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Diary

23d Received the undermentioned Letters —

entered in M.B. Nos 189. 190. 191. 192. 193.

From Captain Kempt enclosing Bills for

From the Commander of the Ships Satellite — Victualling a Detachment of the 80th Regiment landed at this Presidency from the Cape of Good Hope.

From Major General Bridges noticing the

From the Offic Commanding the Northern Division of the Army — Death of Major Price of the Infantry at Masulipatam on the 17th Instant.

From Captain Torrent requesting payment

From Captain Arthur Torrent of Engineers — of Arrears of Subsistence due to him —

From Mr. Secretary Barlow enclosing

From the Secretary at Bengal Duplicate Invoices and Bills of Lading of Articles shipped for Penang on the Hercules and Union Country Ships —

From Mr. G. Baillie recommending

From the Garrison Surgeon that Lieutenant Jones of His Majesty's Foot be admitted a patient into the Lunatic Hospital —

Dispatches the Undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 194 - 195 - 196. —

To Mr. Connolly desiring him —

To the Superintendant of the Lunatic Hospital —

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Lieutenant Jones of the 19th Foot a patient into the Lunatic Hospital —

To the Secretary at Bengal and Assistant Resident at Poonah and Hyderabad —

To Mr. Secretary Barlow Captain Kirkpatrick and Mr. Uhthoff inclosing Mysore Intelligence —

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham referring the Military Paymaster General's Cash Estimate for September —

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Sent the following Letters —

To His Excellency
Rear Admiral Rainier
Commander in Chief of all
His Majesty's Ships and Vessels
in the
Sir. East Indies

To Rear Admiral Rainier orders issued for making out Bonds in favor of the Captors for Money Advanced to Paymasters &c and for drawing 20 Dollars from the Treasury monthly to his Regiment —

We have had the honor to receive your Excellency's Letter of the 19th Instant —

We have in Compliance with Your Excellency's desire ordered bonds of this Government bearing 8 Per Cent Interest in favor of the Captors for the Amount Drawn on us by the Paymaster at

to Secure

Malacca

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Malacca and Six Thousand Dollars will be issued on your Cruellency's Account to the Naval Storekeeper upon his application at the Treasury —

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Fort St. George

23d. August 1797 —

(Signed) Holbart

&c. Council

To Major General Ross

Chief Engineer —

Sir,

To the Chief Engineer a report regarding the number of spare Offices Quarters at Wallajahbad plans of which are to be constructed there for two Regiments Native Infantry and the Gun Shed to be repaired. —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to desire that an Officer of Engineers may be immediately sent to Wallajahbad for the purpose of ascertaining and reporting what Spare quarters there may be for Officers of that Station and for constructing plans of Arms for two Regiments of Native Infantry of the full Establishment —

I am also directed to desire that the same Officer may be directed to put in complete Repair the Gun Shed at Wallajahbad. according

to

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to the Estimate before the Military Board.-

I have the honor to be

&. &.

Fort St. George
23d. August 1797.

/Signed/ J. Webbe.
Secy to Government.

To Lieutenant Colonel MacPherson

commanding a Detachment at

Palmanair

Sir

To Lieutenant Colonel McPherson his Detachment to return into Garrison and the prisoners under his Custody to be delivered over to the Nabob's Manager.-

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 16th. and 18th. Instant.-

As there appears to be no farther necessity for the Detachment under Your Command keeping the field, his Lordship is pleased to direct that it may immediately return into Garrison and in regard to the prisoners you will deliver them over to his Highness the Nabob's Manager.-

The Batta Bills inclosed in Your Letter of the 1st. are herewith returned to you.-

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I am &. &

/Signed/ J. Webbe, Secy to Govmt.

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To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Gournor General in Council

at Fort William

Honble Sir

To Bengal requesting that measures may be taken for embodying and sending forward 600 Gun Lascars for the Service on the Coast —

In Consequence of the great Reduction of our Corps of Artillery by Detachments on foreign Service, and in particular of the Gun Lascars we beg leave to request in Compliance with the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief upon the Coast that a body of Six Hundred Lascars may be raised in Bengal for this Establishment —

The Commander in Chief is of Opinion that it might tend to encourage the Lascars to enlist for this Service as well as to remain here without desertion of their own Officers should be permitted to accompany them and remain upon this Establishment, with which they could be easily incorporated —

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir, &c. &c.

/Signed/ Hobart

&c. Council

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To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to desire that you will prepare and lay before him a Statement of the Expence of equipping and keeping in readiness for Field Service a light Train of Artillery consisting of Twelve or fourteen pieces of Ordnance —

I am directed to refer for your Consideration and Report the enclosed Application from the Attorneys of Major Little for the difference between Captain's and Major's Batta while that Officer commands at Arka —

In consequence of information from Bengal that the Zephyr would be dispatched for England on the 20th Instant with Orders to touch here for the dispatches of Government I am directed to desire that no time may be lost in transmitting the Annual Estimate from your Office to that of the Accountant General —

You

To the Military Auditor General calling for a Statement of the Expence of equipping and keeping in readiness of a field Service a light Train of Field Artillery and from Major Little Attorneys for difference of Batta referred — this Annual Statement to be sent without loss of time to the Accountant General Thirty Pagodas to be advanced to Mr Carruthers — Bills of Sundry Commanders of Ships for victualling Troops referred — Statements to be furnished of the Field Expences of Major Cuppage and Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson's Detachments and arrears of Subsistence due to Head Surgeon Mein to be discharged —

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You will be pleased to authorize the Paymaster to advance the Sum of Thirty Pagodas to Mr. Jacob Carruthers a Cadet for Bengal.—

I also enclose for your report Copies of Applications from the Commanders of the Lascelles, Royal Admiral and Pitt for the Accommodation of Detachments of Officers and Men Conveyed on their respective Ships from the Cape of Good Hope and from Bengal to this Presidency.—

You will furnish the President in Council with a Statement of the extra Expence incurred by the Company in maintaining the Detachment in the Field under Lieutenant Colonel M.Pherson as well as in Subsisting the Prisoners taken by it; and the Detachment under Major Cosserage in Warriorpollam.—

I inclose a Certificate of the period up to which Mr. Nuib Mein has received his pay in Order that he may be permitted to draw the Arrears which are due to him.—

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

/Signed/ J. Webbe — Secy to Govt.

Right

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Read the following Letters —

Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

1 From Rear Admiral Rainier on the Subject of the Provisions required for Victualling the Troops imbarked for Manilla on his majesty's Ships —

Having received Your Lordships' Letter in Council requesting I would give orders for the Nine Hundred Troops imbarked on board His Majesty's Ships to be victualled in the Same manner as the Seamen are — I am to acquaint your Lordship that I have complied herewith, but beg leave to inform your Lordship that tis indispensably necessary an equal quantity of the different Species of Provisions so issued and of equal goodness should be laden on board the transports to replace it at my Requisition, which has been Calculated at the rate of three Months for that number of Men: — Therefore for my full Satisfaction in these points, should prefer the Provisions being Supplied by the Honble Basil Cochrane the Contractor for

Victualling

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(Victualling) his Majesty's Ships in this Country,
paying) him for the Same at the Same rate at
which the Same Species of provisions are Supplied
to the Navy, except the Salt beef and Pork which is
already embarked and which may be referred for
payment to the Court of Directors at Home if
more agreeable to your Lordship —

I have the honor to be

My Lord

&c &c

Suffolk

Madras Roads

August 24th 1797.

/Signed/ Peter Rainier

Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

(In concluding) My Letter of this day's date have
received the Honble Basil Cochrane's Statement of the prices of
Provisions which is herewith enclosed for Your Lordships
consideration the Arrack and Flour already Shipped on the
Honble Company's Account being of the Same quality as is
usually Supplied His Majesty's Ships will not be wanted —

I have the honor to be

My Lord &c &c

/Signed/ Peter Rainier

From Rear Admiral Rainier with a Statement of the prices at which Provisions Supplied by the Navy Agent hereafter the Charges

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Suffolk.

Madras Roads

August 24th 1797.

Statement

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Statement of the Amount Cost of Dry and Wet Provisions for 900 Men for 90 Days Agreeable to the Rates allowed by the Navy Bd.

			£	S.	D.		£	S.	D.
Bread	Lb.	81,000	2.	1.	6.	₰ 112 Lb.	1,500	13.	4.
Flour	"	17,357.	2.	14	6.	D°	422	6.	3.
Arrack	"	5785.	3.	"	"	D°	154	19.	1.
Peas	"	23,143.	"	13.	6.	D°	139	9.	6.
Rice	"	17,357.	"	14	3.	D°	110	8.	4.
Sugar	"	8678.	2.	5.	"	D°	174.	6.	8.
Arrack	Gall.	5062.	"	3	9.	₰ Gall.	949.	2	6
Vinegar	D°	723.	"	3.	"	D°	108.	9.	"
Liquor Casks	D°	5785.	1.	14	"	₰ 150 Gall.	65.	11.	3=
35 ₰ Cent advance in Consequence of the War with France							3625.	5.	11.
							1268.	17.	-
						£	4,894	2.	11.

At 8/3. ₰ Star Pagoda the Rate of which Victualling Bills are now Sold produces Star Pagodas — 11,864. 25. 2.

Besides the above Contract Provisions Tea is also supplied to the Seamen and the following is the rate at which Tea has hitherto been provided.

Tea	Lb.	1486.	
at ½ Star Pagoda per Lb.		743. " "	
Commission at 5 ₰ Cent Allowed on the Purchase		37. 6. 24.	
Total Cost of the Tea		780. 6. 24	780 6. 24
Total Cost of the Provisions required for 900 men for 90 Days Salt Beef and Pork excepted the Prime Cost of which is not known — Star Pagodas			12,644. 31. 26.

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2d.

The Salt Provisions required for the above number of men is as follows —

Salt Beef Double pieces of 384 lbs 2892 ½ or Hogsheads ..... 44—..

Salt Pork Double pieces of 448 lbs. 5786 or Ditto ..... 49—..

N.B. The Bread is Packed in Double Bags

The Flour, Fruit, Pease, Rice, and Sugar is Packed in Casks with 8 Iron Hoops each—

The Arrack in Leagers, Butts and Hogsheads with the Usual Number of Hoops.—

The Contractor holds himself Responsible for the Good Quality of Provisions and for all Wastage, but not for any Accidents that may happen in Hoisting in or out of the Ship, or for Damage Sustained on board Ship from bad Weather or bad Stowage.—

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I beg leave to represent to Your Lordship

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From Captain Wemyss of the Lascelles - tendering his Services as an Agent for Transports on the Expedition

Lordship that when the Lascelles was ordered to — proceed from Calcutta on the intended Expedition — conceiving my Services as Agent of Transports — would be acceptable, I waited upon the Honble Captain Murray of His Majesty's Frigate Heroine, and begged him to offer them to Sir John Shore. — In Compliance with my Requisition he did so, and Sir John was pleased to tell him, that although it would afford — him Satisfaction to See me in that Situation, and that the measure would meet his Approbation.

Yet, he at same time intimated that he Considered an Appointment from him would be an interference with Your Lordship and — Admiral Rainier and on those Grounds declined it. —

Since my Arrival here, the Admiral has been pleased to say that it would be agreeable to Your Lordship to meet the wishes of Sir John Shore and therefore I am again induced to tender my — Services to Your Lordship and to Solicit (if Compatable with the Arrangement which Your Lordship has formed)

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the Appointment of Agent to the Bengal Division of Transports —

If I should have the honor of being nominated to this place by or in Consequence of Your Lordships directions I can only say that Zeal shall not be wanting on my part in fulfilling the duties of an Office, for which a Long and Laborous Service principally in the Navy - I trust has rendered me fully Adequate. —

I Conceive it necessary to add that the Chief Mate Mr. Sauter, is a deserving and very Attentive Officer and well Calculated to Command the Larcelles, if I should Obtain the Situation which I have Solicited —

I have the honor to remain —

with the utmost Respect —

My Lord

&c &c.

24th August 1797.

Signed Francis Kempt

Dispatched the Undermentioned —

Letter entered in M.S.: Nos. 197. 198.

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To the Military Auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham desiring that the amount overpaid by Lieutenant Blair for a Horse purchased by him from the Company may be reimbursed him and that Mr. Gordon may be authorized to pay the Adjutant General on the expedition 50 Pagodas per month on account of Writers and eight Pagodas per month on account of Stationary.—

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr. Secretary Barlow enclosing Extract of the Auditor Generals Report on the Claims of Mr. Mc. Roberts Assistant Surgeon to the 33d. Regiment

25.

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob.

Received a Letter from the Nabob as entered in C.C. No. 176. encloses a Letter and two baskets of Attar which he requests may be forwarded to Tippoo Sultaun.—

Received from Mr. Ukthoff the following Extract of his Letter of the 13th. Instant to the Governor General.—

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Ukthoff, to the Governor General dated Poonah 13th. August 1797.

On the Afternoon of the 12th. I proceeded

agreeably

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From the assistant Resident at Poonah to the Governor General in Council &c. &c. Letters from Sir John Shore the Nanna Furnavese Tippoo said to be determined to inforce his claims on Kurnool —

agreeably to invitation, to the House of Nanna Furnavees — and after the usual Compliments, I presented the Letters from your Honble Sir, to his address, on the Subject of his reinstatement as Prime Minister as Baajy Row and the appointment of Colonel Palmer to Succeed Sir Charles Malet as the Company's Representative at this Court; on observing on the first point, that it was peculiarly acceptable to us, that he, through whom the most Cordial Connexion had so long Subsisted between the Company and the Marrattas should be again invested with the Ministry of this State, which Assurances Seemed to afford him Satisfaction on the Subject of Colonel Palmers — Appointment he was pleased to use Some Complementary expressions towards me, with enquiries as my remaining at Poonah, observing, that having been so many Years at this Court with Sir Charles Malet, I must necessarily be peculiarly well Acquainted with the affairs between the two States, and the mode of Conducting business — between the Durbar and this Residency with — acknowledgements for his politeness, I replied that my — Remaining here was uncertain, nor was it of any —

Consequence

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Consequence, for that the Principles of action of our Government were established on so just, Solid, and permanent, a footing as not to be Susceptible of any material influence from the personal Qualities of the Company's representative at this Court; though indeed, as to Colonel Palmer he was peculiarly well Qualified for the Situation from having been the Company's Minister for many Years with Doulut Row Scindea, and his predecessor, and being Consequently well acquainted with the affairs of the two States; besides which, he had resided in India for Thirty Years, and enjoyed the advantage of your personal Acquaintance and Confidence. Nanna Acknowledged the equity and Stability of the principles of Action of our Government. I enquired whether he had any intelligence respecting Tippoo; to which, he replied that he Understood He had expressed his determination to maintain his right to the Kurnool Pettenah, which, by the Treaty of Seringapatam, was not included in the Share of either of the allies. after Some general Conversation, Nanna was Summoned to the Peshwa's Palace — whether he proceeded as usual leaving meat his House

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with Moro Pundit who Acquainted me that Tippoos Vackeels would have their first meeting with the Peshwa in the Course of the day.—

In about a Quarter of an Hour, I — received a Message to proceed to the Peshwa's, and was introduced into one of the largest Apartments of the Palace, in which were a great number of the Attendants of Doulut Row Scendea who had arrived at the palace while I was at Nanna's. Ennut Row and Nanna Shortly after entered at Opposite Sides of the Appartment and near half an hour elapsed before the Arrival of Baajy Row who was accompanied by Chinna Appa and Doulut Row. A great many other persons of Consequence were present, among whom, were Shumsher Behadar (ally. Behadur's Son) Mhadoo — Row Furkia, Abba Selskur Gowin Pinglah, and most of Scindeas Ministers. After the usual Compliments to Baajy Row, Chinna appa and Doulut Row I delivered your two Letters to Baajy Row in the — usual manner through Nanna Furnavees with an Observation, that Sir Charles Malet had in person

while

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while here presented the usual Rullat and Verbal Assurances of Congratulation on the part of your Honble Sir, on his Accession to the Perhwaship. I Shortly after took leave of all present in the usual Manner Captain Edward Moor accompanied me at these two Visits.—

I understand that Nanna Furnavees has strongly expressed his dissatisfaction at Baajy Rowi's profusion, in distributing five Lacks of Rupees of the late Festival of Deothena, yet leaving Some Charitable Donations on that Occasion Still to be made and in feeding near a Thousand people daily at the Palace in Town and that he /Nanna/ again talks of retiring.—

True Extract

/Signed/ J. Uhthoff.—

Received also the Undermentioned Letters entered in M.C.B: Nos. 199. 200. 201.—

From the Commander of the Ship Lascelles.—

From Captain Kempt enclosing Bills for Victualling Detachments of Kings Troops from Bengal to Madras.—

From the Offic. Commanding 72d Regiment at Pondicherry.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Fraser acknowledging

receipt

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Receipt of the Boards orders for embarking the 72d. Regiment for the Presidency on the Lansdown when relieved by the 36th. Regiment:—

From the Town Major enclosing Official Receipts for Musketts Cartridges and Tin Pots delivered into the Public Stores for the use of the Troops ordered on foreign Service and Bills amounting to Pagodas 1498. 8. 40. for their Cost—

From the Town Major

26th. Sent the following Letters.—

To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c. Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council, to inclose for Your — information Copies of two Letters from his Excellency the Admiral Containing the Terms upon which he wishes the provisions Supplied by him for the use of the Troops embarked on board his Majesty's Ships to be Replaced and to desire that the necessary

To the Military Board with directions for adjusting with the Agent victualler the Amount of Provisions furnished for the use of the European Troops embarked for the Expedition on his Majesty's Ships advising of Captain Kemp's appointment as Agent for Transports to the 2d Division—

Arrangements

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Arrangements may be made with M.r Cochrane.—

I am also desired to acquaint you that his Lordship in Council has been pleased to appoint Captain Frances Pemipt to be Agent of Transports to the 2.d Division of Ships with directions to obey such Order as he may receive for the embarkation of the Troops.—

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Webbe.
Secy to Govt.

Fort S.t George
26.th August 1797.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Halcott
commanding at
Innaconda

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you that in Compliance with your application of the 19.th Ultimo the Right Honble the President in Council permits you to retire on the Seventh of September next from the Service upon the Pay of your Rank.—On that day you will therefore make over Charge of the

Lt Lieutenant Colonel Halcott
permission granted him to
resign his Command and retire
from the Service on the 7.th
September next.—

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fort and Garrison to the Officer next in Command and proceed to Tranquebar agreeably to your request —

I am

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26th August 1797 —

&c. &c. —

Signed J. Webbe

Secy to Govr —

To Captain Francis Kempt

Sir

To Captain Kempt appointing him Agent for Transports and to proceed with the Second Division — his Salary. the responsibility of relinquishing the Command of his Ship resting with himself — Ships Instructions to be delivered to him by his Excellency the Admiral and the Quarter Master General. —

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of Yesterday's date and to acquaint you that in Consideration of the Circumstances therein Stated and of the Opinion of His Excellency the Admiral that a Second Agent for transports is necessary the Right Honble the President in Council has been pleased to appoint you to that Station with an Allowance of two hundred Pagodas per month including all Charges whatsoever; but the responsibility of leaving your Ship the Lascelles during the Expedition his Lordship Charges upon

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upon your voluntary Offer sustained as you have stated by the Aquiescence of Sir John Shore and hereby exempts the Company for being in any Shape Answerable on that Account to your Owners.-

You will immediately put yourself under the Orders of the Quarter Master General of the Expedition and obey such directions as you may receive for the embarkation of the Troops. and you will also pay Strict Obedience to such Orders as you may receive by the Authority of His Excellency the Admiral -

I am

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&c. &c.

[Signed] J. Webbe

Secy to Govert.

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Received the following Letter from the Assistant Resident at Poona.

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart.

Governor of

Fort St George

My Lord,

From the Assistant Resident at Poonah Tippoos Vackeel's pay their introductory visit to Nanna Furnavees; notice the death of Tuckoje Holkar —

I have the honor to present your Lordship my acknowledgents for your Letter of the 27th Ultimo, and for the Mysore Intelligence accompanying Mr Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 26th. I have also the honor to enclose Extract of my last address to the Governor General with Copy of that of this Date —

And to be very respectfully

My Lord

&c &c

Poona

12th August 1797 —

Signed J. Uhthoff

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart. —

Governor General

Fort William

Honble Sir,

Para 1. The unexpected early arrival of the Dawk from

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from Bombay precludes my troubling you with a long address by the present opportunity.—

2. Tippoos Vackeels yesterday paid a visit to Nanna Furnavees and delivered a Letter and presents from their master and they were this Day expected to pay a visit to Doulut Row Scindia.—

The old Marratta Chief Tuckjee Holkar died this Morning in his Camp in this Neighbourhood.—

I have the honor to be

&. &.

Signed J. Uhthoff

Poona
15. August 1797.

True Copy

Signed J. Uhthoff.

Received also the following Letter from Captain Kirkpatrick.—

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To

J. Webbe Esq.re

Secretary to Government

Fort S.t George

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of

Your Letter dated the 5.th Instant, enclosing a

Congratulatory Letter from the Right Honorable the

President in Council to Azim ul Omrah and to

inform You that it has been duly delivered to

that Minister. —

I beg leave to acquaint you for

the information of Government, that Muzuffer ul

Mulk (Asoud Ali Khan) took his departure

from hence about four Days ago for the Province

of Kurpah, his restoration to the Government of

which, I have already had the honor of apprizing

his Lordship in Council. — The force which has

proceeded with him to that Province according

to the Statement given in to me by this Durbar

amounts to Three Thousand five Hundred Horse

Two Thousand Infantry and one Thousand Matchlockmen —

My

From Captain Kirkpatrick's advising Lord Hobart's Congratulatory Letter to Azimul Omrah — Asoud Ali Khan sets out to resume his Government of Kurpah — receives Intelligence of Sippoos having retreated from Capital —

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My latest advices from Tarmurri — corroborate Mr. Mc. Leods Intelligence of Tippoo Sultaun having Reentered his Capital. —

I am

Hyderabad
8th August 1797.—

Yrs &c.

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in MCB. Nos 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207.—

To the Secretary at Bengal and Assistant Resident at Poonah and Hyderabad.—

To Mr. Secretary Barlow — Captain Kirkpatrick and Mr. Ulthoff inclosing Copies of Mysore — Intelligence.—

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham — with Instructions for Countersigning for Payment the — Town Majors Bills for Cumlies Mushucks and Tin pots provided for the use of the Troops ordered on foreign Service.—

To Do — Do.

To Do referring for Examination Mr. Kardons Estimates for September.—

To Captain John Darley—

To Captain Darley permitting him to proceed to Europe on furlough for three Years.—

To

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To the Commandant at Ryacotah.—

To Major Doveton forwarding a Letter from the Nabob addressed to Tippoo Sultaun accompanied by two Cases of Attar.—

To the Military Board.—

To the Military Board enclosing Copy of a Letter from Bengal of the 31st. July—with the Original Bills of Lading and Copies of the invoices therein referred to.—

Recived and Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M.C.B. Nos. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212.—

From Colonel Hay MacDowall at Negapatam.—

From Colonel MacDowall acknowledging receipt of the Boards Orders for Embarking the 3rd. Regiment for Pondicherry on the Arrival of Marquis Lansdown.—

To the Commander of the Ship Chichester.—

To Captain Blake ordering him to be in readiness to proceed to Bengal at a — Moments Warning.—

From the Sub Secretary at Bombay.—

From Mr. Pearson enclosing a Letter to be forwarded to the Cape of Good Hope—

To the Military Auditor General.—

To Major General Sydenham desiring him to Authorize Mr. Gordon to pay the Quarter — Master General on the expedition forty Pagodas Rs. —

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Month for Writers and eight Pagodas p.r Month for Stationary

From the Commandant in the Vizagapatam District —

28th. From Major General Erskine notifying his intention to deliver over the Command of the Vizagapatam District to Lieutenant Colonel Fotheringham on the 1st. September, and to proceed by the first convenient opportunity to Bengal.—

Sent the following Letter to the Commission of Government in Malabar. —

To the Honble Jonathan Duncan Esqr.

President &c.a Commission of Government

on the

Malabar Coast

Honble Sir

To the Committee of the Bombay Government in Malabar — forwarding the information required respecting the Mode of Conducting the Police and Administration of Justice in possessions on the Coast — Captured from the Dutch and French. —

Para 1. We have received Your Letter of the 5th. Instant; and have derived much Satisfaction from the Information conveyed to us of the adjustment of all disturbances in the Cottiote District; —

2 Shortly after the Capture of Pondicherry the Company's Attorney General was called upon to

States

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State his Sentiments with respect to the Rights
Acquired by Conquest in the Administration of
Justice at that Place, and agreeably to his Opinion
of which a Copy is enclosed / The Tribunals existing
at the time of the Capture, have been Continued
and the Offices of the different Courts allowed the
Same Salaries as they recived from the French
Government — The Department of the Police has
also been Conducted According to the Regulations
in force at the time the place Surrendered to the
British Arms —

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The Capitulation for the
Surrender of Pulicat and its Dependencies
Stipulated that all Civil Causes should be decided
According to the Dutch Laws, and Regulations of
the Dutch Company, by the Same persons who
the time Composed the Court of Civil Judicature
and we have not heard of any inconvenience resulting
from this Arrangement —

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With respect to the more important
Settlement of Columbo we have to observe that in
the Capitulation for the Surrender of that place and

its

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its Dependencies, no further Provision was made for the Administration of Justice than that all Civil Suits then depending in the Court of Justice should be decided by the same Council according to the Dutch Laws," and that such decision should take within Twelve Months from the Date of the Capitulation. Our Attention was early drawn to the Inconveniences to which the Inhabitants of Colombo and its Dependencies were exposed by a Temporary Suspension of the Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction, and as from the nature of our Civil Establishment on Ceylon we could not select a Competent Court from amongst the Company's Servants, we desired Major General Stuart to endeavour to prevail upon the Officers composing the Dutch Court of Justice to resume their Functions. The Accompanying Extracts of our Correspondence with Major General Stuart will shew that we have been unable to carry into effect our desire to afford relief to the Inhabitants of Ceylon owing to the unqualified Refusal of the Dutch Officers to act on their Judicial Capacities.

We have lately appointed a Committee

consisting

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Consisting of Brigadier General De Meuron,
Mr. Robert Andrews and Major Agnew, to —
investigate and adjust various matters connected
with the Revenue and Commercial Interests of
the Company on Ceylon; and having particularly
proposed upon their attention the Establishment of
a Court of Judicature we shall not fail to Communi-
cate to you the result of their proceedings on
this important Point. —

We have the honor to be

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Honble Sir,
&c &c.
Signed Hobart
&c. Council

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List

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List of the Packet to the President &.ca Commission of Government on the Malabar Coast.—

No.		Dates
1.	Letter of this Date	
2	— " from the Company's Attorney General	23.d Sept.r 1793
3.	— " Do. . . . . Do. . . . . Do.	28 October Do.
4	Extract of a Letter to the Officer Commanding the British Forces on the Island of Ceylon	26 April 1796.
5.	Do — Do. from Do. . . . . Do. With 4 Enclosures . . .	26 June Do.
6.th	Do. . . Do. to Do. . . . Do. . . . Do. —	15.th Aug.t Do.
7.	List of the Packet. .	

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(Signed) George Parry
Sub Secretary.

29.th Received the Undermentioned Letters entered in M.B: Nos 213. 214. 215, 216. 217.—

From the Commander of the Ship Busbridge: L.

From Captain Dobrie reporting his arrival from Bengal on Company with

the

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the Chichester Chartered Ship. —

From Mr Britton enclosing

From the acting President of the Board of Trade at Calcutta

Copy of Captain Dobries Sailing Instructions. —

From Do Do.

From Do Do enclosing Copy of the

Charter Party of the Chichester and of Captain

Blake's Sailing Instructions. —

From Major General Bridges —

From the Officer commanding the Northern District. —

acknowledging Receipt of the Boards Orders

for the March of the 11th Regiment Native

Infantry and Artillery Detail to the

Southward. —

From Mr Burielle — requesting

From Mr J. Burielle — Pensioned Assistant Surgeon —

permission to proceed to Bengal and to draw

his Subsistence from that Presidency also an

Advance of Two Months Pension to

enable him to provide for the Voyage —

thither. —

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor & President
Lieutenant General Harris
Edward Saunders
and
Ernst William Fallofield
} Esquires

Tuesday
29th. August

Minutes of last Consultation
Read and Approved

Under present Circumstances
the Commander in Chief recommends that
the 4th. Bengal Regiment should upon its
Arrival at Masulipatam be posted at that
Station and as it is desirable that the
divided Battalions in the Masulipatam
and Guntoor Districts at Ongole &c. should
be brought to the Center in order that the
several detachments of which they are
composed may join their respective Regiments

The Commander in Chiefs Suggestion
and resolution of Posting Detail to
Station the 4th. Bengal Regiment at
Masulipatam to relieve the Detach.
of the 9th. 5th and 7th. Native Regiments
in that District and the Guntoor
Circar - and bring them into the
Center Division and to Countermand
the marche of the 11th. Regiment to
Wallajabad and Station it in
the Guntoor Circar. —

or

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or be more conveniently Situated for that — purpose, the Commander in Chief further — proposes that the 11th Regiment of Native — Infantry now under Orders of March for Wallajahbad Should be halted and ordered to relieve the Detachments in the Guntoor Circar —

Minute thereon

Resolved accordingly that an express be Sent to the Commanding Officer of the Northern Division for halting the 11th Regiment and that the reliefs and Removals recommended by the Commander in Chief be published in General Orders —

The President recommends the following appointment — Viz.

Lieutenant Colonel Lighton to command in the Ganjam District Lieutenant Colonel Roberts at Guntoor and the District Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple at Innacondah —

To command the Ganjam Districts Lieutenant Colonel Leighton —

Do ——— at Guntoor and the District Lieutenant Colonel Roberts —

Do ——— at Innacondah Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple

Agreed

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Agreed to and Ordered Accordingly.—

The Commander in Chief informs the Board that an Order for Drafting his Majesty's Regiments serving in India has been Received by which the 52d. and 72d. are to be drafted into two Regiments Now at Bombay, and, As it becomes necessary since the Expedition against Manilla has been postponed that one of his Majesty's Regiments now Serving on the Coast Should be Sent to Bombay Agreeably to a Distribution given in by the Commander in Chief in India at the Consultation of the 9th. March and as the presence of the 72d. Regiment at Bombay would facilitate the Drafting of that Corps in the event of such a measure being finally Carried into execution, Resolved that the Government at Bombay be apprized of the intention to Send the Regiment round and requested to State whether they would wish it to be landed at Bombay or the Malabar Coast.—

The Commander in Chiefs Communications Orders received from England for Drafting the 52d. and 72d. Regiments into two Regiments under the Bombay Presidency.—

Resolution of Government to Send the 72d. Regiment to the Malabar Coast for Bombay.—

Read

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Read the following Letter from
the Military Auditor General.-

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council
Fort St. George

My Lord,

Auditor General's Report on the Military Paymaster General's Estimate for September.—

I Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of September 1797. I have the honor to report that the Sum of Two Lacks Eighty four Thousand one Hundred and Thirty Three Pagodas, Thirty Three Fanams and Seventy Six Cash (Pagodas 2.84.133..33..76.) is required for the Payment of such Military Charges as become due on the first of the ensuing Month.—

From the General Treasury ...	1,67,787.. 2.. 67..	
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General — ...	1,16,346.. 31.. 9.	
Pagodas	2,84,133.. 33.. 76..	

Government

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2. Government having directed one Months Pay in advance to be issued to the Corps proceeding on foreign Service, the following Deductions have accordingly been made from the General Estimate, as the Sums required for the Payment of those Troops have been already Estimated for and passed.-

3. From the Estimate of the Military Paymaster at the Presidency Eight Hundred and Fifty Pagodas /Pagodas 850/ on account of the European Artillery and Gun Lascars - detached from the Mound, and also Five - hundred and Fifty Pagodas /Pagodas 550/ from the Sum required for the General Staff &c.a in the same Estimate.-

4. The Sums Estimated for the Regiment of Native Cavalry being the same, as heretofore required, must consequently include the details from those Corps lately ordered to the Presidency, under Major Torin and Captain Rumley; I

have

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have therefore deducted from the Vellore Estimate Nine Hundred Pagodas /900/ on account of the parties from the 1st. 2d. and 4th. Regiments and from the Pondicherry Estimate Pagodas Two Hundred and Fifty /Pagodas 250/ for the Volunteers from the 3d. Regiment.

5th The Military Paymaster at Trichinopoly having reported a Balance of Cash on hand equal to Five Thousand Pagodas /5000/ the Sum has of Course been deducted from the Amount of the General Estimate.

6 Not having yet received any Instructions respecting the mode in which the Detachment of the Bengal Army Serving with the Nizam are to be provided with Cash I have Considered the Amount Estimated on their Account as well as for the Regiment lately Ordered to Masulipatam admissible in the first Instance deducting there from an error of

Two

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Two Hundred Pagodas/200/ in extending the
Total amount of the Estimate.-

I have the honor to be with great respect
&c. &c.
/Signed/ W. Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Military Auditor Genl.s
Office Fort S. George
28th August 1797.

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

My Lord,

Auditor Generals Report on the last Estimates of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions and Agent for Bullocks for September.—

I have the honor to report as follows upon the General Estimate of the acting Principal Agent for Draught, and Carriage Bullocks for the Month of September 1797. Accompanying Mr. Secretary Webb's Letter of the 26th. Instant.-

	P.	f.	C.
Expected Disbursements at Madras	1095	27	--
Vellore	607	21	--
Masulipatam	913	--	--
Itchapoore	40	--	--
Pagodas	2656	--	6

From the Total Amount of expected Disbursements as above Stated, the acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks deducts the following Sums as not payable from the Treasury at the Presidency

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Presidency, but Payable from the Subordinate Treasuries for which Bills will be drawn upon him and Transferred through the General Treasury.—

	P.	F.	C.
Masulipatam	913	—	—
Ithapoor District	40	—	—
Pagodas	953	—	—

Consequently the amount payable at the Presidency on account of Disbursements in September 1797. as per Estimate of the acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks is One Thousand Seven Hundred and Three Pagodas and six fanams (Pagodas 1703..6..—)

As it appears from the Estimate of the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for September 1797. that the expected receipts from Sales &c.a together with the Sums payable from the Subordinate Treasuries are Sufficient to defray the Expences likely to be incurred in the ensuing Month consequently no advance will be required from the General Treasury at the Presidency on account of that Department.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect.— My Lord &c. &c.

/Signed/ W. Sydenham
Mily Asst. General

Military Auditor Genls Office Fort St. George 28th August 1798

Ordered

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Ordered the undermentioned Sums be
issued from the Treasury to Messrs. Roebuck and Standon
on account of disbursements in their respective Departments
for the ensuing Month. –

Issues of Cash ordered to be made to Messrs. Roebuck and Standon on account of their September Disbursements

	£	f	c
Military Paymaster General	1.67.787	2	67
Bullock Agency	1703	6	"
Pagodas	169.490	8	67.

" Hotah

" Geo. Harris

" Edn Saunders

" W Talbot Reid

"

John Irving Sec.

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Diary

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Received the undermentioned letters entered in MS. Nos. 218-219-220-221.

From the Officer Commanding at Trichinopoly

From Lieutenant Colonel Colton - recommending the execution of some repairs to the Pagoda Barracks at Putoor.

From the Commandant at Bellumcondah

From Lieutenant Bellow - requesting permission to resign the Command of Bellumcondah and to proceed to the presidency for the benefit of his health.

From Ensign R W Davis

From Ensign Davis - representing the heavy expences he incurred during an unavoidable detention in Bengal and requesting that Government in consideration thereof will remit a demand upon him of 300 Rupees advanced to him in Calcutta.

From Major Cuppage at Sankerydroog

From Major Cuppage - enclosing a Bill for Seven Pagodas on account of Hircarahs employed on the late Service in the Worriorepollam District

Despatched

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Despatched the undermentioned letters entered in M B. Nos. 222. 223. 224. 225 & 1.

To the Secretary at Bengal and Assistant Residents at Hyderabad and Poonah.

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

To the Commanders of the Ships of Minerva, Chichester Bushridge. Calcutta and Indra

To the Commanders of Ships noted in the Margin desiring them to put themselves under the directions of Lieutenant Kempt, the Agent for Transports, and to obey such instructions as they may receive from him in regard to the unloading and loading of their Ships

To the Officer Commanding the Northern Division at Masulipatam

To Major General Bridges. desiring him to countermand the March of the 11th Regiment of Native Infantry, or should it have marched to halt it in Tents till further Orders.

To the Secretary at Bombay

To Mr. Secretary Morris. advising of the intention of this Government to send down the 72d Regiment to be drafted into the Corps under the Bombay Presidency and desiring to know if the Men should be landed at Bombay

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29th Bombay or in the Malabar province.

To Mr. J. A Grant forwarding a Copy of the abovementioned Letter

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

30th Received the following Letters

J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir

The first I heard of Lieutenant Fairs misfortune was by your letter of the 28th Ultimo which I had the honor to receive a few days ago.

From the Commandant at Trincomalle with Copy of a letter from Captain Kingston relative to the Money stolen from Lieutenant Fair

The only information I can give on the Subject I obtained from Captain Kingston to Commissary whose letter I enclose for your perusal and

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Trincomalle (Signed) J. Champagné
August 16th 1797 Colonel
Colonel Champagne
Commanding at Trincomalé

Sir I have been favored with the perusal of

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No. 30 of Mr Secretary Webb's letter of the 28th Ultimo, accompanied by a letter from Lieutenant Fair stating the loss of Pagodas 171.28.0 which he had by him for the purchase of Cattle for the use of the Troops at Trankamali, and am happy to have in my power to declare that Lieutenant Fair at the time of my passing his Station at Molletiove in the beginning of last Year to take upon me the duty of Commissary of Provisions, he stated to me the inconvenience that the Country people laboured under from the Arrangement General Stuart had made in obliging them to come to Trankamali to receive the price of their Cattle in consequence of which I immediately on my Arrival at Trankamali sent a Sum of Money to Molletiove, and he has ever since had a Surplus in hand to enable him to pay for Cattle on the Spot, and without any advantage to himself that I know of.

I have only further to add that two or three days before he lost this money I sent him two hundred Star Pagodas for the purchase of

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No. 30 of Cattle, and Lieutenant Bagster of the 1st Battn happened to be at Molletiowe at the time and mentioned on his Return the loss Lieutenant Fair had sustained.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) Strickland Kingston

Comy of Provisions.

12th August 1797

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Paymaster at Columbo - pointing out the Circumstances which prevent him from furnishing the Statement required by Government of the Amount of the different sorts of Specie issued in discharge of the Regimental &c. pay Abstracts.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 6th August conveying his Lordships instructions that I should transmit to the Office of Audit a Monthly Statement of the different Sorts of Specie issued to the Troops, which shall be regularly forwarded in future. No order for this purpose having been received, my Cash Account has hitherto only expressed the Sums paid in Pagodas and Rix Dollars without specifying

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30th Specifying the proportion of Gold and Copper, which appeared to me unnecessary as the Copper Money was received and issued always at the same exchange in consequence of the instructions from Government to General Stuart who ordered all Accounts to be kept accordingly in Rix Dollars: the proportion of Copper issued in my Disbursements has always been directed by the Officer Commanding and was regulated as far as possible so as to keep in Hand a Sum equal to any occurrence requiring an immediate issue of Specie. I beg therefore that you will acquaint the Right Honorable the President in Council with my inability to comply with the order contained in the last Paragraph of your letter not only for the reason abovementioned and that the Abstracts for January, February, March and April were all settled at once upon the arrival of the Canysfort, but that my personal Credit had been made use of in procuring Money in advance for months preceding and during that time strained to the utmost to relieve the distress of the Troops. I Register of

Bills

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30 Bills drawn from this is forwarded Monthly to the Paymaster General and an annual one for 1796/7 goes this day accompanied by a Statement of my Disbursements for the same period of which I have the Honor to enclose a Copy for His Lordships satisfaction. The Bills for the last Six Months amount to about Pagodas 125000.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) John Mc Dowall
Payr.

Columbo
18th August 1797

Statement

Statement of Military Disbursements by Mr John McDouall Paymaster at Columbo From the 1st of May 1796 to 30th April 1797

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Months	Peace allowances	Field allowanes	Paymaster of Company's allowances to the Kings Troops	Kings Commy. Paymr.	Commy. of Provisions	Post Master	Paymaster of Fort St Johns Hospl.	Bengal Troops	St Helena Troops	Bombay Troops	Dutch Prisoners	Secret Service	Grand Totals
May 1796	7103 19 37	1158 13 73	4050	1953	5501 24 13	1500 " "	2833 2 5	" " "	1351 3 12	" " "	" " "	2500 " "	33798 22 33
June "	13222 28 7	1497 26 65	3964	7 17 7	163 " " "	" " "	1028 16	1318 23 66	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	45466 24 11
July "	8559 1 12	1437 36 25	7003	38 4	4563 " " "	" " "	" " "	1376 34 31	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	35878 19 72
August "	8780 12 52	1269 33 6	4582	41 47	4563 " " "	" " "	" " "	1446 8 35	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	32068 5 60
September "	11218 18 28	1280 8 45	6732	29 62	4563 " "	10000 " "	" " "	1424 18 6	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	47046 29 61
October "	7985 20 43	1731 9 3	67	5902	36 27	4563 " " "	" " "	1412 9 60	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	37102 25 37
November "	8817 17 5	1173 12 67	4899	34 26	4163 " " "	" " "	" " "	1314 19 34	" " "	" " "	1283 14 70	1500 " "	34208 38 42
December "	9123 37 76	1224 14 66	7118	14 45	9787 21 20	8201 469	" " "	1517 19 10	" " "	" " "	1380 12 60	" " "	41992 " 26
January 1797	9395 12 14	1173 25 11	6371	4 21	8051 " "	3000 " "	" " "	2831 14 43	" " "	" " "	1225 30 60	" " "	42721 41 59
February "	9272 4 32	1785 19 79	1116	7 13	34 6363 " "	" " "	" " "	2898 5 "	255 41	" " "	1283 2 60	" " "	49095 17 45
March "	9221 20 63	1085 4 2	35	8920	21 52	8263 2450	" " "	2725 34 1	" " "	" " "	1280 20 45	" " "	41267 9 6
April "	9457 13 7	1365 15 62	9379	4252	3000 " "	" " "	" " "	2807 26 67	10 " "	1221 15 "	1347 3 10	" " "	41877 28 38
Total	112164 " 5	16556 33 41	80233	33 40	70442 3	45320 14 69	289 325	10 28 16	2297 23 845	265 41 "	1221 15 "	7861 " 55	4000 " " 481603 38 10

N.B. There is in my Accounts a charge under the Head of Profit and loss for Money stolen from the treasury Pagodas 3323. and under that of Batta for loss on Exchange of Pagodas 506. 7. 34 -

E. E. for Signed John McDouall Payr

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30th

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart,

President and the Honorable the Members in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Captain Pay - representing the peculiarity of his situation and requesting that Government will continue to him the Payment of the Company's Batta. -

I have to request your attention to the following narrative and solicitation, which nothing but real necessity could have induced me to trouble you with. -

On the 26th Instant I was superseded from my Command of His Majesty's Ship Orpheus, by an appointment of the Lords of the Admiralty to a Ship in England, which I am to join, but till I reach, by the custom of the Navy am without any allowances - Thus Drafted from this Country where I have served professionally upwards of Ten years under the — Admirals Hughes, Cornwallis and Rainier - I trust I shall obtain a continuance of my allowance from the Honorable Company till I can get a Passage to Europe and the assistance usually given Officers of my Rank for their Passage / Viz. 120£ / and be ordered one at that Rate. -

The

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The enclosed testimonials of my zeal for the Service of the Company, will I hope strengthen this my claim to some consideration for myself and Family - the opportunities I have had of evincing it has been few, but Sir John Shore and Lord Hobart, know how readily I have embraced them - and my wish to remain on this Station, has at my request been made known to the Court of Directors by the Bombay Presidency and soliciting it of them from the Admiralty, which not having had time to obtain their reply to, causes me I conclude to be so hardly removed from hence - in the hope of your favorable view of my situation, - I am my Lord, and Gentlemen, very respectfully your faithful

&c &c

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Signed B. W. Page

Received also the undermentioned Letters entered in WB Nos. 226. 227.

From the Commander of the Ship Minerva. - From Captain Smith - requesting that he may be allowed to take 20 of the Company's

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30. Company's Lascars to assist in working his Ship on the — Voyage to Penang and back

From Colonel Champagné representing the low State of the Stores & Arrack at Trincomalé —

From the Commandant at Trincomalé

Received from the hands of the Master attendant the following Letter addressed to him by the Commander of the Chartered Ship Chichester. —

George Taswell Esq.

Master attendant

Fort St. George

Sir —

From Captain Blake representing the state of his Ship as rendering her unfit to proceed on the Voyage allotted her to Amboyna &c.

Having this moment received an Official Letter from the Sub Secretary to the Government, ordering me to prepare my Ship for a Voyage to Amboyna I consider it my Duty to state to you the Condition of the Chichester, that blame may not be imputable to me, in the event of any accident — I sailed from Bengal with the Fleet destined for Penang and on the 10th of this Month encountered one of the heaviest Gales of Wind I ever experienced — I need only state to you that after the loss of all my Anchors, but one, I was under the necessity, for the safety of the Ship to cut my

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my Cables and proceed to Sea — and that before I could clear the Sands, the Vessel Struck with great violence three times. — She has ever since made Water, though — exceedingly light, and would I apprehend when deep, be rendered very unsafe to proceed on such a Voyage, as that for which I am now ordered to prepare I am tolerably certain that a part of the false Keel has been Knocked off. —

It was not my intention to have reported my Ship unfit to proceed with the fleet, as assistance would have been easily obtained if required — and I was unwilling to intrude upon Governments time by a long detail of the Damages which the Ship has sustained on the Voyage from Bengal. — But now that I am ordered to prepare for a long and hazardous Voyage, and possibly a single Ship, it becomes me to assure you that I do not think the Ship in a Sea-worthy condition to proceed on such a Voyage. — I mentioned to several of my friends the Damages which the Ship had sustained; and accordingly made a regular

protest

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30th protest on my arrival here, but for the reasons before given, did not like to trouble the Government or yourself with a relation of these Circumstances. I trust you will represent to Lord Hobart the exact State of the Ship - and Should it be still determined to send her to Amboyna, I shall chearfully do all in my power to acquit myself with Satisfaction to my employers - I can have no interested Motives for not wishing to proceed to Amboyna, on the contrary, the very liberal terms on which the Ship is chartered, affords her a much more lucrative employ than I could — possibly hope for from any other Service in which she — might be engaged. —

I am,

&c &c

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Sigd B. Blake

Sent the following Letters. —

To Lieutenant Kempt
of His Majesty's Navy, Agent for
Transports

To Lieutenant Kempt with Instructions — relative to the disposal of the Chichester on the event of her being considered unfit to prosecute her Voyage to Amboyna. —

Sir, I inclose copy of a letter from the — Commander of the Chichester, and am directed to desire that if upon her arrival at Malacca she should be found

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found unequal to the Voyage to Amboyna, the Stores and Provisions on board either the Ajax or Hercules may be shifted to her for Bengal, and that her Cargo with the addition already directed may be put on board the Ajax or Hercules as you may determine for Amboyna.—

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I am,
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Webbe Jun.r to Govt.

To Colonel Richard Tolson
Commanding at Malacca

Sir,

To the Commandant at Malacca 15000 Dollars shipped on the Minerva for the use of his Garrison—the Expedition against Manilla Countermanded and the reinforcement of two Companies of Europeans under Lieutenant Colonel Campbell ordered to Malacca will be supplied with any stores or provisions he may require on application to Lieutenant Kempt—Captain Lieutenant Pitman and Lieutenant Farquhar of Engineers to return to the Coast—an Interpreter allowed—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 13th June and to inform you that in compliance with your application fifteen thousand Dollars have been shipped on the Honorable Company's Ship Minerva for the use of your Garrison which with the Revenues of Malacca the Right Honorable the President in Council hopes will be a

Sufficient

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30th Sufficient supply. —

Having in consequence of intelligence received from Europe of the conclusion of peace between the Emperor of Germany and the french Republic resolved to postpone the expedition against Manilla, the Right Honorable the President in Council has countermanded the departure of the second division of Ships, and issued orders for the return of the Troops, which may have assembled at the place of rendezvous. —

In consequence of this determination Lieutenant Colonel Campbell with two Companies of the 2. Regiment of European Infantry has been ordered to form a part of your Garrison, and the agent for transports, Lieutenant Kempt, has been directed to land a considerable quantity of provision for the troops at Malacca. —

Should you be in want of Stores or provisions you will make application to Lieutenant Kempt, who will, if in his power, furnish you with the supplies you may require. —

You will order Captain Lieutenant Pitman and Lieutenant Farquhar of the Engineers to return to their duty on the coast. —

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The Right Honorable the President in Council

Authorizes you to employ an Interpreter at twenty dollars

per month. -

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Sam, Wc Wc

Signed J. Webbe Jr. to Government

To Lieutenant Colonel Mc Neile

Commanding the Troops at Amboyna

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the

President in Council to desire you will inform Acting

Ensigns Michael Grace, Robert Mears and Horace Durand

that, in consequence of the favorable mention that has

been made of their conduct, His Lordship has resolved

to recommend them to the notice of the Honorable

Court of Directors with a view to their appointment

on the Military Establishment of this Presidency to

rank immediately after the Cadets nominated by

the Court for the year 1795 -

To the Commandant at Amboyna acting Ensigns Grace, Mears and Durand to be informed that they will be recommended to the Court of Directors for appointments of Cadets of the Season 1795. -

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Sam,

Wc Wc

Signed J. Webbe Jr. to Govt.

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Daniel M Neile

Commanding the troops on the

Moluccas

Sir,

To the Commandant on the Molucca Islands advising him of the reinforcements of European Troops and Gun Lascars and Supplies of Provisions Grain Stores and Money sent for the use of his Garrisons. –

I am directed to acquaint you that in consequence of the conclusion of peace between the Emperor of Germany and the French Republic the Right Honorable the President in Council has determined to postpone an expedition, which had been concerted against Manilla. –

This event has induced the Right Honorable the President in Council to strengthen the force under your Command with three Companies of the 2nd Regiment of European Infantry under the Command of Major Mackay and seventy five Gun Lascars which will proceed on the Extra ships Duckingfield, Hall and Atlantic together with a large supply of grain, stores, provisions, and Money the particulars of which have been communicated to the Commercial Resident. –

I am, &c &c

Signed J. Webbe Secy to Government

Dispatched

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31st

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in WB. Nos. 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. 233. 234. 235. 236. 237. 238. —

To the Commander of the Chartered Ship Chichester

To Captain Blake desiring him to receive on board his Ship for Amboyna such articles of Military Stores as may be tendered to him by Lieutenant Colonel Hall. —

To D°. D°.

To D°. desiring him to receive on board his Ship and convey to Amboyna for the use of His Majesty's Ships to the Eastward such provisions as may be tendered to him by the navy victualling Contractor.

To D°. D°.

To D°. desiring him to receive Medicines on board for Malacca and Amboyna. —

To D°. D°.

To D°. desiring him to receive assistant — Surgeons Crelly Addison and Gordon on board his Ship as Passengers for Amboyna and informing him that he will be allowed at the rate of one Pagoda each ℔ Diem on account of their accommodation at his Table. —

To the Military Auditor General —

To Major General Sydenham desiring that authority may be given to Mr. Paymaster — Cunningham to discharge Captain Blakes demand on account of dieting the assistant Surgeons and — that he will see that those Gentlemen draw full Batta only from the date of their arrival at their Station. —

To

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To the Commanders of the Ships Royal Admiral Pitt and Lascelles

To Captain Fellowes Gerard and Kempt desiring that all the Military Stores and Provisions on board their Ships belonging to the Company may be landed and delivered to the proper Officers.-

To the Ditto of the Ships Rose Houghton and King George

To Captains Gray, Hudson and Colnett to the same purport.-

To the Military Board

To the Military Board desiring that instructions may be given to the proper Officers to receive charge of the Stores and Provisions, ordered to be landed from the abovementioned Ships.-

To the Military Paymasters General

To Mr. Roebuck enclosing Copy of the Auditors Report on his Cash Estimate for September and informing him that he will receive P. 16,778. 2. 67 on application at the Treasury.-

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

To Mr. Skardon enclosing Copy of the Auditors Report on his Cash Estimates for September and informing him that the Sum of Pagodas 1703. 6. will be issued on his application at the Treasury.-

To the Secretaries at Bengal and Bombay-

To Secretaries Barlow and Morris forwarding Dispatches addressed to their respective Governments brought hither by Mr. Richard Kenchant.-

Dispatched

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1st

Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in MB for September Nos. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

To the Paymasters at Malacca and Amboyna

To Messrs. Buchan and Cunningham — enclosing for their Guidance the Regulations established by Government for the conduct of Paymasters on the 18th July last - requiring their particular attention thereto as also to the punctual Transmission of their accounts and Vouchers to the Office of Audit. -

To the Officers Commanding the Troops at Malacca and the Moluccas -

To Colonel Tolson and Lieutenant Colonel McNeile enclosing for their Information and Guidance the regulations established by Government on the 18th July for checking extra and contingent Charges of Detachments employed in the Field or on Foreign Service. -

To the Commander of the Ship Busbridge

To Captain Dobree desiring him to receive Lieutenant Kempt, his Assistant, and Servant on board his Ship and informing him that a suitable Compensation will hereafter be made him on account of their Subsistence and accommodation. -

To D°. D°.

To D°. desiring him to receive 17 Bales of Clothing on board his Ship, and follow Lieutenant Kempt's Instructions regarding their Disembarkation. —

To the Officer Commanding the Troops at Malacca -

To Colonel Tolson - with Copies of the Invoices

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1st. Invoices of the 17 Bales of Clothing abovementioned — and Instruc-
=tions relative to that part intended for the Troops composing
his Garrison. —

To Lieutenant Kempt desiring him to —

To the Agent for Transports. Communicate with Colonel Tolson relative to the disposal of the 17 Bales of Clothing abovementioned. —

Sent the following Letters

To Lieutenant Kempt

of his majesty's Navy

Agent for Transport

Sir,

To Lieutenant Kempt directing him to take under his charge the Minerva Busbridge Chichester and Calcutta as also any other Ships to the Eastward — chartered on the — Company's account, the Commanders of which are to consider this Letter as a sufficient warrant for obeying his Directions. —

In virtue of the Commission which you — have received from his Excellency the admiral and of your Appointment to be agent for Transports the Right Honorable the President in Council hereby directs you to take under your Command the Ships Minerva, Busbridge, Chichester and Calcutta in order to perform the duties pointed out in my separate instructions. —

For the same purposes and by the same authority you are further directed to take under your Command any of the Ships freighted by the Company for the Expedition and to enforce such directions, as you may find it necessary to issue for the execution of your duty. —

This order you will shew to the Commanders of —

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of the Ships under the above description, which they are to consider as sufficient warrant for obeying your directions.-

Dated in Fort St. George the 1st September 1797.

By Order of the Right Honorable the President in Council.

Signed J. Webbe Jeff to Govt.

Circular

To Captain Kennard Smith

of the Ship

Minerva

Sir,

Having appointed Lieutenant Kempt of his Majestys Navy to perform the duty of Agent for Transports who also acts under a Commission from his Excellency the Admiral, the Right Honorable the President in Council hereby orders you to put yourself under the directions of that Officer, and to obey all such instructions as you may receive from him.-

Dated in Fort St. George the 1st Septembers 1797.

By Order of the Right Honorable the President in Council

Signed J. Webbe Jeff to Govt.

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To the Commanders of the Minerva Bucbridge Calcutta and Chichester directing them to obey such Instructions as they may receive from Lieutenant Kempt the Agent for Transports

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1st The same to Captain Blake of the Ship Chichester
" Dobree Do. Busbridge
" Clarke Do. Calcutta

Received the following Letters

J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Major General Erskine receives the G.O. directing the march of the 4th Bengal Regiment to Masulipatam orders all reports to be made to Lieutenant Colonel Fotheringham encloses Extracts from the Minutes of the Supreme Council devieding into distinct Commands the Regiment in the Circars and the Detachment serving at Vizagapatam

In consequence of the General Orders by Government under Date the 18th Instant, received last Night for the immediate march of the 4th Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry for Masulipatam, I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, that I have this Day Ordered that all Returns and Reports of the Troops in the Vizagapatam District be made to Lieutenant Colonel Fotheringham, the Senior Officer in it from this Date and the Reports of the Bengal Detachment to be made to Major Higgins, until the 1st September, in Conformity to Orders by the Governor General in Council, Dated the 14th Instant

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1st Instant Copy of which I have the Honor to enclose, and I shall immediately proceed on my Return to Bengal with all the Expedition that the Season will admit, accompanied by my aid de Camp. -

Chicacole
27th August 1797.

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

(Signed) J. Erskine M. Genl.

Minutes of Council in the Military Department of the 14th August 1797.

Resolved in Consequence of the Recall of Major General Erskine, that the Bengal Detachment at Hyderabad, and the Regiment acting in the Circars, be declared distinct, the Senior Officer at Hyderabad reporting to and Communicating with the Madras Government and also to Bengal, and the Officer in Command of the 4th Regiment, acting under the Orders of the Madras Government, reporting as far as Relates to the Internal State of his Corps, to the Commander in Chief in Bengal. -

Resolved

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Resolved at the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief, that the Post of Major of Brigade to the Southern Detachment be abolished, and that Captain Gerard being the Senior Brigade Major with the Bengal Troops on the Coast, be appointed Brigade Major to the Detachment serving at Hyderabad in the Room of Lieutenant William Campbell.—

Resolved also, that the Post of Paymaster and Commissary of Buzars to the Southern Detachment, with that of Commissary of Buzars to the Detachment at Hyderabad be abolished—and that Captain Brome be appointed Deputy Paymaster to the Regiment in the Circars with a Salary of 256 S.P. a Month Exclusive of his Pay Batta and Gratuity, and 275 P. a Month as an Establishment of Office.—

The Present Salary and Establishment of Office, for the Deputy Paymaster at Hyderabad to Continues—

The foregoing Appointments and Reductions to take place the first of the Ensuing Month.—

/Signed J. Stracey
Subsec.y

A true Copy
/Signed J. Price
A.D.C.

To

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1.

To Josiah Webbe Esq.

Secretary to the Government

Sir,

From the Paymaster at Palamcotah the Collector of Poligar Pothcush being unable to provide Cash for his Disbursements wishes to know if he may advance a part of the money subscribed towards the remittance Loan.

I have the honor to send for your information Copy of a Letter this moment received from Mr. Collector Jackson and I will thank you to inform me so soon as is Convenient, whether or not I may take, from the Sums, subscribed towards the remittance loan sufficient to answer the Military Disbursements of this Province in the Ensuing Month.—

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Signed Geo: Sul. Marten

Paymaster

Tinnevelly
28th. August 1797.

To George Sulivan Marten Esq.

Paymaster at Palamcotah

Sir,

In consequence of the orders of Govern=ment received this day for sending to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly the sum of twenty thousand (20,000) Star Pagodas I shall not have it in my Power to

answer

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1st Answer your demands in the next month.—

I am,

&c &c

W. C. Jackson

Atrue Copy

Signed George Sul: Marten

Pay:-

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From the Chief Engineer reporting the Number of Officers quarters vacant at Wallajahbad gives orders for erecting the places of Arms and for repairing the Gun sheds—

Agreeably to the Orders of Government of 23d August I have the honor to lay before you a Return of the Officers Quarters in the Cantonment of Wallajahbad—To gether with Colonel Gents Report of the measures taken for carrying into execution the repairs to the Gun sheds, and for erecting Sheds for the Arms &c of two Regiments of native Infantry on the plan formerly executed at that station.—

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Fort St. George
1st September 1797.

Signed Patrick Ross

Chief Engineer M. G.

Major—

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1.

Major General Ross

Chief Engineer

Sir,

I beg leave to inclose for the information of Government a Return of the Quarters Occupied, and Unoccupied at the Cantonment at Wallajahbad by which it appears that there are Eleven Captains, / or Twenty two Subalterns / Quarters Vacant.

I am now laying in Materials for the repair of the Gun shed at that Cantonment and also for places for Lodging the Arms of two Regiments of Native Infantry.

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30th August 1797.

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
Signed W. Gent
Lieut-Col. Engineer

Return

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1st Return of Officers Quarters in the Cantonment of Wallajahbad 28th August 1797.

	Field Officers	One Captains or two Subalterns
Unoccupied	4.	36.
Occupied	4.	25.
Remaining	—	11

W. Gent
Lieut.t Col.t Engineer

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

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 23d Instant with its enclosures yesterday and agreeable to the Right Honorable the President in Councils orders I marched to this place on my way to Amboor this morning. The Idea of withdrawing the whole of our Sepoys from these Districts has so alarmed the man placed as Aumildar, that he declined acting and has assured me that none of the

From Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson - recommending that a party of Sepoys may be left in the Colmaspilly Country with a view to give Confidence to the Inhabitants - Is joined by a Baker ally Khan &c Vakeel from Dasspah naig. -

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1st the few Inhabitants, now in the Colmaspilly Districts, will remain in their Villages, in case that takes place. —

I have therefore taken the liberty and hope it may meet his Lordships approbation, to determine upon leaving two native Commissioned Officers with about Sixty /60/ non Commissioned and Privates, at this Place and the adjacent Villages, until some settlement has taken place with Dajsipnaig, to whose representation as stated in my Letter of the 10th Instant and given by me to Amildar Ahmed aly Known, at Amboor, for forwarding to his — Highness, no reply has been received. —

Maher ally Khawn rejoined me yesterday, having been commanded by his Highness particular orders, to cooperate with me, but had heard nothing of Dajsipnaig's representation, which I presume has never reached his Highness. A person stiling himself the Vakeel of Dajsipnaig, has been for some weeks at this place, but as his Highness's determination had not reached me, I did not think it proper to have any conversation with him. Maher

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1st ally, has however suggested, that it will be proper to let this man come with us to Amboor, as some little security, against depredations being attempted and tomorrow from Cudapahnattum when I mean halting, the Khawn means writing a fresh, to his Highness, after he has heard from this Vackeel, what his master has proposed or would finally agree to. I shall leave the Prisoners as directed at this Place. If it should meet his Lordship's approbation, I will send an European Officer, to be — Station'd at this Place while any of our men remain, which I humbly conceive would be proper to give — further confidence to the Aumildar as well as for the purpose of corresponding with me as to necessary — matters. —

I have the honor to remain
W.e W.e

Camp at Colmasspilly
the 28th. of August 1797.

Lgndy M.r Macpherson
Lieut.t Col.t

To J. Webbe Esq.t
Secretary to Government

From the Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Columbo has purchased an additional Quantity of 1500 Bags of Rice — States the rate at which he made his late purchase of Arrack. —

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th. Instant and to inform you, that

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1st. That I have this day purchased 1500 Bags of Bengal Cargoe Rice, to be delivered at the Company's Godown, each bag weighing 164 ℔ Nt. Wt. at 7 ¼ Rs. ℔ bag. —

I have also to inform you, that I paid 105 Rupees ℔ Leag. for the Arrack which I purchased on account of the Company, and that I can procure any further quantity that may be judged necessary to lay up in Store, and I believe upon more moderate terms, as the demand for it, not being so great, it has within these few days fallen in price. —

Columbo
23d August 1797.

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
Signed Edw. Atkinson
Commy. of Grain & Provisions

Josiah Webbe Esq.
Secretary to Government

From the Paymaster at Columbo - enclosing Bills for Secret Service Money disbursed by the late Major General Doyle -

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose Copy of a bill for Secret Service money disbursed by the late Major General Doyle while in command here and request you will obtain the sanction of the Right Honorable the President in Council for the charge being admitted by

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1st by the Auditor General in my Accounts. —

From your letter of 5th April it appears that General Doyle had explained the nature of the charge for furniture &c. —

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Signed John McDouall

Paymaster

Columbo 29th July 1797

D. The Honorable Company for Money Expended on Account of Secret and Public Service &c. By Major General Doyle on the Island of Ceylon between the 1st January and 30th June 1797.

	P. St. C.
To Paid Wm. Geisler dutch Writer &c his Salary for the above period being 6 months at 50 Star Pags. per month	300. — —
To Paid the Malabar and Chingalese Interpreter for the above Period at 25 Star Pagodas per month	150. — —
To Paid for Sundry articles purchased for the Government House here by order of Government	339. 28. 40
Star Pagodas	789. 28. 40

Columbo 30th June 1797.

By Order of Major General Doyle

Signed J. Willson Acting Secy.

A true Copy

Signed John McDouall

Paymaster

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Assistant Resident at Poonah relative to Pypoo's claims on Kurnool Rajoje Bhonsla continues his march to Nagpoor Pypoo's Vackeels have not yet paid their Visit to Dowlut Row Scindia.

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 7th Instant, and to enclose, for your Lordship's Information, the Extract of my address of this Date to the Governor General.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully

&c &c

(Signed) J. Uhthoff

Poona
22nd August 1797.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Uhthoff to the Governor General, dated Poona 22 August 1797.

In consequence of what passed at my meeting with Nanna Furnavese on the 12th Instant, contained in the 16th Paragraph of my address of the ensuing day, and the general appearance of a renewal of the discussions respecting the Kurnool

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1st Kurnool, Sapplied to the Durbar for an Account of what might have passed in consequence of the Letters from Nanna Furnavees to Sippoo Sultaun on this Subject, mentioned in Sir Charles Malets' Address to you of the 13th January last, and I have now the Honor to enclose Translation of a Paper, with which I was in consequence furnished by the Durbar.—

Ragojee Bhonsla was, by the last Accounts, prosecuting his March to Naugpoor. He had had a — meeting with Vittul Pundit, one of his principal Officers, who had the Command of a large Body of Troops — Stationed between Naugpore and Poona, during the Rajahs' late Residence in this Quarter.—

On the 22 Instant Baajy Row, Chimna Appa, and Emrut Row, paid a Visit of Condolence to Rajsi Row Holkar, and afterward to his younger — Brother Malhar Row. Nana Furnavees has not visited either of the Brothers. Doulut Row Sindea, as already advised, has visited Rajsi Row, but not Malhar Row.—

Sippoo's Vakeels have not yet visited Doulut Row Sindea.—

True Extract
(Signed) J. Uhthoff
Translation

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1.

Translation of a Paper received by Wm. Joshua Ukthoff from the Poona Durbar on the 20th August 1797.

A letter has been received from Tippoo Sultaun respecting Kurnool, the particulars of which are as follow.-

At the time of the peace [of Syringpatten] the Jummabundy of the Country [Tippoo's dominions] was produced, and the Peshkush of Kurnool being reserved in my Share, part of my ancient territory was taken in lieu thereof [by the allies]. My claim on Kurnool is of an old date. For the settlement of the district of Gooty, troops have been dispatched, and the affair of Kurnool is also to be settled. As to Runmust Khan's seal and bond, about which you enquire, Durrumdass, the Minister of Kurnool, came [to Syringpatten] two or three times, and settling the accounts of Peshkush, paid the money. His receipts are forth coming, which you will consider as the bond [or Voucher, Dustaveez].

True Translation

Signed J. Ukthoff

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1.

J. Webbe Esqr.

Sir,

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this days date at 9 P. M., desiring me to put myself under the orders of Lieutenant Kempt of his majesty's navy as agent of Transports being appointed and having a Commission from his Excellency the admiral and the Right Honorable the President in Council. I beg leave to ask pardon of the Right Honorable the President in Council should my conceptions in the present Instance be unfounded; but as I conceive the present order is intended to reach further than the General Rules of the service — and the General Orders I ever received from the Honorable the Court of Directors, with respect to the discipline rank and seniority in the service which are nearly, as follows "when you are not in Company with any of his majestys' ships you are to put yourself under the orders of the Senior Commander for the time being" I conceive my Character as an Officer and a Commander, brought regularly up in the Service and having gone thro' every situation untill I arrived at the Honorable one I now hold of

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From the Commander of the Minerva complaining of his being put under the orders of Lieutenant Kempt an Officer junior to him in the Company's service as an unmerited ... supercession of his rights to the command of the Fleet about to be dispatched.

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a Commander of near seven years standing without a Blemish in my Character will receive a Material Injury and such a one as will never entitle me in the eyes of my Brother Commanders to be — a Commodore should I be placed under the — Command of an Officer so much my junion as the Commander of the Boobridge / Lieutenant Kempt being only a Passenger in that Ship / I humbly beg in the most submissive manner, I may be informed the reasons why I am superceeded in the Command of the present Fleet, not Conscious my Conduct as a Commander or an Officer has ever merited it and I hope the Honorable the President in Council will — not conceive me litigious in my present request when I conceive I am to be so Ignominious-ously deprived of an honor which every — Commander in the Service is proud after a long service to attain and as I have not yet received any orders from Lieutenant Kempt I shall hope for a speedy answer — on this

Subject.

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1st Subject from you. -

Madras
September 1st 1797.

10 P. M.

Sam,

&c &c

(Signed) Kennard Smith

2. Sent the following letter to Captain Smith. -

To Captain Kennard Smith

of the Ship

Minerva

Sir,

To Captain Smith - informing him that by putting Lieut Kempt, as agent for Transports, in command of the Fleet no Imputation of his character was implied. -

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterdays date, and to inform you that you have imputed to yourself a degradation, which was neither intended nor implied. The Commission granted to Lieutenant Kempt by his Excellency the admiral and the separate appointment he holds from this Government in virtue of which and not of his rank in the Company's Service you have been put under his orders leave you no cause

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cause to Complain of Supercession, you will therefore pay punctual obedience to the orders transmitted to you yesterday for putting yourself under the direction of Lieutenant Kempt. —

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2 September 1797.

I am,
&c &c
Signed J. Webbe Jun.r to Gov.t

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Wb No. 7.8.9.10.11.12.

From the Commander of the Ship Minerva

From Captain Smith expressing himself satisfied with the foregoing Explanation.

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts advising of his having Commenced his March from Masulipatam towards Walajabad agreably to the orders of Government. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts

From Colonel Hay Macdowall at Pondicherry —

From Colonel Macdowall advising of the Safe arrival of the 36.th Regiment at Pondicherry and of his having assumed the Command of that Place agreeably to the orders of Government. —

From the Officer Commanding the 72.d Regiment at Pondicherry

From Lieutenant Colonel Fraser advising

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advising of the Embarkation of the 72d. Regiment for Madras on the Lansdown.—

From the Honorable L. G. K. Murray returning his Bond and offering as his collateral Securities Pasicum Mootiah Chetty and Vydey Chetty.—

From the Paymaster at Innaconda and its Dependencies

From Mr. Secretary Morris communicating

From the Secretary at Bombay

the wish of the Bombay Government to be allowed to detain there ten recruits arrived from the Cape and originally intended for Fort St. George.—

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in Nos 13. 14. 15. 16.—

To Captain Smith ordering him to receive on board his Ship and convey to Malacca a private European Soldier named Shippard and three Peasties attached to the 2d. Regiment of European Infantry—

To the Commander of the Ship Minerva

To D°. desiring him to receive Henry Corfinees a private of the 1st. European Regiment on board his Ship and attend to the Instructions of Lieutenant Kempt on the subject of transhipping him at Penang for Amboyna the Station of his Corps.

To D°. D°.

To Lieutenant Kempt desiring him to

To the Agent for Transports

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3. to receive Charge of five Chests of Treasure containing 15000 Dollars and cause them to be delivered to the Paymaster at Malacca.—

To the Commander of the Tellicherry

To the Commander of the Tellicherry desiring him to be prepared to sail on his Voyage to England on the Evening of the 4th. instant in order that he may avail himself of the convoy of the admiral as far as the Friars Hood.—

Substance of a letter from the Nabob

Received a letter from the Nabob entered in CC No. 77.- promising to defray the Expences as well of Major Cuppage's as of Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson's Detachment.—

Received also the undermentioned Letters entered in the WB No. 17-18.—

From Colonel Kay Macdowall at Pondicherry

From Colonel Macdowall stating that the 72. Regiment are embarked on the Lansdown and would sail on the Evening of the 1st. Instant and expressing his satisfaction at the great attention paid by Captain Boulderston to the accommodation of the Officers and Men of the 36th. Regiment, on the passage from Negapatam to Pondicherry.—

From

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3d From the Superintendant of the Gunpowder Manufactory

From Mr. B. Bishop - requesting that the Civil Paymaster may be authorized to discharge the pensions of Lachemy and Vellyamah from the 1st April last. -

4th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mr's No. 19. 20. -

To the Commander of the Ship Tellicherry

To Captain Baker ordering him to receive on board his Ship as Passenger for England Captain Adam who is charged with Dispatches from His Excellency the Admiral, and his Servant Thomas Barber with their Baggage. -

To the Secretary to the Government at the Cape of Good Hope -

To the Secretary to the Government at the Cape of Good Hope forwarding a letter for the Government received from Bombay. -

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Mr's No. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. -

From the Officer Commanding the Northern Division

From Major General Bridges, Lieutenant Colonel Roberts' Detachment sets out on the 28th Instant on its march towards Wallajahbad. -

From D° - D°

From D° Acknowledging Receipt of the Board's orders.

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4.

Orders for Lieutenant Colonel Roberts' Detachment

From the Military Paymaster General.

From Mr. Roebuck with a Letter from Mr. Paymaster Hughes representing the want of Cash to complete his September Estimate arising from a disappointment of supplies expected from the Collector of Poligar Peshcush.—

From Do. - Do.

From D. enclosing an additional Estimate amounting to Pagodas 26247. 39. 74.

From the Permanent at Ryacotah

From Major Doveton acknowledging Receipt of Mr. Webbes Letter of the 26th. ultimo — accompanying a Letter from the Nabob and two Cases of Attar to be forwarded to Seringapatam.—

From Mr. William Gordon representing

From Mr. Wm. Gordon at Masulipatam

that the Delay, that has arisen in taking Charge of his employ, is entirely owing to bad health and requesting, in consequence that the Board will allow him to draw his Salary from the date of his appointment.—

From the Secretary at Bengal

From Mr. Secretary Barlow enclosing Invoices and Bills of Lading of articles shipped on the Triton country ship and of 90 Bags of Biscuit

on

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4th on the Phœnix both consigned to the plan of Rendezvous

From Captain Boulderson —

From the Commander of the Ship Marquis Landsdown.

requesting that Government will indemnify him for the expence attending the repair of his Long Boat which was unavoidably damaged while employed in the embarkation of troops and Stores for the Expedition. —

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders and

Ernst William Falloseila } Esquires

Tuesday 5th September

Minutes of last consultation read and approved —

Read the following letter from the Committee of Government on the Malabar Coast —

To

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Fort St. George 5th September 1797

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council at

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Committee of the Bombay Government with Intelligence respecting the Intercourse kept up by the French with the port of Mangalore—

1 We had this morning the Honor of receiving your Lordship's Letter of the 5th instant, and now transmit the copies of a Letter, that we wrote to the Secretary at Bombay of the 18th of last month, together with the Papers of Intelligence therein referred to, which with the additional Information in the accompanying Separate Paper, under the 31st of July, and this date, comprehend all we have Learned as to the apprehended Connections of Tippoo with the French; except, that we also, have heard that besides the Commander of the Few French mariners now at Mangalore, there are other Frenchmen at Seringapatam; and there was, some time ago, a vague Report transmitted this the Coorga Rajah, that Tippoo is building a

Stately

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Stately Edifice for the permanent abode of a —
Resident on the part of the Republic —

2 However this may be, we can perceive, at present, no serious reason for alarm, on this side of the Peninsula; and the Termination of the War with the Pyché Rajah must, we should hope, disappoint any views the Sultan may have cherished of profiting by our — intestine Broils in this Quarter of the Country

3 But should any Circumstances occur to induce a change of our present opinion, your Lordship shall not fail to be speedily advised —

We have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signed Jon. Duncan
J. Stuart

Tellicherry
the 18th August 1797.

To John Morris Esq.
Secretary to Government at
Bombay

Sir,

We have received your Letter
of

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of the 13th of June: and are sorry, that Admiral Rainier should have taken, in such ill part, the notices that from a sense of duty to the Nation, as well as to our Employers, we had deemed it incumbent on us to transmit to that Officer, without any desire, the most remote, to ascribe Blame to the Admiral, or to his predecessor: from whom, on the Contrary: we are pleased to have this opportunity of, — acknowledging the ready assistance Sir G. K. Elphinstone afforded to this Coast by ordering the Arrogant from Ceylon, in the early part of 1796. the moment he knew there was an Enemy to the Northward: and for the rest, that there exists this the part of Mangalore some — Intercourse between Tippoo Sultaun, and the Kings Enemies, the French; which cannot — reasonably be supposed to have any other than an inimical Tendency to the British Interest; the enclosed Paper of Information will Sufficiently

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sufficiently evince; by proving that supplies of Grain reach the Mauritius from the Port in question; which affords also, a shelter to the French privateers. Last in respect to the Embassy or Mission announced in this Paper of ——— Intelligence, we shall not venture to pronounce until we obtain the further expected information through the Channels indicated in the Enclosure—

We are
Y. &c.

Signed J Duncan
J Stuart

Pellicherry
18th July 1797

A true Copy
Signed J. A. Grant
Secy

Political Intelligence

Mahomed Ibraheem states that he has heard from a Patan, come lately to Calicut from Mangalore, that there is a — Vessel there, which was to have sailed from thence,

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thence for the Mauritius, before the setting in of the Monsoon, but being unable to get away, in time, she is now preparing to depart as soon as the Season opens, with some Frenchmen among whom are, he says, two Captains or Head men together with Bakir ali the Son in Law of the late Arshed Beg Khan once Tippoo's Governor of all Malabar, and Mahomed Ali formerly a Phoujdar, who are supposed to be proceeding on the part of Tippoo Sultan to settle some Business with the French at the Islands. Baker alias described as a very accomplished Gentleman and well versed in the English and French Languages.

Chokara Mooppa of Tellicherry being examined on the subject of the above Intelligence he said, that he had long known of the Vessel in question, which is, he observes, a small one of about 3 or 400 Candies Burthen appertaining, as he understands, to Tippoo; that she

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she had taken in a lading of Pepper, with which she was about to proceed to the Mauritius before the setting in of the Monsoon, but having been prevented from getting out in time, she had unladen her Cargo, and gone within the Bar again, till the Monsoon should have passed, after which she would of course proceed to the Mauritius being manned, and navigated by 10. or 12 Frenchmen, that is of any of Tippoos Subjects, men of consequence, intending to embark thereon. He did not know, tho' he promises to procure good, and sure Intelligence on the subject from Sadery Bchary, Tippoos Majilla Governor of that place, who is, he adds, his particular Friend and is now on his way back from — Seringapatam with a considerable force to — enable him to curb the People of the Coomby Raujaship, below the Ghauts, against whom he had, in a late Warfare, proved unsuccessful —

It would seem, from what —

Moosa

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Moosa further adds. that the French Crew of Tippoo's Vessel. about to proceed to the Mauritius, are part of those who came last Season, on the Coast in Privateers. and who having captured a Batella laden with Timber for Bombay. they carried their Prize into Mangalore where they fitted out the Batella, with the Timber she had on board. as Cargo. into a larger Vessel which they sold, as Moosa adds. to Tippoo-

There came, according to Moosas Information, two vessels in the course of the last Season from the Mauritius to Mangalore. for grain. one of which was Captured by the Portuguese, but restored thro the Treaty of the Sultaun, and her Cargo paid for. and both sailed back to the Islands with the Lading they had come for, which the one, that had been captured by the Goa Cruizers. returned to mangalore to fill up -

A true Copy

Signd J. A. Grant

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Political Intelligence

31st July.

Moosa says his Vackeel has sent him word from Mangalore. that Tippoo is certainly himself coming down the Ghauts to that place after the Rains. but for what Purpose he knows not —

The People here however say/ as they did. Moosa adds, last year/ that he is coming to — meet 5 or 6 Vessels from the Isle of France —

18th August

Moosa says a man of his arrived from Mangalore 4 days ago. and was six days on the Road. that Sadeq Beheg had not then arrived. but was to set out 12 days ago from Seringapatam with two thousand men that at Mangalore there are of French 10 Seamen 4 Soldiers and 2 petty officers of the Privateers party of last year. being those who took the Bodella: and that their Captain is still at Seringapatam. and that as to Preparations for Military Purposes at Mangalore, there is not the shadow of —

appearance

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appearance of any and that the news of the 31st of July as to Tippoo's coming down himself is now Contradicted —

A true Copy
(Signed) J. A. Grant
Secy

Read the following letters from Hydrabad and Poonah —

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

My Lord,

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad relative to the desire expressed by Azim ul omrah to conclude a specific agreement with the Company for the mutual surrender of Jemindars and others indebted to either State who may fly for shelter to the other — and an application made by him for a large supply of arms accoutrements and clothing — & that Ali Khan restored to the Government of Kumpah —

I have the Honor to acknowledge my receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letters to me of the 2d. and 4th. Instant; the former being in reply to my letter of the 19th ultimo. and the latter enclosing two Persian letters from Hazim ali Khan. — your Lordship may rely upon my paying due attention to the contents of the letter of the 2d —

I have the Honor to acquaint your

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your Lordship in Council that His Highness the Nizam have been pleased at the instance of his Minister to restore Mozuffer ul Moolk (Assud Ali Khan) to the Government of the Province of Kurpah. In consequence of this event Azim ul Omrah has signified a wish to me for a reciprocal agreement to take place between this State and your Lordships Government for the delivery of all — " — Zamindars or others on whom either Government may have claims, whether taking refuge in Kurpah from the contiguous Districts, or vice versâ flying from the Province of Kurpah into the Possessions of the Company or of Umdut ul Omrah.

To this loose and general kind of proposal, I contented myself with replying, that there were already certain compacts either written or understood subsisting between the English Government and His Highness sufficient for the correction of the evils the remedy of which was hereby aimed at. The Minister has however again urged my writing to your Lordship on the

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the subject. observing that his wish was,
that the evil in Question might be totally rooted
out by the measure proposed to me. I have
accordingly therefore the Honor of addressing you
in deference to Azim ul omrahs wishes. but
while thus submitting the proposal in question
to your Lordships consideration. I should deem
myself reprehensible were I to omit offering
it at the same time as my opinion, that if
(as I humbly conceive to be the case) the
advantages and disadvantages attending all
such Border Engagements are generally
speaking but too unequally divided between
a Government acting like ours on just and liberal
principles, and that of any of the Native Powers
Possessing scarcely any one principle that can
be termed fixed: the disadvantages would in
the present instance be likely to fall almost
exclusively to our lot. considering that the
notoriously

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notoriously rapacious and unprincipled character of the new Governor of Kurpah is by no means unlikely to compel many of its wealthy — Inhabitants to seek a retreat from his oppression; and your Lordship's Government be thereby continually harrassed with applications which it might be either inconvenient or unpleasant to comply with. The subject however having engaged as it would seem a good deal of the Minister's attention, and Mozuffer ul Mulk being sorry to say in high favour with him, some answer to this application will I know be earnestly looked for —

Azim ul Omrah gave me at the same time to understand that Tawny empowered Mozuffer ul Mulk who is about to proceed immediately to Kurpah, to raise a considerable Body of Regular — Infantry. for the defence of that District in the event of an attack upon it by Tippoo. he wished

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wished me to apply to your Lordship in Council for free license to that Chiefs Agents for purchasing at Madras. Arms, Accoutrements, and Cloathing to a very considerable amount for the use of this intended levy: the number of Firelocks alone required, if procurable, the Minister described as amounting to no less than nine. or ten thousand. I accordingly promised Azim ul Omrah that I would address your Lordship on the subject, but without holding out to him any assurance of success

I have the Honor to be

Hyderabad the 11th August 1797

[Signed] I. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

J. Webbe Esq.

Secretary to Government

Sir

Fort St. George

I herewith enclose for the information

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From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad communicating Mysore Intelligence - Medina Saheb circulates a reports of a disagreement between Tippoo and his eldest son Futteh Hyder, and of the Nizams Inclination to proceed in person to Poonah to take part in the political disussions of that State —

Information of the Right Honorable President in Council. Translates of two communications from a Secret agent of Major Kirkpatricks the former is perhaps no farther interesting than as the Circumstance of Tippoos pretended use of poison in all his Military weapons may eventually be deserving of attention the latter I have reason to think is a sufficient correct account of the present state of things at Seringapatam —

I am &c. &c.

Hyderabad
23d august 1797.

(Signd) C. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant.

Translate of a Note from a Secret agent of Major Kirkpatrick received the 20th august 1797.

Medena Saheb tells me that his latest Intelligence from Seringapatam states the expectation of the arrival of a French Armament at Mangalore about the end of Sufter (answering to the 25th august) as they have received Information of a French Fleet being actually on its way thither,

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thither, that Tippoo Sultaun in expectation of its arrival, is quite prepared for action, on the junction of a Body of their Troops. he has sworn all his chiefs to be faithful to him, and has directed all Fackeers and Durveishes to pray for success to his arms against the Infidels. He has a Force (according to Medena Saheb) amounting to Thirty thousand Cavalry, Sixty thousand Infantry besides about Ten thousand spearmen, Rocketmen &c. His artillery Park consists of two hundred pieces of Cannon, and five hundred Camels Laden with Rockets. that he is moreover still entertaining all Horsemen, and Footmen, who offer their service, and he keeps up a close correspondence with the French "His eldest son Futteh Hyder" /provided Medina Saheb addressing himself to me/ "has called upon him, to give him his Country again" "and his father has told him in reply, that owing "to the bad aspect of the Heavens his" /Futteh Hyders/ "Country was taken from him /Tippoo/" during "the late War by the allies, and as there is a

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"Strong binding treaty between them and those
"allies, it is incumbent on him, not to infringe it,
"and would therefore recommend to him" Tullock
Hyder "to put up with his loss like a Philosopher
"But this Eldest son of his, tending a deaf Ear to
"his Fathers prudent remonstrances keeps the Field
"in spite of him at the Head of a considerable
"army, coming that he will attack the English,
"and recover from them his right. I believe for
"my own part, continued Medina Saheb that it is
"in some measure owing to the pressing instances
"of this hot headed youth, that his father has
"gone such unreasonable lengths in his hostile
"preparations against the English, and at all
"events, if ever hard pushed, he will pretend so: and
"say that he had no intentions of coming to a
"rupture with the English, and as to his entertaining
"a Body of French Troops in his service, it was the
"only way he would say of getting ought out of
"them, in lieu of a large sum of money which he
advanced

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"advanced them for Military aid during the last
"War against the allies. The Language continued
"Medena Saheb held to the Sultaun by his Generals
"is, to act by all means as he may think proper,
"if joined by a Considerable Body of French, but
"on no account to break with the English without
"such aid. For that, to think of Coping with the
"English single handed is little more than madness"

Medena Saheb informs me that
Azim ul omrah has represented to the Nizam
that Tippoos request is, that he the Nizam will
remain neuter, in the event of his coming to blows
with the English, while the English on the other
hand, demanded of him in such an event, the
fulfillment of Treaty. Medena Saheb tells me
moreover that the Minister has pointed out to the
Nizam that the present is a Seasonable time to
adjust his matters finally with the Poonah
Government, and that if his Highness has no
objection he will send Rayotim Rao thither

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for that purpose immediately; and that if his Highness were to follow himself after the rains, his presence would work wonders in his favor. That to all this the Nizam answered, that he well knew they (the Mahattas) were still divided by intestine feuds, though if any Chief of great consequence were to invite him (the Nizam) thither he did not know, but he might comply —

A true Copy and Translate

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Translate of a Note from a Secret agent of Major Kirkpatrick Received the 21st August 1797 —

Medina Saheb sent word yesterday to Amliauz and Dowlah that a pair of Harcarrahs who left Seringapatam on the 27th of Mohurrum (23d July) had arrived here on the 25th Sunset at night (19th August) charged with a letter of recall to him from the Sultaun that these Harcarrahs reported to him that Tippoo had not quitted his Capital, nor had even sent out his own Camp equipage

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equipage. that that Monsr. Lally's Son in Law was encamped at the Motie Tallow with about Sixteen thousand horse and foot; and that it was reported the Sultaun would proceed to Bangalore in order to rebuild that Fortress. That no French Troops had as yet arrived in his Dominions, that that their Vakeel was carrying on Negociations at Seringapatam and that there was no other News of any import stirring at Seringapatam when these Carcarahs left it.

A true Copy and Translate

Signd A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

J. Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I herewith enclose for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, a Translate of the latest Intelligence received by me from Gooty; and am

Sir
&c &c
Signd J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Translate

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad communicating Intelligence respecting the movements of Tippoo's troops in the neighbourhood of Gooty.

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Translate of Intelligence from Gooty from 30th July to the 16th August brought by a pair of Major Kirkpatrick's Harkaras who left it on the evening of that day and arrived at Hyderabad on the 26th August 1797.

Durbar is daily held as usual at Syed Ghiffaar.

On the 9th August Budder ud Deen Khan Soorkh, arrived here from Koompully with Fifty Horsemen. Two thousand Infantry that were with Budder ud din. at Koompully have marched away from the latter place to Koomlapore

On the 11th Sub Rao Mahtea joined the army at Gooty with 300 Horse, from Seringapatam

Buntoorce Hussain agreeably to a summons from the Sultaun had set out with a Detachment of 300 Horse for the Capital. It is reported that the Talook of Kurpunhally is to be conferred on him -

Since

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Since the arrival of Emaum Khan /a slave of Tippoo, and lame of a leg/ and Fuzzul Khan at Gooti, it has been the prevalent report, that the Army assembled there is intended for the reduction of Kurnool

On the 6th August two Battering Guns, and two Elephants attached to them arrived in Camp from the Fort of Gooti The superfluous Baggage &c was also on the same day sent away from the Army: to the whole of which two months Pay was at the same time issued

A Deispondeah belonging to Kurnool some time ago fled, and took refuge at Gooti Alif Khan in consequence confined his Family: upon hearing of this the Deispondeah told Syed Ghuffaar that if he /the Syed/ would assist him with 500 Horse, he would attack and lay waste the Taloork of Kurnool The Syed however returned for answer that as he should proceed shortly in person against that

place

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place. He could not afford to lend any person Troops. Mahommed alif Khan is on his part very Vigilant. and is employed in collecting together his whole Force, scattered in various quaiters at Kurnool.

The Intelligence from Seringapatam in the army at Goole is as follows.

That the Sultauns army was encamped 8 Cos from the Capital.

That in consequence of the non arrival of the French Force that had been expected at Seringapatam from Mangalore Bakur Beg and Mohommed Hussein had been sent by the Sultaun to the latter place to enquire into the Cause of this delay, and conduct them up to the Capital with all possible expedition. That on their arrival the Sultaun intends to invade the Carnatic.

That Chuttur Singha Sirdar had been detached with a Force consisting of one thousand Infantry and three hundred Horse, to

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Gurrum Condah - the present Garrison of which place amounts to two thousand Infantry -

A new Killidar named Mahomed Sadie is arrived at Gooty, for the purpose of relieving the present one -

As yet it is said no Rain has fallen at Seringapatam, and Grain has consequently become very dear -

The Sultaun has sent orders to all the Talookdars in his Dominions to dispatch Banjarrahs with Grain to the Capital - the Banjarrahs are in consequence flocking thither from all quarters. But this measure has occasioned a scarcity in many parts, among others at Gooty, where rice now sells only Twelve Seers for the Rupee -

Hurry Naick the Zemindar of Khunnuckgherry continue to make his predatory depredations on the Talooks of Adoni and Bulhari -

A true Translate
(Signd) J. A. Kirkpatrick
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J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir.

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad proposes drawing 25,000 Rupees on this Government in favor of Azim al omrah-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th Instant. — apprizing me of the favourable attention which the Right Honorable the President in Council has determined upon evincing to Azim ul Omrahs wishes, — an accommodation which that Minister has expressed suitable acknowledgments for. — Iaccordingly propose granting immediately Bill to Azim ul omrah on the Right Honble the President in Council for the sum of Twenty five thousand Rupees, payable at twenty five days sight —

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

Hyderabad
26th August 1797

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Assistant Resident at Poonah Sippoos Vackeel have an audience with the Peshwah suggestions respecting the object of their embassy— Sundiah reports that there is a Vackeel from Sippoo with Jemaun Shah Agogue Bhoonsla proceeds by Express with a light Party on his march to Nangpore.

The early arrival of the Dauk from Bombay precludes any furnishing your Lordship with so full an extract as I could wish from my address of this date to the Governor General. The remainder shall be sent by next post

I have the Honor to be, very respectfully

Yr. Yr.

Poona
13th August 1797.

Signd J Uhthoff

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Uhthoff to the Governor General, dated Poona 13th August 1797.

A Review of Mr. Perron's corps of Infantry, by the Peshwa and Dowlut Row Sindia, has been for some time in agitation, but has been hitherto prevented by the inclemency of the

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the weather -

On the 9th Instant Dowlut Row Scindea sent a message to the Peshwa ostensibly in consequence of their not meeting at the Review which had been fixed for that day, that he would wait on him in the afternoon, and accordingly arrived at the palace in town about 5 P.M. when Baajy Row summoned Nanna to attend, who at first excused himself on the plea of indisposition, but at length waited on him, and it is said to have been proposed that Tippoos Vackeel and myself should attend on the same occasion. I have good intelligence that Tippoos Vackeel have been persuaded to expect an introduction to the Peshwa on several different occasions since their arrival here, for which they have made preparations, but which has been put off by the Durbar on various pretences, and I am assured, that

they

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they were in a state of preparation to attend
the Peshwa from 4 to 9. PM. on the 9th Instant.

On the 10th Moro Pundit intimated
to me by message, that he believed the 12th would
be appointed for my delivering the Governor
Generals letters, in which case, an invitation
would be sent to me on the 11th. I also learn
through private channels, that it is in agitation
to introduce Sippoos Vakeels to the Peshwa
on the 12th. I am at present strongly inclined
to think, that one cause of the delay hitherto
in the introduction of Sippoos Vakeels to the
Peshwa, has been the deference felt by this
Court towards us, not to admit Sippoos Vakeels
before the delivery of your Letter. Though for
the continuance of such becoming deference
I cannot be responsible among People so little
actuated by reason and right as the Leaders
in this Quarter.

It is proper that I should report
to you, Honorable Sir, that it is very confidently
rumoured

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Rumoured here, that one object of Tippoo's Mission is to form a confederacy with the Marattas against us, or at least to secure their neutrality —

That Tippoo is enimically disposed towards us (and it may be asked, what state is not so?) there is, perhaps, little or no doubt: but there appears to me a material distinction between the existence of such disposition and his daring under present Circumstances, to involve himself in hostilities with us —

In addition to the assurances officially made to me, as mentioned in the 3d Paragraph of my address of the 22d ultimo, that whatever occurs between this Court and Tippoo's Vakeels shall be communicated to me; I have through private Channels, intimated to Ameer Row that such communication is incumbent, as being agreeable to treaty, — friendship, and the Practice of our Government —

Since writing the above, early

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early in the morning of the 12.th Instant, Chekadgie Pundit, in Person, acquainted me that that afternoon was appointed for the delivery of your letters to the Peshwa and Nanna Furnavees, with an apology for his having been prevented delivering that message the preceding evening, by the inclemency of the weather I of course readily acquiesced.

Ragojee Bhonsla had, by the last accounts, left Aurungabad, on his way to Naugpore.

Gunput Roy took an early opportunity to communicate to Kishna Chitnavees my answer to Dowlut Row Sindee's Message, as contained in my address of the 6.th Instant, which was made known to Dowlut Row, who expressing a wish that Gunput Roy should detail it to him in person, he accordingly waited on him the 10.th for that purpose, when Dowlut Row was attended by Kishna Chitnavees, Bannajee Angra, Kewul Nine Munshey, Dadjee Deysmookh, and Serjajee Ghautkey, after an attentive ——

consideration

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consideration of my Message, as Recapitulated by Gunput Roy. Dowlut Row desired it might be communicated to me, with his Compliments, that intelligence of a Vackeel from Tippoo being with Zemaunshah had reached him from his News writers at Lahore, Puttcala, and Umrutseer, and from the Agents of Nujah ud Deen Khan, who it seems was formerly deputed by Dowlut Row, or his predecessor, to the Kaubal court, with which he still keeps up some Intelligence. Dowlut Row further observed, That this subject was worthy the consideration both of our Government and himself, and that should it prove true, that an understanding had been established between Zemaun Shah and Tippoo, it would be adviseable for us to take some precautionary measures to avert the evil consequences thereof. He added, that Tippoo's Vakeels here had not yet been introduced, — prior to which, the object of their mission could not be well ascertained —

In

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In the course of the evening. Sippoos Vakeels were introduced to the Peshwa, who was attended by the same Persons as at my meeting, of which I was officially advised the next morning by Moro Pundit, who added, that they had presented to the Peshwa an Elephant, Jeega, Serpeich, and two Pieces of cloth. Besides which, I hear, through other channels, that they presented a Letter, a Brace of pistols, and two Firelocks. I am assured that nothing private passed on the occasion It is reported, that they will pay a visit to Nanna Furnavees, and afterwards to Dowlut Row Sindea.

The same Evening a Secret Consultation was held at the Palace, at which were present, the Peshwa and his two Brothers, Nanna Furnavees, Dowlut Row Sindea, and some of their principal Confidents; after which, Nanna left the Palace, and a Repast was provided for Dowlut Row Sindea, who did not return to his Camp till near midnight

I have just received Intelligence that

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That Ragogee Bhonsla has proceeded express to Nangpore with a light Party, leaving his army a few stages to the N.E. of Aurungabad, to follow him by easy marches.

True Extract

(Signed) I Uhlhoff.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Assistant Resident at Poonah remarks on the divided state of the political authority of the Peshwa Durbar, and the Dissentions between the two Sons of the deceased Sevajee Holkar conceives there is a great probability of Jeswunt renewing the Discussions of his Claims on Kurnool.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letters of the 1st and 3d Instant, and to enclose, for your Lordship's Information, Extract of my address of this date to the Governor General.

I have the honor to be very respectfully, &c. &c.

(Signed) I. Uhlhoff

Poona
20th August 1797

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Uhlhoff, to the Governor General, dated Poona 20th August 1797

At my Visits to the Peishwa and

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and Nanna Furnavees on the 12th instant. I forbore saying any thing on the subject of the rumoured designs of the French in India, in concert with Tippoo, because no opening was afforded me for that purpose by any of the chiefs, and I was averse from introducing the subject myself, which, without any good effect, might have been interpreted into a solicitude on our part, implying apprehension on that point, of which these people might have availed themselves, to our Prejudice. I also forbore from congratulations on the settlement of the affairs of this State. For, though Azim ul omrah and Ragoge Bhonsla have returned to their respective homes, and many Sacrifices have been made by the Peshwa to Nizam ally Khan, Dowlut Row Sindea, and Ragoje Bhonsla, it does not appear to me that affairs are settled on a footing of respectability and permanence. The authority, influence, and Revenues of the Peshwaship, appear to be divided amongst Baujy Row, Nanna Furnavese and

Dowlut

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Dowlut Row Scindea; and, in the confusion incident to such an order of things, the Peshwaship loses much of its respectability; and both Bauzy Row, and Nanna Furnaveese are dissatisfied. It would appear that Nanna, to carry any point of Importance, is generally obliged to purchase the assent of Dowlut Row, notwithstanding which he is subjected also to obstacles on the Part of Baajy Row and Emrut Row could Nanna effect the early removal of Dowlut Row to Hinderlan, it is not unlikely that he might regain a considerable ascendency in the state, and it is thought that Dowlut Row is inclined to acquiesce in Nanna's wishes on the Point for a valuable consideration. But Baajy Row is said to be insurmountably averse to Dowlut Row's departure, and even to the removal of his Guards from the Palace.

By my Intelligence for some months past of the infirm state of Sukojee Holkars health, you will probably have been prepared to expect the demise of that Chieftain, which, it is already

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already advised occurred on the 15th Instant. The succession to the Holkar principality was some months ago, vested in his eldest son Kaffi Row, but Mulhar Row, his second son, has ever shewn a determined opposition thereto having removed his Camp to a distance from his Father's and instigated his adherents in the district of Chandore to proceed to actual hostility against his Brothers followers. An ostensible reconciliation took place between them at the Seat of their dying Father on the 14th Instant. But dissentions immediately ensued on the Point of the Funeral Ceremonies, which were conducted by Kaffi Row, without the presence of Mulhar Row, nor have they met since, and the latter is increasing his followers, in which he is said to be supported by Tippoo some of the Secondary chiefs in this Quarter have paid visits of Condolence to both the Brothers, but neither Baajy Row nor Nanna have yet condoled with either, and on the 16th Dowlut Row Sindia visited Kaffi Row, but not Mulhar Row—

From

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From the best information that I have yet been able to Collect respecting Tippoo's Vakeels at this Court, I understand that the whole of their Party did not at any period amount to one hundred, and that it is now diminished that they are not people of any considerable consequence, either from Rank or personal qualifications, one being an officer of pioneers, and the other a Clerk in one of Tippoo's Civil offices —

Intelligence has reached me, for the truth of which, however I cannot pretend to vouch, though it may be somewhat acceptable to you, Honorable Sir, to compare with your intelligence through other channels, that about nine weeks ago Zemaun Shah had marched 12 Cos toward Kandahar, to oppose aga Mahommed Khan Khuzzier, whose army was at Meshid; that an alliance subsisted between Zemaun Shah and Morad Shah of Bokhara; and that Paindeh Khan was left in charge of affairs at Kaubul; also, that Tippoos Vakeel was then at Kandahar —

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A Frenchman in this Quarter corroborates the account of a French agent being at Seringapatam, and adds, that two vessels, under the Colours of Tippoo Sultaun, have for many months been passing backwards and forwards between Mangalore and Mauritius, in the course of which they have brought upwards of a thousand europeans from the latter place to India. Though the above is most probably exaggerated, yet it is corroborated in some points by Intelligence in our public news papers, and may be deemed to add some weight to the arguments that were, I understand, some time since adduced by the Bombay Government in favor of some part of our naval Force being stationed to cruize on the Malabar Coast.

On the 16th Instant Dowlut Row Sindea visited to the Peshwa and Nanna Furnavees, to invite them to attend the Ceremonies which he celebrates annually, on the Hindoo Festival of Jennum Ushtmee, on the Sixth of

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of Kishen—

The late intelligence from the Mysore Country collected by Captain Kirkpatrick & Major Dovelon, and Captain M.c Leod, and the late language both of Nanna Furnaveise and Azim ul omrah seem to conspire to show the probability of a Renewal of the discussions respecting Kurnool and the determination of Tippoo Sultaun no longer to forego the prosecution of his claims on that Principality—

On the 18th Instant Baajy Row, Chimna & Appa Emrut Row, and Nanna Furnavees, attended the Jennum ashtomee ceremonies in Dowlut Row Sindeas camp—

Tippoos vakeels have not yet paid a visit to Dowlut Row Sindea—

True Extract

Signed J. Whitehill

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following minute—

Memorandum

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Memorandum

Commander in Chiefs Minute. proposing, that the Pioneers lately under orders for Foreign Service be employed at Arnee that the 3d Battalion return to their former station at Vellore that Major Orams Corps be hereafter stationed at Chellore - and that Mohi ud Deen Beg Subadar of that Corps be placed on the pension List -

The Commander in Chief proposes that the Detachment of Native Pioneers lately relanded, should be employed until further orders in levelling the Area of the Fort of Arnee, — especially near to the new Barracks - The levelling work to be done for the purpose of rendering the new Buildings dry and wholesome is reported to be considerable, and executing it by means of the Pioneers appears to be the most Oeconomical mode that can be adopted -

The Commander in Chief also recommends that the Native Cavalry Volunteers should be ordered back to their respective Corps: and the 3d Battalion to its former Quarters at Vellore - these details to march as soon as the whole of the stores and Baggage belonging to them are relanded -

In regard to the Companies of the 3d Regiment forming the Corps under Major Oram the Commander in Chief would recommend that

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that they should be ordered to encamp near Marmalong or at any other station in the Center division that may be determined on, untill the details that have proceeded to the Eastward return to the Coast - or some of those ordered from the Northward arrive at the Presidency - Major Drams Corps to be stationed afterwards at Pellore, to the Southward, where a Detachment is generally required to keep the neighbouring Collectors in awe, and affording occasional aid to the Collector - at this station also the six Companies composing the Corps will be close to their respective Battalions - so as to allow of the 3d. Regiment being assembled when required -

The Commander in Chief further submits to the Board, a request from Mohiedeen Beg, Subidar of the above Companies, to be pensioned - though advanced in age and nearly deprived of his sight, having served the Company 32 years, he volunteered on the late occasion for foreign service - as he bears the best character the General hopes the Board will indulge him by a compliance with

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with his request.

The foregoing recommendations approved and to be published in general orders.

Resolved that a general order be published in conformity with the recommendation of the commander in chief.

Memorandum —

Commander in Chiefs Minute proposing that Vencata Naig formerly Havildar on the 17th Batt. who has lately effected his escape from Captivity in the Mysore Country be pensioned —

Vencata naigue says he was a Havildar in the 17th Battalion he was promoted to that Rank and received at the same time 50 Rupees from Sir Eyre Coote in 1782. from bringing some important Intelligence —

In 1783. he was employed by Major Lysaght in the Intelligence department and was taken Prisoner at Budnal with the 2d Battalion and sent to Mangalore with twelve others and confined in chains for five years he has been since that employed in the works of Seringapatam from whence he lately made his Escape.

Abdul Rayman Subadar of Capt. Kill Battalion says he was Jemedar and adjutant of the 17th Battalion when the Havildar

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Havildar received his Knot and fifty rupees from General Coote and that he paid him the Cash. He remembers the Circumstances of his being made Prisoner he was at the time an Intelligence service — The subidar says the Havildar always bore an excellent Character and was much protected by the European officers as he used to bring good Intelligence that he had a Brother in the 19th Battalion a Havildar who died several years ago he has two Nephews now in the Corps at Amboyna —

Abdul Rayman adds the Havildar is perfectly known to Captain Berkeley and to all the old native officers in the Corps —

The Havildar has been particularly examined with regard to the works that have been lately carrying on at Seringapatam to the number of Troops assembled there and that he has seen and heard since he left it. His answers have been clear and agree with the best accounts

that

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that have been received which is a corroborating circumstance in favor of his veracity

The Commander in Chief is induced from a consideration of these circumstances to give some degree of Credit to the Havildar Statement and as he is from age and infirmity incapable of even the duties of an invalid he recommends he should be placed with his former Rank on the Pension List—

Resolved for the reasons stated in the Commander in chiefs minute that Havildar Venkata Naig be admitted upon the pension list

Venkata Naig formerly Havildar on the 1st Batt admitted on the Pension List—

Resolved that the staff appointments made for the expedition against Manilla be annulled—

The Staff appointments made for the Expedition against Manilla ordered to be annulled—

In consideration of the expences to which the troops ordered on foreign service have been unavoidably exposed the President proposes that the Officers and men of the european and Native Corps, including the gun-Lascars, pioneers, and public followers intended to have been

The troops intended to have been sent on the Expedition against Manilla on the 2d Fleet to be allowed full Batta till the 1st October as a compensation for the Expences they have incurred—

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been sent on the ships of the second division should be allowed to draw full batta untill the 1st October next -

Agreed to and ordered accordingly

Read the following letter from Captain Lambert of his Majesty's ship Suffolk.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c &c &c

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Commander of H. M. Ship Suffolk claiming Payment of Freight for the Treasury shipped on the Suffolk for the intended expedition against Manilla -

I have Treasure to the amount of 230000 Dollars having been shipped on board His Majesty's Ship Suffolk under my Command on account of the Honorable East India Company, and my agents having made application for the usual freight of 2 ₹ Cent upon Treasure, shipped on board his Majesty's ships, and having been informed that it could not be paid without an order from Government for that purpose, I have to request your Lordship would be pleased

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pleased to direct the payment of Freight for 180000.
Fifty thousand having been transhipped from
H. M. Ship Suffolk to the Hobart pr order

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Signed Rob. Lambert

Madras
August 31st 1797

Estimate thereon

In consideration of the whole of the
circumstances relating to this transaction Resolved
at Half Freight be paid upon the sum of 1,80,000
dollars relanded from the Suffolk

Read the following letters from
the Military Board

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

From the Military Board submitting an Estimate of the repairs required to the Paddy Godown in the Black Town recommend that the Commandant at Mellore be allowed the usual allowance of House Rent Bill for Repairs executed at Masulipatam Vizianagram, Ingenapoly and the Barracoul recommended for Payment Report the state of the Garrison, Store Keepers account of receipts and disbursements on account of supplies provided for the Expedition and submits his claim for an advance on account of the Balance due to him

My Lord,

We have to acknowledge the
receipt of Mr Secretary Webbes letter of the 23d 26th and
29th ultimo with their several Enclosures—

The Estimate of Repairs required
at the Paddy Godown referred for our consideration,
having been examined, and Certified by the
Chief

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Chief Engineer, we do ourselves the Honor to return it herewith, and beg leave at the same time to submit to your Lordship in Council, whether similar Estimates should not in future be ordered, and prepared, in the first instance, under the directions of our Board, conformably to the Regulations lately established by Government.

On the subject of Major General Floyd's letter forwarded with that from the Secretary Webbe of the 26th ultimo, we would recommend to Government that, as the Quarter allotted to the Officer in Command at Mellore is stated to be no longer habitable, he be permitted to draw the usual monthly allowance for House Rent, in consequence of the temporary Buildings lately occupied by the detail of Native Infantry at Mellore, being reported irreparable. Captain Dallas has been required to furnish us with a Statement of the least possible expence at which the sepoys can be sheltered from the weather, upon receipt of which, we shall submit to your Lordship our opinion as to the steps necessary

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necessary to be taken on the occasion

We have the Honor to forward herewith two Bills for work performed at Masulipatam, and Nalgabad, under the Superintendence of Lieutenant Colonel Prescott the one amounting to Pagodas 697. 4. 0 the other to Pagodas 3971. 8. 69. and both having been accompanied by the Certificates and affirmations prescribed by the Regulations, we beg leave to recommend that they be passed for payment

We likewise transmit two Bills, amounting to Pagodas 281. 11. 22. for Repairs executed at Trichinopoly under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Trapaud, which being duly Certified, we accordingly recommend that they be ordered to be discharged.

The accompanying Bills amounting to Pagodas 859. 30. 58. for Buildings and Repairs carried on at different Stations in the Ceded Districts, by Captain Lennon, having been transmitted to us with the necessary Vouchers,

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vouchers, we therefore recommend that the payment thereof be authorized.

Having received an application from the Garrison Storekeeper for an advance of two thousand Pagodas to be made to him, for the purpose of completing the quantity of ready dressed provisions required for Foreign Service, we accordingly recommend that the advance be made to him.

The Garrison Storekeeper having also laid before us a statement of receipts, and disbursements on account of Provisions for the expedition, the former amounting to Pagodas 33,000 " " and the latter to Pagodas 44394-17-55. leaving a balance of Pagodas 11,394-17-55 in his favor, we have the honor, in consequence to report that the provisions and other articles, mentioned in the statement have been examined by a Committee of our Board, and found to be of a good quality, with the exception of the Sugar, which the Garrison Storekeeper has engaged to replace; and the

Onions,

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Onions. which having been provided some time ago, are mostly in a growing state and consequently unfit for Troops — we have therefore directed that the Onions of this discription be sold off, and replaced when necessary — a number of the Salt fish. estimated at about 20,000; having been rejected as being unfit for use, or of a Kind not calculated to Keep long; The remainder being unexceptionable, will be full as many as will be wanted — It appears that the articles of Biscuit, Ghee, Tamarind, Chillies, Garlick, onions, and Salt fish. were ordered by Government to be provided, as mentioned in a Memorandum — transmitted to our Board on the 7th of June last. and that the quantity of Firewood stated, was Contracted for with certain merchants — with respect to the remaining articles, they are — mostly contained in a list delivered to the Garrison Storekeeper by Major General Brathwaite, and laid before Government, whose authority, through the Secretary, Mr Brodie avers, was given to him for providing the whole without loss of time — The Storekeeper having this, it would

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would seem, acted in conformity to written, or verbal, Instructions, we conceive it is only incumbent on us to ascertain the quality of the several articles, which has been done, and it will therefore rest with Government to determine what further advance it will be proper to make to the Storekeeper, on account of the balance stated to be due to him for the Provisions &c. which he has furnished by authority.

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

Signed Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
Thomas Gells
W. Sydenham
Jn. Richardson
George Hall

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7th August 1797

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

My Lord

We have the honor to lay before

From the Military Board submit Copies of political Intelligence communicated to their Board by Lieut Col. Read, and Capt. Lennon's report of works immediately required to the Forts in the Barramahl

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Barramaul in the event of an apprehended attack from the Enemy recommend payment of Bills for work done to the Quarters in the Fort and Portuguese Squares and execution of repairs required to the gates and draw Bridges at Masulipatam

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Before your Lordship in Council, Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Read, accompanied by Extracts of Intelligence received by him from Major Doveton and Captain Macleod; also copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Read to Captain Lennon, the Senior Engineer in the Baramhal, with his answer thereto respecting the measures necessary to be taken for the immediate Security of the principal Posts in the Ceded districts; and beg leave to submit to your Lordships consideration whether any, and what, steps should be adopted for that purpose in consequence of such Communication—

We likewise enclose a Bill amounting to Pagodas 383. 29. 73 for repairs made to the Rooms N.° 33 and 34 in Fort, and N.° 13 & 14 in Portuguese Squares, which Repairs having been examined, and certified in the usual Form to have been properly executed, We accordingly recommend that the Bill be passed for payment—

It appearing from the Report of the Chief Engineer upon Enclosure from the Commanding Officer of the Northern Division of the Army respecting

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respecting the repairs of the Gates and Draw Bridges at Masulipatam referred for our consideration in Governments letter of the 21st June last, that the work is absolutely necessary, and the Estimates correct and agreable to the price of Materials and workmanship at that Station, we beg leave to recommend that the execution thereof be authorized without loss of time.

We have the Honor to be

Sir &c &c

(Signd) Geo. Harris
Patrick Ross
Thomas Geils
Wm Sydenham
Jr Richardson
George Hall

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To Captain Lennon
Engineer
Baramahl

Sir,

I wish you to consider the actual state of all the different posts in these districts, and

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and to be favored with your sentiments in regard to what may be immediately necessary for their security. I mean by this request, that you should point out what additions, or repairs, you think would be advisable at each in the case of a sudden invasion, and its not being in our power to erect works of a substantial, and permanent nature,

I am particularly desirous to know the progress you have made in erecting the new buildings at Ryttotah, and when you think they will be finished -

You have it in direction to construct Gates for Cutoragur, and Tadoul, but I think there will only be occasion for one to the former, and recommend your preparing one for it when your artificers may be less necessarily employed

I am
&c &c

Trippatoor
12th July 1797

True Copy
Signed Fred. Pierce
Sec. to Govt.

Lieut

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Lieut.t Colonel Read

&c &c

Sir,

I had the honor to receive yours of the 12th. the succeeding evening at Ryacottah

With respect to what is immediately necessary to the security of each Post in these districts in case of a sudden invasion, supposing it meant to extend only to those now occupied, I shall state what I think should be immediately done at each, should there be any apprehension of an Enemy

At Ryacottah the unfinished state of the works requires that attention should first be bestowed to the joining between the old and new works, the breaches in the east face built up without loss of time, a barrier thrown across the new road leading up the hill, a new gate to the lower Fort, and some repairs to the wall; for as the scarcity of water on the hill now would necessarily oblige the greatest part of the Garrison to

live

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live below, their security there, and their commu=
=nication with the Hill should be first consulted=

At Hutnagherry the entire
want of accomodation for Troops upon the Hill
likewise obliges the Garrison to live below, to
prevent a surprize therefore, which might cut
off all communication with the upper Fort,
now while the lower Fort is so entirely in
ruin, and the road way up unconnected with
it, I should think it adviseable to erect a
Stockade and Barrier in the room of the
old east gate of the Pettah, and two Field
Redoubts commanding the approaches from
Ryacottah and Cauveripatam

I dont think any thing absolutely
requried to the defence of Veerabaddroog, but
the gate way of Chinaroydroog is in a ruinous
state, and should for safety be removed if the
Fort is to be retained during a war, and a new
gate erected more retired, and further in
where a favourable situation offers without
much trouble or expence

At

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At Penagra the works tho all weak, being equally so nearly, and no particular part requiring repair, I dont conceive any thing advisable to do to it under an entire reform, which does not come within the limits of what you require.

In the present state of Sankeridroog, while the stores are all below and the chief Granary and magazine halfway up, it is necessary to attend to the defence of the lower lines of defence, and as they are now quite in a state of ruin it is necessary as soon as possible to repair them. also the wall leading from the North end of the 4th line of defence to the foot of the high rock should be repaired. - At this line the only defence commences that can be depended on even against a small force and therefore should be attended to without loss of time in case of danger. It is likewise advisable to guard against an Enemy on the NW. side where the hill is easily assailable and the wall in ruins.

At Namul. the works of the hill require nothing but the wall of the lower Fort is in great want of repairs. which however might

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might be done at so great expence in the former way—

Abbot requires a great deal, two of the bastions are quite in ruins, and offer an easy entrance to an Enemy; these should be immediately built up—

In what I now offer to your consideration respecting these different posts, I only mention what I think absolutely necessary to their safety in their present state, without attending even to the buildings or accomodations, but I must beg leave to observe at the same time that it is only the emergency of immediate, or nearly expected, danger that should tempt me to think of some things which are, however under those circumstances advisable; and that if called upon for my sentiments respecting the permanent defence of the different posts in these districts, I should entirely omit some that I now set down—

Your Instructions relative to a gate for Caloragur, shall be attended to as soon as possible—

J

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

Kistnagherry
16th July 1797.

Signed W. Caulfield Lennon
Sen.r Engr Ceded Districts

True Copy
Signed Fred. Pierce
Secy pro tem.

Minutes on the two foregoing letters from the Military Board.

The Board are much surprized that Lieutenant Colonel Read should have been so indiscreet, as to make official communications to any subordinate authority upon a subject so important as apparent intentions of hostility on the part of Tippoo Sultaun—

Though they have no doubt that this conduct originated in very good motives, yet it is resolved that the Military Board be desired to point out to Lieut.t Colonel Read this irregularity, and warn him against the inconvenient consequences which may follow the loose communication of political intelligence—

as this subject forms no part
of

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of the deliberations of the Military Board —
resolved that the letters which relate to it may
be erased from their records —

Ordered that the inclosures in
the foregoing letter be entered in the separate
book of intelligence —

The Board do not think it
necessary to issue any orders upon the state of
the Forts in the Baramahal except that the
completion of the works at Ryacotah, should
be hastened as much as may be consistent with
economy and stability —

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

From the Military Board recommend the Execution of repairs to the Barrack of the Meuron Regiment at Vellore the payment of Bills for work done at Madura and Wannie, and an advance of Cash to the agent of Supply —

My Lord,

We have been honored by the receipt
of Government's letters of the 10th. Instant. and of
letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe bearing date the
12th. with their several enclosures
On the subject of the address from
the

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the Officer Commanding at Vellore to your Lordship in Council referred for our consideration, we beg leave to recommend that the trifling repair represented by Colonel Sale to be wanting to the Barracks of the Regiment Dec.Meuron at that station may be accordingly authorized—

The accompanying Bills having been transmitted to us by Lieutenant Colonel Frazer for repairs executed under his superintendence at Warriore and Madura with the prescribed Certificates of a due performance of the work: that for the former amounting to Pagodas 682.26.36 and that for the latter to Pag.s 1727.30.47— We accordingly recommend that the Bills be passed for payment

The amount of the Estimate of articles to be supplied for the use of the Arsenal by the agent of Supply for the months of August. September, and October being Pagodas— 7121.28.45 We in consequence recommend that the usual advance of One third thereof for

Pay.s

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Pagodas 2373.37.41. be immediately made to Mr Webbe on that account

We have the Honor to be

&c &c

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28th August 1797

Signed George Harris
Patrick Ross
Thomas Geils
Wm Sydenham

Minute thereon

Resolved that the several bills reported upon in the foregoing letter be passed for payment

Read the following letters from the Sub Secretary in Bengal—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to the Government

at Fort St. George

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal relative to the Exchange at which the Bengal Troops at Hydrabad and in the Circars are to receive their pay—

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to request you will lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in

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in Council, the inclosed copy of Resolutions respecting the Exchange at which the Bengal Troops serving in the Subsidy and at Hydrabad are to receive their pay—

I am
&c. &c. &c.

Fort William
the 11th of August 1797.

Signed J. Stracey
Subsecy

Extract from the Proceedings of the Governor General in Council, in the Military Department of the 11th of August 1797—

"Resolved, that the pay of Bengal Troops when serving on the Coast, be reduced into pagodas, at the exchange of 320 Sa Rupees for Hundred Star pagodas—"

"That when paid in Pagodas, the Pagodas be issued to them at the abovementioned Exchange—"

"That when paid in Hydrabad, Arcot, or any other species of Rupees Current on the Coast, such Rupees be issued to them, their pay being previously reduced into pagodas as above directed, at the same rate of exchange as they usually

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usually may be issued to the Troops on the Madras Establishment when serving at the same stations."

"That the above Resolutions be applied from the 1st September next to the Two Native Regiments and the Artillery which composed the detachment under Major General Erskine, and the Escort of the Resident at Hydrabad, and also to the allowance granted to the Commanding Officer of the detachment serving with His Highness the Nizam for a Table and Servants"

A true Extract

Signed J. Stracey

Sub Secy

Minute thereon

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing resolutions be sent for the information and guidance of the Military auditor General

To I Webbe Esq

Secretary to the Government

at Fort St. George

Sir

I am directed by the Governor General

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal communicating the resolutions of the Supreme Council on the subject of separating the Commands of the Bengal Troops doing duty on the Circars and the detachment serving at Hydrabad the abolition of the posts of Brigade Major Paymaster and

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and Commissary of Bazars with the Southern Bengal detachment and the future mode of conducting those duties with the detachment in the Circars & party at Hydrabad –

General in Council to transmit for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the enclosed copy of Minutes of Council of this date –

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Signed J. Stracey
Subsecy

Fort William
the 4th August 1797

Minutes of Council in the Military department of the 4th August 1797.

Resolved, in consequence of the recall of Majr General Erskine, that the Bengal detachment at Hydrabad, and the Regiment acting in the Circars be declared distinct, the Senior officer at Hydrabad reporting to, and communicating with the Madras Government, and also to Bengal, and the officer in Command of the 4th Regiment acting under the orders of the Madras Government reporting as far as relates to the internal state of his Corps to the Commander in Chief in Bengal –

Resolved, at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief that the Post of Majr of Brigade to the Southern detachment be abolished, and that

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that Captain Gerard being the Senior Brigade Major with the Bengal Troops on the Coast, be appointed Brigade Major to the detachment serving at Hydrabad in the room of Lieutenant William Campbell

Resolved, also, that the Post of Paymaster and Commissary of Bazars to the Southern detachment, with that of Commissary of Bazars to the detachment at Hydrabad, be abolished, and that Captain Hume be appointed deputy paymaster to the Regiment in the Circars, with a salary of 256 S.R.s a month exclusive of his pay, Batta, and Gratuity, and 275 Rupees a month as an establishment of office

The present salary and Establishment of office for the deputy paymaster at Hydrabad to continue

The foregoing appointments and reductions to take place the first of the ensuing month

Signed J. Stracey
Subsec.y

Minute thereon

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing minutes

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minutes be sent to Major Kyndman and the Military Auditor General.

To Josiah Webbe Esq.

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort St. George.

Sir.

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal. relative to the Leave granted to Lieut. Carruthers of the Coast Establishment to proceed to England on Furlough.

I am directed to request you will lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Adjutant General respecting Lieutenant John Carruthers of the Madras Establishment, with a copy of the resolutions that have been passed by the Governor General in Council in consideration of the Circumstances attending the case of Lieutenant Carruthers.

I am

&c. &c.

Fort William
the 11th of August 1797.

(Signed) J. Stracey
Sub Secy.

To G. H. Barlow Esq.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

By direction of the Commander
in

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in Chief I have the honor to acquaint you, for the Information of the Governor General in Council, that a letter has been addressed to Him by the Friends of Lieutenant John Carruthers of the Madras Establishment, representing, that in consequence of severe sickness whilst on duty at Malacca, he was compelled to leave his Station, and proceed to Bengal, on receiving the Customary Certificate from one of the Faculty; and, that subsequent to his arrival he has resided principally at Boglepore; but, without having derived the smallest benefit to his health, which has induced Mr. Glass, the Surgeon at that place to recommend an immediate return to Europe, as indispensible to his recovery—

The Friends of Lieutenant Carruthers being apprehensive, that the delay which would necessarily be occasioned by the regular official application to the Madras Government for leave to proceed, might, if adhered to in this Instance, defeat the object of the above advice, have " solicited the favourable attention of the " Commander in Chief to his situation, and, he is pleased

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pleased in consequence, to express his hopes to the Governor General in Council, on consideration of the distressing Circumstances of his Case, will be inclined to sanction his departure for Europe for the benefit of his health, on producing the prescribed Certificate, and that he will give his instructions for the necessary communication being made to the Madras Government, least any detriment ... should result to Lieutenant Carruthers claims on the Service, as an Officer of that Establishment ... hereafter—

It having likewise been stated by the Freinds of Lieutenant Carruthers, that he labours under considerable pecuniary embarrassments from the want of his arrears of pay, and that, he solicits the indulgence of the Passage money usually granted to Officers of his Rank, with six months Pay in advance, to enable him to make the preparations necessary for the occasion; the Commander in Chief is of opinion that the amount of the passage money may be safely advanced, but not being sufficiently apprized of the extent of advances of pay made at Madras

to

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to Officers proceeding on leave to Europe, has directed me to desire you will be pleased to submit this point to the consideration of the Governor General in Council, and convey his wish, that such relief may in the case of advance, as well as in the settlement of his arrears be afforded to this officer as shall be deemed consistent with the service, and admit of regular adjustment in the Pay Department -

I am &c

Signed Thos. Alcock
Dy Adjt Genl

Danapoor
August 3. 1797.

A true Copy
Signed J Stracey
Subsect

Extract from the proceedings of the Governor General in Council in the Military Department, of the 11th of August 1797 -

"Resolved, in consideration of the Circumstances of the case of Lieutenant John Carruthers of the Madras Establishment, that he be permitted to proceed from Seringapatam on Furlough to Europe, for the recovery of his health, on producing the prescribed

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prescribed Certificate of sickness, without
requiring him to wait the result of a regular
application to the Madras Government for
leave to proceed.

Resolved also, That Lieutenant
Carruthers be allowed the usual passage money
of his Rank, on furnishing the prescribed
affidavit respecting the amount of his property,
with his arrears, and six months pay in
advance, on account.

A true Extract,
Sgnd J Stracey
Sub Secy

Minute thereon

Ordered that information of the
leave granted Lieutenant Carruthers be sent
to the office of the Adjutant General.

Read the following letters from
the Military Auditor General.

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

From the Military Auditor General enclosing a Statement of the monthly expence of equipping a light Train of field artillery

My Lord,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt
of

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of Mr Secretary Webbe's letter of the 24th Instant and, in consequence, to lay before your Lordship in Council, the inclosed Statement of the expence of equipping and keeping in readiness for Field Service, a light Train of Artillery consisting of Fourteen pieces of Ordnance 2, 12 and 12. 6 Pounders with spare Carriages — ammunition Tumbrils &c complete.

2. The ordnance officers and artificers are stated agreeably to the new Regulations for Field Service, but this part of the expence need not, I presume, be incurred, until an order is issued for the Guns to join the Corps with which they may be intended to act—

3. The annual Statement of the expence of the Madras Army has been long in hand, and I beg leave to assure your Lordship that no time shall be lost in completing it, or in transmitting to Government the Statements required of the Extra Expence incurred on account of the Detachments on Field Service under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson on the Western Frontier, and Major Cuppage at Wariapollam, the Paymasters having been respectively called upon to furnish this office with the necessary Information for that purpose—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signd W Sydenham
Mr and Genl
Statement

Military Audr Genl
Office Fort St George
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Statement of the Monthly Expence of equipping a light Train of Artillery Consisting of Two Brass 12 Pounders and Twelve Brass 6 Pounders. for Field Service —

		Batta	Established allowance	Pay	Total to each	Total of each Rank or discription
		P. ℳ ℭ	P ℳ ℭ	P ℳ ℭ	P ℳ ℭ	P ℳ ℭ
1 Conductor of Stores		14 2 50	7 " "	" " "	21 2 50	21 2 50
1 Sub Conductor		" " "	" " "	6 " "	6 " "	6 " "
Artificers.	1 Chastry	2 6 "	" " "	4 " "	6 6 .	6 6 .
	7 Carpenters	1 18 "	" " "	2 36 .	4 12 "	30 " .
	4 Smiths	1 18 "	" " "	2 36 .	4 12 .	17 6 .
	1 Sawyer	1 18 "	" " "	2 36 .	4 12 "	4 12 .
	1 Painter	1 3 "	" " "	2 6 .	3 9 "	3 9 .
	1 Chuckler	1 3 "	" " "	2 6 .	3 9 "	3 9 .
	1 Armourer	1 3 "	" " "	2 6 "	3 9 "	3 9 .
Draught Bullocks.	28 for 2 Brass 12 Pounders including spare Bullocks	" " "	" " "	" " "	2 8 .	61 14 "
	112 for 12 Brass 6 Pounders including spare Bullocks	" " "	" " "	" " "	2 8 .	245 14 .
	14 for one 12 Pounder & spare Carriage	" " "	" " "	" " "	2 8 .	30 28 .
	28 for three 6 Pounder & spare Carriages	" " "	" " "	" " "	2 8 "	61 14 .
	187 for Sixteen Ammunition Tumbrils	" " "	" " "	" " "	2 8 "	409 26 .
	12 for one Artificers Cart	" " "	" " "	" " "	2 8 .	26 12 .
	19 for four Rat Tonn Carts	" " "	" " "	" " "	2 8 .	41 26 .
Total	400					
8 Chastry Bullock Drivers at 1 to every 50 Bullocks		" " "	" " "	" " "	2 " "	16 " .

Total Expence of 30 Days Stat Pay £ 986 19 50

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Signd W Sydenham
M & A Genl

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Ordered to lie on the Table

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for further consideration

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St George

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General reporting on the Bills presented by the Commanders of the Ships Lascelles, Royal Admiral and Pitt, for the passage and Diet of Officers and Men embarked on their ships at the Cape & in Bengal for Madras - and on the Claim preferred by Major Lillies Attornies for Difference of Batta due to their Constituent -

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Webbes letter dated the 24th Instant accompanied with copies of letters and Bills therein referred to, from the Commanders of the Honorable Company's Ships Lascelles, Royal Admiral and Pitt -

Captain Hempts Bill for the accommodation of one Commissioned Officer, and forty one men of His Majestys 72d 73d and 80th Regiments from Bengal to Madras, amounting to three hundred and sixty three pagodas (Pag. 363.) is Correct, the former drawn for at the rate of Twenty six Fanams and Twenty Cash (26. 20.) & Day and the latter at six Fanams (6) & Day which is conformable to the 12th paragraph, Page 18 of the printed

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printed Book of Regulations—

With regard to the Bills for passage money to officers and men of His Majesty's 80th. Regiment from the Cape of Good Hope to Madras on the Lascelles. it appears by the enclosed memorandum furnished to me by Captain Hempt. that the Sums respectively charged for the officers, are in proportion to the rates stated to be established in Europe for the passage of officers from England to the Cape, and from thence to India, the latter allowance being 3/4 of the former. but as I have no other grounds than the beforementioned information for judging of the rates of Passage money to officers between England and the Cape of Good Hope. I can only say, that admitting this information to be correct, the proportion charged between the Cape and India is very moderate—

The charge for the non Commissioned Officers and privates of the 80th Regiment including Women and children, is the same as was paid at Bengal for Dutch Recruits brought by the Lascelles from the Cape. the men and women at the rate of 6. 10. D S each and the children at half that sum, as will appear by the inclosed Copy of the Bill passed on that

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that account, and as those rates have been usually allowed, I presume there can be no objection to their being admitted on the present occasion for the men &c according to the numbers expressed in the Bill which is correct, with the exception of the Officers for whom I conceive the Charter party allowance ought not to have been drawn as they are paid for separately.

The amount of diet money for two Officers and Thirty seven men of his Majestys Troops from Bengal to Madras, on the Royal Admiral is correct, with the exception of two days diet for one man deceased on the passage—

In regard to the charge made by Captain Fellowes for the passage of a Cadet belonging to this Establishment from Bengal at the rate of Twenty six Sanams and Twenty Cash (26-20/F day. I beg leave to observe, that as the Company Pay a Certain sum for the Passage of Cadets to India, and as I understand that the Cadets lately arrived from Bengal were directed to be received on Board the respective Ships at their own expence, it appears therefore, that the Passage money should have been

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been defrayed by the individuals themselves
and not by the Company

Captain Gerrards Bill for
the passage of three Cadets from Bengal on the
Pitt is objectionable on the same principle

The Charge for accommodating
nineteen men of the 12th Regiment on the Pitt,
from the Cape to Madras being at the same
rate Viz: £. 10 each, as was allowed at Bengal
for the Dutch Recruits, will be regulated
agreeably to the decision of Government on the
charge for the Men of the 80th Regiment brought
to this Presidency on the Lascelles

Lieutenant James Russell of
the Artillery on this Establishment having been
unavoidably taken to the Cape of Good Hope,
instead of Trincomalle, in the month of August
1796, was allowed until his return to the Coast,
the full Batta of his Rank, on the express
condition, that Government was not to be at
any expence for his passage back from the Cape;
I therefore your Lordship should be pleased to
order

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order that Captain Gerrard of the Pitt be paid the sum of Forty Pounds £40. which he has charged on that account it will be my Duty to direct the Military Paymaster at the Presidency to deduct an equal sum by monthly Instalments from the pay and allowances of that officer —

Having examined the Bill presented by the Attorneys of Major Little for the difference between Captain and Majors Batta while that officer Commanded at Arcot. I have the Honor to report that it is correctly stated —

Accompanying I beg leave to return the several Bills upon which I have been directed to report —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

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I Signd W. Sydenham
Mr Aud. Genl

Memorandum from Mr Coggan at Portsmouth. for the manner in which

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which the Passage money was to be paid for
His Majesty's officers

List of Passage Money

	£
Lieutenant Colonel	135-
Captain	110
Subaltern	90
and 3/8 from the Cape	
Lieut Colonel	50_12_6
Captain	41_5_0
Subaltern	33_15_0

The above is a true copy of a
Memorandum taken at Portsmouth from
Mr Coggan-

Signed Fran.s Kempt
Commander Lavelles

Fort St. George
August 28th 1797

Minute thereon

Ordered that the several bills
reported on by the Military Auditor general
be passed for payment-

Read the following letter
from Lieutenant Colonel Wahab-

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Lieut. Colonel Wahab soliciting the support of Government to a memorial enclosed addressed to the Court of Directors praying that they will appoint his two Sons, now in England, Cadets on the Madras Establishment.

I beg leave to trespass upon your Lordships time at a moment when I know how much it is engaged in matters of great public consequence. But as it is on behalf of those who look up to me for support I have therefore to hope that your Lordship will pardon me—

I have two Sons in England where they have been some years for the benefit of Education. they are now capable of entering into life, and as I have no friends remaining in England who can assist me in bringing them forward. I have taken the freedom to throw myself on the liberality of the Honble Court of Directors and have therefore addressed them by the accompanying memorial which I have to entreat your Lordship will be pleased to allow to be sent a number in the

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the Packet under dispatch—

Having I trust conducted myself in the service with Zeal and credit. I hope the Honorable the Court of Directors will not think me too presuming in the solicitation I have made to them and if your Lordship should consider me deserving of your recommendation upon the subject I shall receive the favor with the most grateful acknowledgements—

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

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(Signed) G. Wahab
Lt. Col. 2d Regt.

Minute thereon

Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel Wahab's memorial be recommended to the notice of the Honorable Court of Directors by the next dispatch—

Read the following letter from Brigadier General Dalrymple—as also the letter dated the 6th August and—

entered—

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c

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From Brigadier General Dalrymple takes measures for repairing the roofs of the Soldiers Barracks at Colombo. and recommends further repairs to the Hospital the probable expence stated. reports the purport of a late communication with the Rajah of the Ewegam and Saltetty Corles. Surmises respecting the person employed by the Candian Court in regulating the administration of the Rajah and Saltetty Corles. requests permission to disburse 100 Pags. per month in procuring Intelligence—

My Lord,

The roof of one of the Barracks having fallen in during the night, without any other accident than a few men getting wounded, which must be considered as very fortunate. I ordered a Committee to examine the state of the Barracks, and I have now the honor to lay before your Lordship a Copy of their Proceedings under No. 1—

Finding that the construction of temporary Buildings would take up a considerable length of time, and that the expence would amount to about Pagodas 180 for every hundred men, I examined the public buildings myself; and finding that the Barrack adjoining the one with the Roof fallen in, was likely to meet with the same accident. I ordered the soldiers out of it, and the Tiles to be taken off. the timber work

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work of this Barrack being old and decayed, I ordered it to be covered with Cadjans, or Coco tree leaves, which are very light, by this repair the Barrack will be habitable for a twelvemonth without any apprehension for the Soldiers, and the expence will be about Twenty Pagodas.

The Barrack where the Roof is fallen in, having tolerable good walls, I ordered a temporary roof to be made for it with Bamboos, covered with Cadjans, which will cost fifty Pagodas or thereabouts.

The Dutch had begun to build a new Barrack near the Galle Gate, the Beams being all placed; I have also ordered it to be covered with a Bamboo and Cadjan Roof, which will cost about Eighty Pagodas.

The large Hall of the Hospital is likewise in a ruinous condition; but if two new beams are put in, the tiles taken off, and the Roof covered with Cadjans, which will amount to about Pagodas one Hundred and fifty, the building will be in a serviceable

State

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State for one year—

Next year these four buildings will only require to be new covered with Cadjans the expence of which will not be more than from Twenty to thirty Pagodas each—

The timber work and Roof of the Government House, require to be entirely new; this would cost about four thousand Pagodas, and as it is an object of too great importance in the present circumstances, I propose no repairs this year. I hope to be able to shelter myself, in the apartments I occupy with the assistance of Tents—

The Rioters in the Ewegam Cole and Valpetty Cole continue together, those of the latter have sent in an Olak, signed by Eighty three of them, a translation of which accompanies this under No 2. my answer will be "that I cannot treat with Rebels, that as soon as they return to their respective homes I will attend to their Complaints and that Justice shall be done unto them"—

When

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When the detachment was ordered back from the Ewegam Coile, the Commanding Officer sent the sick and the Baggage in a Boat which was fired upon by the Rioters when it passed by their place of Rendezvous. whereby one man was slightly wounded. this is all that has happened since the last letter I had the honor to address to your Lordship

I have received different reports respecting the Candian who was some time in the Reyam Coile, and is now in the Salpetty Coile to regulate the administration of these Provinces. some say he is a disguised Priest, others that he is a writer of the Prime Ministers. This puts me under the necessity of watching the motions of these persons. and I beg that your Lordship will authorize me to go to the expence of One hundred Pagodas per month to obtain information, the person entrusted with this duty will be accountable

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accountable for the amount

I have the Honor to be with respect

Head Quarters
Columbo 21. August 1797

&c. &c.

Sigd P. J. DeMeuron

Report of a Committee assembled by order of Brigadier General DeMeuron to examine the state of the Barracks and other Public Buildings at Columbo August 11th. 1797.

President
Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple

Members
Major Barton } Major Robertson
Lieut. Herr } Lieut. Castle.

The Committee having proceeded to examine the state of the Barracks Find the whole of them considerably out of repair in particular those near the Delft Gate which are totally unfit for the accommodation of the Troops, the Roof of one Range having fallen in on the 19th Instant by which circumstance several of the men were much hurt

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part and the other without immediate substantial repair will in all probability fall likewise, the Roof having already to appearance given away We therefore recommend the Troops being instantly removed —

The walls of two or three of the apartments occupied by the Military are in a dangerous state the foundation having given way —

The Committee have to refer to former Proceedings of a similar Committee which inspected and reported to Major General Doyle in January last the particular Repairs wanting to the Barracks and all other Public Buildings. and have only in General to add that the few trifling Repairs which the Buildings have undergone since the above report have by no means proved sufficient to insure the safety of the Troops and preservation of the Stores —

It appearing also that what has

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has already been done to the Roof of the Government House has not rendered it — comfortable nor indeed in most of its Chambers habitable and that repairing it from time to time in a Temporary manner will only be entailing an expence without rendering — material Service, the Roof being much decayed and supported by Props, the Committee beg leave to state the necessity of having it entirely new Covered —

They further recommend that the Barracks the Roof of which have already fallen in, shall be covered anew with a Temporary Roof principally of Bamboos and Cadjans, and that the others, which daily threaten falling in, shall be unroofed and repaired in the same manner in order to prevent a Repetition of the fatal accidents which have now twice happened. Or as the walls of most of the Barracks are in a very bad State and not capable of

bearing

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bearing weight or of standing long when they are now covered. it would perhaps be more adviseable and not much more expensive to build temporary Barracks of Timber Bamboo and Cadjans –

Signd Geo Dalrymple
Lt Col. 19th Foot
President

A true Copy

Signd P. Vandeleuron

Translation of a Cingalee Olah written by the Inhabitants of Salpetty Corle and addressed to Brigadier General Vandeleuron.

When this country was first conquered by the English Company we had an opportunity of prefering our Complaints to the Representatives of Government through the Channel of our Chiefs of the Billales Cast, and our Complaints were accordingly prefered and interpreted in a regular manner –

Since the Malabar Moodeliars are

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are arrived at Columbo we have not been able to obtain Satisfaction upon the subject of Complaints made by the Inhabitants of our Cole against the Renter who attempted to collect half of the produce of our Ninde Lands which in former times were first cultivated by our Ancestors who cleared the Country of the Jungle made the Dikes and rendered it habitable, and for which we only Relinquished one tenth to the Company

We paid the Duty of Ninde and Olloe for all our Accomodesans, Mallepallas, Nellepallas, and of all other Lands to the Renter and we offered him one tenth for our Ninde lands, the Renter being vested with authority over us went to Columbo and agreed with the Malabar Moodeliar to frighten us, and use force to make us Comply

The writings containsing our Complaints to the Commandant of the Country, for which we paid 75 Rix Dollars were never presented to him and we are ignorant of the cause why they were not produced. A. Malabar Moodeliar

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Moodeliar with some Cingalese from Nindemale, several Moormen and a Renter of the same discription with an Armed Sepoy arrived at the Village of Keddigamme and used us ill, for this reason the inhabitants of this Corle began to assemble -

Being summoned three times to appear and that we should obtain Redress. we went to Bolgodde in the Raygam Corle Paniture. and to the Companys Gardens at Galkisse, were our Complaints were interpreted by the Moors and Native Malabars into Malabars, and then translated by the Malabar Moodeliars into English by these interpretations not one third part of our Complaints were heard in English, and we obtained no redress. some time after this an English Chief accompanied by the Renter with some Moors and the Malabar Moodeliars came to Pileandile pretending to hear our Complaints, when at the instigation of the above Malabars and Moors 35 persons from among us were taken up, conveyed to Columbo and confined in the condemned hole where several were punished very

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very severely

The abovementioned Moors and Malabars also obtained that the Company's of Sepoys which were in the Kemegam Coorle were ordered to march through the Jungle in the night and to go to the Village called Kalpetty, where they destroyed our property plundered our Goods burnt our houses and killed the Inhabitants, then we endeavoured to defend our Lines—

The above Moors and Malabars also got the sepoys to a Village called Wewelle where they murdered the Inhabitants and carried destruction through out the Country—

We assure you that the Renter and Mosrman with some silver Smiths then at the Village took the best of our Property which they put in a Boat and sent it away, the rest of our Goods was all destroyed with our Houses to the Number of 104 when the detachments sent here set Fire to them. All this we represent to you and trust that you will

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will do me Justice for all these losses which me assure you are strictly true before me the Inhabitants of the Villages Tewelle, Makandere, Toenbaville, Battekellere, Maanpe, Jaligode, and Jaberoelige acknowledge the contents of this.

Signed with 85 Signatures.

The President proposed that the following answer be sent to Brigadier Decketuron

To Brigadier General De Meuron

Commanding the Forces on Ceylon

Sir.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 6th and 21st ultimo and to acquaint you that his Lordship entertains the most favorable expectation that you will be enabled to restore tranquillity and subordination amongst the Inhabitants without proceeding to measures of coercion

To Brigadier General Decketuron in reply to the foregoing letter, and that dated 6th August, relative to the Insurrection of the Inhabitants

The President in Council approves the measures you have taken for repairing the Roofs of the Soldiers Barracks and authorizes the repairs

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repairs recommended to be made to the large
Hall of the Hospital

Convinced that in the prosecution
of the measures you may deem necessary for
the restoration of good order amongst the
Inhabitants, you will not lose sight of a due
regard to Economy: the President in Council
deems it unnecessary to limit your expenditures
in procuring Intelligence to any specific
monthly sum and will authorize the Paymaster
to discharge the amount of your disbursements
under the Head of Secret Service.

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

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5th September 1797

(Signed) J. Webbe
Sec.y to Govt

Approved and ordered.

Read the following letter from
Lieutenant Fletcher Commanding at Berhampore.

To J. Webbe Esq
Secretary to Government

Sir

Fort St. George
Having had the honor of addressing
you

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From Lieut. Fletcher advising of the success of his operations against the Sanna Packa of Jellantica - of his having completely expelled him from the Ganjam district and completely established the authority of the Menor Zemindar - his detachment returns into Quarters -

you on the 24th of June last that I was then about to move from this Cantonment with the detachment under my Command in conformity to orders from Captain Poole the Commanding Officer of the District against the usurper of the Jellantiah Zemindary Sanan Padshaw I have now the honor to acquaint you for the Information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the service has been completed by the total expulsion of the usurper Sanna Padshaw and his adherents from the Ganjam district. by the complete establishment of the authority of the Menor Zemindar of Jellantiah and by the re-establishment of tranquillity to the Inhabitants of the Country -

Buddygaum the principal strong hold of the usurper situated on the summit of a high mountain covered with Rocks and Jungle and the passages up to it so very steep, rugged and narrow as to be scarcely accessible by day light I could only expect to carry by surprize, as an attack in open day would have been attended with much loss and the event very doubtful I was obliged therefore to hazard the attempt of getting up to the

place

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place during the night. Having equipped the Troops as lightly as possible for this enterprize by throwing aside all encumbrances of dress the whole detachment marched at 8 o'Clock on the night of the 29th June in three divisions to form three different points of attack — It fortunately the division under my own immediate management obtained its destined point of attack a little after day break and carried the place with great facility. Our loss is only one Sepoy Killed and two Wounded, the loss of the Enemy is unknown, four only of the Dead being left behind, report however is prevalent that his loss in Killed and wounded was considerable and among the latter Lunna Padshaw himself by a musket Ball in the wrist. His death or his capture had been very probable and a much heavier loss among his people, had it been possible to have got into the place before the day broke or had the strength of the Troops which was now entirely exhausted been equal to pursuit. The circumstance however of being driven from such

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such a place as Buddygaum and from another Fastness named Sumbah depressed the spirit of his adherents to such a degree that they of a sudden dispersed each providing for his own safety. He fled himself into the interior recesses of the Hill seeking shelter from the Conds a fierce and savage race of people. Having however by means of some expert men who were in the habits of carrying on a trifling kind of traffick with the Conds attached eight of their Head men to our cause principally by giving them spirituous liquors Lanna Padhaw took the alarm and suddenly made his escape on a dark and rainy night thro the Great Kimmedy boundry to Jeypore attended by seven or eight Peons only.

I request you will inform his Lordship that I have at the instance of Mr. Snodgrass strength of Buddygaum and that the detachment under my command returned to Quarters on the 8th Instant after leaving a Jemmadars Party in the Jellantrah Zemindary conformable to orders from Captain Poole Commanding in the

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the Ganjam district

I have the honor to be with the

highest respect

&c &c

Cantonment at Barrampore
11th August 1797.

Signed R Fletcher

Lieut Comg at Barrampore

Resolved that the following

answer be sent to Lieutenant Fletcher

To Lieutenant Robert Fletcher

Commanding at

Berhampore

Sir.

To Lieut Fletcher approving his conduct in the execution of the important duty entrusted to him—

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th ultimo and to express His satisfaction at the successfull attack which you have made upon the Sinna Pacha of Jellantra. His Lordship observes with much pleasure the judicious disposition made for that purpose

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purpose as well as the spirit and alertness with which the enterprize was carried into effect-

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11th September 1797

Sgd J. Webbe

Secy to Govt

Read the following letter from the Accountant General-

Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government.

Sir,

From the Accountant General requests Instructions on the subject of issuing Certificates for another Instalment of 25 ₹ Ct to the Nabobs creditors - also relative to the mode of discharging the Interest due on the uncertified part of the Debt-

The Holders of Bonds in the Consolidated Debt of His Highness the Nabob being now entitled in virtue of the Acknowledgements granted by orders of Government from my office, to another issue of 6 ₹ Cent Certificates in the same form as last year, for another Instalment of 25 ₹ Cent bearing Interest

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Interest from 31st August 1797. Inquest you will procure me Instructions on this Head from the Right Honorable President in Council and further whether the years Interest accruing on the uncertificated part of the Debt is to be paid in Cash or by other Certificates bearing 6% Cent Interest as expressed in the acknowledgements.

Fort St George
Accountant Generals Office
2d September 1797

Sam
W. W.

Signed Robert Woolf
Account Genl

Minute thereon

Resolved to direct that another issue of six per cent certificates for an instalment of 25 per cent bearing interest from 31st August 1797 may be made by the Accountant general to the holders of bonds in the consolidated debt of His Highness the Nabob and that the interest arising on the uncertificated part of the debt be paid in other certificates bearing six per cent interest, as provided for in the acknowledgements.

Read

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Read the following letter from
Lieutenant Colonel Halcot-

To Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Lieut Colonel Halcott representing that his full period of 22 years service will not have been completed till the 5th October on which day, he requests permission to retire from the Service -

I have received your letter of the 26th Instant by which I find I have permission from the Right Honorable President in Council to retire from the Service on the Pay of my Rank on the 7th of September next. my application of the 19th ultimo. I fear was not so clear as it ought to have been; my meaning was to ask permission to resign this Command on the 5th of September, and proceed to Tranquebar in order to take a passage in October, but not to retire from the service till such time as I embark, on which account it was that I ask'd permission to draw my Pay and allowances up to the day previous to my embarkation from the Pay office at Nagore -

after

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after I sent off my application of the 19th ult.o I found that I had erred a month in my statement, and that my twenty two years of actual service in India, exclusive of near three years and a half that I was absent, would not be completed till the 5th of octobr next I wrote a letter on the following day explaining this error, and apologizing for it, which I requested Lieut.t Colonel Leighton to forward thro the regular channel to the Right Honorable President in Council - I am informed that General Burges thought this second letter of no sort of consequence and did not on that account forward it to Government this I have not officially nor from himself But in case that letter dated the 20th ult.o was not forwarded to the Right Honorable President in Council I request you will please to deliver this to him and if my permission to retire from the Service is not already in General orders, I hope it will be postponed to the 5th of October; at which time the full period of service, will be completed, and before which time I cannot arrive at Tranquebar. I have further to request that you will please to send the necessary certificates — agreeable

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agreable to the 2d Paragraph under the Head of Retiring from the Service as p. General orders of the 13th of September 1796. addressed to me to the care of Messrs. Harrop and Stevenson Tranquebar

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Signed Tho.s Kalcott

Lt. Col.o 2d Brig.e R.t A.l

Minute thereon

In consideration of the foregoing explanation Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel Kalcot be permitted to retire on the 25th october, and that he be furnished with the usual certificates on that day—

Resolved that the Military Auditor general be directed to issue the orders, which he may judge necessary for adjusting in the Books the sums, which may now stand to the debit of the Paymaster to the expedition, and for bringing the whole of the charges, which have been incurred on this account under the Head of "expedition against Manilla".

Madras August 31st 1797

Arrangement ordered to be made for adjusting the sums standing to the debit of the Paymaster to the Manilla expedition and for bringing to account the charges incurred under that Head—

The

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Death of Captain Lieut Lucon Rulley prior to his late promotion to a Company

The Secretary reports the death of Captain Lieut Lucon Rulley at Samulcotah on the 16th ultimo previous to his promotion to the rank of Captain on the 18th of that Month—

" Hart

" Geo. Harris

" Eon Saunders

" Oliffe Sadlefield

Compared
G Strachey.

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Diary.

5th

Rec'd the undermentioned Letters

entered in M.B. Nos. 29-30-31-32.—

From Capt. Dowse of Pioneers

From Brevet Captain Dowse requesting

Six Months Leave of absence to proceed to Bengal.—

From Sub Secretary at Bengal.—

From Mr. Stracey enclosing a Letter

for the Secretary to the Military Board.—

From the Fort Adjutant and Post Master at Vizagapatam.—

From Lieut. H. Prescott requesting

permission to resign the Fort Adjutancy and Postmaster-

ship at Vizagapatam on account of ill health.—

From Mr. Z. Polack

From Mr. Z. Polack requesting

permission to Subscribe to any resolutions that may

be adopted by the Nabob's unconsolidated Creditors

towards placing their claims in a train of Adjustment.—

Rec'd from the Town Mayor the

following papers respecting Mr. Meuin a French

prisoner of war who surrendered himself at Prince

of Wales's Island, and has since landed at

Tranquebar.—

Wm

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5th

Mr. Smith

Tranquebar.

Sir.

Papers received from Tranquebar respecting Mr. Mevin a French Prisoner of War who has lately arrived there from Pinang:—

Mr. Mevin my friend being extremely ill by fever and obstruction has been sent to the Country at one of his friends house. after the recovery of his health he will go to Madras. if Lord Hobart request it. he is extremely sensible to all your kindness for him. and charge me to present you his best thanks.—

I remain
&c &c
(Signed) Jas Turpin

Tranquebar
28th August 1797.

P. S.— You will find enclosed a Certificate of the Surgeon of this place which prove the bad state of his health.—

I certify that Etienne Mevin formerly Chief Officer of the Modeste French Privateer is detained on this place. per Indisposition. afflicted with a fever and

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5th and Abstraction of the Splen. —

Tranquebar the 29th August 1797.

(Signed) I. Folley.

Surgeon Major

6th Sent the following Letter to Captain Page. —

To B. W. Page Esqr.

of his Majesty's Navy

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 29th Ultimo. to express the regret which the Right Honble the President in Council feels at his inability to comply with your request. and to assure you that he is restrained by the unconditional orders of the Honble Court of Directors from granting the allowances which you solicit. —

To Captain Page — the orders of the Court of Directors precludes Government from continuing the Payment of Batta to an Officer after removed from the Squadron serving on the India Stations —

I am
Sir
Your
(Signed) I. Webbe
Sec.y to Government

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6th September 1797. —

Despatched

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6th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46.—

To the Military Auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham — referring for examination an additional Estimate of Cash required by Mr. Roebuck for the current Month.—

To the Secretary at Bombay.—

To Mr. Secretary Morris — acquainting in the application of the Bombay Government for leave to detain there the recruits intended for the Service of this Presidency.—

To the Commandant at Amboor.—

To Lieut.t Colonel Macpherson — permitting him to keep a party of Sepoys stationed at Colmaspilly under an European Officer for the protection of the Inhabitants.—

To the Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Chumbo.—

To Mr. Atkinson — desiring him to purchase Rice for one Months consumption in addition to the quantity now in Store upon the best Terms he can procure.—

To the Commandant at Sherkundoog.—

To Major Cuppage — informing him that the Bill forwarded with his Letter of the 12.th ultimo

6th Ultimo. for Hircarrahs is deemed inadmissible. —

To the Paymaster at Palamcottah

To Mr. Braxton - desiring him to appropriate any part of the Money raised on account of the remittance Loan to the Payment of the Troops. and to comply from the same Funds with the applications of the Paymaster at Madura. drawing Bills for the amount on Government in favor of the Military Paymaster General. —

To the Military Paymaster General.

To Mr. Roebuck - desiring he will instruct Mr. Hughes to draw on Mr. Martin for the Money he may require for the payment of the Troops in the Madura District. —

To the Civil Paymaster General. —

To Mr. Walter Balfour - desiring that the Widows Pensioners and Arrack Renters the Coley and Bullock drivers Killed at the Powder Mills may draw their pensions from the 1st April. —

To the Military Board

To the Military Board - desiring their opinion on papers received from Lieut. Colonel Cotton respecting the State of the Barracks at Putoor by the 2nd Battalion 3rd Regiment Native Infantry. —

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To the Commandant at Bellumcondah.

To Lieut.t Bellew - permitting him to resign his Command when relieved and to proceed to the Presidency for the recovery of his health. —

To the Adjutant General of the Army

To the Adjutant General - informing him that Lieut.t John Carruthers of his Establishment has been permitted by the Bengal Government to proceed to England on furlough for the recovery of his Health. —

To the Offic. Commanding at Trincomalie -

To Colonel Champagne - desiring him to state the exact mode observed in procuring and furnishing supplies of Cattle for the consumption of this Garrison, that Government may decide on whom to charge the loss of the Money stolen from Lieut.t Fair. —

To Lieut.t Colonel Wahab -

To Lieut.t Colonel Wahab - informing him that his Memorial will be transmitted to the Court of Directors by the first Dispatch. —

To the Offic. Commanding the Detachment at Hyderabad. —

To Major Hyndman - desiring that Captain Mackenzie of Engineers may be returned upon the Strength of this Detachment and receive his

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6th his pay and allowances of every description from the Paymaster to the Bengal Troops. ~

To the Offrs Commanding the Southern Division of the Army at Seringapatam

To Major General Floyd. informing him that the Commanding Officer at Mallow will be allowed to draw House Rent until his Quarters are repaired. ~

7th Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 48- 49- 50- 51. ~

From the Commandant at Ashtoor. ~

From Captain Lindsay - requesting ~ that Mr. Gilmour may be allowed to draw the Esta= =blished Sum on account of his attendance on a ~ Detachment of the 2nd Battalion 6th Regiment N. Infantry lately appointed a part of the Garrison of Ashtoor. ~

From the Secretary at Bengal. ~

From Mr. Secretary Barlow - enclosing Invoices and Bills of Lading of Biscuit shipped for Penang on the Goddard. Lord Camden. Lord Hawkesbury and Sir Stephen Lushington - and of Stores and Provisions shipped for Madras on the Chichester. Indra and Calcutta freighted Ships. ~

From

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From the Commander of the Ship Royal Admiral.

7th. From Captain Fellowes — enclosing Bill for passage and victualling a Detachment of the 80th Regiment from the Cape to Madras, amounting to Pagodas 3,547.21.

From Lieut. Colonel Roberts — advising of his having halted his Detachment in consequence of Orders from Major General Bridges.

Sent the following Letters.

To Mr. Robert Woolf

Accountant General

Sir.

To the Accountant General — Instructions respecting the Issue of 6 per Cent Certificates for an Instalment of 25% to the Nabob's consolidated creditors and the payment of the Interest on the uncertificated part of the Debt.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 2nd Instant, to desire that another Issue of Six per Cent certificates for an instalment of 25 per Cent bearing Interest from 31st August 1797 may be made to the Holders of Bonds in the Consolidated Debt of his Highness the Nabob, and to acquaint you that the Interest accruing on the uncertificated part

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7th part of the debt is to be paid in other Certificates bearing Six per Cent Interest as expressed in the acknowledgements.

I am
Sir
Your
[Signed] I. Webbe

Sec.y to Government

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To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acquaint that Lieut.t Fisher Carruthers of this Establishment has been permitted by the Supreme Government to proceed from Bengal on furlough to Europe, and that he has been allowed the usual Passage Money of his rank, with an advance of Six Months Pay on account.

To the Military Auditor General. Pay and passage Money allowed in Bengal to Lieut.t Carruthers - for which purpose stating the reduction of Staff, and the rates of exchange established for paying the Bengal Troops in the Circars - & enclosed. Lieut.t Russel of Artillery to be put under stoppages for the amount of his passage Money from the Cape - Sale incurred on account of lately intended Expedition to be arranged and debited to the Head of Expedition against Pondicherry.

I inclose for your information and guidance, Copies of the Minutes of the Supreme Government for the reduction of Staff to the Bengal Detachment

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7th Detachment together with their resolutions respecting the exchange at which the Bengal Troops serving in the Northern Circars, and at Hydrabad are to be paid in future.

Having paid Captain Girard's Bill of £60 £ for the return of Lieut. Russel to the Cast. the Right Honble the President in Council directs that the necessary deductions may be made in conse= =quence from that Officer's pay and allowances.

Having countermanded the Expedition lately intended against the Spanish possessions on the Philippine Islands. the President in Council desires that you will issue the orders which may be necessary for adjusting in the books the sums which may now stand to the debit of the Paymaster to the Expedition, and for bringing the whole of the charges which have been incurred on this account under the head of "Expedition against Manilla.

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

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7.th

To Lieutenant General Harris

President & the Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen!

To the Military Board. the Paddy Godown to be repaired - remark on Lieut.t Colonel Read's conduct in communicating with this Board on points of political importance - the repairs at Pycarotah to be completed without delay - the repairs of the Draw Bridges and Gates at Masulipatam and Barracks of the Madras Regiment at Vellore authorized - sundry Bills recommended by them passed for payment - the public Works in the Fort to be white washed and yellow washed as proposed -

We have received your Letters of the 7.th 11.th and 27.th Instant with their inclosures -

We desire that orders may be given for the repair of the Paddy Godown according to the estimate, which is herewith returned to you Amounting to Pagodas 325. 38. 59 -

We are much surprized that Lieut.t Colonel Read should have been so indiscreet as to make official communications to any subordinate authority upon a subject so important as apparent intentions of hostility on the part of Tippoo Sultaun. Though we have no doubt that this indiscretion proceeded from any good motives, we yet desire that you will point out the irregularity to Lieut.t Colonel Read, and warn

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7th warn him against the inconvenient consequences which may follow the loss communication of political intelligence. —

As this subject forms no part of the deliberations of your Board, we desire that the letters which relate to it may be erased from your records. —

We do not think it necessary to issue any particular orders upon the state of the Forts in the Baramahal, except that the completion of the Works at Ryacotta should be hastened as much as may be consistent with economy and stability. —

We desire that authority may be given for repairing the Gates and Draw Bridges at Masulipatam according to your recommendation. —

We desire that orders may be given for the repair of the Barracks of the Regiment De Meuron at Vellore. —

We have ordered the advances to be made, and the bills to be paid as recommended in your

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7th. your several letters now acknowledged. —

We desire that orders may be given for white and yellow washing the public buildings in the Fort. according to your recommendation of 3rd. July last. —

We are

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6th. September 1797. —

Fort St. George
Your Hble
Signed Hobart
Your Council —

To Mr. John Maudoual
Paymaster at
Columbo.

Sir.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated 29th. July and 18th. ultimo. —

Before the Right Honble the President in Council can authorize the bill transmitted in your former letter, he requires an explanation as to the amount of so large a Salary as that

To the Paymaster at Columbo - respecting the contingent Bill presented for warrant of the late Major General Doyle: and the unsatisfactory nature of his late reply to the Boards orders to be furnished with a particular & Statement of the amount in each different Coin issued to the Troops in discharge of the Regimental abstracts —

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7th That charged for Mr. Geisler and for the Interpreter.

The immediate object of my letter of 6th August was to ascertain the proportion which the quantity of Copper issued bore to that of Gold issued in the payment of the Troops: and as you say that "the proportion of Copper issued in my disbursements has always been directed by the Officer Commanding" "in which his Lordship concludes that those very directions of the Commanding Officer will enable you to furnish the Statement for which you have been called upon to furnish for the last six Months, and therefore directs that you do transmit it without delay.

At all events he is perfectly convinced that Documents in your possession, (if possibly your Cash account,) must enable you to furnish the return he has called for, and he requests that the orders of Government upon the subject be complied with.

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6th September 1797.

Sam
Vs Vs
(Signed) J. Webbe
Sec. to Government

Received

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8th Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Mlt. Nos. 52-53-54.

From Major General Craig - enclosing

From Major General Craig.

a Bill amounting to Sixty Pagodas for printing Spanish Proclamations intended to have been issued on the landing of the British Troops at Manilla.

From Mr. E. H. Mainwaring - requesting

From Mr. E. H. Mainwaring Bengal Cadet.

that Government will order him a passage on one of the Ships about to sail for Bengal at the Company's Expence, in consequence of the change made in the destination of the Minerva on which Ship he originally embarked from England.

From Mr. Collector Brown - expressing

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

his apprehensions that the expected rains may prevent the March of the 4th Bengal Regiment from the Vizagapatam District to Masulipatam.

The following order of Council having been sent in Circulation and approved was this Day forwarded to the Treasury.

Read

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8th

Read the following Letter from the

Military Auditor General -

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council of

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Military Auditor General - reporting on the Military Paymaster Generals additional Estimate for September -

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 5th instant accompanying an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month I have the honor to report that the Amount Viz. Twenty six Thousand Two Hundred and forty seven Pagodas Thirty Nine Fanams and Twenty four Cash / Pagodas 26.247.39.24/ is admissible and payable from the General Treasury being Estimated for the following purposes -

Pagodas Four Thousand Seven Hundred and forty seven Thirty three Fanams and

and

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8th and Two Cash (Pagodas 4,746. 33. 2.) on account of the Agent for the Supply of Military Stores. this Bill for which passed thro' my Office agreeably to the Orders of Government on this Date thereof —

On Account of the Agent for Cattle for the Army. an Advance equal to Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Seven Pagodas Twenty Six Fanams and Twenty two Cash (Pags. 7,227. 26. 22.) agreeably to the Minutes of Consultation dated 25th July last for which Mr. Lye has passed his receipt from the 1st. instant. as stated in the Military Paymaster Generals Estimate. —

The remaining Sum Viz. Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy two Pagodas Twenty two fanams and fifty Cash. (Pags. 14,272. 22. 50.) is the amount of Bills drawn by the Military Paymasters at Colombo and Trincomalee. which I presume is admissible on the same principle as former drafts from those Pay

Military Auditor Office —
General's Office
Fort St. George 8th September 1797. —

I have the honor to be
Sir Sir
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Audr General
Ordered

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8th Ordered that the Sum of Twenty six thousand two hundred and forty seven Pagodas thirty nine fanams and seventy four Cash /Pags. 26,247. 39. 74/ be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of his additional Estimate of Cash for the current Month. —

To further advance of cash to be made from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General. —

The Commander in Chief proposes that a supply of Cash be advanced to Majors Cramond and Torin and Captain Macdonald for the immediate relief of the details under their respective Commands. —

The Commander in Chief represents to the Board that the Men of Major Cranis Corps and Captain Macdonald's Battalion, and the Cavalry detail under Major Torin having made over all their ready Money to their Families previous to their late Embarkation for Foreign Service are much distressed for the means of purchasing provisions &c. for their March, and as the Batta which Government have allowed will not be payable till the 1st. October. he recommends that an advance of Six hundred /600/ Pagodas be made to the Commanders of each of the Infantry Corps. together with 147 Pags. for the detail of

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8th. Cavalry under the Command of Major Torin to be accounted for on the next pay Abstract.

The Board approve the Commander in Chiefs Suggestion. Ordered accordingly that an advance of Thirteen hundred and forty seven Pagodas (1347) be immediately made from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General.

The suggestion approved and an advance of cash to be made from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on their accounts.

The following Memorandums of the Commander in Chief having been sent in circulation and the recommendations approved the different appointments and removals were this Day published in General Orders.

Memorandum 8th September 1797.

Lieutenant P. Sayes to be reappointed to his situation of Adjutant to the 1st Battalion of the 3d Regiment Native Infantry.

Lieut. P. Sayes reappointed Adjutant to the 1st Batt. 3d Regiment Native Infantry.

Lieutenant P. L. Croswell recommended to be Fort adjutant of Vizagapatam vice Lieut. Pollock resigned.

Lieut. Croswell appointed Fort adjutant of Vizagapatam vice Pollock resigned.

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Lieutenant Bose appointed Fort Adjutant of Pondicherry Vice Donnelly promoted.

Lieutenant P. Bose recommended to be Fort Adjutant of Pondicherry Vice Captain Donnelly promoted.

Lieutenant James Grant appointed adjutant of the 1st Battalion 10th Regiment Natives Infantry Vice Bose.

Lieutenant James Grant recommended to be Adjutant of the 1st Battalion 10th Regiment Vice Lieut.te Bose removed.

Lieut.te Harvey Smith appointed Fort adjutant of Trichinopoly Vice Gibbons promoted.

Lieutenant Harvey Smith is recommended to be Fort Adjutant of Trichinopoly Vice Captain Gibbons promoted.

No notification has yet been received at the Adjutant Generals Office of the Government having assented to the appointment of a Serjeant Major to the Garrison of Bryole which was some time ago recommended or supposed to be.

Memorandum Commander in Chief 8th September 1797.

Engineer Corps.

Sundry removals of Officers in the Engineer Corps published in General Orders.

Captain Mackenzie ... To return to his Station with the Nizams Detachment with the

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8th with leave to remain at the Presidency
untill his late Survey of the Decan
are protracted —

Captain Johnstone — To do Duty in the Ganjam District —

Capt.n Lieutenant Blair — To do Duty in the Guntoor District —

Lieut.t R.H. Cottingham — To proceed to his Station in the
Barrahmal —

Lieut.t Benjamin Lydenham — To return to his Station of Lieutenant
and Adjutant to the Corps of Engineer's
at the Presidency —

Capt.n Lieut.t Pittman, Ensigns Bradley and Rowenshaw } Now to the Eastward to return to their Duty on the Coast —

Captain Forrest — To do Duty at Colombo —

Lieutenant Castle — To do Duty at Point de Galle —

9th Received the undermentioned Letters —
entered in M.B. Nos 55 - 56 - 57 —

From Captain J.B. Cox of his Majesties 80.th Regiment —

From Captain Cox — requesting the
Detachment of the 80.th Regiment under his Com-
:mand may be sent to Trincomale the Head Quarters
of

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9th Of the Corps by the earliest opportunity -

From the Deputy Adjutant General to the Kings Troops -

From Lieut.t Colonel Robertson - requesting that Lieut.t Monde of the 12th Regiment proceeding to England for the recovery of his health may draw the usual allowance for Passage Money - 5

From Lieutenant & Pirraymen Commander of the Sphinter Louisa

From the Commander of the Sphinter Orrizer employed in the pay of the Company on the Amboyna Station, advising of his having been under the necessity of making some repairs to the Vessel under his Command in consequence of the refusal of the Superintendant at Penang to afford him the necessary assistance - and requesting Instructions from Government relative to the future employment of the Sphinter -

Despatched the undermentioned Letters

entered in M.S. Nos 58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66 -

To the Commander of the Ship Houghton

To Captain Hudson - desiring him to accommodate Mr Brainwaring with a Passage to Bengal

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q.r Bengal on his Ship at the public Expence. —

To Mr. Secretary Barlow. requesting

To the Secretary at Bengal

that Captain Hudson may be paid the customary

allowance on account of Mr. Brainwaring's Passage and

accommodation at his Table. —

To Mr. Barlow. Captain Kirkpatrick

To the Secretary at Bengal and Assistant Residents at Poona and Hydrabad. —

and Mr. Ulkhoff. enclosing Mysore Intelligence. —

To Captain Hudson. desiring him to

To the Commander of the Ship Houghton

receive on board his Ship and convey to Bengal Mrs.

Jacob Carruthir's Cadet for that Presidency. —

To Captain Thomson. desiring him

To Ditto. of the Ship Thurlow. —

to receive on board his Ship for Bengal three horses

belonging to Major General St. Leger and fourteen

followers. —

To Captain Cox. informing him

To Captain Cox of his Majesty's 80.th Regiment.

that the Detachment of the 80.th Regiment under his

Command will be sent to Tellicherry by the first

opportunity. &c

To Mr. Sharden. desiring that any

To the Paymaster at Pondicherry

Arrears

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q.th arrears of Subsistence that may be due to Captains Harper and Lieut.t Christ may be discharged, and that they may receive their Allowances regularly in future —

To the Military Auditor General. To Major General Sydenham requiring his opinion upon Lieut.t J. Vaughan's Application for Passage Money and Arrears of Subsistence —

To the Military Board — To the Military Board desiring that the repairs wanting to the temporary Barrack of the 2.nd Division 2.nd Regiment European Infantry at Arnee Sepatam may be immediately executed, and that they would report their Opinion upon a Letter from the principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies respecting a Godown required by the Grain Agent at the 25.th Dragoons to contain Bullock Bags —

Sent also the following Letters —

To J. H. Barlow Esq.r Secretary to the Government Fort William —

To Bengal requesting that Capt.n Colin Mackenzie & two Engineers

Sir

I am directed to request you will acquaint the

Engineers may be considered attached to the Troops at Hydrabad.

11th. The Governor General in Council that when the Detachment under the Command of Lieut.t Colonel Roberts at Hydrabad was relieved by a part of the Bengal Troops the whole of the Officers belonging to this Establishment were recalled except Captain Colin Mackenzie of the Engineers.—

This Officer has for some years been employed on a general Survey of the Nizamis Dominions in which he has made considerable progress: but as the work has been interrupted by occasional calls for his talents on foreign Service. and as his great assiduity and experience peculiarly qualify him for completing what was planned and partly executed by himself. the Right Honble the President in Council is very desirous that he should continue attached to the Detachment. and returned on the strength of the Establishment. and his pay and allowances drawn as heretofore of Field Engineer and Surveyor.—

With this view directions were sent

to

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11th to the assistant Resident when Captain Mackenzie's services were lately required on the expedition to Manilla; and have been respected to Major Hyndman since the receipt of your letter of the 11th Ultimo. last unforeseen impediments had previously arisen at Hydrabad. I have been directed to state the peculiar qualifications of Captain Mackenzie to complete this useful work. and to communicate the request of this Government that he may be considered attached to the troops at Hydrabad.—

I have the honor to be

Sir Sir

Your Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) J. Webbe

Sec.y to Government

Fort St. George
10th September 1797.—

To Captain James Ac.d Kirkpatrick

Assistant Resident at

Hydrabad

Sir.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Ultimo. and to inform you that the Right Honble the President in Council entirely

To the assistant Resident at Hydrabad—in reply to Agha Ali Akbar's suggestion of making a specific agreement relative to the Mutual Surrender of persons and Effects to either State who may take refuge with the other.—

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W.k entirely concurs in the ideas you have expressed upon the inexpediency of our entering into separate engagements between this Government and the Court of Hyderabad for the surrender of such Zemindars and Chiefs as may occasionally take refuge within the territories of Kurpah or the Carnatic.

In making known his Lordship's objection to the measure proposed by Azim Ul Omrah, he desires you will endeavour to impress the Minister with a conviction that it proceeds from no wish to evade the object of his request but that the treaty of amity between the two States provides for it already as far as it can be provided for in a general way. That as every case of this description which may hereafter occur will require a distinct statement and a separate consideration it is hardly possible to anticipate specific clauses of agreement that can be applicable to complicated and unforeseen events.- That under these circumstances to enter into

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11th into new engagements for indeterminate purposes
might be thought to impeach the stability of our
existing agreement with the Court of Hydrabad. and
finally that upon all cases which arise, his Lordship
will feel every disposition to meet the wishes of
the Minister as far as may be consistent with
public justice and the duty of this Government. —

I am
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J. Webbe
Sec.y to Government

Fort St. George
11th September 1797.

To Mr. William Webb

Sir,

To Mr. William Webb. with general Instructions for the conduct of his new Employ of Agent for the Supply of Military Stores.

I am directed to acquaint you, that
the Right Honble the President in Council has been
pleased to abolish the Office of Military Storekeeper.
and to establish that of Agent of Supplies, to which
his Lordship has appointed you upon your present
salary of five hundred Pagodas per Month. —

You

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11th The inclosed paragraphs of a General order published on the 11th and Copy of a General order published on the 18th April last will fully explain the mode of conducting the Offices of Agent for Supplies: and you are required to conform to them in every respect.

In conformity with these regulations you will immediately make arrangements for transferring to the Commissary General of Stores the charge of the Stores at the Arsenal, and for closing your books up to the 30th April last: in order that they may be delivered over to the Secretary of the Military Board.

As the transfer of your books to the Military Board is necessary to the completion of the general Statements now required for dispatch to England. I am directed to desire that it may be done with all possible expedition.

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

Entered

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9th September 1797

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11th Received the following Letters.—

To J. Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government.

Sir.

From the Adjutant General recommending promotions to fill the vacancies occasioned by the Death of Captain Reilly and promotion of Captain Beatson to a Majority.—

The Commander in Chief has desired me to request you will signify to the Right Honble the President in Council his recommendation that the following promotions may be ordered to take place.—

Brevet Captain Alexander Maitland to be Captain Lieutenant vice Reilly Deceased. Date of Commission 27th August 1797.—

Ensign E. F. Davis to be Lieutenant vice Maitland promoted. date of Commission 27th August 1797.—

Captain Lieutenant Millaire Berkeley to be Captain of a Company vice Beatson promoted. Date of Commission 16th August 1797.—

Brevet

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11th Brevet Captain Charles Godfrey
to be Captain Lieutenant vice Berkeley promoted
promoted. Date of Commission 18th August 1797.

Ensign John White to be Lieutenant
vice Godfrey Promoted. Date of Commission 18th
August 1797.

I have the honor to be
Sir Your
Obedt. Servt.
D.y Close
Adjt. Genl. of the Army

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
&c. &c. &c.

From the Agent for Spirituous Liquors relative to the Duties payable on 300 Casks of Batavia Arrack imported by him in consequence of his late Agreement with the Commissioners of Military Board and 192 Casks imported for the use of the Navy.

Fort St. George

My Lord

Agreeable to the permission conveyed to me by your Lordship by Letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson dated 9th September last. to import Batavia Arrack for the use of the Officers and

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M.r and Seamen belonging to His Majesty's Navy, I am
to request that an order may be sent to the Sea
Customer to permit Four Hundred Leagers of Batavia
arrack to be landed for exportation from the Danish
Ship Count Berenstorff Commanded by Captain
A. Bange lately arrived from Tranquebar three
Hundred Leagers of which the Honble Company
have agreed to purchase agreable to intimation
given me by the Military Board per Letter under
date the 28.th Ultimo. The remaining 100 Leagers
will be on my own account. also 22 Casks of Batavia
arrack from the English Ship Eliza Commanded
by Captain Jetons lately arrived from Bombay *
for which I am ready to pay five per Cent duty;
the draw back to be repaid me when exported
as usual. ~

I now enclose my engagement
with Security, that the said Battavia arrack
shall

* forwarded to the Sea Customer.

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11th shall be kept for the sole use of the Officers and Seamen of His Majesty's Navy under a penalty of thirty Star Pagodas for every Hundred and fifty Gallons that may be sold by me to any Person or Persons in Madras directly or indirectly. —

I have the honor to be

Hon.ble Hon.ble

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Basil Cochrane.

Fort St. George

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

From Lieut.t Colonel Parr. requests he may draw the same allowance under the Head of Table Money while in the Command of Malabar as was granted to his predecessor — submits charges made by him for the Salary of a Clerk of the Market and for building a Market Place. —

Having been required by the Auditor General thro' the Paymaster of this Station to refund the amount I drew for Table allowance agreeably to Admiral Rainier's letter to me a Copy of which I have the Honor to enclose to you. I have taken the liberty to address your Lordship on the subject and to

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11th to beg that I may, being in the same situation as Colonel Brown who preceded me, and as Colonel Tolson who now Commands, placed in that respect in a like footing with them. —

Permit me therefore to beg that your Lordship will authorize the Auditor General to sanction what has been drawn by me under the Head of Table Allowance: as the Price of every article of Provision here was rising to an exorbitant height in consequence of the Dutch Government having been done away. I conceived that it would be advisable to appoint some one to officiate as Clerk to the Market for a short time, in order to bring matters again into a proper train, and I accordingly nominated Mr. Beggle the Dutch Interpreter of the Expedition to act in that Capacity, with a Salary of fifty Spanish Dollars per Month, but he only officiated one Month and an half. —

There were also fifty six Spanish Dollars disbursed by my desire for erecting a Market Place.

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4th Place. The Auditor General having objected to the expence incurred under these Heads for want of sufficient authority to pass them. I hope your Lordship will be of opinion that they were not unnecessary nor extravagant, and that you will grant accordingly your Sanction for their being admitted of by the Auditor General.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Your Lordships

Malacca
20th July 1797.

/Signed/ Thomas Parr
Major Comm.g 2d Division S.t Regt

Captain T. Parr.

Governor of

Malacca

Sir.

In answer to your letter of this date on the Subject of allowance for your Present Situation I am of opinion your Emolument should be the same as Major Brown's in addition to that of his Rank, or Table allowance in lieu of Candles and Stationary.

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W.d Stationary until the pleasure of the Presidency is known.

I have the return Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter on that subject, and have the honor to be &c.

Sir Yr.s Mo.st

(Signed) Peter Rainier

Malacca
3.d January 1796.

A true Copy.
(Signed) Tho.s Parr.
Major Commd.g 2.nd Division 1.st Regim.t

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

From Major Hyndman
desiring to be furnished
with Copies of Captain
Prapps Vouchers now
Captain Ogg's &c.

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose a Letter I received from Lieut.t Colonel Richardson yesterday, and take the liberty to inform you, that the documents &c. therein alluded to are productions of Captain Orr's late Quarter Master to the Ellore Detachment, and as follows.- Viz.t Two Prapers, and a Book of Routes which he sent to the Commander in Chief, and which

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H.M. which contain all the Invalides of the Madras Detachment this his Highness's Territories, with particular remarks of Wood Water &c.a.

They are most likely in the Engineers Office. And I will be much obliged by your informing the Right Honble Governor and President in Council that I am desirous to obtain Copies of them by his authority.

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) H. Hyndman

Major Comd.g Hydrabad Detach.t

Camp near Hydrabad

3d. September 1797.

Major Hyndman

Commanding the Detachment at

Hydrabad

Sir.

I have many apologies to make for having so long delayed answering your Letter of the 27th. Ultimo. The hurry and bustle attending

the

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W. the embarkation for foreign Service has so completely occupied the whole of my time that I have been unable to attend to any other circumstance for some weeks - I am very sorry there are no documents in my Office to enable me to furnish you with the plans and Surveys you require, and as I am sensible of the use they may probably be of to you I would recommend you to make a public application to the Secretary of Government -

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(signed) Jn. Richardson

Dy Mr Genl

Fort St. George

26th August 1797

To

J. Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad communicating the report made by two Shanars deputed to Mysore and desiring instructions for his future conduct -

Sir

I have the pleasure to transmit to you for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council, Translate of the Report of two persons of trusty

Shirkarahs, whom I dispatched from hence on the 5th

of

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Wk of July last to Mangalore in quest of Intelligence respecting the pretended arrival of French Troops in that Quarter, and who after calling on their way back conformably to my directions at Seringapatam arrived here yesterday —

I am
Sir
Your Obt. Hble
Servt.
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistt.

Hyderabad
2d September 1797.

Translate of Report of the Pair of Hirkarrahs employed by Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick, who left Seringapatam on the 16th August, and arrived at Hyderabad on the 1st September 1797 —

Agreeably to your Captains
(illegible) Commands, we set out from hence on the 5th July, and proceeded to Mangalore by the way of Adoni, in Company with some Bunias; at the end of twenty three Days Journey we reached that Sea Port, and remained there six days. — The Killidars

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11th Killedar's Name is Fyze Ullah Beig. and that of the Cutwal Meer Sadie. There was an Encampment of three thousand Men under the Command of a Chief named Mahommed Ali. at no great distance from the Fort; the old Fort of Mangalore has been razed to the Ground, and a new one built in its room, a bow-shot from the Sea: a small Redoubt on one face of the Fort. no French Troops whatever (when we left it) arrived at Mangalore, but it was reported, and generally believed, that a very large body of them had arrived from France at the Mauritius, and that they would very shortly arrive at Mangalore where they are anxiously expected.

From Mangalore we proceeded to Seringapatam, where we arrived in seven days, and remained there seven more. We found them busily employed in finishing the Fortifications of that place, there being no less than twelve thousand

11th Thousand Coolies employed at work upon them
daily. We learned during our stay at the Capital,
that two French Vakeels had arrived there, but
that one of them had returned to the Mauritius
accompanied by Ghoolaum ali Khan Burkky
for the purpose of bringing the French Troops from
thence. The number required by the Sultaun
was said to be no less than ten thousand men —

We heard moreover that the Sultaun
had sent one Shaikh Yunsoor, under the guise of a
Merchant on board of a Vessel bound for the
Mauritius, directing him to ascertain with all
possible exactness, the real number of Troops proposed
to be furnished to him from that Island: this
Man is returned and reports, the Sultaun (it was said)
was looking forward impatiently. The Common
report at Seringapatam was, that the French Force
at the Mauritius amounted to twenty thousand —

A Person from Persia with his
Vizier, and twenty Mogul attendants lives in
the

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11th Shaki Gangam, where quarters were assigned to them by Sipahpoo upon their arrival at Seringapatam about two Months and a half ago. The Sultaun shews some attention to and frequently invites them to attend at Reviews, which the Persian Prince is said to take great delight in. —

Kummeroddeen Khan upon receiving orders to March with twenty thousand Men against Kurnoul is said to have represented to the Sultaun, that as the Troops were then four Months in arrears it would be adviseable to pay them up previous to their March, and take measures for a more regular payment of them in future. This representation would seem to have been partly the Cause of the Expedition being Countermanded for the present at least, as the Sultaun is said to have made no reply to it whatever. —

The Dewan Purneah, and the Bimbey

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W.m Binky Nabob are (as we were told) in high favour at present with the Sultaun —

While we were at Seringapatam there was a Muster of all the Troops at the Capital, to the whole of whom four Months pay were at — that time due. Before we left it, they received pay for two months; which from all we could collect was considered as a full Clearance of Accounts between them and the Sirkar —

The whole of the Sultaun's Cavalry was out at Foraging Stations, the nearest said to be twelve, and the farthest not more than forty Cos from the Capital —

Monsieur Lally's Son-in-law, with two thousand Infantry was encamped near the Motee Tullow, which is 6 Cos from Seringapatam —

Sixty pieces of Cannon were drawn up at a place about half a Co from Lally's Sons Encampment near the Tullow. This force included, it was

reckoned

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We reckoned that there were twenty thousand fighting
men at Seringapatam when we left it. —
Travelling is subject to great risk
in the Sultaun's Dominions, as independant of
vigilance at all the Passes even in the interior
parts of the Country, a Traveller is liable to be —
seized and detained upon the slightest suspicion. —
None but Mussulmauns are
allowed to reside in Seringapatam, except indeed
a few Hindoo Mutsuddies who belong to the —
Kutcherries, and even they are obliged to conform
in every respect while in the Fort to the Mussulmaun
dress and customs. —
The Sultaun has razed every Pagode
in the City except one named Runga-Swamy;
erecting a Mosque on the Site of each of the —
demolished ones. —
Upon digging the foundations
of the Palace of the late Rajah Nurd-raj, two
large Brass pots filled with Treasure were discovered.
The

11th The only Surviving Son of the said Rajah. or Tippoo has put to death. — This Child was the last male of the old Mysore Family, of which there are only a few females remaining. —

Just before we reached Seringapatam we heard that the Sultaun at a great banquet given for the purpose had sworn all his Chiefs to be faithful to him in the time of action. — on that occasion he gave them all to understand very plainly that a violation of this oath would be attended with the destruction of the perjured Person's whole family and Kindred. —

Formerly the Flags of Monsieur Lally's Party were White. now they are of five different Colours. —

Hyder Nawaze Khan the Son of Munnewar Ud Dowlah. who upon the late reduction of Bednore fled to Seringapatam has recently been appointed to the Bukshi-gheery

and

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Mr. and Command of two thousand Chelahs of the Sultaun's

A Hindoo Fakier attended by ten or

Disciples and mounted himself on a Tyger lately

arrived at Seringapatam from the Mount of Baba

Buddeen and took up his abode in the Shalia

Gunjam and the Sultaun it is said invited him

to take up his Quarters in a House in the City. or

but this the Fakier who perhaps was apprehensive

of being Circumcised declined saying that the Shade

of a Tree was all the Shelter he required.

The Bunias throughout the

Mysore Country have received orders to lay up as

large a Stock of Grain and provisions as possible.

and nothing is talked of at Seringapatam but

another Invasion of the Carnatic and a seizure

of Kurnool. the Sultaun it is most positively

affirmed will enter his Tents with such views

in all the Month of October or early in September.

Mahummud Khan Turk. an

Inhabitant

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11th Inhabitant of Adoni and Raichore and who in the Reduction of the latter place fled to Seringapatam has received orders to raise a body of five hundred Horse for the Sultaun.—

Above Translate,

(Signed) L. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor
Fort St. George

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 9th Instant and to enclose for your Lordships information extract of my address of this date to the Governor General.—

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

(Signed) I. Uhthoff

From the Assistant Resident at Poona reports the Death of Rehoo Pundit Mr. Perron having been detached on Perrons duty it is decided for him to proceed on his Command by Munt. Dungun. States the arrangements made for adjusting the pecuniary stipulations with Scindia on Baugy Rows succession. and that there appears to be a party forming with a view to the subversion or termination of Baugy Rows Influence and authority.—

Poona
26th August 1797.—

Extracts

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11th Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Wilkieff to the Govrnor General. dated Poona 26th August 1797.

Dhurma Pundit formerly the Maratta Minister for our affairs at this Court, who made so conspicuous a figure last year during the Government of Chinna Apsha and Purseram Bhow, died in Confinement at the Hill Fort of Raygheur on the 20th Instant.

On the 22nd Instant Mr Perron Mr Du Boigne's Successor had an audience of Dowlut Row preparatory to his proceeding to Hindostan to arrange the affairs of the † in that part of India. and of the Subsidy in the doaub which is assigned for its support. he is to be accompanied by Captain Brownrigg. the Command of the Brigade now devolves on Mr. Dupon a French man. —

There are of late some appearances of a closer Connexion than hitherto between Nanna Purnavese

† This word not intelligible in the Cypher.

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11th Furnavese and Doulut Row Scindia through Abba
Silohur though it does not seem likely that a Cordial
good understanding should ever be established between
them. Nanna may be desirous of the withdrawal
of Doulut Row to Hindostan and be willing to pay
for it. There is indeed a rumour that it is in agitation
to depose Baagy Row. or at least to deprive him of
all Influence in the management of affairs. and
some discussions on this subject are said to have
passed at a meeting which took place between
Ernest Row and Nanna Furnavees on the 23d Instant.
at a celebrated Pagoda in this Neighbourhood.—

On the 24th Instant Sipsoo's
Vakeel paid a visit to Doulut Row Scindea. and as
I understand made a present to him, similar to that
to the Peshwa on the 12th Instant. and delivered from
Sipsoo a letter of congratulation on Baajy Row's
accession to the Peshwaship. but did not present a
nuzzur. though they did so to the Peshwa at the
meeting

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11th meeting of the 12th

I am informed that the amount to be paid to Dowlut Row Sindea by the engagements which effected the restoration of Baaji Row to the Peshwaship was two crores of rupees. That an assignment has been given on Nizam Ally Khan for fifty lakhs of rupees on that account. and on Govin Row Gewykwar for twenty five lakhs. that about sixteen or seventeen lakhs have been paid by Nizam Ally Khan. but none yet by Govin Row. and that Nanna Furnavees has paid the balance of a Crore and a quarter. with the addition of twenty lakhs. for Dowlut Row's acquiescence in the late measures respecting Moroba Furnavese. though I must confess that I have some doubts if Nanna having yet actually paid to Dowlut Row so very large a sum.

Mr Perron has commenced his March towards Hindostan. It may not be amiss to intimate to you Honble Sir. that an occasional civil intercourse by letter and message has subsisted between

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11th between Mr. Perron and myself: in the course of which he proposed paying me a visit which I waived, and on his lately expressing a wish to visit Bombay I dissuaded him therefrom, on the grounds of the misunderstanding that unhappily subsisted between Great Britain and France; on which he readily relinquished his intention. Mr. Du Pratt, one of his officers who was I understand, formerly first or second in Command at the French Settlement of Mahé on the Malabar Coast, has lately applied for my assistance in getting his son conveyed hither from Pondicherry, which I have for the present waved, on the grounds of the unfavorableness of the Season, and on which — point I have to request to be furnished with the sentiments of your Honble Sir, or the Governor of Fort St. George to whom I shall forward a Copy of this paragraph. I understand that both Messrs. Perron and Du Pratt are French Democrats, but the former appears to possess good sense and moderation. —

True Extract.

(Signed) J. Uhthoff

Answd

5513 Fort St. George — September 1797 —

12th Received applications from Mr. Julius Griffiths the Master attendant at Pondicherry and Major Allan the Town Major (entered in M.B. Nos. 67 & 68.) the former for leave to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope for the recovery of his health — the latter for leave to provide the customary annual supply of Slops for the European and Malay Prisoners — under his Charge —

From the Master attendant at Pondicherry and Town Major of Fort St. George —

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor and President

Lieutenant General Harris.

Edward Saunders and

Ernst William Talloficld } Esquires —

Tuesday 12th September

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved —

The President delivers in the following Minute —

Lord

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Lord Hobart's Minute in Council 12th. September 1797.

Lord Hobarts Minute lays before the Board translations of some of the papers found in the Box seized in Venkatachellum Moodys House at Pongini stated the Rajahs dissimulation to promote the charges he has brought against Chinniah and submits the propriety of releasing the latter from the penalty he has entered into in consequence of the want of proper proof of the extent of his interference in promoting the disturbances in the Munroe Pettah and adjoining Districts, prohibiting him however from crossing the Coleroon without the express permission of Government

The Board is already apprized that upon representation from the Rajah Venkatachellum, Servant to Chinniah Moodey, was concerned in assisting the Warriore pollams. ariolore and Terrygor Polygars. in their rebellious practices against his Government an order was sent to Mr. Macleod to secure Venkatachellums person and papers: and that in confirmation of this Highness's representations a quantity of Arms and ammunition was found in his possession. and that many circumstances tended to a belief that he was in direct correspondence with the Rebels in question —

The Rajahs suspicions however did not stop with this Man but were more immediately pointed against his Master Chinniah Moodey of whom he had been in the habit of complaining for many months and urging the seizure

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seizure of his Person: a measure that was not
hastily complied with, because I was apprehensive
that His Highness's representations might not be
correct: and therefore postponed acceding to it, until a
variety of collateral information had given strength
to the Nabob's Statement. —

The presumption of Chinniah's
Guilt at length appeared to strong. that on the receipt
of a letter from the Nabob, Dated on the 21st. of March
renewing his application, for the seizure of his person.
orders were issued to that purpose, and in the course
of a few days he delivered himself up to the custody
of the Town Major. —

The proof of Chinniah's guilt
however strong, being only presumptive, and the Nabob
having no documents to produce, upon which a
specific charge could be framed, an application
from Chinniah to have the guard removed from his
house

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honor. and his person released from constraint was complied with. on his giving adequate security not to go ten miles from Madras. and to be forthcoming whenever called upon by Government. during the interval which has elapsed since the seizure of Vencatachellum's person. the Servant of Cheiniah & Pungiw. on examination of his papers by Mr. George Read Malabar Translator to the Board of Revenue. and Anna Swamy the Company's Interpreter has afforded testimony the most indisputable of Cheiniah's connection with the rebellious Polygars. and altho it is of a nature that does not seem to amount to direct proof of his having actually abetted their rebellion, it can leave no doubt upon the mind of any unprejudiced person of their having received great encouragement if not assistance from him. —

M.

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It may not be irrelevant to the subject to observe, that in the year 1790. when the Nabobs Country was in our hands, the intrigues of Chinniah were considered so injurious to the interests of the Company that at that time it was found necessary to order him out of the Southern Countries and that he has never been permitted to return:- and as an illustration of what nature those intrigues were and of Chinniahs present connection with the Warriorpollam Polygar. the accompanying draft of a letter W. G. found among Venkatachelums papers it submitted to the Board. The Persons who translated this paper state that it evidently appears to be a draft of a letter to Chinniah. and sent to his Servant Venkatachelum for his approbation and amendment previous to its being forwarded. —

The depositions taken on oath before Mr. Brackley wherein it is sworn that Nellu Etta Naig had

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"had come from Shinniah Modely at Madras. who
"had given him at Palamcotta. and ordered him to
"assist the Rebels." The Communications of General
Floyd respecting the reports of the Country. the repre-
=sentations of the Nabob. and the following translation
of a Letter from Kistna Row to Venkatachelum Pillay
dated Madras 19th. December 1796 are further confirmations
of the suspicions entertained against Shinniah.—

Letter from Kistnarow. "I herewith
"enclose a Letter for Tyroor Reddy which I request you
"will immediately have conveyed to him either
"through his Servants or in any manner so that it
"may reach him.— get an Answer and send it under
"cover of your own Letter. Modely (meaning Shinniah
"Modely) having personally spoken with Tyroor
"Reddy. and promised him assistance. I need not
"here repeat it.—

From the Papers and Cadjans
entered

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contained in the Box taken possession of in
Venkatachellum's house which are extremely volu-
minous. it is evident that the influence of Chinniah
in Tanjore is extended from one part of the Country
to the other: but as that was not the Object for which
the Papers were examined. it does not seem necessary
upon the present occasion to go into the consideration
of that subject.

I have now to apprize the Board
that the Nabob has recently intimated to me that
he has no proof to bring forward against Chinniah:
nor does he seem inclined to prosecute the business.
whilst Chinniah is daily representing the inconvenience
he suffers from the security he has been obliged to
give for his personal appearance. under these
circumstances I have no difficulty in stating
to the Board that I am not aware of any
advantage to be derived from a perseverance in
the

the investigation:— It is not probable considering the intricacy and artifice in which all the transactions of the Natives of this Country are involved that evidence sufficiently conclusive to establish proof against Chinniah Modely could be obtained.—

The papers in our possession substantiate no fact tho' they authorize the strongest suspicion: and under that impression the Board will determine whether Chinniah's request to be relieved from the security he has entered into for his personal appearance should be complied with—

In the event of the Board's being disposed to decide that question in the affirmative I must explicitly declare that it can only meet with my acquiescence upon the condition of the order formerly issued prohibiting Chinniah Modely from going to the Southward of the Coleroon being rigidly enforced.—

The

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The several papers with the
originals from which they have been translated
marked No. 1 to 28 are now laid before the Board.

List of Papers laid before the Board with Lord
Hobarts Minute of the 12th September 1797. being
translations & some of the Papers found in the Box
secured in Venatachelum Brodelys House at Tanjore
and sent to the Presidency by order of Government.

No.	Description of the Paper	Date.
1	Translation of a Letter from — at Poonne to one of Venatachelums dependants	30th Decr 1796
2.	Translate of one from Iyaswamy — do. —	18th D. D.
3.	D. — of D. from Seobaiah to —	
4.	D. — of D. from — addressed to Vencatachella Pillay —	about 18th March
5	D. of D. to D. —	4th D.
6.	D. of one from — to —	
7.	D. of one from Kistnarow to Vencatachella Pillay —	about 17th Nov. 96

No. 8. Translate

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No.	Description of the Paper	Date
8	Translate. of a Cowle given by Venatachelum to Valoyda Muckerdah	14 Novr. 96
9.	Ditto of a Letter from three Polligars. supposed those of Worriarpollam. and to have been addressed to Chinniah Moodely	
10	Ditto of one from Potundalum annapillah at Tritchinopoly to Venatachelum Pillah at Tanjore	24th Jany. 1797.
11.	Ditto Form of a Bill of Exchange	
12	Ditto Copy of an Agreement jointly and separately entered into with Chinniah by three Shroffs	13th October 1796.
	The following Papers referred to in No. 12.	
	Translation of a Cadjan letter from Iyah. to Ammiah at Tanjore ..... A,	
	Ditto from Nootun Tumar Chitty to Balasawmy Chitty at Puducotah ..... B,	
	Ditto from Perreyapah and Naraen to Anundah Iyen ..... C,	
13.	Translation from Chinniah to Venatachela Pillah at Tanjore	10th March 1797.

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No.	Description of the Paper	Dates.
14	D°. of. and / supposed from Chinnaik / to Venatachela Pillah at Tanjore	March 1797.
15	D°. from ... to Venatachela Pillah	28th March D°.
16	D°. from ... to	10th D°. D°.
17.	D°. from ... to	10th D°. D°.
18.	D°. from ... to	6th D°. D°.
19.	D°. from ... to	13th D°. D°.
20	D°. from ... to	10th D°. D°.
21	D°. of a Letter from ... to Venatachela Pilly ...	about 15th D°. D°.
22.	D°. from Venatavaren Raguvah Iyengar	27th Jan°. 1797
23.	D°. of Paper found in Venatachelum's House / a Deed of an Inhabitant of the Tanjore Country / disposing of the right of Cultivation of some Villages ... situated within the Tanjore Country to Chinnaik	.....
24	D°. of a Malabar Letter from Ravatta Mudr to Shastha Iyengar	about 15th March "
25	D°. of an original Paper marked Φ	.....
26.	D°. of Extract of a Malabar Letter from ... Chundrasagarum to Venatachela Pillah at Tanjore	17th Dec. 1796

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No.	Description of the Paper	Dates
27.	An English agreement between a Society of Natives and the Tanjore Rajah in the year respecting Loans of Money	
28.	Translation of Venkatachellum's original Diary of his Correspondence	from 16th. October 1796 to 25th. February 1797.
	Also the undermentioned Translations of Letters from Hussain Ul Mulk Bahadur to His Highness the Nabob. and communicated by His	
	Highness to Lord Hobart	27th. February 1797
29	From Hussain Ul Mulk to the Nabob	5th. March 1797 —
	to Do.	
30	From Do.	

No 1.

Translation of a letter from Mr. Bourrie to one of the Venkatachella Pillay's dependants at Tanjore named Appoo Iyengar dated 30th. December 1796. —

I have received two Letters from you by the Tappal, you state that orders will be sent in the Course of two days to the people who came here and raised disturbances desiring them to return — No answer has been given

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given to my Letter complaining of Shanda pah Moodelly's mismanagement. — Intreede with Pillay to remove him, & appoint some Stranger in his place, and I shall then hope to conduct the affairs of this Palace with regularity. — Periah Vakeepan is at Vertengoody and his wife at Alhalpooram Nallore The former has dismissed his long established Managers, and directed those appointed in their room, to avoid all communication with me. A Letter was despatched to Vertengoody under charge of two Peons — you shall be informed of whatever passes. — Runganah desired me to receive my pay in grain at Bryaveram. — I would wish to have it discharged in Cash — be pleased to give me an order for renting out the Arnanie Villages according to the preceding year's Settlement. — Dasa Iyengar is arrived. I appointed him Manager to the Nangoor Church with a Salary

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Salary of 20 Fanams pr. Month — let me know how the Annamie management is decided — favor me with the news Yrs. Yrs. —

N. 2.

Translation of a Letter from Iyah Sawmy to one of Vencatachilla Pillay's dependants at Tanjore named Appoo Iyengar dated 18th December 96 —

After arriving at Sheally Sarote a complete report of every thing to Runganah. as from whom you must have received the particulars Pymaspah Mooddily's misconduct at Sheally has contributed to delay the Palace concerns in that quarter — He set aside the person who for a length of time acted in behalf of Peria Vakeepum. in the place of whom he established the wife of Peria Vakeepum. investing her with full authority to enjoin the Cavil fees. and other privileges. of Peria Vakeepum's agent was recalled and placed in the management

of

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of affairs every thing would succeed. —

Bunda Sawmy ordered the Palace Vicarrahs to assemble Peons and dispose for that purpose — Rungaiah reported these circumstances to Pillay — the cause of all the disturbances proceeds from the connexion between Chinnien Vakeepen and Pyriapah Moodely who is influenced by the vilest persuasion — as Sobiah a Pator has informed you of every particular — Should Perriyapah Moodely find means to establish Chinnien Vakeepen in Poria Vakeepan's situation by the assistance he may derive from the Palace, great disorder and confusion must be the consequences of it — what assistance should accordingly be withheld from him — therefore we must apprehend him when he comes to this place of abode — Explain these circumstances to Pillay and send me an answer — as Rungaiah may have informed you of every point relating to

to

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to Perrayapah Modelly's mismanagement at this place / Shually / it is necessary either that he should be removed, or my services dispensed with.—

If the Mean at the head of affairs sends such persons unworthy of trust. how can the Palaw concerns be regulated by me— I can neither collect money nor grain.— whilst he who recommended me will be exposed to censure. Explain every thing to Pillay and obtain some or determination either in favor of the one or other party.—

No. 3.

Translation of a letter from Soobiah to ——

Perrayapah Modelly made an additional assessment of 7.000 Cullums of Paddy upon the Estimate delivered to the Rajah by the Canadar Serpety 2.100 of which fell upon the following Villages under my charge—

Putta

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Putta Vatakeem including three Villages 1500

Shadayingoody 300

Calumpellah 100

Tricheleumbedeum 100

after stating many objections and contending the
points as much as possible I at length consented
to pray an additional rent of 10 pr. Cent for two
of the Villages and allowed the others to be re-
tained under Amanie Management —

Rengia Pillay wrote you from
Kadaikanaraiga melloor particularly regarding
Peria Vakeepan - Iyah Sawmy Moodelly's Vakeel
despatched a letter to his Master also, on the
same subject stating that "Perrayapah Moodelly
"wrote from Shially to Tanjore accusing Iyah
"Sawmy Moodelly of having raised the wife
"and Children of Peria Vakeepan in opposition
"against him Peria Vakeepan, who he had
"also abandoned to his own inclination; That

Peria

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"Peria Vakeepan had proceeded to Cadulangody, but
"that if summoned to Shually, he Perrayapah or
"Moodelly would employ him and his People in
"the service of the Rajah in like manner as
"those of Chinnia Vakeepan" That in consequence
of this, an order passed to one Arideapah Inhabitant
of Cadulangody, and Hircarrahs were dispatched
to require Peria Vakeepan's attendance at
Shually - and Bunda Sawmy gave directions
for furnishing him Peria Vakeepan with any
force he might require -

Perrayapah Moodelly was
informed of the measure above alluded to, and
directed to employ Peria Vakeepan together with
Chinnia Vakeepan. whenever he arrived - all
authority in the Country appears divided, and
disputes arise out of nothing - Chinnia
Vakeepan instigates Perrayapah Moodelly to
distress the Inhabitants, Poligars and
Managers

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Managers. and make them dissatisfied.— For this reason I was desirous to acquaint you with every circumstance.— Iyer and two Adherents intended submitting their case to the consideration of his Excellency, but their views were disappointed by Chinnia Vaknpant disturbances.— She is resolved to destroy herself if Peria Vaknpan abandons his family; and is supported by the Rajah.— one of Iyer's Servants will attend you, and point out a Boy named Soobaramanien, who is gone to Tanjore, on the part of Peria Vaknpan, to prefer complaint against Iyah Sawmy Moodelly and Sattarannah Pillay.— send him here immediately you apprehend him.— Ramyapah Moodelly wrote a Letter to Tanjore requiring the attendance of Peria Vaknpan at Sheally to superintend Iyah Sawmy's management.— for which purpose Bunda Sawmy despatched him

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Seiva Peria Vakiseyar with a certain establish=
=ment of Sepoys and Vaicarahs - In my opinion
if the force was converted to a guard and placed
over Peria Vakeseyar's person bringing Seiva
prisoner to Vertengoody, it might be attended
with much better consequences. —

No. 4

Translation of a Letter from — addressed to
Venatachilla Pillay agent or Gomastah of
Moodelly at Tangore suppposed Chitties of
Moodelly. dated about 8th March. —

You will have heard every
circumstance that occurred at this place by a
Letter I dispatched to Runganah - I understand
the contents of the Cadjan you wrote me -
Peria Vakeseyar is now in the Varishipattah of
Sungle. attended by Permaul Naik - &
Venecatachillah Iyer has at their request
sent

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sent off Troops from Myaveram consisting of
one Havildar and 25 Sepoys from Jyacongy Naiks
forces 17 Armed Peons - from those of Vendiapad=
=diacha. 30 Ditto - Ugrattis D:- 50 Ditto - and
they proceeded in bodies of 10 and 20 at a time.
I accordingly assembled all the Sibbendies and
peons stationed at this place, part of whom
I ordered to Peramalai Vashil. another near
to the Porriattoo beach, and a third to remain
at Shally, intending to wait a reinforcement
before I moved forward - In the mean time
however Peria Vakeel ran received particular
intimation regarding the force despatched and
was told this Shrisha Iyengar one of
Chinna Vakeel's dependants of every
thing that transpired at Tanjore - availing
himself of that information and considering
it more advisable to depart in consequence
of

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of Soobaramaniah Pillay's return. he set out in the course of the night with great secrecy taking the route of Coteampittah and Maunder Valoor and halted, as I afterwards understood, at Cadalangoody in the District of Tundanullore — I have despatched people to observe his motions and on their arrival you shall hear from me — If a confidence in his absence leads us to desist the pursuit of him, the Country must ever remain in an unsettled state and feel the effects of his inordinate practices — The Taliaris and Managers belonging to Peria Vakeepan conceal themselves in the Jungle and make irruptions into the Trevenkatoo Country, where they impede the reaping of the Crops — they distress the Inhabitants of Pillay Trivially, in so much as obliging them to seek protection elsewhere — destroy the Paddy &c. and commit various irregularities

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irregularities throughout the Country — If no measures are taken to check his misconduct, it must disorder the affairs of the Country.—

No. 5.

Translation of a Letter from — addressed to Venatachella Pillay Agent to Chinnia Moodelly of Manmelly at Tanjore dated 23d. March — or about 1st. March —

The affairs of Shually will have come to your knowledge by a Letter written you on the 23d Instant. and forwarded under Charge of Mauvanie Veraraguva Naik.—

Peria Vakeel from Shually arrived 100 Men from Vertungoody on Friday night about the setting Moon. and carried off Dyah Sawmy Moodelly prisoner — Shendapah Moodelly went in pursuit of them accompanied with 10 or 15 people — and in his absence dispatched

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dispatched a man to me reporting what had happened and requesting me to attend him with 150 people - I collected that number and sent them to him -

Since Pooa Vakupan has shewn such little respect and consideration for the Palace by forcibly apprehending a Servant attached to it, as my last Letter to you will fully explain, it is necessary you should mention every circumstance to his Excellency and prevail upon him to obtain assistance from the Company of 2 Sepoy Companies, to set to arrive at Shully either on Saturday night early on Sunday morning, and effectually to extirpate the very name of Pooa Vakupan as Pooa Vakupan is devoid of principle he will feel no hesitation in committing murder to create an alarm throughout the

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the Country— Two Companies of Sepoys must be ordered without delay to Shually— I hear that Permal Naick (who is of Peria Vakeel's party) arrived at Tricadaygoor two or three days ago— when the affairs of Shually come to his knowledge he will likewise turn presumptuous— I think it would be advisable to adopt the plan recommended by Agil Koulapah of having Mootiah Naig established in the Cavilly (or Poligar) because he is inimical to Permal Naick, also to furnish him with 150 Peons upon the same rate of pay as Sepoys— and to allow Syah Coanjon Naig 50— our Company of Sepoys ought likewise to be stationed at Mayaveram. Obtain orders to that effect and let me hear from you soon.—

After what has passed at Shually the Cavil Kaun (or Poligar Peria Vakeel) cannot be induced to a proper sense of his duty without immediate measures are taken to

direct

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direct the attendance of 200 Peons and to station a Company's guard at Myaveram of 2 Companies of Sepoys - the affairs of the Palace must suffer materially without them. However act as you please. but write me an answer without delay. -

No 6.

Translation of a Letter from —— to ——

I received the Letter you forwarded under charge of the Pollam ÷ people and understand its contents - I communicated to them what appeared in my opinion necessary. In desiring them to remain in their former station, and encouraged them under a promise of effecting any business they might wish for or require - nobody have yet joined them -

I refer you to two Letters written Rungamah

÷ this appears to mean Mariapollam -

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Ruregunah respecting Pena Vakeepanis treachery

he has assembled all the Village Taliaris at

Vertengoody together with about 100 or 150 Peons

and built himself a House in the Jungle—

during the last four days he committed

depredations throughout the Country. Ill treated

the Inhabitants, plundered their Houses, cut

down the crops &c. &c. just in like manner as

he did about the Month of July last.— on the

night of the 22nd. he sent about 40 or 50 Peons

for the purpose of apprehending Tombo Chitty

but not finding him at home. they carried off

4 Inhabitants some Carpenters and Bazar

Men, in all 8. into the Jungle, where having

bound and flogged them, they extorted a Sum of

100 or 150 Pagodas and then left them—

I directed 4 of the Peons stationed here to go

in pursuit of them, but they refused. saying

they

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they had neither ball nor powder - the Commandant
also who is of the Cattie Cast trembled when I ut-
ttered the word Poligar - having reason therefore
to doubt any Spirited exertions from such a description
of people I did not order them on that duty - Some
Inhabitants resort to Tettay under the idea of
finding protection there because it is Mastris
Village. such like irregularities have not hitherto
been committed - Whilst all affairs are conducted
thro the Channel of the Master - their severity cannot
be found in that village unless proper notice be
taken of Peria Vakeels misconduct and
concealment at Vertengoody - The Peria Vakeel
has altogether received encouragement from the
Soobaramanya Pillay and Narsinga Row from
the letters they have written him. —
The latter Para of this Letter which is of some
length mentions that a second party of 200 Peons
belonging

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belonging to Peria Vakupan came on the night of the 23d and carried off Moodelly's manager/meaning Syah Sawmy Moodelly/ and retained him prisoner in the Vertengoody Jungle.

No 7.

Translation of a letter from Kistna Row to Vencashulla Pillay dated at Madras the 9th Kastigai Nalah or about the 19th November 1796.

I herewith inclose a Letter for Sooriyoor Reddy which I request you will immediately have conveyed to him either through his Servants, or in any manner so that it may reach him.- get an answer and send it under cover of your own Letter.- Moddelly having personally spoken with Sooriyoor Reddy and promised him assistance - I need not here repeat it.

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No. 8. —

Translation of a Cowle given by Venatashilla to Velaida Makouda Dated 4th. Kartigai Nalah or about the 14th. November 1796. —

Your Vakeel has related every thing regarding your affairs which I have made known to his Excellency. — come here and you can personally receive instructions. — attend me with confidence. — and after an interview with me you may depart. — further your Vakeel will mention to you — regard this as Cowle. — come without hesitation. —

No. 9.

Translation of a letter / seemingly intended for Chinnian Moodelly. written to him from three of the Polegars of Warriapollam / and sent through the Channul of Venatashilla Pillay. —

The sum which our rent amounted to

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to at the time when our Country came under the Company's Charge. of 2.50.000. and 2.60.000. was reduced by you during that period to 1.50.000. and after the Durbar resumed the management of it. you continued to render us both personal and pecuniary assistance - you used the utmost exertions in favor of those three Statums / or Pollams / to have them placed under the Company's authority at the time Lord Cornwallis & Genl Medows assumed the other Pollams. but it was our misfortune that those exertions proved ineffectual - Had it been represented that those / three Pollams / were subject to a payment of Peshcush they would have been delivered over to the Company's Charge in like manner as the other Pollams. since however this was not the case, it could not be accomplished - It is our want of good fortune - We shall depend on your endeavours

to

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to get a Peishcush or tribute fixed whenever you have influence.- Venatashella Pillay intimated to you in writing what ought to be the amount of it, besides certain donations for particular friends.

And we again enclose you a Statement of them, & settle a Peishcush according to the amount therein stated.- However should an offer from them (the Durbar) to rent the Country meet with your approbation it will be impracticable for us to discharge any engagements during the Current year. The present distresses are unexampled.- whosoever wishes for the Country, let him have it.- it cannot yield a fanam:- If you want an opportunity of speaking on our behalf when these (the Durbars) patience is wearied, and they come to reflect on the loss of 4 or 5 Lacks, (provided the terms of these three Poligars) are rejected: you may then succeed.- but dont treat precipitately.- should it require a delay of 4 or 5 Months, let it lie over.- They will see that the

System

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System of fixing a Peishcush, is preferable to that of Rent— Supposing a Peishcush is settled in the Course of this year— you must endeavour to get only one half of it made payable in this fasly and the remainder divided in three equal pro- portions. to be discharged with the succeeding year's Tribute. The Current Peishcush cannot be collected this year from the produce of the Country— We place our whole reliance on your favor and support.—

If you communicate to us in writing any thing further that ought to be done, we will follow your advice— We refer you to Venkatashella Pillay's Letter for other particulars.— The following lines are intended for Venkatashella Pillay.—

"Make whatever additions or corrections "appear necessary in this Letter and forward it."—

This denotes the addition recommended. to be entered in the former part of the Letter.—

Your

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† Your ancestors established several Poligars to the Northward as well as the Tanjore Rajah. but what is of no material consideration compared with the assistance afforded by you to the Tanjore family. Brahmins Pagodas &c. &c. Both you and your ancestors sought no return for any good offices done. We pray you then to re-establish our three Pollams that you may have the credit of protecting the Brahmins Pagodas &c. in those places also. ——

† Shinnia's Father was Interpreter to Government in Lord Pigots administration.

No. 10.

Translation of a Letter from Putundalum Annah Pilly at Trichinopoly to Venatachella Pillay at Tanjore dated 14th Tai Nalah or about the 24th January 1797.

You have ere this received the Letter I sent you under charge of a Kittisal Boy. It is currently reported here that his Lordship will leave Madras on the 29th January accompanied by

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by Messrs. Adderley, Webbe, Chas. N. White and Captain Allan Town Major, together with some few others Mr. Chas. N. White's departure is uncertain - It is said his Lordship &c. will remain at Tanjore, the 29th 30th and 31st from whence they will afterwards come here and proceed to Dindigul and Madura, taking the route of Trichinopoly and Tanjore on their return to Madras which I understand is fixed for the 15th of February - The money lenders of this † place have taken every precaution against their arrival - so soon as you receive this circulate the news to those at Tanjore and afterwards destroy my Letter. -

† The letter mentions those of both colours

No. 11.

The following appears to be a form for a Bill of Exchange. -

Star Pags. 40.000.

Drawn by Venkatachella Pillay. -

A.

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At 25 days after sight be pleased to pay into the Honble Company's Treasury the Sum of Forty thousand Star Pagodas being on account of the Kist falling due from his Excellency Ammeer Sing Mahah Rajah of Tanjore on the first day of November 1796. after payment of the Sum aforesaid you will obtain a receipt from the Honble Company in the name of his Excellency Ammeer Sing Mahah Rajah. —

(to be signed) Venkatashellum

This draft is to be given Chinnivar Moodelly of Mannully at Madras

Tanjore
1st October 1796.

Draw a Bill of Exchange in this form mentioning the Months in which the Kists become payable. —

Take a Bond for the amount in favor of your Master payable on demand with Interest at the rate of 12 Pr Cent. —

No 12.

Copy of an agreement jointly and separately entered into between Ameeda Iyen & Mahurajah per ann. Balasawmy

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Balasawmy Chitty and Ramasawmy Iyen on the one part and Chinnien Woodly of Manully on the other, bearing date 3rd Arpackie Nulah answering to about the 13th October 1796.

For whatever sums you may advance to us out of your receipts from the Palace, we do hereby engage to supply you with Star Pagodas to an equal amount after 15 Days shall have expired from the date of its receipt: should we fail to repay the amount within the term so specified, we promise to allow an Interest at the rate of 12 P. Cent P.r Annum, payable on demand: but if we furnish the money within that time, you must on the contrary pay us Interest in an equal rate and proportion, - you are to allow us 1/16th of a paraam above the Bazar Exchange of the day on which the money may be paid into our hands to make up for the difference of Exchange. - We are not to sustain any loss that

may

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may arise in your bringing the money to account.
nor you to discharge any expences incurred by us -
which we undertake to bear. - Besides the amount
we may supply in Cash - should we at any time
grant Bills of Exchange payable in Star Pagodas.
or in Sundry Coins. the Bill of Exchange so given
for any limited time. within 8 Days. is to be deducted
and Credit allowed us after the expiration of it -
If any Persons. on whom we draw Bills of Exchange.
fail in the regular discharge of them. we bind
ourselves to receive back the said Bills and pay
the amount therein stipulated. with Interest.
in ready Money - thus we have of our own free
will engaged and bound ourselves. - this agreement
is drawn up by Nagoor Narrainapayen. -

Witnesses
Signed/ Kailashen -
" Sunderem - Brother
to Boochiah. -

Signed/ Anunda Iyen
" Ramsawmy Iyen
" Balasawmy Chitty

Translation A

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A

Translation of a Letter From Iyah to Ameenda Iyah at Tanjore Gomastah to Manully Chinnaiah Moodelly dated.

I am favored with your Letter written on the 24th also with one sent under Charge of Sooba Chitty, and a third forwarded by the Tappal – the contents of which I understand. you are already informed, that I paid 300 Star Pagodas to Pogulooday Naganaida Row. for a Bill of Exchange in part of the 3000 Chuckrums brought from Mayaveram; besides which I have disposed of 600 Chuckrums out of the remaining 2000 Chuckrums at the rate of 2 Rs 4 2 " 3 and 38 fs. Pagoda for a Bill of Exchange payable at Tellay in four days sight. The Pagodas are not yet arrived, I expect them today or tomorrow. when they shall be sent you under Charge of Mulla Sooba Chitty – no Merchants have been here to purchase Paddy, when they do come, it will cause a circulation of Star Pagodas. Otherwise there is no influx here

of

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of trifling Sums. In ten days we may look for a great abundance of that coin, provided Sneed Pagodas sure, they are purposely with-held by those who have on them, under an hope that the Exchange may rise - It is therefore my intention to send off tomorrow a Sum not less than 150 Star Pagodas / together with any further Sums I can procure / under care of Mulla Sooba Chitty. - I thought to have purchased Pagodas at Poonat, and sent a man there with two Bags of Fanams, or about 1000 Chuckrums for the purpose, but the same scarcity prevailing at that place also, he returned, after having used his endeavours in vain. Unless the Merchants come and buy the Carr Paddy - it will be very difficult to procure Pagodas. - one thousand and 25 Collums / 1025 / of Carr Paddy, the produce of 7 Ecres wrincovile are landed at Pernalavashel - besides which, there remains about 2000 Collums exposed on the Beach, it rains so plentifully, that a man dares

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dares not venture abroad; when it ceases I intend to
putting the grain under cover, and to write you
when I do so. Kerateroo - Arnachella Moodelly has
deposited 400 Cullums of Paddy as Security for the
sum owing by him. - when the remainder is cut.
I intend selling it to some Merchant, the proceeds
of which I shall let you know. I have sent a man to
demand the money due from Arnachellay Pillay -
and yesterday past Cadavasil Soobien under restraint.
to recover his Balance - The price of Paddy can be
settled with them after the rains. - Chittumbrum
Chitty delivered no account of his management
on leaving this place for Tanjore in September. I have
kept all daily accounts myself unconnected with
his management, from the day of his departure -
the / Chiddumbrum Chitty / has not included certain
sums with the Daily accounts sent from hence
in September - therefore unless you let me have
the daily accounts of that month, and the
particulars

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particulars of Balances made over by him — my accounts will be incorrect.— I can furnish you with the October Grain account provided I am informed of the Balances due on the 30th September otherwise. these must also be wrong.—

There are about 1500 Cullums of Paddy at Rumcapurcoor, and Puttoor which perhaps may be sold during the Pungal feast.— now there is no market for it.—

The following is the Exchange of the Day.—

	chs	fs
Exchange of a Star Pagoda @	2	3¼
Ditto — Porto Nova Pags.	1	9⅞
Ditto — Scott — D°.	1	9¾

I await your further orders.—

B

Translation of a letter from Nostum Ramar Chitty to Balasawmy Chitty at Pudicotah.—

1st Arpaisee Nalah or about 11th October 1796 dispatched to Tanjore one Bundle containing — Nine Pags. — 25 — — — being an account of the Current Year's produce.

from

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	Pags.
from the Putticcotah Soubah. in different Coins.	250.—.—
One Bundle containing new Pagodas being for the produce of last year	385.—.—
Old Pagodas	490.—.—
Total sent at two different times in Pags.	875.—.—

Different Coins	130.—.—
D° ... D°	50.—.—
A Bundle from Sawmy Iyengar Pagodas	30.—.—
D° on account of Veeraragovens Pay. new Pags.	15.—.—
Total of the 4 Bundles new Pags.	425.
Old D°	490.
	915.—.—
Different Coins	300.—.—
Madura Chuvums	100.—.—

The above Bundles are accompanied with Invoices. look over them and get the money paid to the Palace - you should deliver the money according to the Endorsement on each Bag and write me regarding the profit or Loss. I ought to have Credit for the difference of Batta between new and old Pagodas. The sum I owe you shall be sent by Tomorrow's Tappal - when I

the

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the 15 Pagodas due Veeraragaven come to hand. Shroff
them and discharge his pay. - but dont do so if the
money is otherwise required. -

C

Translation of a letter from Perrey a pah and
Narrain to Ananda Iyen. -

I sent you on the 20th Margalee Nalah
or about 30th December 1796. a Bill of Exchange for
4000 Chuvrums. being the amount received from
Puttuchdars in the Mayaveram Soubah - It was
accompanied with a letter of advice. - you will
carry the money to account. -

(Signed) Geo: Read

No 13.

Letter from Chinniar to Venkatashilla Pillay
at Tanjore. dated 30th Maukee Nala. or about 10th March 1797.

By this time Vakeel Dosts &
Hussein Sah. Gomastahs to a Bengal Soucar of
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This place named Sarandoss is arrived at Tanjore. he will present you with this Letter. if he requires any Money for the purpose of trading, this is to authorize your paying him on demand a Sum within one or two thousand Pagodas upon his receipt. which you will forward to me. - as Sarandoss engages to repay me any Sum or Sums you advance not exceeding two thousand Star Pagodas. you must transmit the receipts to me accordingly. -

/Signed/ Chinniah.

No. 14

Translation of a Letter /supposed to proceed from Chinniah. the Body of the Letter being written in the same hand writing as the former/ to Venatashilla Pillay at Tanjore. dated Pungunie Nalah or - March 1797. -

You have ere this received the Letter written by Sreenavasa Iyer and myself. which

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which were enclosed in one forwarded yesterday by /C./ supposed Chinniar / your letter dated the 2nd Instant No. 8 arrived safe, and the Contents of it were understood. Parcel No. 15 containing one thousand Pagodas and that No. 16 on thousand five hundred have also been received. - The Parcel No. 16. said to contain fifteen hundred Pagodas. had an inscription upon it. of Star Pagodas /1500/- and before an opportunity offered of referring to your letter accompanying it. there was occasion to pay the money into the / Company's / Treasury - the Bag being there weighed. and found heavier than the Sum supposed. it was accordingly opened. when it appeared that. three Hundred and fifty one Porto Novo Pagodas /351./ were sent in the place of three Hundred /300./ Star Pagodas. - The Bag was in consequence returned me by the Company's Sheriff. saying it was improper to endorse "Star Pagodas". when in reality a part of the Contents

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Contents were "Porto Nova Pagodas". I found out the mistake after reading your letter which stated that Porto Nova Pagodas were sent in the Parcel alluded to: but what occasioned this remark from the Sheriff of the Company's Treasury. and gave him cause to send back the money. was your omitting to specify the actual contents of the Bag in Star Pagodas. or Porto Novo Pagodas. and the rate of the latter. converted into the former. or vice versa. This is a convincing proff of your Servants carefulness- some of the Bags are numbred. and some not so. This is to remind you of it. further you will know hereafter. you give the Value of the cloth /in which the money is tied up/ in the middle of your letter. dont do so for the future. let it be separately mentioned at the bottom of your letter. after the date is affixed to it. and every circumstance you have to say is stated. it is

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sufficient to number the Parcels: by numbering
the Bags. occasions confusion. therefore dont do so
in future.— only one thousand Pagodas remaining
to be paid by Gopaul Doss. and Manogee Doss. on
account of the Bills you sent upon them yesterday
Shadeyapah Chitty refused to accept the Bill of
Exchange you forwarded upon him for one thousand
Pagodas. today he likewise objected, promising to give
it. if allowed about four days to pay the money.— he
however he afterwards accepted it. I give this information
to acquaint you of this irregularity. and that
should you forward any more Bills on him he or
will thus delay.—

No. 15.

Letter from——/in the same hand writing
as the former./ to Venatashella Pillay at Tanjore
dated 22.d Maschee Nalah. or about 2.d March 1797.—

The money you dispatched on the
11.th Instant. Maschee. or about 21.st February under
charge

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Charge of Coopa Naiks Golahs Viz.t 20 Bags containing
star Pagodas /10,000/ and three Bags of sundry Coins
to the value of /2,000/ making in all Twenty three
Bags or 12,000/ Pagodas arrived safe yesterday - In
your letter it is mentioned that the Sundry Coins
should be exchanged immediately, whilst that from
Ananda Iyen to his Servant directs him to a-
wait four Days - Is this contradiction proper? -
ought not you to peruse this letter before it is
forwarded - hereafter you must read the letters
that state what quantity of Sundry Coins and
Star Pagodas require sorting or examination; I have
remitted a Bundle containing /80/ Pagodas on a-
account of Govinda Rayahs Balance upon a Bill
of Exchange. -

No. 16.

Letter /wanting a Cover. the hand writing the
same as the former/ - dated 20.th March Nalah
or 10.th March 1797. - acknowledging the receipt
of

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of a Parcel No. 4 by the Sappal containing Fifteen hundred Star Pagodas received from the Palace.

No. 87.

Letter Ditto as above - dated 1st Punganie Nullah about 10th March 1797.

I have this day received the following Parcels as hereafter Numbered, being on account of Sums received from the Palace Viz.t -

One Parcel No. 5 sent on the morning of the 27th Instant or March 7th 97 containing 2 Bags of Sundry Coins or Star Pagodas /1500./ -

D.o one No. 6. despatched on the same night for Pag.s /1500/

D.o one No. 7. - - D.o - - on the 28th March for S Pag.s /1500/

making the contents of the Parcels from No. 1 to No. 7. - Pagodas /4500./ -

Your Letters likewise have come to hand from No. 5. to No. 7. - No. 5 does not correspond with the Parcel - /points out the mistakes that have arisen in the Numbers of the several and supposes me

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one Cover - gives instructions for securing and Sealing them - /-

No. 18.

Letter Ditto /as above/ dated 26th March Nellah or 6th March 1797.

The Golahs arrived this day when the money is examined you shall hear from me I have received the letter you dispatched by the Pappal on 23d Instant likewise a Parcel No 1. tied up in two mens Cloths containing 1 Bag of /1500/ Star Pagodas. lose no time in making the remittance under an escort of Golahs.

No. 19.

Letter Do. /as above/ dated 3d Purgunnie Nullah or about 13th March 1797.

I received two letters No 3 and 4 and two Parcels No 8 and 9 which you forwarded on the 28th and 29th Ultimo. each containing

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containing 1500 hundred Pagodas in all three thousand /3000/ Star Pagodas being for money recived from the Palace. - The remittance made on the 24th Instant Bramhee or about 4th March under charge of Golahs on account of money recived from the Palace arrived this day. - you will hear further from me. -

No. 20.

Letter Do. — /as above/ dated 28th Mashee Nallah or about 10th March 1797. -

My Letter of the 20th will have satisfied you in regard to the Parcel No. 1. which you forwarded on the 23rd Instant for Star Pagodas /1500/ and the Bill of Exchange on Kurnasankera Triady Gopaul Doss and manohare Doss to the same amount. The Bill of Exchange despatched the 24th on Achana Pillah and Abdul Kauder. on drawn by Nagoo Ismael Labby Bullakidy Labby

and

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and Magalingum for /1500/ is received, together with a Parcel No. 2. containing the same amount /1500/ received also the Draft given by Kurnasumkiva Sriady for /1000/ Star Pagodas. drawn on Gopaul Doss and Manogira Doss which you forwarded on the 23d. Instant.

Shrenavasier wrote on the 24th that he forwarded a Parcel No. 2. together with certain Bills of Exchange on the same date amounting to /4000/ Pagodas - you state that the Parcel No. 2 sent on the 24th contained Star Pagodas /1600/ a Draft on a Sabbuk for /600/ in all /2000/.

What is become of the remaining /2000/ you will learn from Shrenavasier whether the mistake arises in the hand writing or what is the cause of it and inform me.

The Golahs were sent back yesterday Parcel No. 3. containing /1500/ has been received by the Sapsipal.

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