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Diary

19th Sent the following Letter to

Captain Barrow

To Captain Thomas Barrow

of the Ship

Britannia

Sir

To Captain Barrow with Instructions for cruizing for the French Corvette seen to the Southward and for convoying the Indra to Trincomalee — stating the reinforcement of Men and Guns that he will receive from the Ships on the roads for this Service —

Having received intelligence of the appearance of a French corvette off Negapatam, mounting twenty four twelve pounders, the Right Honble the President in Council has resolved to equip and dispatch your Ship in order to convoy for her — For this purpose the Commanders of the Marquis of Lansdown Hillsborough and King George have been ordered to send on board your Ship each twenty of their best seamen to these will be added a detachment of Troops consisting of sixty of his Majesty's 12th Regiment — The Commander of the King George has also been ordered to supply you with ten 12 Pounders and the Commander of the Marquis of Lansdown with two more 12 pounders with carriages and ammunition complete. —

Having

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Having received this reinforce-
ment on board, you will take under y
your convoy the ship Indus and y
proceed to morrow morning as much y
along the coast as possible in search of
the Corvette.—

You are to proceed at all
events as far as Point Pedro, but you
will observe that the object for which
you are despatched is to cruize along y
the Coast for the Corvette, and to y
convoy the Indus to Trincomalee. Having
executed this Service you will return
to Madras.—

Should your ship require
any farther supply of Stores and y
ammunition, you are to make y
immediate application that there
may be no delay in your y

departure

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19th departure.—

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19th September 1797.

Sam.l Ch.r Ch.r
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Govern.t

Despatched also the 8 undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. N.os 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109.—

To the Commanders of the Ships King George and Marquis Lansdown.—

To Captains Colnett and Boulderson—desiring the former to send ten 12 Pounder Guns, and the latter two 9 nine pounders with Carriages and Ammunition complete on board the Bretannia for the service abovementioned.

To the Commander of the Ships Marquis of Lansdown Hillsborough and King George.

To Captains Boulderson Hiatt and Colnett desiring them each to send twenty of the best Seamen on board their Ships to the Bretannia, to be employed in the Service abovementioned.

To the Commander of the Ship Indore.

To Captain Elmore desiring him to be prepared to sail for Trincomale on the morning of the 20th and to put himself under the orders of Captain Barrow

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To the Commander of the Ship Indra.

To Dr desiring him to receive on board his Ship for Trincomale such Medicines as may be tendered to him by the Medical Storekeeper

To Ditto — Ditto

To Dr desiring him to receive Charge of ten Chests containing 30,000 Spanish Dollars and a Native Prisoner — Named Sankrzalingum pillah and deliver them on his Arrival to the Commandant at T Trincomale. —

To the Secretary to the military Board

To Captain Caire — desiring that Mr George Garrow the Commercial and revenue Assistant on Ceylon may be furnished with one new Marquee and one necessary Tent from the Company's Stores —

To the Commander of the Ship Lascelles

To Captain Sartorius permitting him to receive Lieutenant John Gourlay on board his Ship as Passenger for Bengal together with his Native Servant and Baggage. —

To Ditto of the Ship Royal admiral —

To Captain Fellowes — desiring him to convey Mr Carruthers, an Bengal Cadet to his Station at the public Expence. —

To

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To the Town Major desiring

To the Town Major — that Seneralangam Pelly a revenue defaulter under his Custody may be sent on board the Indus, in order to his being transported to Trincomale.—

To the Secretary at Bengal.— To Mr. Secretary Barlow — informing him that the Packet containing the Proceedings of this Government, which it was intended to have sent on the Britannia, has been embarked on the Royal admiral.—

To the Barrack master at the Presidency.— To Lieutenant A. Maclean granting him four Months leave of absence to proceed to Bengal — and informing him that he may transfer the temporary charge of his Employ to Captain Turing.—

Received the following Letters.

Josiah Webbe Esq.
Secretary to Government

From the Military Paymaster General enclosing a return of the Copper Coinage landed at Colombo from on board the Convoy post Frigate.— Sir

I have the honor to enclose you Copy of a Letter I have this day received from Mr. Paymaster Kingston & with Copy of its enclosure respecting the Copper

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Copper Coin Shipped on board His Majesty's
Ship Carnatic

Fort St. George
11th September 1797.

I am &c &c
/Signed/ B. Roebuck
M. P. G.

Benjamin Roebuck Esqr.
Paymaster General
Sir

I have the honour herewith
to transmit a Return of Copper Coin
Received from on Board His Majesty's
Ship Carnatic Captain Adams on
the 16th Instant. -

25th August 1797
Trenkamale. -

I have the Honour to be
&c &c
/Signed/ Strickland Kerr Keigwin
Paymr.

Return

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Return of Copper Coin on Counting received from on Board his Majesty's Ship Canopus for which receipts was given to Captain Adams for the number of Rounds, the Account being then unknown as no Invoice or Letter accompanied it.

Rupees Fanams Cash 1/2 F 6

5	Casks	at 227 Rupees each	1,135	"	"
3	ditto	221 ditto	663	"	"
3	ditto	226 ditto	678	"	"
5	ditto	234 ditto	1,170	"	"
3	ditto	237 ditto	711	"	"
6	ditto	238 ditto	1,428	"	"
10	ditto	242 ditto	2,420	"	"
4	ditto	243 ditto	972	"	"
5	ditto	244 ditto	1,220	"	"
10	ditto	245 ditto	2,450	"	"
10	ditto	246 ditto	2,460	"	"
8	ditto	247 ditto	1,976	"	"
14	ditto	248 ditto	3,472	"	"
4	ditto	250 ditto	1,000	"	"
5	ditto	251 ditto	1,255	"	"
3	ditto	255 ditto	765	"	"
1	Cask was broke in pieces & standing empty by		225	7	"
1	ditto	ditto ditto ditto	224	4	"
100		Total	26224	11	" 65944 "

/Signed/ Strickland Kingston
Paym.r

True Copies
/Signed/ B. Roebuck
M.P.G.

To

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To The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From the Select Committee of the Male orphan & Asylum requesting that Government will defray the Expence incurred in repairing the Quarter allotted the Store Serjeant within the Fort of Egmore.

Having observed that in a Bill for Repairing lately executed at Egmore a charge of Forty one Pagodas, twenty nine Fanams, and forty eight Cash, is included for the Repair of a Building the property of the Honorable Company and allotted as a Quarter to the Serjeant in charge of the Ordnance &c at that Fort, We, the Select Committee for managing the affairs of the Military Male Orphan Asylum, accordingly beg leave to request that your Lordship in Council will be pleased to authorize the payment of the accompanying Bill to Colonel Gent, the Officer by whom the Work was executed.—

We have the honor to be
&c &c &c
Signed/ Geo. Harris
Patrick Agnew
W. Sydenham
Jn. Richardson
A. Allan
By Colonel
George Hall

Madras
10th August 1797.

Despatched

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20th Dispatched the undermentioned

Letters entered in M.B. N°. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. &

115. 116.—

To the Town Major

To the Town Major — desiring him to furnish the Information required in a Letter received from Bengal respecting a Person of the Name of Dawes who has claimed a Subsistence from the Company in Bengal as a Prisoner of war——

To the Commander of the Ship Isabella

To Captain Elmore — desiring him to convey to Trincomale a Native Woman named Mary Murton belonging to the 1st Battalion of Artillery and her Child.—

To Captain J. G. Scott of the Artillery.—

To Captain Scott — permitting him to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope and eventually to Europe for the recovery of his Health.—

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr. Roebuck — desiring him to authorize the provision of sundry articles of Furniture for the use of the Manufacture Pay Office to the value of one hundred and four Madras Pagodas.—

To Ditto — Ditto

To Do. informing him of the

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the amount ordered to be issued from the
Treasury on account of the additional &
Cash Estimates which accompanied his &
Letters of the 14 and 16th Instant. —

To Mr. E. Mesnier
formerly chief &
Officer of the mobile
French Privateer
at Tranquebar

To Mr. Mesnier — requesting
him to proceed forthwith to Madras and
surrender himself a Prisoner of war. and
informing him that any assistance he
may require will be afforded him on &
application to Mr. Torriano the Resident
at Nagore. —

To the Resident
at Nagore. —

To Mr. Torriano desiring &
him to forward the above to Mr. Mesnier
at Tranquebar with a suitable Letter
from himself —

Received the following
Letters. —

To

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To the 20th

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord.

We have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary
Webbes Letters of the 5th and 11th Instant
with their Enclosures: also Letter from
Government of the 6th Instant.—

With respect to the
representation of Captain Cuppage and
Lieutenant Colonel Cotton on the state of
the Barrack at Cutoor, referred to Our
consideration with Mr. Secretary Webbe's
Letter of the 5th Instant, as it comes
within our own knowledge that the
Barrack was originally but a temporary
Building, and should consequently require
a small Expence only for its repair, We
We accordingly recommend that Major
General Floyd be authorized to direct such
Repairs being immediately made thereto as
as will shelter the Men against the
approaching

From the Military Board opinion relative to the repair of the native Infantry Barracks at Cutoor forward a General Map of the Carnatic as required from Bengal in 1794 and a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Gent explanatory of the cause of the Delay that has occurred in completing it

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approaching Monsoon first completing so much of it as will effectually secure the Army and Accoutrements — but that an Estimate of the expence, formed upon the most reasonable terms, be nevertheless forwarded for approval. —

In obedience to the Orders of Government signified to us under date the 1st of May 1794, We do ourselves the honor to forward herewith, for transmission to Bengal, a General Map of the Carnatick including and distinguishing the Ceded & Countries, with copy of Letter from Colonel Gent, stating the particular Authorities & from which such Map has been compiled. —

We have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ Geo. Harris
Patrick Ross
Thomas Guilly
W. Sydenham
Jn. Richardson
By. Close
George Hall

Major

Fort St. George
18th September 1797.

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Major General Ross

Chief Engineer

Sir

Having completed the Military
Map called for by the Supreme Government
so long ago as June 5794, I have the Honor
herewith of sending it, and if it meets with
your approbation, request you will be P
pleased to lay it before the Military Board.

From the time that this
Map was first called for, until a few P
months since, I had been left without any
assistance in the office, Every Officer on the
Corps having been employed at different
Stations, and on the several Expeditions to
Ceylon, and the Eastward, my own P
avocations as Chief Engineer taking up P
so much of time, as to prevent me P
engaging in the Compilation of the P
Map in the manner I wished, and when
I had completed the Carnatic, I detained
it a few months to render it more complete
by adding the Island of Ceylon to it, P
having

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Having been furnished with a Copy from the best authority, this I hope will be a satisfactory to the Board for the delay. –

I beg leave to subjoin a List of the Authorities in the Compilation of this Map, and have the honor to be. –

Fort St. George
13th September 1797.

E. E.

/Signed/ W. Gent Lieut. Col. Engineer

True Copy

/Signed/ Fred. Peirce

Secy Mil. Board

List of Maps and Surveys from which the General Map of the Carnatic is compiled from for the Supreme Government. –

The Sea Coast from Point Calimere to Point Gaudaverry taken from the late Mr. Michael Topsings Survey. –

The Jaghire is taken from Mr. Barnardi and the late Captain Speiglet's Survey. –

The Ceded Districts taken from Surveys made by Major Allan. –

The

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The Masulipatam District

from Surveys in the Chief Engineer's office.—

The Vizagapatam District &c.

The Ganjam District from

Mr. Cotsford's Survey.—

The Island of Ceylon from

a Survey made in the year 1789 by order

of Mr. Van de Graaf Governor, and given

by Brigadier General De Meuron to Captain Colin Mackenzie Engineer

/Signed/ W. Gent Lieut. Colt. Engr.

Fort St. George
13th September 1797.

Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir

From the Military Paymaster General enclosing letters from the Trincomale Paymaster relative to the exchange he has issued the Dollars sent to him for the payment of the Troops, and the amount of Cash which he will require in the Month of October.

I have the honor to transmit you Copy of a Letter from the Paymaster at Trincomalee under date the 11th Instant relative to the Exchange at which he found it necessary to issue the Dollars to the Troops and enclosing

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enclosing a Statement of the Demands to be made when in the month of October

Fort St. George
20th September 5797.-

Sam Le Fr
Signed/ B. Roebuck

Benjamin Roebuck Esqr.
Paymaster General

Sir

I have the honour herewith to transmit a Statement of Cash required for the disburse=ments of this Station on the 1st of October 5797 amounting to Pagodas 39,919. 36. 24. and must beg leave to observe that the 33,333 Pagodas I received in July last in Spanish Dollars being changed to 30 per. cent. each would not be taken in

payment

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payment for money borrowed by me
to pay the Troops at more than
27 Fanams, at which rate my P
Creditors proved they could purchase
them, in consequence of which
being under personal engagement
to pay the Debt as soon as P
possible, I rather chose to risk P
the loss than injure my own P
Credit as well as the Service P
by any deviation from that which
appeared to be only just. —

I have to hope P

Sir, that the Sums already taken up

on

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on my private Credit and advanced to accommodate the Public Service will sufficiently evince my Confidence in being reimbursed, I have therefore to hope that you will be so good as to send a Supply of money for the payments of the Troops as soon as possible. —

I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ Strickland Kingston

Paym.r

11th September 1797.
Trincomalie.

True Copy
/Signed/ B. Roebuck
M. P. G.
Estimate

Estimate of Cash Required for the Payment of the Troops at Trincomalie and its dependencies for the Months of October 1797 and Arrears due prior thereto

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No. of Copy	Corps	Commanded by	Allowance for September	Allowance for October and arrears for August	Arrears for September	Total
	Detachment of Artillery with Gun Lascars attached	Capt.n Lieutenant Hammond	2750 " "	2,800 " "	5,550 " "	
	2 Companies of the 1st Regement 2d Division European Infantry	Lieutenant Coghlan	1500 " "	1440 " "	2940 " "	
	Corps of Malays	Captain E. O Reilly	1396 " "	1390 " "	2786 " "	
	2d Batt.n Company of the 1st Batt.n 1st Reg.t Native Infantry	Lieutenant Donneaux	430 " "	450 " "	880 " "	
	Detachment of the 5th Batt.n Company of the 1st Batt.n 1st Reg.t Native Infantry	Lieutenant A. Fair	212 " "	210 " "	422 " "	
	1st Grandier Company of the 1st Batt.n 1st Reg.t Native Infantry	Captain Pattinson	590 " "	604 " "	1194 " "	
	Charges for Fuding the Stud on the Island of Delft	Major B. G. Barbut	277 " "	277 " "	554 " "	
	Engineers Department	Captain J. Norris	260 " "	260 " "	520 " "	
	Ordnance Department	Capt.n Lieut.t J. Hammond	250 " "	250 " "	500 " "	
	Garrison Staff Officers		350 " "	350 " "	700 " "	
		Carried Over Pagodas			16046 " "	

Estimate of Cash required for the Troops at Trincomalie 1797

No. of Corps	Corps &c.	Commanded by	Advance for Sept. and Arrears for August	Advance for October and Arrears for September.	Total	
		Brought over Pay do			16046 " "	
	Garrison Lascars	Colonel Champagne	400 " "	400 " "	800 " "	
	Contingent Bills &c. &c.		230 " "	200 " "	430 " "	
	Paymasters Department	Captain J. Kingston	206 " "	204 " "	410 " "	
	Charges Extraordinary in the Engineers department for building &c. &c. &c.	Captain Norris	610 " "	600 " "	1210 " "	
	Dutch Prisoners of War		1020 " "	1000 " "	2020 " "	
	Amount Arrears that falls due on the 31st August per annexed Statement of Receipts & Disbursements		" " "	" " "	3637 20 24	
	Amount Required for the payment of Company's allowances to the 80th Regiment		4350 " "	4450 " "	8800 " "	
	Amount Required for the payment of Kings Subsistence to the 80th Regt of Foot		2100 " "	2200 " "	4300 " "	
	Amount Required of me by the Commissary of Grain and Provisions for the Disbursements of his Employ for September and October per duplicate Estimates		1170 30	1795 22	2966 16 "	
		Grand Total Star Pagodas			39936 24	

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September 1797.

NB. altho' the Estimate for the Provision dep.t amounts is sent to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions the Cash is advanced by the Paymaster on his account

E E & E.

/Signed/ Strickland Kingston
Paym.r

Pay Office Trincomalie 1st September 1797

Dr. { Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of Captain Strick.d Kingston Military Paymaster at Trincomalie &c. &c. during the Month of August 1797 } Cr.

To Cash received from Madras in Copper Coin		6459 44	By Balance of July's account		4350 29 67
Amount of Bills drawn by me on the Military Paymaster General during this month		9822 4 "	By Amount disbursed to the Troops in this month about		1838 7 " "
Family Stoppages	about	1200 " "	By Cash advanced on Estimate to the Commiss.y of Grain and Provisions		1071 28 "
		17482 6 "	By Cash advanced on Indent by Estimate to the Deputy Paym.r to the Kings Troops for the payment of one Months Subsistence to the 80.th Regiment		1538 20 74
Balance 31.st August		3637 20 24	By disbursed to the 80.th of Co.s allow.ce		3771 31 46
		St.g Pag.s 21119 26 24			St.g Pag.s 21119 26 24

[Signed] Strickland Kingston
Paym.r

True Copy
[Signed] B. Roebuck
M.P.G.

Strickland Kingston Esq.r

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Duplicate

Estimate of Probable disbursements Required in the Department of Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Trincomale for the Month of September 1797.

Victualling the Troops		900	" "
Allowance and Servants Wages		193	" "
Charges Extraordinary		22	" "
Charges Extraordinary and Servants Wages in the Grain Departments	}	55	30 "
Star Pagodas		1170	30 "

Trincomalie
6th August 1797

/Signed/ Strickland Kingston
Commy of Provisions

True Copy
/Signed/ B. Roebuck
Dep. Sec. G.

Duplicate

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Duplicate

Estimate of Probable Disbursement Required in the Department of Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Trincomale for the Month of October 5797.—

Victualing the Troops	1,524	"	"
Allowance and Servants Wages	193	"	"
Charges Extraordinary	22	33	"
Charge Extraordinary and Servants Wages in the Grain Department	55	40	"
Star Pagodas 5795	28	"	

Trincomale
8th September 5797.

E E
J S
/Signed/ Strickland Kingston
Com.y of Provisions —

True Copy
/Signed/ B. Roebuck
m. P. G. —

Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esqr. &c

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you Copy of a letter from Mr. Paymaster Jackson under date the 16th Instant & which I request you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honble the President in Council. —

From the Military Paymaster General forwarding a representation of Mr. T. S. Jackson Paymaster in the Barrackmaal of the Inadequacy of his establishment of Servants to conduct the Duties of his Office. —

I am &c &c

Signed/ B. Roebuck

Dy. P. G. —

Fort St. George

19th September 1797.

To Benjamin Roebuck Esqr. &c

Military Paymaster General

Fort St. George

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that an Office Establishment of 4 Servants has been supplied me by the Military Auditor General to assist me in the duties of the Pay department in these Districts. —

From

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From which I have been able already to understand of the duties of this office and the difficulty of procuring Writers upon so low an allowance in these Districts, it will be impossible for me to perform the Duties of the office either with exactness or punctuality upon the Establishment I am allowed.—

In attempting an arrangement upon the military Auditor Generals Plan some of the Writers have already declared their Intention of quitting the office.—

As I have just taken charge of this department, I beg the favor of you to adopt such steps as you shall see occasion, to enable me to perform the Duties of my office.—

I have the honor to be.

&c. &c.

/Signed/ Tho.s Scott Jackson
Paym.r
C. D.

Rustnaghurry
16.th September 1797.

A true Copy
/Signed/ B. Roebuck
m. P. G

Sent the following Letter

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To 20th
To Mr. William Hawkins
Paymaster at
Trichinopoly

Sir

In consequence of the
investigation which was made into the
accounts of Mr. Samuel Johnston late
Paymaster at Trichinopoly the sum of
Pagodas 3484: 36. has been brought to
account in the General Books under the
head of suspense account – This sum
is formed of three different charges for
grain stated by Mr. Johnston to have
been purchased for the Company's
account but reported by his Highness
the Nabob to have been part of the
property mortgaged to Patchiapah
Soobroy and others – The claim of
Patchiapah is to the grain in
question is stated by the committee
at Trichinopoly in the year 1791 to
be supported by the young Nabob

in

Is the Paymaster at Trichinopoly desiring that the records of his office may be searched for information respecting some Grain laid on there at Trichinopoly which has been claimed by Mr. Samuel Johnston tho' reported to have been mortgaged to Patchiapah and others stated by the Nabob

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28th in a letter to Mr. Garrow the Storekeeper

I am therefore directed to

desire that you will examine the correc=

=pondence of the Storekeeper at Trechin=

=opoly, and that, if the letter there a=

mentioned should be found you will

transmit a copy to me for the information

of Government. —

Fort St. George
19th September 1797.

I am &c &c
/Signed/ J. Webbe
Secy to Government

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir

I am directed by the Right

Honble the President in Council to a=

refer to you the enclosed accounts marked

No. 1. 2. & 3. with the accompanying a=

vouchers and to desire that you will a=

report how far the different sums therein

claimed by Mr. Johnston are supported

by the validity of his vouchers the a=

usages & regulations of the service at

that

To the Military Auditor General referring for his examination and report on any charges against the company advanced by Mr. Samuel Johnston

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20th that time, or by the force of the explana-
tions which that Gentleman has advanced
the charges upon groceries,
upon the wastage of grain, upon the
clothing certificates, upon the repair of
of the Paymasters houses, and upon the
grain at Madura have already been
decided. —

Fort St. George
19th September 1797.

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

To Colonel Champagne
Commanding at
Trincomale

Sir

I am directed by the Right
Honble the President in Council to
inform you that Sankralingum Pillah
the person mentioned in the accompanying
Copy of a letter from the Board of Revenue
has been sent on board the Indra, and to
desire

To the Commandant at Trincomale regarding the mode of employing Sankralingum Pillay sent a Prisoner to Trincomale on the Indra. —

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20th desire that he may be employed in the manner recommended.—

The President in Council desires that especial care may be taken that this man do not effect his escape from Trincomale.—

Sam L. Ca.

/Signed/ J. Webbe
Secy to Govt.

Fort St. George
19th September 1797.

21st Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Mlls No. 157. 158. 159.—

From the Collector in the 1st Division of the Vizagapatam District.— From Mr. Wm Brown A Advising of the arrival of the 2d Battalion of the 4th Regement Bengal Native A Infantry at Cajeircotah on the 17th, and that the whole Corps would proceed on its march Southward on the 18th.—

From the Deputy Adjutant General to the King's Troops. From Lieutenant Colonel Robertson — enclosing the necessary Certificate on Oath of the ill State of Health of A Lieutenant Downing of His majesty's 73d Regement, about to proceed to England and

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and requesting an order may pass for advancing him the usual Passage Money.-

From Assistant Surgeon Walker St George.--

From Mr. St George requesting that the Paymaster may be authorized to discharge his Bills for Medical attendance on the Sick of the Detachment of Pioneers serving on Ceylon under the Command of Lieutenant Fitzpatrick.-

Received also the following Letter from Lieutenant Dubuc at Trincomalee

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor of
Fort St. George

My Lord

From Lieutenant Dubuc respecting the Capture of the Thomas Extra Ship by the French Brule Gueule Privateer, and the landing of her Crew at Trincomalee

The French Frigate Brule gueule Captain Bruneau de la Souchais anchored in these roads yesterday.- My Curiosity led me on board her, I found she had captured off Batticoloa, an English Ship homeward bound from Bengal richly laden.- and had brought with her the Captain officers and part of her Crew

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Crew consisting in all of twenty one persons
prisoners of war

Being an intimate Acquain-
tance of the Commander of the Frigate, I
prevailed upon him to land his prisoners
here - and I now enclose a return of them &
the Captain and Crew will proceed from
this Place to Madras in the course of a
few Days - I request the favor of a reply
from your Lordship on the subject of the
exchange of Prisoners. -

I entertain a full sense of the
obligations I am under to your Lordship for
the kind Treatment I experienced while
a prisoner of War under your Government,
and shall with pleasure avail myself of
every opportunity of rendering Service to
British Subjects. -

I have the honor to be with
much respect. - /Signed/ Dubee

Tranquebar
11th September 1797.

A true Copy
/Signed/ George Parry
Fourth Trans.

Return

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Return of English Prisoners Captured on the Ship Thomas by the Republican Corvette Brune Ensuele Captain Bruneau and landed at Pourquebar on the 27th. Fructidor, 5th. Year of the Republic answering to the 13th. September 1797.

Names	Rank
W. M Willoughby	Captain
John Reay	Second Captain
W. Friend	Lieutenant
John Crays	Carpenter
Pierre Cospe	Seamen
John Cospe	Do.
John Bergh	Ditto
Thomas Johnson	Ditto
Joseph Weber	Ditto
Hermanay hernee K	Ditto
Joseph Wood house	Ditto
Emanuel Petre	Ditto
Guillaume Schmit	Ditto
John Pieterson	Ditto
John Frederick	Ditto
Pinlack matien	Ditto
Emanuel +	Ditto
John Gommije	Ditto
John marcianne	Ditto
Sastyrue	Ditto
Guillaime Willhelen	Ditto
Total	21 men

+ The name Souray nearly erased

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We the abovementioned Captain and principal officers made Prisoners on Board the Thomas, promise to procure an exchange of an equal Number of French Prisoners of corresponding rank, and not to serve till such exchange shall have been made. —

The original of the above deposited with me. —

/Signed/ Bruneau de la Touche

True Translation

/Signed/ George Barry

French Translator

Sent the following Letters. —

To Bregadier General De Meuron

Commanding the Troops on Ceylon at Columbo

To Brigadier General De Meuron authorizing him to raise a small Corps of free Malays for Pioneer Service with Dribery permitted to draw his Subsistence at Jaffnapatam

The Original application for an increased Establishment of artificers referred to the Consideration of the Military Board

Sir

In compliance with the recommendation contained in your letter of 10th Ultimo, the Right Honble the President in Council authorizing you to raise a small corps of free malays for

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for the service of the revenue, if from the situation of affairs upon the island he you should still deem it expedient to resort to this measure.—

The President in Council permits Lieutenant Colonel Duberg to reside and draw his allowance of at Tutacorin —

The application for an increase of artificers in the Engineering department has been referred to the Military Board —

Fort St. George
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I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient
humble Servants
[Signed] J. Webbe
Secy to Government —

To

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

Gentlemen.

To the Military Board orders relative to the sale of provisions in store of a perishable Nature, and the mode of accounting for the water Casks received from different Ships for the Expedition Copies of Invoices received from Bengal of additional Stores sent to Penang on board supply for Forage provided by Lieutenant Montgomery to be sold off - Letters from Trincomale respecting the price of fresh provisions there and from Colombo regarding the loss of Water Casks shipped for the Presidency &c enclosed - their opinion required on an application from the Engineer at Colombo for an increased Establishment of artificers and from the Medical Board for the executing of some Repairs to the Presidency general Hospital. —

We desire that you will examine and report to us as soon as possible those articles in store at the Presidency, and at the out garrisons, which from their perishable nature and the improbability of their being soon required for the public Service should in your opinion be sold off.

We desire also that you will furnish us with a statement shewing the number of water casks, which were received from the different Ships for the intended expedition, and which may not have been yet paid for, in order that application may be made for replacing them in Bengal.

Such of the Water Casks as were received from the Ships now in

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Hospital.

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in the roads we desire may be returned to them or replaced by an equal number of good casks from among those which it may either have been purchased or it received from Bengal. —

We inclose copy of a letter from the Secretary in Bengal with the invoices of the stores therein mentioned.

Lieutenant Montgomery who was authorized to purchase certain articles of forage for the cavalry embarked on the expedition has been directed to deliver over to the garrison Storekeeper such part of them as still remain unissued; and we desire that the garrison Storekeeper may be instructed to dispose of them in the most advantageous manner.

We refer for your consideration reports from Trincomale respecting the price of provision at that place, and from Columbo respecting the loss of water casks dispatched from

from

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from thence.-

We also refer for your
consideration an application for an increase
of the Engineers establishment at Columbo,
and a recommendation of the Medical
Board for the execution of repairs at the
general hospital.-

We are &c &c
/Signed/ Hobart
&c Council

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To Lieutenant Colonel Roberts
Commanding at Guntoor

Sir

To Lieutenant Colonel Roberts approving the Measures taken by him for relieving the 9th Regiment of Native Infantry.

I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter dated 16th Instant,
and to acquaint you that the Right Honble
the President in Council approves the
steps which you have taken for carrying
into effect the orders of Government for the
relief of the 9th Regement.- . . .

I am &c &c
/Signed/ J. Webbe
Secy to Govt.-

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To

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To 25th Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson
Commanding at
Amboor.

Sir,

To Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson with orders for withdrawing the party lately stationed on the Colonel's country by authority of Government.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 12th Instant.—

Though his Lordship in Council cannot but feel much concern at the depredations which you state to have been committed on the borders, yet as the authors of these violences appear to have been the inhabitants of the Nabob's own country provoked by the oppression of his Highness's amildars he cannot consent to harass the troops in so helpless and so disre-putable a service. I am therefore to desire that the whole of the troops may be recalled into garrison.—

His

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His Highness the Nabob having been advised of this resolution, and you will communicate to the amildar that in order you send for the return of the detachment.—

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I am &c &c
/Signed/ J. Webbe
Secy to Government.—

Substance of a letter to the Nabob

Sent Letter to the Nabob entered in L.B. No. 82/ enclosing Copy of a Letter received by the President from the Dowlut Row Sundeah, relative to his desire of establishing a Charity House at Tanjore, and requesting he will enable His Lordship to return a suitable Answer upon the Subject of his Request.—

Received the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore

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To
J. Webbe Esqr. 25th
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to enclose Copies of the Depositions made relative to the Case of Murder mentioned in my Letter to you of the 10th Instno. -

The Rajah has not yet to my Knowledge taken any Steps towards the Punishment of those who are guilty of the Crime. -

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ Alex. Macleod
Resd.

From the Resident at Tanjore enclosing Copies of Sevl written Depositions relative to the late Murder of Vydanaden and the Sentence -

Tanjore
5th September 1797.

Tanjore 5th September 1797.

Written Declaration given by Vydanaden Iverpiar brother of the late Vaydaurana Shanadoy of the Village Sulmangyer in Manargoody. -

That Vythinanadein on his first arrival at Trivalore to collect money and appropriate

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appa Row to collect the money of Subnaiyer
Maganeum, who ordering Cubreapah Moodely
the latter killed Vaydavarana Shastry This
news of the murder of my brother has been
reported by me to Veshvanadiah, who on
making Inquiery and finding it was true
said to me the Dead man can not come
back, but I shall punish the man that has
murdered him, now tell me if you want
any thing from me so saying he to Shew
his help to me, took from me a Shasanum
/or Tittle Deed/ of Two parts of a Village
Perungay moolay Tempady, in which it
is said there was a great dispute between
the Maganum people and these Brameins
/and gave it to Vadamalay Vajapa Moodely
and ordered him to pay me immediately the
Price of it amounting to 156 Chl. for this
sum he drew a bond from them and delivered
it to me also he kept a Thirawak over
them for the payment of the said sum; he
has not only done this, but also at a lake

called

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called Kotagum to which there is a bank
called Aragheum Karay on the Southern
side of the Water course called Kothaven Vokyal
which he has ordered to be repaired and
strengthened by the Mogaseem People &
only and not by the Brahmins of my &
Village; all this above Favor and assistance
has been Shewn falsely by Sithevandiah
but of which there was nothing done - This
being the case the Sunbah of managoody
was lately assumed by the Company Who
appoo Row Cutnaapah modely Vadavalay
Vajah modely, and Sabdoray Iyangar &
all this people have given Orders to flog
my Eldest Brother Vadarana shanboy
but death took place there; on his being so
Violently flogged he was so of the &
want of Water, that His feet could &
scarcely stand on the Ground, However
the People that assembled about &
there took hold of him, and brought &
him to Home, where they left him and

went

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25.th went away, on this my Brother was then sick, the Blood always falling down by the way by which the Urine is commonly passed, and at last He Vomitted the Blood and died within 5 days after his being Flogged —

/Signed/ Vydashwn Shastry

True Copies

/Signed/ Alex.r Macleod

Resd.

Tanjore 5.th September 1797

Hand Writting given by Ramasamy Saig Peon of Kotore in the Shanvay or talook of Linganmaig under the Subnisg Amaijee Court.

That by the order of Cutchapah moodely in the Mayanum of Tulonayer in the Cutcheck of Kotore it is true that I have Flogged both Rangiah and Vaydarana Shastry Bramens of Tulonayer but not only I myself Flogged Vaydarana Shastry, there were other 7 or 8 Peons of the Tondiman, and 2 Peons from the Shanvay

or

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/or Talook/ of Venkataramma Naig, who also
/flogged him/ ...

/Signed/ Ramasamy Naig

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Hand Writeing given by Sahdoray Syangar
of Omilacherry ...

That When Vesheva naudiah
came to Manargoody and collected the money
and lodged at Trivalore his man named
appoo Row that came to Tulmanjer &
Maganam, gave orders to the moniger
Sulmiapa modely; who thereupon ordered
the Peons, who flogged Vydarana Shastry
for the Payment of the Balance, upon
this flogging Vydarana Shastry has
got the sickness called Neer yarangie who
means the fall of Water, or Blood/ and
Died on the 11th Day after his being flogged

/Signed/ Syadony Syangar

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Hand Writeing given by Vadamala Rayapah

Modely of Tulnaayer

That When Seishvanadeah

came to Manargoody to collect the money

and lodged at Trivalore his man, named

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means the Fall of Water or Blood / and Died

on the 11th Day after his being Flogged. –

/ Signed / Vadamala Rajapa Modely

of Tulnaayer

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Hand Writeing given by Armooga Chitty the

Doctor of Tulnaayer

That I do not know of P

Vaydarana Shastry having been Flogged, but

I was only told by the people that Vaydarana

Shastry

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Shastry has died of the flogging; but I did not see it with my own Eyes. -

/Signed/ Armoogam Chitty

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Hand Writeing given by both Vadamalay Rajaps Moodely of Tulnayer and Iyahdoray Iyenger of Amalacherry. -

That during the residence of P Vishevanadeik at Trivalore whom he came to Collect the money of the Manargoody Soubah, he ordered Strictly all the Inhabitants to sell their Bullocks and Seeds and Parayo* [illegible] Cultivation &c and pay their Balance according to that order they have Sold and paid their by which some Villages are totally ruined and some are only half cultivated. -

/Signed/ Vadamalay Rajaps Moodely

J Tulnayer

Iyahdoray Iyenger of

Amalacherry

True Copies

/Signed/ Alex.r Macleod

Rec.t

Writter

* The Pullers or Labourers sold with the soil.

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Written Declaration given by A
Apoo Row, that, Soon after Veitheeva naudiahs
Arrival at Manargoody Soubah, he has
called for me and sent me to Tahsaulyer
maganum to collect the money that was
due therein accordingly, I went to the said
maganum, and saw the balance Account
of it; but as it was impossible for me to
to collect money Village by Village, I took
the writing of only the maganum People
that they may furnish me the Balance;
and as a Manigar Putniapa modely of the
maganum was paying me the money
every Day; in fine, the maganum &
People told me that the Collection cannot
go on for the future; for which I made
that Concopoly of maganum to stand &
picketted on one foot, for the immediate
Payment; this is all I have done but &
I have done nothing with the Villages and
also I have not seen when they flogged &

Vaydeeswara

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Saydaurana shastry; but Pushing by
all the Peons, Saydaurana shastry
came to me; whom seeing, I told the
manigar, that he should have no
business with him; so I was security
myself, to Saydaurana shastry and
let him go home

/Signed/ Apoo Row

A true Translation

/Signed/ Alex.r Macleod
Rest

Despatched the undermentioned
Letters entered in M.B. N.os 120. 121. 122.-

To the Resident at Cuddalore.- To Mr. Kenneworthy - desiring he will deliver over the grain and provisions now under her charge to Mr. Sharbon on the 1st October next.-

To the Secretary at Bombay:- To Mr. Secretary Morris enclosing Copy of a Despatch received from Lieutenant Colonel Brown relative to the report of some people employed on exploring the road between Dondegul

and

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25th and Calegautcherry.—

To Major General Sydenham

To the Military Auditor General.

orders regarding Lieutenant Vaughan claiming Bills for Forage provided by Lieutenant Montgomery for the use of the Cavalry & embarked for the expedetion to be paied for Payment— Lieutenant Colonel & Duberg to draw his Subsistence at & Sutacorryn— his openion required on & Mr. Thackerays charge for dieting and taking charge of the Sepoys sent sick & into the Presidency general Hospital from the Corps lately embarked for & Foreign Service.—

22d Received a Letter from

From the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions &c.— Mr. Skardon entered in M/B No. 123 & enclosing Estimates of his Disbursements for the ensuing Months.—

J C

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor President

Lieutenant General Harris

Friday

22d September

1797.

Edward Saunders and

Ernst William Talloffield } Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

The Commander in Chief laid

before the Board the following Copy of a

Letter just received from Lieutenant

Colonel Roberts at Guntoor

To Lieutenant Colonel Barry Close

Adjutant General of the Army

Sir

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts relative to the mutinous conduct of a party of the 9th Regiment Native Infantry under the command of Captain Berkley and the ineffectual attempt made to bring the ringleaders to punishment

On the 16th Instant I did myself the honor to advise you, for the information of the Commander in Chief of the disaffected State of the Sepoys of the Company of the 9th Regiment lately stationed here, but as they allowed themselves to

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to be relieved by the 1.st Battalion of the 11.th
and marched out that evening to occupy the
Tents of the latter Corps without murmur-
-ing or any appearance of discontent, I was
in hopes they were reconciled to obey the
Orders of Government. —

Yesterday Morning the Six
Companies of the 9.th Regement under
Captain Watkins arrived from Masulipatam
encamped with the other Companies of the
Same Corps, and were to have proceeded
together to the Presidency but on that
evening of the same day, Captain Berkeley
sent me word that his men had refused
to fall in at the usual evening Parade,
on which I immediately proceeded thither
and found Captain Berkeley had at
last prevailed on them to fall in — I went
thro' the Ranks with Captain Berkeley
and repeated the assurances I had given
them the preceding day both, observing
a few more clamorous than the rest, who
appeared

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appeared to be the Ring leaders, I pitched
on four or five of them and took them out
of the ranks intending to confine them &
when immediately there was such a Clamour
with menacing and rushing out of the
Ranks to rescue the Prisoners, that I did
not think it prudent to attempt any
thing further, without first ordering the
Six Companies that had arrived from
Masulipatam and the Detachment of the
1st. Regiment the former to draw up in
their front, and the latter on their flank
I then Ordered the disaffected Compani
to ground their Arms, which they having
refused to do, three Companies of the
Masulipatam, Detachment, in front
were Ordered to prime and load, which
having no effect on the Insurgents, I
Ordered them to advance and size their
Arms — Immediately on giving this
Order, a murmur of Discontent ran
through the ranks of the Masulipatam

Detachment

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Detachment, many of them declaring they would sooner die than use their Arms against their Brothers and Relations.—

Finding that nothing now could be effected by force / the different Detachment of the 9th being at least double the Numbers of those of the 11th Regiment I was obliged again to make use of Conciliatory measures; and that the disaffected might not have an opportunity of further instilling their sentiments into the minds of the Companies from Masulipatam I thought it most adviseable to Order the latter to proceed by themselves to the presidency and I am happy to say they marched off this morning with the greatest chearfulness after having been advanced 850 madras pagodas as the Commanding Officer of them informed me that a great part of his men were absolutely starving.—

The Disaffected Companies under Captain Berkeley, appeared to be

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be more pacified and promised to proceed on their march as soon as some pecuniary assistance can be granted them which Captain Barkley, has applyed for to Captain Darley the acting Paymaster — that I am in hopes they will commence their march on the 26th, but I have thought it absolutely necessary to keep the Detachment of the 2d Battalion 11th Regiment here until the others leave the place. —

The principal cause of discontent appears to have proceeded from Reports that have prevailed / but from whence they originated I cannot learn / that Liquor have been enticed to madras and forced on board Ships — I have used every argument in my power and given them every assurance that nothing of the kind will take place or is intended. —

I have the honor to be &c.

Signed / Geo. Roberts
Lt. Colonel —

Guntoor
18th September 1797.

after

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After mature consideration of the foregoing unpleasant intelligence, it is resolved that the following orders may be immediately dispatched by express.—

To Major General Bridges
Commanding the Northern Division
Sir

To Major General Bridges with Instructions for proceeding in person with a sufficient European Force to Guntoor for the purpose of bringing to punishment the ringleaders of the Mutiny in the 9th Regiment Native Infantry.—

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to transmit the enclosed copy of a letter just received from Lieutenant Colonel Roberts and to acquaint you that the conduct of that Officer in attempting under the orders which he had received from the commander in Chief of the 2d. Battalion 9th. Regiment at Guntoor by means of the six companies of the same Regiment from Masulipatam, and the detachment present of the 11th. Regiment. and in afterwards promising them an advance of cash with the view of prevailing

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prevailing on them to march into the
center divisions, has met the entire
disapprobation of Government. In order
therefrom that the ring leaders may be
brought to punishment, which can be
effected with propriety only at Guntoor
an express has been dispatched to
Lieutenant Colonel Roberts directing
him to detain the mutineers detail
under Captain Berkeley at Guntoor
until further orders: and, if they
should have marched, which is to be
apprehended, to order them back to
Guntoor with all expedition. -

As a corps of cavalry
appears to be absolutely necessary
for bringing the mutineers to punish-
ment, I am further directed to desire
that on receipt of this Letter you
will order four companies of the 2d
Division 2d Regiment with a brigade
of field pieces, if they can be
equipped

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equipped and put in motion without
much delay. —

When the companies arrive
at Guntoor they are to be drawn up in
front of the mutineers detail under Captain
Berkeley paraded for the purpose, the
ring leaders of the mutiny who had
been selected by Lieutenant Colonel
Roberts are then to be taken out of the
ranks and immediately brought to a
general drum head Court martial composed
of European officers in conformity with
orders which you will receive from the
commander in chief upon the subject
The line of conduct
which has been observed by Lieutenant
Colonel Roberts towards the mutineers
at Guntoor renders it improper to
employ him as the immediate
instrument for punishing them, it is
therefore the particular wish of the
Right Honble the President in
Council

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Sir

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to acquaint you that you should proceed with the European division to Guntoor and personally carry those orders into effect, or that, if you yourself should be prevented or unable to go thither, you will put the division of Europeans under the orders of Colonel Brunton with directions to carry the service of bringing and punishing the mutineers into effect.

I should the six companies of the 9th Regiment have not been recalled in consequence of the orders now transmitted to Lieutenant Colonel Roberts for that purpose, you will pursue them with the division of Europeans as far as may be necessary to carry those orders into execution.

These instructions are as full and particular as circumstances will permit at this distance from your division: you will of course however adopt such measures as may be proper on your opinion for carrying

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ensuing a successfull termination of the
important service committed to your
charge.—

It is now only to be
observed that the object of moving the
European companies from Masulipatam
should be kept a profound secret
until they may be required to act
at Guntoor

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22.d September 1797.

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

To Lieutenant Colonel Roberts
Commanding at Guntoor

Sir

I am directed to acquaint
you that the measures, which you
have adopted and reported in your letter
of the 18th Instant to the Commander in
chief for suppressing the mutiny of
the 2.d Battalion 9th Regement have
met the entire disapprobation of
Government

To Lieutenant Colonel Roberts disapproving the Measures taken by him on occasion of the Mutiny in the 9th Regiment of Native Infantry Instructions for delivering the mutineers still at Guntoor and putting himself under the directions of Major General Bridges.—

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Government; and that the order, which I
have in consequence been judged necessary
have been communicated to Major General
Bridges. Upon receipt therefore of this
Letter you will countermand the march of
the 6 Companies of 9th. Regiment order'd
to return to Guntoor, and wait the
farther directions of that Officer, reporting
to him immediately the order which
you may issue in Consequence
of this Letter and the effect they
may have in the mutineers. —

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22d September 1797.

I am
&c. &c.

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Govt.

The Commander in Chief delivers in the
following minute —

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant General Harriss Minute

September 22d. 1797.—

The Commander in Chief is much & concerned that the Right Honble President should be one moment diverted from persuing "the many and important duties to which he has to attend" but imagines, that, if his Lordships inclinations had not voluntarily led him into "personal & controversy" he would not have found, in what has fallen from the Commander in Chief, any thing "to render his silence impossible"—

The Commander in Chief has asserted that the Right Honble President, has assumed powers that belong to his Department, and itrenched upon the Rights as Commander & in Chief of the Army and he pointed out in what instances and in what manner he had done so.—

These are facts that must & depend for support upon Records and the Custom of the Service, or they fall to the ground; and consequently it must be altogether Unnecessary to connect them with a multiplicity

Commander in Chiefs Minute in reply to the Presidents Minute of the 20 June states Instances in which his Lordship has deviated from the mode observed in conducting the Military affairs of this Presidency during the Government of Sir Charles Oakeley & thence draws his conclusion that the President has invaded the established perogative of the Commander in Chief & superceded the Exercise of his Functions, declares that the President has perverted his meaning in many parts of his remarks and undues his determination to relinquish the discussions and begs it to be supposed to decide upon the facts adduced by both parties.—

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multiplicity of Arguments and lengthened
Explanations, which, instead of elucidating
would only tend to Obscure their meaning -
On these considerations the Commander in
Chief has ever been of Opinion that the
mere simple dry matter of fact to use his
Lordships Expression, the applied in all
opposite Reasoning should have been
submitted to the Supreme Government
without a comment or an Observation" and
which the Commander in Chief conceives
to be the fairest mode that could be
adopted, as relative to the parties interested
and certainly the most respectfull in an
appeal to the Judgement of the superior
power - But his Lordship has combated
that Opinion without shewing its fallacy
and forced the Commander in Chief into
Argument and Explanation which he still
considers altogether improper and such as
might and ought to have been avoided -
On this ground he leaves it to the
determination of his Superiors, whether

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it is himself or the Right Honble President who "Covets discussion" —

When the Right Honble President sent in Circulation the Orders that were afterwards published under date the 25th April, the Commander in Chief did not object to the measure, and when his Lordship resisted the Nomination by the Commander in Chief of a General on the Staff to be appointed to the Centre Division, so far from expressing dissatisfaction or raising difficulties he withdrew that part for the express purpose of preventing disagreeable Altercation, and of preserving, if possible, harmony and Unanimity at the Council Board, and in doing so, the Commander in Chief says he "Acceded to proposetions that did not accord with his Judgement, and given up points that he might with propriety have maintained" a line of Conduct which he imagines bespeaks "Forbearance" on his part. —

Having mentioned the Orders of the 25th April, the Commander in Chief

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is hopeful that whenever the present & unpleasant, and indeed painful, discussion may meet the Eye of the Supreme Government, those Orders may be particularly noticed, and that the manner in which they were framed and subsequently given out to the Army may obtain the most mature consideration. I Framed by the Right Honble the President and sent in Circulation without the least previous communication with the Commander in Chief as to the Officers who were to Succeed to the Commands vacated by the General Officers.—

If his Lordships Idea of a Civil Governor exercising three fourths of the power of the Commander in Chief were to be adopted, it would, even in that case, be necessary that such Governor should consult and advise with the Offic in the Executive Command of the Forces, regarding all Orders that might have Relation to detail or it is reasonable to conclude that there would be continual Error and endless confusion

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confusion, to the prejudice of many deserving
Men and to the injury of the public Service. —

The Commander in Chief for
Reasons he had already assigned reluctantly
enters on matters of opinion relative to the
Functions of his Office, a considerable portion
of which his Lordship is desirous of comparing
to Regimental detail, and to avoid being
mistaken he has given his own definition
of the subject — a definition that is perfectly
new to the Commander in Chief, who has
hitherto understood "Regimental detail" to
mean something belonging to the internal
management of a Regiment and no more —
That his Experience teaches him is vested in
the immediate Commanding Officer, and altho
he admits it to be subject, to the controul of
the Commander in Chief, yet should there
be a necessity for Exercising such Controul,
the Commander in Chief would proceed with
great delicacy, least he should lessen the
consequence of such immediate Commanding
Officer in the Eyes of his Corps, and which

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might, without such attention, be productive
of injury to the Service. —

The Commander in Chief repeats
that he wants no patronage except that
which has been given to him by the Honble
Court of Directors as essential to the fulfilment
of the trust they have confided to him. —

His Lordship has connected
patronage with Military discipline as if the
one depended upon the other, and that
unless united the Commander in Chief
would not be enabled to recommend
Officers to Government for Appointments
— a doctrine that may be well founded to
his Lordship, but it is such, as the
Commander in Chief can no more comprehend
than he can the reasons that operate with
his Lordship against the Commander in
Chief's recommendations of Officers to
Government for their approbation to fill
Appointments. —

All Officers whether connected
with the Civil or Military branch of the
Service, are Officers of trust and when any

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of those Offices are filled by military Men it is no Argument, against such military men being Recommended by the Commander in Chief to fill such Offices, that the duties have no relation to the discipline of the Army or that they are directly Responsible to Government for their conduct. –

The Military Department in common with every other department in the Service is under the controul of Government and Receives from them its force and energy; but those premises do not furnish a conclusion that Government have thereby so intimate an Acquaintance with the internal Oeconomy of the Army, and the various characters of the Men who compose it, without Aid of some intermediate Agent and Surely them their cannot be one more Eligible and proper than the Commander in Chief. –

The primary consideration in Appointments of Military men to office is the honor, integrity and abilities of the persons to be appointed, and reasons points out that the Recommendation of such a person

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person ought to rest with the Commander in Chief, because his situation affords him the best means of knowing their character & and his immediate responsibility the best Security against improper Selections - The Court of Directors have thought so, and have Vested him with powers to act accordingly and the Right Honble President in Q Wresting those powers from him, deprives him of the means of discharging his duty and promoting the good of the Service in which he is bold to declare himself as much and as deeply interested as his Lordship. -

When the Commander in Chief took Notice in his minute of the 26th May of the neglect and indelicacy he had experienced from the Right Honble President, he was convinced in his own breast that he was perfectly & justified in the Act, His Lordship & thinks differently it may therefore be necessary to refer to the following facts -

Immediately

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Immediately, or very shortly, after the General Orders for the Staff had been Arranged, the Commander in Chief offered to his Lordship an Arrangement for the Ordnance Department expressing a wish that he would look at it, and observing that it required only the Names of two or three Conductors, and that if his Lordship approved of it, they might be inserted from the List with the Secretary - His Lordship Answered with some eagerness, that it was very necessary the Arrangement should be out immediately, Then throwing a paper to the Secretary, said there was one - He remained Silent for some time, when taking the paper back and comparing it with that Submitted by the Commander in Chief, he said they were much alike, and that the only difference was the nomination of Lieutenant Beauman - The Commander in Chief instantly remarked that taking an Officer from under his Command, without giving him any intimation on the Subject was an indelicacy offered to his Situation. -

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From those facts the Commander in Chief drew his conclusions and he submits how far he has been correct, and how far the Right Honble President has evinced the personal respect for him, that he professes to entertain. —

The Commander in Chief readily admits that the opinions of Marquis Cornwallis, to which he referred in his last minute, is not on the Records of this Presidency, but such admission by no means Weakens the Argument he has adduced on the Occasion nor does it in the least Strengthen those of his Lordship — The Commander in Chief knew that such Opinion was on the Records of the Presidency of Fort William and was convinced that he had a right to avail himself of the benefit it held out — the Subordinate Presidencies are governed, as nearly as they can possibly be, by the Rules and Regulations that prevail in the Superior Presidency, and the powers delegated by the Court of Directors to

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their respective Commanders in Chief are the same, &
with the difference that the Commander in Chief in
Bengal is the Commander in Chief in India, It may
be added that the present Regulations that Govern
the Ordnance department are copied from those &
existing in Bengal. —

The Commander in Chief has no
doubt of the pains his Lordship has taken to &
inform himself of the mode of conducting the &
military business at Madras, but whether he
has "invariably adhered to that mode" will be
best explained by record, To this end the Commander
in Chief has thought it advisable to give a &
very brief abstract of the proceedings of the late
Governor and to accompany his minute by Copies
of those proceedings Verbatim. —

In the Months of August 1792
Colonel Brathwaite the then Commanding &
Officer of the Forces, Notified to Sir Charles
Oakely the death of Commissary Morris and
Recommended deputy Commissary Nelson to &
Succeed him and Lt. Fire Worker Gaite to &
Succeed deputy Commissary Nelson and those
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Officers were appointed accordingly. —

In the same month Colonel Brathwaite reported the death of an Inspector of Stores, and recommended Lt. J. Jordan to succeed to the Vacancy and the recommendation was complied with. —

On the 10th June 1793 Colonel Brathwaite recommended Lt. Scott, then a Inspector of Stores, to be deputy Commissary in the Field, and Lieut. J. Watt to succeed to the situation of Lt. Scott He also recommended four additional Conductors of Stores, these recommendations were Accompanied by a draft of the Order to be issued on the Occasion, and on 13th following Government Signified to him that the draft of the Order Submitted by him together with his Letter had been approved and published to the Army. —

In July 1794 Colonel Brathwaite recommended certain Arrangements, Regarding Some Field Officers in Command, and they were adopted by Government. —

In the following month of Colonel Brathwaite recommended Major Shaw

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to be appointed to the Command of Trippassore &
and he was appointed accordingly. —

Such was the mode of conducting
the Military business when his Lordship arrived
at Madras, and under that mode every appoint-
ment in Store department, from the Commissary
to the Store Serjeants, originated in the Recom-
mendation of the Commander in Chief — a mode
that ceased to prevail almost the moment that
the Right Honble President commenced his
administration. —

Sir Charles Oakely resigned
the Government on the 10.th September and was
succeeded by his Lordship the same day. —

On the 13.th October following
Colonel Brathwaite addressed Government on
the subject of the death of Lieutenant Byrne
Commissary of Stores at Trichinopoly, and
observed it was not his intention to have
laid before them, any Recommendation for a
Appointment in the Military Store
Department until the whole of the
Arrangements for that department there
under

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under the Consideration of the Military Board, were approved of, but for Reasons, which he alluded he begged leave to recommend Captain Carlisle to Succeed to the Vacancy — In Answer to the foregoing address Colonel Brathwaite was informed, "That the Right Honble President "thought it advisable to post pone making "any Appointment, till the whole of the "Arrangements alluded to in Colonel Brathwaite's "Letter should be laid before him, and that "it was his intention at that time to "Recommend to the Board the Appointment "of such person as his Lordship should think "qualified for the trust. —

From the documents in reference it may be traced whether his Lordship has invariably adhered to the mode of conducting the Military business as he found it established on his arrival at Madras and whether he has or has not assumed powers that had been Exercised by and belonged to the Commander in Chief

His Lordship refers to Mr. Falconfields Sentiments, who says the Honble President

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President has entered so fully into the Subject proposed by the Commander in Chief, of an alteration in the System for conducting the Military business, that any further Observations from me appear unnecessary but he does not attempt to shew in what instance the proposed alteration of existing, and in omitting to do so he has left the things precisely as he found them — He thinks introduced a five years Experience at the Board and observes he cannot recollect a single instance wherein the System which has been invariably in pratice during that period, has been followed by any public inconvenience —

From what has been above shewn Mr. Fallofield is certainly mistaken when he observes the System has been invariable and any deductions from such premises must consequently be erroneous and on a Reconsideration of the Subject he will perceive that it is his Lordship, and not the Commander in Chief who has attempted the alteration of System —

The Commander in Chief has proved from the Records of Government the

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the System that obtained until his Lordships Administration, and if it should be apparent that the Commander in Chief had not attempted to possess himself of other powers than those enjoyed by Colonel Braithwaite he conceives that Mr Tallofields Sentiments as he has stated them apply forcibly in the Commander in Chiefs favor, but notwithstanding the Commander in Chief is sorry his Lordship has obliged him to notice Mr Tallofield's Minutes by his Lordships response to it.—

The Right Honble President in accusing the Commander in Chief of "grasping at power" which has, as his Lordship is pleased to say been uniformly Exercised by the President in Council in Nomination to Commands" did not assert to the acts of the late Government as brought forward by the Commander in Chief, or he would have perceived instances in which Colonel Braithwaite recommended officers to be appointed to Commands and that such recommendations were approved

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off, and carried into effect. —

The most extensive patronage formerly possessed by the Commander in Chief, and which consisted in the Recommendation of Officers to fill up Vacancies in the Depoy Corps, is done away by the New Regulations so that his powers as Commander in Chief have lately been considerably abridged and his Lordship seems desirous of confining them within limits still more contracted. —

The Commander in Chief is not Accountable for the Opinions that may be entertained by the Right Honble. the President of any Argument the Commander in Chief may have had Recourse to, in his endeavours to support his Rights and Authority himself upon the Just conclusion to be drawn from the Use he has made of the Resolutions of the Supreme Government as Referred to in his Minute of the 26th. of May — His Lordship has endeavoured to shew that the Commander in Chief has himself offended against the principles of those Resolutions

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Resolutions and that his Recommendations are not
exempt from partial favor."

His Lordship would infer, that
because the Commander in Chief called upon the
General Officers in Command to select the A
Officers who were to be immediately attached to
their persons he had admitted their Right of
doing so — leaving the candour of the inference to the
support of its own Merit, The Commander in
Chief asserts and his Lordship is doubtless
convinced of the fact, that what his Lordship
speaks of as a matter of Right yielded to the
General Officers by the Commander in Chief
was merely an act of Civility and attention
towards them and to extend so far and no further
as they might be inclined to prefer one
Officer to another, who by the new Arrangements
were placed in similar Situations, and when
Major General Bridges Recommended Lt. Fraser
to be Appointed his Brigade major, the
Commander in Chief Regretted that he could
not without injustice give that Recommenda-
tion his support. —

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Frasier's pretensions arose from his having been Secretary to his Father, and it requires no Argument to shew that the Office of Secretary is and always has been considered as temporary and the Officer holding it liable to loose it whenever the Removal of the Officer to whom he might be personally attached should take place — On the other hand the Appointment of A Major of Brigade is permanent, and the Officer filling that Station never was considered attached personally to a Commanding Officer untill he became so attached by the new Arrangements, and whenever the Army may be Brigaded things will revert to their former State, and the Brigade Majors will quit their temporary connections and take their respective Stations in the Line. —

Assuming these facts the A Commander in Chief conceives himself bound to consider that the Court of Directors had in their contemplation permanent Situations only & when they directed a reduction

General

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General Letter of 8th January 1796 or discussions and explanations on this Subject would be endless and therefore without considering the pretensions of Captain Agg as an Officer in the Army which he entered some time about the year 1779 and on the Staff, to which he was appointed in July 1791 the same months and year in which Lieutenant Frazier entered the Army, — the Commander in Chief thought it a duty he owed to the instructions of the Court of Directors and to the Service, to reject the recommendation of Lieutenant Frazier & and to recommend Captain Agg as the Brigade major to be appointed, and he solemnly & declares that if private sentiment could have operated against the dictates of his public duty, if forgetfull of the trust Reposed in him he could have been biased by partial favor he would have recommended Lieutenant Frazier instead of Captain Agg. —

Under these circumstances the Commander in Chief trusts that he will stand exculpated from the Accusations of

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having himself been led away by "partial favor"
which his Lordship has so erroneously
endeavoured to establish against them, and
which seems to have originated in displeasure
upon the consideration that the Commander
in Chief had animadverted upon his
Lordships appointment of Lieutenant
Beaumar —

The Commander in Chief
without giving the subject a further thought
hastens to notice the Arguments of his
Lordship in support of that appointment —
His Lordship admits that Lieutenant —
Hall had been attached to the Ordnance
Department, and that Lieutenant Beaumar
had never been employed in it, that the
former was Inspector of Stores, and that
the latter was Quarter master of Brigade
both which Offices his Lordship observes
were abolished by the recent Arrangements.
In the Ordnance depart —
ment it became necessary to appoint
a Commissary, and it is to be considered
which

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which of those two Officers was the most
Eligible to fill that Situation Lieutenant
Hall who had, or Lieutenant Beauman
who had not belonged to that department?
On this Question the Commander
in Chief is inagreing the matter fairly both-
however his Lordship says, that the
Emoluments of the Quarter master of a
Brigade were 87 Pagodas that those of
the Inspecter of Stores were only 18 pagodas
per month, and that therefore it was
an Act of Justice to give the Appointment
of Commissary to Lieutenant Beauman
as affording the highest allowances, and
that of a Deputy Commissary to Lieutenant
Hall which secured to him his former
income — But if it just merely
because an Officer had long held a lucrative
Situation he should on loosing it
supercede another Officer who had
been less fortunate, in Order that he
might still possess superior
Emoluments, during the time Lieutenant
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Seaman enjoyed in his line the Emolument
of the Service, Lieutenant Hall waited
patiently, until they might in their turn
fall to his lot also, but when the moment
Arrived that flattered his hopes, he had the
mortification to understand that benefits and
Advantages were to continue flowing in the
Channels to which they had hitherto been
confined, and that Lieutenant Seaman
was put over his head. —

The Commander in Chief
cannot quit the Subject without a reference
to the merits of Lieutenant Hall, as spoken
of by Colonel Brathwaite in his Letter
to Government dated the 10.th June 1793, the
wherein says, "The Officer recommended to
Succeed Lieutenant Scott as Inspector of
Stores at Masulipatam is Lieutenant Hall
who distinguished himself much in the
last War, and was most severely wounded
and I have lately been informed, that both
Marquis Cornwallis and General Meadows
wished for an opportunity to notice him-

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-ment, but his wounds have lately
distressed him so much, that he has
been obliged to quit it and come to the
Coast.

The Commander in Chief
at the same time, far from objecting to
the professional abilities of Lieutenant
Beauman believes him to be a good
Officer, however it is natural to observe
that Lieutenant Hall who is thus
described, to have behaved gallantly
and bled freely in the Service of his
Country, received his appointment in
the Ordnance department about the
time, that Lieutenant Beauman who
now supersedes him in that department
arrived in India. His Lordship will
not allow that Lieutenant Hall has
been superseded, the Commander in
Chief in support of his opinion has
this short observation. That amongst
Military men it is considered a
supersession

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Supersession when an Officer is taken from
One line of the Service, and placed over another
his Senior in another line of the Service. The
consequences to the Army that would follow a
such Supersessions are too Obvious. —

His Lordship asks upon
what public Motive could Lieutenant General
Harris, after having assigned as a Reason against
Lieutenant Beamans Appointment that it
was injurious to the Service to take an of
Officer from the general duties of the A
Artillery Corps — Recommend Lieutenant P
Sinclair who stands in the same predicament
with respect to Corps — His Lordship may
recollect that Altho' the Commander in Chief
Recommended Lieutenant Sinclair he did
not press the Appointment, but on the
contrary that he instantly gave up the Idea
on his Lordships Suggestion, that the Brigade
Major to the Artillery would Answer, and P
his Lordship may also recollect that on
Recommending Major-General Gaitz as P
one of the Generals on the Staff — the P
Commander

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Commander in Chief from a perfect knowledge
of that Officers Active Zeal and high Pro-
fessional Talents and Abilities recom-
mended, That he should be appointed
to the centre Division of the Army &
immediately under himself in which
Station he might easily Execute the
Several duties of Major General on the
Staff and Commandant of Artillery, as they
might respectively appear to be necessary
for the Service and for the Relief of the
Commander in Chief, when it might not
be in his power to give his personal
attendance at such a distance from the
Presidency" and the Commander in Chief
upon those grounds recommended Lieutenant
Sinclair as Major General Gisby's
Brigade Major imagining him to be
the Officer best qualified to discharge
the duties of that Situation, as it
might have regard to the interests of
the Corps to the 1st Battalion of which
he was then adjutant, and had been

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during the last war, when he bore great Credit
he took his Rise in the trenches before Bangalore
in common with the other officers such were publick
Motives upon which the Commander in Chief
acted when he recommended Lieutenant Sinclair
and he submits under the facts he has stated, P
whether Lieutenant Sinclair would have been
taken from his Corps had the Appointment
followed the Commander in Chiefs Recommendation
But Lieutenant Sinclair was not appointed
and the Commander in Chief submits to his
Lordships own breast how far it was either
fair or candid to agitate the circumstance
of his having been Recommended - It however
furnishes the Commander in Chief with an
Opportunity of shewing that he is open to
conviction and upon the hint of his Lordships
he decided from his purpose -

The Recommendation of Major
General Gillg to the centre Division which
the Commander in Chief has just noticed
met with the disapprobation of his Lordship,
who had previously endeavoured to prevail on the
Commander in Chief to recommend Major
General

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General Braithwaite not sailing in Succession sent these Orders in Circulation on the 27th April last, that were afterwards published by Government under date the 25th of the same month, and by which Major General Braithwaite was appointed to the Command of Pondicherry and he was also nominated by his Lordship to Command the Expedition against Manilla. His Lordship may perhaps be inclined to ask upon public Motives why Lieutenant General Harris allowed such infringement of his Rights, and why he did not oppose it, at the time it occurred— The moment the Commander in Chief was honored by the Court of Directors with the Command of the forces under this Presidency he resolved so far as it should be possible to avoid every alteration and dispute, and when his Lordship's Sentiments proving which he conceived belonged to himself alone, he remained passive in the hope that such Assumption would not extend further, and that a reference to his Humble Employers would be sufficient, and all that was requisite, not suspecting that his Lordship intended

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intended by the measure, to lay the foundation for
other, by which to secure to himself the functions
of the Commander in Chief and allow him no
more authority than necessary to "Military &
discipline and Regimental details"

The Commander in Chief cannot
comprehend his Lordships meaning wherein he
says, The Commander in Chief has erred an
Argument, with respect to the Officers in charge
of "Military Stores" well calculated indeed to
answer his purposes, but the drift of which
cannot be misunderstood and if he could succeed
in having his principles so far admitted, I have
little doubt but the rest would follow — what
drift and what is the rest that would follow —
Unaccustomed to expressions that are clothed in
Ambiguity, the Commander in Chief cannot
penetrate his Lordships meaning, and is
surprised that his Lordship should not
speak out —

The Commander in Chief
cannot on his part charge his memory
with having uttered a sentence that can be
considered as of a mysterious tendency; he

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may indeed be difficient in perspicuity, but
he has never dealt in misrepresentation. —

The Commander in Chief knows
that as a Member of Government all Military
subjects must come under his consideration"
and altho' he might be at liberty to Reject
as his Lordship says, to any improper person
proposed by Government, yet no inference
can be drawn from the Argument to shew
the propriety of such proposal by the
President or that the Commander in Chief
should be deprived of the power with which
he is invested to make the proposal himself.

If the Commander in Chief's
Recommendation of an Officer be Rejected, he
must Recommend some other, but this would
not be to controul the Recommendation of the
Right Honble President in Council, which
as he has endeavoured to shew in a former
minute is invested with a discretionary
power of Acting without the concurrence
of his Council. —

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His Lordships remarks on the Ordnance department are singular in their Nature — If Officers in that department be guilty of neglect in their duty, or be unfit for their Situations, a reference from the Commander in Chief must produce their Removal — Strange that the Commander in Chief should not have Authority to recommend Officers to Appointments, and yet possess the power of removing them after such Appointment should have taken place — If the Commander in Chief rightly comprehends the Sentiments of the Right Honble President they amount to this, "I will be Actually and you shall be Nominally the Commander in Chief." I will possess the power of disposing of Military favor, and you shall be at liberty to find fault with them. —

His Lordships Minute quotes a passage in the Commander in Chiefs last Minute where he says the Commander in Chief expressed himself at a loss to divine why the Ordnance Officers should be less responsible

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Responsible to Government when Appointed
by their Own Government Sirs – The Commander
in Chief – The Commander in Chief never
used the Word appointed in the Passage his
Lordship has quoted, and it is evident he
never could have done so without Arrogating
to himself a power that is vested solely in
Government – The Commander in Chief will
not say that his Lordship has misquoted
intentionally, but when he finds that his
Lordship has frequently substituted the
one Word for the other and as their respective
Significations create a difference of the
utmost consequence with respect to his
meaning and intention, he confesses to
himself not a little embarrassed – His
Lordships remark upon the Passage
in question is an indirect compliment
to his own integrity, and Shews the
Commander in Chief, but if so his Lordship
says the Commander in Chief having no
interest in the Appointment of Officers
his conduct towards them will be less
likely

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likely to receive a bias from personal Consi-
-derations, how ill his Lordship be guarded
against prejudice and partiality, when he
not only recommends Officers, which is all
the interest the Commander in Chief can have
but appoints them also—

The Commander in Chief
when he spoke of his Lordships conduct
towards him, as conveying a menace to deter
him from the execution of his duty, he did
not attach to it more importance than the
circumstance appeared to require — be this
as it may, the superior Authority will
have the subject under their consideration
and will determine as in their Wisdom
may seem, met — perhaps they may be of
Opinion that the Commander in Chief
has not been deficient in candour on
the occasion, altho' his Lordship has so
charged him, and that his Lordships
inclination to levity was ill timed—

The Right Honble the
President has called the attention of the
Board

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Read to the Ideas of the Commander in Chief relative to conversation in Council which his Lordship seems to have regarded as an act of indiscretion in the Commander in Chief and to have conceived that he might on due consideration, have been led to retract them — If his Lordship will be pleased to take a retrospective View, he will perceive the circumstance that gave rise to those Ideas — a circumstance that may be as his Lordship expresses himself the most astonishing he ever met with within the course of his political life —

The Commander in Chief has ever been extremely anxious that the utmost harmony and confidence should subsist between the Members of Government, and if that harmony has been interrupted, his Lordship has occasioned it, unless he can make it appear first, that having assumed the power that belongs to the Commander in Chief — the Commander in Chief was to submit to the injury without

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without a Murmur,

The Commander in Chief does not understand what his Lordship means by a reference to his thoughts of a proposition to discuss the Executive business of Government in open Court, nor how it would be attempting to prove a self evident proposition were he to argue against the Commander in Chief's principle – His Lordship may wish to distort by Sophistry the simplest fact until it be rendered alarming; but to those who are free from partiality beyond the reach of influence, all the Exuberances of imagination with be thrown aside, and the fact, in its Native State, will be the only Object of their investigations – The Right Honble President in the extention of his reasoning would have it understood that the Commander in Chief has spoken to the propriety of recording every word that might be spoken by any member of the Board in the course of their consultation or he never would have appealed as he

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has done to the Court of Directors. It is to be recollected that the Commander in Chief spoke hypothetically not positively, and not as to every Word That should be spoken but of such deliberations as might be of consequence sufficient to deserve publicity. The Right Honble President may believe what construction he pleases on the expressions he has provoked, but the Commander in Chief trusts that his conduct will bear the strictest scrutiny. —

The Right Honble President says the Commander in Chief charged him with assuming powers that belong to the Commander in Chief, and that he has thereby virtually suspended his Authority and his Lordship then calls for the proof — The Commander in Chief entreats the several facts stated in his former Minutes may be reconsidered by his Lordship, and that he will refer to the correspondence between Colonel Brathwaite and Government, and to the several facts stated in the minute which

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which the Commander in Chief has now the
honor to lay before the Board, and he is
persuaded his Lordship will obtain the
proof he demands; and perusing the Answer
from Government to Colonel Brathwaite
dated 21st October 1794, he will learn the
period when he first assumed the power the
Commander in Chief complains of

On the Subject of the paragraph
of the Letter from the Court of Directors and
the Act of parliament introduced by his
Lordship in his minute of the 5th of may
and the Arguments and explanations his
Lordship has now deviated into, in opposition
to those brought forward by the Commander
in Chief in his last minute, the Commander
in Chief will not trouble the Board,
further than to request a reference to his
former sentiments, which he has no
reason to alter — He may indeed be
mistaken but professes he is not
convinced of his Error from any thing
advanced by his Lordship — Whenever he
may be told by those who are to decide
on

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on his conduct that he has in any respect acted upon false principles and a misguided Judgement, he will bow with the most respectful deference and the utmost alacrity to their correction —

His Lordship in his general reasoning on the subject has laid down propositions that appear to the Commander in Chief highly common, and has drawn conclusions that were not suggested either by the conduct or the expressions of the Commander in Chief which has as he has already noticed, never thrown out the most distant hint that all or any of the Officers serving under his Command should not be brought forward in any situation of trust but by his Appointment to the utmost extent of his thoughts and wishes went no further than the merely Recommending Officers to Government, on whom he well knows the sole power of Appointing is vested, and with that object in view he did not transgress the bounds in which Colonel Braithwaite his Aid

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Almost immediate predecessor had moved, —

the Commander in Chief

denies that he has ever joined either directly

or indirectly by Words or by Actions a desire of

transferring to himself the military

patronage of Government, and he is

compelled to observe that his Lordship

has dealt unfairly and uncandidly in quoting

and applying as he has done the following

Sentence from the Commander in Chiefs last

Minute "He does not comprehend what

object the Court of Directors could have

had in View, when they appointed him

unless they conferred upon him the

Regulation and management of the entire

Military Department — As the Sentence

stands deprived of its context, it presents the

most ungracious Aspect, but if it be

restored to its natural Relations, that Aspect

as his Lordship well knows will instantly

vanish, and it will then assume its own real

form and be received, he trusts, by his Noble

Employers in the light and qualified in the

manner in which he meant it should

appear —

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appear before them.—

His Lordship reports that the powers claimed by the Commander in Chief are unnecessary and says that his experience in this Government enables him to make the assertion; in support of which his Lordship says that Colonel Braithwaite and General Clarke "with precisely similar powers to those enjoyed by Lieutenant General Harris conducted the Military business of this presidency in times of considerable agitation and difficulty with honor to themselves and advantage to their country."

The Commander in Chief has in vain endeavoured to trace those times of considerable agitation and difficulty and the Records of the Company the Commander in Chief believes are totally silent on the subject.—

Having thus remarked upon the Collateral Circumstances the Commander in Chief joins issue with his Lordship upon the principal fact If the Commander in Chief possesses "precisely similar powers

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powers to those enjoyed by Colonel Brathwaite during the Administration of Sir Charles Oakely the claims he has made and which have received the severest animadversions and the most pointed opposition of his Lordship, must be regarded as altogether Unfounded — If on the other hand, after the Correspondence between Sir Charles Oakely the then Governor of Madras and Colonel Brathwaite to which the Commander in Chief has frequently led the attention of the Board, shall have been maturely considered it should be found that Colonel Brathwaite from the time he became Commanding officer of the Forces until the Right Honble President commenced his administration enjoyed other powers than those enjoyed by the Commander in Chief, and precisely the same as those he has claimed, it will be evident that such his claim rests upon the broad basis of Justice, and that his powers necessarily attached to his station — ought to be restored to him —

The Commander in Chief

is sorry to observe that his Lordship has

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that offered insinuations that might with some few, if left unnoticed affect the character of the Commander in Chief as a Soldier and a Subject, that arguing upon Hear say insinuations and upon principles that are pregnant with invendo's which the Commander in Chief will leave without a comment to the judgment of their common Superiors, My Lords as I cannot penetrate into my Accusers hearts & I must judge of them by their actions, and must therefore confess that observing Lieutenant General Harris had arrived from Bengal with a determination of so far as depended upon him to alter the Military System on the Coast, I could not but experience an Anxiety proportionate to the possible danger that might result from such an attempt.

If his Lordships meant nothing by this observation, it must be that as the Commander in Chief that lived some time in Bengal, he had imbibed the principles that are said to have convulsed the Army under the

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that Presidency - And that he came from thence
with a determination, so far as depended upon
himself to support those principles on the
coast, - If such be his Lordships sentiments
let him avow them, let them be seen so as to
be understood without the necessity of surmise
and the Commander in Chief will then be
enabled to address himself to his Lordship
with less difficulty, and to tell him that if
he abhors and detests such principles, and
that as it is his duty so it is his inclination
and firm resolve to oppose them when and
wherever they may make their appearance.
to the utmost of his power and ability, sensible
of the high trust reposed in him, and the
dignity of his official situation, the duty
he owes to his King and Country and to His
Honble Employers - Those considerations on
which his Lordship has remarked in a
manner that the Commander in Chief hopes
will not please even his Lordship on
Reflection when he found them in the
Commander in Chiefs last minute, will
ever stimulate him to maintain without

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ablemish that which is dear to every man
to that end he has claimed those Rights of
which he has been deprived, not by Government
but by the Right Honble President for
unless he exercises the powers that belong
to his Office, it is impossible that he can
discharge the trust reposed in him so as to
fulfill the expectations that must naturally
be entertained by his Honble Employers
nor would it avail him to say when he
should be charged with having relinquished
his Functions and thereby failed in his
duty that he obeyed the directions and yielded
to the injunctions of the Right Honble
President.—

The Commander in Chief
views with infinite concern that Length which
this Minute has extended and wherein confirm
his Opinion that the simple matter of fact
unconnected with Arguments and Explanations
or any other matter as it regarded in the
Commander in Chiefs Minute of 28th April
was all that ought to have been inserted
but the Right Honble President has no
doubt

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doubt the drift of the Commander in Chiefs
object when he stated that proposition He
saw that the subject in discussion by being P
draped in its own plain garb would be readily
understood and as readily decided on, contrary
as it would seem to his Lordships intentions
which as far as the Commander in Chief is
capable of judging them from the manner in
which his Lordship has proceeded were by P
argument and explanation to lead the mind P
intirely away from the matter in question and
then by going into principles that do not P
apply in the remotest degree, and throwing
out insinuations that are as unfounded as
they are efficient in liberality, he meant
to excite in the minds of the Members of P
Government every kind of prejudice against
him — to hold him up as a suspicious character
as one avowing and maintaining dangerous P
principles and aiming at curtailing the P
patronage of Government in Order to P
aggrandize himself. —

His Lordship aware, that
in his individual situation he cannot infringe,

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nor interfere with the Rights of the Com-
-mander in Chief, has constantly entrenched
himself behind Government and endeavoured to
convey the Idea that it is the legal acts of
Government, and not the proceedings of his
Lordship that the Commander in Chief has
opposed — On this head the Commander in
Chief cannot speak in more comprehensive
terms than he has already done in his 4th
Minute of the 2d may and in the latter
part of his last minute —

The Commander in Chief
knows and with pleasure acknowledges his
dependance on the Civil Government
who's directions he will ever receive with
deference and to the utmost of his power
carry them into effect with promptitude
It is for them to Command it is for
him to Obey — and whenever his support
may be required by them — he will persist
in rendering it to the last moment
of his life —

If the Commander in
Chief did not feel those sentiments, all
the

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the time he gives them Utterance, He would
ill deserve to live under the British Constetution
or enjoy that Safety and happiness it affords
As it is one of the noblest features of that
Constetution that the ministry should be
Subject to the Civel Authority.—

But whilst the Commander
in Chief admits in the fullest extent the
Authority of the Civil Government over him
and declares himself bound, by both his
duty and disposition at all times and in
every Situation, to act conformably to their
pleasure, He trusts he shall be held
Justified in resisting every invasion of his
rights and every endeavour to abridge him
powers by the Right Honble President.—

The Commander in Chief
must consider himself the immediate
Sanctionary of Government and their
Authority over him is so decided and full
as to leave no real cause for the Apprehensions
his Lordship has been at so much trouble
in tracing— They have it in their power

to

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to check him so completely, that he cannot ever move without their directions; at present what are his powers and what the means by which he is to perform the several duties of his office. —

The Right Honble President Recommends and Nominates the Officers to the Commands, not only of all Districts and Forts, but to every petty post and Station under this presidency, and from the highest to the lowest in the Ordnance Departments, and as he chooses those Officers indescriminately, without any previous communication with the Commander in Chief — a Corps is liable to loose the particular Officers on whom the Commander in Chief has depended for its Order and discipline, before he can possibly replace them. —

The Commander in Chief thinks it right to bring to the observation of your Superiors — That when Regimental Rank shall be established it appears to him it will be still more necessary

That

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that the Recommendations to Commands should
be submitted to the Board by the Commander
in Chief, as the present Manoeuvring System
of changing Officers from One Corps to another
cannot then take place to supply such
Vacancies. —

However it is not perhaps
necessary to look forward to what may be, as
our Superiors will decide whether they choose
that the Recommendation shall be submitted by
the Commander in Chief under the
absolute Controul of the Board or be
brought forward by the Right Honble the
Governor, who professes that he is free
of controul when ever he thinks it necessary
the Commander in Chief
closes this minute with an assurance that
he will not again touch on the present
Subject although it should be his Lordships
pleasure to write voluntarily as he is determined
to prove by his conduct that the Character
his Lordship has thought proper to
draw of him exists only in his Lordships
imagination. —

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The Commander in Chief has only to add that the Reference he has required to the Supreme Government may be made without any further delay. —

/Signed/ Geo. Harris —

Memorandum

The Minute has been delayed waiting the Result of the Marquis Cornwallis's Appointment as Governor General & but now delivered into the Board as the time approaches for the Consultation being forwarded Home. —

It is accompanied/ the following papers No. 1 Copy of Lord Hobarts Arrangement for the Ordnance Department, alluded to in the Commander in Chiefs Minute of 28th April. —

2 Copy of the Commander in Chiefs Arrangement of Offices to Right Honble Lord Hobart 25th April last. —

3 General Orders by Government of 25th April as Arranged by Lord Hobart and sent in Circulation 27th April and that day published in Orders. —

4 — Extracts of Letters from Colonel now Major General Braithwaite as Commanding Officer of the Forces to Government with Answers. —

/Signed/ Geo. Harris —

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The following appointments and
made for carrying into effect the New Regulations
for the Store and Ordnance department. –

Mr. William Webb to be Agent
for supplies at the Presidency. –

Lieutenant Colonel George
Hall to be Commissary General, Captain
Lieutenant George Scott, to be Commissary
and Mr. Benjamin Bishop, to be Deputy
Commissary of Stores at the presidency. –

Lieutenant Andrew Geils, to
be Commissary of Stores at the Mount. –

Captain Lieutenant John H.
Freese to be Deputy Commissary of Stores
at Vellore –

Lieutenant William Blair
to be Deputy Commissary of Stores at P.
Keistnaghurry. –

Captain Lieutenant T. A
Prescott to be Commissary of Stores at P.
Tricheinopoly. –

Captain

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Captain Lieutenant Baker Tennet to be Deputy Commissary of Stores at P. Tanjore. –

Lieutenant Michael Brennan to be Commissary of Stores at Masulipatam. –

Captain Lieutenant Thomas Blackmore to be Deputy Commissary of Stores at P. Vizagapatam. –

Lieutenant James Hall, to be Deputy Commissary of Stores at Tanjore. –

Captain Lieutenant George Scott, to remain for the present on the Island of Ceylon, but not to draw his allowances as Commissary of Stores at Madras, until he shall have entered upon that Duty. –

The following appointments of Conductors to complete that Establishment to take place as who are to be stationed, at P. following. –

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R. F. Hutton
J. Moore
— Willoughby
— Connor
} at Madras Arsenal

A. Penin - - - - - - - - - - Mount
Wm Mann - - - - - - - - - Ceylon
Sam: Yates - - - - - - - - - Amboor
Tho.s Smith - - - - - - - - Penagra
— Clapp - - - - - - - - Chingleput
— Ellis - - - - - - - - - Kistnagherry

Mr. Conductor Wynne removed from Kistnagherry to Ryacotta. —

Mr. Conductor Ficker from Nameal to Tanjore

Mr. Conductor Shaw, from the Arsenal at the presidency to Tanjore. —

Mr. Conductor Norman from Pondicherry to Negapatam. —

Mr. Henry Rogers and Mr. John Bass having served the Honorable Company the former upwards of thirty & the latter twenty eight years are pensioned for Life upon an allowance of twelve pagodas

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Pagodas per Month.—

Mr Samuel Mills, late Conductor of Stores at Chingleput is also pensioned for Life upon an allowance of Six pagodas per Month.—

By Order of the Right Honble the president in Council

/Signed/ S. Webbe
Secretary to Government.

A true Copy
/Signed/ B.J. Close
adjt Genl of the Army.

Commander in Chiefs proposed Arrangement for Ordnance Department on new Regulations for Military Stores &c. as proposed to Right Honble Lord Hobart by Lieutenant General Harris April 25th 1797.

The period for introducing the new Store and Ordnance Regulations being near at hand, the Commander in Chief takes occasion to lay before the Board Statement No 1 and 2 shewing the numbers and descriptions of the Ordnance officers required at each station by the

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the new regulations — the names and P
designations of the several Ordnance Officers
now present at each Station, and the numbers
and descriptions wanting to Complete P
according to the new regulations as also
those Surplus thereto. —

Under the Idea that it may
be the intention of Government that the
Ordnance Officers at present on the Establish-
ment should be continued in employment,
the Commander in Chief would propose that
the following removals and appointments
should take place to complete agreeably P
to the new regulations. —

Captain Lieutenant Scott
Commissary of Stores on the Island of P
Ceylon to be appointed to the Arsenal at
the Presidency. —

Captain Blakemore Inspector of Stores at Vizagapatam
Captain Lieutenant Farrel Do at Tanjore
" Freese Do — at Vellore
to be Deputy Commissaries at those stations
respectively. —

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant James Ball Inspector of Stores at Masulipatam to be Commissary of Stores at that Station.—

Lieutenant Blair Inspector of Stores in the Baramahal and Salem Districts to be Deputy Commissary of Stores at Krishnagherry.—

Mr. J. C. Franks Deputy Commissary of Stores at Trichinopoly to be removed to Ganjam.—

Mr. Ticker Conductor of Stores to be removed from Nannal to Tanjore.—

Mr. Shaw Conductor of Stores to be removed from the Arsenal at the Presidency to Tryagar

Mr. William Norman Conductor of Stores to be removed from Trincomale to Nagapatam.—

It appears that there are three conductors of Stores employed at present who are unfit for Service of these Mr. Henry Rogers and John Bass belong to the Arsenal at the Presidency as the former has served the Honble Company upwards of thirty and the latter twenty eight years

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Government may perhaps think them worthy
of being pensioned on an allowance of Twelve
or Fifteen Pagodas per month. –

The remaining Conductor P
alluded to as unfit is Mr. Samuel Milly who
belongs to Chengalpaut and is represented by the
Store Keeper at Mr. S Mardon as a person altogether
improper to be placed in Charge of Stores on P
account of his irregular behaviour – This man P
having served many years may if Government
approve be placed on a Moderate pension to save
him from the misery of want. –

It appears from Statements
No. 1 and 2 that Ten Conductors are wanting to P
Complete According to the new Regulations – If the
three alluded to as unfit be pensioned thirteen
will be wanting besides one at Trincomale in
room of Mr. Norman proposed to be removed to
Nagapatam – It is found also that one of the
Conductors who stands appointed to the Arsenal
at the Presidency serves as Serjeant Major
of Fort St. George. –

/Signed/ Geo. Harris

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In consequence of the Arrival of the last Ships of the Season in India the following appointments, which have been Kept open by the Orders of the Honble the Court of Directors until this period, are now finally to take place.

To be Major Generals from the Establishment from the 8th January 1796

Major General John Braithwaite.
Ecclesy Nixon.
Thomas Bridges
Edward Coilering
Patrick Ross
and
Thomas Cockis

To be Colonel of the 1st Batt. Artillery Major Genl. Gillespie
Do. 2d Do. Sydenham
Do. 1st Regt Europn Infty. Nixon
Do. 2d Do. Braithwaite.
Do. 1st Native Do. Bridges.
Do. 2d Do. Colonel Hale.
Do. 3d Do. " Cappage.
Do. 4th Do. " Frend.
Do. 5th Do. Colonel

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To be Colonel of the 6th Regt Native Infy Major Genl Colling.

Do 7th Do Do Colonel Prendergast.

Do 8th Do Do Major Genl Congreghan.

Do 9th Do Do " Bidcliffe.

Do 10th Do Do Colonel Bonnevaux.

Do 11th Do Do Wynch.

To be Commandant of the Corps of Artillery Major General Geils.—

To be Commandant of the Corps of Cavalry Colonel Dugald Campbell.—

To be Chief Engineer Major General Patrick Roy.—

General Officers placed on the Staff under this Presidency.—

Major General John Braithwaite and to Command Pondicherry.

" " John Floyd and to Command Trichinopoly and the Southern Division of the Army.—

" " Welbore Ellis Doyle, and to Command Ceylon.—

" " Thomas Geils, and to Command the Mount.—

" " Thomas Bridges, and to Command Masulipatam

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Masulipatam and the Northern Division of the Army until further Orders. —

In consequence of Major Generals Nixon, Colling, Bidulph and Congreave having been promoted to the Rank of Major General, and of their not having been selected for the Staff, the respective Commands which they held by appointment from Government have become Vacant. —

The following Officers are appointed to Command. —

Colonel Sale at Vellore.
Lt. Col. Torrens at Arnee.
Colonel Cuppage in the Ganjam District. —

Though the Major Generals not selected to the Staff are not entitled by the Orders of the Court of Directors to draw the full Batta of Colonels on the Establishment, yet as the Honorable Court of Directors have left a latitude with this Government to grant relief under particular circumstances — the Right Honble

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Honble the President in Council is pleased to direct that Major General Nixon, Colling Bideliffe, and Conyngham shall continue to draw the full Batta of Colonel until the pleasure of the Court of Directors may be known. -

Major General Erskine is appointed to Command the Troops in the District of Vizagapatam. -

By Order of the Right Honble the president in Council. -

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Government -

(Signed) B.J. Close
A. G. -

Extract of a Letter from Colonel Brathwaite to the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. Dated 20th July 1794 -

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Commands contained in Mr. Secretary Jacksons letter of the 18th instant, and in Obedience thereto, I have the honor to submit to your Consideration the draft of an Order to be Published on this Occasion in two different modes as far as relates to the

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the distribution of his Majestys Corps – the one calculated so as not to interfere with Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage in the Command of Tanjore, in case it is your intention that he should remain there the other in case you should determine that as Tanjore has been now so many years Commanded by one of his Majestys Field officers, that it should continue still to be so, as in that case there is not any one who has such pretension as Lieutenant Colonel Baird I have therefore in this so arranged the distribution of his Majestys Corps as to place him there and it will rest with your Honor to adopt either of them mode as you shall think proper

A true Extract

(Signed) John Malcolm
Secy

Extract of a Letter from Colonel Braithwaite to the Honble Sir Charles Bakeley &c. Dated July 29th 1794

I would wish now Honble Sir to draw your attention to the Honble Captain Lindsay a letter from whom I have

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I have now the honor to enclose, a most deserving and gallant Officer, who has been upon every service in this Country in two successive Wars with H Hyder Ally and Tippoo Sultaun, and who in the former was one of the unfortunate Sufferers with Lieutenant Colonel Baillies Detachment having been severely Wounded, and Subjected to a most H cruel Captivity for near four years. At the close of the last War the Marquis Cornwallis thought it just to distinguish this Officer in a pointed manner, by naming him to a seperate Command some what out of the ordinary rule, namely H Permacoil, where none of his Majesty's Troops were stationed - not long since it appeared to Government that this Command was no longer Necessary in fact, but it was permitted to H Captain Lindsay to retain it for ascertain a time in Consequence of the Manner in which he was appointed to it his health however endued him to resign it sooner with an intention to return to Europe, which he was informed was necessary to recover his health - but just at this time it being rumoured that an expedition to the Islands was to take Place, he determined

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to remain and serve on that, and Proceed to Europe
when it was over or in Case the State of his health
rendered it necessary in the mean time residing
Constantly here at Madras where he has had
the best medical advice and the Sea air, he
has Perfectly recovered and determined to remain
in the Country where his Services give him
the best claim to reward - on this Account tho'
I will not Pretend to say that there is any
Professional necessity for Command at P
Permacoil I would wish that he might be
allowed to resume it for the same reason
it was at first conferred upon him, namely
as an honorary distinction till some thing more
worthy of his Professional abilities shall
offer

A true Extract

/Signed/ Johns Malcolm
Secy

Extract of a Letter from Colonel Braithwaite to the Hon.ble
Sir Charles Oakeley Bt. Dated 18th. August 1794.-

At Lieutenant Colonel Stirling
may be shortly expected and will of course take
the Command of his Majesty's 74th. Regiment
and

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and Cundamalé I beg leave to recommend that it may be Published that on his taking the Command of Cundamalee Major Shaw is to proceed to Tripassore with two Companies of his Majesty's 74th Regiment and take the Command of that Garrison. -

A true Extract
/Signed/ John Malcolm
Secy

Extract of a Letter from Colonel Braithwaite to the Right Honble Lord Hobart Dated 27th Octr 1797

By the death of Captain Knox the Command of the 10th Native Battalion and Angole where it is stationed become vacant for the Station and Battalion I beg leave to recommend Captain Butler; your Lordship may be surprised that I now recommend Captain Butler, as I have passed over so many opportunities of doing it - the fact is that I did not think him Particularly desirous of the Command of a Native Battalion but as he now informs me that he is, and as he stands high on the list of Captains having been twenty one years an officer in the Company's Service, eleven years

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of which he has had the Rank of Captain; having served the whole of last War under Marquis Cornwallis, having Commanded the 4.th Battalion of European Infantry for ten months in the Field; and having likewise Commanded the 8 Flank Companies of that Corps on the Storm of Bangalore, I should hope your Lordship will consider him deserving of the Recommendation I have now made.—

A true Extract
(Signed) John Malcolm Secy—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council &c

Honble Sir,

Lieutenant Colonel Gaily has reported to me the Death of Lieutenant Morris Commissary of Stores of the Artillery Cantonment at the Mount he died Suddenly yesterday and as by his Death the appointment of Commissary Stores becomes Vacant I think it incumbent on me to recommend Lieutenant Nelson the Deputy Commissary who has filled that Employ

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Employ much to the Satisfaction of his Superiors,
and was originally appointed to it for his
Merits to succeed as Commissary and that
Lieutenant Fire Worker Gaily should be appoin-
ted Deputy Commissary.—

I have the honor to be &c.

/Signed/ John Braithwaite—

Military Head Quarters
Madras. August 11th 1792.

a true Copy

/Signed/ John Malcolm
Secy—

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson to
Colonel Braithwaite Dated 3d April 1793.—

The Military Board having
suggested the Necessity of appointing an Inspector
of Stores to the Baramahl and Salem Countries,
I am directed to desire you will recommend a
proper officer of the Artillery for this Service.—

a true Extract

/Signed/ John Malcolm
Secy—

Extract of a Letter from Colonel Braithwaite to Sir
Charles Oakeley Bt. Dated 13th April 1793.

The officer of Artillery I would
recommend to be appointed Inspector of Stores in the
Baramahl and Salem Countries is Lieutenant
William Copeland of the 2d Battalion of Artillery
an officer well qualified for that duty and one
who

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who has already been employed in examining
Stores in those Countries. –

Above Extract
Signed/ John Malcolm
Secy –

Extract of a Letter from Colonel Braithwaite to Sir Charles
Oakeley Bart. Dated 10th. June 1793. –

Lieutenant Colonel Gaily also
expressed a strong desire that Lieutenant Scott should
be the Commissary of Stores in Camp and Major
Hall suggested the idea of his being immediately
appointed deputy Commissary General to act
under him in the setting out, and it appears to
me that this will forward the Service and enable
Lieutenant Scott to undertake the charge in the
Field to greater advantage, and as the Commissary
General of Stores cannot be spared from the
Presidency, I think it will be with more propriety
that the efficient officer in this Department in
the Field is titled deputy Commissary General
than simply Commissary. I therefore do not
hesitate to recommend this measure strongly –

The officer recommended to succeed
Lieutenant Scott as Inspector of Stores at
Masulipatam Sign. Lieutenant Fireworker
Savey

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James Hall distinguished himself much
in the last War and was most severely &
Wounded and I have lately been informed &
that both the Marquis Cornwallis and &
General Medows wished for an opportunity
to notice him; his Station is with Major
Roberts Detachment but his Wounds have
lately distressed him so much that he has
been obliged to quit it and come to the Coast
and it is not probable that he will ever, if
ever be again fit for Field Service. —

In looking over the List of
Conductors and their Stations it appeared that a
sufficient number for Conducting such a train
could not be called into the Field without
great inconvenience to the Stores in some
places. It appears therefore necessary to recom-
-mend the appointment of four new Conductors
and this I the more readily do as the Persons
recommended are of very distinguished merit
Mr. Sidney Montague and Mr.
Pierce came from Bengal and served in the
Artillery Park during the last War and have
remained at the Mount ever since employed
as

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As Writers by Lieutenant Colonel Gaile in Expectation of Vacancies to come into the Service as Conductors.—

Sergeant Waterman who now Commands in a Fort of high Importance the Naick Palamcottah near Tuticorin, is a person of Singular Merit and as it also Sergeant Johnstone and the Service holds out none no opportunity of rewarding meritorious Sergeants but by Making them Conductors, and should the Plan for the future Arrangement of the Military Store Department which the Military Board have to propose be adopted, a Still further increase of the Establishment of Conductors will become requisite.—

Extract

Signed Thos. Maleolm Esqr.

Extract of a Letter from Colonel Braithwaite to the Right Honble Lord Hobart Dated 15th October 1797.—

It was not My Lord my intention to lay before your Lordship any recommendation for appointments in the Military Store Department till the whole Arrangements for that Department now under Consideration

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of the Military Board, were completed and approved by Government and under that idea the Commissary ship of Stores at Trichinopoly, which became Vacant by the death of Lieutenant O'Beirne had continued no longer than I expected and as the Service now Requires that such an Officer should be Stationed at Trichinopoly and as the Appointment will no way affect the future Arrangements, I beg leave to Recommend Captain Carlisle of the 1st Batt.n of Artillery an Officer eminently qualified for the Situation, and who has long stood recommended for it by Lieutenant Col. Gielg, may be appointed Commissary of Stores at Trichinopoly, and Mr. Gibson Conductor, stands first upon the List of Conductors & has been much distinguished for his Service in the last War he is the first I should recommend to be appointed a Deputy Commissary of Stores when the new Arrangement takes place, to which will Require an additional number of deputy Commissaries I shall be obliged to your Lordship to appoint him now a Deputy Commissary of Stores as I mean to send him to the Mount or such where Lieutenant Colonel Gielg would be glad of his Services nor will this have any effect on the future Arrangements.-

a true Extract
Signed/ John Malcolm Secy

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson to Colonel Brathwaite Dated 21st October 1794.-

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 3d. instant and to acquaint you that His Lordship thinks it advisable to Postpone making any appointments in the Store Department until the whole of Arrangement, now under Consideration of the Military Board shall be laid before him and that his intention at that time to recommend to the Board the appointment of such Persons as his Lordship may think qualified for the trust.-

a true Extract
Signed/ John Malcolm
Secy

Ordered

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Ordered that the Minute of the Commander in Chief be sent in Circulation to

" Hobart

" Geo. Harris

" Edw.d Saunders

" C.H. Wallace

John Turing Esq.r

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Diary

Received the following Letters.—

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Commandant at Dindigul recommending the execution of some repairs to the Granaries and Store houses in the upper Fort, in order to preserve which is lodged in them from the effects of Vermin.—

With the exception of some Paddy which is in the Upper Fort, the whole of the Grain and Provisions in Store at Dindigul being lodged in the lower Fort, by reason of the Loss that would be incurred by means of the Vermin which infest the Granaries and Storehouses on the upper Fort, I have the honor to transmit an Estimate of the Repairs which seem well calculated to render these Buildings Secure, and which I request you may have the goodness to lay before the Right Honble the President in Council, in the hope that Sanction may be granted for the execution.—

Doors for the Granaries, and Doors and Windows for the Store houses are very much wanted, and will soon be completed by the public Artificers who are now employed in making them of Wood cut and brought in from the Country by the Lascars of the Garrison.—

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) A. Brown

Dindegul
15th September 1797.—

Statement

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Statement of Repairs requisite to the Store Rooms and Granaries in the Upper Fort of Dindigul to secure them against Vermine shewing the Number of Workmen and Materials required

		P.s F.s C.s	P.s F.s C.s
1	**Store Room No.1**		
	laying Brick and Chunam Jelly 5½ feet wide 4 feet in height and 58 feet in length along the bottom of the Partition Walls (whose foundations are not carried to the rock) underneath the Pavement to prevent the rats burrowing. —		
	Brick 10,000 at 22 fanm. 19 Cash per thousand	5.12.30.	
	Purry of Chunam 42½ at 1 Pagoda per 22 Purry	1.39.11.	
	Purry of Sand 63 at 1 Pagoda per 65 dº	.10.56½	
	Tollam of Jagary 2¼ at 9 fanm. 70 Cash and ⅔ per Tollam	.22.19¼	
	Maistrys 5 at 5 fanm. 18 Cash each	.2.8.	
	Bricklayers 5 at 3 fanm. 56½ Cash dº	.1.8.12½	
	Coolies 5 at 1 fm. 67¾ Cash dº	.0.9.18¾	
	Women and Boys 66 at 65¾ Cash each	1.12.10½	11.14.37½
	Laying rough Flays Pavement and Painting it with Chunam / the Flays are on the Spot. —		
	Chunam Purrys 13¼ at 1 Pagoda per 22 Purry	.0.25.23.	
	Sand 25 at 1 Pagoda per 65	.0.16.12.	
	Jagary Tolam ⅝ at 9 fanm. 70⅔ Cash Per Tollam	.0.6.11½	
	Maistry 2 at 5 fanm. 18 Cash each	.0.1.16.	
	Bricklayers 4 at 3 fanm. 56½ Cash each	.0.1.66.	
	Coolys 25 at 1 fanm. 67¾ Cash each	.0.38.62½	
	Boys & Women 9 at 65¾ Cash each	.0.7.35¼	2.35.65½
	White washing with Chunam.		
	Chunam Purrys 4 at 1 Pagoda per 22 Purry	.0.7.5½.	
	Bricklayers 2 at 3 fanm. 56½ Cash each	.0.7.33.	
	Coolys 7 at 1 fm. 67¾ Cash each	.0.2.7.4½	
	Boys and Women 2 at 65¾ Cash each	.0.1.5½	.0.19.18¾
	Carried over		

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Store Room No. 2

P. F. C. P. F. C.

Putting down old Brick and Mud Walls and Building them with Brick & Chunam 38 feet in Length 10 feet in Height and 1½ feet in thickness.—

Bricks	14,000	at	22 fans.	19 Cash	per thousand	7	17 26
Chunam Purrys	66	at	1 Pagam		per 22 Purrys	3	
Sand Ditto	99½	at	1 Pagam		per 65 ditto	1	22 23⅓
Jagary Tolams	3¾	at	9 fans.	70⅔	per Tolam		32 9⅓
Maistrys	6	at	5	48	each		33 48
Bricklayers	8	at	3	56½	"		29 52
Coolies	7	at	1	6 7¾	"		12 7¼
Boys and Women	100	at		65¾	"	1	40 15 — 16 20 8½

laying Brick and Chunam Jelly 1½ feet wide 4 feet in height and 57 feet in Length as in No. 1.—

Bricks	9000	at	22 fans.	19 Cash	per thousand	4	32 11
Chunam Purrys	40½	at	1 Pagam		per 22 Purrys	1	35 25⅓
Sand Ditto	62	at	1 Pagam		per 65 Purrys		40 5
Jagary Tolams	2¼	at	9 fans.	70⅔ Cash	per Tolam		22 16¼
Maistrys	4	at	5 fans.	48 Cash	each		22 32
Bricklayers	5	at	3	56½	do.		18 42½
Coolies	5	at	1 fan.	6 7¾ Cash	each		9 18¾
Boys and Women	66	at		65¾	each	1	12 19½ — 41 39 64½

Laying rough Flags Pavement as in No. 1.—

Chunam Purrys	13¼	at	1 Pagam		per 22 Purrys		25 23¾
Sand Purrys	25	at	1 Pagam		per 65 do.		16 52
Jagary Tollam	⅔	at	9 fans.	70⅔ Cash	per Tollam		6 14⅓
Maistry	1	at	5	48	each		5 48
Bricklayer	4	at	3	56½	"		14 66
Coolies	21	at	1	6 7¾	"		38 62¼
Boys & Women	8	at		65¾	"		6 46 — 2 29 32⅓

White washing with Chunam

Chunam Purrys	2	at	1 Pagam		per 22 Purrys		3 65½
Bricklayer	1	at	3 fans.	56½ Cash			3 56½
Coolies	4	at	1	6 7¾	each		7 31
Boys and Women	2	at		65¾	"		1 51½ — 16 64½

Carried forward

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						P.s	F.	C.	P.s	F.	C.
					Brought forward						
					Granary N.o 2						
3.rd	Flooring 38½ feet in length 31 feet in Breadth 6 Inches in thickness with Brick and Chunam to prevent the Rats burrowing										
	Bricks	12,100	at	22 fan.s 19 Cash	per thousand		6.	17.	5½		
	Chunam Purrys	62	at	1 Pag.a	per 22 Purry		2.	34.	2½		
	Sand Purrys	93	at	1 Pag.a	per 65		1.	18.	6½		
	Jagary Tollam	3¼	at	9 fan.s 70⅔	per Tolam			32.	9½		
	Maistrys	4	at	5 . 48				22.	32.		
	Brick Layers	8	at	3 . 56½				29.	52.		
	Coolys	7	at	1 . 67¾				12.	74½		
	Boys & Women	100	at	65¾			1.	10.	13.	14.	38. 64½
4.th	Granary N.o 3										
	Flooring 21 feet in length 18 feet in Breadth 6 Inches in thickness as in N.o 2										
	Bricks	4000	at	22 fan.s 19 Cash	per thousand		2.	11.	70.		
	Chunam Purrys	22	@	1 Pag.a	per 22 Purry		1.	.	.		
	Sand ditto	33	@	1 Pag.a	per 65 do.			21.	25½		
	Jagary Tolams	1½	@	9 fan.s 70⅔ Cash	per Tolam			12.	28½		
	Maistrys	2	@	5 . 48	each			11.	16.		
	Brick layers	3	@	3 . 56½				11.	9½		
	Coolys	3	@	1 . 67¾				5.	103¾		
	Boys & Women	32	@	. 65¾				26.	24.	5.	8. 63.
	Building part of the Walls with Brick & Chunam on the South face 28 feet in length 8 feet in height 1½ in the thickness —										
	Bricks	5700	@	22 fan.s 19 Cash	per thousand		3.	1.	75¼		
	Chunam Purrys	31	@	1 Pag.a	per 22 Purry		1.	17.	114¾		
	Sand do.	45¾	@	1 "	per 65 "			20.	114		
	Jagary Tolams	1¾	@	9 fan.s 70⅔ Cash	per Tolam			17.	23¼		
	Maistrys	3	@	5 . 48	Each			16.	64.		
	Brick layers	11	@	3 . 56½	"			34.	66.		
	Coolies	5	@	1 . 67¾	"			9.	58¾		
	Boys & Women	148	@	" . 65¾	"			39.	36.	7.	20. 22½
					Carried forward					72.	27. 71¼

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								P. F. C.	P. F. C.
							Brought forward		72. 27. 7¾

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Granary N. 4.—

Painting part of the Wall with Chunam.....

Chunam Purrys	5	@ 1 Pag.	per 22 Purry			"	9. 43¾.
Sand	" 8½	@ 1 Pag.	per 65			"	5. 39¼.
Jagary Tolam	½	@ 9 fan.	70⅔ Cash	per Tolam		"	4. 7 5/12.
Maistry	1	@ 3 "	48	each		"	5. 48.—
Bricklayers	2	@ 3 "	56½	"		"	7. 33.—
Coolies	1	@ 1 "	67¾	"		"	1. 67¾.—
Boys and Women	8	@ "	65¾	"		"	6. 46.— 41. 33⅜

Salt Magazine N. 1

Painting Part of the Wall with Chunam—

Chunam Purrys	4	@ 1 Pag.	per 22 Purry			"	7. 51.
Sand Purrys	6	@ 1 Pag.	per 65			"	3. 70.
Jagary Tolams	¼	@ 9 fan.	70⅔ Cash	per tolam		"	2. 37⅓.
Bricklayers	1	@ 3 "	56½	"		"	3. 56½
Coolies	1	@ 1 "	67¾	"		"	1. 67¾
Boy and Women	6	@ "	65¾	"		"	4. 74¾ 24. 37⅞.—

Guard House N. 2.

Building Part of the Walls on the East face with Brick and Chunam 15 feet in length 7 feet in height and 1½ in thickness.

Bricks	4700	@ 22 fan.	19 Cash	per thousand			2. 20. 41.
Chunam Purrys	18½	@ 1 Pag.	per 22 Purrys			"	35. 25⅞.
Sand	" 28	@ 1 Pag.	per 65 Purrys			"	18. 6.
Jagary Tolams	1¼	@ 9 fan.	70⅔ Cash	per Tolam		"	12. 28⅓.
Maistrys	2	@ 5 "	48	each		"	11. 16.
Bricklayers	2	@ 3 "	56½	"		"	7. 33.
Coolies	4	@ 1 "	67¾	"		"	7. 31.
Boy and Women	30	@ "	65¾	"		"	24. 52½ 5. 10. 73¾.

Total Amount Pag. ..... 79. 20. 56.

(Signed) M Brown Lt. Col.
Commg.—

Estimates

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Dindegul 15th. September 1797.—

Estimates for the foregoing Work having been given in by Ramah and China Tomby Maistry Bricklayers this by Ramah is cheaper than that of China Tomby by P. 11.. F. 31.. C. 41.) Eleven Pagodas, thirty one fanams, and forty one Cash, is Stated according to prices Current at Dindigul, agreeably to Measurement which I have superintended, and I believe the Charge to be very moderate — By the Obligation in Malabar one half Amount of the Estimate is to be advanced for purchase of Materials, and Wages to Workmen, One Quarter Amount of the Estimate, when One half of the Work has been executed, and the remaining Quarter Amount of the Estimate when the Work shall have been completely finished.—

(Signed) A. Brown
Lt. Coll.—

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President & Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General — reporting his Opinion on the charge made by Mr. Thackeray of Six fanams per Day for the Diet & Cure of Sick Sepoys sent into the General Hospital from Corps lately embark =ed for foreign Service. —

In Answer to that part of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 20th Instant, referring for my consider= =tion & report Charges made by Mr. Surgeon Thackeray for Sick Sepoys belonging to Corps embarked on Foreign Service on the 20th Ultimo who were ordered to be received into the General Hospital, I have the honor to state for your Lordship's Information, that the Customary Charge for Sick Sepoys treated in a General Hospital at a distance from their Corps is One Fanam ℔ Day & for Wounded Sepoys 2 Fanams & 40 Cash ℔ Day; — for the former Allowance the Surgeon furnished only Country — Medecines, for the latter, Bandages & other Articles necessary for their cure, but Mr. Thackeray states that he has also victualled the Men committed to his care, & claims in consequence to be paid according to the rate which — Government have been pleased to allow for Natives not in the Service; as this mode however of treating Sick

Sepoys

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22nd Sepoys is very expensive to the Company I conceive that Mr. Thackeray should be immediately instructed to discontinue it, and the Sick informed that they are to victual themselves, the Surgeon receiving the usual allowance of One fanam P Day for each Man during the time it may be necessary for them to remain in the General Hospital. —

I have the honor to be with great respect

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 22nd September 1797 —

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

&c.a &c.a

To Lieutenant General Harris
Commanding the Army

Sir,

From Major Ferguson requesting that the Sepoys of the 1st Battalion 1st Regiment Native Infantry may receive some Compunsation on account of a Substantial Barrack built by them at Trincamalé — an Estimate of the value of the Barracks enclosed

I have the honor to transmit you the original Proceedings of a Committee held by order of Colonel Champagné commanding Trincomanly and to request your favorable representation of the same to Government, in behalf of the Men of the 1st Battalion of the 1st Native Regiment, who to my knowledge have suffered exceedingly by the wet

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22nd want of Tents or barracks to cover them against the severity of last Monsoon. ~

I hope it will not be deemed presumptuous in me to repeat what every body at Trinconomaly has said, Namely, that the work of the Sepoys, which is the Subject of the accompanying Committee, is the most compleat and durable building of the kind at Trinconomaly, and if inhabited, that it cannot fail to last these forty Years to come; for finding the Misery that had been experienced by the Men of the 1st Battalion, who were obliged, here and there to seek Shelter from the rain, in every hole and corner they could find, I was determined at all events to build a Substantial defence against the next Monsoon: to this end I began immediately to lay up the best Materials of Wood, not cocoanut or palmira, of which there is not a single stick in the building, and in the mean time to choose the best Situation, which they were obliged to level with much labour, under the severist Military duty of Mounting guard and constant parties of fatigue I next took the best advice upon the

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22nd " the manner of thatching as I knew it was the most material part of a building in that Country but I am sorry to say that this part of the work "has been considerably underrated", for had the thatch been estimated at the Country prices there was at the lowest rates without hyperbole three hundred Pagodas worth on the roof!! ~

The walls are not connected with the roof, which is supported by tall trees of the hardest woods in the forest they are built of Stone with mud & can be put up again as often as they fall, which Sepoys will always do of their own accord. ~

I am credibly informed that the building was at first estimated at Nine hundred Pagodas and upwards, but the labour, being ~ afterwards rated Working Money or F. 1. 30. per day reduced it to P. 653 altho the hire of the worst Cooli is three fanams a day and a Sepoy that can spare time from his duty, will earn the same by the cutting of firewood only, at Tronconomaly, altho

it

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22nd " it is in the midst of Jungle; so indolent are the Natives thereof.— The situation is cleverly defended from the North East Monsoon by the hospital hill and fully exposed to the refreshing & on the west wind in the Summer, in this and the thatch which is two fold thick and as light as the hair on a brush, consists the comfort, salubrity and permanence of the building. A confidence in the goodness of the Work, with other avocations prevented me attending the Committee.—

These being premised, may I presume upon the good behaviour of the 1st. Battalion whilst abroad, to crave your support, of my humble Petition in their behalf, to the Right honorable the President in Council, praying that he will be graciously pleased to grant the Rank and file of the 1st B.n 1st N. Regiment one Pagoda each for building the said temporary Barracks, agreable to the usages of the Service.—

I have the honor to be

Pondicherry
the 20th of September 1797.—

Do." & Do."
(Signed) Edw.d Fergusson
Major Comm.g 1st B.n 1st N.Re.
Major

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Major Fergusson
Commanding 1st Battalion Native Regiment

Sir I have the Honor to send you the enclosed, which I hope will prove satisfactory — The Building is so complete that it is my intention to make use of it for a Barrack for part of the 80th Regiment. —

I have the honor to be

Trincomallie
July 25th 1797.

&c. &c.
(Signed) H Champagne
Colonel

Trincomallee July 21st 1797. —

At a Meeting of a Committee appointed in the following manner by Order of Colonel Champagne Commanding Officer. —

Trincomallee July 20th —

"Captains Norris, Kingston and O'Reilly are "requested to meet tomorrow Morning at 9 oClock "to examine, and set a value on a Bungalow "built by order of Major Fergusson for a Barrack "for the 1st Battalion Native Infantry under his "Command". —

The Committee proceed to examine the Bungalow, which is

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22nd " is situated on a Sloping part of the Hill, and near the foot of it, on the left hand side of the road going up, and find it measures 81½ feet in Length, 20 feet in Breadth Walls 7 feet high inside measurement— The Walls are 3 ft. thick at bottom and 1½ feet thick at Top built of Stones with mudd. The Roof is thatched and built with Country wood, the Floor Mudd.— There has been a considerable Number of Yards of digging in order to make the Ground level and to form a small trench at the end next the Hill, to prevent the waters in the Monsoon time damaging the Bungaloe and much expence appears to have been incurred in fitting up to form the floor and in digging to form the roadway

On a calculation of the Materials upon the spot and from a particular Account received of the People who attended by direction of Major Fergusson to give information of the expence incurred, The Committee insert the following Account of Materials and Labour.—

Materials

3,500 Bundles of Thatch Grass at 2 fan.s each	155	0	0
Value of Timbers on the roof including post 38 c.s	150	0	0
Sundry articles Rope 5 Pag.s Chunam 1 Pag	6	0	0
Carried over	311	—	—

Labour

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22nd

Labour

Brought over	311..-..-
Sepoys employed in Building the roof and Thatching. 32 Sepoys. 60 days total 1920 days at 1 fan. 30 Cash P day	58..30..-
Sepoys employed at the Walls & flooring 54 Sepoys. 51 days - Total 2754 days at 1 fan. 30 c	84..6..60
Sepoys employed digging & moving Ground 70 Sepoys 90 days total 6300 days a fan. 0 1..30	192..22..10
Carpenters Work to door frames	7..-..-
Pagodas	653..14..20

The Committee remark that the Bank of the Trench at the End of the Bungaloe next the Hill does not appear to be Strong enough, and that the Trench would be better if deeper and wider in order to carry of the Waters with safety to the building; that the Masonry ought to be thicker and built of the best materials in Chunam instead of Mudd.

The Committee also remark that as to the Thatch on the roof, there is double the Quantity necessary. -

The Committee adjourn untill Monday the 24th.-

Monday July 24th.-

The Committee met according to Adjournment and are

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22nd are of Opinion that there is no other mode of ascertaining the value of the Bungalow, & work done but by the particular account of expences herein stated. Amounting to 653 Pags. 14 fanams 20 Cash.

(Signed) J. Norris.
Capt.n Engineers

(Signed) C. O'Reilly Capt.n Malay Corps

Trincomallee
July 24th 1797. (Signed) Strickland Kingston
Paymaster

The difference of working Money allowed by the Regulations on the Coast, is added on the back of this paper and the total Amount of the first estimation calculated.

(Signed) E. Fergusson

The Six Pagodas for odds & ends was advanced by Myself at different times. ~

(Signed) E. F. ~

Sepoys

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22nd Sepoys employed in Building the roof and thatching 32 Sepoys 60 Days at 1 fanam 50 Cash per Day 69.15.-

Sepoys employed at the Walls & flooring 54 Sepoys 51 Days Total 2754 Days at 1 fr. 50 Cash per day 99.20.20.

Sepoys employed digging & moving Ground 70 Spys 90 Days Total 6300 days @ 1 fr. 50 Cash per day ..... 227.22.40.

Total Different Working Batta 1 Pay ..... 396.12.60.

Present Calculations ..... 653.14.20.

Total 1st Calculation 10 119.27.-

23d Received and dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos 1214 125. 126.-

From the Officer Commanding the Nizam's Detachment. — From Major Hyndman acknowledging Receipt of Mr. Webbe's Letter of the 6th Instant respecting Captain Mackenzie.-

From the Military Paymaster General. — From Mr. Roebuck enclosing a general Estimate of Cash required to Answer Disbursements in his Office falling due on the 1st October next.-

To the Military Auditor General. — To Major General Sydenham referring the above mentioned Estimate for Examination

Sent

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24th

Sen the following Letters.

To Lieutenant Colonel Vigors

Commanding at Ongole

Sir

To the Commandant at Ongole - desiring that Captain Berkeley may be ordered to halt the Detachment of the 9th Regiment Native Infantry under his Command at Ongole

The Right Honble the President in Council having judged it advisable to Countermand the March of detachment of the 9th Regiment Native Infantry under the Command of Captain Berkeley from Guntoor but having reason to think that the detachment may have Commenced its March before his Orders can reach that place, directs me to desire that upon the Arrival of Captain Berkeley at ongole you will signify to him the Orders of Government to halt the Detachment and to wait the future instructions of Major General Bridges. -

I am

&c. &c.

Fort St. George
24th September 1797. -

(Signed) Josiah Webbe

To

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24th

To the Honorable, Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

Fort William

Hble Sir,

To Bengal pointing out the Errors that have occurred in the Dates of the Brevet &c. Commissions lately received from England for the Company's Officers on this Establishment suggesting a plan for remedying this Incongruance in future & requesting that the subject may be referred to the Consideration of the Commander in Chief in India. —

Having referred the Commissions of his Majesty for the Company's Officers, which were received by the Ships lately arrived, for the examination of the Adjutant General of the Army, We do ourselves the honor to enclose a Copy of his report for your information. —

As We think the mode suggested by Lieutenant Colonel Close extremely well calculated to prevent errors in future, in a point of the last importance to the Army, we intend pointing it out to the particular Attention of the Court of Directors: meanwhile we request that a Copy of the report may be submitted to the consideration of the Commander in Chief in India. —

We also request that the Opinion of the Commander in Chief may be obtained in regard to the disposal of the erroneous Commissions and the best

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best means of supplying this deficiency. ~

We have the honor to be

&c." &c."

Fort St. George

22nd September 1797. ~ (Signed) Hobart

&c." Council. ~

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Received the following Letters. ~

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President & Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

I have the Honor to lay before ~

From the Military Auditor General ~ enclosing a Statement of the Stoppages on account of the Offrecko=ning Fund for the Year 1796. ~

Your Lordship in Council a Computation of the ~ Offreckoning Fund for the Year 1796 Amounting in the whole to one Lack, fifteen thousand, eight hundred and Sixty Nine Pagodas; Seventeen Fanams; and Ten Cash (F. 115,869..17..10) of which a copy has been furnished the Military Paymaster General conformably to the General Orders of the 21st July 1792. ~

I have the honor to be with great respect

&c." &c."

Military Auditor Generals Office

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Mily Auditor

Computation

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Offreckoning Funds for the Year 1796.

Computation of Stoppages for the Year 1796 Calculated from the General Return furnished by the Adjutant General of the Effective Strength of the Europeans Corps and fixed Establishment of the Native Corps at the end of the Year 1796 including the Authorized Supernumeraries for whom cloathing is to be provided.

			Stoppages from one to the Complete Year
	Artillery		
	Consisting of the Stoppages from the European Artillery and Native Gun Lascars		
68	Serjeants		19.10.40. 1309..
64	Corporals		16. 1.60. 1026.22.
32	Drummers		5.26.20. 180..
109	Gunners		12.35. .. 1398.35.
798	Matrosses		9.26.20. 7680.32.40.
30	Syrangs		2.36. .... 85.30.
60	1st Tindals		2.35.20. 170.15.
60	2nd Tindals		2.12.60. 138.9.
50	Pickallymen		1.24. .... 78.24.
1680	Lascars		2.12. .. 3840..
	Infantry		
	Consisting of the Stoppages from the Effective Europeans & Establishment of Natives of the Infantry Corps including authorized Supernumeraries		
164	Serjeants		16. 1.60. 2630.35.
121	Corporals		13. 9.50. 1600.30.50.
77	Drummers & Fifers	Europeans	13. 9.50. 1018.27.10.
2028	Privates		8. 7.0 16268.40.
40	Pickallymen		1.24. .... 62.36.
70	Serjeants		16. 1.60. 1122.38.40.
255	Subidars		12. .. 3060..
257	Jemidars		6. .. 1542..
1114	Havildars		3. .. 3342..
1112	Naigues		2. .. 2224..
1110	Drummers & Fifers		6. .. 2660..
	Carried forward £		51158.14.20.

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		Brought forward			51,458,14,20
			1	24	350,18
223	Puckallymen		1	24	35,73,36
2,727	Privates		1	24	47,6 *
30	Ditto	additionals omitted in the first Computation	1	24	37,30
24	Native Doctors				
		Native Cavalry			
			24		504
21	Serjants		15		105
33	Subidars		9		837
93	Semidars		6		750
125	Havildars		4,12		518,24
121	Naigues		2,36		80
28	Farriers		2,36		82,36
29	Trumpeters		1,24		48,30
31	Puckallymen		2,36		5248,24
1837	Privates		2,36		14,20
5	Native Doctors				
		The following omitted in the Computation for the preceding Year. —			
36	Black Doctors	N.J.	1,24		56,24
5	Ditto	N.C.	2,36		14,12
56	Puckallymen	E.J.	1,24		88
					96,258,8,20
					* 47,6
					96,305,14,20
		33d Battn Native Infantry			
			16	160	48,5,20
3	Serjants		12		96
8	Subidars		6		48
8	Semidars		3		96
32	Havildars		2		64
32	Naigues		6		60
10	Drummers		1,24		12,24
8	Puckallymen		1,24		1,24
1	Native Doctor		1,24		854,36
					1281,5,20
544	Sepoys				1281,5,20
		34th Battalion —			
		The same as the 33rd			1281,5,20
		35 Battalion			
		The same as the 34th			1281,5,20
		36th Battalion			
		The same as the 35th			1,01,382,20,20

Carried forward Pag.

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Brought forward Pags			101382.29.20.
6 Serjeants	16. 1.60.	96.10.40.	
6 Jemidars	2.36.	17.6.	
18 Havildars	2.35.20.	51.4.40.	
18 Naigues	2.12.60.	43.19.40.	
11 Puckallymen	1.24.	17.12.	
937 Privates	2.12.	2345.30.	2364.10.40.
European Invalids			
Consisting of the Stoppages from the European Invalids of the Artillery and Infantry			
Artillery			
50 Serjeants	19.10.40.	962.24.	
9 Corporals	16.1.60.	144.15.60.	
42 Gunners	12.35.	539.	
60 Matrosses	9.26.20.	577.24.	
2 Drummers	5.26.20.	11.10.40.	
Infantry			
107 Serjeants	16. 1.60.	1716.9.20.	
20 Corporals	13.9.50.	264.24.40.	
19 Drummers & Fifers	13.9.50.	251.14.70.	
106 Privates	8.-.70.	850.8.60.	5357.9.50.
Native Invalids			
169 Subidars	12.	2028.	
10 Jemidars	6.	606.	
1149 Havildars	3.	3447.	
201 Naigues	2.	402.	
29 Drummers & Fifers	6.	174.	
1 Puckallymen	1.24.	15.	
1135 Privates	1.24.	1783.24.	
5 Syrangs	2.36.	14.12.	
3 1st Jindals	2.35.20.	14.8.20.	
2 2nd Jindals	2.12.60.	4.25.40.	
110 Lascars	2.12.	93.18.	6876.3.60.
Puckallies attached to His Majesty's Regiments.			
12 10th Regiment of Light Dragoons	1.24.	18.36.	
12 25th Ditto	1.24.	18.36.	
5 2nd Company's of Artillery	1.24.	7.36.	
21 12th Regiment of Foot	1.24.	31.18.	
Carried forward Pags		77.	115510.11.10.

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	Brought forward, Pags	77		1,155,10,10
		1	24	31 18
20. 19th	Regiment of Foot	1	24	31 18
20. 36th	Ditto Ditto	1	24	31 18
20. 52nd	Ditto Ditto	1	24	31 18
20 71st	Ditto Ditto	1	24	31 18
20 72nd	Ditto Ditto	1	24	31 18
20 73rd	Ditto Ditto	1	24	31 18
20. 74th	Ditto Ditto	1	24	31 18
20. 80th	Ditto Ditto	1	24	31 18 — 328 18

* Added to the _____ Infantry

30 Additionals with the Nat. Inf.y omitted first } * ..... 47.6.—

Computation .....

Total Pagodas ..... 1,158,9,7,10.

1,159,16,23,10.

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25th September 1797. —

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily. Audr. Genl.

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President & Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord.

From the Military Auditor General — relative to the allow-ances to be drawn by Messrs. O'Neil and Fancourt Asistant Surgeons in the Company's Service officiating — with Kings regiments during the absence of their regimental Surgeons. —

1 I have the honor to submit to your Lordship in Council the following circumstance — regarding certain allowances drawn by Messrs. O'neil & Fancourt asistant Surgeons in the Honble Company's Service, & appointed to act with His Majesty's 52nd. — & 71st. Regiments in the absence of the Surgeons belonging to those Corps who are at present in Europe. —

2 Since the publication of the General Orders directing those Gentlemen to attend the Sick of the 52nd. & 71st. Regiments, the Paymasters have — included on their account in the Regimental Abstracts of Company's Allowances, the difference between the pay of an Asistant Surgeon & a full Surgeon — Gratuity & Half Batta as Captains besides which they have drawn pay as Asistant Surgeons in the Honble Company's Service in a separate Abstract agreable to the late Orders, & to which no

objection

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objection has been made on Audit, but the allowances included on account of Messrs. O'Neil and Fancourt in the abstracts of the 52d & 71st. Regiments are considered exceptionable as no Specific Authority has been produced for their drawing the Extra pay & allowances of a Surgeon, nor does it appear to be warranted by the Orders which the Charges have been made, the former being directed by the General Orders of the 12th. July 1796 "to take charge of the Sick of the 52nd. Regiment until further Orders" — & the Latter by the General Orders of the 29th. May last "to do duty with His Majesty's 71st. Regiment during the absence of the Regimental Surgeon" consequently no other allowances than what the Medical Regulations entitle them to receive viz. Sixty Cash (60) per day for each Effective Man returned present with those Regiments seems to be admissible to them in that situation especially as they neither were or could be included on the Strength or Returns of the Corps with which they officiate, and as several cases of the same kind may hereafter occur, I beg leave to Solicit your Lordships' Instructions whether such Assistant Surgeons of the Company's Service who may

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25th may be occasionally appointed to take charge of the Sick or to do duty with any of His Majesty's Regiments in the absence of the Regimental Surgeon in Europe, are to be considered entitled to the same Allowances as would be drawn by the Surgeon himself, if present with the exception of Kings Subsistence, or whether they are to draw, their established allowances as Assistant Surgeons of the Company's Service & only the Medical allowances already passed with the Corps to which they are attached, which Allowances are supposed to include a liberal compensation for the Extra duty which they have to perform in that Situation. —

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

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 25th September 1797. (Signed) W. Lydenham
Mily. Aud. Genl.

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

My Lord,

I have the honor of transmitting Copies of three letters, received from Lieutenant Medlicott Commanding

From the Commandant at Tanjore on the Subject of his having detached two Companys of

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of Sepoys on the requisition of the Collector of the Mayaveram Soobah.

25th Commanding the two Companies of the 30th Battalion Native Infantry that were detached into the Mayaveram district, on a requisition of Mr. Grant Collector, as I informed your Lordship in my letter of the 12th Instant.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) W. Monson
Major Comg.

Tanjore
September 19th 1797.—

To The Honble Major Monson
Commanding
Tanjore

Sir,

I have arrived here this Morning about Six o'Clock with the Detachment under my Command, and was met by one of Mr. Grant's Hircarrahs with a letter dated Mayaveram the 14th Instant on perusing the contents, I perceive he expected us the Evening before, but as it was late Yesterday Morning, before we had all the Rivers crossed, owing to our being obliged to wait a considerable time for Boats, it is impossible we could have been sooner Indeed by the time we arrived

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Arrived at Combiconum / about five oClock in the Evening / the Men were compleatly knocked up.-

It was Mr. Grants intention, had we arrived in the evening, that we Should have gone immediately to the Village where the Polygars reside and if possible surprize them but the detachment not arriving in time put a Stop to it.-

However from the information I received from his Hircarrah / whom he recommends in the Strongest terms / I intend making an attempt to seize them this evening, or rather early tomorrow Morning— They are in a small village about three Miles from Cotallum, their force is supposed not to exceed three hundred Mr. Grant has sent me the Names of five Persons he wishes particularly to seize

I have the honor to be

&c.ae &c.ae

(Signed) Chas. Macleod

Lieut. Comm.g a Detach.t.-

36th Batt.n N.I

Tope near Cotallum

15th September 1797.-

To

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To the Honble Major Monson
Commanding Tanjore

Sir,

I did myself the honor to write you on the 15th on my Arrival at the Tope near Cotallum but as no Opportunity occurrid, I delayed sending till now. In Addition to which I beg leave to mention that we marchd from thence between one & two Oclock next Morning as recommended by Mr. Grant, accompanyd by his Hircarrahs, and arrivd at the Polygar Village about day break, but to our great Mortification We found on our Arrival there, that the Polygars were off, and upon enquiry were informed that they had left the Village at 12 Oclock the Night before, and retirid towards the river Coleroone. Upon this we went in pursuit with all possible haste but could not come up with them before they had crossed the River. They were a few shots exchanged betwixt a few of our Sepoys in front, & some of the Polygar

followers

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followers but to no purpose. However We have been lucky enough to seize the wife and Sister of Appoe Puddaa-garchy with a Child, who is one of the principal Polygars, mentioned in Mr. Grant's letter, and have this day sent them under a Strong guard to Mayaveram. — We have had as yet, no certain intelligence respecting them, but are waiting at this Village for Mr. Grant's further Orders. —

I have the honor to be

Clungee Sunday 9. A.M.
17th Sept. 1797. —

Yo.r Yo.st

(Signed) Chas. Macleod
Lieut. Com.g Detach.t
36th Batt. N.I.

To The Honble Major Monson
Commanding
Tanjore

Sir

I had the honor of writing you yesterday, (Sept.r 17th.) since that time I have received three letters from Mr. Grant — In his first he Recommended making Tiramungalum (a village within five Malabar Miles of Mayaveram) my head quarters, and formerly the residence of one

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25th of the Principal Polygars, which I accordingly did, he likewise strongly advises my keeping a vigilant look out towards the Coleroone, and to establish one or two ports, in such places, as may prevent the Polygars from plundering and distressing the Country.—

In his Second letter he informs me that he has received intelligence of Polygar Permaul Naig's being on his March with forty followers to join Poned Puddyarchy (one of the five mentioned in my first letter,) and requests that I would detach a party of Sepoys to intercept him, accompanied by his Hircarrah, upon which I detached a party consisting of One Subidar, one Havildar two Naigues and thirty four Sepoys.— And in his third letter he mentions having received the Prisoners, and detained twelve Sepoys of the Guard, I sent along with them, he not having a sufficient number at Mayaveram, for their protection.— In crossing the Polawar River on the 16th in pursuit of the Polygars, two of the Sepoys, unavoidably got all

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the Cartridges in their Pouches spoilt by getting out of their depth in the River.~

I have the honor to be

Fo.s &c.a &c.a

(Signed) Chas.r Macleod

Lt.e Com.g a Detach.t

36.th Batt.n N.I

Tiramungulum

Monday 18.th September 1797

12 Oclock noon.~

To Josiah Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From J. L. Schafer late Garrison Cooper at Vizagapatam. setting forth his Length of Service and Complaining of the reduction that has lately been made in his established Pay.~

I take the liberty of addressing this letter to you in order to state to you my present hard case.~ I have the honor to serve the Honble Company for about 15 Years, the first time I served in the 15.th Regiment of Hanoverians, when this Regt was ordered home, I took my discharge & followed my own Profession as Cooper likewise in the Company's Service. in the Month of April 1793 I was appointed Garrison Cooper at Vizagapatam / as to be seen in the inclosed Copy of a letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson to Colonel Henry Malcolm Military Auditor General / and remained there till yet with the Pay of

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25th of 10 Pagodas per Month, but since the last Regulations of Government I was put on the same footing of a Native Artificer with 6 fanams per day, which is insufficient to pay House rent and maintain myself and family.— in this case I have taken leave of absence by — Captain Blackmore Deputy Commissary of Stores at Vizagapatam to go to the Presidency in order to solicit the Protection of Government.— Therefore Sir I hope you will have the goodness to lay this my present distressed Situation before Government to their gracious Consideration.—

I have the honor to be with the greatest

Respect.—

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&c. &c. &c.—
(Signed) F. L. Schafer

Copy of a letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson to Colonel Henry Malcolm Military Auditor General, dated 27th March 1793.—

"I am now directed by the Honble the "President in Council to acquaint you that at the— "Recommendation of Chief & Council at Vizagapatam he has

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25th "has been pleased to continue the appointment of a Cooper
"at that Factory, and to desire that you will accordingly
"by admit the usual Monthly charge on that Account."—

(Signed) B. Roebuck
Military Paym.r Gl.

(a true Copy)

Sent the following Letters.—

To Major General Bridges

Sir,

To Major General Bridges desiring him to procead under his former Instructions to Ongole instead of Guntoor the Guns to be left behind if found an Impediment to the March of the Troops—Lieutenant Colonel Roberts with such Evidences as may be necessary will be in readiness to procead to Ongole on his requisition.

The Right Honorable the President in Council having received information from Lieutenant Colonel Roberts of the March of the Detachment of the 9th Regiment under Captain Berkeley on the Morning of the 21st Instant concludes they will have been too far advanced to admit of their return to Guntoor without considerable inconvenience— He therefore directs me to desire that instead of proceeding to that place you will march with the four Companies of Europeans to Ongole, there to carry into execution the Orders transmitted to you on the 22nd Instant and as you may be able to draw two Field Pieces from that Garrison it will be unnecessary to delay your March on account

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Account of the Guns — Lieutenant Colonel Vigors has been ordered to halt the Detachment under the Command of Captain Berkeley at Ongole until he may receive directions from you — and Lieutenant Colonel Roberts will be desired to proceed to Ongole at your requisition with such other Witnesses as may be necessary on this occasion. —

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) George Parry
Sub. Secrt.y

Fort St. George
25th September 1797. —

To Lieutenant Colonel Roberts
Commanding in the Guntoor Circar

Sir

To Lieutenant Colonel Roberts Captain Berkeley's Detachment to march to Ongole, whither he is to hold himself to proceed with the necessary Evidences on the requisition of — Major General Bridges

In consequence of your report of the March of the Detail of the 9.th Regiment under Captain Berkeley on the 21.st Instant, the Right Honble the President in Council desires you will issue orders for its proceeding to Ongole; there to await the Instructions of Major General Bridges. —

You will hold yourself in readiness to proceed to Ongole, with such Witnesses as may be necessary to bring the Mutineers to punishment, on the

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the requisition of Major General Bridges, to whom you will immediately forward the enclosed Letter.

I am &c. &c.

Fort St. George (Signed) George Parry
25th September 1797.— Sub Secy.

To Lieutenant Colonel Vigors
Commanding at Ongole.—

Sir

To the Commandant at Ongole reporting the Boards orders for halting the Detachment of the 9th Native Regiment under the Command of Captain Berkeley at Ongole.—

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to desire you will immediately on your receipt of this Letter send Instructions to Captain Berkeley, Commanding a Detachment of the 9th Regiment Native Infantry, which left Guntoor on its March towards the Presidency on the 24th Instant, to proceed, with his Detachment, to Ongole, and there await the orders of Major General Bridges.

I am—

Fort St. George (Signed) George Parry
25th September 1797.— Sub. Secy.—

At

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At a Consultation
Present
The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor } President
Lieutenant General Harris
Edward Saunders — and
Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires

Tuesday
26th September
1797 —

Minutes of last Consultation read
and Approved. —

Read the following letter from —

Poonah. —

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor of Fort St George

My Lord.

I have the Honor to acknowledge
the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of
the 23rd Ultimo; to enclose, for your Lordship's —
Information, Extract of my Address of this Date
to —

From the Assistant Resident at Poonah with Extract of a Letter addressed to him by Azim Ul Omrah respecting the Troops assembling by Tippoo at Gooty — remarks on the subject — notices the distracted State of Officers

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to the Governor General.-

officers there- and particularly an adoption- supposed to be agitated by the Widow of the late Peishwah, at the Instigation of Nanna Furnaveese, to the Prejudice of Baajy Row.-

Poona 9.th September 1797.-

And to be very respectfully,-

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) J. Uhthoff

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Uhthoff to the Governor General, dated Poona 9.th September 1797.-

On the 7.th Instant- I received a visit from Anund Row, one of Nizam's Ally Khan's Agents at this Court, who delivered me a Letter from Azim Ul Omrah, translation of which I have the- honor to enclose, and acquainted me, that Azim Ul Omrah had also written to Nanna Furnavees on the same subject, in consequence of intelligence that had reached the Court of Hyderabad, that Tippoo was- engaged in warlike preparations, and that he had taken the field in person. That on representing this to Nana Furnavees, he had observed, that he had not any intelligence of Tippoo's preparations, nor of his- having quitted Syrung-Puttun, but that he would make the requisite enquiries of Tippoo's Vakuls at this

Court

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Court, who had replied, that they knew nothing of the preparations in question, except that some troops were collected at Gooty, supposed to be for the purpose of enforcing their Master's claims on Kurnool. That Nanna had said the sole object of Tippoo's Mission to this Court was the delivery of Letters and Khillats of congratulation on Baajy Row's accession to the Peishwaship. Annund Row descanted on the Distractions of this Government ~~tan~~ by the jarring Interests of Baajy Row Nana Furnavese and Dowlut Row Scindia, in the course of which, he said that various plans had been suggested for the Settlement of the Affairs of this Quarter, though hitherto without any Success; that there was an appearance of Baajy Row's Interests being Sacrificed by Nanna and Dowlut Row, and that the latter would probably proceed to Poonah after the Rains. In the course of conversation, he mentioned the following articles of intelligence. That every thing was settled between the Courts of Poona and Hyderabad, That Ragoje Bhonsla had certainly reached Omrouty, and that there

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there was a report of his arrival at Naugpore, but that time had not yet admitted of his being put in possession of the Fort of Gurra Mundela.—

No Communication, connected with the subject of Azim Ul Omrah's above mentioned letter, has been yet made to me by any of the Chiefs of this State—

The affairs of this Quarter appear to be in a very distracted State and not to be susceptible of accommodation, while the clashing Interests of Baajy Row Nanna Furnavese and Dowlut Row Scindia are supported by the presence of those three Chiefs in this quarter. Many Arrangements are talked of, but too vaguely, according to my present information, to be worthy your Notice, and I am yet at a loss to conceive which, if any, will be adopted these Confusions however, seem to afford us a prospect of Security against a Combination of the Marattas and Tippoo to our Prejudice.—

On the 7th. instant Dada Gujra gave an entertainment, at his House in Town, to Ennut Row, at which Nanna Furnavees and Nazroo Punt Chuckerdew also were present.— It is supposed that some

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Some discussions took place at this Meeting respecting the Adoption by the Widow of the late Peshwa Mahsoo Row of Venaik Row, Emrut Row's Son which is rumoured to be in Agitation at Nanna's Suggestion Ostensibly for the purpose of performing certain Religious ceremonies, usual among the Hindoos, in honor of their deceased Ancestors, by their lineal heirs, which it is said cannot be dispensed within the present case, and the family of the Peshwa Nanna, grand father of the late Peshwa Mahdoo Row, being considered as extinct, it is pretended to be requisite to adopt an heir, for the performance of these ceremonies. There can be little doubt that Nanna's object is to convert this adopted Heir into a political Instrument to the Prejudice of Baajy Row.

True Extract
(Signed) J. Uhthoff.

Translation of a letter from Ahrim Ul Omra to Mr. Joshua Uhthoff, dated 3.rd Rubbee Ul Oual / 26.th August 1797 / Received at Poona 7.th September 1797.

After Compliments.

Two Letters / from you / in Answer to

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to mine, have been received. What was represented, relative to the union and friendship subsisting, the Exalted State (Nizam Ally Khan) and the English Company Behadur is perfectly just, and by the grace of God, this edifice (of friendship) will be daily strengthened and improved.

A Communication on the subject of the affairs of that quarter (Poona) and of the welfare of that dignified person Sir Charles Malet, would not be a deviation from friendship. —

In these times, intelligence has been repeatedly received by the States meaning, I conceive, both Nizam Ally Khan and the Company, that the forces of Tippoo Sultaun are assembling at Gooty. Although, ostensibly, the affair of Kurnool will be the Pretence for thus collecting troops (yet, in fact, something else is intended, which will not be agreeable to the wish of the Allies (Nizam Ally Khan, the Company, and the Marattas) on the subject of an enquiry respecting the collection of troops at Gooty, and the protection of the frontiers, the Prime Minister Ballaje Pundit (Nanna Furnavees) has been written to, agreeably to the orders of the resplendent presence (Nizam Ally Khan,) which, doubtless, the said Prime Minister, after consulting that friend

(Mr.

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(Mr. Uhthoff) will answer, and whatever may be for the Advantage of the Allies, will be contained in that Answer, and will be accomplished.—

What more need be written.?

(In the hand writing of Azim Ul Omra)

My best Compliments should be presented

to Chtisham Jung (Sir Charles Malet).—

True Translation

(Signed) Uhthoff

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to present Your

From the Asistant Resident at Poonah is of Opinion that Tippoo's Vackeels lately arrived at Poonah have not any object in view beyond the delivery of the Complimentary Letter and presents from the Sultaun to Baajy Row.—

Lordship my acknowledgements for the intelligence contained in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letters of the 26th, 28th and 29th Ultimo.—

Ennut Row assures me, with very friendly professions, that the sole object of Tippoo's mission to this Court, according to his knowledge, is the presentation of letters and Khillats of Congratulation on the accession of Baajy Row to the Peshwaship.—

For your Lordships' further information,

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I have the honor to enclose extract of my Address of this date to the Governor General.—

And to be, very respectfully

&c.ª &c.ª

Poona
12th September 1797.— (Signed) J Whitehoff

Extract of a letter from Mr. Joshua Whitehoff to the Governor General, dated Poona 12th September 1797.—

I have established some Intercourse with a Braminy Kurkun attached to Tippoos Vackeels at this Court, who is called Nairoo Pundit or Narrain Appa, which I conceive to be the person mentioned in Kauzim Ally Khans letter endorsed on the letter from the Assistant at Hyderabad dated the 20th Ultimo:— He has proposed visiting me which I have discouraged, on the Principle that it might involve him in trouble, as being exceptionable to some of the Chiefs in this quarter, but with an intimation to have a Meeting not only with him, but with the Vackeels also, as a perfect good understanding subsisted between their Government and Mine— He tells me that, he came from Seringapatam in Company with the Vackeels

/which

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(which differs somewhat from Kauzem Ally Khan's Account) That at that period tranquility prevailed throughout Tippoo's Country, but that Troops were collecting at Gooty for enforcing Tippoo's Claims on the Nabob of Kurnool, who was said to be supported in his Resistance by the Nizam. — He pretends that the only object of Tippoo's Mission to this Court, are, the congratulation of Baajy Row on his accession to the Peshwaship, and the collection of intelligence of the State of affairs in this quarter. —

True Extract
(Signed) J Uhthoff.

Read the following Letter from

Hydrabad. —

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

Sir,

I have to acquaint you of my having this day drawn a Bill on the Right Honble the President in Council, payable at twenty days sight to Wurgeeurdoss for the Sum of Arcot, — Rupees

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad draws a Bill on this Government for — 25,000 Rupees on account of the first hist of the Peshcush for Fusly 1206.

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Rupees Twenty five thousand (A. Rs. 25,000) on account of the 1st. Kist of Paishcush for the Northern Sirkars for A. F. 1206.

I am

Hyderabad
13th. September 1797.

&c. &c. &c.
(Signd) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Minute thereon.

Ordered that the above mentioned bill be accepted by the Secretary.

Read the following letter from the Commissioners of Government on the Malabar Coast.

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

My Lord,

From the Committee of the Bombay Government at Tellicherry: communicating Intelligence conveyed to the resident at Paligaut-cherry, by some people detached by him to Seringapatam.

1 We lose no time, in forwarding the Copies of a letter from Mr. Waddell, the Assistant in Charge at Paulghaut, with the accompanying Report from two Natives sent by him as far as to Seringapatnam, in Consequence of the Intelligence he had lately received, from Lieutenant Colonel Brown, from Dindigul — of —

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2 Of the accuracy of this report, more especially as far as respects the English Gentlemen said to have been deputed to the Sultaun from your side of India, and the Arrival of any french Ships at Mangalore; We have reason to doubt; but yet we deem the whole of sufficient Consequence to dispatch it to you by express, accompanied by the latest Correspondence between our President, and the Coorga Rajah, on the same subject; and the Commander in Chief has sent Hircarras to Mangalore to bring Intelligence of what is passing there, which, when received, shall, without delay, be communicated.

We have the honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

Tellicherry
the 12th September 1797.

(Signed) Jon.n Duncan
" I Stuart

To The Commissioners for executing the Office of Supervisor

Gentlemen

I lose not a moment in transmitting the intelligence (as Contained in the accompanying Original Ola) received this Instant from Seringapatam in this instance I have deviated from the usual mode of Correspondency

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Corresponding, merely, and solely to save time – I trust therefore, Gentlemen, the irregularity will be overlooked –

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) George Waddell
Asst. at Paulghaut.

Paulghaut
8th September 1797. –

a true Copy
(Signed) Tho.s Warden
Sec.y –

a true Copy
(Signed) J. A. Grant
Sec.y –

Pingala Wansia Chinghame 27. –

The Deposition of Mohun Shinga Duffadaur and Luksman Sing –

In pursuance of the Orders of Mr. Waddell, We left Palghaut and went to North Tudia-loora in Coimbatoor, where it being the Moment of departure of the Jetties to keep the Holyday of Nawa Ratree at Seringapatam ; – we accompanied them to Gayyraddy, and went to a festival among the Brahmins; whence the Jetties set out for Shreringapatnam by the way of Ardanelly, and We took a route through the Jungle

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Jungle, and came to Rama Nelly which is near to Shree-
-rungapatnam, about 2 Marias distance (18 Minutes-
Walk;) We were 7 days from Palghautcherry to this
place — On the day of our Arrival Tippoo Sultaun came
there to hunt Deer, and afterwards returned to the Fort
about the 15 hour of the Night (12 o'Clock;) at this
place of Rama Nelly, Rama Shingoo a Rajaputram
is Parbutty, to whose house we went, and after-
remaining two days, he enquired of us who we were;
We Answered that we were returning from Rameshwa-
-ram, and were Come to trade, and desired to be shewn
to the Elder brother of Lakxman Shing who resided
here; Rama Shing said you are right, he does reside
here, near me, but at present is absent at Gootty
in Camp; after this great faith grew between us, and
we enquired of him what was all the News which
he, and a Woman called Singaman, who resides
close to his house; gave us as follows — That two-
french Gentlemen had arrived, and were residing in
Tippoo's Government, that they had been there about
three Months, and had had frequent Conversations-
with the Sultaun, but upon what busineſs, they did
not-

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not know— It was talked a broad that the French Gentlemen, had reported to Tippoo that the English Nation was very Strong, and had Conquered many Kingdoms, and desired his Assistance to make War upons, and Conquer them; to which Tippoo Answered, I have no Confidence in your word, but if you procure a Letter Addressed to me from your Nation, Acquainting me with what is required, I will perform it— The French-men promised to get the Letter, and proposed to the Sultaun that, if his horse should act with them they would give him at the rate of a Rupee per each Horse for the Expence; or should Tippoo enter into the War, they would join with him, and he must support them.— This was Agreed upon, and Sworn to, and the term of three Months fixed for the Commencement of the enterprize— One Month of which is expired and two more are to run— It is now reported, said they, that two Ships are arrived at Kudial (Mangalore) and that two (Pakchies) Officers of Horse) are to go to fetch those who may have come in them up; after whose arrival, in about a Couple of Months, the Troops will march to Chinapatnam (Madras)

and

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and to the Gooty Country (North of Shreerengapatnam)
The Number of Horse is augmenting by hundreds,
and fifties, and Guns and Ammunition have been
taken from the fort to Karryhattum (North east of the
fort;) there is a body of Horse ready, to the Number of
30,000; and Tippoo's Green Tent is pitched in the Garden
of the Loll-bang— he himself resides within the Fort—
That two English Men had arrived from Madras, who
it was said had Recommended to Tippoo not to put
Confidence in the Professions of the Frenchmen, remind-
-ing him of the brotherly Connection subsisting between
him and the English to whom the Sultaun had express-
that his Country and people being gone, he was deprived
of the authority and his Subjects now entered the Servic
of whomsoever would receive and pay them, but that
he was not Concerned, he was not in Union with them—
after which the Englishmen returned to Madras— since
when the Sahid Yhadar Kuzun, Shake Imaum-
Subadaurs' Kuzun, and Lally's Brigade, had gone to
Gooty, where three Mohappas, Consisting of two thousand
Horse, Mutinied for their pay, and Killed their leader,
and went and Committed Robberies in the Country Eastward
about

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about Darmapury and Punaaharam – The Troops, both horse and foot, are Stationed from Karry Kattum to Welloornagamangalam – This News Ram Shing Communicated to us, and we had it confirmed by hearing the people Conversing about it in the Durbar – I attempted to go into the Camp, but finding the Centries were very Cautious of whom they Admitted, and it being between two Rivers in which there was a great deal of water, I could not get in – The Troops that Kep guard about the fort, consisted of both Horse, and foot, and my friend Chandara Shing being on the watch for an opportunity of getting onto the Fort, was laid hold of, and Confined therefore I did not go – Having remained at Rama Nelly five days, and got this Information, We quitted it and came to Gajaraddy in Talamala, where the Centry refused to let us pass; but paying him 10 fanams he permitted us, and We came by Coimbetoor, and are Arrived at Palghautcherry. –

A true Translate
(Signed) Jos Watson
Malabar Translator.

a true Copy
(Signed) Tho. Warden
Assistant

True Copy
(Signed) J. A Grant
Sec. to the

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The Governor of Bombay
To the Coorga Rajah

It is a Considerable time since I had the Pleasure of hearing from you; and the Season being now about to open, & various Reports prevailing here as to the Motions and Intentions of Tippoo Sultaun, I send this for the Purpose of requesting you to procure as exp Intelligence by sending a discreet and trust worthy Person to that Quarter and what you are able to learn you will be so good as to Communicate to Me as soon as possible, and mean while to return the present Messengers, with the News, as you may be possessed of it when you receive this — Should any thing occur, I am well convinced of your best Exertions in our Common cause according to what I may hereafter write, I hope also to hear, that you continue in good health & that every thing is prosperous with you — & you will much gratify me by frequent Letters — knowing that as I rely on what you write, more than upon any other Source of Intelligence; so do I rely on your letting me at all times know, whenever there may be any thing remarkable in Mysore. —

Dated the 24th August 1797. —

a true Copy
(Signed) J. A. Grant
Secy. —
Translator

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Translate of a Letter from the Coorga Raja to the Honble Governor Dated the 28th of August and recd 31st August 1797.-

A. C.

I am at present, (on health obliges me always with your friendly letters giving me an account of your welfare.- In these days of happiness and pleasure, I have been favored from your kindness with a friendly letter, the particulars of all which I perfectly understand, you have written me for of my not having for some days given you any intelligence.- Honble Sir, I do not wish to write the Current reports, night and day I keep you in my recollection.- Before the setting in of the rains I sent a Man of some consequence, belonging to me to Seringapatam, from whom I have received the following intelligence, that Tippoo remained with five or six [illegible] thousand Men at Seringapatam, and the remainder of his force was cantoned on the borders of his Country on account of the great fall of rain, no person could be sent into Tippoo's Country for intelligence, the inhabitants of my Country have daily different reports, but as these are not to be depended on, how therefore, could I write

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write them you—: I have ten couple of Hurkarras for the purpose of obtaining information, but from the violence of the rains no Accounts have been received from Tippoo's Country for these last two Months I have not sent any person into that Country, and for your satisfaction I shall write you the Accounts which I hear.— at present there is peace between the English and Tippoo Sultaun, if hereafter you Honble Sir: should hear any Accounts of any Contention— between the English and Tippoo Sultaun, I shall be obliged to you without the loss of time whether it be Night or day to make me acquainted with the same, as the boundary of my Country and that of Tippoo's is adjoining.— It is also well known to you, Honorable Sir, that Tippoo twice in one year under pretence of being on hunting excursions came close to the Boundary of the Coorga Country and was taking that diversion in his own territory, at the time of his doing this I was not in attendance from this reason, that if any Contention should arise between the English and Tippoo Sultaun he certainly would enter my Country; therefore Honble Sir as you

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are my friend and protector, I have represented this to you, that should you at any future Period hear of a probability of a disturbance between the English and Tippoo Sultaun I trust you will instantaneously make me acquainted with it.—

a true translate
(Signed) J. Wilson
Pers.n Trans.r

Read the following letter from the Resident at Tanjour.—

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

My Lord,

From the Resident at Tanjore on the subject of a pecuniary negotiation at the palace regarding a Bill on Madras for 20,000 Pags. towards payment of the July last; wearing the appearance of a fraud, by which the Rajah is liable to be exposed to Embarrassment on the payment of his November last.—

I deem it my Duty to lay before your Lordship the Circumstances of a Report which I have heard and which I believe is founded in truth.

At the period when the Rajah's last Kist became due, about 50,000 Pagodas were ready in the hands of his Agent at Madras for the delivery into the Treasury. Bills also to the amount of 20,000 Pagodas were drawn payable at the same time and on the same Account; but a Condition was expressed

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expressed, / not in the Bills, but either verbally or in some separate Paper, / that the Bills were to be paid only in the Event of the remainder of the Kist being discharged. The Rajah having failed in the payment, the Bills — should, of Course have been returned: — The Rajah's Agent, however, had it is said delivered them to Chinnia Moodly or to some one for him — The Condition above mentioned, upon which they were drawn, being only expressed in a separate paper, the drawer became liable for the — discharge of the 20,000 Pagodas. — In this Situation I understand the Bills were transfered to some Gentlemen at Madras, who not knowing, as must be presumed, the Circumstances of the Case, instituted a Suit in the Mayor's Court for recovery of the Money. —

Those however who were well acquainted with those Circumstances made the Transfer. — The Operation of this Transaction will naturally fall with its full force upon the Rajah; who thro' the Medium of the Drawer of the Bills must be compelled to pay the 20,000 Pagodas, and this Sum Added to the 50,000 Pagodas / deposited for the Kist, but seized on by some of the Rajahs — Creditors as I believe) must also go to the same —

Creditors

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Creditors. — Or what will Amount to the same Thing, they must have had value from the person to whom the Bills were transferred. —

The Rajah has accordingly, I am told, paid a large part of the Sum, but it is not yet in the hands of the Creditors. — 5000 Pagodas of it have been Remitted to Madras three Days ago by Bill drawn upon Verdon Pilly of that place and y.e Receipts of the Public Customs placed in the hands of the Drawer, thro' the Medium of his Tasseldars placed over the Rajah's Custom House. —

I can look on the detention of the Bills at Madras in no other light than as a Scheme for Extorting a further Sum of 20,000 Pagodas from his Excellency; which, if it had been paid at all — should have come into the Company's Treasury, as well as the other large Sum sent from hence (collected, by the way, in the most rigorous Manner) for the discharge of the last List. —

As the period of Preparation for Remitting the next November List Approaches — the Rajah must be embarrassed in the Extreme to — make

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make it good, if he actually pay the additional Sum of 20,000 Pagodas above mentioned; under these Circumstances I have conceived it my indispensible Duty to apprize your Lordship of what I have heard.—

I cannot see his Excellency till tomorrow Evening, but I shall not fail to use every Argument in my power with him to prevent the payment of the Money thus endeavoured to be forced out of his hands

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Tanjore
17th September 1797.—

(Signed) Alexr. Macleod
Pres.—

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

I had last Night an Interview with Rajah principally on the Subject of the Bills mentioned in my late Address to your Lordship.—

His Excellency and his Ministers stated in the Course of the Conversation that the above mentioned Bills had been granted by Major Monson in

From Mr. Macleod is informed by the Rajah and his Ministers that the Bill for 20,000 Pagodas was procured from Major Monson who notwithstanding default in payment of the Bill, receives 10,000 Pagodas in part payment for its value &

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and a mortgage on the Customs for the remainder.—

in part payment of his last bill and to the Amount of 20,000 Pagodas the Bills being detained at Madras in the Manner Stated in my late Address, about 10,000 (ten thousand) Pagodas had been lodged on Major Monson's hands, and the Customs Mortgaged to him as Security.—

The above is the substance of what was Communicated by the Rajah and his Ministers. I shall endeavour to obtain more particular Intelligence on the Subject for your Lordships' Information.—

I have the honor to be

&c.ª &c.ª

Tanjore
20th September 1797.—

(Signed) Alex.ª Macleod
Res.ª—

Before the Board proceed to execute their resolutions repeatedly announced against transactions of the Nature described by the Resident at Tanjore,—

Minute on the two foregoing Letters from the Resident at Tanjore.—

Resolved that Major Monson be called upon for an explanation of his Conduct in this affair.—

Ordered that the Resident at Tanjore be informed of the above resolution.—

Read the following letters from the Military Board.—

To

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Fort St. George 26th September 1797.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

In consequence of Major General Floyd's representation to Government of the irreparable State of the Quarters at Mellore, referred to our consideration with Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 26th July last, We beg leave to recommend that a Sum not exceeding Fifty (50) Pagodas be allowed to Captain Dallas for the purpose of erecting a temporary Barrack for the Native Detail stationed there, and a Guard Room half way between Mellore and Madura; and that the Bill for the same be certified upon Honor.

The accompanying Bill, amounting to Pagodas 444 ..... For Repairs performed to the Fortifications at Innicondah under the direction of Captain Johnstone, having been transmitted with the necessary Certificates. We accordingly recommend that it be passed for payment. —

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&c.ª &c.ª

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We have the honor to forward herewith in Duplicate, for transmission to the Honorable Court of Directors, a General Return for the Year 1796 of Fire Arms and Swords in the Arsenal of Madras — to the

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We have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

Fort St George
11th. September 1797. ~

Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
Thomas Teels
Wm. Sydenham
In. Richardson
Br. Close
George Hall. ~

(Signed)

To Captain Corner
Acting Commissary of Grain and Provisions
Ceded District

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 22nd. Instant ~

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We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
Thomas Teels
Wm. Sydenham
In. Richardson
Br. Close
George Hall.

Fort St George
15th. September 1797. ~~

(Signed)

To Captain Corner
Acting Commissary of Grain and Provisions
Ceded District

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 22nd. Instt.

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Instant covering one from your Principal directing the Surplus grain, including that found to be damaged at Hestnagerry and Sankletdroog, to be disposed of to the best Advantage, & supposing the Military Board may have given directions some time ago to that effect, I recommend that your carrying them into effect may be delayed a few days, for apprehending the aspect of affairs may have changed so far as to induce a different measures, in respect to the Stores, I am solicitous of referring the dis-posal of the above mentioned quantities of grain to their consideration. — a short delay will be of the less conse-quence as the unpromising appearance of the weather at present threatens very scanty Crops, from which it may be expected that the Price of Grain will rather rise than fall during the ensuing month.—

I am

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) A. Read

Supt. Collector

Baramahl & Salem.—

Trippatoor

25th. August 1797.—

true Copy

(Signed) Fred. Pierce

Sec.y. Mil. Board.—

Ordered

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Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Military Board—

Ordered that the above mentioned return of fire Arms and Swords on the Arsenal be sent to the Court of Directors by the Ships under dispatch, and that the State of those Stores be particularly pointed out to their Notice.—

Ordered that the several bills recommended by the Military Board be passed for payment.—

Read the following letter from the Commanding Officer on the Guntoor Circar.—

To F Webbe Esq.
Secretary to Government

Sir I have to request that you will inform the Right Honble the President in Council that

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts reporting that the whole of the 9th Regiment Native Infantry have left Guntoor on their March towards the Presidency.—

Captain Berkeley with 5 Companies of the 9th Regiment marched from hence this Morning to proceed to the Presidency and that Captain Carey also with 5 Companies of the 2nd Battalion 11th Regiment proceeded on his March to Innicondah detaching a Company to Nurpilly for the relief of the one of the 5th Regiment now Stationed there. I found it absolutely necessary to direct Captain Watkins with the 6 Companies of the 9th Regiment that arrived

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Arrived here from Masulipatam on the 17.th Instant to proceed the next day, on their March finding that the Companies lately Stationed here were instilling into them that Spirit of discontent which prevailed among themselves and which I mentioned in my Letter of the 16.th Instant but I have now the pleasure to acquaint you for the information of the Honble Board that the whole have marched with an apparent degree of Satisfaction of which I had then but little hopes.-

I have the honor to be

Guntoor
21.st September 1797.-

&c.a &c.a &c.a
(Signed) George Roberts

Read the following letter from Brigadier General De Meuron.-

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council

&c.a &c.a &c.a

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have received Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 10.th August covering an Extract of a letter from the Military Board, on the subject of purchasing the

From Brigadier General De Meuron reporting his Opinion fully relative to the Arrack procurable on Bycha.-

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the Necessary quantity of Arrack for the Presidency.—

In compliance with the desire of—
obtaining information regarding the former manner of
procuring Arrack, I have the Honor to State to your
Lordship, that the Dutch Company required but a small
quantity of Arrack for their consumption, a Price was—
fixed by Government at which the Defsave had to provide
and deliver into the Provision Godowns, the Quantity—
required for the Troops and their Ships, this Price has
been subject to variation.— In 1795 the Company
being desirous to lay a provision in Store, they deter-
-mined to fix the price of it at 28 Rupees, and to
prohibit the Exportation until such time as they had
completed their provision.— This Measure occasioned dis-
-content, the Merchants remonstrated against it, and
it was agreed upon between Government & them, that
they were to Supply the Company with one third of the
Arrack that went through their hands at the rate of
35 Rupees.— This Arrangement has been continued to
the advantage of the Farmer who now pays it at the
Market price.—

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The greatest proportion of Arrack is made at Calicut, the Chief Market for this Article; the major part of the Distillers have only earthen Jars to keep it in, and those who transport it here, are chiefly Moorish Boatmen, and are not possessed of more Casks than they want for the purpose of conveying it here, it is delivered by them to the Merchants who have Godowns and large Casks to keep it in, the latter get Casks made, and put together for the exportation of Arrack. —

If Government were inclined to Monopolize the Arrack trade, they could collect from two or three thousand Leaguers yearly at Fifty Rupees or thereabout without the Casks; but this measure would prove distructive to its trade, and would bereave the Settlement of its principal ressource from Foreign Commerce. —

It occurs to me that there are two ways of procuring Arrack at a reasonable price, the first would be to Contract with the Merchants for the supply of a certain quantity to be delivered on the Beach, at a limitted price, this price would be

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be about One Hundred Rupees per Leaguer of 175 Wlls or 150 Gallons, ready Money. — If this Arrangement was to take effect, the Arrack trade would be contined by the Dutch Inhabitants, who have their proper Establishment to carry it on, and the Empty Casks might be delivered as part Payment, or be sold at Outcry.

The Second would be to put a proper Person in charge of the public Godowns with an Establishment of Coopers to put the Casks together; that are to be sent from the Presidency; and to inform the Native Merchants by Advertisement, that proposals will be received for the Supply of a certain quantity of Arrack payable on delivery in the Arrack Godowns.

The Price of Arrack without Casks at Caleture is about fifty Six Rupees per leaguer, from the information I have been able to get, it would appear that from 15 to 20 per Cent may be added to this sum for Carriage, leakage and the Merchants Gain, the Arrack would then cost 67 Rupees per leaguer when delivered in the Godowns, reckoning the Establishment of Coopers at three rupees per leaguer then the Arrack would only cost 70 Rupees to which must be added the manegar allowance

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allowance for his trouble and the wastage.

Should Ceylon remain in possession of the English at the Peace, it will then be easy to take more advantageous measures according to the last plans, provided that the Casks are here one Year before hand, so that they may be got ready to be filled at all Seasons of the Year.

I hope that I have hereby fulfilled the Intention of the Military Board in giving such information as I am possessed of respecting the Arrack trade.

I have the honor to be with Respect

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) P. P. de Meuron
B. G.

Head Quarters
Columbo 4th September 1797.

Ordered that the above letter be referred to the Military Board.

Read the following letters from the Military Auditor General.

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President & Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

I have the honor to lay before your

From the Military Auditor General forwarding the annual Statements of the Military Expences of this Presidency for the Year 1796/97 — remarks on the different Causes of the encreased Expenditure on Comparison with the Statement for 1795/96.

Lordship in Council, in order to be transmitted to the Honble Court of Directors, the Annual Statement of the Expence of the Military Establishments under the Presidency of Fort St. George, as they stood on the 30th April 1797, compiled upon the same Principle as the Statements of former Years, Viz.t — by shewing the Establishment, effective Strength & expence for One Month, of each rank, Corps & Appointment in the Army and Department thereof, & including the Expense of Contracts Agencies and all Charges of a fluctuating or contingent Nature incurred during the Year 1796/7. whether considered as Charges Military, or Extraordinaries disbursed on account of the several Expeditions against the Dutch Settlements, or on Account of French and Dutch Prisoners of War —

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The result of this Statement on a Compar-

-rison with that for the Year 1795/6 is as follows. —

	1795/6 Pagodas	F.	C.		1796/7 Pagodas	F.	C.
Establishments	3,410,729.	13.	10.	Establishments	3,857,698.	5.	56.
Extra Charges	821,527.	28.	12.	Extra Charges	962,879.	15.	72.
Total	4,232,256.	34.	34.	Total	4,820,577.	21.	28.

3 Hence it appears that the Establish-

-ments of 1796/7 exceed those of the Year 1795/6.

after deducting in both Years the Subsidy paid by His

Highness the Nizam, by Pagodas 1,116,968. 34. 16. 8

that the Extra Charges of 1796/7 have Amounted to

more than those of the former Year by Pagodas 1,141,352. 36. 60.

4 Having prefaced to this Work a

Comparative Statement of the Difference in the Expense

of each Corps & Department separately, it becomes only

necessary for me here to bring to your Lordships' Notice

the principal causes of the encrease, & to state such other

points connected therewith as may lead to a complete

elucidation of the Subject. —

5 The Difference in the Expense of

the Establishment is chiefly to be ascribed to the following

causes. —

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First, The arrival during the course of the Year 1796/7 of His Majesty's 25.th Regiment of Light Dragoons, the 12.th 19.th & 80.th Regiments of Foot which increased the Strength of the Army in Europeans, including Officers, from 8599, to 12,800, & would have occasioned an Expense considerably beyond what is stated for the Establishments, had it not been for the decrease in other particulars, which are detailed in the Comparative Statement above mentioned, & in the abstract which I have subjoined to it. —

Second The new Military Arrangements published on the 12.th July 1796, which by producing a very considerable promotion throughout the Army — espicially among the higher ranks, & by the encreased rates of Batta making full Batta a permanent allowance to Colonels and Half Batta general to all Officers, has been a principal cause of the increase of Expence, add to which the considerable sums disbursed on Account of the difference of Batta to such Officers, who before the publication of those Arrangements were on the Command of Garrisons & Military posts or at Half Batta Stations

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Stations, from the date of their respective Commissions or Brevets. —

Third, The increase of the Extra Charges is to be Attributed principally to the Expenses incurred on account of the Dutch Settlements to the Eastward, to the additional Numbers of Prisoners thereby [illegible] and to the Establishment of a Corps of Malays Stationed on the Island of Ceylon. —

6 Your Lordship will perceive (Page 145 of the Statement) that I have entered the Aggregate of the Expenses incurred on Account of the Expedition against Ceylon from the time the Service commenced untill the 30th April 1797, in like manner the Aggregate Amount of the Advances to the Paymasters at Malacca & Amboyna from similar dates, — & that after deducting what was entered on the last Years Statement on Account of "Expedition against the Dutch Settlements" I have Stated the Balance as the Nearest Estimate to be obtained on the same Account for the Year 1796/7, & considered two thirds of the Amount as the proportion which I conceive may eventually be brought to Account under that head, for payments to

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to Prisoners of War, &c.a.—

7. It is possible however that on the final adjustment of the Accounts of the Paymasters to the Eastward, the Advances will be found to exceed the Disbursements for the same period, but this point can only be ascertained when the Statement for 1797/8 shall have been completed.—

8. All Expenses on account of the Corps Regiment De Meuron are included in the Total Amount entered under the above head, but I have considered it necessary also to give a separate Statement in page 143 of this work, shewing the Strength and Monthly Expence.—

9. It has been usual in former Accounts Statements to detail in two Separate Accounts the Subsistence & Company's allowances to His Majesty's Troops but as the whole of the actual Expense has been defrayed by the Company since the repeal of the Parliamentary Agreement of 1781, it has occurred to me that the most satisfactory mode of stating the Expense of His Majesty's Troops serving on this Establishment would be to shew the whole in one point of view, but

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entering the different allowances in distinct Columns, & this mode appeared the less exceptionable from the circumstance of Separate Statements of each being regularly transmitted every Six Months to the Supreme Government, which can always be referred to, or formed from the Statement now Submitted whenever it may be necessary. —

10, I have remarked in the Comparative Statement that the Expenses of the Establishments in the Ordnance Department will appear to have been greatly increased in consequence of the transfer to this Depart—t of the Artificers & Lascars formerly Stated under the head of Garrisons, but it may at the same time be observed that the Expense under this last head has decreased in a still greater proportion in consequence of the new Arrangements. —

11 This Statement now laid before your Lordship in Council being Meant not only to exhibit the Expense of the Year 1796/7 but also to serve as an Estimate upon which a Judgement may be formed of the probable Expense of the Current Year 1797/8 I hope it will be found completely to answer

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Answer this purpose, having bestowed the utmost pains in compiling it from the Disbursements of the last Year, & in shewing the effect of the Regulations for the Ordnance & Store Department ordered to take place from the 1st May last. —

12. It may perhaps be expected that I should offer an Opinion on the probable increase, or decrease of Expence in the Current Year above or under the Annexed Statement, but as such an opinion, under present circumstances, must be formed chiefly from conjecture, I trust I shall stand excused for not saying more, than that if some unforseen Contingencies involving considerable Expense should not occur, I apprehend this Statement may be considered as a fair Criterion upon which to form a Judgement of the Expense of the Year 1797/8, adding thereto the Expense of the 11th Regiment Native Infantry, a Company of European Artillery & 3 Companies of Gun Lascars lately composing the Detachment of the Coast Army serving with the Nizam, from the 21st May the period of its quitting His Highness's Dominions, & being relieved by an equal Detachment from Bengal, which including the Engineer

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Engineer, & Ordnance Officers may be estimated at about —
75,000 Pagodas, and taking likewise into the calculation the
Expense of the preparations for the lately intended Expedition
against the Phillippines, of the Amount of which no accu-
-rate Statement can now be formed, but as a great part
of that Expense was incurred in the purchase of provisions
for the Troops to be employed on the above Service, it will,
of course, be considerably reduced by the sale of such —
articles as are of a perishable Nature, & the remainder will
be indispensably necessary as a Stock for the Garrison
of Fort St. George, the Quantity in Store before the —
purchases were made on account of the Expedition not
being equal to Answer the Common exigencies of the —
Public Service. —

13, Accompanying the Statement I have the
honor to transmit an Analysis thereof so constructed as to
exhibit in a clear & concise Manner the aggregate of the
different heads of Expense & the effective Strength of the
Army, which Analysis has been formed on the plan adopted
at Bengal, & will, I have no doubt, be found useful
in cases, where a reference to the Statement at
large might be inconvenient. —

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I have the honor to be with great respect

My Lord

Your &c. &c. &c.

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 18th September 1797. (Signed) W. Sydenham

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President & Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

1 Herewith I have the honor to transmit a Duplicate of the Military Statement for 1796/7 for the purpose of being forwarded as usual to the Governor General in Council at Bengal.—

From the Military Auditor General forwarding for transmission to Bengal a Duplicate of the Military Statement for 1796/97 submitting the propriety of charging to the Head of "Expedition against the Dutch Settlements the whole Expence of the Troops employed instead of the Extra charges only.—

2 It has been hitherto the practice to state the Aggregate Amount of the Sums Disbursed & Advanced on Account of the Dutch Settlements under a Specific head, & this mode must be unavoidably continued until the detailed Accounts of Expenditure are regularly transmitted to the Office of Audit on Ceylon this has been the case, & altho from a variety of circumstances which I have detailed in the Statement (page 1145) appears

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Opposite to the above article, it has not been hitherto possible to accomplish this object at the Settlements to the Eastward, yet I trust the Arrangements which I have made with the Paymasters regarding their Accounts, will enable me at a future period, to give a detailed Statement of the Expenses of every kind incurred at Malacca and Amboyna, as well as on the Island of Ceylon should such a Statement be required. —

3 Before I quit this subject, I beg leave respectfully to submit whether instead of including the — Pay & fixed allowances of the Troops employed at our Foreign possessions, in the general expense of the Establishments, and entering the Extra Charges only to the Head of "Expedition against the Dutch Settlements" the whole ought not to be considered as chargable to the latter for the following — reasons. —

First Because the Troops on Ceylon and at the Dutch Settlements to the Eastward are wholly employed in the Defence of those Possessions, and are therefore to be considered as distinct from the proportion of Troops required for the Service of the Coast. —

Second Because in consequence of so large a Number of Troops being detached from the Coast it has been found necessary to retain Extra Corps & Supernumeraries

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on the Establishment, & the same consideration has no doubt operated the sending to India a great Addition to the European Force as well for the purpose of general Security as to enable Government to continue undiminished the Number of Troops which it has been thought necessary to employ for the Defence of our Foreign Territories.—

4 On the same principle the Swiss Regiment De Meuron becomes a Charge on the Military Establishment while entirely Stationed, as it now is, on the Coast.—

5 I am aware that by this Suggestion I may appear to have exceeded the limits of my Duty, but as the increase of the Expense of the Army has been produced in a considerable degree by the employment of additional Troops to Garrison the Dutch Settlements in our possession, I trust that my Motives will acquit me of presumption in having thus brought the Subject to your Lordship's Notice.—

I have the honor to be with great respect

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

Military Auditor Generals Office
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Ordered

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Ordered that the Statements of Military Disbursements be forwarded as usual to the Governor General in Council and pointed out to the Notice of the Honble the Court of Directors.-

Minutes on the foregoing Letters from the Military Auditor General.-

The Board consider the suggestion of the Auditor General for debiting to the head of "Expedition against the Dutch Settlements" the ordinary as well as the extraordinary expences of the troops employed in the conquest and defence of them very judicious; but before they adopt it, they judge it expedient to wait the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors.-

Read the following letter from the Prize Agents for Ceylon.-

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord;

From the Attornies to the Army Prize Agents at Ceylon- returning the Accounts of the Captors accompanied by such Receipts for Articles carried to the

On the 12th of May last we had the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council by desire of Captain James Rodgers and Lieutenant Samuel Torrens Prize Agents of the Army for the Capture

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the Companys Debit as they have been enabled to collect Irrequesting to be paid in 8% Bonds bearing the dates of the respective Receipts. —

Capture of Ceylon the undermentioned Accounts of Captured property which had been delivered by them for the Service of the Honorable East India Company at Ceylon by Order of Major General James Stuart. —

No 1, Account of Articles delivered at Trincomalee and Ostenburg in November 1795 & January 1796 ..... Pagodas ..... 2,260.. 32.. 64

2 Do. of Articles at Jaffnapatam in December 1796 and a Stud of Brood Mares ..... 7,236.. 9.. 19.

3 Do. of Do. at Baticaloa, November 1796 ... 1,715.. 15.. 50.

4 Do. of Do. at Manar Calpuntiew and their dependencies in February 1796 ..... 6,494.. 20.. 9.

5 Do. of Elephants &c.a as per valuation by a Committee ..... 3098.. 9.. 43. —

Amounting to Star Pagodas 20,804.. 42.. 25.

for which Amount, we requested Your Lordship in Council would be pleased to grant Government Bonds to the said Agents on account of the Captors of the above places, — bearing date from the periods of delivery and Interest at 8 per Cent. —

In reply to our Address We received a Note from Mr. Secretary Webbe intimating that the

Receipt

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Receipt of the Articles in the above mentioned Accounts must be acknowledged by some public Officer on the spot before they could be paid for.—

Having transmitted the above reply to the Agents they have sent the required Vouchers as for they could be furnished, which we now have the honor to submit to your Lordship and hope they will be deemed sufficient to authorize a Settlement for the property by Government Bonds at 8 per Cent bearing date from the periods of delivery.—

We have the Honor to be

Fort St. George
15th September 1797.—

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Tulloh Brodie &Co.—

P.S.— We have the honor to refer to the accompanying Extract of the Prize Agents' letter to us regarding the Vouchers now submitted to Government.—

Extract of a Letter from Captain James Rodgers & Lieutenant Samuel Torrens — Prize Agents, to Messrs. Tulloh Ternis & Brodie.

Messrs. Tulloh Ternis & Brodie
Madras.

Gentlemen,

We have been favored with your letter of

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of the 20th Ultimo enclosing a Note of Mr Secretary Webbe's requiring Receipts from the Officers of the different Departments for Articles charged against the Company by us, and which we have now the pleasure of enclosing excepting one for the trifling Sum of Rupees 5..43.. which has been mislaid / and being a part of the Cash charged in the Jaffna Account as paid to the Dutch Garrison / and the Original Vouchers for Issues of Rice at and pasing Manar which were delivered to Major Bonser at a time when it was Agreed we should have charged him for that Grain and that he should have settled with the Company: — but this plan being altered, We requested him a considerable time since to return the Vouchers which he has not done, & We have again written to him for them; however in the mean time, we send a Certified list of them which we hope will be sufficient.

We have been Obliged to forward — Captain Parkinson's general Statement of Batticoloa, he often as we have written to him, not having favored us with the particulars. —

A true Extract
(Signd) Tulloh Brodie & Co.

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Copy

The Honble Company Dr. to the Captors of Trincomallee and Ostenburg for Articles Ordered by Colonel Stuart to be taken on account of the Company

Sterling Pags. Fs. Cs.

1795 Novr.	3d	To 47 Garce of Paddy as p Lieut. Limericks Commissary of Grain & Provisions Receipt		1762.22.40.
		at 37½ Pags. p Garce		112.22.40.
"		To 11½ Casks Salt Beef as p Receipt of Dr. at 25 Pags. p		25.--.--
"		To 1 Ditto Pork as p Dr. of Dr. at Dr.		50.--.--
"		To 2½ Garce of Salt as p Dr. of Dr. at 20 Pags. p		62.22.40.
"		To 2½ Garce of Arrack as p Dr. of Dr. at 2½ Leagers at 25 Pags. p		12.33.--
"		To 37½ Gallons of Arrack as p Dr. of Dr. at 2½ Leagers at 25 Pags. p		2.32.--
"		To 1 Large Iron Scale with 14 Brass Weights as p Lt. Limricks receipt		16.26.24
"		To Seven Pieces of Coopers Tools as p Ditto		75.--.--
"		To 22 Plates of Tin Solder delivered to the Commissary of Stores 6lb p plate Total 132 lbs at 62 Pags. 18 Fs. p Candy		
1796 January		To 1 Garce of Rice as p Mr. Atkinson's Receipt		
		To Amount of Artificers Tools at Trincomallee & Ostenburg as p Captain Norris and Lieutenant Scott's Receipts No. 384 in November 95 Viz.t		
		2 Grinding Stones ..... 22 fans. 10 C. each		1.--.--
		2 large Saws ..... 2 Pags.		4.--.--
		7 Dr. Files ..... 5 fans. each		" 35.--.--

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12 Files of Sorts	3 dz.	dz.	" 36 " — "
7 Chizels	3 dz.	dz.	" 21 " — "
5 hand hammers	8 "	"	" 10 " — "
4 Plate Screws without tops			2 " — " —
2 Do. Do. with Do.			10 " — " —
1 Chest of Gun Stockers Tools			11 " — " —
1 Pair large Bellows			3 " 15 " — "
50 Staves for Pickes	3 fans. each		6 " 18 " — "
24 Minors tools of Sorts repairable	12 fans. each		
2 Screw plates			
3 Sledges	1 Pag.a each		3 " — " —
1 Chest with Turners tools			8 " — " —
1 Do. with Carpenters Ditto			12 " — " —
9 Planes of Sorts			84 " " — "
630 Short Palisade Wood	7 feet long 6 Inches Square	6 fanams each	" 24 " — "
2 Carpenters Adzes	12 fans. each		

Total Star Pag.s 2260 " 32 " 64 "

Memorandum —

The Amount of this Bill discharged in 8 p.c Bonds — vide Enclosures Nos. 1 & 2. in Messrs. Tulloh & Co.s Letter dated 2.nd November & Minutes of Council thereon 7.th November 1797. The vouchers forwarded to the Auditor General 8.th November — (Signed) George Parry Sub.t Sec.y —

(Signed) J Stuart E.C.

(Signed) J Rodgers — Capt.n 1.st B.n 1.st N.R.

S Torrens — Lieut.t 52 Regim.t

Prize agents for the Army —

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The Honble Company Dr. to the Captors of Jaffnapatam and its Dependencies
for Articles Ordered by General Stuart to be taken on Account of the Company's

1795 August	To 2844 Parahs of Paddy at 24 Seers ℔ Parah delivered at Point Pedro to the Conicopoly of the Commissary of Grain & Provisions as ℔ receipt, & at 37½ Pags. ℔ Garce of 1100 Marcals			Sfr. Pags. Fs. 6. 53. 11. 20.	
October 31st	To 76,120 Marcals of Paddy as ℔ the Dept. Commissary's receipt at Jaffnapatam at 37½ Pags. ℔ Garce of 1100 Marcals			2476. 39. 30.	
"	To 1194 Marcals of Rice as ℔ D.o at 75 Pags. ℔ Garce			92. 28. 10.	
"	To 363 lbs Salt fish as ℔ D.o at ½ fanam ℔ Pound			8. 3. "	
"	To 12½ Gallons of Arrack at 25 Pags. ℔ Leager of 150 Gallons			2. 3. 60.	
"	To 1333 Seers or 111 Marcals of Rice as ℔ different Indents for Troops at 75 Pagodas ℔ Garce of 1100 Marcals			20. 36. 15.	
"	To Amount of Cash paid to the Dutch Garrison at Jaffna after the Surrender of the place as ℔ Vouchers and by Colonel Stuarts order	RD.	528. & 37 Stivers	143. " 20.	
Novemr 3d	To the following Articles delivered out of the Prize Stores as ℔ the Sub Conductors receipt				
	To 4 Bars of Iron Wt. 50 each Total wt. 200 lb at 2 Pagodas ℔ Candy			4. 36. "	
	To 1 Bar of Steel Wt. 30 lb ℔ fanam 60 C. ℔ lb			1. 7. 40.	
	To 10 Scains of Coir Rope 6 fam. ℔			1. 15. "	
	To 1 Scain of Europe D.o 26 fathom long			2. " "	
	To 2000 Nails 2 fs ℔ 100			" 40. 64.	
	To 25 Gallons of oil 12 fs ℔ Gallon			6. 30. "	

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January 22. To the following Articles delivered by order of Major Barbut 1600 Cubits Country Coir

3000 fathoms 2 lb ℔ fathom is W.t 600 lb	10 Pagodas ℔ Candy	12. " —"
4 large Bundles of Coir	8 fanams ℔	" 32. —"
63 lbs of Nails	1 fr. 70 Cash ℔ lb	2. 28. 10"
2 Bundles of Oakum	10 fanams ℔	" 20. —"
102½ Measures of Oil	3 fanams ℔	6. 37. 40"
Decem.r " To the Amount of 130 Brood Mares &c.a &c.a on the Islands of Delft & two Brothers as ℔ the Proceedings of the Valuation Committee on them		11402. —. —"
	Total Star Pag.s	7236. 9. 19"

E.E. (Signed) J. Rodgers Capt.n 1 B.n 1.st n.R.
" S Torrens Lieut. 52 Reg.t —
Prize Agents for the Army

Memorandum
The Amount of this Bill discharged (Signed) J Stuart
in 8 ℔ Bonds — vide Enclosures N.os 3 & 4 in the letters
from Mess.rs Tulloh & C.o dated the 22.nd Nov.r and Minutes
of Council thereon 7 November 1797 — the Vouchers sent to the
Military Auditor General 8.th November — (Signed) George Parry Sub. Sec.y —

Abstract of the within mentioned Stud —

	No.		Star Pag.s	F.	C.
1.st Class	61	Brood Mares at 40 Star Pagodas each	2440.	"	"
2.d D.o	63	D.o D.o at 30 d.o d.o	1890.	"	"
3.d D.o	6	Fillies only eight Months at 12 Star Pagodas each	72.	"	"
4.th D.o	6	Mares perfectly useless from Age	"	"	"
		Total Star Pag.s	4402.	"	"

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The Honble Company Dr. to the Captors of —
Batticoloa for Articles kept for the Company by General Stuarts
Order. —

1795
Sept.r To 3317 Parrahs of 2 Marcals & 2 3/8 Choats of
Pice Paddy expended on the Public Account
by Captain Packinson as This Account to Us
Vat 4 1/2 fanams P.r Parrah Rix Dollars 1244. 8 1/2.
Stivers ..... ℔ 331. 35. 10.

1796
Novem.r 2 To Amount of sundry Articles valued by a Committee
on Account of the Company at Batticoloa exclusive
of the Ordnance and Military Stores and as P.r
Captain Packinson's Account. Rix Dollars 5188 52. 1383. 25. 11.

Star Pagodas 1715. 15. 50.

(Signed) T. Stuart E.E.

(Signed) J. Rodgers Capt.n 10B.n 1.st N.B.
S. Torrens Lieut. 52d Reg.t
Prize Agents for the Army

1/1 This Paddy paid for by Government, vide
Consult 6th March 1798.—
(Signed) George Parry
Sub: Secretary —
Honble

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Honble Company Dr. to the Captors of Manar, Calpentine and their Dependencies for Articles Ordered by General Stuart to be taken on Account of the Company.

Sr. Pag.s F. C.

1796 Febry. 25th To 111 Large and 77 Small Casks of Arrack containing Eighteen thousand Nine hundred and four (18904) Gallons by the guage as p.r Mr. Atkinson Commissary of Grain and Provisions Receipt and at 25 Pagodas p.r Leager of 150 Gallons ..... * 3150.30.—

To 112,883 Seers of 23 Garce & 206 Marcals of Rice issued to the troops at Manar and passing at different times from November 1795 until Febry. 1796 as p.r Vouchers at 75 Pagodas p.r Garce ..... Δ 1763.28.10.

Febry. 20th To 3 Garce & 290 Marcals of Rice as p.r Mr. atkinsons receipt at 75 Pagodas p.r Garce ..... * 279.16.67.

To 34 Garce & 147 Marcals of Paddy as p.r Mr. atkinsons receipt at 37½ Pag.s p.r Garce ..... * 1288.35.12.

To 2110 Marcals of Salt at 20 Pag.s p.r Garce of 1100 marcals as p.r D.o ..... * 12.—.—

Star Pag.s ..... 6194.20.9.

(Signed) F. Stuart

(Signed) { E.C. J. Rodgers Capt.n 1.st B.l.st Batt.n
S. Torrens Lieut. 52.d Reg.t
Prize agent for the Army

The Articles marked * being supported by the Necessary Vouchers have been paid for on an 8 p.c Bond vide Account No.5 accompanying Mess.rs Tulloh & C.o Letter 2.d November & minutes thereon in Council the 7.th November — Amount P.s 4730.36.79 — the vouchers forwarded to the Auditor General on the 8.th Novem.r — (Signed) George Parry Asst Sec.y

Δ Paid on this Account Pag.s 1702.21. vide Consult.n 6.th March 1798. — (Signed) George Parry — Asst Sec.y

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The Honble Company Dr. to the Captors of Jaffnapatam
& its Dependencies.~

			Star Pags.	Fs.	F.	C.
1795 to Decr. 31.	To the Amount of 8 Elephants 3 Sloops & a Small Boat as p Valuation Committee accompanying this dated 31st December 1795			2745.	13.	10.
1796 June 1.	To the Amount of 1 Elephant as p the valuation Committee at Jaffnapatam dated the 1st June 1796			352.	11.	3.
		Star Pags.	3098.	9.	13.	

E.E. J. Rodgers Capt. 1 B. 1 R. N.I.
S. Torrens Lieut. 52d Regt.
Prize Agents for the Army.~

N.B.— The above Account against the Honble Company was not made out previous to General Stuarts' departure from Ceylon, because we had information at that time from Jaffnapatam that the amount was to have been paid to us by the Assistant Superintendant of Revenue which has not been done.~

(Signed) J. Rodgers Capt. 1 B. 1 R. 6 N.I.
S. Torrens Lieut. 52 Regt.
Prize Agents for the Army.

~/~ This Bill ordered to be discharged in 8 p Bonds & the Amount carried to the debit of the Superintendent of Revenue on Ceylon - vide Consult 6th March 1798.~

(Signed) George Parry
Sub Sec.y.~

Ordered

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Ordered that the abovementioned claims of the Captors be referred to the Military Auditor General, and that he be directed to report whether the Minute thereon. acknowledge Receipts of Stores and provisions so far Corresponds with the demands of the Prize Agents as to justify the Amount they have charged against the Company.

Read the following letter from the Malabar Coast.

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

Sir,

From the Secretary to the Committee of the Bombay Government at Tellicherry communicating the wish of the Committee that the 72nd Regiment should be landed at Bombay

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor, and the Commander in Chief to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 30th Ultimo, with its enclosures; and to acquaint you, for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, that it is their wish, that

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the 72nd Regiment may be landed at Bombay.-

I have the honor to be,

Tellicherry
13th September 1797.-

Do. do. Do.
(Signed) J. A. Grant
Secy.-

Read the following letter from
the Paymaster at Malacca.-

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Mr. Buchan, Paymaster at Malacca requesting an Increase of Salary & the allowance of a Judge Advocate when employed in that Capacity &c.

As the Salary that was bestowed on me when your Lordship did me the honor to appoint me Paymaster & Commissary of Provisions to the Detachment that went on the expedition against Malacca, seems rather inadequate to the very considerable responsibility attached to the appointment; I have ventured to address your Lordship on the subject, trusting that the application, which I have

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have the honor to lay before you for some Addition to it, will appear to you just and admissable— I am ~~sensible~~, that at the time of my being appointed, my standing in the Service did not entitle me to look for a larger allowance than what was granted me— But I entertain a hope that, when you consider the smallness of the income I have hitherto received, and the trouble and difficulty attending the situation I have held, your Lordship will take a retrospect of what is passed— and admit of some addition to the allowance that I have already drawn.—

I officiated as Judge Advocate to a General Court Martial that was assembled at Malacca in September 1796, & dissolved in June 1797— But declined drawing any additional allowances as such, till I should receive your Lordship's sanction.— I have the honor to enclose you a Certificate signed by Colonel Tolson, to that effect.— I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) G. Buchan Jr.

Madras
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Minute thereon –

In consideration of the circumstances stated in the foregoing letter – Resolved that the allowance of the Paymaster at Malacca be increased to One hundred and fifty Pagodas per Month, from the 22d July, the Day on which the other Paymaster on the Establishment were put upon their present allowances – and that he be permitted to draw the usual allowances of Judge Advocate during the time he officiated in that Capacity –

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board and recommends the following application from

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From Lieutenant Thomas Malcolm for permission to resign the Honorable Company's Service. —

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

&c.a &c.a &c.a —

My Lord,

As my health has of late been very precarious, and having little hopes of my Constitution being sufficiently re-established to enable me to go through the duties of an Officer in this Climate. — I trust your Lordship will grant me permission to

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to resign my Commission in the Honorable Company's Service. -

I Remain

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&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Thos. Malcolm
Lieut.

Lieutenant Thomas Malcolm - permitted to resign the Company's Service. -

Agreed that Lieutenant Malcolm be permitted to resign the Service. - -

Lieutenant Colonel Oliver to be brought to trial for his interference in the Revenues of Dindigul, and for usurious Transactions prohibited by the repeated Orders of Government. -

The President proposes that Lieutenant Colonel Oliver be brought to a Court Martial for his interference in the Revenues of Dindigul, and for usurious - transactions contrary to the repeated Orders of Government, but previous

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And Mr. George Wynch to be called upon to State whether he is prepared to substantiate his Charges against that Officer. -

previous to any directions being issued for that purpose, that Mr. George Wynch be called upon to State, whether he is prepared to substan-tiate his charges against that Officer. -

Agreed to and Ordered accordingly. -

The Auditor General to be called upon to State his Opinion as to the Exchange at which the Arcot Rupees now coining should be brought to Account. -

Resolved that previous to the issue of the Arcot Rupees lately Coined, - the Military Auditor General be called upon to State his Opinion in regard to the exchange at which they should be brought to Account in the Military Books. -

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Death of Lieutenants James Funston and Frances Bellowe of the Infantry—

The Secretary reports the Death of Lieutenants James Funston and Frances Bellowe of the Infantry——

" Hobart

" Gles: Harris

" Eth Lawrence

" Ellis Gallospie

John Turing Esqr

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Diary

Sent the following Letter to Mr. George Wynch.—

To Mr. George Wynch

Sir,

To Mr. George Wynch desiring to know if he is prepared to substantiate by Evidence the Charges preferred by him against Lieutenant Pelmé Oliver in 1796.—

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acquaint you that, having Resolved to bring Lieutenant Colonel Oliver to Trial by a Court Martial, orders will be immediately issued for Assembling the Court if you are prepared to Substantiate by Evidence the Charges which you have advanced against that Officer.—

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) G. Parry
Sub Secry

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Dispatched the undermentioned 4 Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131 132. 133. 134.-

To the Offrs Commanding the Southern Division at Trichinopoly

To Major General Floyd - desiring that such Repairs may be made to the Barracks at Putoor as appear necessary to shelter the Men against the approaching Monsoon, first completing such part as will effectually secure the Arms and Accoutrements

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr. Secretary Barlow forwarding a general Map of the Carnatic including, and distinguishing the ceded Countries, with Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Gent & stating the Authorities from which it is compiled

To the Board of Trade

To the Board of Trade - desiring them to furnish Certificates required by the Court of Directors respecting the landing of Lead, Copper and Iron from the King George, & Minerva, Earl Talbot, Marquis of Sandown, and Houghton.-

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To Mr. Buchan Notifying the Increase of his Salary to 150 Pagodas ℔ Month from the 22d July last, and that he will be permitted to draw the Allowances of a Deputy & Judge Advocate when actually employed in that Capacity.—

To the Paymaster at Madras

To Mr. General Aydenham desiring to state his opinion as to the Exchange at which the Arcot Rupees now Coining should be issued to the Troops.—

To the Military Aud. General.—

To the Medical Board enclosing a Copy of the Auditors Report on the Charge made by Mr. Thackeray for the care of the Sick Sepoys sent into the General Hospital from Corps lately embarked for Trincomalee and desiring that an Arrangement may be made for discontinuing this expensive mode of treating the Sick in question.—

To the Medical Board

To Mr. Secretary Barlow Mr. Ulthoff and Captain Kirkpatrick forwarding Mysore Intelligence

To the Secretary at Bengal and assistant Resident at Hydrabad and Poona

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To the Military Board - enclosing

To the Military Board Bills of Lading and Copies of Invoices of Articles consigned to this Presidency from Bengal on the Chartered Ships Chichester Calcutta and Indra.—

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. No. 135. 136

From Lieutenant Colonel Mcat. — From Lieutenant Colonel Mcat advising of his having assumed the Command of Chicacole and the Vizagapatam District

From Lieutenant J. Copland of Guards From Lieutenant Copland of Guards enclosing a Surgeons Certificate, on oath, of the necessity of his proceeding to Europe for the Recovery of his health, requesting that orders may pass for his Receiving the usual Allowance of Passage Money.—

Received also the following Letter

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