymaster respectively may be transmitted from your Office as the authority by which he will be permitted to charge it.

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

To W. Benjamin Roebuck
Military Paymaster General

Sir,

To the Military Paymaster General enclosing a Code of Regulations for conducting the Business of his Office and Copies of the Instructions given to the Paymasters on the new Arrangement. —

In conformity with the regulations for the Pay Department published in General Orders on the 19th instant I transmit a Code of Regulations under the authority of the Governor in Council for Your Office, to which the Right Honorable the President in Council is pleased to direct that you Strictly Conform.

I also inclose for your information Copy of the regulations established by the Governor in Council for the guidance of military Paymasters under

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24th under this establishment, as well as of the regulations established for Paymasters who may be occasionally appointed to detachments in the field, or on foreign Service. Copy of these papers will be transmitted from my Office to each Paymaster upon his appointment, and I am to desire that you will see them carried into execution as far as they may depend upon you.—

I am
&c &c

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Signed J. Webbe
Secy to Govt.

Dispatched also the undermentioned Letters entered in W.B. Nos. 104. 105. 106.—

To the Military Board — referring an Estimate of Repairs required to the Granary in the Black Town occupied by the French Prisoners.—

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham — desiring him to authorize an advance of Pagodas 7,50 f. 28. 12. to the Agent of Supply on account of Stores to be made up from the Expedition. Captain Allan Grant at Chingleput to draw full Batta. conductor Rodgers' Pension encreased from 12 to 15 Pagodas pr. month.—

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To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham referring

M. Skardon's Estimates for August. —

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Received the undermentioned Letters

entered in Nos 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. —

From the Commandant at Trincomale

From Lieutenant Colonel Champagne advising of his having put a large Quantity of Firewood on Board the Ciza Inn. —

Petition from M. C. F. Schruder at Jaffnapatam

From M. C. F. Schruder requesting to be allowed a Subsistence from the English Company. —

From the Command-ant in the Guntoor Circar

From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton representing the want of covering for the ordnance and Stores deposited in the Fort of Guntoor, and suggesting their removal to Innacondah. —

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. —

From M. Skardon requesting that a Survey Report may be obtained on the Arnee Granary. — and submitting a Letter from Captain Corner regarding repairs required to the Granaries in the Barramaul. —

From the Barrack Master at the Presidency. —

From Lieutenant Macleane, requesting that a plan may be allotted for the Accommodation of the Stores of the 80th Regiment. —

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From Lieutenant Colonel George Dalrymple at Columbo.

From Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple reporting the Death of Colonel Bonnevaux on the 12th. instant at Columbo.

From the Commanders of the Extra Chartered Ships Atlantic Prince Royal and Crown.

From Captains Probart Foubester and Shanack requesting to be informed of the nature of the Service on which their Ships are about to be employed.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor President

Lieutenant General Harris.

Tuesday. 25th July 1797

Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Tallofield } Esquires.

Minutes of last consultation read and approved.

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following minute.

Commander in Chiefs Minute on the subject of the Expences he has incurred in proceeding from Bengal to take the Command of the Army on the Coast

Memorandum

Lieutenant General Harris begs leave to call the attention of the Right Honorable the President

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President in Council to the Circumstance, that in consequence of being ordered from Bengal to take the Command of the Army on the Coast it has cost him Pagodas 750 for the Passage of Himself Suite and Baggage which he submits to the Right Honorable the President in Council he should be reimbursed by the Honorable Company.—

Minute of the Board thereon

The Board request that the General will postpone for a short time the consideration of his Minute.—

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute.—

Commander in Chiefs Minute proposing that some provision be made for the European Women and Children belonging to Regiments on the Coast Establishment agreeably to the practice in Bengal—submits a Statement of a Soldiers unavoidable Expences contrasted with his Pay, to shew the Necessity of allowing the Indulgence in question—

The Commander in Chief is induced by motives of humanity to call the Consideration of the Board to the Condition of the Soldiers Wives, who are permitted to Accompany their Husband to this Country.—

The pay of a Soldier, and his Necessary Expenditures will be seen by an Accompanying Statement, the Board will observe what a trifling Balance remains to

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to even the most prudent, and how inadequate to the support of a wife, supposing there are no Children. —

In England a Soldiers wife, can by washing &c not only earn a livelyhood but assist her husband, In this Country, It is impossible she can maintain herself by honest means, let her Industry be ever so great. Following Idle courses is unavoidable. The most Common resource is a clandestine Sale of Liquor in the Barracks, which is attended with the most pernicious Consequences, when such a practice is detected, an Officer must either neglect his duty, or by expelling the delinquent from the Barracks or Fort, expose her to severe — distress. —

Another Consideration Offers, that the situation of the Women is not only deplorable but the health of their husbands often seriously — injured, by endeavouring to support them from an allowance which is not more than sufficient for their own maintenance. —

The Commander in Chief is induced from —

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from these Considerations to recommend an allowance, should be granted for the Support of the European Women, and Children, belonging to the Regiments in this Settlement. He does this with more confidence, as he knows such is the practice at Bengal, where a Soldier being Victualled without deduction from his pay certainly renders it less urgent. —

The Commander in Chief is at a loss to fix a sum which would answer, without exceeding the purpose, but should think an allowance of one and a half fanam per day to each Woman and one to each Child above two years of age sufficient. —

He would further recommend that the returns for such allowance be signed upon honor by the Commanding Officer of Regiments. —

That the Women and Children be mustered and included in the muster Masters Roll and that all Stoppages for bad behaviour &c. be brought to the Credit of the Company. —

Receipt

Receipt and Expenditure of a Private Soldiers Pay and Allowances at Madras

Dated Fort St. George 20th July 1797

	P.	£.	C.
Pay and Allowances for 8 days Exc at 45			
By 8 days Subsistence at £ 3. 52 C. per day	"	29.	16.
	"	29.	16.
By Balance brought down	"	7.	16
By 8 days Poundage 3/4 Sterling	"	1.	34
Pagodas	"	8.	50.

Expended every 8 days Exc at 45	P.	£.	C.
To 8 days Messing at £ 2. 10 C. per Day	"	17.	"
For 8 days Washing and shaving at 25 Ds	"	2.	40
For 8 days Powder Pomatum and Pipeclay at 25 Cs per Day	"	2.	40
Balance	"	7.	16
	"	29.	16.
To furnishing the Soldier with Powder Bag. Combs. Hair Ribbon Stock, Clasps. Shirts. Shoes, Pantaloons Waistcoats half boots and gaiters			
To 8 Drams of Arrack at 45 Cash per Dram	"	4.	40
Balance	"	4.	10.
Pagodas	"	8.	50.

N.B. of the 4 Fanams 10 Cash the Soldier receives little or nothing It being barely sufficient to keep up his necessaries he has some times at a clearance some money to receive but he gets nothing daily from the above sum

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The President delivers in the following Minute.—

Lord Hobarts Minute on the Subject of granting a Subsistence to the European Women and Children belonging to the Regiments on the Coast Establishment.—

Under a Conviction of the humane principle which has induced the Commander in Chief to bring forward the proposition for the relief of the Soldiers Wives who have been permitted to accompany their Husbands from Europe, it would be extremely difficult notwithstanding the pressure of our Military Expences to state an objection to the measure— because the fact of the Inability of their Husbands to support them without essential Injury to their Constitutions is I believe unquestionable, and it is equally true that the generality of the European Women in the several Regiments except by partaking of their Husbands have no honest means of subsistence.—

It is however to be observed that the practice in Bengal was established at a time when the Number of European Women was comparatively small, and that its introduction upon the Coast when it has been judged advisable

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to make so great an augmentation of European troops, merely on account of its existence in Bengal would perhaps not be deemed by the Court of Directors a sufficient justification of the expence to be incurred if it was not so urgently demanded upon Principles that are inexcistible - with respect to the Children I am not so well satisfied of the necessity of the Case and being apprehensive that it would be liable to a good deal of abuse

I must reluctantly withhold my Acquiescence from that part of the Proposition and more especially as Provision may be made in the Charitable institutions for Children whose situation is represented to be such as to make them real objects of Compassion.-

I am clearly of opinion with the Commander in Chief that the returns for the receipt of the allowance to the European Women should be signed by the Commanding Officers of Regiments upon honor but as the end proposed is to prevent the Women from resorting to improper

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improper means for subsisting themselves, the Commanding Officer should not consider their signatures to the returns as a matter of Course but should be directed to withhold them from those whose conduct shall have rendered them undeserving of the Indulgence of Government.—

The very great inconvenience that has been felt from the Circumstance of the European Women accompanying their Husbands into the Field, would I should hope in a great degree if not entirely be removed by their receiving the proposed allowance which with the addition the Soldier where upon full Batta would be enabled to give them would certainly afford a Provision so ample that there could be no necessity for their attending their Husbands upon actual Service.—

Resolution of the Board on the foregoing Subject to be published in General Orders

Resolved upon a full Consideration of the foregoing Minute that an allowance of one and a half fanam per day be granted to each, European

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European woman who may have been permitted, to accompany her husband to India under the restrictions proposed by the Commander in Chief and the President, and that the whole be published in General Orders. —

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute. —

Memorandum

Shaik Mucktoum late Havildar in the 36th Battalion has been 25 years in the Company's Service and bears the Character of a well behaved Non Commissioned Officer. — About three Months ago some peculiar Circumstances induced him to apply for his discharge which was granted, He has applid to be readmitted into the Service, and Captain Wells Commandant of the Black Town Battalion has expressed a strong wish to have him appointed to his Corps. on this Account and the mans good Character, the Commander in Chief recommends he should be placed on the non Effective list and named to Captain Wells Battalion. —

Resolved

a Minute of the Commander in Chief recommending that Shaik Mucktoum late Havildar in the 36th Battalion be admitted on the non effective List. —

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Hauldar Shaik Mulktoum admitted on the non effective List.

Resolved that Shaik Mulktoum be admitted on the non effective list.—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant General Stuart.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c &c &c

Madras

My Lord,

From Lieutenant General Stuart - requesting that the Claim of the Captors to a distribution of the value of Ordnance and Military Stores taken on Ceylon may be recommended to the early and favorable attention of the Court of Directors.—

The Prize Agents for the Captors on Ceylon having informed me, that your Lordship does not consider yourself at liberty to purchase the ordnance and Military Stores there captured without previously obtaining the sanction of the Court of Directors, and being furnished by those Gentlemen with authenticated Copies of their Communications with the Government of Madras on this occasion, I feel it my duty in justice to the Troops whom I had the honor lately to Command, to address your Lordship on their behalf.—

Unwilling to occupy your time unnecessarily I shall briefly state a few Circumstances and

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and take the liberty of recommending them to your

Consideration. —

1st It has ever been the usage of this Country on the event of Capturing Warlike Stores from an Enemy, that the Government under which the Capture is made purchase them at a fair Valuation for the public Service. —

2 The Ordnance taken on the reduction of Ceylon continued from the period of the respective Captures to be employed for the defence of our acquisitions on that Island, and great Quantities of Military Stores of various descriptions have been expended on the same account or applied to relieve other public exigencies. —

3 His Majesty having been graciously pleased to admit the Capture of Dutch property to be legal prize, and specifying no exceptions, it may be reasonably inferred, that it is his intention on the Troops employed against this Enemy should not be deprived of the Customary rewards and Indulgences. —

I have

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I have only further to request your Lordship will have the goodness to transmit by the first convenient opportunity this address together with the letter from the Prize agents of the 20th Ultimo to the Honorable the Court of Directors from whom I confidently expect a speedy and favorable decision. —

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Signed J. Stuart

Head Quarters
Tellicherry
10th July 1797.

Minute thereon

Resolved to assure General Stuart that the Board will avail themselves of the earliest opportunity of submitting to the consideration of the Honorable Court of Directors the Application preferred by the prize agents to this Government for the purchase of the ordnance and Military Stores taken on Ceylon. —

Read the following letters from the Commandant at Amboor

To

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

from Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson stating the objects to be answered by the continuance of his Detachment in the Field - gives further proofs of the protection afforded to plunderers by the nabobs Subjects in the Chittore District - is unable to adjust the pecuniary Stipulations with the Madanapilly People owing to the removal of the Nabobs Amildar & Meher ally Khan - notices an increase on his Disbursements on account of Sircarrahs and writers -

In reply to what the Right Honorable the President in Council has been pleased to direct, as contained in the letter I had the honor to receive from you, under date the 12th. Ultimo. I beg leave to say that my reasons for the further continuance of the Detachment of not less than three Companies, along the borders are as follows. Viz.t -

First for the protection of the Nabobs Circar posessions, about the Ghauts, between Couch-Bundah - Kistnaveram and the Mugles pays, from the attempts to stop tillage, and afterwards to commit depredations, such as may naturally be expected from the relinquents, fugitives, from the Sultans Country Viz.t Tummah with his sons and Chinnam Naig, who are or have been protected in the Chittore Pollams,

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or Circar possessions of that Talook, as must have / as I presume / been rendered evident to his Lordship, from their property, being brought off as described in the letter I had the honor to forward from Lieutenant Davis, which property I have been assured by him, was, — taken from excellent houses, which the delinquents had long occupied.

As a still further proof of what I have been asserting, I beg leave to adduce, the circumstance, of the horse as mentioned both in my last and in Lieutenant Davisses letters. I have it in my power positively to point out to his Lordship's satisfaction, that the said horse, a sword and other matters, including articles of dress such as shawls &c.a were given to Bijoh by those who called themselves, the managers of the Chittore Circar, one of which was stiled Nabob, as being the Son of Abdul Wahab — Cawn Bahauder —

Secondly. for the protection necessary from such annoyance, as may be expected, —

more

more particularly and to a greater certainty to the
Nabobs possessions, in these parts, from the late
absconded Poligar of Colmaspilly.--

3rdly From the probable hope, which may
be entertained, by the Detachment as recommended
Continuing in these parts, that some, if not all, of
those delinquents, may be surprized and apprehend=
=ed, or at all events to oblige them to remove, to such
a distance, as will put it out of their power, to give
annoyance to these or any other of our Districts.-

As to the next point of which his
Lordship does me the honor of requiring I should
give my opinion, I beg leave to say, it appears to me,
that the further period for which the Service of this
Detachment as already described, can be required,
depends on the Nabob Abdul Wahab Cawns
exertions in his Districts, since the apprehending
of those Marauders, is/to almost a moral Certainty,/
in his power, without the least blood shed or
Military aid from us.-

My own continuance here, will
I hope be very soon unnecessary, as I have great
expectation

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expectation, of getting the stipulated quota of Cash from his Highness's people, in charge of the Colmas=silly Country, likewise to get the Sultans people, from Madanapilly to take off our hands, the property lately brought into this place, which hitherto, from various objections on their part, said to be owing to want of instructions, from their Superiors, could not be the case. These matters, I hope his Lordship will conceive material to be adjusted by myself, since Meer Ally Cawn who had been originally joined with me in these transactions, has lately been removed from the Amuldarship of Amboor &c.

In respect to the payment of this Detachment, the three Companies which Compose it have hitherto been paid by the Paymaster of Vellore, either there at Chundernagherry, conse=quently no difficulty occurred in there being paid in the same manner by Rolls and abstracts for the last month, given in by me, and I should humbly presume to suppose, that no particular mode of payment, for this

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this Detachment is necessary to be established, any — further than, perhaps, a letter to the Paymaster of Vellore or an order to that purpose. —

I beg leave further to signify, that my correspondence in all directions; and endeavours to find out the lurking places, of the delinquents, have rendered it necessary, that I should employ a further number of Writers and Hircarrahs, — since I last came up the Ghauts, and in hopes the same may meet with his Lordship's in Councils approbation, I have the honor to enclose the Bills, for your Countersignature. —

In the events of these delinquents, not being apprehended, or drove entirely out of our territories, I have no hesitation to declare it, as my opinion, that plundering and much devastation must be the Consequence, of the — Companies troops being withdrawn, because — I am certain that the Sumracarrahs and — Polligars in the Nabobs Pay, will join them. —

By Sumracarrahs as mentioned above, I mean a set of men, who have obtained

certain.

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Certain portions of land Force, on condition of their Keeping up a stipulated number of Armed Peons, for the Protection of the Inhabitants from Robbers, likewise for giving Intelligence and stopping an Enemy; —

No such descriptions of persons — ought to be allowed. They are themselves actually the persons, who plunder ourselves and our Enemies and therefore very dangerous to be upon the Borders. —

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

Signed A. Macpherson

Lieutenant Col.

Camp at Pallamnaire 17th July 1797.

To Josiah Webbe Esq.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

Fort St. George

From Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson apprehends the Person of Bysupi Delawa who he intends delivering over to the Madanapilly People. —

I have the Honor through you to signify to the Right Honorable the President in Council, that in the Course of last Night, I had the good luck to apprehend the Vakeel, or as they stile him here, Delawa of Bysop. He has been I find very active lately

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lately in collecting money, from people in these districts, who had given Bonds or Promissary Notes, of payment to his master, for certain Sums, rather than be plundered, many of those were obtained, by means of torture Viz.t they would seize in his Bed, a man, whom they know was possessed of property, take him, rolled up in a Cumbly, to a neighbouring Well, or Tank and douse him, until he consented to pay a certain sum, for which he was immediately obliged to sign a promissary engagement of payment. For all this Kind of usage and oppression, His Highness's Government, affords no sort of Redress, nor means of sheltering themselves, except by Compliance. The man last night seized, had a great number of these Bonds, upon him and I should be very glad, it were in my power, to make a speedy example of him, at the highest Tree in these parts. He has been the adviser and regulator of all Bijsopi transactions and I am assured, that he has been the cause of many innocent persons, loosing their lives. Sixteen were mentioned to me as positively known. The Sultan's head man of Malvaukle, I am informed set a reward of

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(1000) Pagodas one thousand, upon this Mans head and Shope it will meet the approbation of his Lordship, that I have determined upon giving him up, to the Madinapilly Man, along with the other things here, having no doubt, but that there, he will meet with the severity of Punish=ment, which the milder nature of our Laws, does not permit, however well deserved, to be executed without Trial of Peers. -

Camp at Palmanair
18th. July 1797.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
A. Macpherson
Lieut. Colo.

The President proposes that the following draft of a letter may be in consequence sent to his Highness the Nabob, entered also in CCNo. 67.

To His Highness the Nabob
Omdat ul Omrah
&c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Highness,

Having in my Letter of the 5th Instant

To the Nabob - desiring to be informed of the Measures which he proposes to adopt as well for securing the Persons of the Marauders who find Shelter in the Chittoor District, as for adjusting the pecuniary Stipulation

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Stipulation made with the Madanapilly people by Colonel Macpherson and Murally Khan

given your Highness satisfactory proof of the protection which the disturbers of public tranquility on the borders of your Highness's territories have received within the Jahgeer of Chittore notwithstanding the information of a contrary tendency which your Highness has received from the Nabob Abdal Orahab Khan Bahader, I had determined upon recalling the Detachment, since nothing could be more absurd than for me to harrass the Company's troops and to put your Highness to a Considerable expence for the suppression of Marauders, while they find protection and Security in the very heart of your Highness's dominions.

Having however since received a further pressing representation from Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson upon the necessity of continuing the detachment for the protection of Your Highness's subjects against the freebooters who issue from the jahgeer of Chittore, and being informed that your Highness yourself has

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has opposed a further obstacle to the return of the — Detachment by recalling the Amildar Maker ally Khan whom your Highness had appointed in conjunction with Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson to adjust all matters with the Officers of Tippoo Sultan, I am induced to defer the orders which I had intended to issue until I may have an opportunity of learning from your Highness what measures you propose to adopt for the apprehensi= =on of these Marauders as well as for the adjust= =ment of matters with the Officers of the Sultaun.—

If I have not the honor of hearing from your Highness upon this Subject in the course of a few days I shall be under the necessity of taking such measures at the exigency of the — Public Service may require.—

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31.st August 1797.

I have the honor to be,
&c &c &c
Lyndy Hobart

Agreed to and ordered accordingly. —

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Register of the debt of his Highness the Nabob.-

To J. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to be laid before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council Copy of a Letter addressed to me in consequence of my acquainting the New Consol: Creditors of Their Highness the Nabob that the Dividend ordered to be paid to them on the 15th Instant was to be issued in Paper. —

I am,
Sir
Your most
Obedt Hble Servt
Signed Thos. Cockburn
Register.

From the Register of the Nabobs Debts - with a Letter addressed to him by the Creditors remonstrating against the Payment of their Dividends in paper in lieu of Cash. —

Madras
20th July 1797.

Thomas Cockburn Esqr.
Register.

Sir,

However unwilling we are to enter into the discussion of our Rights as founded not only on their own grounds by act of Parliament, but by the most positive orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors

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Directors, when they produced the Nabobs Payments to the Creditors from 12 Lacks to 621.105 Pagodas, we find it a duty to our Constituents to call to — recollection this order that on no account whatever — should our Dividends be withheld from us and here to state that Order verbatim which was — Officially sent to us as a Document for the Security of the Fund. —

We also direct that as the Payments which the Nabob was bound to make in every year to his Creditors have been for the accommoda= =tion of his Highness reduced from 12 Lacs of Pagodas to 621.105 Pagodas the Payment of the said 621.105 Pagodas to the Creditors in the — Consolidated Debt of 1777 shall not henceforth be suspended on any account whatever, but shall be regularly made to those Creditors — until the Debt due to them with Interest at 6 ℔ Cent shall be fully paid. —

We sorry to represent that in lieu of this order being complied with, we are — necessitated

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necessitated to receive Paper which cannot be converted into cash without loss, a measure that has already been injurious to the Credit of the Debt the Discount having risen to upwards of 30 per Cent. in a great degree owing to the mode adopted of paying the Dividends - this is so serious a Circumstance that we should feel ourselves unjustified to our Constituents as well as subjecting ourselves to responsibility for any loss they may suffer if we did not represent it and we request that you will take the necessary measures of making this Subject known to Government who we trust when fully acquainted with the very serious Injuries the Fund suffers from the late modes of Payment will in their Justice be pleased to give us relief. -

We are,

Sir,

your most obedient Servants

Lynch

Chase, Sewell and Chase

Colt, Baker, Day & Co.

Kindersley

Madras
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/ Signed Kindersley, Watts and Co.

Tulloh, Jervis and Brodie

Benjamin Roebuck for self

and Constituents

Francis Latour and Co.

Thomas Cockburn Executor to

George Savage deceased and attorney

for George Moubray

Pelling, De Frêis and Co.

Daly and Cockburn

Antonio De Souza

G. Taylor attorney to J. Taylor Esq.

G. Taylor for J. Taylor Esq.

One of the Concern of Taylor

Cale and Co.

A true Copy

/ Signed Tho. Cockburn

Register

&c

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The President lays before the Board draft of a letter which he proposes should be sent to the principal Creditors in Answer to the foregoing letter.

To Messrs. Chase Sewell and Chase

Colt, Baker, Day & Co.

Kindersley, Watts & Co.

Tulloh, Jervis and Brodie

Reply to the foregoing remonstrances of the Nabobs Creditors. —

Benjamin Roebuck for self and Constituents

Francis Latour & Co.

Thomas Cockburn, Executor to George Savage Deceased, and attorney for George Moubray —

Pelling De Fries & Co.

Daly and Cockburn

Antonio De Souza

G. Taylor attorney to J. Taylor Esq.

and G. Taylor for J. Taylor Esq. one of the Concern of Taylor Call & Co. —

Gentlemen,

The Right Honorable the President in Council

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Council having received from the Register, Mr. Cockburn, a Copy of your letter of the 19th Instant, directs me to observe that, as it contains little more than your letter of the 5th instant, addressed immediately to Government, his Lordship's answer, upon the present occasion, is in a great measure anticipated by my letter of the 11th instant, in which you were assured that nothing but the most pressing necessity could induce Government to continue the discharge of the dividends in paper. -

Since however neither this assurance nor the public exigencies of the state have been sufficient to dissuade you from a repetition of this demand, I am to remind you, that since the Government have found it expedient to issue paper in discharge of the dividends, the utmost attention has been paid to the accommodation of the Creditors, that they have had the option of the Company's paper upon the most favorable terms, that the discount of the bills upon Bengal has been gradually raised, principally with a view to prevent loss to them and finally that the

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very same means which has been adopted for the payment of the dividends, has been used for the discharge of military pay to the troops. -

This last necessity is, in itself, a considera=tion, which the Governor in Council was sanguine would have satisfied the Creditors that the inconve=nience which they have suffered was not Voluntarily imposed upon them, but, when his Lordship adverts to the necessities, which press the British empire in every direction, to the exertions, which those necessities call forth, - to the successfull attempts, which have already been made by this Government for the — annoyance of the public enemy, to the great and expensive preparations which are at this moment going forward, under your own observation, for the same purpose, this Lordship in Council did — expect that a great body of men, whose interests are so intimately blended with the prosperity of this Government, would have been forward to relieve, instead of increasing the present embarrassment The Governor in Council was in hopes that this consideration would have had more weight with

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you Individually but he is surprized that you should have professed to have been impelled by duty to — your constituents, seeing that the greatest part of the debt is actually due to persons now in England, — where a far different example has been exhibited by the monied interest, and that a means of — remitting these very dividends is now open through the public funds, far preferable to any terms, which their most sanguine expectations could have — anticipated. —

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Signed J. Webbe Jr. to Govt —

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Ordered that the Draft be Copied fair and sent to the Creditors. —

Captain G. Scott appointed Commissary of Stores and Captain Henry Hall Agent for Transports on the Expedition. —

The President proposed that Captain George Scott be appointed Commissary of Stores, and Captain Henry Hall Agent for Transports — these appointments being absolutely necessary to expedite the preparations now going on for foreign Service. —

Resolved accordingly that their

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Their allowances

appointments be immediately made; that Captain Scott be allowed to draw the allowances attached to that situation on the island of Ceylon, and that Captain Hall be permitted to draw the monthly allowance of two hundred Pagodas. —

Ordered that these appointments be communicated to the Military Board. —

Extra ships put under the directions of the agent for Transports. —

Ordered that the Commanders of the Crown, Atlantic, Harriot, and Princess Royal, extra ships be put under the direction of the Agent for transports. —

Orders to be issued for drawing to the Presidency the troops intended for Foreign Service. —

The Commander in Chief recommends that orders may be issued for putting in motion such part of the troops intended for foreign service, as are stationed at a distance from the Presidency. —

Ordered accordingly that an arrangement for this purpose be published in General Orders. —

Read the following letter from the Town Major. —

To

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To F. Webbe Esq.

Secretary to the Government

Sir,

From the Town major inclosing Bills for — Hammocks, Tin Kettles, Platters, and Spoons provided for the use of the troops under orders for foreign Service. —

Agreeably to the orders of the Right Honorable the President in Council I have the honor to acquaint you, that I have provided the following Article which have been received into the — Arsenal, as will appear by the accompanying — Receipts of the Commissary General of Stores, — and which have been examined and approved of by the Committee of the Military Board

Viz.t Tin Kettles	400
Do. Platters	350
Spoons	619 —
Hammocks	2650. —

I have charged for the Kettles, Platters and Spoons, at the same rate, as was allowed by Government, for similar Articles — which were provided in June 1794, for troops to be employed on Foreign Service, and for

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the Hammocks at the usual rate. I have to—
request the Right Honorable the President in—
Council, will be pleased to give orders that the
Bill be paid. —

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Sd Sigd A. Allan
Town Major

Madras
25th July 1797.

Received into the Arsenal from Major
Allan the following Articles provided for the troops
to be employed on Foreign Service. —

Hammocks with Beds and
Pillows Complete — Two thousand
Six hundred and fifty — 2650. —

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the
July 21. 1797.

Sd Sigd George Hall
Commissary Genl Stores

Received into the Arsenal from
Major Allan the following Articles provided
for the Troops to be employed on Foreign
Service

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Service. —

Tin Kettles / four hundred 400

Do. Platters / three hundred and fifty / . . . . 350.

Spoons / Six hundred and Nineteen / 619.

Fort St. George
July 25th. 1797.

I Signed George Hall
Comm.y Gen.l Stores.

Minute thereon

Ordered accordingly that the Bill for the Articles provided by the Town Major be passed for payment. —

The Board proceed to read and pass order on the following proceedings of the Medical Board. —

Resolutions of Government
25th July 1797.

Medical Board
24th. July 1797.

From the Medical Board relative to Mr. Alexander Anderson's eventual situation on the expected Arrival of Head Surgeon Nicolemein — Mr. Suters claim on account of Medicines to Detachments Drafted from the 73d into the 72d and 74th Regiments referred for decision. —

We have the honor to lay before Government Copy of a letter from Mr. Alexander Anderson representing the peculiarity of his

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his situation in being ordered to perform the duty of a Head Surgeon, without having been promoted, — a circumstance which renders him liable to be superceded on the arrival of a — Head Surgeon from Europe, and to be prevented from resuming his station with the European — Corps to which he was lately — attached another Surgeon having been appointed to it. —

As we understand Mr. Mein, one of the Head Surgeon on this Establishment, is on his passage from Europe, and may be hourly expected, we have thought it necessary to submit this case to the consideration of Government, with our — opinion that Mr. Anderson should either be promoted to the rank of Head Surgeon and confirmed in his present Station

The Medical Board are already informed that the absence of a Head Surgeon — upon leave does not make a vacancy in the establishment. —

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station, or, that he should have the option to return to the 2d Regiment of European — Infantry, upon Mr Deins arrival. —

The Board will take the case into consideration when= =ever the inconvenience apprehended by the Medical Board may happen. —

Should Government adopt the latter suggestion Mr Harris will be a very consi= =derable sufferer by losing his present appointment, which we shall endeavour to remedy by recommend= =ing him to the first adequate vacancy that may occur. —

Ordered that the subject of Mr Suter's bills be referred for the report of the Military Auditor General. —

The Apothecary has transmitted to us an — account preferred by Mr Suter Surgeon's Mate to his Majesty's 73d Regiment, for Country Medicines — furnished by him to — two

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two Detachments of the 72nd and
74th Regiments drafted from
the 73rd which were committed
to his charge, on the Island of
Ceylon, during the months of
January and February last,
when all communication
with the coast was cut off
by the monsoon and it was
impossible for him to receive
supplies from the medical
Stores at Madras. —

as Mr Berry states
that Mr. Suters Bills do not
exceed the regulated allowance,
and that no charge for —
Country Medicines on
account of these Detach=
=ment for January and
February appears in his
Accounts, we recommend
that

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that the amount may be discharged. —

Jas. Anderson
Physician General

Signed

Wm. Raine
Chief Surgeon

By Order of the Right Honorable the President in Council

Signed J. Webbe Jr. Sec.y to Govt.

To D.r James Anderson
Physician General &c.a Members of the
Medical Board.

Gentlemen,

My late appointment to do the duty of Head Surgeon in the Circars has placed me in a situation peculiarly hard and singular, and if the statement which I have now the honor of submitting to your consideration, should appear to you in the same point of view, I trust you will give the support of your Board in getting me redress. —

The Office of Head Surgeon appears to me, on perusing the late military Arrangements,

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to be a staff appointment, differing from the other staff of the army by being filled up by seniority. In the other branches of the Military, and it has hitherto been the case with Head Surgeons, the Officer on going on furlough, usually loses the staff appointment, and — waits, on his return to the Service, till a vacancy — happens to succeed — On the present occasion Mr. Gillespie on going on furlough, loses, agreeable to the existing orders, the staff appointment and Salary of Head Surgeon, and although I have succeeded to the duty, and the allowances, yet I have not been benefited by the promotion, which has been with-held from me, and cannot consequently be — entitled to the pension of Head Surgeon on retiring even altho' the period of my servitude may give me every claim to it. —

By being appointed to act, and not — promoted to the rank of Head Surgeon, I shall not only be liable to lose that station on the arrival of a Senior Surgeon from Europe but I shall be likewise prevented from joining the European Corps to which I stood attached, as another surgeon has

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has been appointed to it. -

As I am fully satisfied that Government never intended that I should be a sufferer on the present occasion, I am as fully convinced that my situation only requires to be explained to be redressed - either by promoting me to the rank of Head Surgeon and thereby securing to me the station which I now hold, or if that should be considered incompatible with the regulations, that I may have the option of returning to the Corps to which I stood appointed, in the case of being superseded by the arrival of a Senior Surgeon from Europe. -

I have the honor to be,

with respect. -

W. W.

Masulipatam
4th July 1797.

Signed A. Anderson

Acting Head Surgeon

True Copy

Signed V. Conolly

Secy Medical Board

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General -

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General detailing the advances of Cash to be made to the Clothing Contractor.

Agreeably to the directions Contained in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 12th Instant, I have computed the advances necessary to be made to the Contractor for Army Cloathing for the year 1797/8 and Agreeably to the 12th Article of the Contract, and have the honor to report thereon as follows.

European Cloathing

		Pr. ₹ 6.
Advances payable: At or immediately after the execution of the Contract.	20 pr. Cent	1077: 7: 68
On the 15th day of July	15 ₹ Cent	807: 39: 51
On the 1st day of September	10 ₹ Cent	538: 26: 34
		2423: 28: 73

Native Cloathing

Advances payable: At or immediately after the execution of the contract	20 ₹ Cent	6688: 44: 68
On the 15th day of July	15 ₹ Cent	5016: 33: 51
On the 1st day of September	20 ₹ Cent	6688: 44: 68
		18,394: 33: 27

Total Pagodas 20,818: 17: 20

I have

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

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
19th July 1797.

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W. Sydenham
Military Audr Genl

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Sum of Thirteen thousand five hundred and Ninety Pagodas, thirty five fanams and seventy eight Cash be immediately issued from the Treasury, thro' the Military Paymaster General, to Mr George Lys Contractor for cloathing the Army — and the further sum of seven thousand two hundred and twenty seven Pagodas twenty six fanams and twenty two Cash on the same account on the first of September. —

Read the following letter from the Superintendant of the powder Manufactory. —

To —

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To Josiah Webbe Esq.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Superintendent of the Gunpowder manufactory relative to the Circumstances of the Families of the Bullock driver and Mill Cooly killed by the explosion at the Powder Mills in June 1796.

In obedience to the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council communicated to me in your letter of the 18th instant, I have enquired into the pecuniary circumstances of the families of the men killed by the explosion at the Powder mills on the 11th June 1796, and request you will be pleased to inform the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that the Bullock-driver, Purseram, has left a Widow named Letchamboy with two small children destitute of every support except a small pittance procured by selling sweat meats, the Mill Cooly, Arnachellum, has left a Widow only, named Welly Amah, who from extreme old Age, appears incapable by any means

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of procuring herself a livelihood.—

I am with much respect

&c &c

Signed B. Bishop

Supt. Pow.s & Man.t—

Fort St. George
22d. July 1797.

Minute thereon

Ordered that Letchmy, the Widow of Purseram and Velley Ammah the widow of Arnachellum be pensioned upon one Pagoda per month.—

Read the following letter from the Agent for the Captors of Ceylon

Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President &c

My Lord,

From the Agents for the Captors of Ceylon — requesting Payment of the amount of Bills sent in by them on the 13th ultimo.—

We had the honor to lay before Your Lordship on the 13th ultimo a Claim on behalf of the Captors of Columbo for Pagodas 243: 22: 35 supported by the necessary Vouchers

As we have not been honored with

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with any reply, and are informed that no order has been sent to the Accountant Generals Office to grant an 8 ℔r Cent Bond for that sum, we take leave to recall the Subject to your Lordships— attention, and to solicit that an order may pass for that purpose and that the Bond may— correspond in date with our aforesaid Letter

We have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordships most

Obedient Servants

Madras
18th July 1797.

Lyndy

Chase Sewell & Chase

Agents for the Navy
and attornies for the army agents
at Columbo.

Minute thereon

Ordered that a bond being 8 per Cent interest for Pagodas 243: 22: 35 be issued to the Captors of Columbo bearing date— 13th June 1797.

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The Secretary reports the following

Casualties

Lieut. Colonel [illegible] and Captain Samsone of the Infantry—

Colonel Peter Bonneveaux on the 11th Instant at Columbo and Captain John Samson on the 20th Instant at the Presidency both of the Infantry—

" Hobart

" Gilo. Haccet

" Edwd Saunders

" E.H. Fallofield

John Turing Lt.